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Bush kicks off re-election bid

Governor begins in Midland vowing to build on his successes

By Richard Enos
Staff Writer

Gov. George W. Bush formally announced his campaign for re-election Wednesday at Sam Houston Elementary, his boyhood school.

"It is fitting that I came back to Sam Houston Elementary to begin my campaign for re-election," Bush told a large audience that had packed into the school's gym.

Bush and first lady Laura Bush, a Midland native, kicked off their six-day 24-city campaign tour in Midland.

Bush said that his administration has created a solid foundation for the state's future and hopes to build on his successes.

"Today we face new challenges and choices. The times are important. They call for a forward-thinking leader," he said. "I am that leader, and I am here today to announce that I am a candidate for re-election for governor of the great state of Texas."

Bush outlined his plans for a second term as governor, based on issues of education, job creation, more law enforcement officials, and welfare reform.

He called for an end to "social promotions," or passing students who are struggling academically, in Texas schools and he wants to expand Advanced Placement college-level courses in high schools.

The governor also said he would push to exempt from the state business franchise tax about 176,000 small Texas businesses that have sales of \$100,000 or less. He'd also propose a tax credit for businesses that do research and development.

Welfare and crime are other key issues for Bush.

"We have laid the foundation for welfare reform by insisting that the able-bodied work," he said. "I have offered grants

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Snuggle with Santa

Christopher Dufour, 6 months old, snuggles with Santa on Wednesday at the Parks Mall in Arlington, Texas. Santa's real name is Michael Richardson of Alvarado, Texas and the beard is his own.

Record bailout

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea struggled through a week of painful haggling to strike a deal with the International Monetary Fund for a record \$55 billion bailout of its foundering economy. Now comes the hard part. And it could last for years. In agreeing to the loan Wednesday, South Korea pledged to rein in its own economic growth and that of the powerful conglomerates that have fueled the nation's rise from rags to riches in three short decades.

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No winners

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas, state lottery officials say. The lotto was worth an estimated \$25 million. If sales continue as expected, the jackpot will rise to an estimated \$33 million. The numbers drawn from a field of 50 for the latest game were: 1-9-15-19-24-40.

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Approval ratings high but Bush isn't writing victory speech yet

By Laura Tolley
Hearst News Service

AUSTIN — What a difference a campaign can make.

When George W. Bush ran for governor in 1994, he was an untested candidate who had to persuade voters he was more than just a brash businessman with a famous father who wanted to lead Texas.

Now, as the Republican incumbent crisscrosses the state seeking re-election, he is looking out on a political landscape that is dramatically different.

His approval ratings are high and Texans don't really think of him as just the son of former President George Bush anymore.

Recent polls show him the clear favorite in a race against Democratic Land Commissioner Garry Mauro, and a number of Texans think he ought to run for president in 2000.

Political pundits think he's unbeatable, though Mauro strongly begs to differ. The state's top elected Democrat, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, has endorsed Bush over Mauro. And Texas Republicans are daring to dream about a GOP sweep of statewide offices next fall thanks to Bush's popularity.

Bush, however, isn't writing a victory speech just yet.

"I readily concede things look good now," Bush said in an interview last week. "But I will take no vote for granted."

Bush knows he has some pretty big political demons to fight.

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Photos by Brian Adamcik

AT LEFT: Gov. George W. Bush, accompanied by his wife, Laura, kicked off his re-election campaign Wednesday morning at Sam Houston Elementary School. ABOVE AND BELOW: Students greeted Gov. and Mrs. Bush upon their arrival at Houston Elementary Wednesday morning.



Supreme Court appears ready to allow same-sex harassment cases

WASHINGTON (AP) — In an extraordinary session of graphic talk, the Supreme Court appeared ready Wednesday to rule that a law against sex harassment applies even when the harasser and victim are the same sex.

Six of the court's nine justices criticized a ruling that barred a federal lawsuit by a Louisiana oil rig worker who said he was sexually pursued and harassed by his male supervisor.

A lower court ruled that a federal law banning on-the-job discrimination "never applies to same-sex harassment," but Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist said at one point, "I don't see how we could possibly sustain the ruling."

Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, David H. Souter, John Paul Stevens, Antonin Scalia and Stephen G. Breyer also voiced grave doubts about ruling that the federal law, known as Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, cannot apply to same-sex harassment.

In the ornate courtroom, where arguments usually are dominated by references to legal fine points, justices spoke on Wednesday of employers who might pat their workers "on the fanny" and of the "disgusting" sexual allegations made by the oil worker. But the gender of alleged assailants and victims was irrelevant, many justices suggested.

"A Jew could discriminate against

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Spacewalk

U.S. Astronaut Winston Scott works with a crane in the payload bay of the space shuttle Columbia at the start of a spacewalk Wednesday in this image from television. Scott and Japanese astronaut Takao Doi are making their second spacewalk during Columbia's current mission. Story page 6B

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\$55 billion IMF loan calls for S. Korea to rein in conglomerates

Under the bailout package, IMF, World Bank, Asian Development Bank to provide three-year, standby credit of \$35 billion.

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea struggled through a week of painful haggling to strike a deal with the International Monetary Fund for a record \$55 billion bailout of its foundering economy.

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decades.

The result, analysts say, could be the loss of as many as 1 million jobs, labor strife, further bankruptcies and erosion of an unspoken compact between government and the governed.

South Korean economists and politicians — including President Kim Young-sam — have been saying for years that the nation's sprawling conglomerates, or chaebol, had to be tamed to make room for smaller, more innovative companies.

But as long as the economy was booming and the country's 44 million people were prospering, most were content to look the other way as the family-owned chaebol continued to expand through excessive borrowing that left little money available for small- and middle-sized firms.

The IMF bailout accord puts an end to

that cozy arrangement.

From now on, the conglomerates "must make their management transparent, refrain from excessive borrowing and become more careful in investment," Finance and Economy Minister Lim Chang-yul said in announcing the IMF deal.

Michel Camdessus, the IMF's managing director, said South Korea vowed to undertake strengthened "fiscal and monetary policies, far-reaching financial sector reforms, and further liberalization of trade and capital flows, as well as improvements in the structure and governance" of the conglomerates.

Under the loan package, the IMF, the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank will provide a three-year, standby credit of \$35 billion, Camdessus said.

If that's not enough, the United States,

Japan, Germany, the United Kingdom, Australia, France and at least one other country will pitch in another \$20 billion. Japan promised \$10 billion and the United States \$5 billion.

The total package exceeds by \$7 billion the largest bailout ever made by the IMF — a \$48 billion loan to Mexico in 1995. South Korea's economy, however, is the world's 11th largest, far bigger than Mexico's.

Negotiating for the loan has been deeply embarrassing for South Korea. Four times this week the government announced it had a done deal with the IMF, only to see it unravel in the face of new IMF demands.

The IMF's latest demand, which delayed Wednesday's signing ceremony for almost 12 hours, required promises by the country's leading presidential candidates that they will honor terms of the loan

if they win the Dec. 18 elections.

South Korea is fiercely proud of its economic success, especially its average 8.6 percent annual growth rate for two decades, which coincided with the rapid expansion of dozens of conglomerates.

Twelve of those conglomerates now generate half of the country's industrial output. But they also concentrated much of the national wealth in the hands of a few families, creating a disparity in incomes that spawned militant labor movements.

Neither Camdessus nor South Korean officials revealed the conditions attached to the loan. But reports have said the IMF prescriptions include slower economic growth, tightened credit control and higher interest rates that could lead to more business failures, a sharp rise in unemployment and more labor protests.

New 100-franc note to be France's last before euro bills

PARIS (AP) — Paul Cezanne graces France's new 100-franc bill — the last new French bill before euro bills are expected to replace the country's currency in 2002.

Cezanne replaces the more traditional Eugene Delacroix, who was on the old 100-franc bill with his painting depicting the French Revolution and its topless symbol Marianne. Officials said Cezanne was chosen because he represented the beginning of the modern age.

The bill, cut smaller than existing 100-franc notes to fit more easily into wallets, goes into circulation Dec. 15. Bank of France chief Jean-Claude Trichet said Wednesday.

The orange, yellow, brown and green bill — worth about \$17 — contains a picture of the balding Cezanne, his still-life "Apples and Biscuits," and a partial image of his painting "The Card Players."

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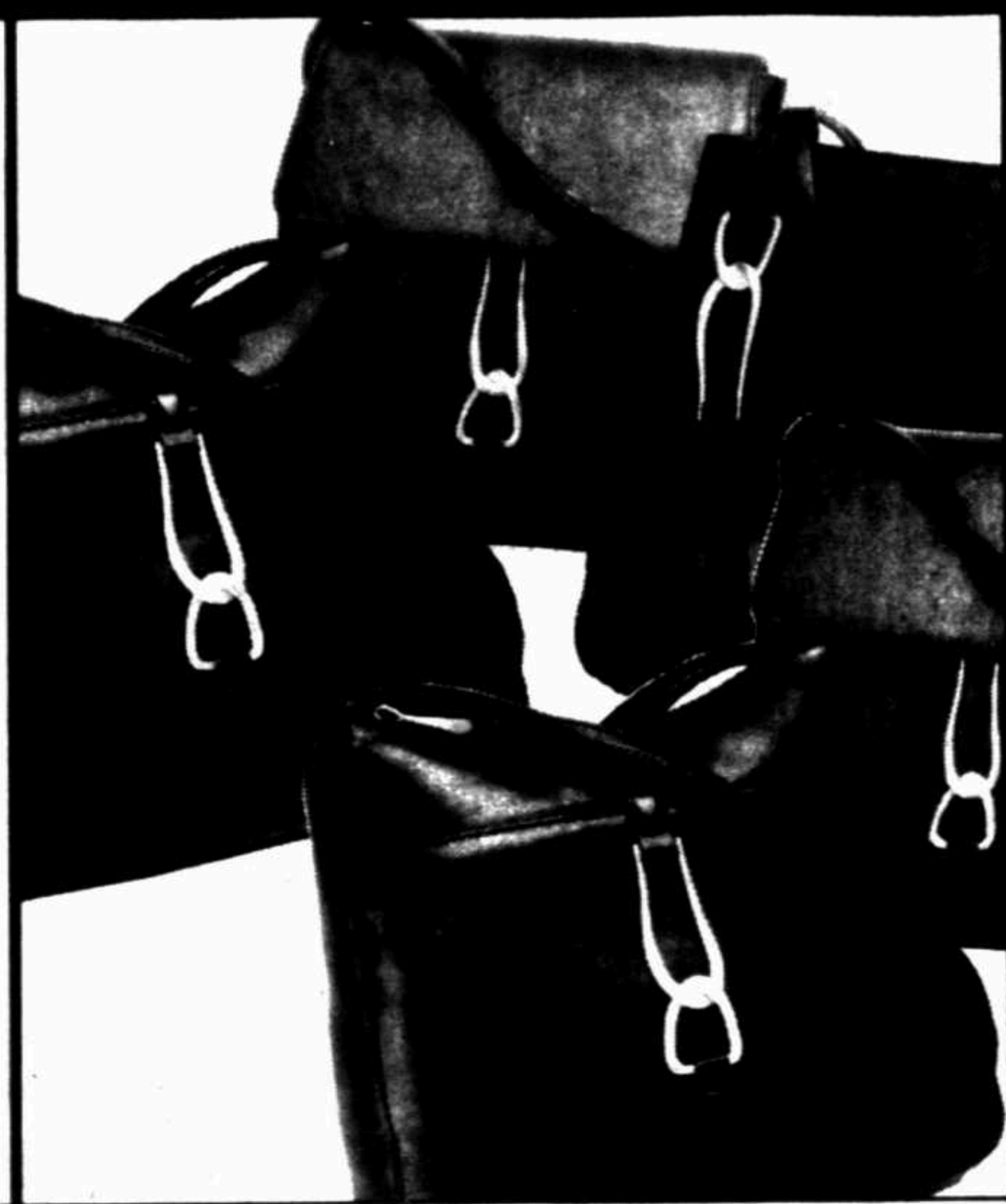
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Islanders say they see signs of global warming

By Charles J. Hanley
Associated Press

KYOTO, Japan — Back in her Pacific atoll home, she says people put their trust in "God the Almighty." But here in Kyoto, in the hardball world of high-stakes diplomacy, Tererei Abete has to put her faith in man.

And her faith is fading.

"All we can do is plead," says the environmental official from remote Kiribati, a delegate to the historic Kyoto climate treaty conference.

For some around the world, the meaning of global warming remains unpredictable, even inconsequential. But for low-lying island states, it represents something both fateful and sure: If the sea rises as predicted, it will wipe out homes, and maybe even homelands.

Through the 1990s, as scientific evidence mounted of impending climate change, island nations have mobilized to try to get industrial powers to scale back emissions of carbon dioxide and the other gases, mostly from fuel burning, that are trapping heat in the atmosphere.

Their long diplomatic road ends here next week, when 150 nations are expected to sign a new global warming agreement after 10 days of negotiations. But it's already clear the accord will fall far short of what the islanders demanded — 20 percent cuts below countries' 1990 emissions levels.

"The signs are it's not going to be good for the islands," conceded Tuiloma N. Slade, a Samoan diplomat and spokesman for the 42-nation Alliance of Small Island States.

A 1995 report by an authoritative U.N.-organized scientific panel projected that average global temperatures may rise as much as 6 degrees Fahrenheit by 2100 if emissions continue to increase unabated. That could produce sea-level rises of up to 3 feet because of glacier melt and heat expansion of the oceans.

Although scientists are far from sure, out in

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— Laurence N. Edwards,
diplomat from the Marshall Islands

the islands, residents are convinced it's already happening.

In parts of the Pacific and Indian oceans, islanders report what they say are unusually high tides and sea surges. In the mid-Pacific's Federated States of Micronesia, the government says people may have to abandon one small atoll because of encroaching seas.

Abete said similar episodes are troubling Kiribati, a sprinkling of South Pacific atolls. "The people themselves believe in God the Almighty, that they wouldn't face such a scenario," she said. "But now there's erosion, and people displaced from the coastline. They're coming to us to know whether this issue they hear about is coming to pass."

In a new U.N. report, scientists say Kiribati is especially vulnerable to sea-level rise, along with the Bahamas, the Maldives in the Indian Ocean, and the Pacific's Marshall Islands. Much of their land area is only 10 feet above mean sea level.

But one scientist cautioned there may be other, more routine causes for the sea surges.

"People are worried and they are justified in their worry," said George Maul, an oceanog-

rapher at the Florida Institute of Technology. "But even a few (miles) apart in the equatorial seas, you'll find one island experiencing a sea-level rise and one experiencing a fall."

The U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has begun systematic surveys in some island states to better gauge changes in local sea levels.

Rising seas are not the only threat, however. Global warming also would touch off more violent weather worldwide.

In the Caribbean, a string of devastating hurricanes in recent years has led some insurance companies to withdraw coverage from islands. The prospect of warming could now double the economic blow: Experts estimate sea walls and other construction to guard against a rising Caribbean would cost \$11 billion, an impossible sum for the small nations.

Kyoto delegate Eric Nurse, a marine scientist from Barbados, blames the oil states and energy companies for the conference's expected failure to order deep cuts in emissions.

"For the common good, we need to reduce the overriding importance of special interest groups," Nurse said.

The bow-tied, soft-spoken Slade sounded weary and resigned after his long uphill fight against what he calls "the immense power of the carbon fuel industry and the U.S. Congress," which have pushed for a go-slow approach in confronting the climate threat.

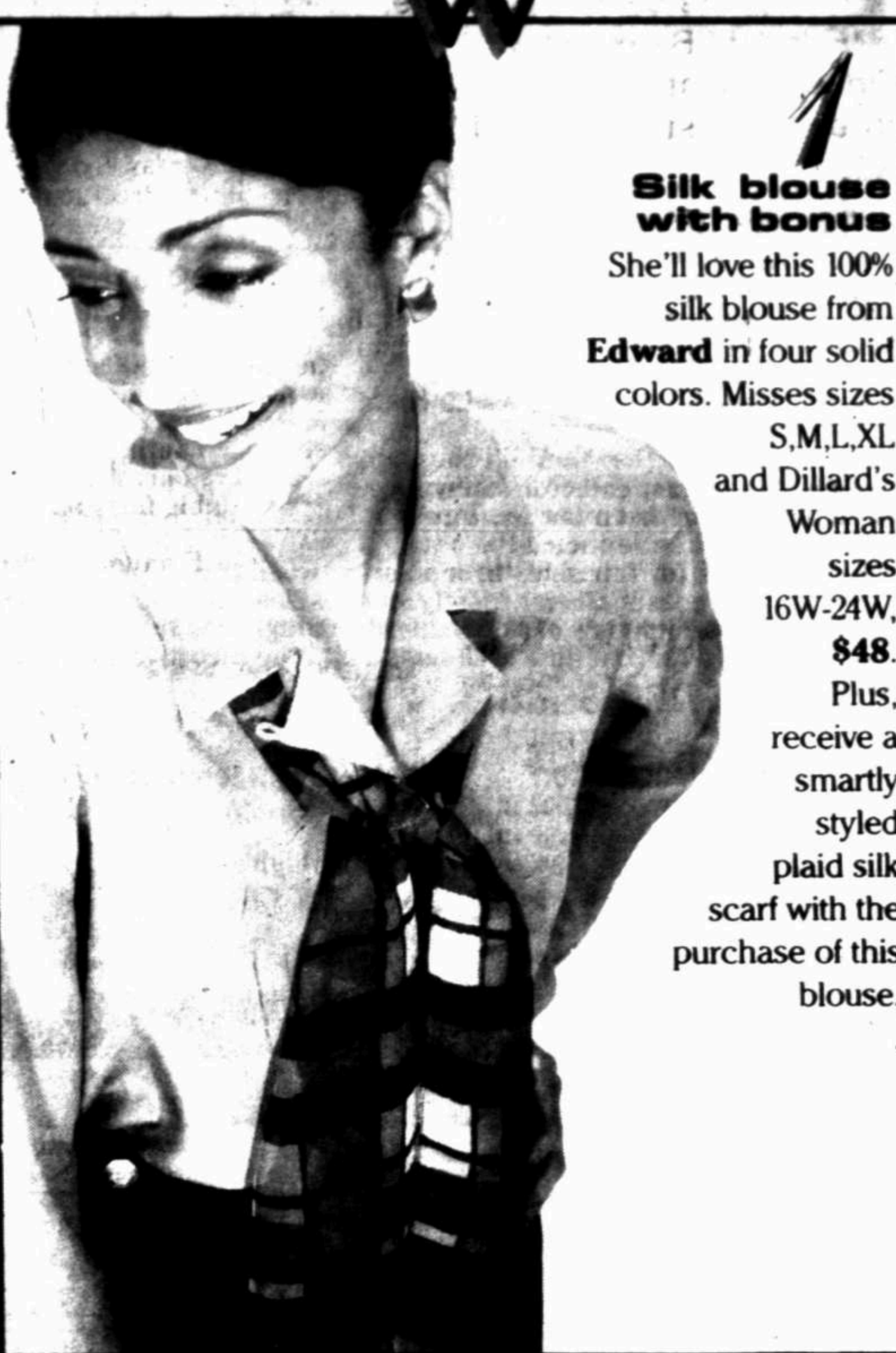
The recent U.N. report concludes that in some island nations "migration and resettlement outside national boundaries may have to be considered."

It's a prospect that is preoccupying island leaders.

"When our president speaks in Kyoto, you will hear him say he doesn't want to go back home and tell the people to start packing," said Marshall Islands diplomat Laurence N. Edwards.

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Reports of progress, compromise emerge from climate conference

KYOTO, Japan (AP) — Negotiators from 150 nations chipped away at unresolved issues Wednesday, trying to agree on how to scale back gas emissions linked to global warming.

In an important sign of progress, the chairman of key closed-door talks said delegates were moving toward consensus on just which gases should be controlled.

And a Third World spokesman hinted at eventual compromise over a U.S. demand that the mandated cutbacks apply to at least some developing nations.

In a scheduled 10 days of talks, some 2,000 delegates are trying to agree on a protocol to the 1992 Climate Change Treaty that would mandate reductions by 34 wealthier countries in emissions of carbon dioxide and other "greenhouse" gases.

Scientists say the emissions, which allow sunlight to reach Earth but trap the resulting heat in the atmosphere, may boost global average temperatures by up to 6 degrees Fahrenheit by 2100, raising ocean levels through heat expansion and abruptly shifting climate zones.

Most emissions stem from the burning of fossil fuels. Because voluntary emissions restraints in the 1992 treaty were largely ignored, governments began negotiations in 1995 to set legally binding cutbacks.

Major proposals range from a European Union plan to reduce gases by 15 percent below 1990 levels by 2010, to the U.S. proposal to lower emissions to, but not below, 1990 levels.

Negotiators were trying to clear away side issues in the first days, including whether to impose restraints on only the three most common greenhouse gases — carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide — or to extend the limits to lesser, but potentially important, gases known as halocarbons.

Talks chairman Raul Estrada said the "trend" in negotiations Wednesday, the conference's third day, was to include only the big three in the new protocol, and to take up the status of the others in the next treaty review session next year.

From the outset, the negotiations over energy restraints have not targeted the developing world, recognizing that the atmosphere's carbon accumulation is mostly attributable to the industrial North.

But the U.S. Senate, sensitive to U.S. industry's contention that a Third World free to burn unlimited cheap coal would offer unfair competition, is demanding that any new treaty protocol apply to developing countries as well.

American negotiators reported no breakthroughs yet on this issue. "It's still early yet," noted a senior Clinton administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

But a spokesman for the Third World bloc sounded conciliatory. "There's always room to find a solution," Tanzanian diplomat Mark Mwandosya told reporters who asked about a potential compromise.

He did say, however, that industrial nations must first commit to strong guidelines for reining in their own emissions.

Estrada reported that work was under way to find compromise

wording on a pivotal proposal to establish a framework for developing countries to "opt in" to emission reductions targets.

The Americans hope some wealthier developing nations — such as South Korea and Mexico — will take on such obligations, to certify their new membership in the "industrialized club."

But others cautioned that the U.S.-Third World confrontation still loomed as a major obstacle to successful completion of the conference.

"We think it will be a very difficult issue that will drag on to the last days of this conference," said Pierre Gramegna of Luxembourg, chief spokesman for the European Union.

In those final days next week, high-level government officials, including Vice President Al Gore, will converge on Kyoto to try to resolve remaining disagreements.

The new treaty protocol won't dictate in detail how governments should achieve the reductions. But the most important methods are expected to include conversion from coal- to gas-fired power plants and development of more fuel-efficient automobiles.

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Rescuers search for last missing body in Russian mine explosion

MOSCOW (AP) — Rescuers searched a Siberian coal mine Wednesday for the body of the last miner missing from a devastating explosion that authorities say killed all 67 men in the shaft at the time.

By the end of the day, searchers believed they knew where the body was, but were unable to reach it because of debris, said Col. Alexander Kuznetsov, a spokesman for the Emergency Situations Ministry at the site.

Sixty-six bodies were brought to the surface in the hours after Tuesday's methane gas blast in the Zyrinovskaya mine in the Kuzbass region of southern Siberia.

Most of the deaths inside the 2,178-foot deep shaft were caused by burns or inhalation of poison gases, emergency officials said.

Six miners who had finished work and were on their way out at the time of the early morning blast were hospitalized with burns and gas poisoning.

The entire region was in a

three-day period of mourning declared Tuesday by Gov. Aman Tuleyev, with no entertainment broadcasts or events and mourning services in many churches.

The blast was believed to be the most powerful in a Russian mine in the last half-century, according to Russian Television.

President Boris Yeltsin, in Sweden on a state visit, and Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin sent their condolences and assurances of assistance to the victims' families.

A government commission was investigating the cause of the blast Wednesday, but most media reports blamed low funding and poor safety discipline.

"The main cause of the blast is a lack of funds for modernization and chronic wage delays," wrote Nezavisimaya Gazeta, a Moscow daily.

Russia's mining industry has been plagued by deteriorating safety and working conditions due largely to limited funds.

Evidence on czar's bones was manipulated, historians claim

MOSCOW (AP) — Adding to the debate over the remains of Russia's last czar, historians accused government experts Wednesday of manipulating evidence to persuade the public that the bones are truly those of Nicholas II.

Participants in a conference organized by a historical society questioned the validity of DNA tests, which many scientists have considered firm proof of the bones' authenticity.

The historians also claimed the czar's true remains have been spirited out of the country.

"At the expense of establishing the truth, there has been an obvious slant toward proving at all costs that the remains found near Yekaterinburg undoubtedly belong to the czar's family," said

an appeal to President Boris Yeltsin from a dozen historians, lawyers, biologists and public figures.

A government panel says remains found in the Ural Mountains city in 1991 are those of Nicholas II, his wife Alexandra and their children.

A Bolshevik firing squad killed the imperial family there in 1918.

Yeltsin has ordered the panel to carry out more tests to dispel lingering doubts.

Meanwhile, discovery of the remains has prompted debate over where the bones should be reburied, with the heirs to the imperial family at odds with officials who want to keep the remains in Yekaterinburg.

Yeltsin plans to cut forces in Baltic region

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Aiming to reduce the anxiety of Russia's small Baltic neighbors, Boris Yeltsin says Russia is ready to cut military forces in the region by 40 percent.

Russia is deeply concerned by the determination of the former Soviet states of Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania to join NATO. In the Soviet era, those states provided the Kremlin with a substantial section of the Baltic coastline.

Today, Russia's Baltic access is limited to the St. Petersburg region and the Kaliningrad enclave, which lies between Poland and Lithuania but is not contiguous with the rest of Russia.

Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania, with bitter memories of how they were annexed by Moscow in 1940 under a secret pact, have bluntly refused a Russian offer of security guarantees if they stay out of the Western alliance.

Yeltsin said he wanted to introduce a "regime of confidence" along its Western borders and offered several other proposals along with the forces-cut announcement, including establishing military hotlines between Kaliningrad and Baltic states.

He said the troop cuts are to take place in 1999. "To cut such forces in just one year will not be easy," Yeltsin told the Swedish parliament Wednesday.

Officials from the three nations reacted favorably to Yeltsin's announcement. "Latvia welcomes and supports such decisions," Latvian Foreign Ministry spokesman



Russian President Boris Yeltsin addresses the Swedish Parliament in Stockholm Wednesday on the second day of his three-day visit to Sweden.

Andrejs Pildegovics told the Baltic News Service.

Yeltsin's statement was unexpected. But unlike his surprise statement Tuesday on making one-third cuts in nuclear weapons — which aides later toned down — Wednesday's announcement was quickly confirmed.

Russian Defense Minister Marshall Igor Sergeev said the cuts would be made to ground troops in the Kaliningrad enclave between Poland and Lithuania, in the region around St. Petersburg and to the Baltic and Northern fleets of the Russian navy.

"These are regions that are the

most stable in Europe and we feel

able to make drastic cuts of 40 percent," Sergeev said in Brussels after talks with defense ministers

from the 16 NATO nations. He said the reductions would be part of an ongoing overhaul of Russia's military, which should see its overall numbers reduced by about 20 percent to 1.2 million by Jan. 1, 1999.

The regions identified by Sergeev have 82,000 soldiers in ground forces, two naval infantry brigades, 79 submarines and 68 combat ships, said Col. Terry Taylor of the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London.

On Wednesday, Yeltsin appeared strong and alert, unlike the Tuesday news conference where he made his nuclear cuts statement. There have been concerns about the 66-year-old Yeltsin's health since he underwent quintuple heart bypass surgery in November 1996.

Yeltsin spokesman Sergei Yastrebinsky said the nuclear cuts were an idea that had seen some preliminary discussion with the U.S. side, but was not "on the negotiating table."

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125 nations begin signing ban on land mines

OTTAWA (AP) — Goaded into action by a global grass-roots alliance, 125 nations began signing a treaty Wednesday to ban anti-personnel land mines — a treaty the United States has refused to endorse.

As mine victims in wheelchairs and jubilant activists looked on, Kofi Annan, the secretary-general of the United Nations, praised the treaty as "a historic victory for the weak and vulnerable of the world."

Also attending the ceremonies were observers from major hold-out nations — such as the United States — which now face increased pressure to support the treaty.

When activists began campaigning for such a ban seven years ago, some people felt this achievement was out of reach. Those who didn't were filled with elation Wednesday.

"Here we have 125 governments recognizing that the tide of history has changed," said Jody Williams, who shared this year's Nobel Peace Prize with her anti-landmine coalition. "It's a new definition of superpower. It is not one, it is everybody. We are the superpower."

Williams shared the podium at the ceremony with Annan and Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien, Canada — which was the first nation to sign Wednesday — played a pivotal role in persuading other nations to form an unprecedented alliance with non-governmental agencies in pushing for a ban.

"It is an alliance that has shamed the world and enlightened it," Annan said. "It has, for once, made the international community a living, thriving reality."



Jody Williams, who shared the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize with her organization bows her head to acknowledge Cambodian land mine victims during her speech at the signing of the Global Ban on Land mines in Ottawa, Canada, Wednesday.

With so many countries lined up to sign, the ceremony was scheduled to continue through today while delegates held round-table discussions on the next steps — notably raising funds to aid mine victims and clear away the estimated 100 million mines scattered round the world.

"Let us swear to the hundreds of thousands who have been murdered by land mines that we will not turn back," said Chretien, whose government pledged \$70 million over five years. "This slaughter must end."

The treaty requires signatories to destroy their stockpiles of mines within four years and remove deployed mines within 10 years.

Major holdouts refusing to sign include the United States, Russia, China, Turkey, Iran, Iraq, Libya, India, Pakistan, Egypt, Israel, North Korea, South Korea and Vietnam. Many of these countries sent observers who participated in discussions about mine clearance and other technical issues.

"We're part of this process," Ambassador Karl Inderfurth, the chief U.S. observer, said in an interview. "The United States is in a very special position, and other countries understand that."

The United States has said it could sign the treaty only if exemptions were made to protect its troops in Korea and allow continued use of its anti-tank munitions. Inderfurth said Clinton has asked U.S. defense officials to address both these problems with a tentative goal of signing the treaty in 10 years.

He estimated the world spends about \$200 million a year on clearing mines, and said they should be spending five times that to get the

job done effectively.

U.S. supporters of the ban expressed dismay that their country was not part of Wednesday's celebrations.

"I'm extraordinarily disappointed the United States is not signing," said U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy, a Democrat from Vermont. "I'd have liked that more than anything else in my years in office."

During her speech, Williams introduced two Cambodians who have lost limbs to mines, Song Kosol, 18, and Tun Channareth, 37, who helps manufacture wheelchairs for mine victims. Cambodia is one of the world's most heavily mined countries.

Song Kosol was eight when a mine blew off her leg while she was herding animals near her village.

"I am very happy — so many countries have come to sign the treaty so other little girls don't step on the mines," she said through an interpreter.

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Africa (AP) — Winnie Mandela, former top aide to Nelson Mandela, was charged Wednesday with "incitement to murder" from orders to kill.

Convicted Richardson told the court that he had no recollection of the orders to kill. He admitted that he had killed National Guardsmen who were killed in the home; and in the son Mandela had had a relationship with.

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Winnie Mandela's former bodyguard testifies she gave him orders to kill

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — In chilling testimony, Winnie Madikizela-Mandela's former top bodyguard said Wednesday his hands were "full of blood" from carrying out her orders to kill.

Convicted murderer Jerry Richardson made a series of startling allegations in his almost eight hours before the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

He admitted he was a police spy; said he had sold out two African National Congress fighters who were killed in a shootout at his home; and implied President Nelson Mandela's former wife once had cozy relations with apartheid agents.

Richardson's most damaging statements involved the beating and subsequent killing of 14-year-old Stompie Seipei.

"I killed Stompie under the instructions of Mami," he said, referring to Madikizela-Mandela, who was known to admirers as the mother of the nation.

"Mami never killed anyone, but she used us to kill a lot of people. She does not even visit us in prison, but she used us."

Madikizela-Mandela, 63, has long denied that she and her bodyguards had a role in killings, assaults and other crimes in the black township of Soweto in the late 1980s — a time when her husband — since divorced — was imprisoned by the apartheid government. She is expected to testify Thursday.

Wednesday's hearing was the eighth session in the Truth Commission investigation of 18 alleged human rights abuses involving Madikizela-Mandela and her gang of bodyguards, known as the Mandela United Football Club. The commission lacks the power to press criminal charges but can turn over evidence to police.

Richardson headed the football club, whose members slept at



Jerry Richardson, center, who is serving a life sentence for murder of teen activist Stompie Seipei, testifies as one of the witnesses at a special public hearing of South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission in Johannesburg Wednesday.

Madikizela-Mandela's house in Soweto and, he said, carried out her wishes, including murder and torture.

He said he killed two people on Madikizela-Mandela's orders: Seipei and Kuki Zwane — a woman he said defied Madikizela-Mandela's command to stop seeing a member of the football club. Several other slayings by football club members also were done at Madikizela-Mandela's orders, Richardson said.

Seipei and three other young men were taken to Madikizela-Mandela's house in December 1988, said Richardson, who brought a small red soccer ball — known in South Africa as a football — to the hearing and often touched it while testifying.

"The first thing that I did to Stompie was to hold him (on) both

sides and throw him up in the air and let him hit the ground," he said.

Richardson said Madikizela-Mandela was watching, and he also described how she allegedly beat the others with her fists and a whip. Seipei was thrown in the air "about seven times" until he was injured so badly "I was sure he would soon die," Richardson said.

"There was a lot of things we did to Stompie. We kicked him. We just kicked him like a ball," he said. At that point, Stompie's mother, Joyce, began weeping and briefly left the hearing.

Richardson said he later killed Seipei by stabbing him in the neck.

People were killed for defying Madikizela-Mandela or for being suspected police informers, Richardson said.

Initial sketch of Diana's crash shows 2nd car

PARIS (AP) — Within hours of the accident that killed Princess Diana, French investigators believed a second car might have been involved in the crash, the first official sketch of the scene shows.

The diagram, obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press, was made Aug. 31, the day the crash occurred along the Seine River.

The drawing offers a detailed look at the crash site and shows "a probable collision zone" between Diana's Mercedes and another car in the Pont de l'Alma traffic tunnel where the princess, her companion Dodi Fayed and their driver Henri Paul were killed.

Despite the sketch, investigators initially focused on the photographers tailing the princess, and then on the driver, who was legally drunk and on prescription drugs at the time of the high-speed accident.

It was not until almost three weeks later that police acknowledged they were looking for a small Fiat.

The search for the Fiat began after tests on pieces of taillight and traces of car paint found at the scene

showed they didn't come from the Mercedes.

The diagram shows red glass was found at the scene of the "probable collision zone" between the two vehicles, which was marked by a 19-yard skid mark.

While the drawing shows other cars or motorcycles were traveling in the tunnel at the time, it does not indicate how investigators believe the small Fiat entered the tunnel — or got away.

The diagram also shows a second 32-yard skid mark, ending at the pillar where the Mercedes crashed.

The only survivor, bodyguard Trevor Rees-Jones, met twice with French investigators during the month he spent recuperating from his injuries at a Paris hospital.

During the second interview, on Oct. 2, Rees-Jones was shown three photographs of Fiat UNO cars, but said they "didn't bring anything to mind," judicial sources said.

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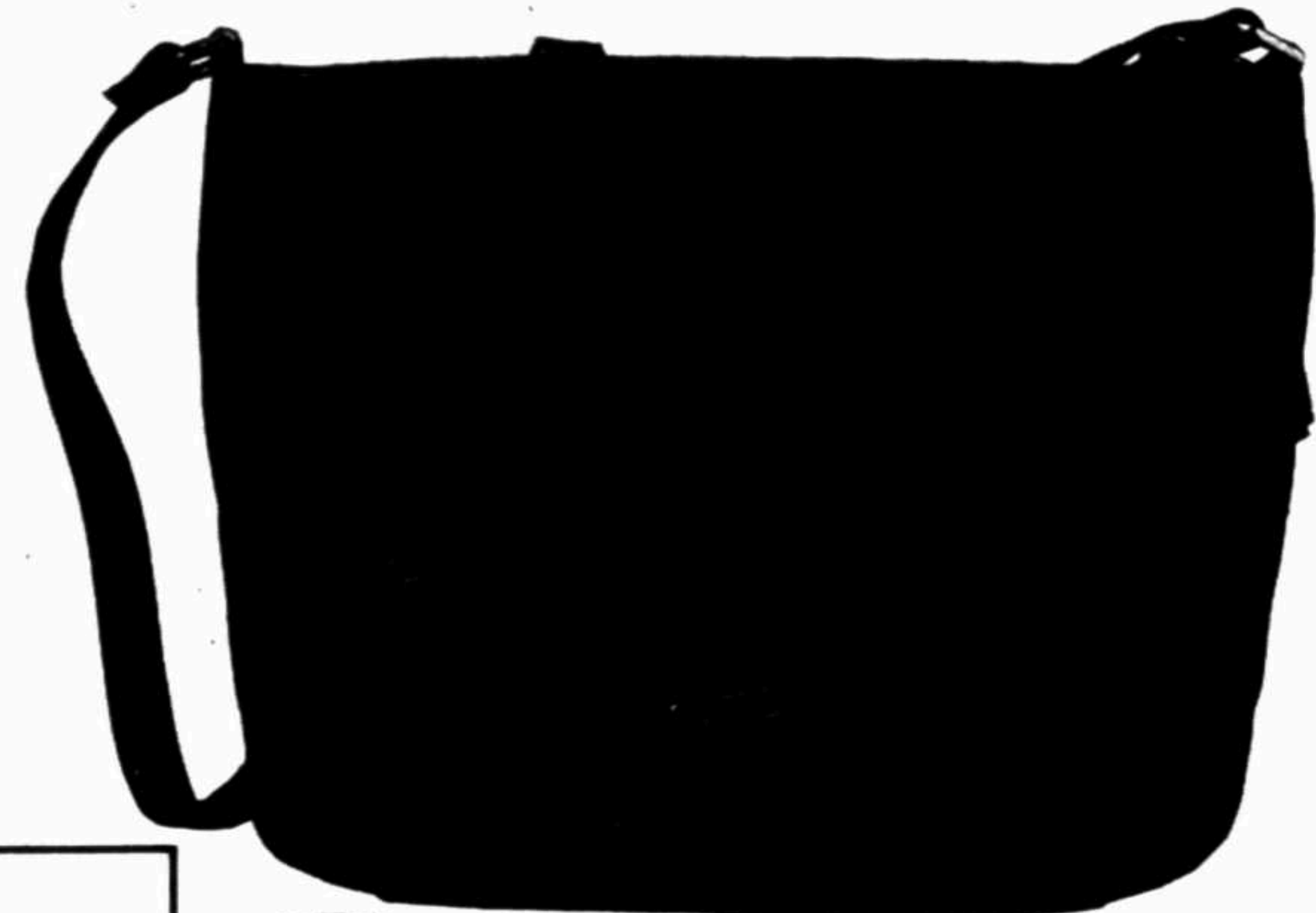
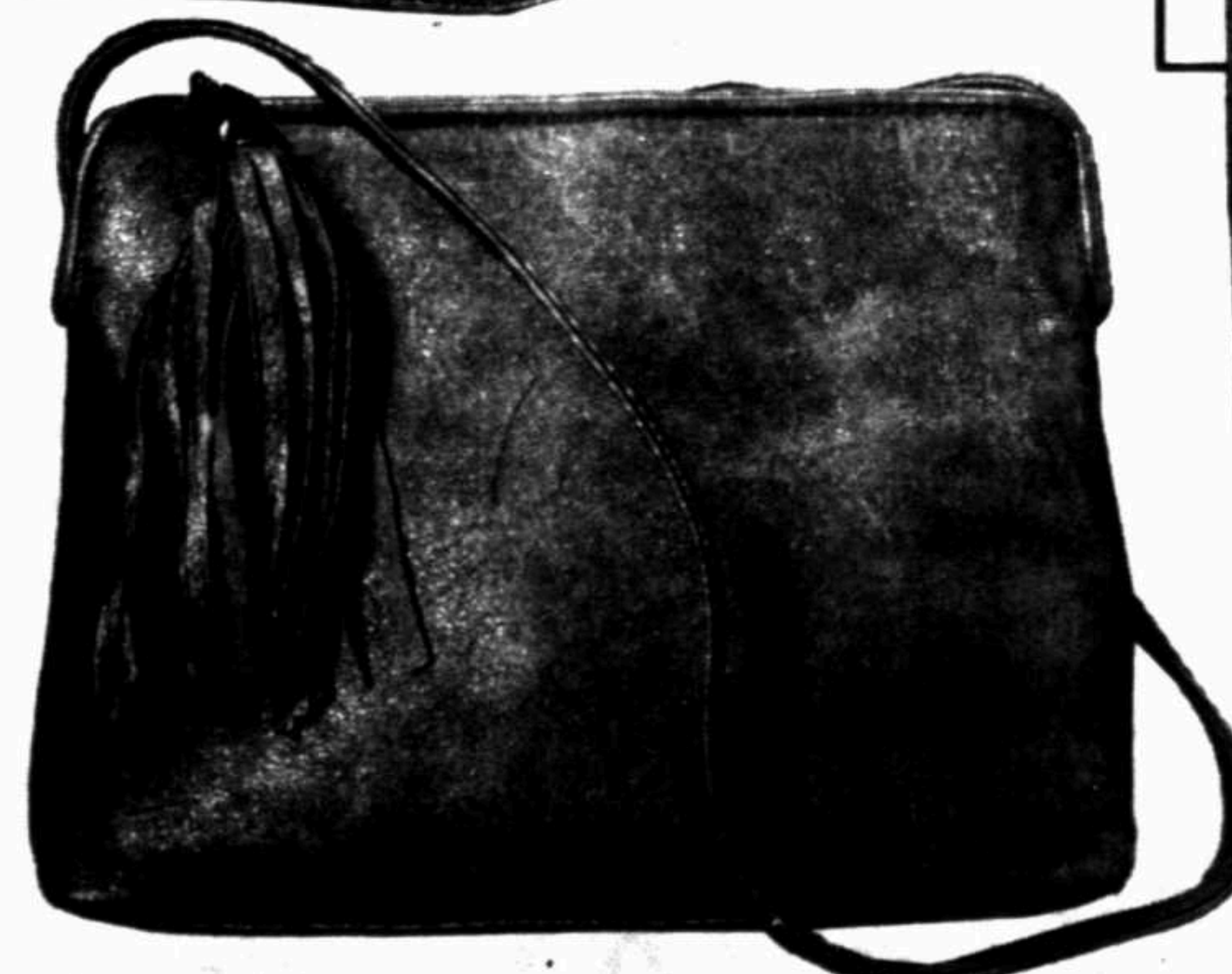
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Only fraction of looted gold returned, report says

LONDON (AP) — Less than 20 percent of the looted Nazi gold received by four officially neutral countries during World War II has since been returned, according to a U.S. report released Wednesday.

The report accuses Portugal, Spain, Sweden and Turkey of hanging on to all but a fraction of their Nazi gold — and said Argentina also was suspected of acquiring looted gold that it kept.

For the last 18 months, Switzerland has been under attack for hiding its role as the key neutral country in Nazi gold dealings, but has recently won praise from Washington for its investigations into its past.

On Monday, the Swiss reported that Germany stole \$475 million worth of gold from central banks during the war, \$132.8 million from occupied Austria and Czechoslovakia, and \$146 million from Jews and other individuals.

The U.S. report, presented to a 41-nation conference on Nazi gold, gave figures for the first time on the "recalcitrance" of several other neutral countries, including Turkey, which has never repaid a penny of the millions of dollars in looted gold it bought from Germany.

In a separate revelation about the origin of

looted Nazi gold, a newly discovered document showed the Western allies had determined that between 50 and 60 tons of gold had been stolen from individual victims of the Holocaust.

Of the 337 tons of plundered gold recovered by the Allies, all but 5.5 tons was returned to government central banks. Yet none went to the people who lost it.

According to the document, the Allied commission that assessed claims for looted gold determined that gold belonging to "private persons" was claimed by several nations: 35.5 tons by the Dutch; 13 tons by Austria; 6.4 tons by Belgium; and smaller amounts by other occupied countries.

The document did not state that the 50 to 60 tons of stolen gold was actually recovered by the Allies' Tripartite Gold Commission.

But the World Jewish Congress, which discovered the gold commission document about two months ago in the U.S. National Archives, said it showed the commission was aware that a significant portion of gold in central banks was "non-monetary," or from individuals.

Jewish groups have argued that Jews and other victims of the Nazis were shortchanged when the commission distributed the gold.

Britain, France and the United States — which run the commission — have asked the 15 nations with rights to the remaining 5.5 tons of looted gold to contribute it to a new fund to compensate victims of Nazi persecution.

The United States and Britain launched the fund with nearly \$6 million. The United States hopes to offer up to \$25 million over three years, if Congress approves. Argentina and Luxembourg have also said they will contribute.

Croatia announced Wednesday that it will give as well and urged that the gold held by former Yugoslavia be handed over, even though its successor states are disputing its distribution. Greece also announced agreement in principle to turn its gold over to the fund.

Israel's chief delegate, Parliament member Avraham Hirschenson, told the conference that the Holocaust was "the most sinister, cynical and grand act of larceny the world has ever known."

He said some banks, insurance companies and governments were hoping the problem will go away, because most Holocaust survivors are now in their 80s and 90s. But Hirschenson vowed that Israel will not rest "until justice is done and these people are given their due."

Mad cow fears pull roast, T-bone from menus

LONDON (AP) — Just in time for the holiday season, Britain announced a ban Wednesday on rib roasts, T-bone steaks and all other beef on the bone after new warnings about mad cow disease.

Restaurants now must rethink their menus, and butchers will have to disappoint customers who like a nice rib roast for holiday dinner parties. There will be no beef bones for soup stocks, and man's best friend will wag his tail in vain.

"Christmas is coming and we usually sell a lot of ribs of beef," said butcher Joseph Steele, whose shop in a quaint byway of Hampstead, north London, caters to a well-heeled clientele.

"I would say 40 percent like rib of beef, sirloin on the bone, T-bone," Steele said. "It will be a big disappointment to them."

The government opted for the ban after its scientific advisers reported a risk that material contaminated with bovine spongiform encephalopathy — mad cow disease — could reach the human food chain through bone marrow.

In announcing the ban to the House of Commons, Agriculture Minister Jack Cunningham called the danger of infection "very, very small," and said 95 percent of beef is eaten off the bone.

He said the ban would take effect in a week.

Like many British butchers, Steele weathered the original mad cow scare in March 1996, when the government announced a suspected link between mad cow disease and a new strain of Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, a brain-wasting disease that has killed at least 20 people in Britain.

The European Union barred British exports after that, and Britain has been working with the EU to try to get a gradual resumption of exports.

"The first scare really hit us hard," Steele said, adding that he's less worried about Wednesday's ban.

"They've got over the initial shock. We have a quite sensible clientele," he said.

But farmers fear public confidence in beef will be further eroded. The National Farmers' Union called the news "another body blow" for those who have lost their entire export market and seen a drop in domestic sales brought on by customers' fears.

"The announcement is bound to spread uncertainty in the mind of the housewife, who is already confused as to whether to buy beef," said David Hill, who has 400 cattle on his farm in Devon county, southwest England.

"We are not making any money now. How are we going to cope?"

said Richard Barter, another Devon cattleman.

British beef prices have fallen markedly since the initial ban and, more recently, the strong British pound has forced prices lower.

Concern about infected meat had centered earlier on the spinal cords and brains of cattle, and Britain's previous Conservative government tightened slaughterhouse procedures.

Cunningham told the House of Commons that Wednesday's move was an essential "precautionary measure," but said the risk was small, with only six cattle among the 2.2 million slaughtered this year thought likely to pose a hazard.

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Report: Men in some American areas live no longer than in developing countries

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WASHINGTON — Men in a swath of South Dakota as well as in the eastern cities of Baltimore and Washington live about as long as men in such developing countries as India and Bolivia, a Harvard scientist reported Wednesday.

Emphasizing stark differences within the United States, Dr. Christopher Murray also said women in some counties die around age 83, while men in a south-central portion of South Dakota that contains two Indian reservations have life expectancies of only 61 years.

Also, male Indians living anywhere in South Dakota had a life expectancy of just 56.5 years and black men living in the nation's capital 57.9 years, as low as in parts of Africa. Yet male Asians living in affluent counties in New York and Massachusetts lived to be 89.5, Asian women into their mid-90s.

The vast differences in Americans' life expectancy is the sort found between poverty-ridden Sierra Leone and wealthy Japan — not the type predicted within the United States, Murray told a scientific meeting organized by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"That's an absolutely staggering range," Murray said. What's going on in the low-life-expectancy counties "is obviously the \$64,000 question."

"The size of the discrepancy was the big surprise," agreed Dr. James Marks, director of CDC's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention. "The findings have tremendous implications." He said the CDC will study how to improve these counties.

Murray is performing a massive study of U.S. disease trends. His first results are snapshots of life expectancies in different counties and in some county-sized cities.

In 1990, women lived longest in Stearns County, Minn., about 83 years. Men lived longest in Utah's Cache and Rich counties, about 77 years.

The worst counties were five neighbors in South Dakota — Bennett, Jackson, Mellette, Shannon and Todd — where life expectan-

The ten unhealthiest areas were in inner cities and the South and on Indian reservations.

cy for men was 61 years, for women 70.

In Washington, men's life expectancy was 62.2 years, women's 73.9 years. In Baltimore, men's life expectancy was 63 years and women's 73.2.

The 10 unhealthiest areas were in inner cities and the South and on Indian reservations.

The swath in South Dakota, for instance, encompasses two Sioux reservations that have reported large problems with diabetes and alcoholism. Shannon County, the poorest county on the list, has a median income of \$11,000, almost \$20,000 under the national median. And 41 percent of residents receive welfare, vs. just 4.4 percent of people in Minnesota's long-lived Stearns County.

Murray found that high-income whites lived only about two years

longer than poor whites. Income made a little more difference among blacks. But among Indians, the richest could hit age 90 while the poorest died around 65, Murray said.

Still, income isn't the only culprit, Murray said.

"Why does the United States have a bigger spread than any other high-income country?" asked Murray, known for his intricate global studies of disease rates. "Even if you took all of Europe, you would not find this variation."

Murray also traced how counties' health changed over time. The South Dakota swath has been the unhealthiest since 1970.

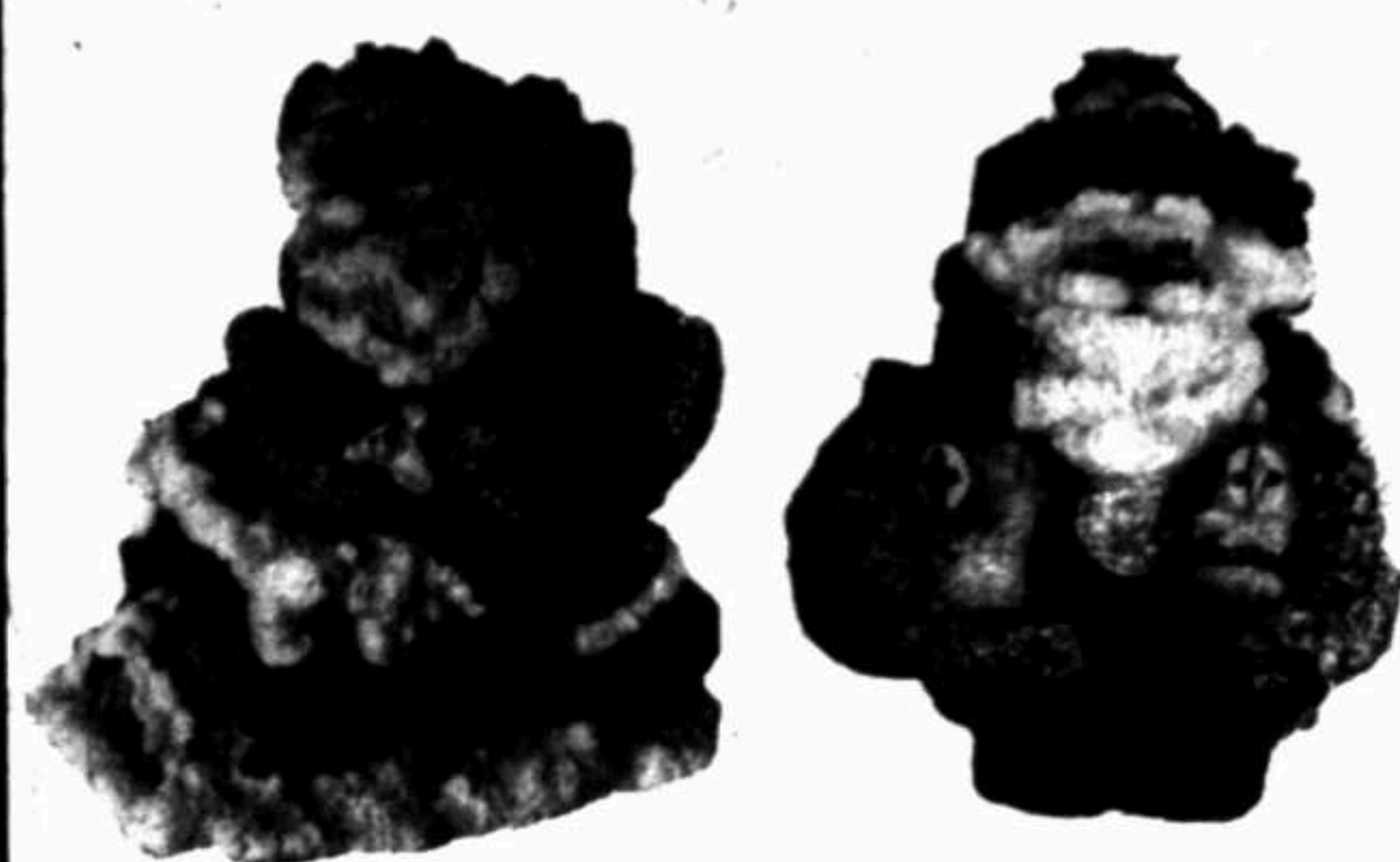
Others fluctuated as their populations changed. Flagler County, Fla., was fifth worst in 1970. Now 1,800 counties are doing worse —

mostly because wealthy people moved into the Florida location.

More intriguing are places like Arizona's Apache County — seventh-worst in 1970 but now better off than 932 counties — that got healthier without major population shifts. The CDC's Marks said scientists want to know what health programs worked in these regions.

Murray is studying more than death: Chronic diseases lower Americans' quality of life for years before they die. Heart disease, depression, car crashes, HIV and diabetes are the nation's top disabilities, Murray said. His preliminary results suggest that Americans may suffer more from these diseases than residents of other high-income countries.

And more Americans will suffer as the elderly population surges in the next few years, meaning improving unhealthy counties must happen quickly, Marks said. "The immediacy and the size of the burden is just starting to hit home to people," he said.



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Education prominent in Bush campaign

George W. Bush came home to Midland Wednesday, to a crowd of supporters congregated in the elementary school gymnasium where four decades ago he was a student. This time he was the incumbent Governor of Texas, announcing that he was a candidate for re-election to that position and an extraordinary place in Texas history.

There was no question that the large crowd present was pro-Bush or that those present knew who Bush was when he made his entrance, along with First Lady of Texas Laura Bush. They are both Midlanders and were among friends and relatives.

So it was no surprise that the crowd applauded vigorously numerous times as Bush made his announcement address. It was obvious those gathered supported the governor's initiatives during his first term, approve of his style, and are aware of the good marks he gets from Texans of all political stripes in the job he is doing. He was "preaching to the choir" — and the choir liked the message!

Yet there was more than a sentimental connection to Bush's visit to Sam Houston Elementary School — the school at which he "learned to read," according to P-TA President Becky Ferguson. Sam Houston Elementary proudly calls itself "The Governor's School." Bush was there to reassert the importance of education in his administration, and particularly reading. He stressed the need for phonics, the importance of administration's ongoing reading initiative, and the importance of getting the general public to "help our teachers."

That wasn't all, of course. Bush proclaimed his efforts to battle gangs and juvenile crime, reform welfare, keep prisoners behind bars, and to "deliver the largest tax cut in the state's history."

Gov. Bush has every right to be proud of his accomplishments during his first term. We are proud of them, too. No doubt the opponents to his re-election — like Democratic Land Commissioner Garry Mauro — will attempt to belittle them, but that will be difficult to do.

The governor has done a great job in his first term — even his Democratic lieutenant governor, Bob Bullock, says so. That is a hefty endorsement for re-election!

ANOTHER VIEW

Fraudulent billing? Call PUC's hot line

After a rush of complaints, the state Public Utility Commission has opened an investigation into what appears to be a pattern of fraudulent billing, called "cramming," by some phone companies. Another dark side of telecommunications deregulation is emerging.

Under the federal law designed to open competition, local phone companies such as Southwestern Bell act as clearinghouses to forward bills from the new companies that have entered the market to provide a wide range of services. "Cramming" occurs when a company slips a charge onto a customer's bill either mistakenly or fraudulently.

The principle of allowing competitors access to the billing network of the local companies is basically sound, opening access to new entrants avoided the costly and inefficient duplication of technical and business systems.

But such large, complex transitions to a deregulated market provide rich opportunities for error — and for unscrupulous people to exploit unwary customers. Southwestern Bell officials contend, fairly, that their company should not be held solely accountable for policing their competitors' activities.

The PUC should tighten its regulations, including the loophole that allows disconnection of service for failing to pay all or part of a bill, even if it is properly contested. Until then, customers should scrutinize their bills item by item. Check the list twice, and in the event of a misbilling, use this PUC complaint hot-line number: (888) PUC-TIPS.

— Fort Worth Star-Telegram

CAL THOMAS

Washington 'insiders' take a financial hit

The economy is cooking. Consumer confidence may set new sales records this Christmas. The stock market, despite some downturns, is rolling upward again. But some Washington pundits are suffering from an economic depression, according to a front-page New York Times story last week. It seems that the self-assessed brilliance of some of the capital gang is becoming more difficult for lecture agents to sell in the real America outside the Beltway.

Not only are the pricey speakers such as Sam Donaldson and Cokie Roberts reportedly having to settle for less or not be invited — their fees are said to be in the \$30,000 range, which is a very nice range, indeed. But those who will speak for less, including James Fallows of U.S. News & World Report and Margaret Carlson of Time, are not keeping pace with their \$10,000 fees.

The explanations for this fall-off are more varied than the stock speeches audiences are less interested in hearing. Fellow columnist and good guy Mark Shields, who also toils on CNN's "Capital Gang," blames last fall's "status quo election" that reelected Bill Clinton and kept Republicans in control of

Congress for his drop in invitations. He says he expects them to pick up next year. Carlson, who says her invitations "came to a full stop," believes there are no new Washington characters to fascinate the masses.

Some of these excuses may partially explain the speech depreciation, but there's another reason that the big media and the Washington political establishment consistently ignore. The broadcast networks lost 3 million viewers last year. Network brass blames cable television and the Internet but rarely ask why people left and, when they do ask, pay no attention to the answers.

The quality of the journalism profession has declined in direct relation to those who (mal) practice it. Magazine shows like NBC's "Dateline" and ABC's "20/20" are mostly produced to attract women viewers, so desired by advertisers. Increasingly the nightly news broadcasts do the same. Only "60 Minutes" continues in the tradition of classical journalism. But all of the network newscasts regularly make story selection based on criteria other than traditional journalistic standards.

What this approach does is appeal to a niche, while ignoring the larger audience. It also inverts journalism, putting other considerations before real news. It's worse on local TV where story selection is based on ratings, writing skills are frequently at the high school level, and bad grammar is common. And would news directors please get street reporters to stop turning around. It's television. We see

what's behind you!

The public must have a reason, a motivation to watch TV news or read newspapers. If all they see are the same explanations and proposed solutions to problems, they will tune out. The big media are blind to what the public wants and needs, and so people are increasingly turning off the set or going to cable and the Internet.

Is there any need to watch network news? All of the morning shows look the same. All of the anchors say the same thing, mouthing the same liberal perspective. And when news organizations are challenged about their unbalanced reporting, they just deny it. The public, which knows better, will get its news elsewhere.

So if they won't watch these folks on TV, why would they want to pay to listen to them in person?

The big names continue to do pretty well on the lecture circuit, but they have such enormous incomes from the networks that speaking fees are pocket change. For the rest who have fallen on hard times, I feel their pain. Perhaps I can offer them some of the invitations I must turn down because they have grown too numerous. Of course, they will have to bring a more conservative message. That seems to be what a growing majority of the public wants to hear.

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BOB HERBERT

Algerian extremist group 'wrote the book' on terror

A copy of the decree, translated from French, was given to me by human rights workers in New York who are providing assistance to women fighting against the extreme terror in parts of Algeria. The decree explains, in gruesomely explicit terms, the protocol that is to be followed by terrorists who abduct women for the purpose of raping them.

A brief sampling:

"Brothers must not hit her, save the one to whom she has been offered."

"If a mother and daughter have been captured together and you possessed the mother, you therefore must not also possess the daughter."

And so on.

The decree, widely attributed to a faction of the Armed Islamic Group, which has been responsible for some of the worst violence in Algeria, was posted in villages where scores and perhaps hundreds of people have been massacred and large numbers of women and girls abducted and raped. When filtered through news reports, the accounts of such atrocities seem not quite real. You turn the page of the newspaper or magazine and even the slightest hint of the imagined terror vanishes. There is a crossword puzzle to do or television listings to read. The mind no longer has to deal with the carnage and the trauma of wholesale decapitations, or bombings in public places, or teachers being murdered in classrooms in full view of hysterical students, or the disbelief and concurrent despair of parents forced to watch as their daughters are carried into the night by terrorists.

These may be crimes against humanity, sure. But few people really want to think about them.

Inevitably, there are those who insist that we pay attention.

Rhonda Copelon is the director of the International Women's Human Rights Law Clinic at the City University of New York. Working with the Center for Constitutional Rights, also in New York, and two private law firms, she filed a federal lawsuit some months ago on behalf of several Algerian activists, most of them women, who have been victims of the terror.

The suit, filed in Washington, is an effort to fix responsibility for at least some of the atrocities. The defendants are the Islamic Salvation Front (or FIS, its French acronym), which is the main political party of the Islamic militants in Algeria, and Anwar Haddam, the so-called representative-in-exile of the FIS in the United States.

The suit was filed under the Alien Tort Claims Act and the Torture Victim Protection Act, which give the federal courts jurisdiction in certain cases involving foreign victims of torture and other violations of international law and U.S. treaties.

While the suit seeks monetary damages, its true value lies in the fact that it gives a voice here in the United States to victims who are unable to be heard in Algeria. And it brings the reality of the Algerian tragedy closer to Americans who might not otherwise be aware of it.

One of the plaintiffs is a woman whose son, after speaking out against the FIS, was assassinated. Another is a woman whose husband and brother-in-law were murdered by FIS supporters. A third is a woman who was kidnapped and gang-raped by terrorists when she was 17.

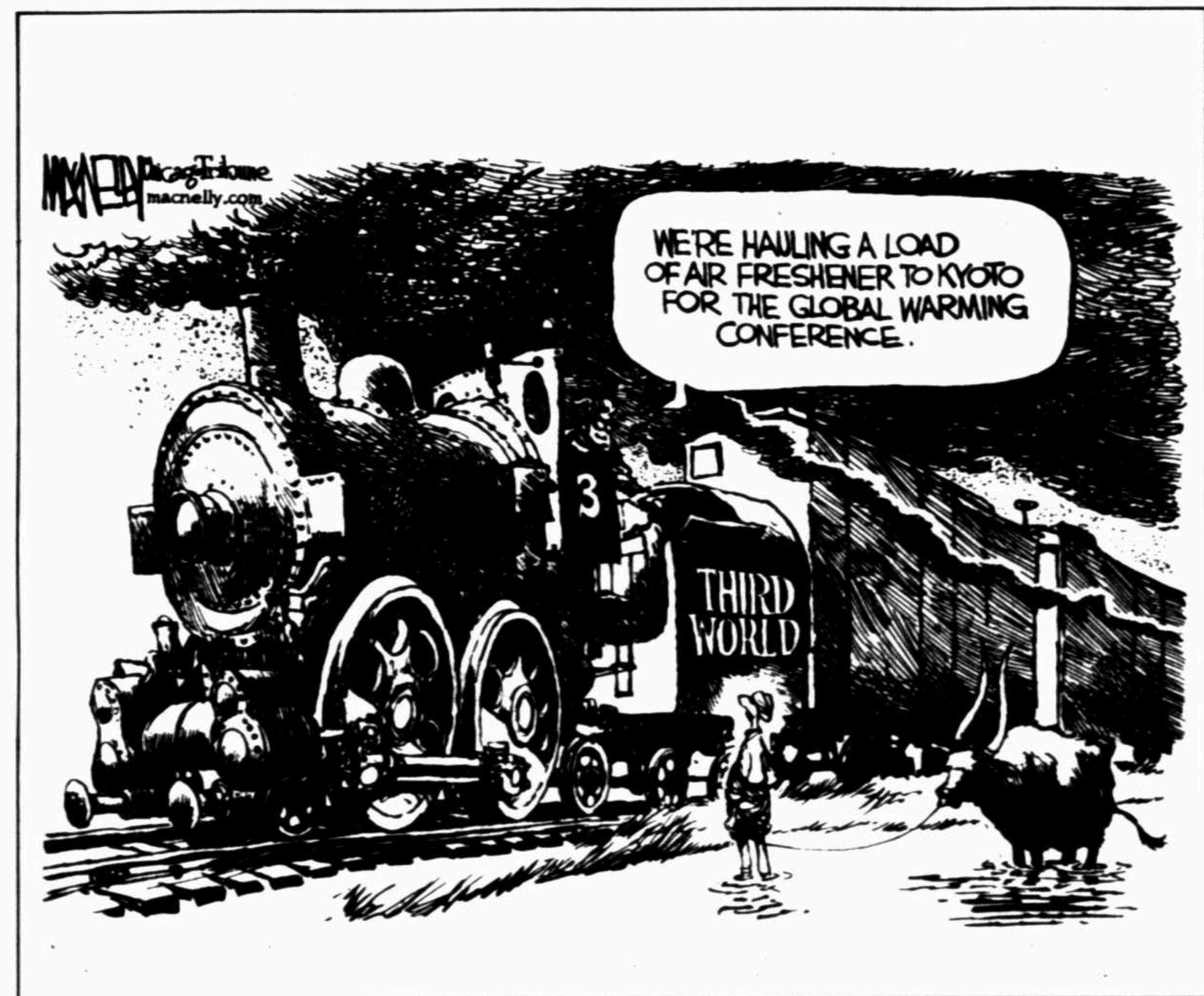
Haddam has been in the United States since 1993. He raised money and otherwise promoted the FIS while seeking political asylum here on the grounds — hold on to your hat — that he was a victim of persecution. He was denied asylum last year and has since been in federal custody pending possible deportation. He is appealing the asylum decision.

Ironically, the FIS has come to be seen by many as a moderating force in the Algerian turmoil that has taken more than 60,000 lives since 1992. And Haddam has repeatedly denied that he was involved in any terror activity.

But Ms. Copelon and other human rights workers have pointed out that the FIS has for years been entwined with groups that are openly dedicated to the establishment of an Islamic state through violence and terror, and to the ruthless subjugation of women. And Haddam has time and again expressed his public support of specific terrorist attacks and what he describes as the "armed struggle."

According to Haddam, all of the armed groups come from the same "womb, and that womb is FIS."

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ART BUCHWALD

Temps became sought-after commodity

For the first time that anyone can remember, there's a shortage of temporary help to work during the holiday season. The stores are so desperate that they are sending out scouts to recruit salespeople.

Peter Loge, the senior headhunter for Macy's, heard about a 17-year-old prospect in Culpeper, Va. His name was Jason Marks, and he was wavering between the toiletries counter at Macy's and the snow shovel section at Wal-Mart.

When Loge arrived at the Marks home, father, mother and Jason were sitting in the living room.

Loge said, "You'll all love Macy's. Jason won't even have to work in the stock room as a start. We'll put him right on the floor in a wonderful environment."

Mr. Marks said, "Can we talk about what the job pays?"

"Twenty-five dollars an hour."

Mrs. Marks scoffed. "That's chicken feed. Sears offered him \$40 an hour and 2,000 shares of stock options. Jason is a computer whiz, and he can write up a credit card purchase in two minutes flat. Do you

honestly think that we'd let him go for a measly \$25 an hour?"

Loge responded, "Your son is a first clerk draft choice. We'll make it \$50 an hour."

Jason said, "I even know how to process returns and ship packages for next-day delivery by UPS."

"That's why I'm here. Our scouting reports indicate that you can also handle cash transactions, but I don't think that I can go any higher than \$55."

Mrs. Marks asked, "How about giving Jason a new car?"

Loge said, "If the Department Store Conference found out we had done that, we could forfeit all our sales before Christmas."

Mrs. Marks wasn't about to give up. "If you want our boy, give the family a trip to Florida."

"Our hands are tied. We can't do anything more than buy you a new house in Alexandria."

Jason said, "Kmart has offered me \$60, and I don't have to work on weekends."

Loge suggested, "Why not come over to the store and meet the other sales help? You'll fall in love with them. Also, the customers are people who will help you get a job when you finish college. Jason, I'm not going to beg, but we need you if we're going to top our Christmas sales of last year."

Mr. Marks said, "Jason's the best sales prospect in the state. He should get at least as much as Michael Jordan who, as everyone knows, can't even gift wrap."

Art Buchwald's column is distributed by the Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Dec. 4, the 338th day of 1997. There are 27 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 4, 1783, Gen. George Washington said farewell to his officers at Fraunces Tavern in New York.

On this date: In 1816, James Monroe of Virginia was elected the fifth president of the United States.

In 1875, William Marcy Tweed, the "Boss" of New York City's Tammany Hall political organization, escaped from jail and fled the country.

In 1918, President Wilson set sail for France to attend the Versailles Peace Conference.

In 1942, President Roosevelt ordered the dismantling of the Works Progress Administration, which had been created to provide jobs during the Depression.

In 1965, the United States launched Gemini 7 with Air Force Lt. Col. Frank Borman and Navy Cmdr James A. Lovell aboard.

In 1977, Jean-Bedel Bokassa, ruler of the Central African Empire, crowned himself emperor in a ceremony believed to have cost more than \$100 million. Bokassa was deposed in 1979; he died in November 1996 at age 75.

In 1980, the bodies of four American nuns slain in El Salvador two days earlier were unearthed. Five national guardsmen were later

convicted of murder.

In 1991, Associated Press correspondent Terry Anderson, the longest held of Western hostages in Lebanon, was released after nearly seven years in captivity.

Five years ago: President Bush ordered American troops to lead a mercy mission to Somalia, threatening military action against warlords and gangs who were blocking food for starving millions.

One year ago: The Mars Pathfinder lifted off from Cape Canaveral and began speeding toward Mars on a 310 million-mile odyssey to explore the planet's surface.

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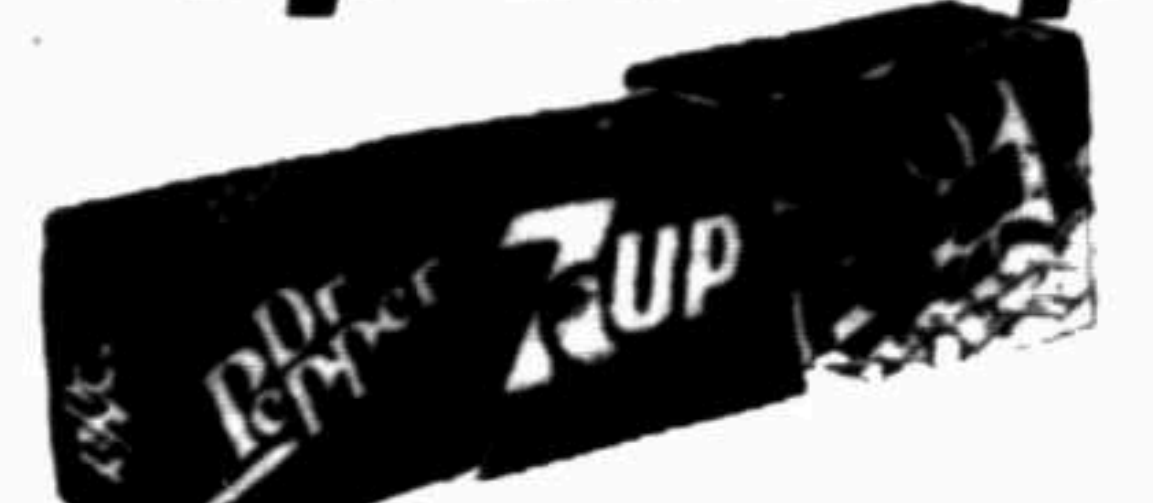
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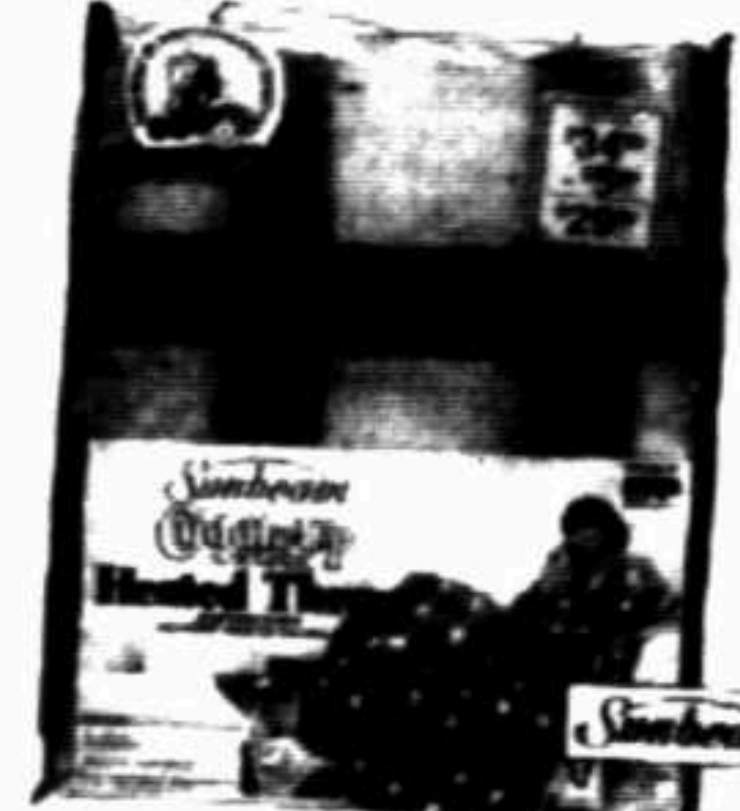
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United States, Canada to work on salmon deal

Hearst News Service

WASHINGTON — Canada and the United States have a good chance of resolving a bitter dispute over how much salmon each country's fishermen can catch in the Pacific Northwest, a Canadian official said Wednesday.

"There's real hope here for success," Canadian Fisheries Minister David Anderson told reporters after a meeting at the U.S. State Department. "This year we have the best chance (since 1993) for an agreement."

He said he anticipates an agreement before the next fishing season begins in July.

In recent years, fishermen on both sides of the border have squabbled about how much fish the 1985 Pacific Salmon Treaty allows them to catch. Canadians argue that Alaskans are exceeding the treaty's limits, a charge the Alaskans deny.

Tension flared in July when Canadian fishermen protested by blockading Alaska's ferry service to Prince Rupert, British Columbia, for three days. The state suspended its service and filed a lawsuit to recover its losses.

Alaska Gov. Tony Knowles announced Tuesday that the state would resume its service on Thursday. He said the Royal Canadian Mounted Police would assure safe passage for the ferries and a Canadian fishermen's union said it would not block the vessels.

"This is very positive," Anderson said, adding he does not expect another blockade but warned more "ill will" could ensue if no agreement is reached in the next six months.

Anderson said he was optimistic because of recent talks with Washington Gov. Gary Locke, ongoing efforts by two specially appointed envoys to restart negotiations and by President Clinton's recent pledge to resolve the lingering dispute.

"This issue has gone on too long, it's caused too much friction between our people," Clinton said Nov. 26 at a joint press conference with Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien. "I want to reaffirm publicly that I believe this process can produce an agreement in good faith, and that I will do my part to implement it in good faith."

On Wednesday, State Department spokesman James Rubin reaf-

firmed Clinton's commitment, noting that the designated envoys — David Strangway of Canada and William Ruckelshaus of the United States — have held "extensive consultations" with fishermen and government officials and will soon present their recommendations for restarting talks.

Anderson met with several administration officials, including Undersecretary of State Timothy Wirth and White House counselor Thomas "Mac" McLarty.

He also met with a range of U.S. environmental groups to present Canada's plans for rebuilding chinook and coho, salmon stocks that have been depleted by a warming climate and poor conservation measures.

Anderson said he was not wooing the environmental community as a way to enlist allies and increase Canada's allotted catch in a future agreement. "I see this as collaborative," he added.

Tom Cassidy, general counsel for the American Rivers conservation organization, said Anderson explained Canada's point of view about conservation and equity but did not ask environmentalists to lobby on its behalf.

Cassidy said his group would instead like to enlist Canada as an ally in pressuring the U.S. government to do more to protect salmon. "Stocks in the Pacific Northwest are in terrible condition," he said. "Governments need to do a better job than they've done."

Anderson said Americans caught three million more Canadian salmon this year than Canadians caught American salmon.

He said Alaskans took more than they should have, but Washington state fishermen ended up with less than the treaty allows.

What exactly the treaty allows, though, is subject to interpretation. It sought to prevent overfishing by allocating fishing limits to each country based on estimates of how much salmon originates in the rivers of each nation.

Negotiations to set four-year catch limits on salmon, which migrate long distances and hence cross political boundaries, reached an impasse in 1993 that has yet to be broken.

"It's an irritant (in bilateral relations) that can and should be overcome," said Anderson, noting that the dispute has led to five pending lawsuits. If an agreement is reached, he said those lawsuits would "probably wither and die."

'There's real hope here for success. This year we have the best chance (since 1993).'

— Canadian Fisheries Minister David Anderson

Prosecutors question witnesses identifying Nichols

Associated Press

DENVER — Prosecutors hammered away Wednesday at several defense witnesses who said they saw Timothy McVeigh with others just before the Oklahoma City bombing yet admitted that their testimony differed from earlier statements to the FBI.

John Davis described for Terry Nichols' jurors the features of a man — not McVeigh — who accepted a delivery of Chinese food at a room at the Dreamland Motel in Junction City, Kan., that was registered to McVeigh five days before the blast.

He described the man as having unkempt, dark blond hair, and added that "his nose was not a prominent feature of his face."

But Davis acknowledged telling FBI agents he couldn't recall the features of his customers because he makes so many deliveries.

In court, Davis also identified a composite sketch of the man at the hotel which an artist drew in April 1996. It does not match FBI sketches of John Doe 1, later identified as McVeigh, or John Doe 2, a man who

two witnesses said accompanied McVeigh when he rented the truck.

Prosecutor Larry Mackey asked Davis if he could reconcile why he came up with a composite sketch a year after telling FBI agents he couldn't recall his customers' faces. After a pause, Davis said, "My initial answer would be no."

Since opening their case, defense attorneys have called at least 16 witnesses in an effort to distance Nichols from McVeigh, and to suggest that someone other than Nichols helped McVeigh plot the April 19, 1995, bombing that killed 168 people. McVeigh has already been convicted and sentenced to die.

None of the witnesses saw Nichols with McVeigh, and only one has placed Nichols anywhere in the critical week before the bombing — an employee of a Herington, Kan., surplus store who said Nichols

asked to trade picks and axes for shingles.

Mary Louise Martinez, a Junction City, Kan., nurse, testified she saw McVeigh and a dark-complected man in a Ryder truck on April 17, 1995, hours before prosecutors say McVeigh rented the truck used in the bombing.

The passenger, she said, had dark hair cut just above the shoulders and a medium build.

She said she was in a minivan in an intersection facing the truck McVeigh was driving. When the light changed, she passed the truck. "Mr. McVeigh was looking at me all the way past his shoulder with his beady eyes and it scared me," she said. "Nobody has ever looked at me that way."

After the bombing, Mrs. Martinez waited several weeks before contacting the FBI because of the flur-

ry of McVeigh sightings in news reports.

Under cross-examination, Mrs. Martinez admitted she told FBI agents that McVeigh's hair was very light red, and said she told defense investigators six weeks ago that she couldn't be sure the driver was McVeigh.

Earlier Wednesday, Eldon Elliott, owner of Elliott's Body Shop in Junction City, Kan., said a man wearing a baseball cap was with McVeigh when he rented the Ryder truck.

Elliott said he couldn't recall what the second man looked like, except that he was shorter than McVeigh and wore a white baseball cap set off with blue lightning streaks.

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Mute survivor identifies man as her attacker

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) — A woman who was beaten so severely that she was left paralyzed and mute was wheeled onto the witness stand Wednesday and slowly raised her twitching arm to point out her attacker.

When Jill Marker was asked again if defendant was the man who bludgeoned her into a vegetative state while she was pregnant two years ago, her father helped her raise her arm to a board and scrawl: "It was."

"There is no question in my mind — she nailed him," Assistant District Attorney Eric Saunders said outside court.

Mrs. Marker's testimony completed the prosecution case, and attorneys for Calvin Michael Smith rested without presenting any witnesses.

"I'm sorry we had to bring Jill Marker back here," Saunders told jurors in his closing argument. "She wanted to be here. She wanted to help you do your duty. I'm sure that she did that and that she identified her attacker."

Advent Calendar

Sunday, December 7, 1997 4:30 p.m.

The Children's Choir Program of First Presbyterian Church will present the musical, "Lo, and Behold!" by Sally Green and Gregory Papp.



Sunday, December 14, 1997 4:00 p.m.
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BASIN BRIEFING

Santa breakfast

The Westside Lions Club and McDonald's are sponsoring breakfast with Santa 7-9:30 a.m. Saturday at Midland Park Mall food court. Tickets are \$3 a person. For more information call Denise Marston at 563-1880.

Christmas bazaar

McCahey — A Christmas bazaar is set for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the McCahey Park Building, 212 W. Seventh. The annual event is sponsored by McCahey Rebekah Lodge. Admission to the bazaar is free. For booth information call or write Debbie Jones, chairman, P.O. Box 942, McCahey 79752, 1-915-652-9044.

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, 650-LOOP.

Hearts Alive, 7 p.m., medical staff room at Memorial Hospital, 684-3745.

Project ADAM, (Alternatives to Domestic Assault for Men) - Support group, 6:30-9:00 p.m., 686-8426 or 520-0277.

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

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

East Side Lions, 6 p.m., Los Enriquez, 14018 N. Lamesa Road.

Optimist Club of Midland, noon, East Western Midland Club.

Bereavement Support group, 7 p.m., Hospice of Odessa, Texas Commerce Bank, fourth floor, 332-1431, 332-0991.

Pilot Club of Midland, noon, Ramada Inn, 687-3109.

Hogan Park Women's Golf Association, Hogan Park Golf Course.

Westside Lions Club, noon, Westside Lions Den.

Rotary Club of Midland, 11:55 a.m., Chamber of Commerce, 109 N. Main.

Committee for Meals on Wheels, 9 a.m., Midland Senior Center.

Share Success-Basics of Goal Setting, Mr. Galt's (party room 1), 3205 W. Cuthbert Ave., noon, 570-4533.

Tall City Lions Club, 7 p.m., 305 S. Stonewall St.

Non-smoking game, 7 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 682-8596.

Social Order of the Beauceant, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple.

Midland Council for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children, 1 p.m., 3819 Roosevelt Dr., 684-1327.

Alzheimer's Association support group, 7 p.m., Westwood Medical Center dining room, 570-9191.

West Texas Aerobics Club, Chapter 71, 7:30 p.m., Memphis Aero Lounge, 684-9877, 684-8015.

Parents Anonymous, 7 p.m., for location and other information, 520-2282.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) No. 1139, 7 p.m., 1007 Austin St., 684-8643.

Golden Park Retirement Center, senior citizen Bingo, 3 p.m., 3100 W. Kansas Ave.

Flatlanders Ski Club, 7 p.m., East Western Midland Club, open.

Midland Apple Users group, 7:30 p.m., 683-8289 or 683-3516, open.

Parents Anonymous, Weekly self-help meetings and parent education to prevent abuse and improve family relationships, 520-2282.

Post traumatic stress disorder support group for women, 6 p.m., Community National Bank, 601 E. Florida Ave., 570-9412.

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Bonilla speaks against river program on Midland visit

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla came to the federal courthouse in Midland Wednesday to offer an opposing view about a new effort aimed at protecting and beautifying rivers across the country. In his State of the Union address in January and in a September statement, President Clinton expressed his desire to designate a total of 10 U.S. rivers as "American Heritage Rivers." Under this plan, if local mayors and county commissioners request, areas along any named American Heritage River will have access to direct assistance for improvement projects from 13 federal agencies, according to Ron Calhoun, spokesman for the Texas General Land Office. These projects could be cleanup efforts, beautification projects or recreational endeavors, Calhoun said.

The Land Office is supporting this campaign because it dovetails with their project to further study and map both sides of the Rio Grande. Several local government officials in a number of areas already have been pushing to have the Rio Grande or parts of that river added to the list, Calhoun said.

The Texas Legislature adopted a resolution calling for the Land Office, the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission, the Texas Water Development Board and other state agencies to work with the federal government "to develop a structure for bi-national, comprehensive, basin-wide management of the Rio

Grande," the resolution reads.

It is this effort that has state agencies working toward the AHR initiative, according to Calhoun.

Bonilla, however, says that the American Heritage Rivers initiative could be a veiled attempt to strip rights from Texas property owners. Bonilla was joined by property rights activist C.M. "Charly" Van Eman, president of the Davis Mountain Trans-Pecos Heritage Association.

"After months of talking about AHR, we still don't have an answer to the most basic question — why do we need AHR in the first place?" Bonilla said.

"West Texans are skeptical of anything that claims to simplify things by bringing in 13 federal agencies," the San Antonio Republican said.

The initiative is intended to be a shortcut between the local people and the resources of federal agencies, Calhoun said. No extra funding goes into the program and federal agencies will exercise no powers that they do not already have, he said.

"It seems like the best-case scenario is a plan that does nothing we couldn't already do — but the worst-case scenario is a plan that compromises property rights and involves government more deeply in our lives," Bonilla said.

While a number of local governments are pushing the initiative, at least six counties have come out in opposition to the mea-

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Rep. Henry Bonilla says the American Heritage Rivers initiative could infringe rights of Texas property owners.



Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

'Spirit of Christmas'

"Spirit of Christmas" volunteers from Bank One visited the West Early Childhood Center Wednesday. Santa gave the children a moment of his time and a candy cane.

Jury applies light penalty in drug case

By Alice Ashmore
Staff Writer

A Midland jury found leniency for a 30-year-old oil-field worker who pleaded guilty Wednesday to possession with intent to distribute nearly 100 pounds of marijuana.

Oscar Natividad was given a 10-year suspended sentence and a \$10,000 fine in connection with the charge. The six-man, six-woman jury deliberated for an hour and a half before deciding upon a sentence.

Natividad entered a plea of guilty Wednesday morning, but asked to be sentenced by a jury.

After the verdict was returned, 385th District Court Judge Willie DuBose ruled that in addition to 10 years probation, Natividad must serve 30 days in jail, and perform 944 hours of community service.

Natividad took the witness stand in his own defense and told jurors of his participation in the drug deal.

He also said to the court, "I apologize and I'm sorry. This is the first time I did this — it never came to my mind that this



was something bad," Natividad said. "It is the most stupid thing I have done in my whole life."

"He made a big mistake, a huge mistake," defense attorney Bob Leahey told jurors in his summation. "He will have to carry a felony conviction for the rest of his life."

The amount of marijuana

Natividad had in his possession is considered a first-degree felony.

Leahey also told jurors there was nothing in Natividad's background to suggest that he had engaged in drug activity before. He also had no prior criminal convictions.

"He is not making a living at this, not making an avocation of this," said Leahey. He noted that Natividad was employed in a good job, and had three young children. "He did the right thing, he accepted responsibility for what he has done."

Wayne Frost, chief narcotics prosecutor with the Midland District Attorney's Office, was not

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Three promotions latest in office shuffle at MPD

By Rick Lopez
Staff Writer

December is a month of change for the Midland Police Department.

Three Midland police officers have been promoted this month in a shuffle of personnel to fill jobs vacated by retirement and reassignment. The change went into effect at the beginning of the month.

Officers honored at Wednesday's ceremony at the Police Department include Lt. Jerry Compton, Sgt. Brian Bogart and Detective Shane Steward.

Compton, an MPD officer for 25 years, will be filling the post of deputy chief that was vacated when city officials decided to replace retired chief Richard Czech with John A. Urby. Both Czech's retirement and Urby's appointment were announced this summer.

Compton, 47, will be sharing administrative responsibilities with Urby, Deputy Chief Ron Aaron and Deputy Chief John Smith.

During his time with the force, Compton has worked with the patrol division, narcotics unit, juvenile division, detective's bureau and S.W.A.T. team. Before his promotion, Compton was working with the investigative



Bogart



Compton



Steward

services unit.

"I've worked all the areas in this building, and have a lot of experience with this department. I've done a lot with this force," Compton, a third-generation Midlander, said.

Juvenile crime is one of the issues on which he plans an aggressive approach, he said.

"That's what we are focusing on right now. That seems to be a big problem now," he said.

Bogart, who has worked with the MPD for 15 years, was promoted to lieutenant and will now supervise more

than 30 officers and six sergeants with the west-side Field Operations Bureau. His last assignment as a sergeant was with the internal affairs and administration bureau.

Forty-year-old Bogart, a former Comanche County sheriff's deputy, worked patrol for five years and was assigned to the narcotics, property, traffic and patrol division during his years in the Tall City.

"I'd like to make the patrol division more interactive with the community ... and have a bigger impact in policing services," Bogart said of the objectives he has in mind for his new post. "I'd like to make more changes to benefit the community."

He cited the MPD's switch to community policing as an example of a refined policing strategy.

"We started it several years ago. Now we need to take it to a new level," he said.

Steward, a S.W.A.T. officer and former detective, is now the sergeant who oversees five officers working the night patrol shift in east Midland. Steward has worked with MPD for six years.

"I'll be working with a really good group of officers," he said. "They're go-getters and proactive."

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Planets parade across southern sky

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

It may be too early to search the skies for Santa Claus, but the December skies still offer a special treat.

During the month of December, Midlanders can see the moon and eight planets appearing to line up in the evening sky. They can be found in the southwestern sky, with the eight planets hovering around the moon.

Jack Horkheimer, executive director of the Miami Space Transit Planetarium, said a computer analysis indicates it will be at least another 100 years before so many planets will be so close and so visible.

"All the major bright planets are visible in the evening immediately after sunset,"

Steve Schmidt, director of the Marian Blakemore Planetarium, said Wednesday. "As soon as the sky begins to get dark, the first stars to appear are in fact not stars but bright planets, including, in order, Mars, Venus, Jupiter and Saturn."

"This is a particularly good week to see the planets," he said. "Tonight, the moon will be placed among those bright planets, just east of Jupiter."

He said there are an unusually large number of planets visible in the evening sky this month. Telescopes will be required to see Pluto, the smallest planet and furthest from the sun. Even the Hubble Telescope, he said, fails to show anything but the largest features on the planet. Telescopes or strong

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Page in the House

Waco High School junior Bill Halliburton poses on the steps of the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C., where he works as a page in the U.S. House of Representatives.

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POLICE REPORTS

Aggravated assault

A Midland man was arrested late Tuesday in connection with an assault on his common-law wife during a domestic dispute, according to authorities with the Midland County Sheriff's Office.

Espiridon "Pete" Trevino III, 33, remained in the Midland County Detention Center late Wednesday in lieu of bond on charges of aggravated assault, a second-degree felony. Trevino's bond was set at \$25,000 by Justice of the Peace Joe Matlock.

The incident stemmed from a call deputies received late Tuesday from a residence on West County Road 116, officials said. The victim told police that Trevino slammed her face into the bathroom counter several times. The complaint was made by Maria Gonzales, according to MCSO reports.

The woman was taken to Memorial Hospital and Medical Center for injuries. She received 13 stitches to her face as a result of the assault. She was released from the hospital several hours later, authorities said.

Midland Police Department Tuesday

Burglary of a habitation: A residential break-in was reported from 3405 Thomason Drive. Kim Partridge reported it at 5:46 p.m.

Burglary of a vehicle: A cellular phone, drill and other personal items were taken from a vehicle parked at 2407 W. Wall St. Kenny Seaborn reported it at 5:53 p.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office Tuesday

Criminal mischief: Tina Bostick said that a car window was broken at 529 E. County Road 136. It was reported at 4:24 p.m.

Wednesday

Forgery: An employee of Aaron Rents Furniture told authorities that they received a counterfeit \$50 bill. A report was made from 12200 W. U.S. Highway 80 at 2:23 p.m.

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

OBITUARIES



Donald Simmons

Donald Winfred Simmons was born June 9, 1922, in Dallas, Texas, and lived there all of his youth. He attended A&M until his entire class was inducted into the U.S. Army in 1943. He served as a cap-

tain in Field Artillery until his honorable discharge in 1946, at which time he returned to A&M and completed his degree in industrial arts. He later earned his master's degree in geology at Southern Methodist University. He joined the staff of Sun Oil Company in 1950. He lived and worked in South American for seven years. He lived in the southwestern part of the United States prior to moving to Midland in 1968 from Roswell, New Mexico. Mr. Simmons married Glenda Bishop Strong in Midland on January 19, 1973. He retired in 1987, after 37 years with Sun Oil, as the division production geology manager. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, a member of several professional societies and the Midland Woodcarving Club.

He is survived by his wife, Glenda Simmons of Midland; his son, Donald W. Simmons Jr., of Dallas; his stepson, Douglas Strong of Hobbs, New Mexico; his daughter, Diane Elizabeth Simmons of Richardson, Texas; his stepdaughters, Karen Adkisson of Midland and Betsy Jamal of Rich-

Obituary & Death Notice policy

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

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

Deadline for both free death notices and paid obituaries is 4:30 p.m. and information must be either received from or verified by a funeral home.

mond, Texas; his brother, Robert E. Simmons Jr. of Dallas; five grandchildren and one niece.

Mr. Simmons died Tuesday, December 2, 1997, at a local hospital.

Family visitation is scheduled for 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, December 4, 1997, at Ellis Funeral Home. Funeral services have been scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday, December 5, at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will be at Resthaven Memorial Park under

the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Serving as pallbearers will be A.E. (Slim) Simmons, R.J. (Pete) Fischer, George Vaughn, Jim Greene, A.L. (Ike) McCarroll and Jack Townzen.

The family requests memorials be directed to American Cancer Society, 2304 Wadley Ave., Midland, Texas 79705 or Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas, 79702 or a charity of choice.

DEATH NOTICES

Jack Baker

Jack Alton Baker died Wednesday, Dec. 3, at a local hospital.

Services are to be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Burial is to follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born July 17, 1932, in Paducah.

He moved to Midland in 1970. He was a member of Kentucky Street Baptist Church and former member of the American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Martha Parum Baker of Midland; three sons, Bobby J. Baker, Alton A. Baker and Eddie C. Baker all of Midland; three daughters, Rita S. Burcham, Lanita G. Summers and Marla J. Offield, all of Midland; his mother and stepfather, Alma and Bert Ross of Lipan; three sisters, Oleta Covington of Archer City, Halley Brock of St. Joe and Jan Richardson of Borger; 12

grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Nell Rankin

RANKIN—Nell Franklin Rankin, 71, died Tuesday, Dec. 2, in Rankin.

Services are to be 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at First Baptist Church in Rankin. Burial is to follow at Rankin Cemetery under the direction of Box Funeral Home in Crane.

She was born Sept. 7, 1926 in Goldsboro.

She was a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband, John H. Rankin of Rankin; one son, Billy J. Rankin of Bangs; one daughter, Betty J. Lester of Spring; two sisters, Joyce Burkhead of Natchitoches, La., and Diane Bosson of Florida; three brothers, Cecil Franklin of Tampa, Fla., James Franklin of Arry, N.M., and Jesse Franklin of Hope, Ark.; and three grandchildren.

Elmo Tobias

HUMBLE — Elmo Dwayne Tobias, 77, of Humble, husband of Midlander Pauline "Polly" Tobias died Saturday, Nov. 29.

Services were Tuesday, Dec. 2, at Rosewood Memorial Park in Humble with the Rev. Jack Countyman officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Rosewood Funeral Home in Humble.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Virginia Turner.

Other survivors include a son, Andy M. Tobias of Houston; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Richard Turner

ODESSA—Richard C. Turner, 64, of Odessa, died Monday, Dec. 1, at an Albuquerque, N.M., hospital.

Services are to be 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at Crescent Park Baptist Church in Odessa with the

Rev. Johnny Dickerson officiating. Burial is to be 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at Roselawn Memorial Park in Denton under the direction of Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors in Odessa. Visitation is to be 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. today, Dec. 4, at the funeral home.

He was born Aug. 29, 1933, Silvertown.

He was president and owner of Arc Pressure Data Inc., in Odessa and Driftwood Ranch.

Survivors include his wife, Glenna Turner of Odessa; one son, Craig Turner of Weatherford; a daughter, Amy Turner of Dallas; his mother, Wilma J. Turner of Bokchito; a sister, Barbara Nicholson of Bokchito, Okla.; and two grandchildren.

Mary Pate

Mary Magdeene Pate, 79, died Wednesday, Dec. 3, at her Midland home.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home and Chapel.



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Meals on Wheels groundbreaking

Ground was broken Wednesday for the new Meals on Wheels kitchen behind the Community & Senior Services facility at 3301 Sinclair. The project includes building a 3,300-square-foot kitchen and remodeling the existing kitchen into office space for CSS. Meals on Wheels volunteers deliver meals daily to more than 420 senior citizens; CSS also prepares 160 meals daily for persons at Midland and Southeast senior centers and Casa de Amigos.

MPD: Three promotions latest in Police Department reshuffle

(From 1B)

Meanwhile, Urby — who also took on new responsibilities Monday — said the first days as the MPD's top cop have been all but relaxing. Aside from scheduling meetings with the department's command and civilian supervisors and city officials, Urby has been reviewing plans he made to bring the department into the next century.

"It's been hectic," he said. "(But) I want to talk to everyone and tell them who I am, and what they can expect from me," Urby said. "I assure everyone that I will work hard to provide quality leadership."

Urby noted that other meetings with the MPD staff will continue throughout the rest of the week.

RIVER: Bonilla finding 'boogey bears' to fear in plan, official says

(From 1B)

sure, Bonilla said.

"It started out as a nice, warm and fuzzy idea," Bonilla said, but the measure could be a "threat to property rights."

Bonilla and Van Eman said that provisions in the plan could strip property owners of the right to use their land, comparing it to the impact of endangered species legislation on ranching and oil and gas exploration in some areas.

Calhoun pointed out, however, that any member of Congress can veto the initiative for their district. Any lawmaker can block the initiative, even going against local governments within the legislator's district.

"He's been coming up with all

these boogey-bears to be afraid of," Calhoun said of Bonilla's campaign against the AHRI.

He admitted, however, that state agencies are supporting the plan as an effort to protect the state's natural resources.

"We're in the natural resource business," Calhoun said.

"The administration talks about protecting private property rights under this plan, but many Texans are leery of the AHRI's real impact when the administration also talks about protecting a river's watershed — which includes all of a river's tributaries — and setting up wildlife corridors," Bonilla said.

"Without clear answers to our questions, this plan seems ripe for abuse," Bonilla said.

Commissioner files lawsuit to block bank merger

■ NationsBank wants to merge its Texas operations with its parent bank in North Carolina, despite a Texas ban on interstate banking.

Associated Press

HOUSTON — The state's top banking regulator has filed suit to keep NationsBank from getting around Texas' ban on interstate banking.

State Banking Commissioner Catherine A. Ghiglieri said Tuesday she has asked a federal judge in Dallas to prevent NationsBank

from completing a merger of its Texas operations with the parent bank in Charlotte, N.C., and to declare such a merger to be a violation of state and federal laws.

NationsBank, the largest financial institution in Texas, asked the federal Office of the Comptroller of the Currency in October for permission to merge its small El Paso-area bank, Sun World, into the parent institution.

That would set the stage for the merger of NationsBank Texas into the parent bank as well because Sun World has offices in both Texas and New Mexico.

The North Carolina-based bank is taking advantage of a recent change in a 130-year-old federal

law that allowed banks to move their headquarters 30 miles. The law originally didn't account for moves that crossed state lines, but a recent change by Congress did.

The comptroller of the currency used the change in the old law to allow NationsBank's Sun World unit to move its headquarters from El Paso to neighboring Santa Teresa, N.M., while keeping its branches in El Paso.

The moves were initially blocked by federal judges in El Paso and Texarkana, but the 5th

U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned the rulings, clearing the way for NationsBank to revive its application.

The completion of the maneuver by NationsBank could be the death knell for Texas' efforts to prevent interstate bank branches within its borders, banking industry observers say.

Texas' ban on interstate banking expires in 1999, and the Texas Legislature has indicated it will reconsider the legislation in the next session.

SKY: Planetarium to host viewings on second Friday in December

(From 1B)

binoculars are needed to spot Uranus and Neptune and Mercury will be difficult to spot because it's low on the horizon and faint, Schmidt said.

Venus will be shining brightest, he said, and its close companion to the southwest, Mars, is identifiable by its reddish color. Jupiter can be found 15 degrees further east high in the southern sky and Saturn will be rising in the east at sunset.

"Jupiter is a great object to see with binoculars because you can also see three or four of its largest moons," Schmidt said. "The Galilean satellites, the moons discovered by Galileo, are easily visible with plain handheld binoculars. They'll look like they're in a straight line, which is an effect of our perspective."

He said the planets will only

appear to be lined up from west to east. "If you imagine the planets in orbit around the sun, they orbit in roughly circular paths and because Earth orbits in the same plane, we see that plane as a straight line across the sky. It's a plane called an ecliptic — the path the sun, moon and planets take across the sky."

He added that the planets' positions will vary somewhat from night to night.

The planetarium is to host telescope viewings the second Friday of the month after its 8 p.m. show, "The Mars Show," behind the planetarium in Haley Park and with weather permitting.

Schmidt said that the planetarium will debut a new public show on Jan. 23 called "Seeing the Invisible Universe" and expand its telescope viewing to each Friday of the month.

TRIAL: Defendant claimed he never thought actions wrong

(From 1B)

convinced that Natividad was a novice at drug dealing. "I suggest to you that he knew what he was doing."

Frost suggested it would be highly unusual for someone who had never been involved in the drug trade to be able to locate that quantity of marijuana.

Natividad was arrested March 1, 1996, outside of the Holiday Inn in Midland where he drove a Suburban containing the marijuana to meet an undercover narcotics officer who was making the buy.

Also arrested in connection with the drug deal were brothers Rene and Julian Carrasco of Odessa. Both Carrascos are currently fugitives believed to be in Mexico.

"If he knew nothing about the drug trade, how did he know Carrasco?" Frost said.

Frost told jurors they had a

"unique opportunity" to send a message to the community about drugs. "I suggest you decide what message you want to send the community."

After the sentencing, Frost expressed surprise at the jury's verdict. "I was expecting, and had asked for, prison time," he said. "One hundred pounds is a big drug case for Midland."

He said that testimony had indicated Natividad was well-connected in the drug community. "Anyone dealing drugs is as big a danger to the community as someone wielding a weapon. It is not a victimless crime."

Frost added, "This is the only case I've ever prosecuted where someone has not gotten prison time for delivery, but we live with what the jury does."

Leahy characterized the verdict as, "a very just outcome."

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Waco

By Jen Sano

Waco Tribune-

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Waco student pursues interest in politics working as House page

By Jen Sansbury
Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO, Texas — Bill Haliburton, a Waco High junior in exile in Washington, D.C., gets up about 5:30 a.m. to dress, eat breakfast and get to school at the Library of Congress while it's still dark outside.

"You see the sun rising over the Capitol and it just takes your breath away," Haliburton said. "I'm in school when most of my friends here in Waco are still asleep."

The tuba player missed marching season this fall. Though he took a trombone to D.C. for practice, he's been too busy watching congressmen play politics to play any tunes.

Haliburton works as one of 63 pages in the U.S. House of Representatives, one of only 10 pages nominated by Democrats and one of only five who are black.

"When you run for an office, you're there to do a job for your community and your country. I saw this as an experience to learn the inner workings of Congress,"

said Haliburton during a visit back to Waco for Thanksgiving.

Haliburton is the son of William F. and Natividad Haliburton of Waco. The 16-year-old applied for the job through McLennan County Commissioner Lester Gibson's office. He is the first page Rep. Chet Edwards, D-Waco, in office since 1991, has ever sponsored. Legislators get that opportunity on a seniority basis.

"I just think it's so important for young people to take an interest in politics and making our government better that I am thrilled when I find students who are interested in the political process," Edwards said.

The Office of the Clerk runs the 200-year-old page program. Pages run messages and packages between offices, take flags to be flown over the Capitol for people who request them, work at the desk in the back of the House floor or work in the cloakrooms adjacent to it where members await votes and take breaks during the session.

"You do lots of walking," said Haliburton, adding that the job has helped him shed some weight.

Until the first session of the 105th Congress ended Nov. 13, Haliburton was a Democratic Cloakroom page, responsible for getting messages to representatives on the floor and keeping them posted on goings on.

"We'll have information on when's the next vote, when's the last vote, what they're talking about, what's the schedule for the week," he said. "Sometimes it was like a drag when there's nothing but talking, but then you have those exciting nights when they're trying to get things passed."

He said the latest he has stayed at work was about 2 a.m. one night near the end of the session.

Haliburton starts his days early with Spanish, computer science, math, English and U.S. history classes. Before Congress recessed, classes were sometimes as short as 15 minutes because the pages had to get to the House for work. He tried

to squeeze in homework after representatives adjourned for the night.

Haliburton rattles off names of congressmen like it's become second nature and shows off a handbook with some autographs he's collected. He said he has met many legislators he admires, including Democrats Eddie Bernice Johnson of Dallas, Maxine Waters of California, Patrick Kennedy of Rhode Island and Joseph P. Kennedy II of Massachusetts as well as Republican J.C. Watts of Oklahoma.

But he was most impressed with meeting Rep. John Lewis, D-Georgia, who worked with Martin Luther King Jr. and was the opening speaker for King's "I Have a Dream" speech.

"It feels amazing. It's great to know these people," he said. "I hope to remember everything. I keep a journal."

Haliburton said he thinks the experience he's having and the things he's learning about politics will eventually come in handy.

"I'm hoping to get a business degree and

probably 20 years down the road run for office," Haliburton said. "I'd start small — county commissioner or state legislator — and work my way up. ... Seeing here what these men and women do showed me this country is a great country and you can get stuff done if you plan it well and debate it well."

William F. Haliburton said he thinks his son may be destined for a political life. In fact, his son was named after William Wayne Justice, a federal judge from East Texas.

"I guess deep down inside, I wanted to see my son follow in that type of leadership role," the elder Haliburton said.

Edwards said Bill Haliburton will get a rare opportunity to stay long enough to see President Clinton's State of the Union address Jan. 27 before returning to Waco.

In the meantime, he's still got a bit of sightseeing to do. Edwards is expecting a full report when he gets back to Washington in January.

Bexar County grand jury indicts man in Florida slaying of quadruplets' mother

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A man accused of murder conspiracy in the slaying of a Florida mother of quadruplets was charged Wednesday in Texas with hiring his cousin to commit the crime.

Samuel Gonzales, 27, went to court for what was expected to be a brief extradition hearing that would have sent him to Sarasota, Fla., to face a conspiracy trial in the shooting death of Sheila Bellush.

But a judge stunned Gonzales, his attorneys and courtroom spectators by announcing the murder-for-hire indictment against Gonzales handed up by a grand jury in San Antonio.

The indictment alleges Gonzales hired his cousin, Jose Luis Del

Toro, on Nov. 4 to travel to Florida to kill Mrs. Bellush, a 35-year-old mother of six children including toddler quadruplets.

Mrs. Bellush was shot to death in her Florida home Nov. 7. Her four toddlers were found nearby in her blood, though not physically harmed.

Gonzales is a former employee at a San Antonio golf course where Daniel Rocha, another man arrested in the case, played golf with Mrs. Bellush's ex-husband, Allen Blackthorne.

Blackthorne has not been charged with any crime. His attorney, Roy Barrera Jr., said again Wednesday his client has not been implicated in Mrs. Bellush's death.

Gonzales' lawyer, James McHazzett, said his client was shocked by the Texas indictment, which charges him with solicitation of capital murder. The charge doesn't state how much money was alleged to have been offered.

"We didn't have any idea," McHazzett said after the indictment was issued. "We're just going to step back and evaluate our position now and prepare for war."

If convicted, Gonzales could face from five to 99 years or life in prison.

Now the extradition of Gonzales to Florida is on hold.

Bexar County District Attorney Steve Hilbig said the impending extradition was a factor in the tim-

ing of the indictment. The investigation into Mrs. Bellush's death is centering on San Antonio, and it is important to have Gonzales here as the investigation proceeds, he said.

Hilbig would not comment on whether other charges were likely.

The Texas Rangers, who have been investigating the killing in cooperation with Florida authorities, had arrested Gonzales and Rocha, 29, on Nov. 17 on charges out of Florida alleging conspiracy to commit murder. Both men since have been held in the Bexar County Jail.

Del Toro, 21, is charged in a Florida warrant with first-degree murder and remains jailed in

Mexico, where he was arrested Nov. 20. Mexican authorities have said they won't agree to his extradition to the United States without assurances that he would be spared the death penalty if convicted.

Mexico does not have capital punishment.

Hilbig said he is committed to helping Florida prosecutors obtain

a death sentence in the case if it is deemed appropriate.

"If they believe that a capital murder was committed down there and they have sufficient evidence to convict someone of that and they want to try to kill someone in terms of assessing the death penalty, then I'm going to do everything I can to help them," the district attorney said.

Death sentence upheld for woman convicted in baby-sitting murder

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals on Wednesday upheld the death sentences of two Texans and rejected another appeal from Johnny Paul Penry, who's case made it possible for jurors to consider capital murder defendants' background during sentencing.

Penry has been on death row since 1980 after being convicted in the 1979 rape-slaying of Livingston housewife Pamela Moseley Carpenter.

Mrs. Carpenter was the sister of former Washington Redskins kicker Mark Moseley.

Penry came within hours of execution in 1986 before receiving a stay from the U.S. Supreme Court. The court vacated his death sentence in 1988, saying jurors should have been told Penry was mentally retarded before it considered his punishment.

Penry later was retried and resentenced to death in 1990. That conviction and sentence was

upheld in 1995.

In his latest appeal, Penry asked the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, the state's highest appeals court for criminal cases,

to reconsider the 1990 conviction and sentence, saying there was not enough evidence for either.

The court, without comment, rejected his argument.

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The CAPER may be examined at the following locations:
City Secretary's Office -- Room 340, City Hall, 300 N. Loreaine
Midland County Public Library -- 301 W. Missouri
Midland Centennial Branch Library -- 4511 N. Midkiff Road
Casa de Amigos -- 1101 E. Garden Lane
SE Community Senior Center -- 1803 E. Indiana

An executive summary is available on the Internet at www.basinlink.com/midland under the CDBG annual report button.

Please direct any written comments to the City's Community Development Office at P.O. Box 1152, Midland, Texas, 79702, by December 19, 1997. After any appropriate revisions and inclusion of a citizen comment section to the CAPER, it will be submitted by December 29, 1997 to HUD. The final report will be available at the City Secretary's Office.

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Clinton debates merits of affirmative action at forum

Stewart M. Powell
Hearst News Service

AKRON, Ohio — President Clinton and a prominent author debated Wednesday whether affirmative action programs for minorities and women were necessary, with Clinton arguing that such programs helped Colin Powell's career and the critic attacking them as "preferences."

The exchange with critic Abigail Thernstrom came during the first of a series of talk-show style "town meetings" that Clinton is arranging to help promote his plan to improve race relations.

The impromptu debate before an audience of 2,000 people at the University of Akron was Clinton's first public encounter with an opponent of affirmative action — the controversial system of race- and gender-preferences in hiring, promotion and contracting that was developed to redress discrimination.

Clinton was vowed to try to "mend, not end" the preference programs.

Thernstrom, co-author of "America in Black and White: One Nation Indivisible," was the lone critic of affirmative action on a six-person panel at the session. She argued that affirmative action was unnecessary because minorities' economic progress since World War II shows that "America is outgrowing its racial past."

Near the end of two hours of generally tepid exchanges, Clinton resorted to a device used by talk show hosts, asking members of the audience to voice their opinion with applause.

"How many of you believe we should continue some sort of affirmative action policy with regard to admissions to colleges and universities?" Clinton asked.

Applause swelled from the audience.

Clinton: "OK, how many of you don't believe we should?"

Silence.

Thernstrom injected: "Change it to preferences," adding that Americans "don't believe in preferences."

Clinton: "Abigail, do you favor the United States Army abolishing the affirmative action program that produced Colin Powell — yes or no? (Applause.) I get asked all these hard questions all the time. I want to do it."

Thernstrom: "I do not think that it is racial preferences that made Colin Powell."

Clinton: "He thinks he was helped by it."

Thernstrom: "The overwhelming majority of Americans want American citizens to be treated as individuals."

Clinton: "Should we abolish the Army's affirmative action program? Yes or no?"

Thernstrom demurred, praising the Army's effort to prepare minorities to "compete equally" for promotions.

"Let us have real equality of education," she argued. "These preferences disguise the problem. The real problem is the racial skills gap and we ignore it."

Powell, the son of Jamaican immigrants, rose to the rank of four-star general during a 35-year career and served as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff before retiring in 1993.

Later, White House Press Secretary Mike McCurry said Clinton had a "good discussion" with Thernstrom about the Army's affirmative action program after the session concluded. The pair touched upon

"the question that the president used provocatively, I think, to try to get some sparks going during the town hall," McCurry said.

Thernstrom has "a very clear point of view" against affirmative action, McCurry said, adding: "The purpose of the discussion was not to change minds but to understand people's thinking better."

Clinton vowed during his appearance to design an economics-based "affirmative opportunity agenda" that crosses racial lines to help disadvantaged minorities.

The problems afflicting minorities are "problems of economic and educational opportunity that they share with people who aren't in their ethnic group," Clinton said. "What we really need is an affirmative opportunity agenda to create more jobs for all the disadvantaged, create more educational opportunities for everybody."

Clinton said if federal government can develop a "class-based affirmative opportunity agenda that is not race-based," it could win support from the majority of Americans.

"Politically and substantively you help more people by having an economic basis for social policy," Clinton said.

Clinton added the creation of "education opportunity zones," modeled after economic development zones, to target assistance for minorities.

Clinton said he would provide attractive financial incentives for up to 25 inner city school districts to adopt dramatic reforms to bolster education for minorities, including shutting substandard schools and firing sub-par teachers.

Clinton had earlier unveiled proposals to encourage teachers to take jobs in inner city schools and to step up enforcement efforts to halt housing discrimination.

Clinton said the Akron session — his first town hall-style meeting on the race initiative — was an attempt to "drop a pebble in the pond and have it reverberate all across the country."

Groups at 96 sites in 33 states watched the C-SPAN cablecast of the forum and planned to have local conferences about the issue.

Clinton, after inviting his audience to get their private attitudes "out on the table and deal with them," praised Jonathan Morgan, 22, a white University of Akron student, who admitted that the sight of a poorly dressed black man on a street still makes him "a little bit scared."

Clinton replied: "That's a pretty gutsy thing for you to admit. But that's the kind of thing we have to get out on the table."

Clinton's appearance was designed in part to allay criticism that his program to improve race relations has not included critics of affirmative action.

Historian John Hope Franklin, chairman of the president's Race Advisory Board, failed to invite critics of affirmative action to a panel meeting at the University of Maryland on Nov. 19, provoking a storm of criticism from prominent Republicans, including House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga.

Franklin said he did not invite critics, such as Ward Connerly, chairman of California's Board of Regents and the architect of California's anti-affirmative action referendum. "I'm not sure what Mr. Connerly could contribute," Franklin said.

White House Communications Director Ann Lewis said on Tuesday that the White House has to "do a better job of talking to the board and saying we do want open discussion."

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Kaczynski's journey

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Theodore Kaczynski began his 1,100-mile journey from Montana to the federal prison at Alcatraz, Calif., on Monday.

The flighted trip was a 10-by-12-by-13-foot Malmstrom Air Force Base plane.

Officials would not say how long the journey would take, but it was to arrive in San Francisco on Tuesday.

The cabin was loaded Tuesday where it has been last year.

The defense is moving Kaczynski to a new jail, which was former Air Force base.

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Kaczynski's cabin begins journey to California trial

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—Theodore Kaczynski's cabin began its 1,100-mile trip by truck from Montana today to be introduced by attorneys for the Unabomber suspect as evidence of his mental illness.

The flatbed truck carrying the 10-by-12-by-13-foot shack left Malmstrom Air Force Base near Great Falls shortly before dawn. Officials would not say when it was to arrive in Sacramento, but defense attorneys predicted the journey would take three days.

The cabin was wrapped and loaded Tuesday at Malmstrom, where it has been stored since last year.

The defense is paying for the move. Kaczynski's attorneys want jurors to walk inside the shack, which will be stored at a former Air Force base, as part of the effort to show that Kaczynski suffers from mental illness.

"You've got to see this cabin to understand the way this man lived," defense lawyer Quin Denz said outside court Tuesday.

FBI agents raided the shack outside Lincoln, Mont., in April 1996 when they tracked Kaczynski down after getting a tip from his brother. They found evidence they contend proves Kaczynski is the Unabomber, including writings and bomb components.

On Tuesday, experts said Kaczynski's mental illness defense may falter if he doesn't agree to undergo neurological exams.

U.S. District Judge Garland Burrell Jr. has warned that unless Kaczynski agrees to the tests, psychiatric witnesses will likely be limited to interpreting

the defendant's writings once testimony begins.

Experts said Tuesday that the writings alone are insufficient to prove that the math professor-turned-hermit is a paranoid schizophrenic, as the defense contends.

"I couldn't and wouldn't make a diagnosis that way," said Dr. Eugene Schoenfeld, a San Francisco-area forensic psychiatrist.

"It's not the best way to do it," added Paul Mattiuzzi, a forensic psychologist who works in Sacramento courts and the state prison system. "There's a real good chance you would not have enough information."

The issue of Kaczynski's mental health is the key to his defense, which will question whether he had legal intent to commit the Unabomber crimes. It is also key to avoiding the death penalty if he is convicted.

Prosecutors said government doctors were willing to submit questions for Kaczynski to answer in writing, or interview him by phone. The defendant refused both proposals. He was briefly examined by defense psychiatrists, but they said he dismissed them once they began probing too far.

The government contends Kaczynski, 55, is the Unabomber, the anti-technology terrorist suspected in a string of bombings that killed three people and injured 29 between 1978 and 1995. He is charged here with four bombings that killed two Sacramento men and injured two others.

He has pleaded innocent to all charges.

White House holidays feel crunch of party debt

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — At the White House this Christmas, the Grinch is a Democrat — the whole Democratic Party.

With the Democratic National Committee struggling under millions of dollars of debt, President and Mrs. Clinton have pared their DNC-financed holiday party schedule from last year's 25 to 15 this season. Their guest list has shrunk by about 20 percent.

There was nary a "Bah humbug" uttered, though, as first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton gave reporters a sneak preview of the White House's holiday decorations Wednesday.

"We love parties. Who's counting?" she beamed from above a dangerously pointed, 3-inch Christmas tree brooch pinned at her throat.

She showed off the mansion's 23 Christmas trees, 224 wreaths, 486 feet of garland and 1,464 bows of burgundy, red and gold — all assembled and decorated with a "Santa's Workshop" theme by 60 volunteers in four days. White House employees have been planning for the season since mid-June.

The president lights the national Christmas tree on the Ellipse, south of the White House, on Thursday.

Mrs. Clinton said the extensive planning time came as the "biggest single shot I ever had," when the family first took over the White House in 1993. "I'd never been anyone who planned for Christmas much before mid-December, and then my husband and I would race around," she said.

Party invitations have not yet gone out to supporters, aides, reporters and dignitaries, but social secretary Capricia Marshall is already getting calls from people worried about being "down-sized" off the guest list. "We've had to cut



First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton unveils the 1997 White House holiday card during a press viewing of holiday decorations in Washington, Wednesday. Featuring a winter scene of the White House, the card is a reproduction of "White House Nocturne, South Lawn 1997" by Washington artist Kay Jackson.

back; it's expensive. There are constraints and we have to live with them," Marshall said.

Budget crunch or no, the White House was not decorated on the cheap, thanks to handmade ornaments specially donated by more than 600 needlepoint stitchers, glass artists, students and fashion designers.

Crowding the centerpiece tree, an 18 1/2-foot Fraser fir that scrapes the ceiling of the Blue Room, are miniature outfits for Santa and Mrs. Claus rendered by big-name designers.

From Oscar de la Renta, a personal favorite of Mrs. Clinton, there's a red plaid hunting jacket with toggle buttons and a shearling collar. The red-hot Tommy Hilfiger whipped up a red-white-and-blue ski jacket. Richard Tyler, a silver, lizardskin suit. "Some are a little over the top," observed Mrs. Clinton.

As for the red-velvet underwire bikini top and matching high-cut panty designed by Los Angeles' Robin Piccone, the first lady

promised: "Mrs. Claus is going to start her diet right after Christmas."

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She might skip, then, the traditional gingerbread house, an elevator-equipped Victorian toy workshop of 80 pounds of gingerbread, 40 pounds of chocolate and 10 pounds of marzipan.

On the roof, Santa and the family cat, Socks, conspire in the reindeer-drawn sleigh. "Santa's talking on the sleigh phone to President Clinton, asking permission to use Socks to give him a hand," said pastry chef Roland Mesnier.

The Clintons' family tree won't go up until a few days before Christmas, after Chelsea is home from Stanford University. "We won't do it without her," Mrs. Clinton said.

There's no time to waste addressing those Christmas cards, a reproduction this year of Washington artist Kay Jackson's "White House Nocturne, South Lawn 1997." With the DNC picking up the tab, the Clintons are expected to send the cards to some 300,000 families.

Half of Amazon is ready to go up in smoke, study says

At least half of the Amazon rain forest is a tinderbox ready to go up in smoke, raising the specter of an ecological disaster that may wipe out the world's largest wilderness.

About 12 percent of the 2 million-square-mile jungle is already gone, and burning has been so intense in recent months that a lake caught fire and people in jungle cities are being treated for respiratory ailments.

And now, a new seven-year study suggests the burning may get much worse: The rain forest — even at its pristine core — is dangerously dry and flammable because of logging, deliberate burning around its edges and El Nino. The Associated Press obtained the research this week.

In one test in October, American and Brazilian scientists threw a match on kerosene that had been sprinkled in a small parcel of undisturbed jungle in Paragominas in the eastern Amazon. Normally the moist vegetation wouldn't catch.

But this time, 300 acres went up in flames.

"We're on the edge of a catastrophe," said Daniel Nepstad, a scientist for the Woods Hole Research Center, a Massachusetts-based institute that conducted the research at five test sites across the Brazilian rain forest.

"A lot of the Amazon has lost its capacity to protect itself from fire.

When the forest is this dry, small fires can turn into giant ones and take off into primary forests."

Steve Schwartzman, director of the Environmental Defense Fund, said the research shows that the danger to the rain forest "has been taken to another level."

"Suddenly, it's gone from a slow, incremental process of cutting virgin rain forest to a potentially catastrophic situation," he said.

The alarm comes as representatives from more than 150 nations gather in Kyoto, Japan in hopes of finding solutions to global warming, which some scientists say is worsened by the burning of rain forests.

Tropical forests absorb large amounts of carbon dioxide, one of the gases that traps solar heat and is thought to increase global warming. Also, the burning adds to the atmosphere's carbon accumulation.

And this year, the Amazon and other rain forests have been scorched like never before. Burning of Indonesian forests has released as much carbon in 1997 as all fossil fuel emissions in Europe.

"If you put Indonesian burning and Amazon burning together, you'd see that more of the world was on fire in 1997 than ever in recorded history," said Thomas Lovejoy, an ecological consultant at the Smithsonian Institution in

Washington.

Philip Fearnside, an American scientist at Brazil's National Institute for Amazon Research in Manaus, said burning half of the Amazon would release 35 billion tons of carbon into the atmosphere — the equivalent of 6 years' worth of worldwide fossil fuel emissions.

"That'll turn up global warming a notch," he said.

The Woods Hole research is the first hard evidence that suggests the Indonesia scenario may soon be repeated across the Amazon.

In October, researchers dug 35-foot shafts into the clay soil of unlogged Brazilian rain forest at five different sites. Several years earlier, they had struck water deposits thick at that depth. This time, nothing.

Next, scientists tested the forests with kerosene and matches. "All of the fires just took off," said Nepstad.

That wouldn't have happened if trees had deep-soil water "pools" to tap, said Nepstad. Normally, trees suck up the underground water through their roots and pump vapor out through their leaves. That saturates the atmosphere and triggers rain.

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Astronauts hit 'home run' with floating eyeball

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A spacewalking astronaut tossed out a robotic camera Wednesday and then leaned back and watched with delight as the ball soared 40 feet above space shuttle Columbia on its own.

The white sphere — about the size of a beach ball — flitted above and about Columbia's open cargo bay for more than an hour in the first test of its kind. All the while, it beamed down dizzying TV views of the shuttle from nose to tail back to nose, upside down and rightside up.

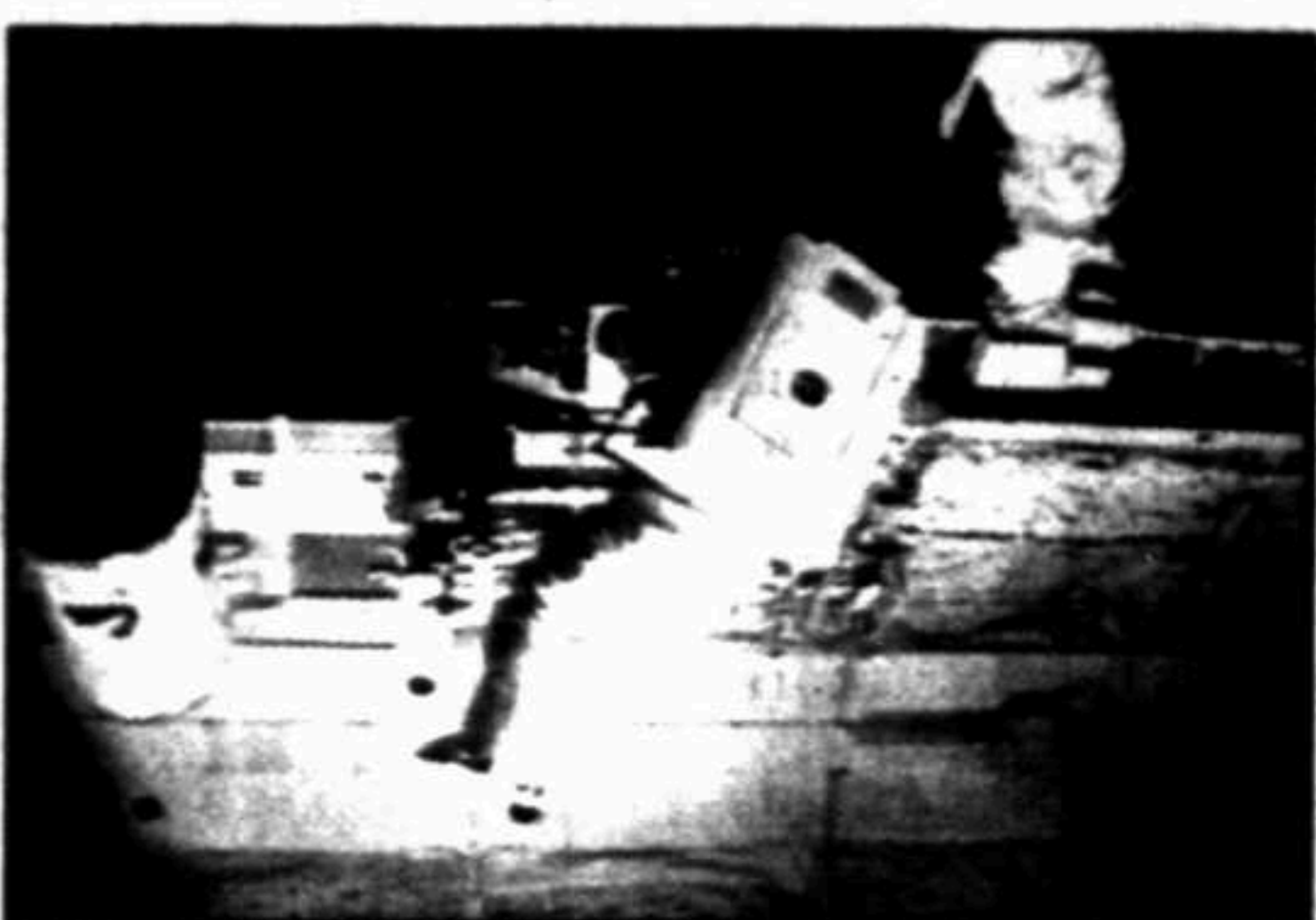
As soon as spacewalker Winston Scott got his gloved hands back on the roaming eye, its remote-control operator announced "a home run."

"I think we've got a real winner here," pilot Steven Lindsey reported from the cockpit. "It flew even better than I expected. We're real pleased."

The debut of NASA's so-called AerCam Sprint was a warm-up for the soon-to-be-built international space station. Engineers say an even smarter and more self-sufficient model could inspect the outer fringes of the station and thereby reduce the amount of spacewalks needed.

"Having this kind of floating eyeball in our hip pocket available when we need it for the space station is going to be, I expect, worth its weight in gold over the next few years," said Gregory Harbaugh, acting manager of NASA's spacewalks project.

The \$3 million, free-flying camera, padded for protection and equipped with tiny nitrogen thrusters and a floodlight, was supposed to be



This image from television of Japanese astronaut Takao Doi was taken by a remotely guided camera the size of a basketball being flown above the payload bay of the space shuttle Columbia Wednesday. The camera, called AerCam, is being tested with other tools that may be used to build the international space station.

released during a spacewalk last week. Scott and his Japanese spacewalking partner, Takao Doi, had to skip the experiment, however, in order to catch a runaway science satellite. They also didn't have enough time to thoroughly test a station-building crane.

Late Monday, Mission Control added a second spacewalk so everything could be accomplished. The five-hour outing was NASA's last until construction begins next summer on the international space station.

Before AerCam Sprint could be set loose, Scott and Doi had to wrap up work with the extendible, 17 1/2-foot crane, a prototype of what is supposed to be launched to the international station late next year.

Scott had trouble during the first spacewalk latching a 350-pound box onto the end of the crane. This time, he used a 50-pound wheel designed to hold electrical cable and had better luck.

He repeatedly latched the wheel down using a variety of techniques. Each way worked. "That was good. I'd give it an A," Scott said. He stressed, however, that the techniques might not work for large objects.

Harbaugh acknowledged that NASA might have to alter the crane or methods to handle big items on the international space station.

It was the ball, rather than the crane, that captured the crew's fancy.

"It's not center field with the Yankees, but it's the next best thing," commander Kevin Kregel said as spacewalk preparations got under way late Tuesday.

Scott let go of the ball as Columbia sped over the Atlantic Ocean on its 220th swing around the world. "Here we go," he called out.

Lindsey immediately took control, using a joystick inside the cockpit to move the 35-pound sphere at a safe 3 inches per second. He briefly lost the TV images and had to rely on out-the-window views.

"Make sure you guys are taping it for us," Lindsey urged Mission Control.

Au pair appeal sent to full state supreme court

BOSTON (AP) — Louise Woodward smiled and giggled at a hearing Wednesday when a judge sent the prosecution's appeal in her case to the full state supreme court and declined to order the British au pair back to prison for the death of an 8-month-old boy.

Justice Ruth Abrams said the appeal could be presented to the entire seven-member Supreme Judicial Court in March, bypassing the lower Appeals Court.

It was the latest turn in the case in which a jury convicted Ms. Woodward on Oct. 30 of second-degree murder in the shaking death of Matthew Eappen. The verdict was reduced to manslaughter two weeks later by the presiding judge in the case, Superior Court Judge Hiller B. Zobel, and Ms. Woodward was released.

Abrams' action means separate appeals from the prosecution and defense, which wants Ms. Woodward exonerated, will be consolidated into a single case. The defense opposed bypassing

the Appeals Court.

Abrams could have refused to consider the case, sending prosecutors back to the Appeals Court immediately. Or she could have stayed Zobel's order, returning Ms. Woodward to prison, as the prosecution had requested.

Both sides claimed victory.

"We believe it indicates their willingness to make the inquiry we asked, whether there was in fact an arbitrary and capricious action by the trial court," prosecutor Martha Coakley said.

Defense attorney Harvey Silverglate said: "The reason the court expedited the case is so she doesn't have to stay here any longer than necessary." Ms. Woodward has been ordered not to leave the state.

Ms. Woodward giggled and chatted with attorneys in the courtroom. Occasionally, she smiled and, at one point, waved to someone in the gallery.

"I've seen Louise blossom since she's been released," said defense attorney Elaine Whitfield

Sharp. "She sings. She's happy. She's doing very well."

Several supporters stood outside the courthouse holding signs that said "Louise is innocent" and "Justice for Louise."

Prosecutors argue that Zobel exceeded his authority by composing his own theory to explain the baby's death, a theory neither the prosecution nor defense had

suggested at her trial. He had said that she might have fatally injured the child in frustration but not with malice.

Prosecutors said the judge made several other mistakes, including changing the sentence without regard to state guidelines that recommend a three- to five-year prison term for involuntary manslaughter.

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Court to sue

John Caher
New York Times

ALBANY, N.Y. — A judge in New York's highest court has ruled that the estate of a man who was brutally murdered can sue his wife's family for \$1 million.

The ruling means that the family of a person who is held liable, a pre-condition of a lawsuit, is not a requirement of the decision. The decision is a reaffirmation of a precedent set in 1984.

"One of the orders of protection don't mean very much," said Patti Jo Newell, a spokeswoman for the State Coalition Against Violence. "This will send an important message to law enforcement agencies that they are expected to enforce the law."

On the other hand, may put police departments in a bind. If they make a move against a person in violation of an order, they could be sued. They don't, they said, Peter Swiggett, assistant attorney general for the state of New York.

Mayer said that the lower court of appeal prior to the ruling said it was unclear if they are supposed to be in violation of the law. In light of Tuesday's ruling, the court will continue to hear the case. People allege that the protection have been violated. "It is not a thing to do, and being done and done."

The 7-0 ruling turned a lower court decision from 1985, death of Swiggett in Suffolk County. Swiggett had a protection order against his estranged husband, known as "Crazy" and any contact with children and other

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Court allows victim's estate to sue police for \$10 million

John Caher
New York Times Service

ALBANY, N.Y. — In a decision that maintains the muscle behind an order of protection, New York's highest court has ruled that the estate of a woman who was brutally murdered by her husband can sue the police for \$10 million.

The ruling means that, in some cases, police who neglect to enforce a protection order can be held liable, a precedent the Court of Appeals had set previously.

The decision reached Tuesday reaffirms, and possibly expands, that precedent, observers said.

"One of the problems with orders of protection is they often don't mean very much," said Patti Jo Newell, public information officer for the New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence. "This kind of decision will send an important message to law enforcement that they are expected ... to honor these court-issued orders."

On the other hand, the decision may put police officers and police departments in a precarious position: If they make a pre-emptive move against a person who may be in violation of a protective order, they could get sued; if they don't, they also could get sued, said Peter H. Mayer, an assistant attorney for the Long Island county of Suffolk.

Mayer said the police had followed all procedures outlined in prior Court of Appeals opinions. He said it is unclear exactly what they are supposed to do differently in light of Tuesday's decision.

"Suffolk County always has and will continue to respond when people allege that orders of protection have been violated," Mayer said. "It is no less than the right thing to do, and that is what is being done and will continue to be done."

The 7-0 ruling, which overturned a lower court decision, stemmed from the tragic Sept. 5, 1985, death of Adell Parker Swiggett in Suffolk County.

Swiggett had obtained an order of protection that forbade her estranged husband, Anthony, also known as "Crazy Cat," from having any contact with her or her children and ordered him to stay

away from their Central Islip home, according to court records.

On the night of Sept. 5, 1985, Swiggett called 911 and told authorities that her husband had entered her home and thrown her furniture into the yard.

The Suffolk County police responded to the call, noticed furniture outside the residence and found Anthony Swiggett, with alcohol on his breath, at the house next door. However, they could find no one, including Adell, who had actually seen Anthony remove the furniture. After checking with their superiors, the officers decided there was no basis for which to arrest Anthony Swiggett, according to court records.

Adell, informed that her estranged husband would not be arrested, began crying and told the police that she feared Anthony, records show. The police remained with Adell for over an hour, but left around 10:25 p.m. to respond to another call.

At 10:54 p.m., the police were summoned back to Adell's home; she had been stabbed repeatedly and subsequently died of the wounds.

Anthony, who was found nearby covered with blood and carrying the protective order in his pocket, was convicted of manslaughter. The administrator of Adell's estate sued Suffolk County and its Police Department for failing to protect the woman.

Ordinarily, the police cannot be held liable for failing to prevent a crime.

However, the police are liable if there exists what is known as a "special relationship" between the victim and the municipality. Generally, that means the police are liable only when they directly or indirectly promise to protect an individual, and the individual relies on that pledge to his or her detriment.

In the Swiggett case, the court unanimously held that the "mere existence of an order of protection" does not establish the special citizen-government relationship necessary to sustain a lawsuit against a law enforcement agency, as it does in the states of Oregon and Washington.

Public questions use of food irradiation

New York Times Service

MULBERRY, Fla. — Five years ago, Harley Everett envisioned a burgeoning industry that would rid meats, fruits and vegetables of harmful bacteria by bathing them briefly in gamma rays. His company built an irradiation plant, tucked away on a dusty road in this phosphate mining town. But business is hardly thriving.

His plant remains the only one in the nation built solely to irradiate food. Down the hall from Everett's office on a recent day, behind 6-foot-thick concrete walls, slender rods of radioactive cobalt glowing ice blue waited uselessly in a deep pool of water. The plant was silent, its parking lot all but empty. There was no food to irradiate.

Everett, the executive vice president of Food Technology Service, said the plant irradiates a few items for people who cannot take a chance on food poisoning: poultry for hospital patients with weakened immune systems, all the food the astronauts eat. It treats some strawberries, in season, spices and a few potatoes and onions. That is about it.

But Everett is newly hopeful that the nation's long indifference to irradiation may be about to change. As politicians and the public grow increasingly alarmed by a new series of outbreaks of food poisoning, scientists and the food industry have renewed their search for a magic bullet.

Tuesday, the Food and Drug Administration approved the use of irradiation on red meat, the first step in the regulatory process that could allow beef companies to start using this tool by next summer.

Everyone agrees that Everett's system works, and irradiation is not expected to add more than a few pennies to the cost of a pound of ground beef at the largest meat plants. The meat industry lobbied hard for approval of it and some leading companies see it as the sure-fire way to eliminate any deadly E. coli O157: H7 bacteria and other new hazards from hamburgers and other popular foods.

But the public has shown little confidence in scientists' assurances that irradiated food is safe. There is almost no demand for irradiated chicken, fruits and vegetables, even though such products were approved years ago. One vocal consumer group, fanning fears about radiation hazards, has threatened to boycott any store that sells irradiated foods.

And the big question now is whether the recent outbreaks, dramatized by a huge recall of ham-

burgers at Hudson Foods last August, have convinced consumers that the dangers outweigh their fears about the cure.

As an incentive for processors and consumers, the Agriculture Department is considering allowing companies to label irradiated products as free of dangerous bacteria, said Dr. Daniel Engeljohn, who is writing final regulations on irradiation.

But even the nation's largest beef producer has reservations.

Although many scientists have said that irradiation does not cause significant changes in meat, the meat producer, IBP Inc., based in Dakota City, Neb., has found that the process slightly alters both the flavor and color of ground beef. Irradiation darkened the color of the meat and changed its taste in a "noticeable enough" way to cause concerns within the company, said Gary R. Mickelson, an IBP spokesman.

The company will need to test-market irradiated beef before deciding whether to adopt the process, Mickelson said, adding, "It will ultimately be up to the consumer to determine if it is acceptable."

Mark Klein, a spokesman for the nation's second-largest beef company, Excel Corporation, a subsidiary of Cargill Inc., said: "We're in favor of irradiation as an additional tool. And if the technology works, we will use it."

Irradiation has run into some practical problems with other

foods, especially with the most delicate fruits and vegetables, which can wilt under the doses needed to kill harmful bacteria.

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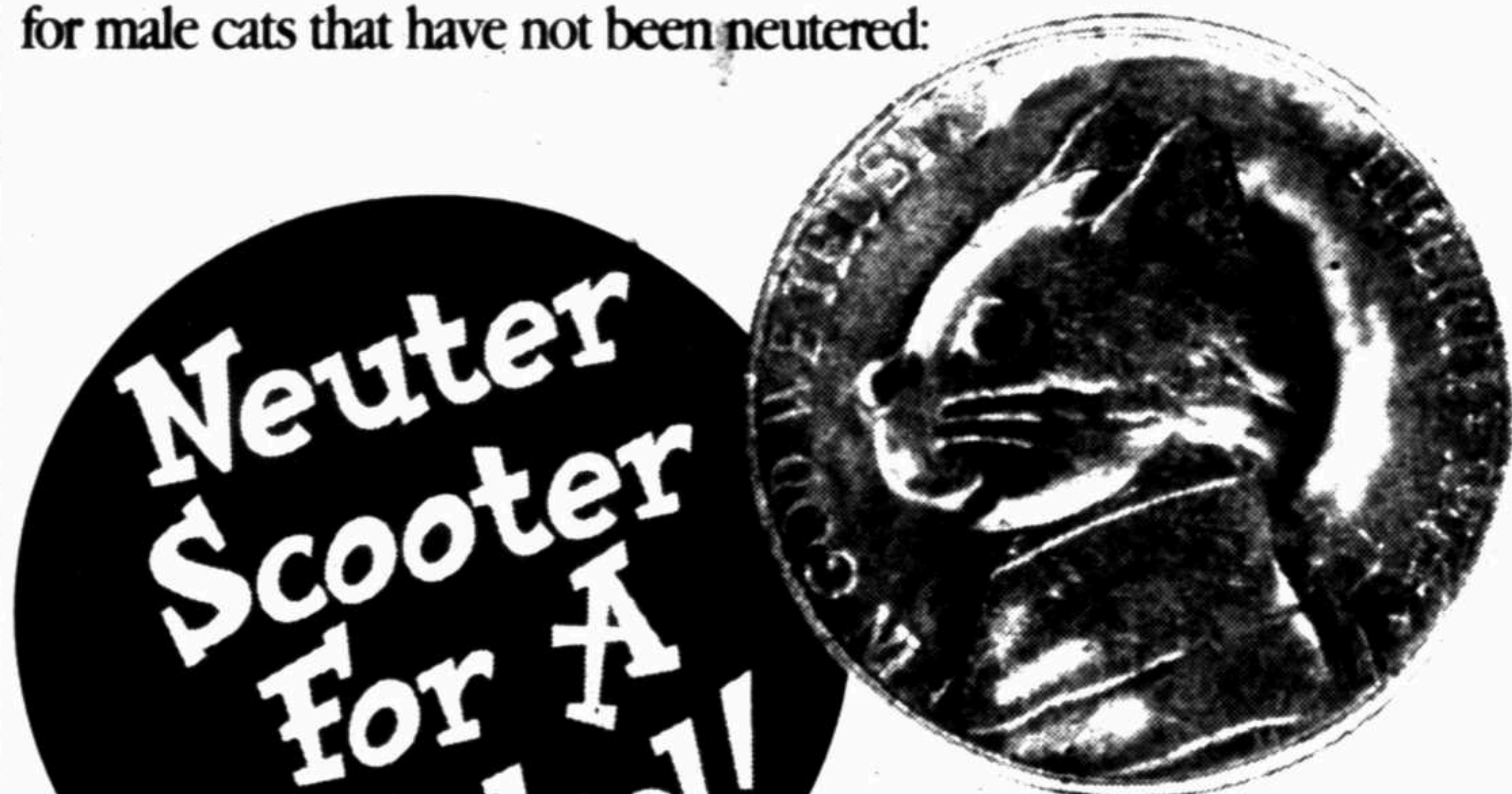
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Kentucky sheriff suggests shooter did not act alone

WEST PADUCAH, Ky. (AP) — The suspect in the shootings of eight students in a high school prayer circle might not have acted alone, the sheriff suggested today.

McCracken County Sheriff Frank Augustus said he had no proof of any plot, only a gut instinct. He said it was unusual that the boy had brought so many guns with him unless he was expecting some help from another student.

"I don't believe this boy planned this out by himself," Augustus said. "I believe there's someone else out there we need to talk to. I think it's another student," he said at a news conference.

"I may be totally out of whack here, but I believe there's someone else involved."

Augustus said earlier that the suspect had smuggled spare ammunition, two rifles and two shotguns into school inside a quilt. The sheriff has said the boy couldn't explain the shootings.

The 17-year-old senior praised for preventing even more bloodshed at Heath High School takes

little solace in his courage. Ben Strong wishes he had done more.

Eight students were shot, three fatally, before the gunman obeyed pleas from Strong to put down his pistol. The suspect was Strong's friend, a 14-year-old freshman identified by friends and others as Michael Carneal.

"Dad, I feel guilty," Strong told his father after Monday's shootings. "I didn't react quickly enough."

The Rev. Bobby Strong, glad his son was alive, answered: "Benjamin, I believe you did all that you could do."

Witnesses said Carneal, an unexceptional student with no known discipline problems, fired at least 10 shots from a handgun in the crowded school lobby minutes before classes started. The shots rang out just after about 35 students in an informal prayer group led by Strong said "amen."

Principal Bill Bond said the suspect told him he was sorry, and told a teacher who watched him until police arrived: "It was like I was in a dream, and I woke up."

Two students remained hospi-



A police officer stands watch over the parking lot at Heath High School in West Paducah, Ky., Wednesday morning, as flowers and a teddy bear adorn the school's sign. The school was the scene of Monday's killing of three students and wounding of five others by another student.

talized early today. Funeral services for Kayce Steger, 15, Jessica James, 17, and Nicole Hadley, 14 — will be held Friday.

Ann and John Carneal told their

minister, the Rev. Paul Donner, that they were stunned and couldn't explain what might have motivated their son to shoot the other students, who included some of his

closest friends.

The family declined to talk with reporters. Carneal's sister, a senior, did not attend classes Tuesday.

"They really feel very deeply for the whole community and the other families," said Donner, who baptized Carneal as an infant at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Donner also said Carneal — described by some as a self-proclaimed atheist and an occasional heckler of the prayer group — had been confirmed at church just last spring. Carneal, the minister said, is no atheist.

Carneal was charged as a juvenile with murder, attempted murder and burglary. Authorities said he stole the guns from a neighbor. He faces a hearing next Wednesday on whether the case should be moved to adult court.

The day after the shootings, counseling at the 600-student school took center stage. All but about 50 students returned to the same halls to mourn, lay flowers and silently pray again. Outside, a handwritten sign said, "We forgive you, Mike."

Counselors spent the morning talking with students, and teachers did their best to hold regular classes in the afternoon.

"There was very little being said. It was mainly quiet and kids praying," guidance counselor Allan Warford said. "It's a very somber scene inside ... We're going to be looking at long-term counseling for some of these students."

Some students wore white ribbons in honor of the fallen students. Others wept, hugged their classmates for support and wondered why their friends had died.

"This is going to go on for a long time," said Renelle Grubbs of the Kentucky Community Crisis Support Board in Frankfort, which sent counselors to the school. "This is not going to be over in a day or two."

Strong led Tuesday's prayer circle, just as he had 24 hours earlier.

"We had just a time of silence for everyone to reflect and pray," Strong said. "I told them God's the only thing we can turn to in a moment like this."

Increasing numbers of Americans leaving cities

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans aren't as restless as they used to be, and when they do move more are now heading to the countryside than to the cities.

The share of Americans relocating dropped to 16.3 percent in the year ending March 1996, the Census Bureau reported Wednesday.

Mobility, dropping steadily, is now well below the 1980s when more than one in five Americans moved every year. "I keep thinking pretty soon they're going to bottom out, but they don't," Kristin A. Hansen of the Census Bureau said.

Young people tend to move more than older folks but the decline is affecting all age groups, and so is not just a result of an aging population, Hansen said.

The report "Geographical Mobility, March 1995 to March 1996" also disclosed the nation's metropolitan areas are losing population, with a

quarter-million more people moving out than moving in. Declines in the central cities have been common as Americans headed for suburbs in recent decades, but now the metro areas — city and suburb — are losing to the countryside.

"It's hard to come up with a why" for the metro losses, Hansen said. Jobs are moving to the suburbs in some areas, and people are willing to commute farther, she said. Other people may simply be choosing to live in smaller communities.

But reasons for moving may differ from person to person and community to community, she said.

What makes the falloff especially surprising is that the report is the first to use the new 1993 definition for metropolitan areas, which often include additional counties that should result in increased popula-

tion, she said.

Metropolitan areas were growing in the late 1980s but experienced a loss between 1992 and 1993. In most other recent years figures have about balanced out, Hansen said.

For 1995-96, the net loss to met-

ropolitan areas totaled about 275,000 people, the Census Bureau said, as cities lost 2.4 million and suburbs gained 2.1 million. The net loss accounted for people who moved to nonmetro areas.

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Chili Supper, 5-6:15 p.m., Scharbauer Student Center.
Carillon music, 6:15-6:30 p.m.
Lighting of the Carillon tower, 6:30 p.m.
Opening reception for the Student Art Show, 7 p.m., Allison Fine Arts Building.
Chaparral Singers Christmas Concert, 7:30 p.m., Allison Fine Arts Building.

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By Robert Kourik
N.Y. Times News Service

What do the trees gain from this union? One theory proposes that one tree shares nutrition or moisture with another. This, of course, doesn't explain roots of the same tree forming grafts. The use of radioactive isotopes and dyes does indicate some translocation, or movement of liquid nutrients,

The prudent gardener does not apply systemic herbicides willy-nilly to a tree with neighboring specimens of the same species. And tree roots and root grafting can extend across several backyards. Neighbors using brush killers in their lawns or utility companies using growth retardants or herbicides in nearby right of ways can injure your trees.

across and wider than other fasciated plants — looking more like ocean coral. Other ornamental plants chosen for their fasciation are *Euonymus japonica* var. *microphylla*, and a pea cultivar. All of today's large hybrid tomato varieties resulted from the selection of fruits with fasciated seed chambers (locules) as a way to increase the fruit's size. Chip Tynan, a horticulturist for the Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis, said that "the common explanations are diseases, excessively fast growth, physical injury" to the plant's growing tip, "insect damage to tissue — perhaps mites, gall wasps and caterpillars — herbicide damage, and spontaneous mutation."

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Barbara Mayer
Associated Press

Decorator show houses furnished with fine antiques and showcasing the talents of highly skilled artisans are too expensive for most people to copy — but they can still be the source of inexpensive creative ideas.

Using readily available materials such as paint, canvas and paper, decorators at two Manhattan show houses this fall camouflaged the kind of ugly, immovable fixtures and bad surfaces that stand in the way of flawless decor everywhere.

CANVAS WAS ESPECIALLY popular, used as modestly priced floor coverings in a number of rooms. At the Cancer Research Institute Show House, Wohlberg/Levy Design, Ltd. of New York put down a canvas floorcloth in mossy gray-green tones in a bathroom.

"We couldn't get rid of the bright blue tile floor, but canvas is inexpensive and easy to paint, and it's long-lasting if you seal the finished paint job with three layers of polyurethane, as we did," said Miriam Wohlberg. "It's also so thin that the outline of the tiles shows through, and the illusion is created that it actually is tile."

The canvas also proved impervious to water: A few days before the show house opened, a leak in the pipes flooded the room with several inches of water. After the mop-up, the tiles were fine.

A few blocks north at the French Designer Show House, Odile de Schieter used a canvas floorcloth to upgrade the floor of a luxuriously furnished upstairs dining salon.

The floorcloth, painted in gray and yellow squares, was held in place with strategically placed

nailheads. These keep the floor covering flat — it has a tendency to curl and buckle — as well as being decorative.

Wohlberg/Levy's bathroom was an object lesson in achieving big effects with modest materials. The faux stone walls of the bath actually are torn paper put up with wallpaper paste and painted with silver automotive paint, rubbed to add texture.

In the shower area, bright blue tiles were kept in use by being sprayed with a product known as VariCoat, an exterior coating that produces an adobe-like finish.

The decorators put up four inexpensive curtain rods to hold magazines, toilet paper and towels. They had a ceiling-mounted lighting fixture, with a white plastic cover in half-globe form, painted to imitate alabaster. "The fixture cost about \$120 compared to \$1,000 for a real alabaster fixture," Ms. Wohlberg said.

In a "budget-conscious renovation" of the kitchen at the French Designer Show House, Jamie Drake of New York used ice-blue spray paint to update old metal kitchen cabinets.

Paint is one of the best materials to use for an almost total transformation, Roger de Cabrol of New York said. His witty sitting room at the French Designer Show House featured walls of watermelon-pink and cantaloupe-orange horizontal stripes with fuzzy edges.

BUT NOT EVERY subterfuge in the decorator's bag of tricks can be easily emulated. A case in point is Carolyn Guttilla's eclectic sitting room at the Cancer Research Institute Show House. It's papered with brown wrapping-paper wallcovering.

You don't want to try this at home because the paper tears easily, which makes



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Torn wallpaper gives the effect of faux stone in this bathroom, above. Inexpensive curtain rods are employed as storage racks for magazines, toilet rolls and towels. This eclectic sitting room, left, is in the Cancer Research Institute Show House in New York City. The wall covering is brown wrapping paper. Covering walls with brown wrapping paper is not recommended for amateurs, however, since it tears easily.

it almost impossible for an inexperienced person to get it onto the wall.

"It was \$32.64 worth of brown paper but considerably more than that for the two professional paper-

hangers to put it up," the designer said.

A substitute would be to match the color of the paper with paint.

The texture would be lost, but the application

would be much easier and something a do-it-yourselfer could accomplish.

Guttilla's room illustrates the dangers of translation.

"We designers expose the

public to sophisticated ideas, and people beg us to tell them how to do it," Guttilla said.

"Sometimes, they can't. You have to tell people the painful truth."



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Killer Market

The Furniture Discovery Center in High Point, N.C., is among locations for Margaret Maron's mystery novel "Killer Market." Ms. Maron chose the huge furniture market complex as the setting for a murder. Among displays is the start-to-finish assembly of a high boy. The novel is set amongst a furniture convention in High Point when a furniture executive is murdered. The heroine of the novel is blamed for the murder and tries to solve it in order to clear her name. The novel explores the furniture industry and cutthroat deals made by shady characters. Citizens of High Point don't expect the novel to put them on the map the same way "Midnight in the Garden of Evil" did for Savannah, Ga., according to Associated Press reports. Author Ms. Maron has won the Edgar mystery writer award, the Agatha, Anthony and Macavity awards for previous mystery novels.



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Little touches add holiday cheer to home

Staff Reports

Whether your home decor calls for elegant embroidery, plush velvet pillows or glimmering gold, throw pillows are the easiest way to dress up a home for the holidays.

Red-fringed and gold metallic pillows are especially festive and relatively inexpensive. To dress up a living area, add a few throw pillows in holiday colors, or gold and silver. Toss a holiday blanket on the sofa, often very practical for guests who may get chilly. Stuff a stocking and place in on an end table or dining room table as a holiday accent.

Bows and candles can be placed around the room to add cheer.

Another simple decorative item is to spray paint a basket gold or silver. Fill it with gold or silver Christmas balls or with pine cones spray painted gold or silver. It makes for an easy, elegant and inexpensive centerpiece.

Blend warm holiday colors and fabrics with nostalgic themes in pillows and throws to create a traditional holiday atmosphere. Try to ensure that holiday colors don't clash with existing decor.

While traditional reds and greens are often a favorite choice, the new trend this season involves blending deep blues with white

and silver for a clean, fresh statement. Another trend emerging is to use white as a main color with gold and silver accents.

Don't hesitate to also decorate bedrooms by embellishing bed ensembles with throws and holiday pillows. Consider hanging Christmas garlands from bedroom window treatments and above door frames.

Don't limit holiday candy dishes and decorative pieces to coffee tables.

Set crystal and ceramic pieces in unexpected places such as a bookshelf, on top of a piano, on a dresser, window sill or on low tables throughout the house.

Accessories can make all the difference in dressing up a home for the holidays. Toss a Christmas blanket on the sofa, and a few throw pillows in deep reds or Hunter greens to add warmth to a room.

SPORTS BRIEFING

TV Sports

GOLF — Million Dollar Classic, First Round, 1 p.m., PBS.
FOOTBALL — NFL Football, Tennessee at Cincinnati, 7 p.m., ESPN.
NBA — New York Knicks at Dallas Mavericks, 7:30 p.m., CBS.

Texas Scores

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL — Men: Texas 75, American 64; Alabama 81, Texas A&M 64; Texas Tech 80, George Washington 57.
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PROF. BASKETBALL — Girls: Cleveland Tournament, Midland Lee vs. Staten, 5 p.m.
Concho Tournament in San Angelo, Midland High vs. Arlington Heights, 3 p.m.
WRESTLING — Odessa Jackalopes vs. San Angelo Outlaws, 7 p.m. RADIO: KOIP (95.9).

Big 12 sellout

SAN ANTONIO — The Big 12 championship game Saturday at the Alamodome has been declared a sellout, with even the remaining individual tickets snapped up by fans. League officials said Wednesday that attendance for the second Big 12 title game should exceed the 63,109 who turned out for last year's game in St. Louis.

North Division champion Nebraska meets South Division champ Texas A&M in Saturday's title game.

Detmer leaving

MISSION — Sonny Detmer, whose two quarterbacks sons have gone on to NFL careers under his tutelage, is leaving as Mission High School's coach after nine seasons.

Detmer said Tuesday he is leaving the Eagles, who he coached to a 68-32 record, to take an "early retirement."

"I really want to try and look at another level (of coaching)," said Detmer, 53. "I'm planning on looking to see what's available."

Detmer said he would like to coach quarterbacks and help recruit at the university level. He added he had no particular school in mind but would prefer to remain in Texas.

"For me to do this might be an impossibility," Detmer said. "It may take two years. I'm just starting to make calls. The retirement money will help me out."

Detmer believes his knowledge of the pro-style offense will help him land a college job after 29 years at the high-school level.

Detmer coached sons Koy and Ty when they were in high school. Both went on to be college stars — Ty at Brigham Young and Koy at Colorado — and both now play for the Philadelphia Eagles.

Stars win, lose

DALLAS — The Dallas Stars overcame the loss of 16-4 scoring leader Mike Modano in the first period to beat the Edmonton Oilers 4-1 Wednesday night.

Modano, the NHL's leading scorer, suffered a knee injury that will sideline him for four to six weeks, coach Ken Hitchcock said.

Modano was hit by the knee of Oilers defenseman Bryan Marchment on a hard check along the boards with 11:02 left in the first period. Modano crumpled to the ice and was helped to the locker room, where he was ruled out of the game after an evaluation by Stars medical personnel.

A more extensive exam after the game revealed that Modano had suffered a "Grade-3 collateral tear," Hitchcock said. No surgery will be required, he added.

Referee Mark Fainella gave Marchment a five-minute major for tripping and a game misconduct, although it did not appear that Marchment intentionally tried to injure Modano.

Joe Nieuwendyk, Dave Reid and Jamie Langenbrunner had a goal and an assist each to lead Dallas.



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Williams chosen conference's top offensive player

By Chip Brown
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN — Texas running back Ricky Williams takes pride in being unconventional, from his dreadlocks and nose ring to his pierced tongue.

A soft-spoken, approachable San Diego native who frowns on trash talking, Williams is not even on scholarship.

That's because Major League Baseball's Philadelphia Phillies have paid Williams' way at Texas ever since drafting him in the eighth round of the



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The University of Texas' Ricky Williams has been named the Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year. He had six games where he rushed for more than 200 yards.

Source: Brown will be named next UT coach

By Chip Brown
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN — North Carolina's Mack Brown will be named as the next head coach at the University of Texas, a source told The Associated Press Wednesday night.

Brown, whose Tar Heels are ranked seventh and are a candidate for an Alliance Bowl berth, was interviewed by Texas officials on Wednesday and was offered the job later in the day, the source said.

"Mack Brown has committed to come to Texas. Everyone's ecstatic," the source said, adding that a news conference with the announcement was expected to be called in Austin by Saturday.

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BUFFALO MARCH TO A STATE TITLE

The Field General



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Stanton Quarterback Kyle Herm (3) races past a Colorado City defender in an early win for Buffaloes. Herm, a junior, will lead the fourth-ranked Buffaloes against Lockney this Friday.

Stanton's Herm provides huge punch at quarterback position

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

STANTON — On the Stanton High football team's roster, quarterback/rover Kyle Herm is generously listed as standing 5 feet, 10 inches tall, a height he might actually reach standing in his cleats.

As far as status on the field, though, Herm's Napoleon complex is an asset. Quite simply, the Buffaloes wouldn't have advanced as far as they have into enemy territory if it hadn't been for Herm, whose arm and feet on offense and head-up aggressiveness on defense have provided the spark for Stanton to reach this Friday night's Class 2A state quarterfinals.

Herm's other numbers, such as touchdown passes, yards and completion percentage, are certainly more impressive than his height, but even they don't tell the whole story.

"I don't think you need a measuring stick to see how important Kyle is," said Stanton coach Mark Cotton, whose team faces Lockney Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Abilene's Shotwell Stadium. "It's like having a coach on the field."

A coach who can throw, run, return kicks, intercept passes and blow up receivers and ball carriers. Herm's knack for making the big play on both sides of the ball has been a huge reason that Stanton is 13-0, having finished the regular season ranked No. 4 in the state and now standing only three wins from a state championship.

Making Herm's accomplishments that much more impressive is the fact that he is still a junior, yet he already entered the season as an established commodity at quarterback. As a sophomore, he was instantly installed behind center and led Stanton to an 8-3 record and a spot in the playoffs, which ended with a heart-

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Lady Chaps win big despite ugly shooting effort

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

The Midland College Lady Chaparrals had a lot to live up to Wednesday night after the MC men blasted Hardin-Simmons Junior Varsity, 106-33, the night before.

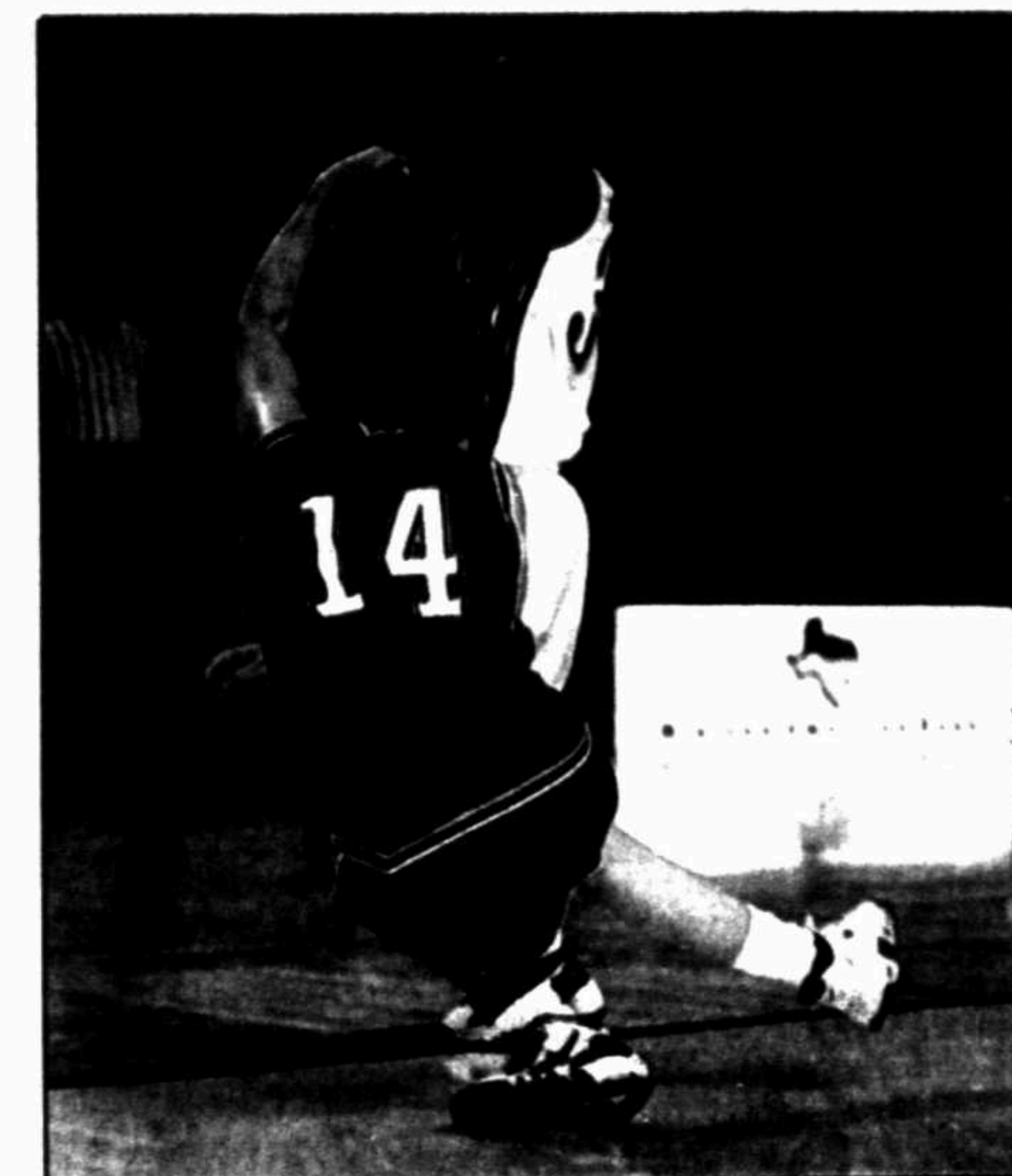
Against the HSJV Cowgirls, the 96-37 win at the Chaparral Center was almost as lopsided and almost as ugly. If the Lady Chaps had only shot maybe five percent better, they would've had their largest margin of victory. Instead, the 59-point margin is second only to the 120-31 wallop they placed on Wayland Baptist JV earlier this year.

It really could've been much worse against the out-matched Cowgirls but MC shot a chilling 37 percent from the floor (41-109) and a surprising 4-of-32 (12 percent) from 3-point range. Hardin-Simmons JV only managed 25 percent shooting and turned the ball over 45 times compared to MC's eight.

The poor outside shooting has the Lady Chaparrals and coach Ron Jones in unfamiliar territory this year. The Lady Chaps are usually known as a threat from beyond the arc. This year, however, the Lady Chaps have yet to find a rhythm, and last year's hot outside shooters in Jill Davis and Jody Finley are struggling.

"We have not shot the ball well from the outside all year long," Jones said after the game. "I think the girls are thinking about it and that's causing a problem. We'll just keep working on it. We have good shooters who aren't shooting the ball well right now. We're not going to change anything because I think we've got the personnel to do it. But when you

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Midland College's Candy Mitchell and Hardin-Simmons' Katie Craft battle for a loose ball in MC's 96-37 win.

JAY PEDEN

Common sense says Aggie upset won't happen

It shouldn't come as a surprise to anyone that Texas A&M is considered a big underdog against Nebraska going into Saturday's Big 12 Championship Game in San Antonio.

Nebraska, currently undefeated and ranked No. 2 in the nation, entered this season with two national championships in the last three seasons. A&M has one national championship in the last 58 seasons, and there are unfortunately no holdovers from that 1939 squad.

The Aggies will go for the upset against many of the same Cornhuskers who watched Texas pull off a similar upset in last year's inaugural Big 12 Championship. The Longhorns showed that it can happen, but common sense says it isn't likely.

What A&M has going for it: This year's A&M team is better than last year's Texas team. A&M is 9-2 and ranked 14th. Texas was 7-4 and unranked going into last year's Big 12 title game.

What A&M has going against it: This year's A&M team is better than last year's Texas team, meaning the 'Huskers aren't falling asleep in team meetings this week. A&M is the highest-ranked team Nebraska

has played since Washington was No. 2 when they met on Sept. 20. (Kansas State was ranked 17th when Nebraska played it Oct. 4.) The 'Huskers had little trouble beating Washington, 27-14 — on the road, no less. They also had no trouble with now-10th-ranked K-State, beating the Wildcats, 56-26. Two weeks later, the Wildcats handled A&M, 36-17.

What A&M has going for it: They're playing in the Alamodome, and A&M could enjoy a home-crowd advantage. The Alamodome is also the site of the Aggies' impressive 22-20 win over Michigan in the 1995 Alamo Bowl. A&M was ranked 18th at the time, while Michigan was 14th.

What A&M has going against it: They're playing in the Alamodome, site of the Aggies' embarrassing 21-21 tie with SMU in 1994. That was the only blemish on the Aggies' 10-0-1 record that year (unless you count probation as a blemish).

What A&M has going against it: Nebraska is No. 1 in the nation in total offense and rushing offense, gaining nearly 400 yards per game on the ground alone. A&M is 13th in total defense, but only 56th against the run.

The Aggies have the speedy linebackers to chase down the option, but Nebraska's big, corn-fed offensive linemen, including All-Big 12 first-teamers Eric Anderson and Aaron Taylor, should dominate the Aggie line. A&M's undersized middle linebacker Dat Nguyen will have to handle Nebraska fullback Joel

Makovicka for A&M to have a shot.

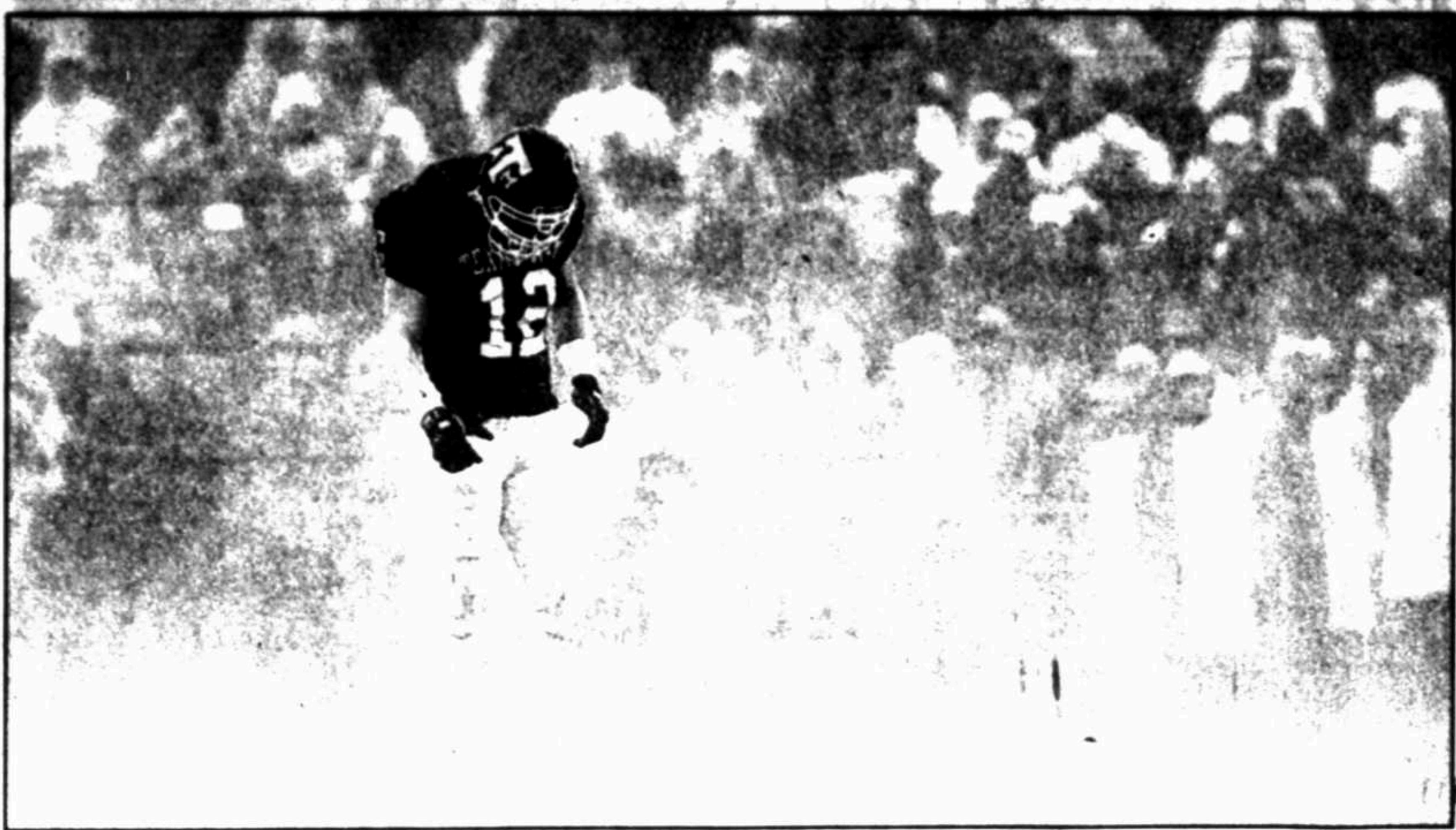
For some reason, teams haven't been able to pass effectively against the Aggies — they're ranked eighth nationally in pass efficiency defense — but Nebraska won't try to pass all that much. 'Husker quarterback Scott Frost is a runner, not a thrower; he's fifth in the Big 12 in rushing but only sixth in passing — behind both of Texas A&M's quarterbacks.

What A&M has going for it: A&M has been a different offensive team since halftime of the Texas Tech game. Brannon Stewart and Randy McCown shared time at quarterback early in the season. McCown got his first start against Tech, but he was ineffective, so Stewart took over for the second half of that game and McCown hasn't been seen since.

Stewart is playing with confidence — he looked Elway-esque in a fourth quarter comeback against Oklahoma State — and that's what the Aggies will need to move the ball against the 'Husker D. A&M's running back trio of D'Andre Hardeman, Sirr Parker and Dante Hall can cause problems for Nebraska only if the passing attack is working, too.

This should be a good game, and the Aggies should surprise some people across the country. The Aggies should also lose, 27-20.

Jay Peden is a sports writer for the Reporter-Telegram.



A member of Texas A&M's 12th Man kickoff team takes the field in a driving rain against Texas Tech in College Station. The Aggies, who are 16-point underdogs for Saturday's Big 12 championship game against Nebraska, claim they are not looking for respect.

Gaining respect not on A&M's agenda

By Michael A. Lutz
AP Sports Writer

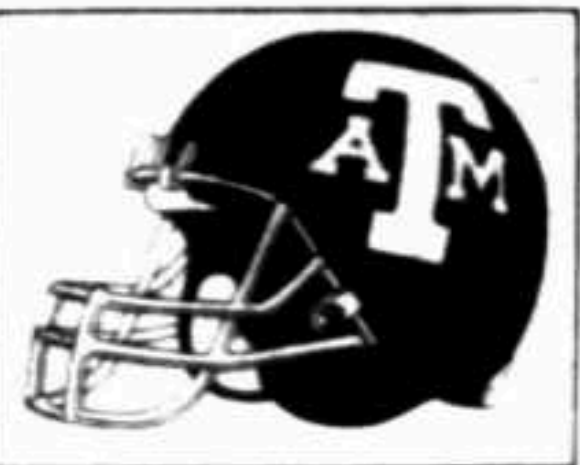
COLLEGE STATION — The Texas A&M Aggies aren't concerned about gaining respect when they play No. 2 Nebraska in Saturday's Big 12 championship game.

They figure they've lost that battle already. "A lot of people don't like A&M, so if we won, they'd say Nebraska had a bad day," offensive tackle Chris Ruhman said. "In all honesty, people would probably call it a fluke."

That's probably what Nebraska fans call last year's defeat in the Big 12 title game, when underdog Texas won 37-27.

The Aggies are 16-point underdogs for Saturday's game in San Antonio's Alamodome. But they don't really care if their victory would be labeled an upset. "No one in the country thinks we can win and that's fine with me," Ruhman said. "We'll try to go out and surprise some people. I just want to be able to walk away from that game and say I gave it my all."

The Aggies are in the title game one year after a disheartening 6-6 finish in their first season in the Big 12. But maturity and improved offense helped A&M



go 9-2 overall and 6-2 in conference play to win the South Division.

"At the beginning of the year, no one gave us credit or a chance to win the South Division," safety Rich Coady said. "Now we've won the South and have a chance to win the Big 12 championship."

Coach R.C. Slocum realizes his Aggies aren't as respected as the Cornhuskers. He sees the game as a chance to earn some recognition.

"We're playing the No. 2 team in the country," Slocum said. "They made Washington look bad early in the season and Washington is a good team."

Brandon Stewart, whose improved play at quarterback helped the Aggie turnaround, has seen his team discredited before.

"I can understand why people would discredit us playing Nebraska," Stewart said. "Two years ago, they discredited us in the Alamodome with Michigan (the Aggies won, 22-20). From my standpoint, I feel we are capable of giving ourselves a chance to win."

Although the Cornhuskers are almost always capable of running away with the game, the Aggies believe they've learned a lesson from last year's humiliation of losing 51-15 to the Longhorns.

"I've never thought they (Nebraska) would blow us out," Ruhman said. "After last year with Texas, we're not going to get blown out again like that."

Huskers aren't talking like favorites

By Tim Korte
Associated Press Writer

LINCOLN, Neb. — Quarterback Scott Frost can't pinpoint any weak links in the Texas A&M defense. Defensive end Grant Wistrom said it's going to be hard to slow the Aggies' offense.

Nebraska's leaders aren't talking like the No. 2 Cornhuskers (11-0) are 17-point favorites entering Saturday's Big 12 championship game against No. 14 Texas A&M (9-2) at the Alamodome in San Antonio.

"I think they rank up there with best defenses we've played," Frost said Tuesday.

"They're big. Those guys up front are huge," Wistrom added.

No defense has been able to slow Nebraska's methodical run-oriented option, which has produced a national-best 397 rushing yards per game. Frost worried that the Aggies might be good enough.

"They're real quick and they follow the ball very well," Frost said.

"They have exceptional linebackers. We've got to block them. We've got to take the ball at them and we've got to mix it up on them."

Another concern for Nebraska's offense, Frost said, is playing indoors in front of what is likely to be a large contingent of noisy Texas A&M fans. The Alamodome's record crowd of 64,597 came during the 1995 Alamodome Bowl, when the Aggies beat Michigan 22-20.

This week, the Huskers have practiced indoors using tape-recorded crowd noise. The Huskers' offensive line, rarely penalized, had five procedural flags during last week's 27-24 win at Colorado.

"We did have some mistakes last week that I think you could attribute to the crowd noise," Frost said.

Wistrom, meanwhile, expressed concern about A&M running backs Sirr Parker, Dante Hall and D'Andre Hardeman. In last week's 27-16 win over Texas, Hardeman rushed for 121 yards.

Then there's A&M quarterback

Brandon Stewart, who has nine passing touchdowns and 121 straight passes without being intercepted. Wistrom said the aerial threat opens up the running game for the Aggies.

"They run the ball really well when Stewart is confident, and right now he's throwing the ball really well," Wistrom said.

Stewart noted that Nebraska hasn't overwhelmed everyone. Missouri scored 38 points in an overtime loss to the Huskers and Colorado rallied for two TDs in the last 3 1/2 minutes of last week's game.

"You see what others have done and what you do well," Stewart said. "We'll combine the two. It's encouraging to know that teams have moved the ball on them but they've stopped a lot of good teams."

The Huskers said it comes down to playing their own game.

"They don't seem to have any particular weaknesses," Frost said. "I think we just need to play our game, mix things up and try to hit them on a few plays."

Nebraska's Wistrom named top defensive player, again

By Tim Korte
Associated Press Writer

LINCOLN, Neb. — Grant Wistrom said he returned to Nebraska for his senior season to win the national championship, not to collect awards. The hardware keeps piling up anyway.

On Wednesday, Wistrom repeated as Associated Press defensive player of the year in the Big 12.

Wistrom, a defensive end, also is a finalist for the Bronko Nagurski Award, given to college football's top defensive player, and the Lombardi Award, which goes to the nation's outstanding lineman.

But Wistrom said he measures success by only one standard: his team's progress. He said none of the awards are as important as No. 2 Nebraska's drive for a third national title in four years.

"As long as we keep winning, I'm enjoying my senior season," Wistrom said. "This is a team game. We play for each other. It really doesn't matter what individual goals you accomplish if the team suffers."

Nebraska is unbeaten through 11 games entering Saturday's Big 12 title contest against No. 14 Texas A&M (9-2), and Wistrom is a big reason for the Cornhuskers' success.

This fall, Wistrom has 49 tackles, including 27 solo, from his right end position. He leads the Huskers with 17 tackles behind the line of scrimmage, causing opponents to lose 79 yards.

Wistrom, a 6-foot-5, 255-pound product of Webb City, Mo., also has 8 1/2 sacks this season. He needs three more sacks to pass Trev Alberts (29 1/2 from 1990-93) as Nebraska's career sack leader.

Wistrom's most dominant game this fall was Nebraska's 69-7 win over Oklahoma on Nov. 1. He forced three fumbles, recovered one and had two sacks as the Huskers' defense barely missed a third straight shutout.

"He's such a great player," Oklahoma quarterback Eric Moore said afterward. "He plays with emotion. He's really the leader of that defense."

Some have suggested Wistrom isn't as productive this season because his tackles are down from 75 in 1996.

Nebraska coach Tom Osborne disagreed, saying Wistrom's contributions have increased despite the departure of the graduated Jared Tomich, who lined up at left end in 1996.

"Grant has assumed quite a leadership role. In terms of his level of play, it has not dropped off at all," Osborne said.

"He's maybe drawn a little more attention in terms of blocking schemes and teams running away from him a little bit more. I think that may have led to his statistical reduction."

"But in terms of his level of play, his effort, it has been fantastic. He has played great football," Osborne said.

RICKY: Back deciding on future at Texas

(From 1C)

amateur draft in the spring of 1995.

He spent the last three summers earning roughly \$1,300 per month playing outfield for the Phillies' rookie league club in Martinsville, Va., and with the Class A Piedmont Boll Weevils.

He received a \$70,000 signing bonus in addition to the money that the Phillies put into a trust for his education at Texas.

But Williams' love affair with baseball appears to be on the wane after a season in which he ran for 200 yards a school-record six times and became the nation's leading rusher and scorer while piling up 1,893 yards and 25 touchdowns as well as a two-point conversion (13.8 points per game).

For his efforts, Williams has been named the Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year by The Associated Press.

The last player to lead the nation in rushing and scoring was Colorado's Rashaan Salaam in 1994. The year Salaam won the Heisman Trophy.

Williams easily shattered 1977 Heisman Trophy winner Earl Campbell's single-season rushing record of 1,744 yards, and he would be poised to break Campbell's all-time rushing yardage mark (4,443) if Williams decided to return for his senior season.

Among the only bright spots on

a 4-7 Texas team, Williams helped bail out a struggling pass offense by carrying the ball a school-record 279 times, or roughly 25 times per game.

He averaged 6.8 yards per carry and 172.1 yards per game. He had a school-record 25 rushing TDs as well as eight 100-yard games.

Thanks to a thickly muscled, 220-pound frame and a powerful stiff-arm, Williams, who has been nicknamed "Little Earl" because of his similarities to Campbell, picked up 1,113 yards after contact this year.

"As far as what I did, I'm satisfied, although I thought I would have a chance at 2,000 yards," Williams said. "But as far as the team, I am really upset because I thought we had a chance to win a lot more games."

Williams, who has worn dreadlocks for six years in likeness of his favorite reggae singer, Bob Marley, said he is still deciding whether to skip his senior season and jump to the NFL.

"The positives about turning pro would be that I would be a millionaire before I was 21, and I could help my family financially," Williams said. "I think I would have a good chance to be the first running back taken because I've put up good numbers and I have a good blend of size and speed."

"The positives to staying in school would be that I think I have

a shot to break the NCAA all-time rushing touchdowns record and the NCAA rushing record," Williams said.

"That would be important to me, to say that I would be the leading rusher all-time in the NCAA. And I'm kind of scared about going out into the real world when pro football is such a business."

Williams has run for 4,155 yards and 45 TDs in three years.

Pittsburgh's Tony Dorsett set the all-time career rushing record in Division I with 6,082 yards from 1973-76. Indiana's Anthony Thompson (1986-89) holds the Division I career rushing TDs mark with 64.

Williams said breaking all of Campbell's records wouldn't mean as much to him as NCAA records.

"No matter what I do I will always be 'Little Earl' and this will be Earl Campbell's school," Williams said. "That's fine, because I'm not even from Texas."

Big 12 competitors would probably would like to see him go to the NFL.

"It hurts to tackle him," said Oklahoma State coach Bob Simmons. "When you tackle Ricky Williams, you better have your brother, your sister and everybody else along with you when you try to pull him down."

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By Mary Foster
AP Sports Writer

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Former Super Bowl MVP to reign over Grambling football

By Mary Foster
AP Sports Writer

GRAMBLING, La. — It will be a homecoming and the latest challenge for Doug Williams when he returns to this little north Louisiana town Thursday as the new coach at Grambling State University.

He has the blessing of the man he will succeed, his old coach, Eddie Robinson.

"Doug is a fine man," Robinson said Wednesday evening. "There's no question he'll do a fine job."

Robinson, 76, who retired last weekend with 408 victories — the most ever for a college coach — refused to take part in the search for someone to fill the job he's held since 1941.

Three men interviewed for the position — Williams, Baylor assistant Lee Fobbs, and LSU assistant Jerry Baldwin, a former coach at Louisiana Tech.

"Lee played for me and so did his son," Robinson said. "And I knew Jerry well. I didn't want to be put in the position of having to pick between any of those guys."

Williams was met at the Monroe, La., airport by Grambling athletic director Robert Piper Wednesday afternoon. He refused to answer questions before a scheduled 11 a.m. news conference Thursday.

Williams, an All American at Grambling, was a No. 1 draft pick by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 1978. He played nine seasons in the NFL and USFL.

Robinson said he encouraged Williams to go into the NFL, to counter a belief among many at that time that black players did not make good quarterbacks.

Williams responded by earning MVP honors while leading the Washington Redskins to a 1988 Super Bowl victory. He set records for yards passing (340), yards passing in one quarter (228), touchdown passes (4), and longest completion (80 yards).

Williams brought Robinson and his wife Doris to that game in San Diego, Calif. It was, Robinson said, one of the high points in football for him.

"That was one of the best moments I ever had, sitting there and watching Doug pick himself up off the ground and lead his team to a victory," Robinson said. "It's something I'll never forget."

Williams was hired at Morehouse College in Atlanta on Jan. 6. His team finished 3-8 this season, the same record as Grambling, which just completed its third straight losing season.

Disgruntled alumni last year pressured the Grambling president to force Robinson to retire, citing the unprecedented losing records, the lack of players drafted by the NFL in the past decade and other problems, including an NCAA investigation and the arrest of four players for rape.

At that time, Williams lobbied heavily for the job and was considered the leading candidate. The governor and Board of Regents, which oversees Louisiana colleges, came to Robinson's defense.

Army back to play despite many injuries

By William N. Wallace
N.Y. Times News Service

Second Classman Joe Hewitt, Army's fullback, is injured from top to bottom, from a set of concussions to ankle tendinitis. In between, there are a sore neck, problems with a surgical shoulder and knees that take braces on game day.

But none of this will keep him out of the starting lineup on Saturday at Giants Stadium. "It's the Navy game," he explained the other day. "What else is there?"

The fullback is the keystone of Army's modified version of the wishbone offense — the wingbone, where the two halfbacks are spread wide. That's because of the straight-ahead dive play with the QB handing the ball to the fullback.

Quickness is essential as well as speed and drive, qualities Hewitt, a 6-foot-1-inch, 200-pound runner from Wichita Falls, has shown on many an occasion.

"When that play is working it sets up everything else," Hewitt said. So in that sense, Hewitt will be as important to Army on Saturday as quarterback Chris McCoy will be for Navy.

Hewitt did not practice at all last week and this week because the coaches wanted to make sure he did not get banged around any more. After a fine season a year ago, as the leading rusher on a team that won 10 games before losing to Auburn in the Independence Bowl, Hewitt's problems began in Game 1 this season when Army lost to Marshall and he wound up with a concussion.

He was in and out of the lineup thereafter, but his last game was his best, 125 yards gained rushing against Boston College.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PICKS

A&M hopes to spoil Nebraska's season

By Richard Rosenblatt
AP Football Writer

No Husker bashing, no bold predictions.

No. 14 Texas A&M, unlike Texas last season, is taking a strictly low key approach leading to Saturday's Big 12 title game against No. 2 Nebraska at the Alamodome in San Antonio.

"No one in the country thinks we can win and that's fine with me," Texas A&M tackle Chris Ruhman said. "We'll try to go out and surprise some people. I just want to be able to walk away from that game and say I gave it my all."

The Aggies (9-2), however, hope they can duplicate Texas' success against the Huskers. Last season, Texas quarterback James Brown predicted his team would win by three touchdowns. The Longhorns, 20-point underdogs, won 37-27 and knocked the Huskers out of the national title picture.

Nebraska (11-0) finds itself in a similar situation, needing a victory to claim a berth in the Orange Bowl and have a chance at a third national title in four years. Top-ranked Michigan (11-0), the only other undefeated team, plays No. 8 Washington State (10-1) in the Rose Bowl, and a loss by the Wolverines would open the title door for the Huskers.

"Thinking about Michigan isn't going to do us any good," Nebraska quarterback Scott Frost said. "All we can really control is what we do on the field and whether we play well against Texas A&M."

The Huskers, favored by 17 points, hope a 27-24 escape against Colorado was a wakeup call going into a game coach Tom Osborne opposed when the Big 12 voted it in.

"I think they're going to do what they can to rectify the situation," Osborne said of his team, "but

Texas A&M just might be good enough that we won't be able to do that."

Nebraska leads the nation in rushing, total and scoring offense, and ranks fourth in rushing and total defense. The Huskers average 511.6 total yards — 397.8 rushing — and 46.5 points per game.

Ahman Green, with 19 TDs, is the nation's second leading rusher with 1,698 yards, averaging seven yards per carry, while Frost became the 12th player in I-A history to run and pass for 1,000 yards in a single season.

A&M, led by quarterback Brandon Stewart, averages 37 points per game and ranks sixth in scoring defense at 13.9 points per game.

Stewart has thrown for 1,202 yards and nine TDs, while Dante Hall has 968 yards rushing and 19 TDs.

If A&M wins, the Aggies probably will play in the Sugar Bowl.

The picks: No. 2 Nebraska (minus 17) vs. No. 14 Texas A&M (at San Antonio)

Don't scoff at A&M. Brandon Stewart's passing keeps Aggies close. ... NEBRASKA 34-28.

No. 3 Tennessee (minus 6 1/2) vs. No. 11 Auburn (at Atlanta)

Manning or not, when's the last time Vols won a really big game? ... AUBURN 34-31.

No. 20 Colorado State (minus 9 1/2) vs. New Mexico (at Las Vegas)

Lobos just happy to go bowling for first time in 36 years. ... COLORADO STATE 35-21.

Others: Marshall (minus 10 1/2) 42, Toledo 21; (at Huntington, W. Va., Friday night); Army (plus 12 1/2) 24, Navy 23 (at East Rutherford, N.J., Saturday).

LAST WEEK: 4-5 (straight); 6-3 (spread)

SEASON: 185-56 (straight); 124-109-1 (spread)

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TEXAS: Brown to get hefty pay raise

(From 1C)

Brown didn't immediately return a message left at his home by the AP. He didn't attend the Tar Heels' practice on Wednesday.

Steve Kirschner, North Carolina's director of media relations for football and basketball, said Wednesday night, "Coach Brown has been offered the job at the University of Texas."

"He will consider the job and will make a quick decision. He has not accepted it at this time. He is waiting to talk with (UNC athletic director) Dick Baddour before making his decision."

Baddour said Wednesday night that he hadn't talked to Brown since Tuesday. "I'm not going to comment on our coaches being contacted by other schools," he said. "It's a confidential personnel matter."

Brown would become Texas' 28th coach, replacing John Mackovic, who was fired and reassigned Saturday after finishing his sixth season at 4-7.

The source said Brown was sought for the Texas job because he has proven he can win at a school with strong academics, is an offensive coach who has also fielded strong defenses and is a good fit in Texas because of his folksy charm.

"He's a great fit for Texas. He'll be well received by followers of the school," the source said.

Brown would also receive a considerable pay raise. The Texas job pays roughly \$625,000 per year. Brown's base salary at North Carolina was about \$170,000, not including TV, radio and shoe deals.

The Tar Heels went 1-10 in Brown's first two seasons (1988-

Brown's record

By The Associated Press
Year-by-year results for teams coached by Mack Brown, who sources say will succeed John Mackovic as head coach of the Texas Longhorns:

Yr	School	W	L	T
1983	Appalachian St.	6	5	0
1985	Tulane	1	10	0
1986	Tulane	4	7	0
1987	Tulane	6	6	0
1988	North Carolina	1	10	0
1989	North Carolina	1	10	0
1990	North Carolina	6	4	1
1991	North Carolina	7	4	0
1992	North Carolina	9	3	0
1993	North Carolina	10	3	0
1994	North Carolina	8	4	0
1995	North Carolina	7	5	0
1996	North Carolina	10	2	0
1997	North Carolina	10	1	0
North Carolina (10 yrs)		69	46	1
Career (14 yrs.)		86	74	1

a—Independence Bowl
b—Peach Bowl
c—Gator Bowl
d—Sun Bowl
e—Carquest Bowl

89). But UNC has averaged nine victories over the last six years, including three 10-win seasons. They went 10-2 last year and made it to the Gator Bowl. They are 10-1 this season.

Carolina's 45 wins over the past five years are second-best in the Atlantic Coast Conference to Florida State. The Tar Heels have made five consecutive bowl appearances, winning three. They lost to Texas 35-31 in the 1994 Sun Bowl.

Early focus in the Texas search had been on Northwestern's Gary Barnett. But the source said, "The search committee didn't interview Barnett after talking to Brown."

One of the knocks on both Mack-



North Carolina Tar Heels head coach Mack Brown, center, will be the next football coach at the University of Texas, a source told The Associated Press Wednesday night.

ovic and Barnett was that they were too aloof for down-home Texas faithful.

Barnett issued a statement through Northwestern late Wednesday saying he had "taken my name out of consideration."

"I will not comment further on this subject, and I would appreciate it if the media and others would respect my privacy in this matter," Barnett said.

Speculation had also focused on

Miami's Butch Davis, but he too withdrew from consideration on Wednesday.

"I have not been contacted, nor do I anticipate being contacted by any school in reference to a coaching vacancy," Davis said. "I am fully committed to being at the University of Miami."

An offensive coach for most of his career, Brown's defenses at North Carolina have gained national recognition.

HERM: Junior QB has thrown for 32 TDs

(From 1C)

breaking 32-31 loss to Shallowater in a bi-district game.

The Buffaloes haven't come close to losing a game since then, and if such a talented team can point to one player as the biggest reason for that success, it would have to be Herm.

"I had the year of experience and the quarterback is supposed to be the leader on offense," said Herm, reflecting on the progress between his sophomore year and this season. "Because I'm the same age as a lot of the guys this year, it's easier to lead them."

"Last year I had to worry about everybody else, but this year I know what everybody can do."

No doubt everybody knows what Herm can do. At the helm of an explosive offense which has scored 630 points this season, Herm has thrown for 1,898 yards and 32 touchdowns while throwing only five interceptions. In three playoff games, he has had a hand in 11 of Stanton's 15 touchdowns, throwing five, running for five and taking a handoff on a punt return and going 83 yards for a score.

Watching the Buffaloes on offense is sometimes like watching a sandlot game where the quarterback draws plays in the dirt and tells his best receiver to run down to the Buick and hook a left. Herm often times wanders out of the pocket for what seems like an eternity waiting for a receiver to break open, and that's where the fun begins. He can either fling a long completion to somebody like deep threat Tyrone Davis, or elude hapless linemen and outrun linebackers for a big gain, as he did on a zig-zagging 21-yard scoring run on the third play of the game in last week's 35-14 victory over Post.

For Herm, improvising is something he does both out of necessity and preference.

"That's definitely the strength of my game because I'm not 6-3 and can see over everybody in the pocket," said Herm in a rare concession to his lack of height. "It's just like (Pittsburgh Steeler quarterback) Kordell Stewart because people don't know if you're going to run or throw. I usually don't wait around back there."

Such a style of play is often labeled as reckless and makes coaches uncomfortable, but that doesn't phase Cotton, who in fact encourages Herm's scrambling style.

"I made my mind up last year when I put Kyle in at quarterback that I wasn't going to restrict him," Cotton said. "When you start restricting great athletes you're outcoaching yourself."

Instead, Cotton has made up his mind that if anyone is going to put any shackles on Herm it's going to be the opposing defense. So far, no defense has truly succeeded in the task.

Perhaps most impressively, Herm doesn't make a lot of mistakes despite his style. Cotton says he has seen Herm panic no more than five times in the 25 games he has started for the Buffs at quarterback.

Herm inherited his feel for the position from his father, who was also a high school quarterback. He could have even made the varsity two years ago as a freshman, but Stanton already had an outstanding senior at quarterback in Taylor Looney. Herm was called up to the varsity and ended up starting the final seven games of the 1995 season at cornerback due to

injury, and the next spring Cotton made the quarterback job Herm's to lose.

"We went through the offseason and they decided to put me in at quarterback," Herm said. "I was going to be back there eventually (as a junior or senior) so they figured they'd put me in there as a sophomore to see what I could do."

Herm has done nothing to destroy the faith Cotton and the coaching staff showed in him from the outset. His performance at quarterback alone would make him invaluable to the Buffaloes, but as the rover in Stanton's defensive backfield his impact has been equally effective.

With six interceptions at rover, Herm has collected more interceptions than he has thrown and is tied with Davis for the team lead in that category. In the last two playoff games against Albany and Post, Herm has picked off three passes.

Herm has used some of his experience at quarterback to help him at rover and knows the tendencies of signal callers like a book.

"You can always tell what a quarterback is going to do by looking in his eyes," Herm said. "You're real predictable (as a quarterback) if you look in on one receiver."

It would be understandable if Herm wanted to avoid contact on

defense to preserve himself for when the Buffs take over the ball, but he's hardly been shy about launching himself into an opposing receiver or ball carrier to make a stop. Actually, that part of the game is something Herm relishes.

"It always feels good to lock somebody up when they catch a pass over the middle," Herm said.

While Herm still must be the team leader at quarterback if Stanton is to win a state championship this season, and he still has another year to go of high school, his football future beyond Stanton

might lie on defense. His offensive numbers are likely comparable to some of the most heavily recruited quarterbacks in the country, yet his lack of size could scare off some major colleges, making him a better fit for the secondary.

Either way, Cotton doesn't think Herm should be overlooked.

"If Kyle were 6-1 he'd have every college recruiter in the country looking at him," Cotton said. "Those who don't look at him are missing the boat."

It looks as if Stanton's boat will sail as far as Herm can take it.

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Class 5A, Big School

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Duncanville (12-1) vs. Longview (13-0), 1 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium

Region IV
Semifinal
Katy (12-1) vs. SA Taff (6-6), 5 p.m. Saturday, AstroDome

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Region I Final
Flower Mound Marcus (11-2) vs. Abilene Cooper (12-1), 1 p.m. Saturday, Abilene's Shorwell Stadium

Region II Final
Richardson Lake Highlands (11-2) vs. Tyler John Tyler (11-2), 8 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium

Region III Final
Beaumont West Brook (11-2) vs. Alief Hastings (12-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, AstroDome

Region IV Final
SA MacArthur (11-2) vs. New Braunfels (12-1), 1 p.m. Saturday, Alamo Stadium

Class 4A, Big School

Region III
Semifinal
Canyon Randall (10-3) vs. Corsicana (11-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Wichita Falls Memorial Stadium

Region IV
Semifinal
Texas City (12-1) vs. Waco Midway (12-1), 8 p.m. Saturday, AstroDome

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Region I Final
Danison (13-0) vs. Sweetwater (13-0), 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Wichita Falls Memorial Stadium

Region II Final
Mount Pleasant (8-5) vs. Terrell (13-0), 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium

Region III Final
LC-Maunville (11-2) vs. La Marque (10-3), 6 p.m. Friday, AstroDome

Region IV Final
CC Calallen (13-0) vs. Edcouch-Elsa (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, McAllen

Class 3A

Region I Final
Hidalgo (13-0) vs. Brownsville (13-0), 8 p.m. Saturday, Bedford's Pennington Field

Region II Final
Linden-Kildare (12-1) vs. Commerce (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Texas Stadium

Region III Final
Columbus (10-3) vs. La Grange (11-2), 11 a.m. Saturday, AstroDome

Region IV Final
Cuero (11-2) vs. Seely (13-0), 8:30 p.m. Friday, AstroDome

Class 2A

Region I Final
Lockney (12-1) vs. Stanton (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Shorwell Stadium, Abilene

Region II Final
Calina (11-2) vs. Italy (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Bedford's Pennington Field

Region III Final
Alto (13-0) vs. Elysian Fields (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Kilgore's R.E. St. John Stadium

Region IV Final
Rogers (12-1) vs. Refugio (11-2), 8 p.m. Friday, Bobcat Stadium, San Marcos

Class 1A

Region VII
Semifinal
Wheeler (10-3) vs. Munday (10-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Childress

Region VIII
Semifinal
Celeste (13-0) vs. Granger (10-3), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Glen Rose

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Region III
Semifinal
Lazbuddie (12-1) vs. Borden County (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Wolfforth-Frenship

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Panther Creek (12-1) vs. Trinidad (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Glen Rose

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Carr scores 25 in Tech's 80-57 romp

Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Cory Carr scored 25 points, leading Texas Tech to an 80-57 victory over George Washington on Wednesday night, its first win after three losses.

The Red Raiders went on a 21-7 run at the start of the second half to open up a 59-42 lead. Carr began the scoring with four consecutive points and Rayford Young and Stan Bonewitz added six points each.

Yegor Mescheriakov led George Washington (5-2) with 20 points and 11 rebounds.

George Washington's 7-foot-1 center Alexander Koul, who came into the game as the Colonials' leading scorer at 14.3 points per game, was held to two points and three rebounds.

Tech built a 10-point lead in the first half on the strength of a 21-9 run. Reserve guard Archie Myers scored eight of his 11 points during the stretch, on 3-of-5 shooting.

Tech outrebounded the taller Colonials 38-32, the first time this season the Red Raiders won the boards.

The Red Raiders led 31-21 after two Bonewitz free throws at the 5:37 mark of the first half, but George Washington outscored Tech 14-7 to close out the half.

Francisco de Miranda, who was 3-of-3 in the first half, scored back-to-back baskets to pull the Colonials to within 38-35 at intermission.

For Tech, Young finished with 15 points, center Cliff Owens with 12

Texas Roundup

points and 8 rebounds, and Bonewitz with 12 points.

Texas 78, American 62
AUSTIN — Kris Clack scored 20 points and fueled a second-half run that helped Texas avert a second-half collapse in a victory over American University.

Texas (3-3) led 37-28 at halftime and 41-30 with 18:35 left. But American (0-5) crept back into the game with a 10-0 run to make it 41-40 with 15:50 to go.

That's when Clack took over, hitting a basket and a free throw and following that with a 3-pointer as Texas started a 22-4 run that made it 63-45 with 8:56 remaining.

Brandy Perryman added five points in the decisive run, including two free throws and a 3-pointer.

American contributed to Texas' cause, turning the ball over a season-high 27 times.

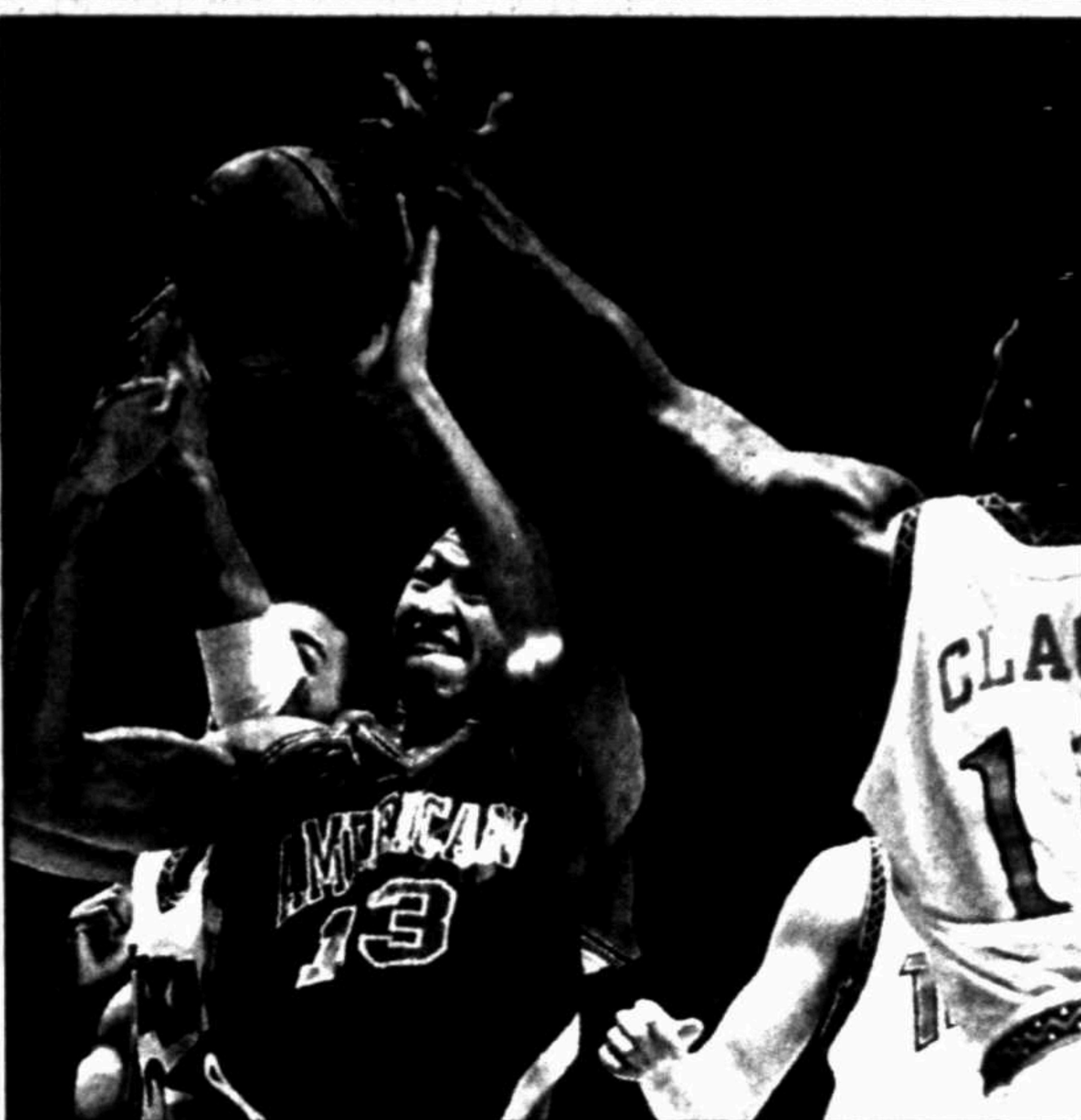
Texas jumped to an 8-0 lead just two minutes into the game behind a pair of Luke Axtell 3-pointers.

Clack had seven rebounds in addition to his 20 points. Freshman Chris Mihm chipped in 17 points and added a team-high five blocks.

Matt Brown scored a season-high 21 points for American.

Alabama 81, Texas A&M 64
TUSCALOOSA, Ala. —

Demetrius Alexander and Jeremy Hays scored 15 points each Wednesday to lead Alabama to a win over Texas A&M and give coach David



American University's Sallou-Binet Telly (13) finds the going tough against Texas' Kris Clack, right, and Ira Clark, left, in the first half on Wednesday in Austin.

Hobbs his 100th career victory.

Alabama (5-2) had five players in double figures, including 14 from Brian Williams on four 3-pointers.

Calvin Davis and Steve Houston both scored 15 points for Texas A&M (4-1). Davis had a game-high 12 rebounds.

Alabama opened the second half with an 8-2 run that put the Crimson Tide up 45-38 at the 18:05 mark and the Tide never looked back.

The Tide extended its lead to as many as 22 when Williams' 3 from

the left corner made the score 72-50 with 5:29 to play. Williams was 4-of-6 from behind the arc.

Texas A&M led by seven points several times in the first half, but Alabama battled to a 37-36 halftime lead and the Aggies never threatened in the second half.

Alabama, which shot only 36 percent in the first half, broke the game open on 48 percent second-half shooting. The Aggies shot only 36 percent for the game and were outrebounded 51-43.

Freshman's 23 points lead No. 1 Blue Devils

By The Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — Elton Brand scored 23 points and grabbed seven rebounds while No. 1 Duke threw up a relentless defense to smother North Carolina-Greensboro 93-37 Wednesday night.

The Blue Devils (7-0) improved to 68-7 when they are top-ranked under coach Mike Krzyzewski, while the Spartans (0-4) dropped their first game against a No. 1 team since moving to Division I in 1991. Greensboro was also held to its lowest point total since the move from Division II.

No. 3 North Carolina 81, Louisville 72

CHICAGO — Shammond Williams scored 22 points and hit a key jumper in the closing minutes to lead the Tar Heels.

Williams had eight rebounds and six assists and Antawn Jamison added 21 points and 12 rebounds for the Tar Heels (7-0), who scored eight of the final 10 points to finally put the Cardinals away.

No. 13 Connecticut 88, West Virginia 75
STORRS, Conn. — Freshman

Top 25 Men

Khalid El-Amin scored 29 points to lead the Huskies in the Big East opener for both teams.

West Virginia closed within two points with 7:24 left, but the Huskies (6-1) then went on a 10-0 run.

No. 24 Wake Forest 61, Davidson 56

DAVIDSON, N.C. — Reserve freshman guard Robert O'Kelley scored 11 points over the final 5:37 as the Demon Deacons rallied from a late deficit.

O'Kelley finished with 18 points as the Demon Deacons (6-0) rallied from a 47-41 deficit over the final seven minutes.

No. 25 Princeton 63, UNC-Wilmington 50

PRINCETON, N.J. — Gabe Lewulis scored 15 of his 20 points in the second half and fueled the deciding run for the Tigers.

Playing its first game as a ranked team since the 1990-91 season, Princeton (5-0) pulled away by holding the visitors to one basket over the final 12:05.



Kyra Elzy (5) of Tennessee battles Vanessa Wallace (14) of Texas for the ball during first half action Wednesday.

Former Duncanville star leads Tennessee past Lady Longhorns

Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee's heralded freshman class is starting to make its presence felt.

Tamika Catchings scored 26 points and grabbed nine rebounds as No. 1 Tennessee routed Texas 98-64. Catchings also added two 3-point baskets and four assists.

"I think this game gave me extra motivation," said Catchings, a prep All-American from Duncanville, Texas. "Anytime you play against a team from your home state, you want to play good."

Another freshman, Semeka Randall, added 18 points for Tennessee (7-0). Chamique Holdclaw had 17 and Teresa Geter and Kyra Elzy each had 10.

Kim Lummus led Texas (1-4) with 15, while Edwina Brown had 12 points, and Angela Jackson had 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Tennessee, which led 47-32 at halftime, began to pull away with a hot start in the second half. A 12-2 run was highlighted by Catchings' two 3-pointers that gave the Lady Vols a 59-35 lead with 16:02 left.

"Tamika had a fantastic game," Tennessee coach Pat Summitt said. "She's such a confident offensive player. Her ability to handle the ball makes it difficult on other teams."

The Lady Vols' biggest lead was 83-45 with 6:40 left. The Longhorns, unable to get on track inside, also were overwhelmed by the Tennessee defense at times, as the Lady Vols forced 30 turnovers.

No. 2 Old Dominion 94, William & Mary 53

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. — Mery Andrade scored 20 of her 26 points in the second half night in No. 2 Old Dominion's victory over William & Mary.

Old Dominion (5-0, 1-0 Colonial Athletic Association) ran off 10 straight points in less than three minutes to take a 65-41 lead midway through the second half.

The Lady Monarchs widened their lead with a 15-2 run to go up by 38 at 82-44 with less than six minutes. Old Dominion frustrated William & Mary (3-3, 0-1) with a

MC: Women improve to 9-2

(From 1C)

shoot 4-of-32 from three-point range, it doesn't look very good."

That's quite a contrast from what Jones expected at the beginning of the season after looking at his roster and seeing the shooters he had coming back and the talented players he recruited.

"I think we'll come out of it at some point and until then we'll keep working," said the fourth-year coach.

Inside, the Lady Chaps weren't much better as they missed easy layups but always managed to get second- and third-chance opportunities by out-rebounding the Cowgirls 57-33. That was simple to predict from the beginning of the game considering that none of the Cowgirls stood taller than 5 feet, 10 inches — an aspect that Taqita Hunter, Janice Thomas and Autumn Johnson so easily exploited.

"I think (the size advantage) helped a little bit," said the 6-2 Johnson. "It wasn't hard to get motivated for this game because we always get motivated. Talented we had them beat."

"I did get frustrated a little because I missed layups and free throws. That's just a matter of concentration and focus."

It shouldn't be very hard for the

Lady Chaps (9-2) to get motivated for this weekend as they travel to play in the Tyler Classic where they'll face host Tyler and Trinity Valley.

"It's going to be very tough," Johnson said. "But I have faith and I think we can do it. We just need to concentrate."

"If they can't get excited about playing those teams, I don't know what will," Jones said.

In case his Lady Chaps do underestimate their opponents, all Jones has to do is remind them that Trinity Valley is No. 1 in the latest women's poll and Tyler handed them a crushing 70-51 loss at home earlier in the season.

"Trinity Valley is probably a Top 20 team in Division I — they're good," Jones said. "I want to play Tyler again and get rid of that memory if possible from earlier in the year."

Midland College 96, Hardin Simmons JV 37
Hardin Simmons JV: Katie Craft 0-7 2-3 2; Tracy Hensley 1-3 1-4; Misty England 5-14 2-2 12; Cole Edmondson 2-9 1-2 5; Emily Owens 1-6 4-4 7; Tarsha Hutchins 1-2 0-0 2; Shauna Warwick 2-7 1-2 5; Shevelle Lindley 0-0 0-0 0. Totals: 12-48 11-14 37.

Midland College (9-2), Fairman Holiday 2-11 2-6 6; Jody Finley 1-6 0-0 2; Taqita Hunter 5-11 2-2 12; Marnie Noddy 1-7 0-0 2; Jill Davis 3-8 0-0 8; Candy Mitchell 5-12 2-2 14; Brooke Bowman 3-13 1-7; Holly Turnbough 2-3 0-0 4; Janice Thomas 5-12 1-4 11; Autumn Johnson 4-8 0-0 8; Anne Kane 9-17 2-2 22. Totals: 41-109 10-21 96.

Halftime: MC 50, HSJV 16. 3-point goals: HSJV 2 (Hensley 1, Owens 1); MC 4 (Davis 2, Kane 2). Total Fouls: HSJV 13, MC 16. Fouled Out: None. Turnovers: HSJV 45, MC 8. Rebounds: HSJV 33 (Owens 8), MC 57 (Hunter 12, Thomas 12).

Verplank takes cart, one-stroke lead at PGA qualifying school

HAINES CITY, Fla. (AP) — Riding in a cart between shots and limping noticeably toward the end of the round, Casey Martin shot a 1-under-par 70 Wednesday at the PGA Tour qualifying tournament.

Martin, who has a leg disability that causes him pain when he walks, challenged the PGA Tour ban of carts in the final stage of Q-school and got an injunction from a federal judge in Oregon last week.

The tour decided to make carts available to all 168 players, and about 20 used them — including first-round leader Scott Verplank.

Verplank, one of 12 former PGA Tour winners in the field, shot a 5-under 66 at the Grenelefe Resort for a one-stroke lead.

Among those at 4 under were Keith Fergus, Bob Gilder and Blaine McCallister. Robert Floyd, the son of Raymond Floyd, was at 2-under 69.

Martin, 25, was a teammate of Tiger Woods at Stanford when it won the 1994 NCAA championship. He was runner-up in the second stage of Q-school, despite a progressively worsening muscle and bone condition in his right leg.

"I'd really rather walk," Martin said. "Walking is part of the game. I totally understand that. I walked

when I could, but now my leg is getting worse."

"It's unfortunate I have to carry this banner, but I want to compete at the highest level."

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Sprewell claims verbal abuse spawned attack

By Rob Gloster
AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. — Latrell Sprewell admitted he made a mistake but did not apologize to Warriors coach P.J. Carlesimo in a television interview Wednesday in which he said he was provoked "after a lot of verbal abuse by P.J."

"I want to apologize to my friends, my family and friends of mine who saw this. It's definitely not something that I condone, but it did happen. And that's a mistake I made," Sprewell said in an interview with San Francisco's KPIX-TV at his home.

"I think it's been known for some time now that we haven't been on good terms. And it's been over a month or so now, and I just couldn't take the verbal abuse that he's been giving all the guys over the past month or so."

"Sprewell was suspended for at least 10 games following his attack on Carlesimo during practice Monday. He sat out the first game Wednesday night as the Warriors hosted the Cleveland Cavaliers."

Sprewell grabbed Carlesimo by the throat, reportedly threatened to kill him and landed a glancing punch to his neck in two separate confrontations minutes apart.

Sprewell was dressed in a collarless white and smiled frequently as he talked with a television crew at his home in the Hayward Hills area south of Oakland. It was his first public comment since the confrontation on Monday.

"It's not just myself, we have other players on the team that he has also verbally abused, and as well as other teams in the past, so it just got to a point where I could-

n't take it any more," Sprewell said.

"Oh my God," agent Arn Tellem said upon hearing that Sprewell had gone on television.

Just minutes earlier, TNT studio analyst Cheryl Miller read a draft of a prepared statement attributed to Sprewell in which he also apologized to the fans but not the coach.

"I regret what I did and wish it never happened. But I've been extremely frustrated and felt P.J. Carlesimo verbally abused me over the last couple of months. This doesn't excuse my behavior and I would like to apologize to the fans," the statement said.

Tellem called the statement "a complete and utter fabrication. No such draft exists or has been contemplated."

Turner Sports spokesman Greg Hughes said Miller obtained the draft from sources. It was reported prior to the network's telecast of the Lakers-Nuggets game.

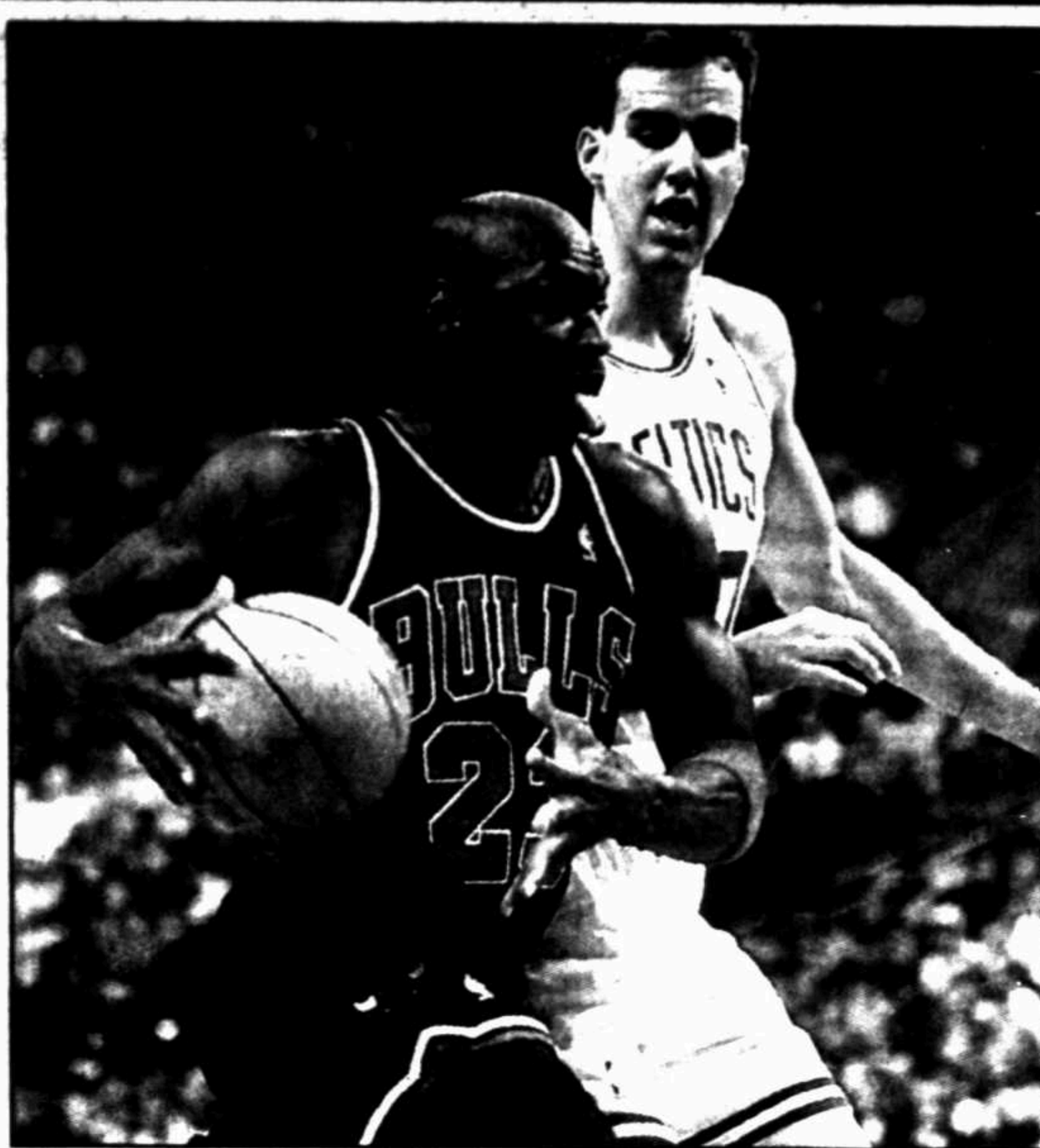
The suspension would cost Sprewell about \$940,000 in salary. He has been banished from practices, games and other club events.

Carlesimo, the three-inch scar on his neck slowly starting to heal, said he won't even guess at Sprewell's future.

"I don't know the answer to this," he said. "I've stopped trying to figure out what's going to happen."

One thing that could happen is a trade.

The Warriors were continuing their efforts to trade Sprewell, although general manager Garry St. Jean acknowledged some teams may have been scared off by the attack.



Chicago Bulls forward Michael Jordan, left, drives to the basket past Boston Celtics center Travis Knight during the first quarter in Boston. The Bulls defeated the Celtics 97-87.

Jordan, Rodman lead Chicago past Boston

Associated Press

BOSTON — Michael Jordan scored 29 points and Dennis Rodman had 17 rebounds Wednesday night as the Chicago Bulls avenged an opening-night loss Boston with by beating the Celtics 97-87.

Antoine Walker had 19 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Celtics, who lost their fourth consecutive game. Bruce Bowen added 16 for Boston, and Travis Knight had nine rebounds.

Heat 94, 76ers 90

MIAMI — Isaac Austin scored 28 points and Eric Murdock had 11 of his 17 in the fourth quarter to lead the Miami Heat to a victory over the Philadelphia 76ers.

Tim Hardaway added 20 points and 11 assists for Miami. The Sixers, losers of four of their last five games, were led by Allen Iverson's 21 points.

Pacers 94, Timberwolves 90
MINNEAPOLIS — Reggie Miller scored 27 points and an offensive goaltending call cost Minnesota two crucial points in the final minute as the Indiana Pacers edged the Timberwolves.

NBA Roundup

Lakers 107, Nuggets 89

DENVER — Elden Campbell, filling the middle for the injured Shaquille O'Neal, had 25 points and 12 rebounds to help the Los Angeles Lakers to a win over the Denver.

SuperSonics 93, Nets 89

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Dale Ellis has had his share of big shots and game-winners, and the New Jersey Nets will remember his 3-pointer on Wednesday night that killed their momentum and helped lift the Seattle SuperSonics to a 93-89 victory.

Magic 101, Grizzlies 97

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Penny Hardaway, the leader in a player revolt against coach Brian Hill last season, scored 22 points as the Orlando Magic beat Hill's Vancouver Grizzlies.

Pistons 108, Suns 103, 3 OT

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Grant Hill had 27 points, 16 rebounds and 10 assists for his second triple-double of the season as the Detroit Pistons outlasted the Phoenix Suns in triple overtime.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
***** Aim for what you want. You are full of energy and zip. The unexpected occurs, and you can run with it. A solid course of action is advised. Using discretion and knowledge pays off. A friend rings your chimes, and you respond. Tonight: Be with buddies.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
***** Accept the limelight, and know that you are in a situation in which you can make changes. Interactions are exciting yet flowing. Authority figures aren't predictable at this point, and you might not want them to be. After all, isn't it more fun this way? Tonight: Take your bows.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** Reach out for another.

Talks are enlightening and could be downright surprising. You get what you want, mainly because of your endurance and determination. Don't fight a reversal of course. An associate appeals to your mind and higher self. Tonight: Buy an exotic present.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** Partnership, patience and working with a difficult boss all pay off. You see what nurturing can produce. There are feelings of trust between you and another. You might need to do what is politically correct, which looks like a long night of work. Tonight: Count on a late dinner!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** Others take action that surprises you. Consider what is best for you; look to the future. You come up with unusual ideas. A relationship could benefit from your humor and flexibility. Be open to another's offerings. Tonight: Go along for the ride, but buckle your seat belt!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** Get work done, and make time to exercise. Good eating and health habits help you deal with stress, and will add to your feeling of well-being. One-to-one relating in business matters proves successful. Roll with changes from a high-energy boss. Tonight: Shop.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** Speak your mind, and a loved one will respond. You are more in sync than you have been as a couple. Trust your creativity and loving nature. You create movement and change where you couldn't before. Let more fun in your life. Tonight: Get into the holiday mood.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

*** Go within for answers. Explore a home office, or involve your family more with your work. Understanding is important with people in your personal life. Security comes in many forms. Establish stronger financial and emotional bond. Tonight: Put your feet up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** You tend to express yourself through your actions; others see you as impulsive. You are more likely to express what is on your mind and where you are heading. Others are stunned and delighted by your renderings. Let go of obstacles to creativity. Tonight: Flirt!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** Intuition can play a big role in your choices. You are right on, especially with money. Risk only as much as you can afford when indulging in any gambling. You are building strength, not undermining yourself. Tonight: Flip through catalogs for gift ideas.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** Your decisions direct you toward what you want with unusual success. A discussion is tough but worthwhile. News you hear doesn't have you jumping for joy but has a positive tone to it for the future. Let your personality shine through. Tonight: You are everyone's pal.

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West led the queen of clubs, taken perforce in dummy with the ace. The king of spades was led and ducked by East and declarer, Steve Robinson of Washington, D.C., noted West's contribution of the nine. Backing his judgment that West's nine was singleton and that spades were not going to break, Robinson abandoned trumps. The ace and king of hearts were cashed for a

club discard from hand, and a heart was ruffed low, setting up the suit when both defenders followed.

Declarer now cashed the king of clubs for a diamond discard from the table, then led a second trump. Whether East took the ace or not, declarer was in control. When the defender ducked again, winning hearts were led from dummy and East could ruff at any time, but declarer would simply overruff and lose one trick to the master trump. Well read!



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By Harvey Chew
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last chance to show your stuff

Its never too early to start celebrating the spirit of Christmas. The Midland Reporter-Telegram and Paint & Palette are sponsoring a contest for children in the first through sixth grades. We want you to express what Christmas means to you by creating unique artwork that has broad appeal.

- The First place prize is \$100 plus artwork featured at more than 164 Midland Reporter-Telegram Newspaper sales racks. Also a Custom-made drawing set will be awarded from Paint & Palette.
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Prices steady

NEW YORK — Crude oil was steady after an industry report showed that stockpiles in most of the U.S. were little changed last week. While total crude inventories rose 4.3 million barrels to 321.89 million barrels from a week earlier, the American Petroleum Institute said late Tuesday, most of the gains were on the West Coast. Traders usually discount supply totals in that region because it isn't connected by pipeline to the rest of the nation.

Increased demand for oil products was indicated by a 1.8 percent drop in distillate stocks on the East Coast, the nation's biggest heating oil market. Six of seven analysts surveyed by Bloomberg News before the report was issued said heating oil stocks would fall, with the average estimate for the entire U.S. at 600,000 barrels.

Crude oil for January delivery recently was at \$18.80 a barrel, up 4 cents, on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Heating oil rose 0.25 cent, or 0.5 percent, to \$3.50 cents a gallon on the Nymex and January gasoline futures was at \$6.55 cents a gallon, up 0.12 cent.

Dollar falls

NEW YORK — The dollar was mixed against other major currencies Wednesday, falling vs. the mark on strong German economic data and a warning from a German central bank official about higher interest rates if the dollar advances further.

The U.S. currency rose against the yen after a pessimistic outlook on Japan's economic growth. But the gains were limited by profit-taking from the dollar's recent rise and traders' reluctance to make big moves in a market that has grown thinner and more volatile this week, dealers said.

In late New York trading, the dollar settled at 1.7720 marks, down from 1.7782 late Tuesday. The dollar also was changing hands at 128.78 yen, up from 128.64.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Tuesday: 1,4301 Swiss francs, down from 1.4335; 5,9315 French francs, down from 5.9490; 1,736 Italian lire, down from 1,740; and 1,4191 Canadian dollars, down from 1.4185.

The British pound was quoted at \$1.6829, up from \$1.6807.

Markets rise

NEW YORK — A late rebound pushed stocks back toward record levels on Wednesday as investors shrugged off a spate of warnings about technology sector profits.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 13.18 to 8,032.01 after erasing a 57-point deficit.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by a 9-to-7 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,665 up, 1,272 down and 525 unchanged. NYSE volume totaled a hefty 623.45 million shares.

The Standard & Poor's 500-stock list rose 5.09 to 976.77, less than 7 points from its Oct. 7 record finish at 983.12.

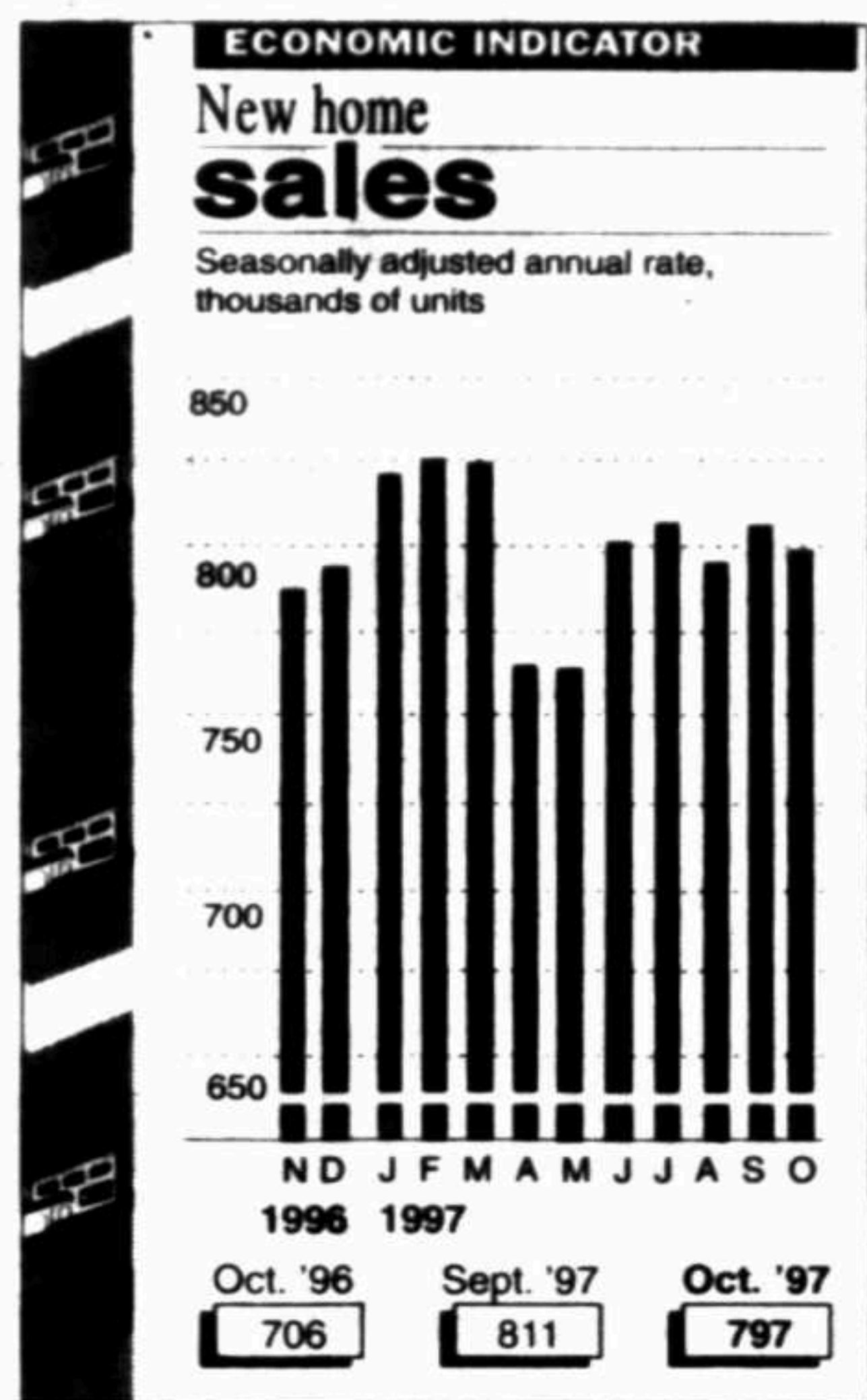
The NYSE composite index rose 2.51 to 510.15, about 4 points shy of record terrain.

The Nasdaq composite index, which fell as much as 15 points during the session, rose 8.76 to 1,615.13.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies rose 1.33 to 433.81, and the American Stock Exchange composite index rose 3.40 to 669.10.

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Asia's woes felt by American exporters



Fed report says American factory, farm product sales hurt by Asia's financial turmoil.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Asia's currency devaluations are hurting sales of American factory and farm products, the Federal Reserve said Wednesday in a survey showing the first economic fallout in the United States from problems overseas.

"Asian financial turmoil and currency weakness have adversely affected demand for manufactured and agricultural exports," the Fed said in its "beige book," a survey of economic conditions by its 12 district banks.

Economists had been predicting for weeks that the sharp devaluation of Asian currencies from the Thai baht to the South Korean won would slow the U.S. economy by reducing demand for American products abroad and by slashing the price of Asian goods in the United States.

Wednesday's report, based on information collected before Nov. 24, is the first clear evidence that is happening.

Wall Street showed little reaction.

The report was issued as the International Monetary Fund approved a record \$55 billion bailout of the foundering South Korean economy, the world's 11th largest.

Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said Americans had "a vital national economic and security interest in helping Korea" and pledged up to \$5 billion to the package.

"American stability and prosperity is closely linked with the stability of the international financial system and the strength of our trading partners," he said.

Indeed, five of the Fed's district banks — Boston, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Dallas and San Francisco — already have detected the impact on manufacturers of weaker demand from Asia. A sixth, Atlanta, said factories are scaling back production in anticipation of weaker demand but the Chicago bank said there hasn't been an impact yet.

Two district banks — San Francisco and St. Louis — said Asia's turmoil has hurt demand for agricultural exports.

Speaking in Las Vegas, Robert Parry, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, said the Asian financial problem will help slow U.S. economic

growth from about 3.6 percent this year to the 2 percent range next year.

For now, though, the Fed's beige book said "virtually all regions are experiencing tight labor markets, with some reporting increased wage pressures in specific industries and occupations with labor shortages."

Just a month before Christmas, retailers are generally optimistic about the sales outlook, but they "are having a particularly difficult time in hiring and retaining seasonal workers," it said.

Despite rising wages, "price pressures remain neutral on balance" in part because "increasing overseas competition appears to be offsetting any effects of wage gains," it said.

On balance, district banks "report a continued moderate pace of economic growth," the Fed said.

Wednesday's survey will be used when monetary policy-makers meet Dec. 16 to discuss interest rates. Most analysts expect no change in rates.

Separately Wednesday, the Commerce Department said new home sales slipped in October for the second time in three months. Single-family homes sold at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 797,000, down 1.7 percent from September.

Movie-product promotions hit peak

Cross-marketing of movies, products reaches new extremes in new James Bond movie.

Associated Press

BOSTON — James Bond is everywhere. There's 007 outrunning bad guys on his BMW motorcycle, sipping a Smirnoff vodka martini (shaken, not stirred), making a call on his Ericsson cell phone.

What about his new movie? It won't be out for another two weeks. But products that have cameo roles in "Tomorrow Never Dies" are already being heavily advertised in an all-out license to sell.

The strategy, while not new, seems to reach new extremes with the Bond movie. Agreements with eight "promotional partners" got the film \$100 million worth of publicity before MGM had spent a dime on marketing.

And the manufacturers are happy because they get to turn the suave, debonair man of intrigue into a human billboard, making it hard to tell where the advertising ends and the movie hype begins.

MGM executive vice president Karen Sortito bristled at the suggestion that the deal is somehow unusual.

"You need to put products in movies to make them realistic. Why shouldn't we get something out of it?" she said. "This is a guy who's been picking up gadgets and getting in cool cars for decades. Do they really want us to scratch out the logos?"

Indeed, placing products in Hollywood movies has evolved into a fine art since 1982, when an unpaid appearance by Reese's Pieces in "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial" was followed by an increase in sales of the candy.

Getting companies to pay for shots featuring their products now routinely helps studios defray marketing costs, which have skyrocketed to between \$15 million and \$50 million a movie.

"Everyone today in the entertainment business is trying to figure out how to leverage their marketing budgets because it's becoming so expensive," said Al Lieberman, director of New



A screenshot from a James Bond 007 website on the film "Tomorrow Never Dies" combines two Hollywood staples: Product placement and product licensing. The latest Bond movie has product agreements worth \$100 million with "promotional partners."

York University's entertainment and media program.

"Tomorrow Never Dies" could use some leverage. It cost \$100 million to produce and is being released Dec. 19, right in the heart of the crowded Christmas movie season.

In addition to BMW, Ericsson and Omega, MGM approved Bond ad campaigns for Smirnoff vodka, Heineken beer, Avis rental cars, Visa credit cards and L'Oréal cosmetics.

"James Bond uses his Ericsson for all his close calls," reads the kicker on one full-page newspaper that shows a movie still of actor Pierce Brosnan on a cellular phone.

In a Smirnoff magazine ad, twists of lemon floating in a martini spell out "007." The ads highlight a long-standing penchant for vodka martinis that goes

back to Bond No. 1, Sean Connery.

On television, the familiar Bond guitar riff plays over a chase scene from the movie as an off-screen announcer warns viewers not to try the stunt at home. The product: the BMW Cruiser motorcycle Bond is riding.

BMW returned to the Bond franchise after successfully using the previous Bond film, "GoldenEye," to help launch its Z3 Roadster.

"About 10,000 pre-orders were directly attributable to the film," said Jack Pitney, a company spokesman. "It was by any measure a smash success."

Like other partners, BMW did not pay the studio a placement fee, but agreed to promote the movie in its ads. In all, MGM got \$46 million worth of movie promotions in the United States and \$52 million overseas before launching its own multimillion-dollar "direct" campaign, Sortito said.

Sears Tower sold to Canadian real estate firm

N.Y. Times News Service

CHICAGO — A rapidly growing Canadian real-estate company said Wednesday that it was acquiring effective control of the 110-story Sears Tower, North America's tallest skyscraper, for just \$70 million. The purchase includes an additional \$40 million for full ownership of an adjacent 1,100-car garage, a site for potential future development.

The deal values the tower at more than \$800 million. Trizec Hahn Corp., which is based in Toronto, is acquiring the garage and control of the equity in the building

from AEW Partners LP, a group of pension-fund investors based in Boston. But the building carries a \$734 million mortgage liability held by Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. of New York.

The deal will generate annual management fees of about \$2 million for Trizec Hahn. The company's long-term grip on its new prize will depend on generating enough cash flow from the building to retire or refinance the Met Life mortgage by the year 2005.

"We could have talked to Met Life, too, but we like the leverage we get by leav-

ing that mortgage there," said Gregory Wilkins, president and chief operating officer of Trizec Hahn. "This gives us a shot at a much better return on equity."

Real-estate brokers here said the price reflected the strong rebound in the Chicago commercial market and especially in the downtown district known as the Loop. In the early 1990s, estimates of the Sears Tower's value fell to less than \$500 million and occupancy tumbled below 60 percent as Sears, Roebuck & Co., which erected the building, moved its headquarters to suburban Hoffman Estates.

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Beardstown Ladies Club claims unsubstantiated

By Eric Tyson

Q: I recently read a book written by the Beardstown Ladies Investment Club in which the authors explain how they invest in individual stocks and have earned 23.4 percent per year during the past decade. Is that possible? What do you know about this club and its approach?



Tyson

A: The Beardstown club members, who are mostly retired and range in age from 41 to 87 or so, claim a whopping 23.4 percent annual return since the club's inception in 1983. Those returns, compared with the market averages, place them shoulder to shoulder with the returns achieved during the same period by the legendary Peter Lynch (of the now-famous Fidelity Magellan fund) and Warren Buffett (whom Lynch described as "the greatest investor of them all").

The Beardstown club guide is mostly

about how members used the Value Line Investment Survey to select stocks. Value Line provides one-page summaries of stocks that trade on the U.S. exchanges.

In addition to financial data and an analyst's commentary, each Value Line stock summary provides a ranking of the stock's "timeliness" on a scale from 1 (for stocks the highest expected return in the next year) to 5 (for stocks with the poorest expected performance). Value Line's own ads claim superior returns from investing in its highest-rated stocks.

The Beardstown club advocates selecting stocks that are ranked 1 or 2 on the Value Line scale. Some of the club's other ingredients for creating a successful investment mix include focusing on companies with sales and earnings growth projections of 12 percent to 15 percent during the next five years, stock prices of \$25 or less, and "competent and experienced management." The club then holds a stock until Value Line lowers its opinion and rating of the company.

While the parts of the Beardstown guide that discuss how to use Value

Line are fine, the book fails to explain how to choose investments that fit your particular needs. Making sound investing decisions involves more than picking "good" investments.

The Beardstown book ignores the rest of your financial situation, such as your tax bracket and its effect on your investing strategies. Also absent is advice on taking advantage of tax-deductible retirement accounts.

So what about those 23.4 percent annual returns the Beardstown investment club claims? Knowing that professional money managers, such as those who manage mutual funds, have standards for calculating returns, I was naturally curious how the Beardstown club calculated its returns.

Betty Sinnock, the club's spokeswoman, says it uses software from the National Association of Investors Corp. to calculate its returns. However, Sinnock couldn't explain how it worked and whether the returns reflected the club's costs and brokerage commissions it paid to buy and sell stocks.

For a nominal \$8 fee per year, NAIC members can provide a listing of their trades and investments to an account-

ant who calculates returns. The Beardstown club has not used that service.

So maybe there should be an asterisk marking the Beardstown performance claims, as there is in some advertisements. The footnote: "Unaudited."

There's also a lesson here for those considering hiring a money manager claiming a high return.

"Millions of people are out there saying they've done great with their investments," investment manager Kenneth L. Fisher says. "There are many ways to calculate returns."

"Never believe in a track record that hasn't been audited by a major accounting firm with experience in doing these sorts of audits in the investment business."

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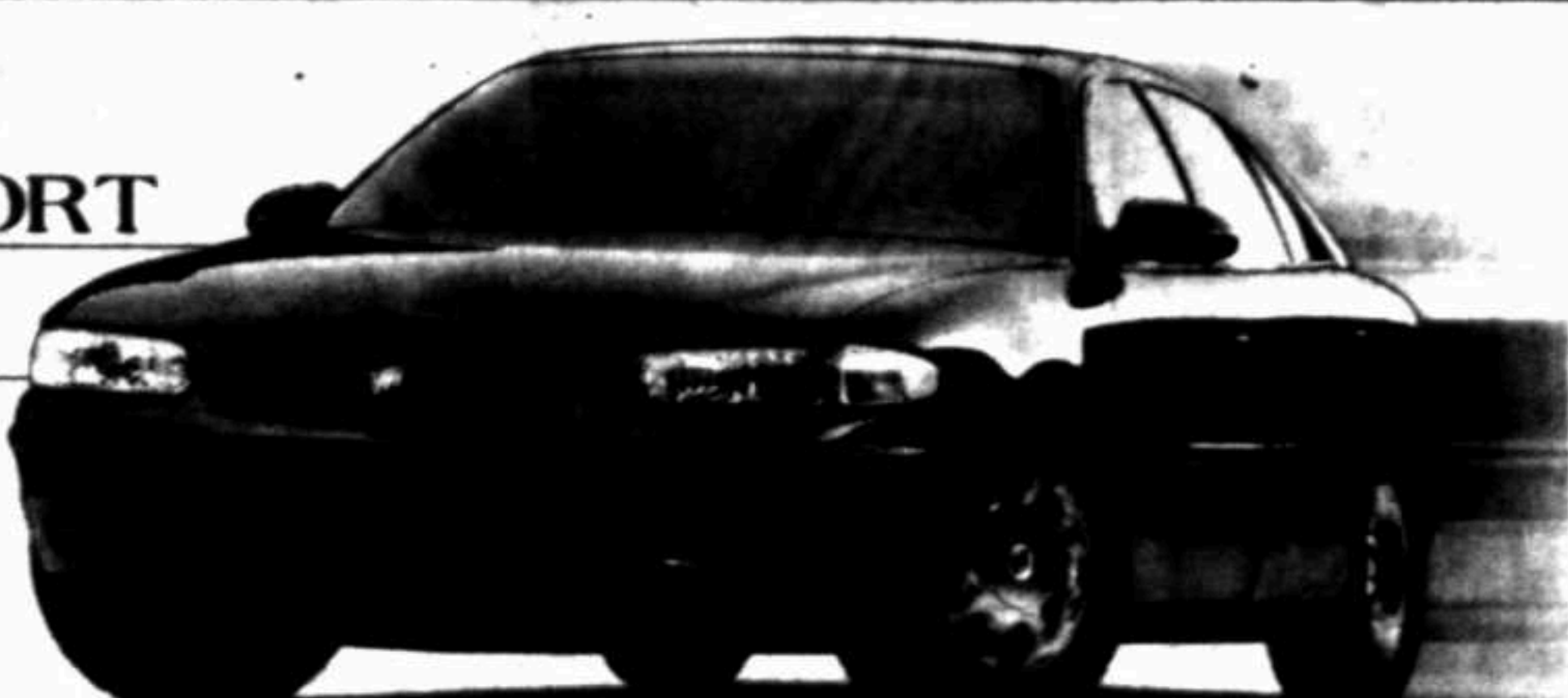
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