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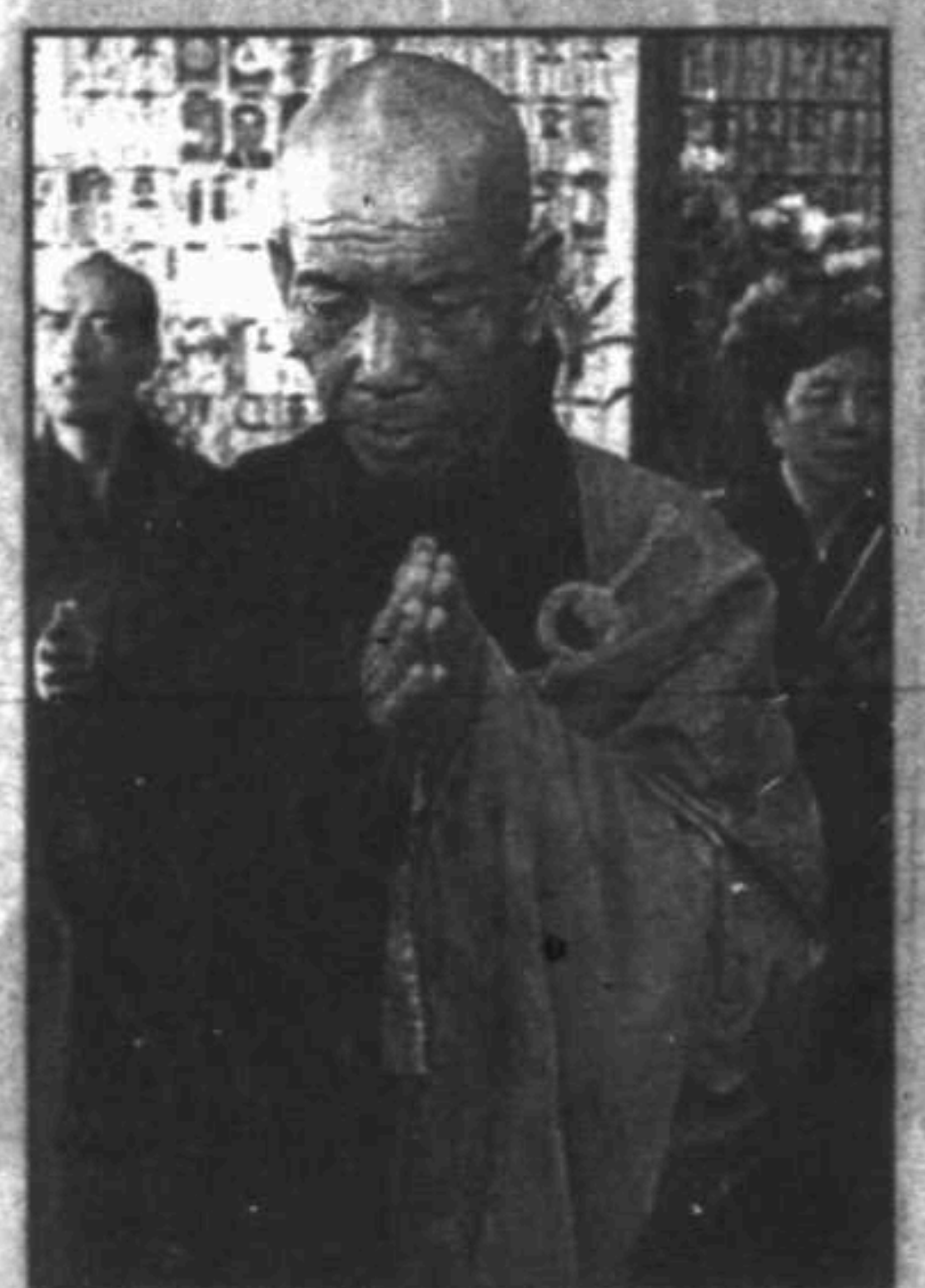
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TODAY

Partly cloudy with a high in the low 60s. Weather on 4A.



Hong Kong flu

Buddhist monks pray in a ceremony at a Hong Kong temple Wednesday to placate the spirits of chickens slaughtered by the Hong Kong government to stamp out a bird flu.

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Diana crash

PARIS — In one of the more tantalizing leads in the Princess Diana investigation, a new police report quotes witnesses seeing a Fiat Uno "zigzagging" out of the tunnel where her Mercedes crashed and describing the Fiat's driver, a judicial source said today. The source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, is privy to all documents in the case, including the 400-page report police submitted this week to investigating judge Hervé Stephan.

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Rehnquist rebuke

WASHINGTON — In an unusually stern rebuke to fellow conservatives, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist says the nation's "quality of justice" may be threatened by the Senate's delay in acting on scores of President Clinton's judicial nominees. In his year-end report, the nation's top-ranking judge pointed a finger of blame at the Senate for "serious delays in the appointment process."

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Scramble is on for year 2000

By Deb Riechmann
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The millennium clock is ticking! Twenty-four months and counting to eradicate polio, close Chernobyl, correct Beethoven's symphonies and get the world's largest Ferris wheel spinning in Europe.

Only two years left to link every library and classroom to cyberspace, move 1 million more people from welfare to work and provide nurseries with an American elm tree resistant to deadly Dutch elm disease.

For years now, "By the year 2000 ..." has been a cliché in speeches, reports and policy statements. If

all this goal making hasn't been just a lot of noise-making, the world is going to be a very busy place between now and 12:01 a.m., Jan. 1, 2000.

"The year 2000 is a monumental, psychological and historical turning point that has always had a certain magical quality to it in people's minds," says Mark Mitten, president of a Chicago-based group working to celebrate the beginning of the next 1,000 years.

Technically, the millennium doesn't begin until Jan. 1, 2001, but that won't stop billions from celebrating the century changeover at midnight on the last day of 1999.

Time is wasting.

Two national fraternities, Phi Delta Theta and

Sigma Nu, have just 24 months to accomplish their goal to ban alcohol in chapter houses.

The U.S. National Arboretum has been working for decades to develop varieties of American elms that can fend off Dutch elm disease. The first of these new trees are to become widely available at retail nurseries for spring planting in 2000.

In Washington, political parties are narrowing candidate lists for the 2000 presidential race. House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., thinks there should be a second GOP "Contract With America" in 2000. Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., wants Congress to raise the minimum wage to \$6.65 an hour by Sept. 1.

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Photo illustration by Curt Wilcott

Midlanders are hopeful of another upbeat year as they officially welcome in 1998.

AP poll finds many think good old days are just around corner

By Howard Goldberg
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks are up — and down. Consumer confidence surges, but holiday sales are tepid. Murder's down, but the news is full of crime.

Americans take in these mixed signals, and most come away optimistic about the new year.

An Associated Press poll finds six in 10 U.S. adults think their community will have more job opportunities and better schools, and their family will have more money in 1998.

Fifty-eight percent say their streets will be as safe or safer than before, up from 37 percent in an AP poll four years ago. Only 39 percent fear an increase in street crime, down from 60 percent, and 45 percent expect a rise in racial tension, down from 67 percent four years ago.

Feelings of safety and prosperity don't just affect people's personal decisions, such as whether to spend that Christmas bonus on an alarm system or a big-city vacation. There's also an effect on public policy, as lawmakers decide whether to be hardhearted or

generous with welfare and immigration, whether to cut taxes or spend more on social needs.

The poll of 1,000 adults was taken by telephone Dec. 24-28 by ICR of Media, Pa. Results have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Fifty-eight percent think their public schools will improve, and 33 percent say they will get worse — a fear especially prevalent among those worried about more crime and racial tensions.

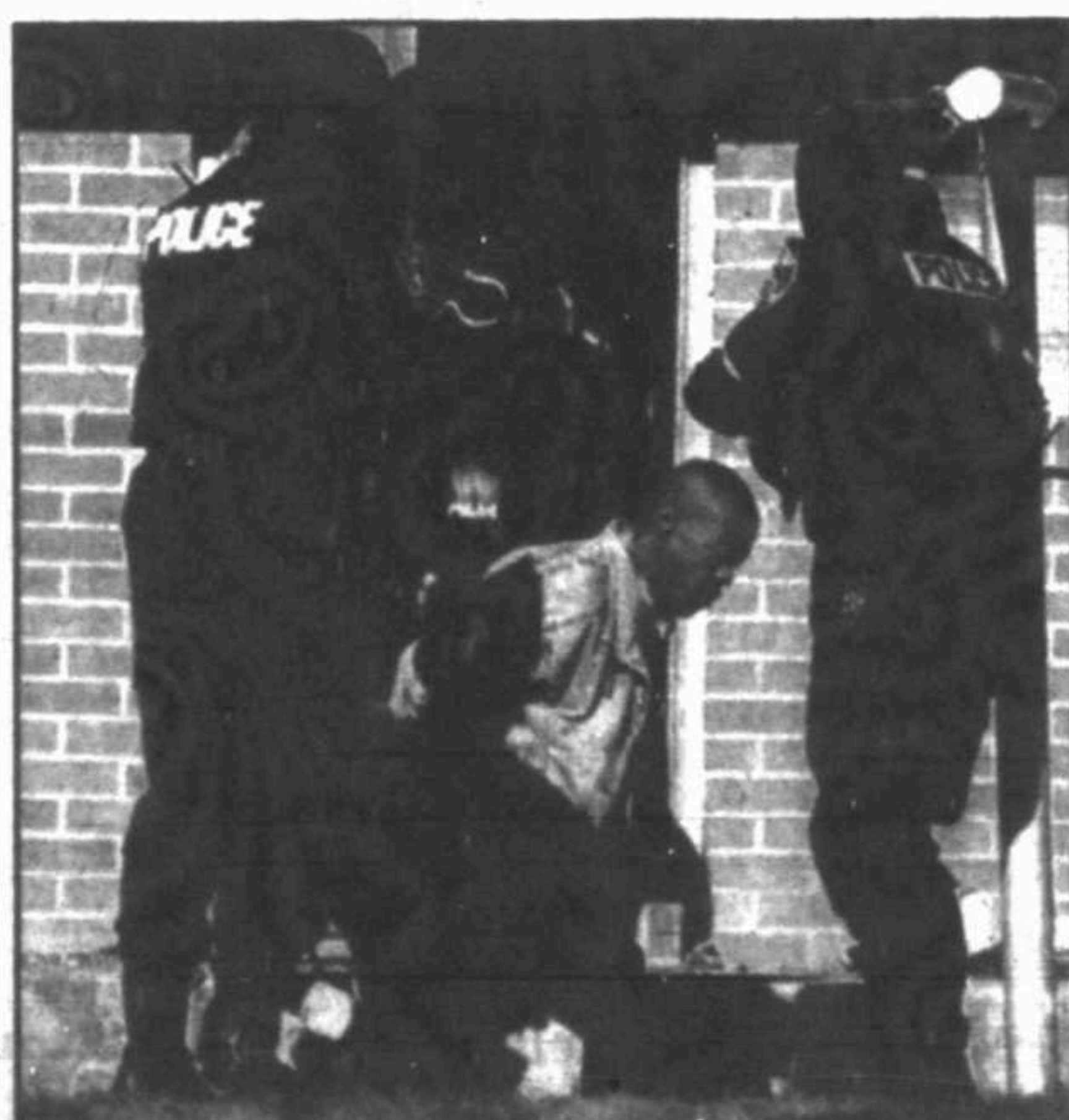
All types of Americans except for the elderly expect to have more money in

their household this year than before — 62 percent of those polled. Just 16 percent forecast less income, down from 25 percent four years ago. The rest think it will be about the same, or they are not sure.

"I have an excellent job, so I'm really planting a lot of seeds and watching them grow," said Olivia Mendez, 20, of Seattle, who is establishing herself as an entertainment photographer by making contacts with artists and musicians.

One-third in the poll think their com-

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A man police identified as James Riccardo Lipscomb is taken into custody by police after giving himself up in McKinney Wednesday.

AP Photo

Brother of earlier hostage-taker surrenders peacefully to police

MCKINNEY, Texas (AP) — A man who held his estranged wife and children hostage for nearly two days surrendered today, two weeks after his brother ended a similar standoff.

James Riccardo Lipscomb, 43, released his estranged common-law wife and two daughters and emerged from her orange-brick duplex apartment about 1 p.m. today. He was immediately placed under arrest and driven away by police.

The arrest proceeded smoothly and uneventfully, ending the 1 1/2-day drama that began Monday night after he found another man in the apartment of Denise Roach and threatened her with a knife.

Lipscomb's brother was arrested Dec. 18 after a 30-hour siege, also peaceful, at

a day care center in nearby Plano.

The first sign of significant movement in this week's ordeal came shortly before noon, when Lipscomb asked police to bring a lawyer to him around noon Wednesday. The lawyer, who was not identified, talked to Lipscomb a special phone line.

Lipscomb then emerged from the apartment first, being met and gently led away by police. Then came his wife, then 12-year-old Sherissa Lipscomb and 7-year-old Jama Lipscomb. Lipscomb had let their son, 8-year-old James II, leave on Monday night.

The resolution came after a morning in

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JAN 01 1998

Brazilian police storm prison where hostages held

SOROCABA, Brazil (AP) — Authorities ordered riot troopers to storm a prison Wednesday where inmates were holding hundreds of hostages. Troopers could be seen running along the wall, explosions were heard and black smoke rose from inside the prison.

A police official said negotiations had failed to resolve the violent three-day standoff, despite the release Wednesday of some hostages.

"Unfortunately the prisoners refuse to let these hostages go and it has become imperative to move in and rescue the innocent men, women and children," said Police Col. Rui Cesar, who was in charge of the riot troopers.

Although no shots were heard during the raid, hostages fled out the prison gate screaming and crying, followed by two ambulances. Some hostages said police were beating the inmates.

Earlier, the prisoners freed some of the 638 exhausted hostages — including guards and visitors — taken captive to protest the chronic overcrowding that pervades Brazilian jails.

The first group to be freed was made up of women and children — many of them infants — but others had been expected to be released after police searched them to make sure they were in fact hostages and not prisoners.

The standoff has shocked even Brazilians, despite the fact that prisoner rebellions are a weekly occurrence. The inmate fury is fueled not only by overcrowding but by long trial waits. At Sorocaba Prison, there are 900 inmates, though it was designed to hold 500.

Those freed earlier in the day looking haggard and drawn as they were led from the prison by police who formed a human chain around them as they exited the prison yard.

"This is the greatest present God

could give me for the New Year," said Izilda Fatima Silva, holding her two 6-month-old grandsons in her arms. Silva was visiting her son, who is serving a sentence for armed robbery.

Standing by her side was Silva's 8-year-old granddaughter Nora, who looked frightened by all the attention but said she had not been mistreated. "I played board games mostly. No one ever hurt me and I ate well."

"Now all I want to do is go home and sleep," she said.

Col. Cesar said that despite the release — the group appeared to include about 40 women and children and two guards — the police action was necessary because the inmates had begun to dig a tunnel.

"We've weighed the risks and we know what we're doing," Cesar said.

Prisoners had agreed Tuesday night to release the 17 guards Wednesday — some of whom reportedly were tortured, with knives and iron bars — along with 621 visitors the following morning.

But then the prisoners stalled and negotiations broke down.

The invasion confirmed the worst fears of relatives and others keeping vigil outside the prison over the past three days: that the standoff would result in a repeat of 1993 carnage at Carandiru prison. There, 111 inmates were killed after riot troopers were summoned to quell an inmate rebellion.

The standoff began Sunday, apparently after several inmates dressed in wigs and women's clothing tried to sneak out during a busy day of visits. Guards recognized the inmates and a shootout ensued that radio reports said

killed an inmate and a woman who had smuggled in five guns and several hand grenades. Authorities would not confirm the reports.

The prisoners took 17 guards and all 699 visiting relatives, including more than 200 children, hostage. They later released 78 relatives. Monday passed with no negotiations, and inmates apparently beat a guard on the prison roof Tuesday.

Twice on Tuesday, about 100 riot police moved toward the prison compound apparently trying to intimidate the prisoners — and causing panic among those waiting outside.

During the first attempt, many of those outside the prison lay down on the ground to block the force from entering. Later in the evening, the lights went out and the troops entered the compound.



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PARIS (AP) — In one of the more tantalizing leads in the Princess Diana investigation, a new police report quotes witnesses seeing a Fiat Uno "zigzagging" out of the tunnel where her Mercedes crashed and describing the Fiat's driver, a judicial source said Wednesday.

The source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, is privy to all documents in the case, including the 400-page report police submitted this week to investigating judge Herve Stephan.

The confidential report, coming a full four months after the crash, appears not to contain any earth-shattering revelations. Yet the witness accounts revealed Wednesday — but known to police since Sept. 18 — are the most detailed so far concerning the mysterious second car long believed to have played a role in the crash.

Investigators have been trying to find a small white car, probably a Fiat Uno, that Diana's car is believed to have sideswiped just before losing control and crashing into a pillar in the Pont de l'Alma traffic tunnel.

The Aug. 31 accident killed Diana, her boyfriend Dodi Fayed and driver Henri Paul. Key factors in the crash are still believed to be alcohol — Paul was legally drunk — and excessive speed.

At the tunnel Wednesday, tourists in town for the New Year's holiday streamed to the crash site, continuing the steady procession of onlookers that has been a fixture at the tunnel ever since the accident. People filled the pedestal of the Liberty Flame monument above the tunnel with flowers and handwritten messages. The monument is dedicated to French-American friendship, but has become a makeshift memorial to Diana.

"Diana we miss you enormously — we think of you a lot," said one message, accompanied by wilted daffodils in a glass jar. Others offered theories about the crash: "It was not an accident!" one read.

The two witnesses referred to in the police report, identified only as "Francois," a financial director, and "Valerie," told police that after dining at a restaurant near the Pont de l'Alma, they got in their car and were driving on a road parallel to the traffic tunnel.

Just beyond the tunnel exit, they were passed by a white Fiat Uno, the report said, according to the source. The man said he recognized the car model because his mother-in-law had the same one.

The car's exhaust pipe was making a loud noise as if it had been damaged, and the driver was driving abnormally — "zigzagging" — and then cut off the couple's car, the witnesses were quoted as saying.

The Fiat's driver was "a European type," about 40 years old, with brown hair, the witnesses said. In the back of his car was a large dog.

The witnesses came to see police on Sept. 18, the report said. Although a number of witness accounts have leaked out since the beginning of the investigation, these accounts were kept secret until first reported Wednesday by the French newspaper Le Parisien.

Korean workers face employment woes

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Rumors had circulated for months in the struggling bakery outside Seoul. But when the word finally arrived two weeks before Christmas, Ji Sang-gwang could hardly believe it.

The 57-year-old Ji had become one of tens of thousands of workers whose lives have been uprooted by South Korea's prolonging financial turmoil.

"I will never forget the day," Ji said. "I have worked for the company for 29 years. Then, one day, without even an advance notice, they told me to leave. I had only one year to go before retirement."

Workers in South Korea, which had been the world's 11th-largest economy, had rarely seen layoffs or plant closings. An unwritten social contract forged during the boom of the 1980s and early '90s made life-

time employment a given.

All that changed abruptly in 1997. An economic slowdown caused more than 15,000 companies, some of them major conglomerates, to go bust, saddling banks with billions of dollars in bad loans. Stock prices plummeted to 10-year lows. Over the past two months, the Korean won lost nearly 60 percent of its value.

The International Monetary Fund approved a record \$37 billion bailout on Dec. 3, but demanded tough reforms that experts say will stem economic growth and put up to 1 million people out of work.

The fall of South Korea's currency caused the price of imported flour to double — forcing Ji's employer, Sam Lip General Food Co., into court receivership and layoffs.

On Dec. 10, company managers

called in Ji and 19 other workers on a 100-worker shift and told them to sign papers accepting early "voluntary" retirement in exchange for severance pay worth three months' wages — or face dismissals.

"I was so stunned ... but I had to sign," Ji said. "The company might have had no other choice. But I still find it hard to admit as a reality that I am out of work."

South Korean companies have been collapsing by the hundreds each month. Official statistics say some 120,000 people were forced out of work in November alone, adding to the 480,000 who lost their jobs earlier in 1997.

Though unemployment stands at 2.8 percent now, it is expected to reach 6 percent next year.

South Korea's skimpy social security nets do little to save the victims.

Unemployment insurance was created here only two years ago. It gives jobless workers at most only three payments, each amounting to half of their last monthly pay. In most cases, the benefit is only a few hundred dollars a month.

Until November, between 100 and 200 people a day applied for unemployment insurance, according to the Labor Ministry. The number doubled to an average 400 a day in December.

More bad news arrived this week when the government acknowledged it had mismanaged its 10-year-old \$25 billion pension fund by investing in stocks. Now, it will pay only half of what it used to.

The crunch is felt in almost all sectors. Even rich parents, who have sent their kids to study in the United States, are now telling them to stay home and save dollars. Newlywed couples are canceling honeymoons abroad.

This week, hundreds of bank workers rallied in front of Parliament to protest a bill that would make it easier for employers to lay off workers. Current law makes layoffs virtually impossible without approval from labor unions.

The union leader at Sam Lip said little could be done to protect its workers.

"This month, the company told us that it will fire 59 workers. We had to accept it. Then it said it cannot pay the year-end bonus. We had nothing to do but accept it. Only last year, the answer would have been a big 'No Way!'" Ahn Byung-hun said.

Officials rule out possible diseases in new outbreak

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Medical experts have ruled out more than a dozen diseases in trying to identify one that has killed scores of Kenyans and Somalis — but they still haven't found the culprit.

None of the remaining diseases under investigation is transmitted from human to human, Dr. Douglas Klauke, acting World Health Organization representative in Kenya, said Wednesday.

"That will allay at least some people's fears," particularly relatives caring for those stricken by the mysterious disease, Klauke said.

"We still don't have a 'what it is,' but we are able to say now what it isn't," he said.

Two key suspects remain: anthrax and Rift Valley fever. The fever, named after a Kenyan valley, is spread by mosquitoes while anthrax is spread through livestock.

People with the disease suffer high fever, diarrhea, vomiting and bleeding from the nose and mouth. The afflicted livestock also experience external bleeding.

In Geneva, WHO spokesman David Heymann said Wednesday up to 250 people have died in recent weeks from the disease in flooded villages in northeastern Kenya. Local reports said hundreds of camels, goats and sheep also died.

The Red Cross has confirmed the deaths of 42 people from similar symptoms across the border in Somalia. Local leaders put the figure at 300 people plus hundreds of livestock.

Blood and stool samples have proved that neither Ebola nor Marburg hemorrhagic fever is to blame, Klauke said.

In Johannesburg, the National Institute of Virology also ruled out several other deadly illnesses: chikungunya fever, sindbis, West Nile fever, dengue fever, tick-borne encephalitis, Lassa fever, Congo Crimean fever and hantaviruses.

In Kenya, tests disproved yellow and relapsing fevers.

Additional tests are under way in Africa and at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta and Fort Collins, Colo., to determine whether it is anthrax, Rift Valley fever or another malady, he said.

Many people have reported becoming ill — and some have died — after eating the carcasses of sick animals, Klauke said. Flooding has marooned thousands of people, who are slaughtering infected animals because they have no other food.

Anthrax can be contracted by eating the flesh of infected animals.

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Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today
Partly cloudy
High 63
Low 23



Friday
Partly cloudy
High 67
Low 33



Saturday
Fog
High 66
Low 42

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high 60 to 65. Winds will be from the south at 10 to 20 mph.

Tonight calls for partly cloudy skies with a low near 23.

Friday calls for a slight chance of rain from the morning until the afternoon. The high will be near 67.

Saturday calls for early morning fog with clouds becoming partly cloudy by the afternoon. The low will be near 42.

After an overnight low of 25, Wednesday's high was 53 at 4 p.m. A final report on Wednesday's temperatures and weather conditions will be available in tomorrow's Reporter-Telegram.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Wednesday .00 in.
Rainfall Tuesday .00 in.
Total for month 1.35 in.
Total for year 17.12 in.

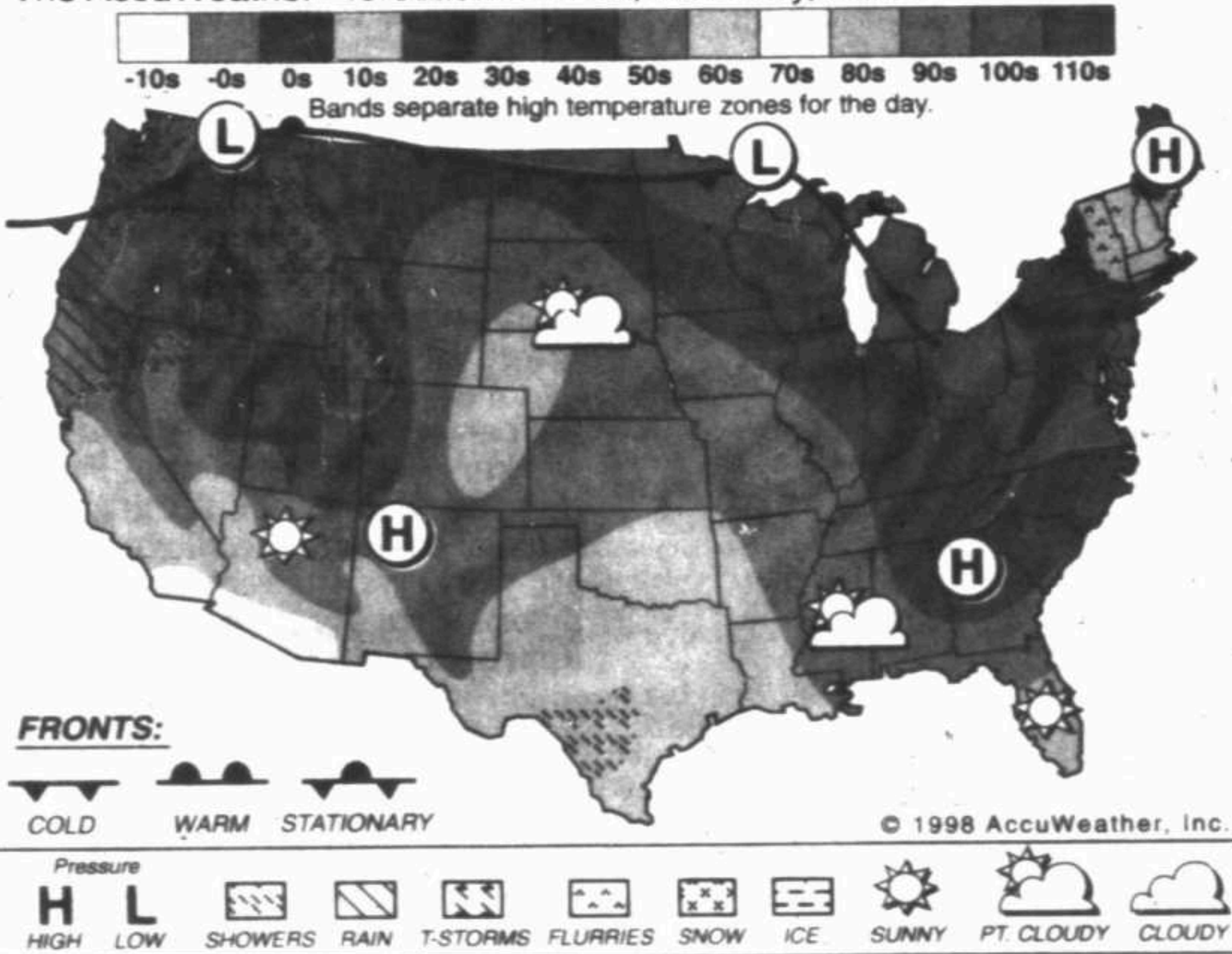
Yesterday's temperatures

High 53
Low 25
Normal high 56
Normal low 29

Sunrise 7:49 a.m. Sunset 5:56 p.m.

National forecast

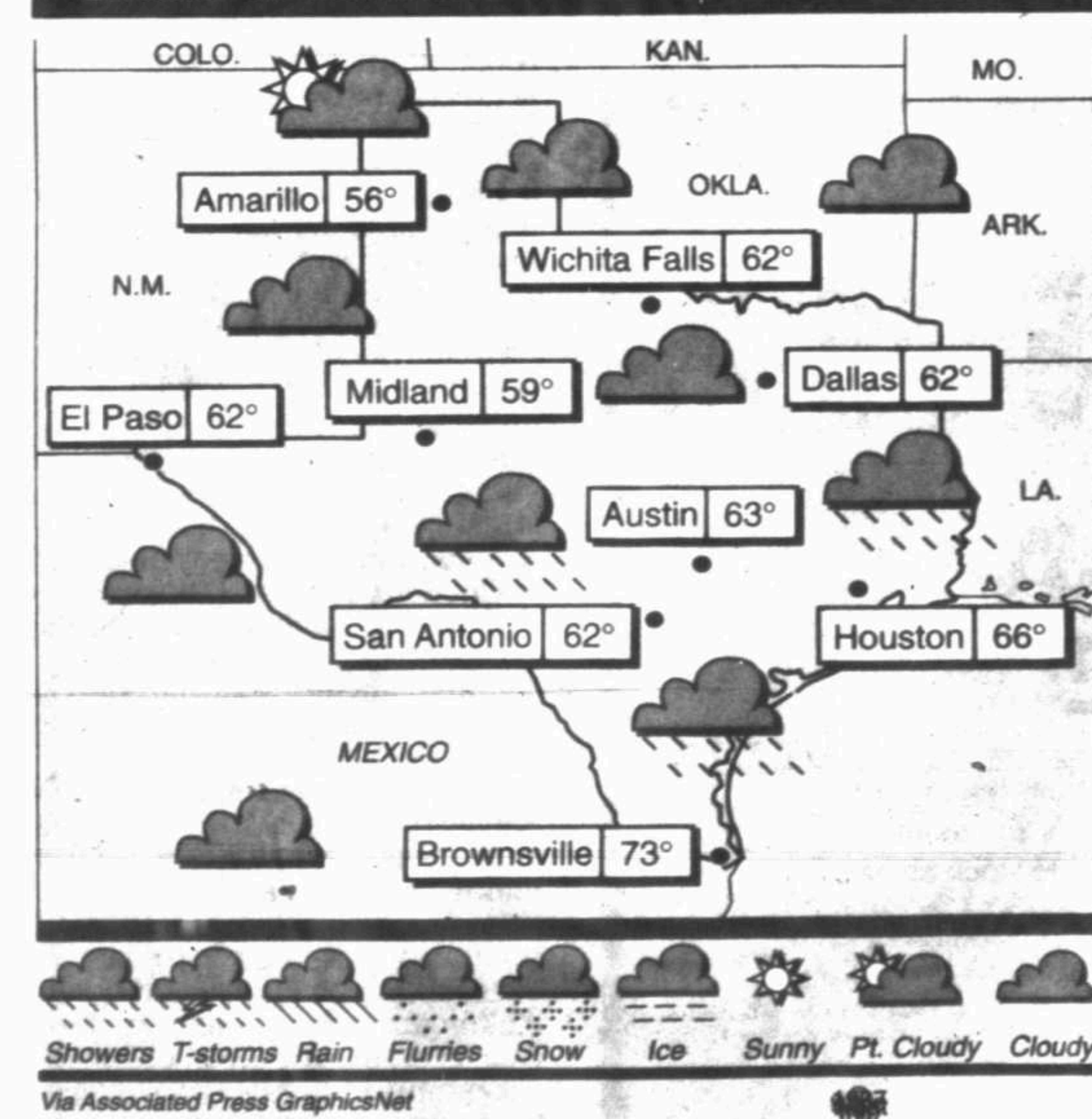
The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Thursday, Jan. 1.



United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:30 a.m.					City	High	Low	Prev	Out	City	High	Low	Prev	Out
Albany, N.Y.	33	22	04		Las Vegas	64	43		cdy	Little Rock	61	33		cdy
Albuquerque	46	25	cdy		Los Angeles	81	55		cdy	Louisville	29	23		cdy
Anchorage	8	9	cdy		Memphis	46	29		cdy	Milwaukee	26	13		cdy
Asheville	34	24	05	sn	Miami Beach	67	51		cdy	Mpls-St. Paul	28	-2		cdy
Atlanta	40	34	cdy		Milwaukee	26	13		cdy	Nashville	33	31		09
Atlantic City	38	28	02	cdy	Mpls-St. Paul	28	-2		cdy	New Orleans	61	47		cdy
Baltimore	41	29	01	cdy	Nashville	33	31		09	New York City	38	29		01
Bilings	41	35	01	cdy	New Orleans	61	47		cdy	North Platte	41	14		cdy
Birmingham	45	36	cdy		New York City	38	29		01	Oklaoma City	50	28		cdy
Bismarck	36	9	cdy		North Platte	41	14		cdy	Omaha	42	24		cdy
Boise	46	28	cdy		North Platte	41	14		cdy	Orlando	59	46		cdy
Boston	46	31	cdy		Oklahoma City	50	28		cdy	Philadelphia	37	29		01
Buffalo	30	11	17	sn	Omaha	42	24		cdy	Phoenix	72	47		cdy
Burlington, Vt.	29	12	36	sn	Orlando	59	46		cdy	Pittsburgh	31	20		04
Casper	34	25	05	cdy	Philadelphia	37	29		01	Portland, Maine	44	26		07
Charleston, S.C.	46	38	cdy		Phoenix	72	47		cdy	Portland, Ore.	46	34		cdy
Charleston, W. Va.	31	24	02	cdy	Pittsburgh	31	20		04	Providence	44	30		02
Charlotte, N.C.	43	28	cdy		Portland, Maine	44	26		07	Raleigh-Durham	48	25		cdy
Cheney	39	18	cdy		Portland, Ore.	46	34		cdy	Rapid City	38	19		cdy
Chicago	27	19	cdy		Providence	44	30		02	Reno	46	27		cdy
Cincinnati	28	16	03	sn	Raleigh-Durham	48	25		cdy	Richmond	43	30		cdy
Cleveland	31	18	12	sn	Rapid City	38	19		cdy	Sacramento	57	39		cdy
Columbia, S.C.	45	30	cdy		Reno	46	27		cdy	St. Louis	34	24		04
Columbus, Ohio	31	20	14	sn	Richmond	43	30		cdy	Salt Lake City	37	15		cdy
Concord, N.H.	29	24	01	cdy	Sacramento	57	39		cdy	San Diego	73	57		cdy
Dayton	29	21	sn		St. Louis	34	24		04	San Francisco	59	49		cdy
Denver	42	23	37	cdy	Salt Lake City	37	15		cdy	San Juan, P.R.	89	74		cdy
Des Moines	38	13	07	cdy	San Diego	73	57		cdy	Santa Fe	45	16		cdy
Detroit	31	11	02	cdy	San Francisco	59	49		cdy	Sierra Leone	10	-8		cdy
Duluth	20	-10	cdy		San Juan, P.R.	89	74		cdy	Shreveport	50	35		cdy
Evansville	28	24	11	cdy	Santa Fe	45	16		cdy	Sioux Falls	36	5		cdy
Fairbanks	-26	-35	cdy		Sierra Leone	10	-8		cdy	Spokane	37	26		cdy
Fargo	24	-14	05	cdy	St. Ste Marie	10	-8		cdy	Syracuse	31	12		33
Flagstaff	45	15	cdy		Seattle	50	35		cdy	Tampa-St. Ptsburg	61	56		05
Grand Rapids	29	11	cdy		Shreveport	50	35		cdy	Tucson	70	42		cdy
Great Falls	52	38	cdy		Sioux Falls	36	5		cdy	Tulsa	58	25		cdy
Greensboro, N.C.	38	21	cdy		Spokane	37	26		cdy	Washington, D.C.	44	30		cdy
Hartford	39	27	03	cdy	Syracuse	31	12		33	Wichita	52	24		cdy
Havana 52-24 cdy					Tampa-St. Ptsburg	61	56		05	Wilkes-Barre	30	16		10
Honolulu	77	67	04	cdy	Topeka	48	26		cdy					
Indianapolis	26	20	cdy		Tucson	70	42		cdy					
Jackson, Miss.	56	39	cdy		Tulsa	58	25		cdy					
Jacksonville	53	40	cdy		Washington, D.C.	44	30		cdy					
Juneau	34	28	23	cdy	Wichita	52	24		cdy					

State forecast



Texas temperatures

Highest temperature yesterday, lowest past 12 hours and precipitation for 24 hours ending at 7 a.m.

City	High	Low	Prev	City	High	Low	Prev
Abilene	64	29		Galveston	61	47	
Alice	74	47		Haltom	68	46	
Amarillo	70	24		Houston Intercontinental	68	39	
Arlington	70	38		Huntsville	68	38	
Austin	69	45		Junction	68	37	
Beaumont	63	43		Kingville	68	42	
Brownsville	73	50		Laredo	74	45	
Burnet	68	39		Lubbock	62	24	
Childress	60	29		Lufkin	65	37	
College Station	69	39		Marfa	57	30	
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2000: Computer glitch adds to pressure

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2000. Now, it's \$5.15.

"It's because of this great milestone that we're seeing more people looking ahead and that's exactly why this is an important time," says John Locher, creator of the Everything2000 site on the World Wide Web. "If it makes individuals and corporations and organizations plan ahead more, hallelujah."

President Clinton's 2000-to-do list includes linking classrooms to the Internet and raising the percentage of American families that own their own homes from 65.4 percent to 67.5 percent.

Clinton also wants to move 1 million more people from welfare to work by 2000. Nearly 1 million families came off the welfare rolls in 1996 and the first half of 1997, but all sides agree that it will be more difficult to move the next wave of people — generally less skilled and with less work experience — into jobs.

Then there's the impending computer catastrophe. Unless reprogrammed or replaced, some government and private computers will see 2000 as 1900, disrupting business, benefit checks and student loans.

"We can't have the American people looking to a new century and a new millennium with their computers — the very symbol of modernity and the modern age —



The Millennium Clock in New York's garment district counts down the days, hours, minutes and seconds to the year 2000 in this file photo.

holding them back," Clinton said.

The millennium clock is ticking in other parts of the world as well:

To celebrate 2000, London plans to build a Ferris wheel that will swing riders 500 feet high on the banks of the River Thames across from the House of Parliament.

Ukraine has promised to close Chernobyl — the site of the worst

nuclear accident — by 2000, but says it can't without aid from Western countries.

British musicologist Jonathan Del Mar plans to finish by 2000 the painstaking work of restoring Beethoven's nine symphonies, correcting errors that have crept into the composer's work from sloppy copying and years of pub-

lishing.

While some people keep setting new year-2000 goals, others have accepted defeat, or have given themselves a few more years, says Jay Gary, who hosts a daily Internet forum called "Talk 2000."

"There is a whole resetting of the millennium clock," says Gary of Colorado Springs, Colo. "People are still keeping their targets, but they're extending the timetable."

The U.S. government has conceded that the nation will not meet its goal to cut adult smoking to 15 percent by 2000. A survey by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said in December that an estimated 24.7 percent of the nation's adults, or 47 million people, were smokers in 1995.

Eradicating polio worldwide is going to be a close call.

Reported polio cases have been reduced by about 90 percent from 35,251 cases worldwide in 1988 to less than 4,000 in 1996, bringing the World Health Organization closer to wiping out polio by 2000.

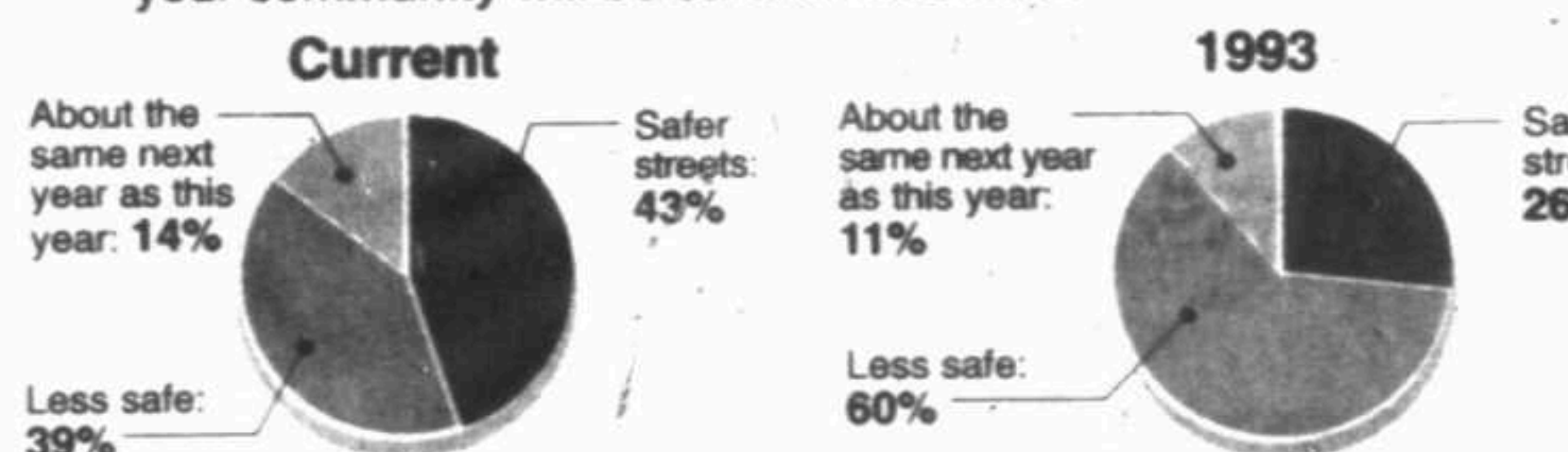
"It's probably like horseshoes," says Barbara Reynolds, a CDC spokeswoman. "We might not make 2000, but we'll be close."

POLL: Fewer concerned about unemployment than 4 years ago

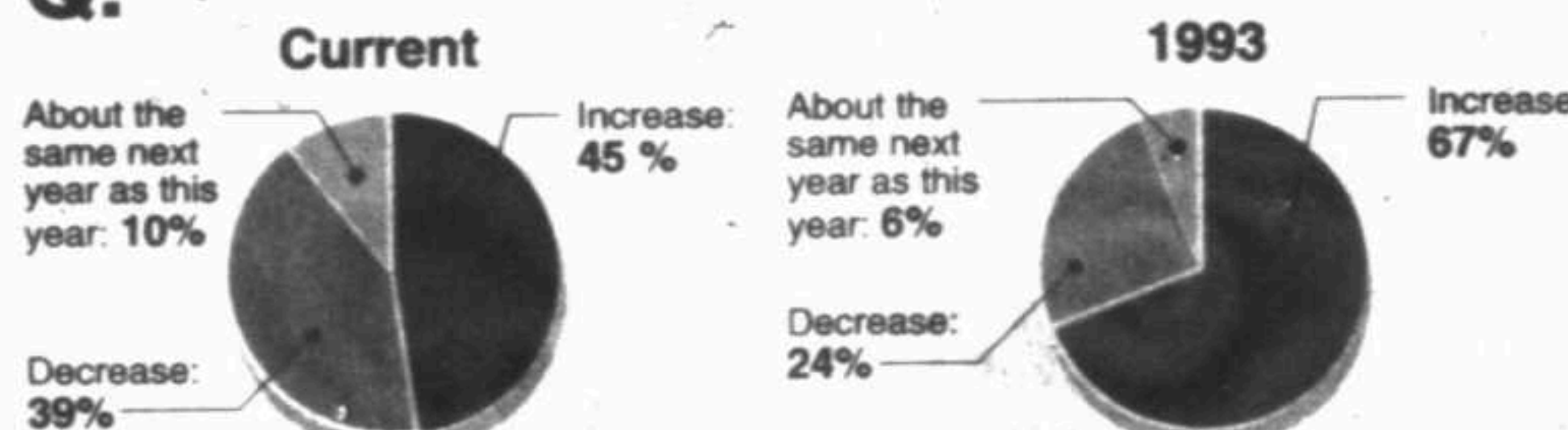
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Americans grow more optimistic

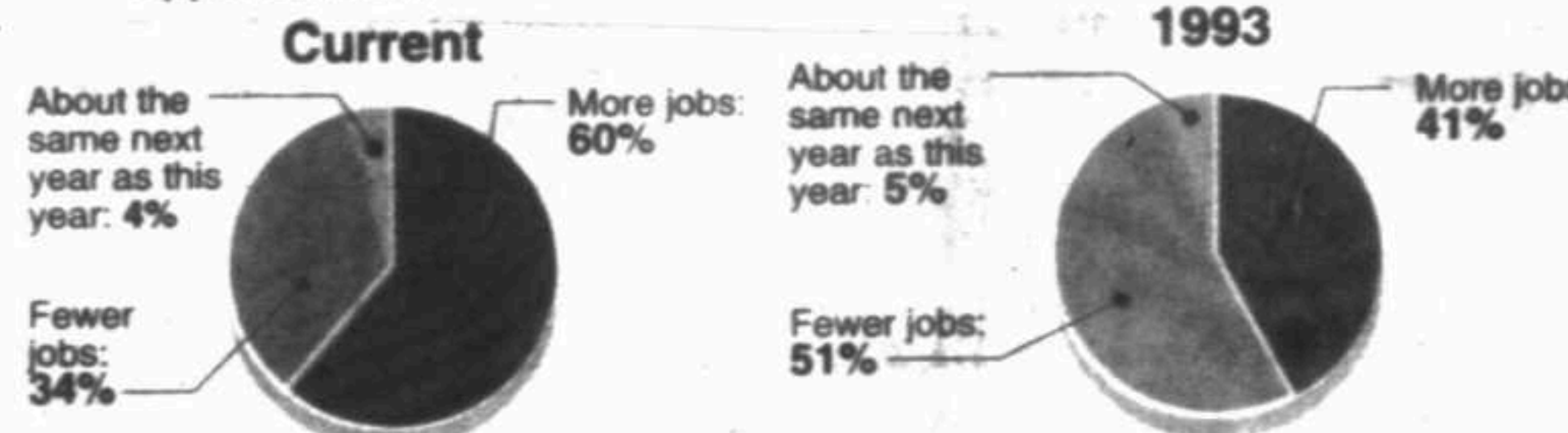
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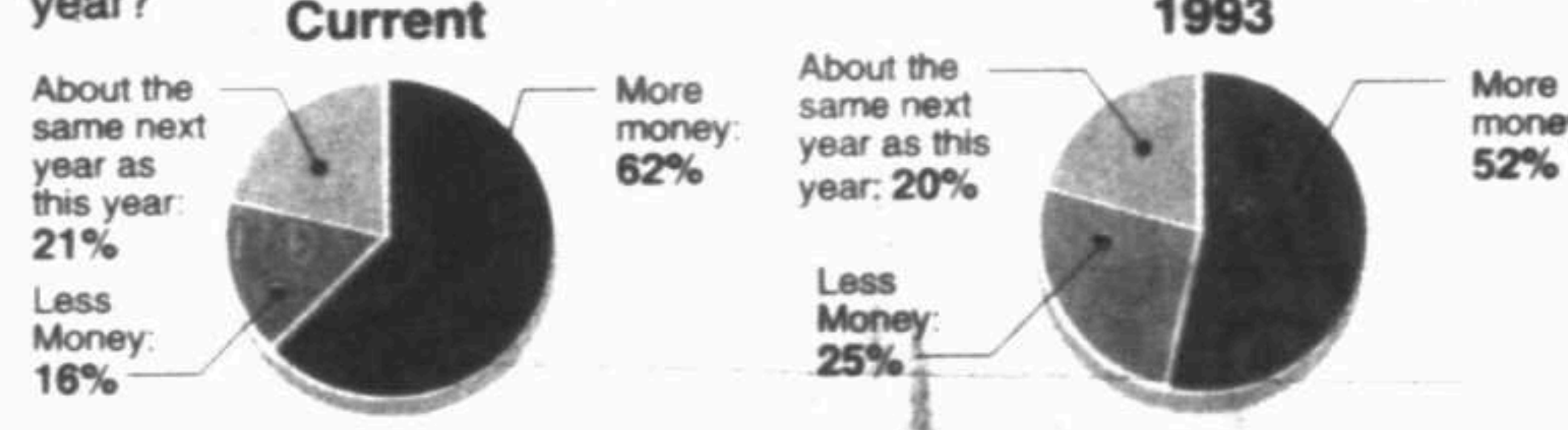
Q. Do you believe racial tensions in the country will increase or decrease?



Q. Do you believe your community will have more or fewer job opportunities?



Q. How about the finances in your household? Do you expect to have more money or less money next year, compared with this year?



"Don't know" answers omitted. Source: AP national telephone polls by ICR of Media, Pa., the latest taken Dec. 24-28 among 1,006 adults. Margin of sampling error 3 percentage points, plus or minus.

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munity will have fewer job opportunities next year, but that's down from 51 percent four years ago. And the 60 percent who expect more jobs are not just those who live in wealthy areas, but also a majority of low-income respondents.

Hope for a decrease in racial tension runs at 39 percent. Blacks, people under 35 and people living outside metropolitan areas are significantly

more pessimistic about race.

Ken Bowman, 52, said his experience on the job makes him optimistic about people getting along.

"We have gays, blacks, Jews, Christians, a wide range of people, and everybody tries to respect one another," said Bowman, partner in a San Diego engineering and architectural firm. "I only have my little world, but I hope it's reflective of what's going on in the rest of the country as well."

STANDOFF: Police weren't sure which side wife was on

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which police had grown less certain about whose side Ms. Roach is on, her estranged husband's or police's. Occasionally, she has urged police to leave them alone, assuring them that the family would be all right.

"It's kind of like a teeter-totter," Assistant Police Chief Ray Simmons said. "You'd think, 'Let's just pack this thing up and go home,' and then five minutes later you've got the opposite."

"The longer you go, the family is going to be more drawn in on his side," he said.

Police negotiators talked with Ms. Roach and Lipscomb early today, but not with the children.

The suspect has a lengthy history of domestic violence involving Ms. Roach, according to court records. Among several convictions was a February 1996 guilty plea to felony assault. Lipscomb confessed to hitting Ms. Roach

with his hand and a large screwdriver. He received five years' probation.

Lipscomb was diagnosed with bipolar disorder during the court cases, a manic-depressive condition characterized by dramatic mood swings and periods of depression, the McKinney Courier-Gazette and The Dallas Morning News reported today.

On Dec. 17, police say, Lipscomb's brother James Monroe Lipscomb Jr. took 80 children hostage at a day-care center in nearby Plano. He quickly released most of the children and five adults but a few were held until he surrendered the following day.

He remains jailed on kidnapping charges. Police said the standoff

was not related, but both may have stemmed from a domestic dispute. In the Plano case, the suspect's wife worked at the day care center, and the couple had had marital problems.

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Buddhists pray for chickens' souls

HONG KONG (AP) — Brown-robed Buddhist monks and nuns began seven days of prayer and meditation for the souls of 1.3 million dead chickens Wednesday, even as government teams gassed and knived the stragglers in Hong Kong's poultry slaughter.

In his first public comments since the unprecedented outbreak of bird flu among humans, Hong Kong leader Tung Chee-hwa said his government had handled it resolutely and appropriately.

"Some people said we reacted too fast. Some people said we reacted too slowly. Actually ... we have all along, until now, been handling it very carefully," Tung told reporters as he toured a newly chicken-free and sterilized poultry market.

A prominent daily accused Tung of failing to provide leadership and reassure the community in a time of crisis.

"Chief Executive Tung, what are you so busy doing?" the editorial in the Apple Daily asked.

So far, 13 people are known to have contracted A H5N1, or bird flu, and six others are suspected of having the mysterious disease. Four have died. Doctors have pinpointed thickens as the likely source.

In a sign of growing public anxiety, a spokeswoman for a major



Buddhist monks pray in a ceremony at a Hong-Kong temple Wednesday, to placate the spirits of chickens slaughtered by the Hong Kong government to stamp out a bird flu.

hospital said emergency room visits were up 20 percent to 687 on Tuesday, the latest day for which figures were available, as people with coughs and fever sought exams.

However, the number of confirmed and suspected bird flu cases has not risen since Saturday.

The poultry slaughter, which started Monday, was basically over late Wednesday, the government said. Hong Kong had pressed its civil servants into duty for the killing, carried out by slitting the birds' throats when supplies of carbon dioxide ran out.

Shocked by the carnage, 80 monks and nuns chanted sutras, or Buddhist scriptures, and prayed to speed the birds' soul toward reincarnation. They were led in prayer by abbot Yong Sing, resplendent in saffron and gold-threaded red robes.

The ceremony took place at the Buddhist Western Monastery, an ornate temple tucked away in the dry, brown hills of Hong Kong's northwestern Tsuen Wan district.

Fingering the amber beads on his prayer necklace, abbot Yong Sing warned: "Hong Kong will suffer retribution."

Former Zambian president to be freed

LUSAKA, Zambia (AP) — Bowing to international pressure, the Zambian government agreed Wednesday to release imprisoned ex-President Kenneth Kaunda, but said he will be kept under house arrest and is barred from political activities.

President Frederick Chiluba said Kaunda, who is accused of being behind an Oct. 28 coup attempt, would be freed from Mukobeko maximum security prison in Kabwe, 80 miles north of the capital, Lusaka.

It was not clear when the 73-year-old former president, considered the father of Zambia's independence, would be released. Kaunda was arrested on Christmas soon after returning to Zambia from a trip abroad.

The United States, Britain, South Africa, Botswana, Libya and the Organization for African Unity all have called for Kaunda to be put on trial or be released. The former president was internationally known during his tenure for his leadership of black African opposition to South African apartheid.

Chiluba said Wednesday in a nationally broadcast news conference that he granted house arrest for Kaunda following appeals from former Tanzanian leader Julius Nyerere and Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe, the chairman of the Organization of African Unity.

Kaunda would be restricted to his home in northern Lusaka under a state of emergency enacted after the coup attempt. He will not be

permitted to engage in political activities, give interviews or issue press statements, Chiluba said.

Police would have "complete access" to Kaunda's villa and determine who would be allowed to visit.

"I hope he will cooperate because if he doesn't, maybe we will be compelled to take him back," Chiluba said.

The restriction order, which would allow police to arrest anyone within 100 yards of Kaunda's home without their permission, will be reconsidered when the state of emergency decree is reviewed Jan. 29.

"People and chickens may look different, but they are both alive, and we shouldn't kill live things," said the abbot, a portly man with a shaved head and bristling gray eyebrows.

At the market, Tung spoke briefly with several dozen truck drivers who were demanding government assistance. They said the ban on imports of live chickens, which began Dec. 23 and is expected to last weeks, had thrown them out of work.

"We have no income," said a worker who identified himself only as Chan. "I have a family and it's very difficult."

Hong Kong has promised to pay farmers and vendors for the loss of their chickens and to cancel rent at vendors' stalls in public markets for three months.

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Buffaloes' title generated pride, spirit

There may still be a few old soreheads that call Stanton home (as the billboard sign along Interstate 20 asserts), but we have a sneaking suspicion even they are beaming with pride over the Buffaloes' Class 2-A State Championship victory over the Rogers Eagles.

And with good reason! That is no small accomplishment. A state football crown is something to sing about!

The people of Stanton are understandably proud of their football team,

which beat the Rogers Eagles by a score of 33-7 on Dec. 20 at Texas Stadium in Irving. That game will be long remembered by every player on the team, the coaching staff, and all the residents of Stanton.

Huge football victories generate unbounded community spirit, as was noted recently by Danny Fryar, a cotton farmer who serves as Stanton's administrator and former mayor.

The victory, noted Fryar, "has brought everybody together. Everybody seems to be real excited." He went on to note that the players on the team "just made up their minds last year after they got beat that they were going to win it this time. They set their goals high, and they got them. It's really been a big deal."

Congratulations are certainly in order for all the Buffaloes and for the good people of Stanton — even the old soreheads.

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ANOTHER VIEW

Wilson, cosmonauts show how to do well

Wishes for a happy, or at least a prosperous, new year will be paying off for some folks, but in at least a couple of instances the circumstances raise a few questions about the relation between doing good and doing well, especially if the good is not exactly apparent.

For Vasily Tsibilyev and Alexander Lazutkin, the two Russian cosmonauts who had a little fender-bender with the Mir spacecraft on June 25, their ship finally came in with cash bonuses of \$100,000 and \$80,000, respectively. The announcement of the bonuses came as something of a welcome relief for the pair, since some Russian officials actually proposed to dock their pay for ramming an unmanned cargo vessel in the distant reaches of space.

On another front, former Rep. Charles Wilson of Texas — affectionately dubbed "Good-time Charlie" for his life in high society's fast lane — is now positioned to capitalize on his 12 terms in Congress by practicing the lucrative art of lobbying. By law, he was required to exempt himself from direct lobbying for a year after his retirement.

"I've been legal since Oct. 9," said Wilson, who is no longer bound by the fiction of playing the role of an arm's-length "strategic adviser." Now he can personally schmooze, exhort and cajole his former colleagues on behalf of some powerful interests, including Lockheed Martin and IMI Services USA, a sales arm of Israeli Military Industries Ltd.

Fortunately for Wilson, Tsibilyev and Lazutkin, being held to a standard of doing good isn't a requirement for doing well. A prosperous new year to all.

— Fort Worth Star-Telegram

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Jan. 1, the first day of 1998. There are 364 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 1, 1863, President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, declaring that slaves in rebel states were free.

On this date:

In 1797, Albany became the capital of New York state, replacing New York City.

In 1892, the Ellis Island Immigrant Station in New York formally opened.

In 1901, the Commonwealth of Australia was proclaimed.

In 1945, France was admitted to the United Nations. In 1953, country singer Hank Williams Sr., 29, died of a drug and alcohol overdose while en route to a concert date in Canton, Ohio.

GEORGE WILL

1998 will not offer many election surprises

WASHINGTON—Welcome to the new year, which is a lead-pipe cinch to feature the most important off-year elections since the last off-year elections.

A second safe prediction is that this year's "progressive" worry, currently in its chrysalis stage but soon to flutter forth like a butterfly, will be: Unless something bad happens, something bad will happen.

The 1994 elections, which ended 40 years of Democratic control of the House of Representatives, may have been this century's most important in a non-presidential year. In their immediate aftermath these elections were considered epochal because they promised the end of an epoch. Today they can be declared truly epochal precisely because they did not end an epoch. Rather, they ended the pretense that Republicans aspire to revise the post-New Deal relationship of the citizen to the central government, and to reverse the post-Great Society role of the regulatory state.

The coup de grace to that pretense was administered by the 1997 budget agreement, which was widely praised as a monument to bipartisanship, which it was. It also was evidence for Steven E. Landsburg's argument that bipartisanship in Congress should be treated as an antitrust violation.

Landsburg, professor of economics at the University of Rochester, believes that the public probably suffers less when ostensibly competing businessmen conspire to break laws than when ostensibly competing political parties conspire to make



Will

laws. In the budget agreement Congress agreed, bipartisanship, to pack hundreds of new complexities into the tax code—agreed, that is, to make the code an even more ambitious program of incentives to bring Americans' behavior into conformity with Washington's preferences.

Furthermore, every federal entity targeted by the Republican class of 1994 for extinction or emasculation escaped both fates. And when Democrats agreed to a balanced budget, the Republicans' rhetorical guns—their reasons for praising themselves and deploring Democrats—were spiked for 1998.

So Republicans are reduced to counting on the public's contentment to benefit incumbents, which it probably will. Hence the coming argument from "progressives": Contentment is a national character flaw. And only something bad can prevent the bad outcome of a third consecutive election of Republican majorities in both houses of Congress, the first such streak since 1924-28.

Although the party not holding the presidency usually gains in elections in the middle of a president's second term, Republican gains in the House are apt to be modest, for three reasons. Democrats already hold their fewest seats in nearly half a century—since Congress adjourned in 1948 (and their fewest governorships since the Depression). Second, as political analyst Charles Cook writes, neither party holds many seats that by political logic ought to be held by the other, Democrats having lost most such seats, beginning in 1992.

By some estimates, only one in five House seats will be seriously contested this year. About one in three were in 1994 and 1996, and even in those years the re-election rates for incumbents were 90.2 percent and 94 percent respectively.

Third, money is the primary means of dislodging incumbents and swimming against an ideol-

ogical tide (which is still running mildly to the right). But Democrats will not easily outspend their adversaries this year. Because of the many investigations of 1996 campaign financing, the Democratic Party is groaning beneath the burden of legal bills. (One should be dry-eyed about this condition punishment for a party that is comfortable in the pocket of the trial lawyers' lobby.)

The absence of high-saliency issues—the culprit again is contentment—could hurt some incumbents, particularly among Republicans. Turnout, which has averaged 37.9 percent of adults in the last five off-year elections, probably will be even lower this year, in part because discontent with the way the Republican Congress has "gone native" in Washington could cause some conservatives not to vote. This would jeopardize the Republicans' 25-seat majority. Stuart Rothenberg, writing in Roll Call, notes that in 1996 and 1997, 11 Republicans were elected to the House with less than 51 percent of the two-party vote in their districts.

However, another form of factional discontent could shape a year defined by general contentment. The portion of the Democrats' base that consists of low-income minorities might be disaffected because of Bill Clinton's transformation of the party of liberalism into the party of conservatism with moist eyes—conservatism (balanced budgets, welfare reform) served up with a rhetoric of compassion gooey enough to pour over pancakes.

All this assumes that placidity at home and abroad will preserve contentment for the next 11 months. But as Prime Minister Harold Macmillan replied when asked what are the principal problems confronting governments, "Events, dear boy, events."

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CAL THOMAS

Netanyahu's plan might end Israel's ongoing land war

The CBS radio correspondent reported on a tour of the "West Bank" (also known as Judea and Samaria) led by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and "right-wing" Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon. Each had a map, he said. Sharon's would cede about 50 percent of the territory to the Palestinians, while Netanyahu's would give up a little more than 50 percent. Neither plan would be acceptable to the Palestine Liberation Organization, he said, and so neither would advance "peace."

As usual, the story was reported as if only what Israel does determines whether there will be peace between the Palestinians and the Jewish state. The facts are, and always have been, that PLO leader Yasser Arafat, Hamas and the rest of Israel's enemies want it all and will settle for nothing less. They see U.S. pressure on Israel favoring them.

All Israel has ever asked for is reciprocity. If land is to be exchanged for peace after five wars, Israel has an obligation to ensure that peaceful acts follow the relinquishing of territory. Instead, Israel's enemies are allowed to say and do anything with little or no consequences, while Israel is expected to honor the Oslo agreement.

The most dangerous move Israel has made since the 1973 war will come early next month when the plan worked out between the U.S. State Department's Dennis Ross and Netanyahu is to be implemented. It requires Netanyahu to announce the percentage of land he will abandon. According to Israeli television, this will be followed by a summit meeting between Netanyahu, Arafat and U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright who will conduct permanent status negotiations.

One might expect that the prospect of a de facto Palestinian state might produce some conciliatory statements from the other side, along with a promise to end terrorism and usher in a new dawn of cooperation, mutual security and respect. Instead, Arafat continues his pledge that "all of Israel will be the state of Palestine and all of Jerusalem will be the capital of that state and only that state." He also declares: "We won't give up a single grain of our holy land from the sea to the Jordan River." Why is he not believed? Why do the State Department and the Clinton administration continue to ignore such statements and pretend that fiction is fact?

Unalterable Koranic injunctions allow Muslims to sign agreements with "infidels," but only as a means to achieving their "holy" goals. This permits them to win incrementally at the negotiating table what they have been incapable of winning on the battlefield. Israel is being pressured by the Clinton administration to withdraw from more territory with no real pressure directed at Israel's enemies, which have failed to live up to any of the Oslo accords.

Israel has learned the hard way that only Israelis can protect themselves and must not rely on American promises. Would the Clinton administration send arms and troops to repel an invasion from Arab states or an uprising within Palestinian ranks that threatened to overwhelm Israel? It's not likely. The final irony would come when Jews would be blamed for their own demise for not giving up more territory sooner. It would be explained that the elimination of Israel came as a result of pent-up Arab and Palestinian anger that could not be assuaged.

In a Dec. 19 address to the Jewish Journalists Convention in Jerusalem, Netanyahu was correct to promise: "I will not return to the May 1967 borders. Those were war borders, which almost led to the annihilation of the state of Israel. I have no plans to turn Israel into a 10-kilometer-wide state.... This is our land, our homeland. I propose a permanent arrangement where the densely Arab-populated areas are under Palestinian control, while the areas that are vital for our security and that are basically empty will be under our control."

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ART BUCHWALD

A look back at what was said in 1997

Here are some things that people must have said to other people in 1997:

To Vice President Al Gore: "Al, after you make these calls, I want you to meet some neat Buddhist priests."

To Mike Tyson: "I don't care how hungry you are — you eat (ital) after (unital) the fight."

To John Kennedy Jr. at George magazine: "We have a spot at the front of the magazine that we can't seem to fill. How about posing in the nude for us?"

To Marv Albert: "I met your girl. She's a real knock-out."

To Marla Trump: "Donald Trump would never dump you. He couldn't stand the publicity."

To Tiger Woods: "How about a game of tennis?"

To Bill Gates: "Even if I had your kind of money I wouldn't live in Seattle."

To Mickey Mouse: "How come Michael Eisner, head of Walt Disney, got more than \$500 million this year and you only got a piece of Swiss cheese?"

To Michael Jordan: "Does it really make a dif-



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ference what basketball shoes you wear?"

To Newt Gingrich: "Long time no see." To a cloned sheep: "Hello, Dolly, well hello, Dolly, it's so nice to have you back now that you've been cloned."

To former President George Bush: "Jump."

To Sen. Fred Thompson, investigating political donations: "Senator, we have to cancel you for reruns of 'I Love Lucy.'"

To Charlton Heston, after being elected vice president of the National Rifle Association: "Shoot."

To TV star Ellen DeGeneres, who turned gay in front of our eyes: "I know it's a good idea for one show, but you aren't serious about the entire series, are you?"

To President Clinton: "Mr. President, did you ever consider having coffee with some of your admirers from the Far East?"

Bill Clinton to head of the Democratic National Committee: "I'll do it as long as you tape it."

To Saddam Hussein: "We're sorry — we didn't know you lived there."

To John Huang: "In a dollar, out a dollar."

To a woman private in Sgt. Maj. Gene McKinney's outfit: "At ease."

To Martha Stewart: "Let me help you with that."

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Ten years ago: President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev exchanged optimistic New Year's greetings, expressing mutual hope they would reach an arms control treaty on strategic weapons within six months.

Five years ago: President Bush continued to tour Somalia, greeting hundreds of cheering youngsters and foreign relief workers at an orphanage in Baldoia. Czechoslovakia peacefully split into two new countries, the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

One year ago: An off-duty Israeli soldier with a history of mental problems opened fire on a crowded vegetable market in Hebron, wounding five people and touching off a stone-throwing demonstration by angry Palestinians. Kofi Annan assumed the title of United Nations secretary-general.

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Moi leads Kenyan presidential poll

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Riot police armed with tear gas and batons guarded polling stations across Kenya today where weary election officials counted ballots for a second day.

Temper were short in a general election that was marred by riots, killings and accusations of vote-rigging. Eight people died in political violence during the chaotic two days of voting that ended Tuesday.

Moi, 73, who is seeking a fifth, five-year term, took an early lead in unofficial results from 52 of 210 constituencies, independent Kenya Television Network said. He held his parliamentary seat with more than 99 percent of the vote in this east African nation.

Moi had 649,048 votes for president; Mwai Kibaki, a former vice president, had 431,862; left-leaning Raila Odinga, 158,607; and Charity Ngilu, Kenya's first credible female candidate, 84,237.

Turnout ranged from 65 percent to more than 80 percent in the constituencies with unofficial results reported.

Although Moi was considered likely to win over the more than a dozen challengers, Kenyan and foreign election observers said the partial results were closer than expected and no clear pattern in the voting had emerged.

Critics have blamed Moi for the rampant corruption in this country of 29 million people that has cost Kenya international loans and left its roads, schools and hospitals ruined.

It was unclear when final, official results would be available in the country's third multiparty election since independence in 1963. Commission officials, insisting on anonymity, said an announcement might not be made before the weekend.

Unable to agree on a single chal-



People watch the body of a man who was allegedly shot by police in Nakuru, 80 miles northwest of Nairobi Tuesday. A riot broke out when a vehicle arrived at a counting center with a ballot box that onlookers considered suspicious. The police denied Wednesday that anyone was shot by them. Some 5 people have been killed in election-related violence in Kenya since Monday.

lenger, the opposition's only hope of winning was to force a runoff, which could unite the anti-Moi vote. In county halls, schools and churches, ballot counting continued through the night.

At downtown Nairobi's Charter Hall, 150 of 333 ballot boxes had been sliced open with a kitchen knife and their contents tallied by this morning. The ballots were sorted into stacks, while frazzled party representatives grumbled.

Rising from a nap on a straight-backed chair, opposition observer Ephraim Mwangi said, "It is very slow and exhaustive."

The election was extended to Tuesday after some polling stations opened very late Monday because they did not have enough or the right ballots. Similar problems occurred Tuesday.

Today, more than 100 Odinga supporters stoned cars and looted shops belonging to Kisi tribesmen, whom they accused of voting for

Moi. The day before, two men, believed to be supporters of Moi's Kenya African National Union, were beaten and burned by opponents' supporters in nearby Alego-Usonga, 190 miles northwest of Nairobi. Those deaths, plus a newly reported death Monday, brought

the death toll in two days of voting to eight, police said.

Also today, Ngilu supporters burned nine boxes of filled-out ballots because the boxes had been stripped of seals, indicating tampering.

The National Convention Executive Committee, an opposition group, called the elections "a fantastic farce" and blamed Moi's government for election irregularities. The group said the commission acted illegally in extending voting and delaying counting.

Meanwhile, politicians on all sides were laying the groundwork for rejecting the results.

"The whole process should be restarted under more auspicious conditions within six months," said Apollo Njonjo, Social Democratic Party secretary-general. "Failure to annul these elections will trigger civil strife."

Moi complained that the 21-member Electoral Commission — whose members he had approved — was trying to cheat him of victory. KANU officials listed 120 complaints, including too few or no ballots in traditional KANU strongholds.

Wrestler convicted of assault

KUWAIT (AP) — A World Wrestling Federation star known as "Rocky Mountain Beast" was convicted of assault Tuesday for attacking a Kuwaiti TV host who had asked if the matches were staged.

The wrestler — Leon White of Boulder, Colo. — also was convicted of insulting the host, and was ordered to pay a \$166 fine, said lawyer Ibrahim al-Athary, who represented Kuwait Television host Bassam al-Othman. The maximum penalty could have

been one year in prison.

White was in Kuwait in April for five days of matches. He grabbed al-Othman by the tie, shoved him backwards and spouted obscenities after being asked during a live interview if professional wrestling matches were fake.

The wrestler's lawyer, Ernest Alexander, said White has not yet decided if he will appeal. White already had apologized to al-Othman for cursing during the broadcast, he added.

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Dutch scientist uncovers treasure of new species in Amazon

Michael Astor
Associated Press

NOVA ARIPUANA, Brazil (AP) — For more than a year, Marc van Roosmalen combed the Amazon rain forest in search of a specific new species of monkey. He found more than he bargained for.

Along the trail, the Dutch primatologist discovered four other previously unknown types of monkey and a new species of porcupine. The formal description of two of the monkeys will appear in a Brazilian scientific journal next year.

He also spotted a new tapir and new jaguar, although he has yet to capture them. Oh yes, he also found the monkey he was looking for.

Scientists are excited by the discoveries, remarkable even by Brazilian standards. With 80 of the world's 250 known monkey species — more than any other country — Brazil has turned up an average of one new monkey a year since 1990.

"From what Marc has shown me, they are certainly different than anything I've seen before," said Anthony Rylands, a British professor of vertebrate zoology at the Federal University of Minas Gerais.

Even more startling, the new species were found barely 190 miles from Manaus, the Amazon's largest city, which in turn is 1,800 miles northwest of Rio de Janeiro.

"That just goes to show how little we still know about biodiversity in the Amazon," Rylands said.

It all started with the dwarf marmoset that

appeared on Roosmalen's doorstep in 1996, brought by a local man who knew that the scientist cares for orphaned monkeys.

Roosmalen knew right away it was a new species, and the discovery was widely reported last August. But finding the monkey's home was no easy task — all he knew was that it had come aboard a boat somewhere along the 2,000-mile Madeira River.

So Roosmalen set out through the forest, snapshot in hand, asking anybody he came across if they had seen the monkey in the photograph.

"I'd show people the picture and they'd say they knew where to find it. But what they showed me always turned out to be another monkey," said Roosmalen, who works at the National Amazon Research Institute, INPA, in Manaus.

Occasionally, the "wrong" monkey also was an unknown species, one of the categories — family, genus and species — used to classify animals.

One of the new monkeys belongs to the Callithrix genus. Roosmalen has dubbed it the manicore marmoset until the scientific description with a formal name is published.

The squirrel-sized manicore has a grayish-white body with naked ears, orange legs, a black tail and pinkish face. An average adult measures 9 inches with a 15-inch tail and weighs around 12 ounces.

Another is a member of the Callicebus genus. The locals call it the zog-zog — probably from the sound of the throaty duet couples sing to establish their territory.

The zog-zog has a reddish-orange beard

and belly, a grayish-brown back and a white spot on the tip of its tail. An average adult measures 16 inches, has a tail slightly longer than its body and weighs just over 2.2 pounds.

Another discovery was a pink-nosed, black-tailed dwarf porcupine, with deceptively fluffy pale hair covering sharp yellow spines. Roosmalen expects to publish the scientific description of the porcupine next year with Maria Nazare da Silva, a small-mammal specialist at INPA.

Still to come are descriptions of two more monkey species, the tapir and the jaguar.

Roosmalen's search for his dwarf marmoset ended in Damiao Lisboa Pereira's backyard, in a tiny community on the Aripuana River near its confluence with the Madeira.

The monkeys come to Pereira's backyard three times a day to feed on a pair of moroto trees, one of their few sources of food during the dry season.

Not long after sunrise, zog-zogs call to each other deep in the thick jungle. High above, a pair of Nun birds — long-tailed and black with bright red beaks — sing a somber duet resembling an organ fugue.

Then the monkeys appear, leaping from tree to tree with incredible speed and agility.

"They move so easily it's like watching water flow," Roosmalen said. "I think, relative to their size, they are the fastest monkeys in the world."

Roosmalen believes the adult monkey, which averages about 6 inches in length and weighs around 6.3 ounces, is the world's second smallest after the pygmy marmoset.

It also has one of the world's smallest distributions for a primate. The species is found only on a triangular patch of land smaller than Rhode Island between the Madeira and Aripuana rivers.

The dozens of rivers that criss-cross the region are natural barriers that tend to isolate the species. Monkeys that may share a common ancestor developed into separate species over several million years.

"On the other side of the Aripuana, the monkey is white with tuft ears. On this side, it's whitish-orange with a black tail. The next river over, it's all white with a black tail and legs," explains Valquimar Araujo, a boatman who has worked with Roosmalen for years.

Unfortunately, the wealth of plants and animals here may disappear before science discovers them. Without protection, most of these animals will be gone within 20 years, Roosmalen says.

"I really believe the area has the highest biodiversity in the world in terms of primates and maybe in general. But not a single hectare of the region is protected by law," he says.

New roads and improved navigation along the Madeira River are part of a massive grain project planned nearby and almost certainly will open the area to logging.

The forest behind Pereira's house already bears the scars of selective logging. Huge tire tracks run a mile into the once-pristine forest, where a bulldozer was used to remove the trees.

The loggers received the community's permission to cut for a fee, then left without paying.

Golf wrist fractures hard to diagnose

WASHINGTON (AP) — A golfer who swings a too-short club can wind up with a mysterious fracture that doesn't show up on a conventional X-ray, a doctor warned.

Expensive high-tech imaging may be needed to spot the damage to a small bone in the wrist, and it may take surgery to open a path back to pain-free play, said radiologist John Francis Feller of Rancho Mirage, Calif.

The break is in the hamate, at the end of the wrist. The bone, which is part of the carpal tunnel, has a hook-shaped end that protrudes toward the palm.

"If the club is too short, which is the most common cause, the end of the club is resting against the hook of the hamate," Feller said. "It's always the nondominant hand or wrist, on the butt end of the club."

When the golfer swings a club that is too short, the force of the swing is transmitted through the end of the club onto the spot where the hook of the hamate joins the rest of the bone, Feller said. That's where the break typically develops, he said. A club of the correct length would extend at least an inch higher, missing the hook, he said.

"It's an aching pain," Feller said. "It's probably fair to say it's the most common cause of wrist pain on the side away from the thumb."

However, diagnosing the break may not be easy, Feller said. If it occurs suddenly — as, for instance, the result of a single bad swing — then the golfer might have an idea what happened.

But often the injury develops as a stress fracture — a result of continued pressure over many swings that bend the hook like a turkey wishbone, Feller said. "Golf is the sort of sport where you are repetitively doing the

same thing over and over," he said. In those cases, the golfer might not connect the pain to the swing, Feller said.

Seeing the cause also can be difficult, Feller said. Conventional X-ray views of the wrist don't show the hook of the hamate well, and a narrow break in a tiny bone

also can be hard to spot, he said. In a presentation at the Chicago meeting of the Radiological Society of North America, Feller outlined the results of 12 cases. In all 12, ordinary straight-on views of the wrist could not spot the fracture. In three, a look down the carpal tunnel could picture the break.

However, in all 12, magnetic resonance imaging did spot the actual fracture line or fluid leakage associated with it, Feller said. "We recommend an MRI," he said.

The breaks are highly unlikely to heal on their own, so it may take a slice to cure the golfer's broken hook, Feller said. After the injury is spotted, doctors surgically remove the broken part. The player can go on to do just as well without it, he said. "You do not need the hook of the hamate."

Orthopedic surgeons don't think an MRI is necessarily the way to go. An MRI might cost \$700, and a patient might have to travel to a facility that has the small-focus equipment needed to work on a wrist, said Dr. Terry L. Whipple.

On the other hand, an X-ray might cost \$40-\$70, said Whipple, of the University of Virginia, the Medical College of Virginia, and North Carolina's Bowman Gray School of Medicine.

So unless repeated X-rays don't work, more sophisticated tests might not be worth the money, Whipple said.

And the ability of an X-ray to spot the damage can be enhanced, said Dr. Robert P. Nirschl of Arlington, Va. Injecting an isotope into the wrist makes the fluid appear more sharply, said Nirschl, an orthopedic surgeon who specializes in sports medicine.

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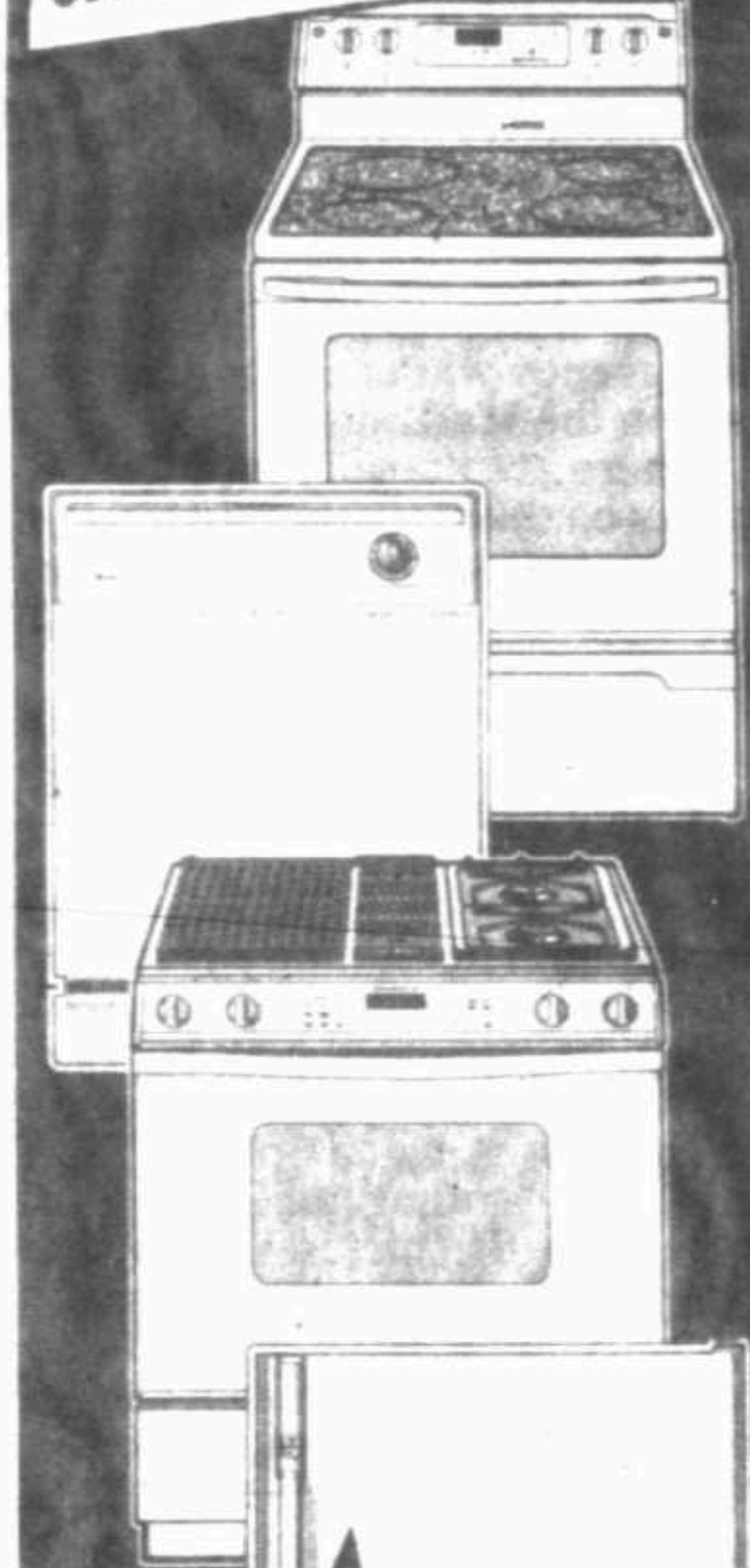
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Biltmore Estate joins effort to restore life to chestnut forests

ASHEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — The scrawny American chestnut saplings were no match for the brisk autumn breeze that whistled through the brilliant red oaks and yellow poplars that lit up the forest at the Biltmore Estate.

As the patch of 202 seedlings bowed before the wind gusts coming off the peaks of the Blue Ridge Mountains, it was difficult to imagine the American chestnut tree as a dominant species in this country's Eastern forests.

The majestic chestnut once made up one-fourth of all the trees in the forests from Maine to Georgia. In Appalachia, some ridges were covered with chestnuts, which could grow 100 feet tall, reach five feet in diameter and live for centuries.

The chestnut is credited with sustaining the economy of rural Appalachia in the nation's formative years, providing an abundance of food as well as lumber for building houses, barns and fences. Even its bark was used to make tannin for treating leather.

"The story went that the chestnut supported you from cradle to grave," said Bill Alexander, landscape curator at the Biltmore Estate.

"You were rocked to sleep as a baby in a chestnut cradle and you were buried in a casket made of chestnut," he said.

"In between, it was likely that your home was made out of chestnut logs and your farm was marked by split-rail fences from its wood," Alexander added.

Chestnut was called the "redwood of the East." Straight and rot-resistant, its timber was used to make telegraph poles, railroad ties, furniture — even musical instruments.

The end of the American chestnut came abruptly.

"A fungus that likely came into the country from Asia was discovered in New York City in 1904. The dreaded chestnut blight spread about 50 miles south every year, killing every chestnut in its path."

By the 1940s, the blight had invaded North Carolina's forests, including those around the Biltmore Estate, which was built by George W. Vanderbilt around the turn of the century.

"Now more than 50 years later, the estate is part of a new effort to restore the American chestnut to Eastern forests. Last month, The American Chestnut Foundation held its annual meeting at the estate."

During the gathering, volunteers planted 202 saplings, which are encased in wire cages to protect

them from the estate's wildlife.

Another 1,500 chestnuts will be planted later this year on a more remote part of the estate. The Biltmore then will have the largest number of seedlings planted from the TACF's research farm in Virginia.

Forrest MacGregor, an Asheville resident who sits on the TACF board, got in touch with the Biltmore about planting the chestnuts on the estate.

"Just try to imagine what it would be like if there were no oaks or poplars left in these forests," he said as he drove from his downtown Asheville office to the Biltmore. "What would it do to the economy?"

"The chestnut was like woodland corn," MacGregor said. "It produced large quantities of food for people as well as bear, deer and other wildlife. And its lumber can be found everywhere."

Alexander, who follows in a tradition of innovative forestry management practices at the Biltmore, said it was only natural for the estate to join the effort to restore the American chestnut.

"George Vanderbilt was very much an entrepreneur and he liked to experiment with different businesses," Alexander said. That's why his country estate had a working dairy and other agribusinesses.

Gifford Pinchot, who later became the first director of the newly created U.S. Forest Service, was hired by Vanderbilt to devise a land use plan for the family's 100,000 acres of timberland.

Because much of the land surrounding the family's house was in poor condition when Vanderbilt bought it, tens of thousands of trees were planted throughout the estate. Many of the seedlings were chestnut trees.

Some took hold on a ridge overlooking the estate that is still known simply as "Chestnut."

Later this winter, another 1,500 saplings will be set out on a mountain on the estate's southern border. Like the 202 seedlings already in the ground, they are the result of 15 years of research by The American Chestnut Foundation.

The seedlings are a cross between a Chinese chestnut and the American chestnut. The breeding process is supposed to make them resistant to the blight.

But because the breeding process has not been perfected, only a fraction of the seedlings are expected to survive.

"We want them to be exposed to the blight," said Alexander. "They need to be subjected to natural conditions."

Drugs spur call for reporting HIV cases by name, monitoring patients

SEATTLE (AP) — The first U.S. decline in new AIDS cases is increasing support for a proposal that was once almost too controversial to discuss: identifying and monitoring everyone who tests positive for the virus that causes the disease.

Such a shift, now gaining momentum at the state and federal level, would mark a turnaround in public health policy.

In Washington state, public health officials now track only full-blown AIDS cases. Under the new proposal, they would monitor, by name, everyone who tests positive for HIV, the human immunodeficiency virus that causes AIDS, and try to notify their sexual or needle-sharing partners that they have been exposed and may be infected.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is asking all states to consider the policy change. Now that new AIDS drugs are keeping people with HIV healthier longer, thereby leading to a drop in full-blown AIDS cases, such a change would enable authorities to get more HIV-positive people on the drugs sooner.

"We need to keep our policies in line with the new scientific evidence that early notification saves lives," said Dr. Alonzo Plough, director of the Seattle-King County Department of Public Health.

"Names reporting is the best way for us to keep track of the epi-

demic and to make sure individuals and infected partners have this information," he said.

The change would also mean that epidemiologists could for the first time enlist traditional public health strategies in the battle against AIDS.

For years, the stigma of a disease that primarily infected gay men and injected-drug abusers was so great that officials, at the insistence of the gay community, relied on nontraditional methods such as anonymous testing and treatment.

Thirty states already record the names of people who have tested positive for HIV.

In Washington state, for example, reporting by name begins when the patient has clinically defined AIDS — an AIDS-related infection or other symptom, or an immune system weakened to below a certain level.

Names reporting has long been used to help contain and combat other dangerous infectious diseases. The state monitors 54 such ailments including measles, tuberculosis, whooping cough, certain types of hepatitis and several sexually transmitted diseases.

Now some health authorities say it's time to add HIV to the list.

They want the freedom to attack AIDS with the traditional tools of public health: routine testing of large segments of the population, names reporting of those who test

HIV positive, and notification of people who may have been infected so that they can get tested for HIV and seek treatment if necessary.

The CDC considers names reporting of HIV the only accurate way to "track the front end of the epidemic," said Judith Billings, Washington state's former top school official and a member of the President's Advisory Council on HIV-AIDS.

Billings, who stepped down from her state post after disclosing her own AIDS diagnosis last year, also leads a subcommittee of the Governor's Advisory Council on HIV-AIDS. The group has held five public hearings on HIV names reporting and will report its findings to Gov. Gary Locke next month.

Early intervention allows health authorities to stretch limited AIDS-prevention resources, Billings said.

But, as a person with AIDS, she said she understands concerns that it could lead to discrimination in housing, employment and medical care.

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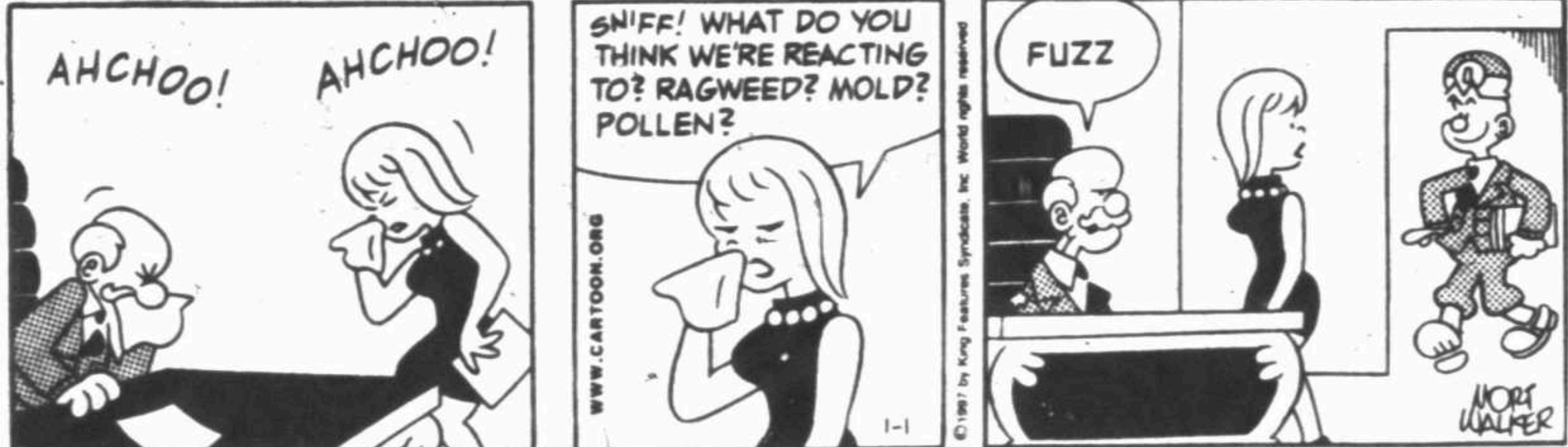
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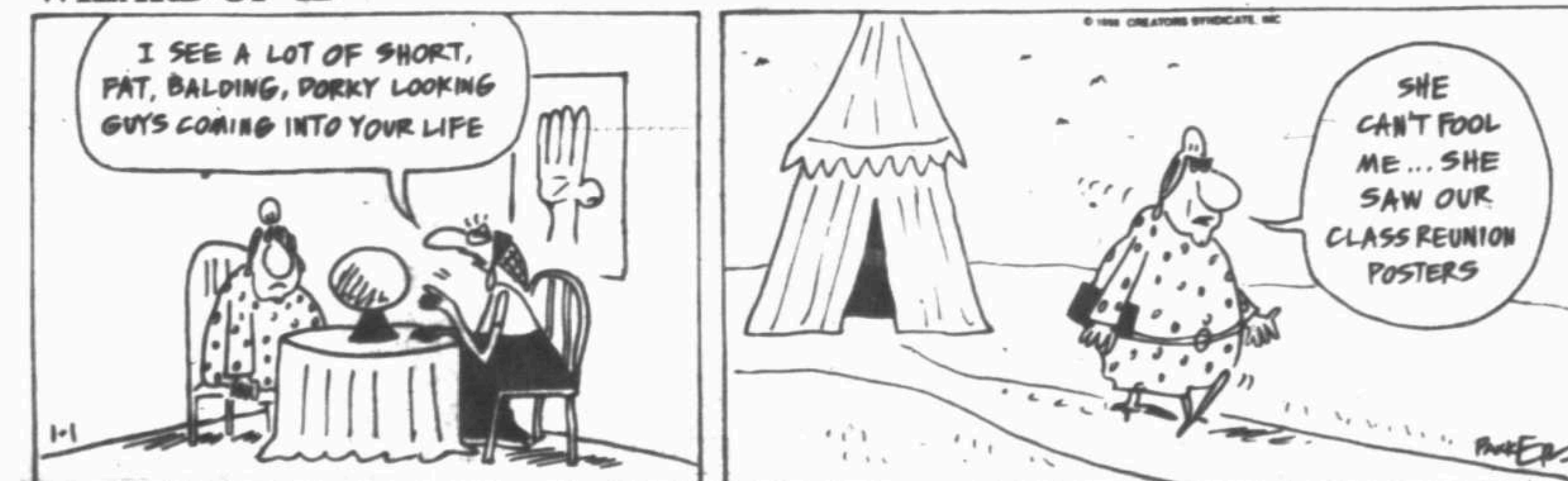
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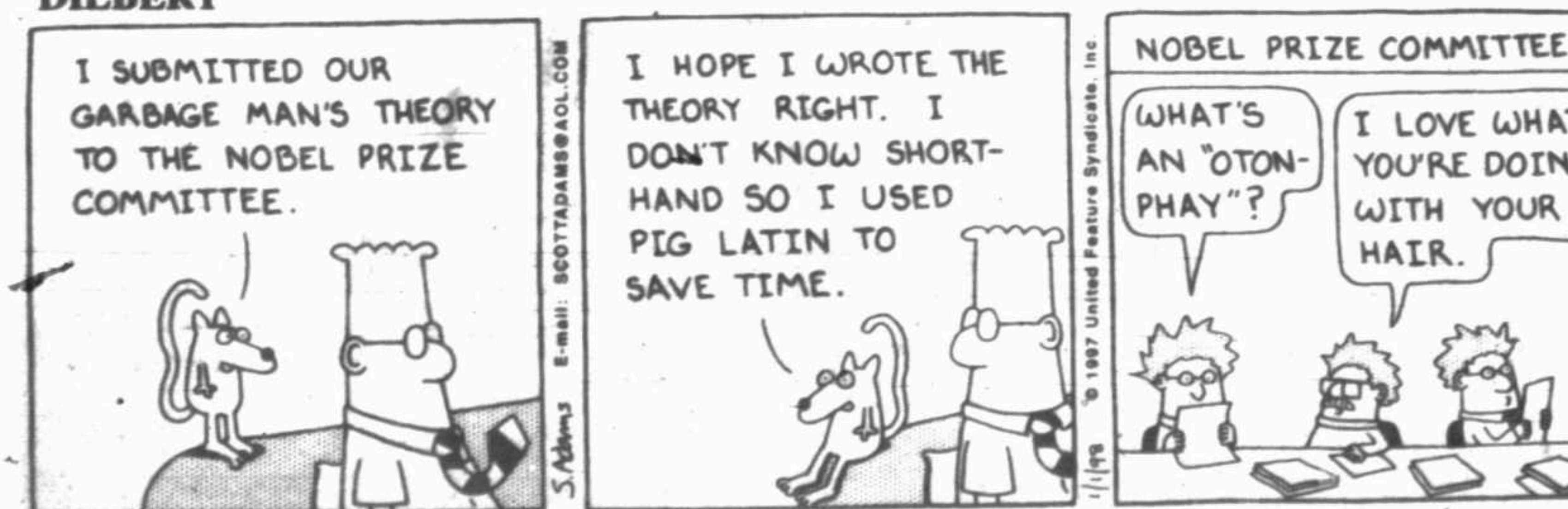
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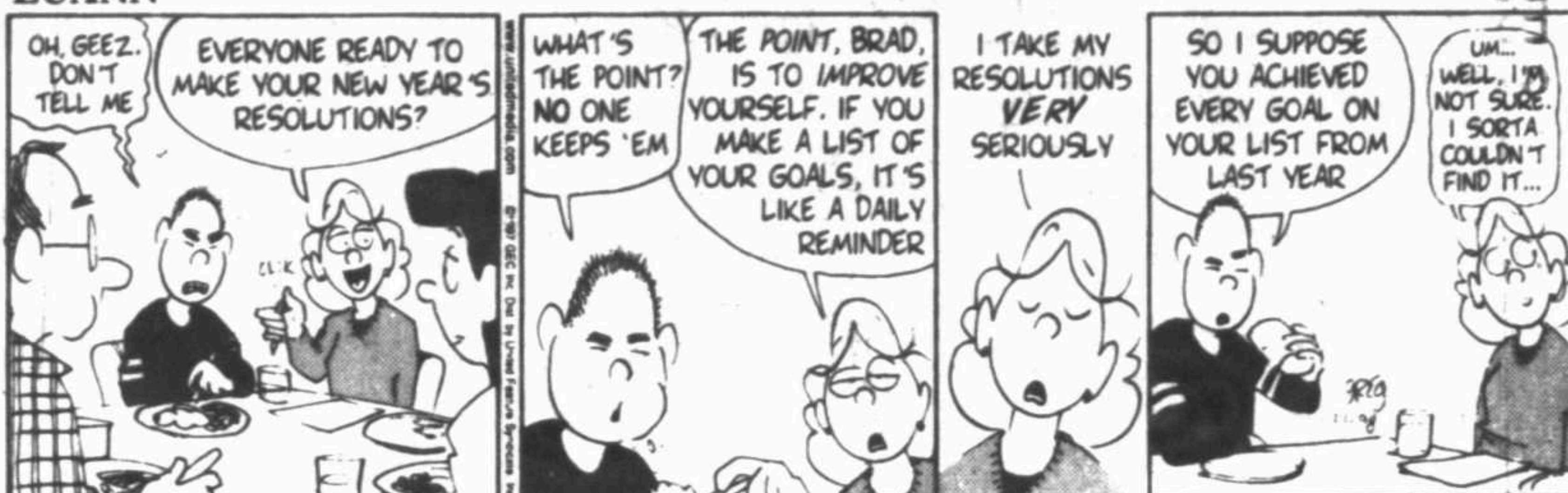
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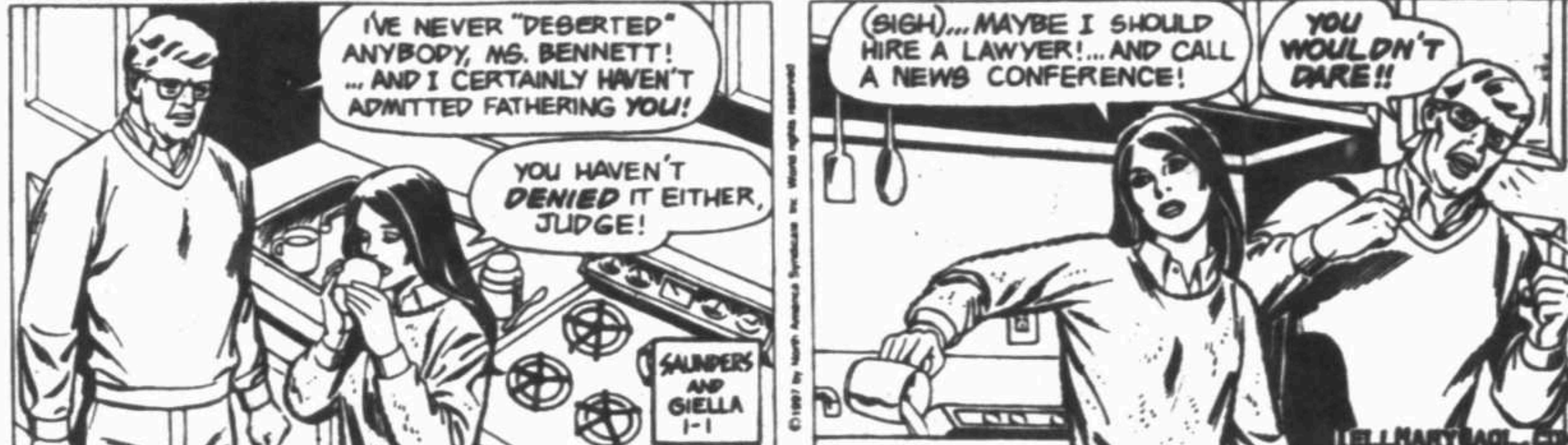
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The new year had started out well for Tommy. He had hardly sat down for the club's annual New Year's day Brunch 'n Bridge Day when he was at the helm of a four-heart contract. As our readers are aware, Tommy is at best an average player except in one event — when trumps break badly, Tommy rises to the occasion!

North's raise to game with the singleton jack of trumps was fully justified. Since Tommy entered the auction at the three-level on limited values, he surely had a good, long trump suit. In addition, the auction marked Tommy with spade short-

ness, so all of North's values had to be working.
West led the ace of spades and continued with the queen. East overtook with the king of spades to shift to a diamond. Tommy inserted the ten, covered by the jack and taken with dummy's ace. The jack of hearts was run successfully, and Tommy then made the key play — he returned to hand with a spade ruff to test the trumps.

When West showed out on the king of hearts, a smile of triumph could be detected for a moment in the twitch of Tommy's lips. Three rounds of clubs were cashed, Tom-

my discarding a diamond from hand. A good club was continued. If East did not ruff, Tommy would have discarded his remaining diamond loser and conceded a trump, holding his losses to two spades and a trump, so East was forced to ruff.

Tommy overruffed, then exited with the queen of diamonds. It made no matter which defender won the trick. Tommy was poised with A 10 of hearts over East's Q 7, and the defenders scored only two spade tricks and a diamond.

Although not for Tommy, we wish our readers nothing but good breaks for the coming year!



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Proposed law seeks to help those prosecuted by Feds but cleared

N.Y. Times News Service

HOUSTON — He was one of Inc. magazine's entrepreneurs of the year in 1989 — a self-made millionaire who developed robotics systems for government and industry.

But this fall, during his four-week federal trial in Houston, Dan Stinger went to the courthouse each day with \$2 in his pocket — enough to buy a lunch of soup and crackers.

Although he and two executives of his now-defunct company were cleared of contract fraud charges, Stinger's four-year battle with government investigators and prosecutors left him financially devastated and owing nearly \$50,000 in legal expenses.

"We basically lost everything,"

Stinger said. "My business is gone. The house was foreclosed on. One car was repossessed, and I let the other go back. I sold everything else."

Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., has maintained that it is too often the case in the aftermath of a federal trial. The veteran congressman and chairman of the House Judiciary Committee is pushing legislation that would require the government to pay the legal expenses of some defendants who are acquitted of federal charges.

A respected engineer and the business partner of a World War II rocket scientist who shepherded beginnings of the U.S. space program, Stinger had an impeccable record as a government contractor for nearly three decades.

Both of his companies, Automaker

and U.S. Modular, had worked on important government projects. Automaker developed a system to inspect the seals and the bonding for the nozzle section of solid-fuel booster rockets — a process developed in response to the Jan. 28, 1986, Challenger explosion. And when the political winds shifted away from chemical weapons, the company built robots to pick up mustard gas shells and prepare them for incineration on Johnston Atoll, 825 miles southwest of Hawaii.

During the Desert Storm operation against Iraq, U.S. Modular built testing laboratories for biological and chemical weapons.

But in 1993, Automaker's vice president of marketing was introduced to a man who turned out to be an undercover FBI agent conducting a sting of NASA employees

and contractors. Automaker never did any business with the undercover agent — shortly after the meeting astronaut David Wolfe blew the cover off the FBI probe in interviews with the media.

But Stinger believes he was tainted because he was a member of the "suspect" NASA contracting community.

In a 1995 indictment, prosecutors alleged Automaker billed the government for materials it didn't buy during the year it spent building two robots for use in welding giant-size machinery for the U.S. Army.

Stinger said he knew nothing about the world of criminal law when he started shopping for an attorney, but he quickly learned that few have established track records against the feds — and

their fees reflected it.

Well-known Texas lawyers Mike Ramsey and Dick DeGuerin often charge \$100,000 — and that's just for openers.

The other defendants — Jim Morris and Sharon Hogge — hired Ramsey and DeGuerin.

Stinger finally settled on attorney Dan Cogdell, who has shared DeGuerin and Ramsey's success on the front lines of federal court. The battle left Stinger with massive legal debts, but it was worth it.

"He gave me my life back," Stinger said.

Stinger beat the rap with ease — a federal judge said there wasn't enough evidence to warrant such charges and directed the acquittal of all three defendants without even hearing their defense.

But the ride to U.S. District

Court destroyed his business and ruined his health.

Although Hyde's proposal is not retroactive, if it becomes law defendants like Stinger would have a chance to recoup some legal expenses.

The Hyde Amendment allows those who prevail in federal criminal cases to recover attorney's fees and other litigation costs if the court finds the prosecution was vexatious, frivolous or in bad faith.

Attached as a rider to the mammoth appropriations bill for the departments of State, Justice and Commerce, the proposal calls for no additional appropriation from Congress. Any fees awarded by the court would be paid out of the operating budget of the agency over which the defendant prevails, House documents show.

Man admits using false names in welfare scheme

N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — For more than seven years, Jose Rodriguez used at least eight different identities — some borrowed from dead relatives, others taken from living people without their knowledge, and still others created by him — to obtain hundreds of thousands of dollars in government benefits to which he was not entitled, court papers show.

But like many schemes, there were flaws, the authorities said. For example, when Rodriguez withdrew cash from automated teller machines linked to the accounts of some of those identities, the machines snapped photographs of a single person: himself.

Monday, Rodriguez pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court in Manhattan to one count of stealing about \$445,000 in the scheme, which investigators said they unraveled by tracking the ATM withdrawals and other evidence, court papers show.

Rodriguez said in court that he had carried out the scheme using false names and fake Social Security numbers. Prosecutors accused him of setting up bank accounts under the different identities. The benefits were then deposited, sometimes electronically, into the various accounts, from which Rodriguez withdrew money, often with his ATM card.

Through the scheme, Rodriguez was able to "finance a comfortable life style in Manhattan and Orlando, Fla.," said Edward J. Kuriansky, commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation, whose office initiated the investigation last year that led to Rodriguez's arrest last month.

"Indeed, the defendant was so brazen in his fraud that he allegedly flew to New York on a monthly basis to redeem the food stamps he received under various aliases," Kuriansky said.

An investigator in Kuriansky's office said the department began the inquiry after receiving a tip from an informant.

The bulk of the stolen benefits, or about \$354,000, came from the U.S. Social Security Administration's Supplemental Security Income Program for the disabled, said a federal complaint in the case. Prosecutors also accused Rodriguez of stealing \$64,000 from the Department of Agriculture's Food Stamp program and obtaining \$27,000 in illegal rent subsidies under a program run by the New York City Housing Authority.

"I knew I was not entitled to the money, and I knew what I was doing was wrong and unlawful," Rodriguez, 49, said in court.

Rodriguez, who has a mustache and wore distinctive red-rimmed eyeglasses in court Monday, has been unable to raise a \$50,000 bond, and is being held pending his sentencing on March 30. The court documents did not indicate that Rodriguez had tried to disguise himself when he made the cash withdrawals. He spoke clearly in court as he told a federal magistrate, Henry B. Pitman, that he was pleading guilty.

Pitman told Rodriguez that he faced up to 10 years in prison, that he would be disqualified from receiving future government benefits, and that restitution would be mandatory.

But it was unclear Monday just what had happened to the \$445,000 that the government said Rodriguez had stolen, or whether he would ever be able to repay it.

In court, he was represented by a public defender, Steven M. Statsinger, who declined to comment on the case. An assistant U.S. attorney, Joseph V. De Marco, would not discuss the money's whereabouts, saying it was confidential grand jury information.

Rodriguez submitted a financial affidavit to the court describing himself as unemployed. He listed property and cash worth about \$3,500, and said he had received several hundred dollars in the past year in federal disability benefits, though he gave no details of any disability, nor was one evident in court.

Prosecutors asserted that Rodriguez was able to get the \$64,000 in food stamps by obtaining the necessary photo identification cards from the city's Human Resources Administration under each of the eight identities that he used.

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BASIN BRIEFING

Police pursuit ends in wreck

A brief vehicle pursuit came to an end late Tuesday after the suspect in the chase slammed into another car on Texas Highway 20, police officials said.

The driver, 20-year-old Gerhard Nuedorf, was charged with intoxication assault with a motor vehicle and failure to stop and render aid, both third-degree felonies. Police also charged the man with driving with license suspended, evading detention and unlawful possession of alcohol, all misdemeanors.

Authorities said Nuedorf is a local aircraft maintenance worker who lives in Odessa. Jail reports indicate that the man remained in the Midland County Detention Center Wednesday afternoon. His bond was set at \$25,000 for each felony charge and \$500 for each misdemeanor.

Nuedorf's arrest stems from a pursuit police began at 10:18 p.m. Tuesday.

Patrol officers clocked the man for driving 85 mph in a 35 mph zone near the intersection of Midkiff Road and Ohio Street, said Doug Crabtree, supervisor of the Midland Police Department's telephone response unit.

Police made several attempts to pull the man over, but he tried to outrun them. Two minutes into the chase, the man slammed into another vehicle in front of the Motel 6 on Texas Highway 80. Police at the scene apprehended Nuedorf while he was trying to start his pickup after the wreck, officers said.

The driver of the other vehicle, 41-year-old Randy Austin of Midland, was pinned inside his car until firefighters rescued him. He was taken to Memorial Hospital and Medical Center that night for severe injuries. Police quoted medical authorities as saying that Austin sustained a ruptured spleen and back injuries.

Police probing the accident said Austin was in stable condition Wednesday.

Meanwhile, the police department will also launch its own investigation into the accident. Crabtree explained that the investigation is a routine procedure that is conducted each time police are involved in a pursuit. Police personnel will be responsible for carrying out this duty, Crabtree said.

"This is done just to make sure that our officer followed correct procedures," Crabtree said.

Signs of guilt

MADISONVILLE — Some people who used hot checks for their Christmas shopping sprees in Madison County are soon going to get a rude awakening, a judge says.

Convicted shoplifters and hot-check writers will have some new attire as they will be required to advertise their guilt in a very public way.

Madison County Judge Cecil N. Neely said Tuesday he plans to start ordering offenders to wear large signs that state, "I'm a thief," accompanied by either, "I wrote hot checks" or "I stole from this store."

"On top of that, they're going to have to spend two or three hours at a time marching in front of the store where they did the crime," the judge said. "It's not going to be a fun time for them, I assure you. But something has got to be done."

The signs, in bold black-and-red letters, are ready and posted near the district clerk's office and in the county's probation department.

Jade Martin-Bracewell, a Madison County probation officer, said the stack of hot checks at the district clerk's office is growing daily.

"We're seeing the results of some Christmas shopping sprees," she said.

"and we're going to have to help these stores get their money back."

"They're calling this new plan the 'shame factor,' which I think is appropriate," she said, adding that other stores in town long have posted prominently the names of hot-check offenders.

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TOP 10 MIDLAND NEWS STORIES OF 1997



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No. 1: Republic of Texas standoff

Republic of Texas leader Richard McLaren is driven away by authorities after surrendering and ending a week-long standoff with law enforcement officials. The story not only captured the attention of West Texas residents, but also made national news headlines.

Transcending locale, Fort Davis standoff is top story

By Gary Ott
City Editor

It was a year of special elections. It was a year of brutal murders. It was a year of deadly car wrecks. But in the end, Midland's biggest story in 1997 didn't even take place in Midland. Instead, the setting was the scenic Davis Mountains located in remote West Texas. But the ramifications were so big and so far-reaching that it easily climbed to the peak of Midland's Top 10 stories of the year.

And you didn't have to read just the local newspaper to keep up with the happenings there, either. You could turn on any national television network and follow the latest developments. CNN was there around the clock. So were many of the nation's leading newspapers. There was even an international presence.

Everyone, it seemed, wanted to know what was going to happen next.

Not since Jessica McClure fell into that water well a decade earlier had the entire country so closely monitored a story originating in West Texas.

It was a national story.

It was a state story.

It was a local story.

It was the Republic of Texas standoff at Fort Davis.

And it was the No. 1 story of 1997.

1. The first sentence of the first news account of the actual standoff went like this: "Armed members of the Republic of Texas, angered by the earlier arrest of two supporters, took a Fort Davis couple hostage on Sunday, injuring the husband, and then refused to release them until the Republic of Texas members were released."

And just like that, the Richard McLaren-led standoff with law enforcement officials, including many from Midland, began.

Local residents, like citizens across the country, waited and watched.

Tense moments followed.

Rumors were rampant.

There was talk that McLaren was prepared to die rather than surrender.

SWAT team members moved into position to storm McLaren's "embassy."

Texas Department of Public Safety officials made what they called their "final offer."

Still, nothing happened.

The waiting, the praying, the watching continued.

Some compared the situation to Waco and to Ruby Ridge.

Would this, like those infamous cases, end up in death and carnage? Were we watching history in the making?

No one knew for sure.

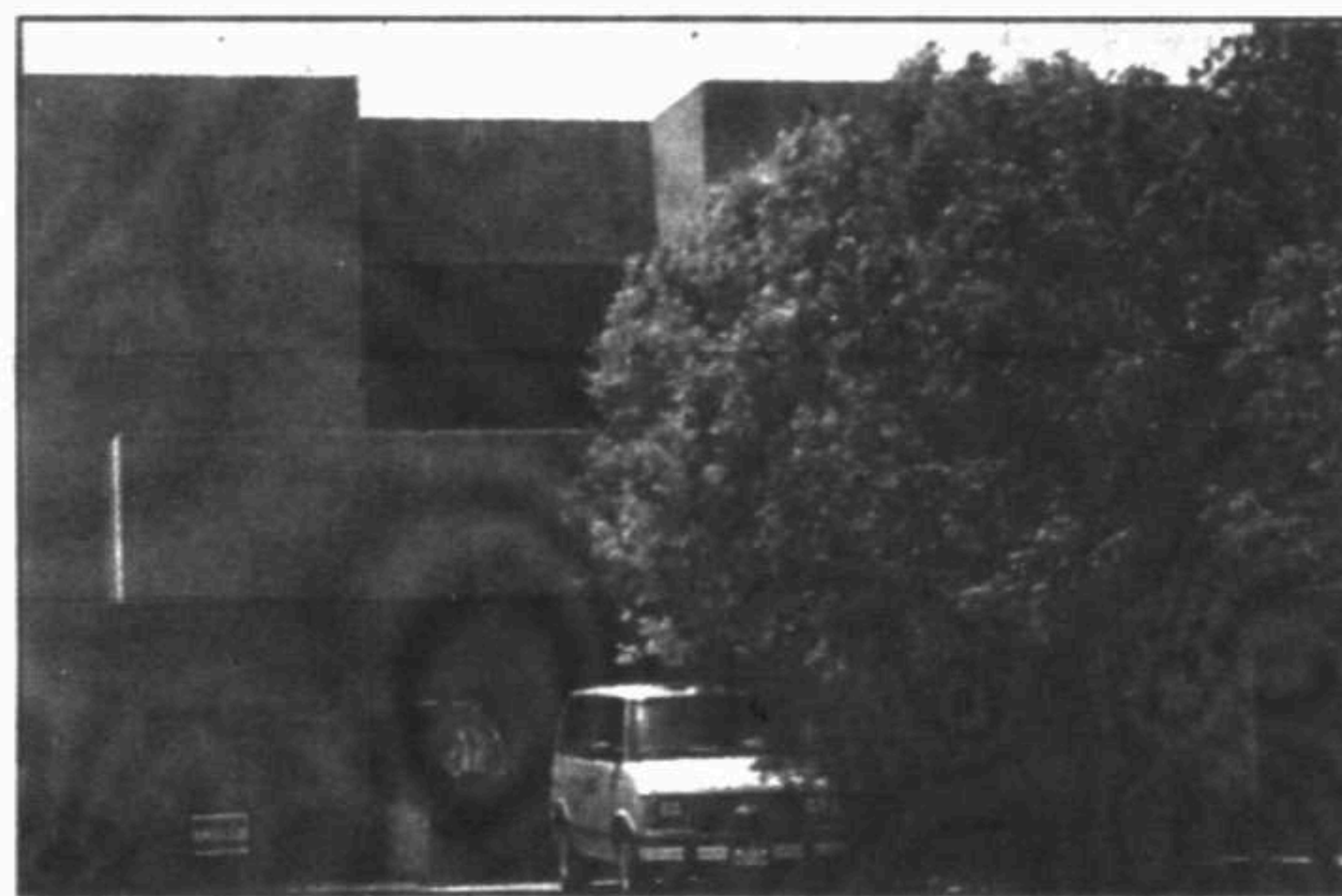
So the waiting continued.

Then on Saturday, May 3, there was action.

Perhaps the headline in the May 4 edition of the Reporter-Telegram said it best: "McLaren agrees to cease fire."

The story provided the details. It went

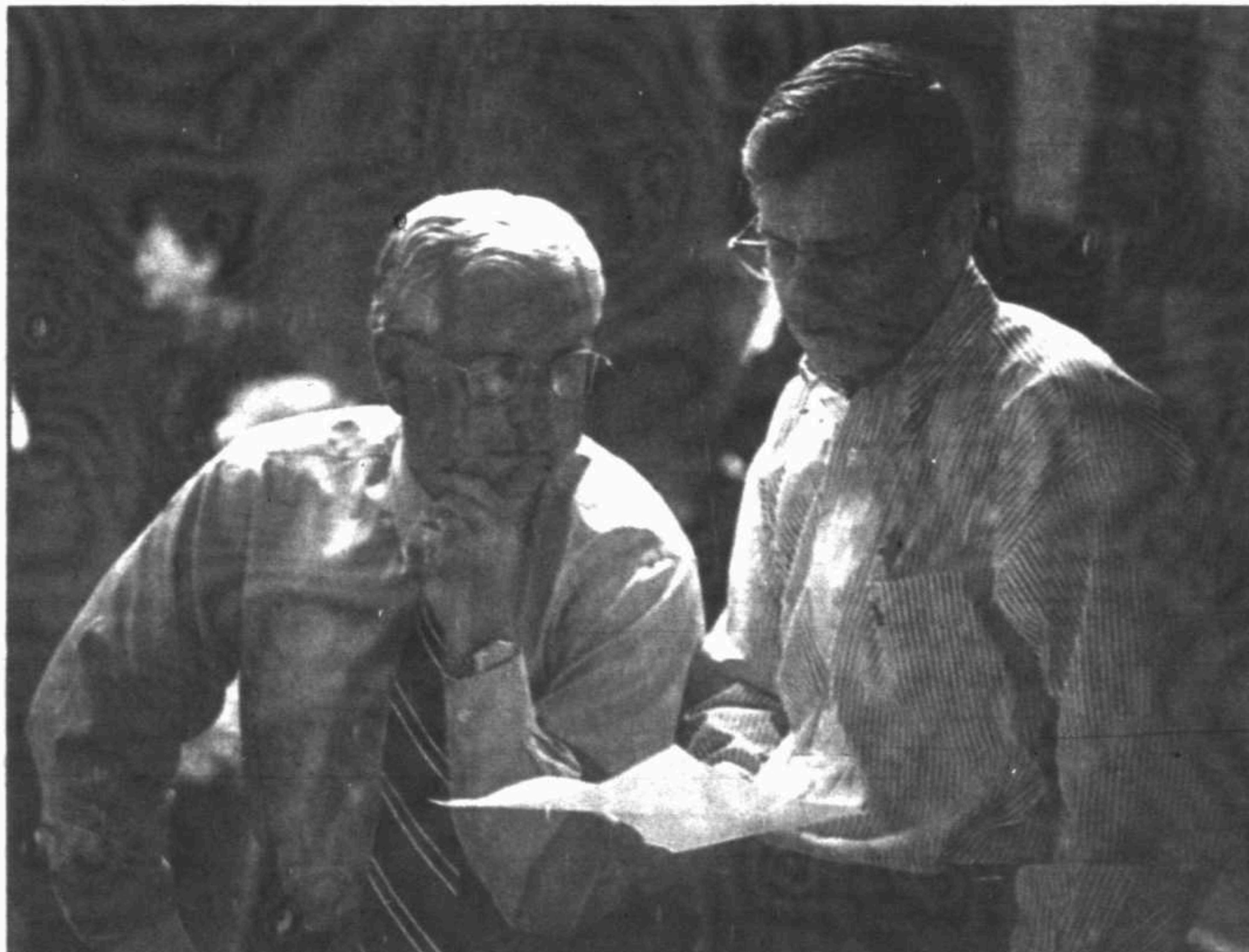
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No. 5: Exxon closes Midland office

When Exxon Co. U.S.A. announced it would be closing its Midland office and consolidating it with the company's Houston production organization, it meant 185 local jobs would be lost.



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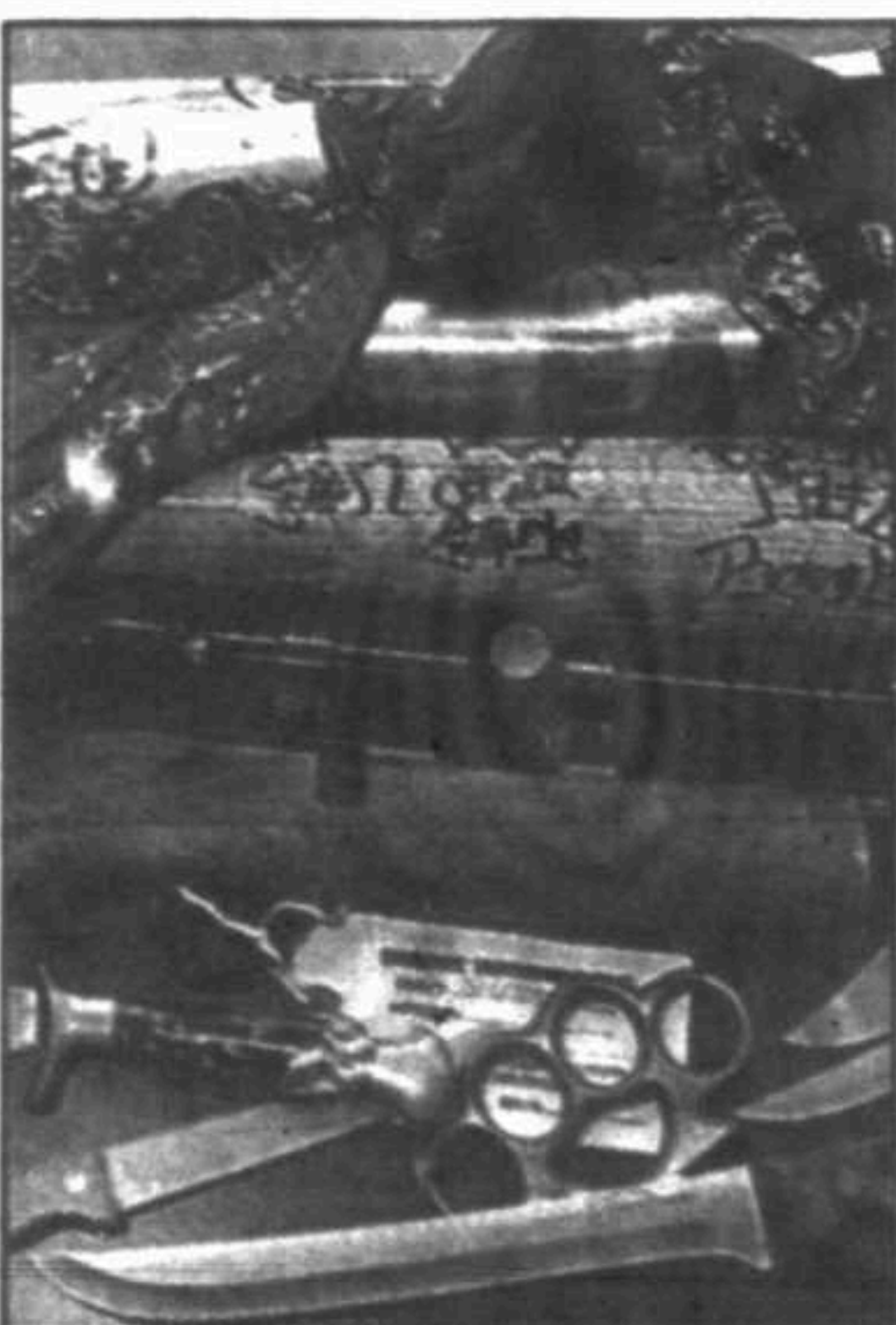
No. 2: Proposition 1 fails

Mayor Bobby Burns, left, and State Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland, gloomily study early results from the sales tax election. Proposition 1 went down in defeat despite the support of many of the community's "movers and shakers."

No. 8: Gangs in Midland

Are there gangs in Midland? Absolutely, said a report issued by a special Midland grand jury. And police have reported a definite increase in gang-related paraphernalia around town.

Reporter-Telegram file photo



TOP: Voters flouted city leaders' push for economic development fund

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like this: "It's over. Almost. Five Republic of Texas militants who dared to confront more than 100 Texas lawmen in a week-long standoff surrendered arms Saturday."

But the next paragraph explained why it wasn't over ... completely. It went like this: "But troopers on horseback, trailing tracking dogs, and flying airplanes continued to search for two armed men who fled their Davis Mountains redoubt."

Still, with McLaren in custody, the waiting, at least on the part of most citizens, was now over. And for the residents of Fort Davis, too.

Little by little, things returned to normal. The lawmen left. So did the journalists. CNN cameras were no longer a fixture in the tiny community.

Richard McLaren — a hero to a handful of followers and "a complete nut" to most Americans — had surrendered.

That's all that really mattered to most people. Yeah, it was over.

But not before it had become our No. 1 story of the year.

2. Supporters said it was needed to attract new industry.

Opponents insisted it was just another unnecessary tax on local residents.

On the ballot, it was simply called Proposition 1. But when the dust had cleared, and the Midland voters had cast their ballots, it was merely an idea whose time had not come.

The final tally was: 7,272 against; 5,695 for. On the surface, the proposal sounded simple enough ... raise the local sales tax by 1/2 cent, then take half of that money and develop an economic development war chest that would be used to lure new industry to town while using the other half of the money to fund a 15 percent decrease in city property taxes.

It sounded so simple. And for awhile it seemed to gain support. Bobby Burns, Midland's popular mayor, was spearheading the effort. Many of the city's most influential leaders jumped on the bandwagon. Money was being spent to advertise the benefits of the new proposal.

But little by little, one could sense the opposition beginning to swell. It wasn't organized, but ordinary citizens were speaking out against the added tax. They wrote "letters to the editor." They exchanged their concerns at public gatherings. And in the end they simply said "no."

And they did it at the ballot box.

So that "no" was all that mattered.

3. It is the kind of story that everyone — young, old, black, white, Hispanic, male, female — dreads hearing about.

Major accident. Two dead. Both teen-agers. Alcohol involved.

The tragedy occurred during the early morning hours of Sunday, July 27, when a pickup carrying five teens ran off the roadway and crashed into a three-ton boulder-size concrete slab southeast of Midland.

Two 18-year-olds — Esteban V. "Steve" Lara and Craig Noland — were killed.

The community was stunned.

But additional details kept leaking out.

And most of those details involved alcohol.

Then, in late October, a grand jury made it all official.

The driver of the pickup, Jose DeLaO, who was 16 at the time of the accident, and a local couple, Billy and Tina Henkel, were indicted on two felony charges of intoxication manslaughter and two felony charges of intoxication assault.

DeLaO, according to blood analysis from the Texas Department of Public Safety, was legally intoxicated at the time of the accident.

The Henkels, meanwhile, were accused of providing alcohol to minors at a party at their home on that tragic Saturday night.

4. To most residents, it was known as Midland Independent School District's "scaled back" bond election. That's because less than a year earlier,

local voters had soundly rejected MISD's \$110 million version.

But now, on March 1, nine months after that initial setback, Midland voters said "yes" to the revamped \$39.5 million bond issue.

The final count was: 4,409 in favor; 3,167 against.

The money was to be used to renovate 14 elementary schools. In addition, the bond package included funds for a stage at South Elementary School, chillers for South, Lamar and Houston elementary schools, eight portable buildings and wiring and cabling for all MISD campuses.

Construction was estimated to be completed in 3 1/2 years.

The new bond package was expected to increase the property taxes \$2.65 a month for the average Midland home valued at \$60,630.

5. By their very nature, some big stories provide bad news.

Such was the case on Thursday, May 8.

It was on that day that Exxon Co. U.S.A. officials dropped a bombshell on Midland.

They announced that the company would close its Midland office and consolidate it with Exxon's Houston production organization.

The consolidation meant the loss of 185 jobs in Midland, many of which were considered high-paying.

Company officials, however, added that the Midland employees would be offered similar or equivalent jobs in Houston or other Exxon operations.

While that was good news for the employees, it did not lessen the impact on the local economy.

But it could have been worse.

The relocation of those employees meant that an estimated 135 homes were added to the local real estate market. Fortunately, though, the number of houses for sale in Midland at that time was the lowest it had been since the early 1980s. So the market was prepared to take the hit.

Local Realtors noted that other Midland companies, especially in the medical field, were bringing people into the city, meaning that the demand for housing mediated the sudden increase of homes on the market.

6. Midlanders couldn't help but be stunned when they opened their newspaper on Thursday, April 17, and saw the Page 1 headline. It said: "Police charge 4 with murder."

But it was the news story itself that provided the gory — and bizarre — details.

It said that a 53-year-old woman, Helen R. Johnson, was found dead in a caliche pit about three miles east of town. She had been stabbed several times.

She was discovered fully clothed and buried in a shallow grave off County Road 1140 at about 6:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 16.

Arrested were Frederick Ernest Keck, James Garibay and Fernando Lujan, all 17, and a 16-year-old male.

Keck lived next door to Mrs. Johnson and police said at the time that the tragedy may have begun as a burglary.

A sheriff's deputy had stopped a vehicle containing the four men at the intersection of Bankhead Highway and Front Street at about 2:30 a.m. on April 16. It was thought that they had been drinking. The deputy found women's jewelry and a garage door opener in the vehicle. It was determined that the vehicle was owned by Mrs. Johnson.

The jewelry and door opener were hers, too.

Police were notified and were sent to her home at 442 W. Pine St. Meanwhile, each of the suspects were held on charges of "minor in possession."

No one answered at the residence and when police entered at about 4 a.m., they found blood in several different locations.

It was during the course of questioning by law-

On the ballot, it was simply called Proposition 1. But when the dust had cleared, and the Midland voters had cast their ballots, it was merely an idea whose time had not come. The final tally was: 7,272 against; 5,695 for.

men that the suspects — who police believed had gang ties — gave information that led police to the location of Ms. Johnson's body.

The rest was history.

7. It was a person's worst nightmare.

A major fire erupts and destroys your home.

Only this time, the tragedy was multiplied by 12.

It was late Saturday night, May 17. The place, the Abbey Court apartments.

A fire gutted a 14-unit building at the apartment complex, leaving 12 families homeless. And this fire did not discriminate. Those who lost everything ranged in age from a newborn child to a 75-year-old woman.

But like with most tragedies, local residents quickly sprang into action, providing clothing, baby items, toys, shoes, blankets, comforters and dishes.

In addition, the local chapter of the American Red Cross came forward with emergency food, shelter and clothing.

8. GANGS.

For years, the so-called alarmists said they were on the rise in Midland. But others just laughed and said, "No way. That only happens in big cities."

Then late in 1997 a special grand jury report was made public. What it said shocked most Midlanders, especially those who had previously thought a gang problem was only for places like New York City, Chicago and Los Angeles.

The report, in part, stated:

"Midland has a gang problem because all of the ingredients are here, and there is increasing presence of gang activity."

But it didn't stop there.

It added: "This Special Grand Jury believes Midland will have a marked increase in gang activity within a short period of time unless this issue is addressed immediately through a coordinated plan and a commitment by this community."

Then the report got specific.

It estimated that approximately 1,000 young people in Midland were involved in gang activity.

They range in age from 8 to 22.

"The Crips, Eastside, Southside and White Gangs" were identified by the report as the four primary gangs in Midland. Twenty-three smaller gangs operate under those four major gangs.

Even more surprising to many Midlanders was the "exceptional increase in female gangs and female gang membership."

All races — including an Asian gang that appears to be in the formative stages — were represented, as well.

"These gangs consist of delinquent youth gangs, traditional turf gangs, profit-oriented gangs and hate gangs," according to the report.

But the special grand jury didn't just point out the problem. It looked for possible solutions, too.

It stated that a S.T.A.R. (Special Training and Rehabilitation) program "is the most attractive remedy for this community's situation."

The "boot-camp" style program works on the basis of building self-esteem and bringing responsibility into juveniles' lives. The S.T.A.R. program is intended to build the necessary character to allow youths to resist the lure of gang activity. The program also requires academic performance and parental involvement.

9. It is a story that just won't go away.

Each year, it seems, it resurfaces. Maybe it is during a heated school board meeting. Or maybe it is in an equally emotional citizens committee hearing. Or, as was the case on Thursday, Aug. 14, maybe it is in a federal courtroom in San Antonio.

But wherever the action takes place, it is sure to split Midlanders, often along racial lines.

It is the age-old problem of determining which

MISD students should be allowed to attend which schools.

In this case, a motion to allow open enrollment among all MISD's elementary students was struck down by a federal judge.

And it didn't take him long to make his decision.

After hearing only five hours of testimony, U.S. District Judge Edward Prado announced that he had heard enough. "The plan in its current incarnation does not comply substantially with the Agreed Judgment," under which MISD has been operating since 1995. He also called the open enrollment plan "too indefinite."

But Charles Tighe, MISD's lead counsel, disagreed. He said the district should be entitled to open enrollment because it had "carried out the cluster system in good faith for 20 years."

He also told the court that the cluster system had an adverse effect on academic achievement of disadvantaged students in grades four, five and six.

But his argument was to no avail, especially when it came to the issue of desegregation.

"It would seem," Prado said, "that Anglo kids would stay in their neighborhood schools and the minority kids would be bused. I would guess that not many Anglos would want to be bused to minority schools."

In reaction to the ruling, MISD superintendent Joseph Baressi Jr. said, "I feel we did what the community asked us to do" in seeking open enrollment.

10. It started with one transmission over the police scanner on Monday evening, Aug. 4, announcing the disappearance of 51-year-old Glynnda Sue Jones, who was last seen taking her daily jog down County Road 1140.

It ended some 24 hours later when a 27-year-old man surrendered to Midland County Sheriff's deputies in connection with the hit-and-run accident that killed Ms. Jones.

Michael Lynn Rogers confessed to striking Ms. Jones with his late-model pickup as she was jogging and then dumping her body two miles away near a cotton patch on County Road 140.

Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter said Rogers went to the county detention center and turned himself in. "He admitted to being the driver of the vehicle that hit Ms. Jones," Painter later told reporters. "He said he was feeling bad about it ... and wanted peace of mind."

Authorities charged Rogers with manslaughter, a second-degree felony punishable by two to 20 years in prison and a fine of up to \$20,000.

Ms. Jones, the mother of two, had lived in Midland for more than 30 years. She had been a physical education teacher at Bush Elementary School for six years, and was honored in March as Outstanding Teacher of the Month by the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Women's Department.

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Margie Farris

Margie Farris died Tuesday, Dec. 30, at a local hospital.

Services are to be noon Friday, Jan. 2, in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Robert Kepple officiating. Interment will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Survivors include her sons, Harold Lynn Davlin of Euless, and Richard Lee Sellars and Tommy Allen Clark, both of Midland; her daughter, Kathryn Gail Smith of Colorado City; her brothers, Ira L. McNeese, Jr., of Dallas, Virgil Ray McNeese of Houston and Norman James McNeese of Midland; her sisters, Rosie Dotson of Tohoka and Artie Pearl of Midland; her sisters, Rosie Dotson of Tohoka, Artie Pearl of Midland and Ira Mae Loyd of Aurora, Calif.; and six grandchildren.

Clarence White

Clarence Wesley White died Tuesday, Dec. 30, at a local hospital.

Services are to be 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church with Rev. Stockton Williams officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Family will greet visitors Friday, Jan. 2, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born April 18, 1944, in Loup City, Neb.

He began his career as a petroleum engineer with Texaco in Illinois. He then went to work for the Superior Oil Company in the Woodlands, and in 1985, came to Midland with Mobil Oil Company. He also worked in Indonesia, Africa and Venezuela.

Survivors include his wife, Pat White; his daughters, Noel Hurley of Austin and Holley Nicole White of Midland; his son, Steven Lee White of Midland; and one brother, John Lee White of Gabier, Ohio.

Memorials may be directed to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 1400 W. Illinois, Midland.

Barbara Griggs

Barbara Ann Griggs, 53, of Lamesa, sister of Midlander Jimmy Stringer, died Tuesday, Dec. 30, in Odessa.

Services were Wednesday, Dec. 31, at Crestview Baptist Church with the Rev. Pat Githens.

POLICE REPORTS

Crime of the Week

The Midland Crime Stoppers are looking for the community's help in trying to solve a series of burglaries reported between Dec. 6 and Dec. 17.

Sgt. Jim Crouse, Crime Stoppers spokesman, noted that the victims on this case were six Mexican food restaurants in southeast Midland. In each of the burglaries, cash and beer were taken.

Anyone with information concerning any of these break-ins should call Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS or 1-800-LOCK-UP. You can remain anonymous and Caller ID is never used.

Burglary case

ODESSA — Police arrested three men Tuesday in connection with a break-in at the Western Sizzlin' Steak House, 1701 Andrews Highway.

The burglary was reported at 8 a.m. Employees said that the burglars took an air conditioner, TV, boom box, scanner and cash among other items. They were later recovered by police.

A 16-year-old male juvenile and 17-year-old Cory Daniel Garcia were arrested and detained at the scene. Garcia was charged with engaging in organized criminal activity, a third-degree felony.

The recovered property has an estimated value of \$3,000, authorities said.

Midland Police Department Tuesday
Criminal mischief: At 11:30 a.m., a vandalism was reported from 4200 N. Midland Dr.

Criminal mischief: Paul Graves told police that a house at 320 Thornridge Dr. was vandalized. A report was made at 1:15 p.m.

Assault: At 10:18 p.m., an assault report was made from the intersection of California Avenue and Tyler Drive.

Midland County Sheriff's Office Tuesday

Burglary of a habitation: Carl Wayne Golden told police that \$263 in cash was taken from 6200 S. County Road 1169.

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

She was born Sept. 17, 1944, in Mobile, Ala.

She was a housewife. She was a member of Crestview Baptist Church.

Other survivors include her parents, Jeff and Irene Stringer of Lamesa; two sons, John E. Griggs of Lubbock and Charles J. Griggs of Lamesa; two sisters, Katherine Sullivan of Odessa and Linda Brown of Lamesa; and two other brothers, Tommy Stringer of San Antonio and Bill Stringer of Lubbock.

Evelyn Vigar

BIG SPRING — Evelyn Vigar of

Big Spring died Monday, Dec. 29, in a nursing home.

Services are to be 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 2, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Roy Johnson officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born Sept. 10, 1921, in Ohio.

She was a homemaker and had worked at Western Auto. She also worked at her family-owned business, Vigar TV Services. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Vern Vigar on Nov.

11, 1997.

Survivors include one son, Larry Vigar of Midland; one brother, Lester Rawlin of Fort Myers, Fla.; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Charlotte Burney

Charlotte Burney of Midland died Wednesday, Dec. 31.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Robert Hanson

Robert Hanson died Wednesday, Dec. 31, in Midland.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Mozelle Webb

Mozelle Graham Webb, 85, of Midland, died Sunday, Dec. 28, at her residence.

Services were Wednesday, Dec. 31, in the Glass Chapel at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. John Rech officiating. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home.

She was born March 7, 1912 in Tunnerville.

She worked as a medical secretary for the Western Clinic for

years until she retired. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Midland. She was a member of the Buddy Woods Sunday school at First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include one son, Howell Graham Webb of Midland; three daughters, Phyllis Tucker of Snyder, Gloria Cruse of Rouston, La., and Della Shaw of Spring; one brother, A.B. Graham of Gatesville; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials are to be directed to Buddy Woods Sunday School Class of the First Methodist Church of Midland.

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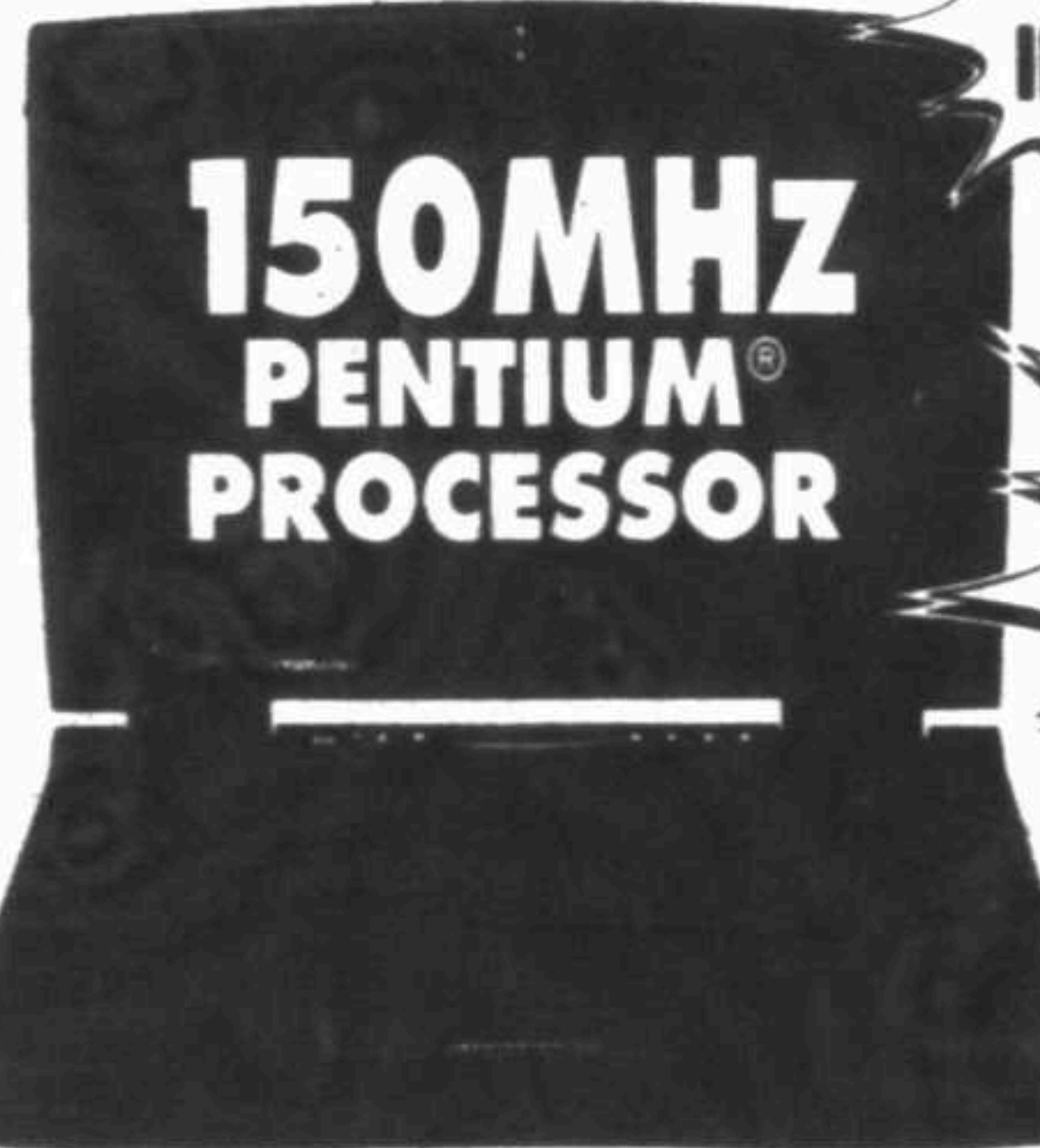
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OBITUARIES



Eileen White

Eileen Reynolds White passed away Monday, December 29, 1997, at Memorial Hospital and Medical Center after a lengthy illness with cancer.

Funeral services will be Friday, January 2, 1998, at 10 a.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church with the Rev. Msgr. Murphy officiating. Interment will be at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Eileen was born April 3, 1925, in Lynchburg, Virginia.

She married Edwin J. White, Jr., in October, 1944. After General White served 30 years in the United States Air Force, they moved to Midland in 1972. Eileen was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church, St. Ann's Society and Bridge group. She volunteered with Memorial Hospital and Medical Center Ladies Auxiliary, Community and Senior Services and the Petroleum Museum. She belonged to Midland Country Club Ladies Association and Bridge group, the Garden Club and Study Club. Her many hobbies included quilting, cross stitch, needlepoint, crochet, bridge and traveling.

Mrs. White is preceded in death by her husband, General Edwin J. White, Jr., in 1985.

She is survived by four children, Richard White (wife Bobbie) of San Antonio, Texas, Linda Spooner (husband Tom) of Denver, Colorado, Michael White of Shell Beach, California, and Alan White (wife Melissa) of Midland; eight grandchildren, Scott, Kyersten, Joseph and Courtney of San Antonio, Texas, Ashley of Denver, Colorado, Colby of Shell Beach, California, and Joey and Jenny of Midland.

The family requests memorials should be directed to Hospice of

Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702. Eileen and the family also request friends to come by Eileen's residence after the funeral service.



Clark Matthews

Services for Clark J. Matthews, 92, are to be 3:30 p.m. Friday, January 2, in the Glass Chapel at First United Methodist Church, with Dr. C. Lane Boyd and the Rev. Molly Krueger officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mr. Matthews died Tuesday, December 30, at Midland Memorial Hospital. He was born August 17, 1905, in Cameron, Kansas. He graduated from Arkansas City, Kansas High School in 1925, where he was a member of the National Honor Society and the DeMolay organization. He attended the University of Chicago on a scholarship sponsored by the Institute of Meat Packers, receiving a Bachelor of Philosophy degree in 1929. While there, he was a member of Phi Delta Theta social fraternity. He returned to Arkansas City, Kansas, to be employed in a meat packing company and thereafter became a partner in Meat Packing Enterprises in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Houston and Sweetwater, Texas, where he was also active in the Rotary Club. He came to Midland in 1948, and founded the CJM Packing Co., which he operated until his retirement in 1973. From 1956 to 1960, he was a member of the SMU Dad's Club, serving as president in 1957. He was a longtime member of the First United

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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.

Methodist Church and was chairman of the Administrative Board in 1958. He was deeply admired and loved by family and friends and will be missed but always remembered.

Mr. Matthews was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 66 years, Betty Matthews, and is survived by a daughter, Kay Shoemaker of Midland; a son, Clark J. Matthews II of Dallas; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Honorary pallbearers are the members of the Buddy Wood Sunday Class, Ciro Sanchez, Jack D. Ladd and Gary L. Thurman.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Sharing Christ Capita Campaign of the First United Methodist Church, 305 N. Baird St., Midland 79701.

Mae Hector; one granddaughter, Brittney Shea Hector, 1992; and three brothers, Aaron Hector, Harvey Hector and David Hector.

Survivors include his wife of Bowie; two sons, John E. Hector of Bowie and Mark T. Hector of Lewisville; two daughters, Laura Chisum of Bowie and Margo Wilcox of Midland; 11 grandchildren; one brother, Johnny Hector of Midland; and two sisters, Juanita Copell of Colorado City and Cathy Murchison of Gunter.

Kenneth Hector

BOWIE — Former Midlander Kenneth L. "Red" Hector, 67, died December 30, 1997, in Bowie Memorial Hospital in Bowie, Texas.

Services are to be 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2, 1998, at Burgess-Fry-Owens-Brumley Chapel in Bowie, Texas, with Dr. Larry Cox, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will be in Newport Cemetery in Newport, Texas, under the direction of Burgess-Fry-Owens-Brumley Funeral Home.

Mr. Hector was born April 18, 1930, in Potosi, Texas.

He worked for Jimmy Sadler, Inc. as a cement truck driver. He was a member of the Ranchland Heights Baptist church in Midland. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He married Martha Stewart on October 14, 1961, in Midland.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ervin Jasper and Iola

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Heart disease costs expected to rise in 1998

DALLAS (AP) — The cost to research and treat cardiovascular disease is expected to climb by about six percent next year as the nation's population ages and suffers more heart attacks and strokes, the American Heart Association reported Wednesday.

Cardiovascular diseases could cost the nation an additional \$15 billion next year, according to figures released in the American Heart Association's 1998 Heart and Stroke Statistical Update.

"Costs are rising for several reasons," said Martha N. Hill, American Heart Association president. "As the population increases and ages, more people will be having heart attacks and strokes. And while we're developing new and better ways to treat those diseases, the treatments do cost money."

Dr. R. Sanders Williams, chief of cardiology at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, said the heart association's estimates are consistent with the trends he's seen.

"Many people in their minds don't worry about heart disease," Williams said. "Everyone's afraid of cancer and AIDS is certainly a scourge, but people think heart disease is not so bad — that if they get it, they can fix it."

Money spent on cardiovascular disease is expected to climb to \$274.2 billion from \$259.1 billion in 1997.

That estimate includes the cost of physician and professional care, hospital and nursing home services, medications and home health equipment.

The Dallas-based heart association also is factoring in lost productivity because people have been ill or have died from strokes and heart attacks.

In 1995, the most recent year for which totals are available, 960,592 people died of cardiovascular disease in the United States. That was 41.5 percent of all deaths that year and an increase of nearly 11,000 from 1994, the heart association said.

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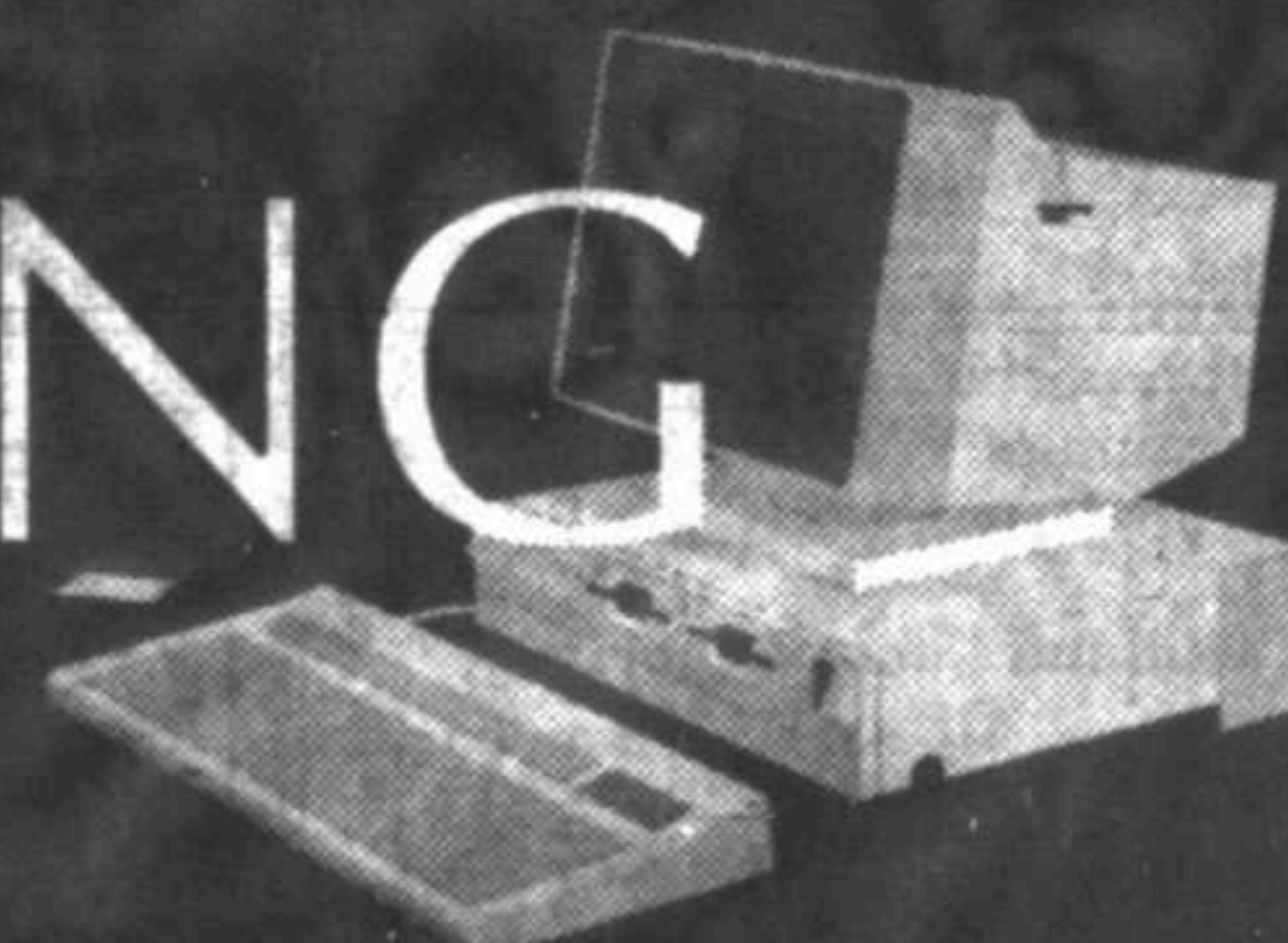
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Autopsy: Kevorkian's latest may not have had cancer

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — An autopsy showed that a man who apparently committed suicide in the presence of Dr. Jack Kevorkian was not in danger of dying from bladder cancer, and a relative said the man was mentally ill.

The inside of Franz-Johann Long's bladder was inflamed, but Oakland County Medical Examiner L.J. Dragovic said he had not determined whether Long, who died last weekend, had cancer or just an inflammation.

"It's not a condition that put his life in jeopardy," Dragovic told The Express-Times of Easton, Pa., on Tuesday. "He would've been in pain from that, there's no question about that, but this is not something that is remedied by killing a patient."

Long, 53, of Bethlehem, Pa., had tried to kill himself before, said a niece, Jane McDonough of Wildwood Crest, N.J. Long, who often told people he was a secret agent, had virtually no contact with his family after the mid 1980s, she said.

"This man was not well mentally. He had psychiatric treatment from age 3 on," Ms. McDonough said.

"He used to say he worked with the KGB. He dressed in full military uniform. I think he believed it," she said.

"I thought Kevorkian checked

people out thoroughly (and) made sure they were of sound mind to make the decision," Ms. McDonough told The Morning Call of Allentown, Pa. "I don't think Frank was of sound mind."

Kevorkian and an associate took Long's body to POH Medical Center in Pontiac on Saturday night. Michael Schwartz, a lawyer for Kevorkian, said Long had bladder cancer.

"He was fully competent and he was dying," Kevorkian attorney Geoffrey Fieger said Tuesday. "If I am mentally ill, I can't choose — is that how it works?"

The medical examiner's office said Long died by a lethal injection of drugs.

Authorities in Michigan and Northampton County, Pa., said they were investigating the family's claim that Long was mentally ill. Dragovic said Long's sister told his office that she was Long's legal guardian and he had been declared mentally incompetent in 1986.

John O'Brien, Oakland County's chief assistant prosecutor, said he was not certain whether Long's mental state might affect the investigation, but he added he would be reluctant to try a case against Kevorkian.

Kevorkian, 69, has acknowledged attending more than 70 deaths, although Fieger has said the number is closer to 100.

Nation's top judge chastises fellow conservatives

WASHINGTON (AP) — In an unusually stern rebuke to fellow conservatives, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist says the nation's "quality of justice" may be threatened by the Senate's delay in acting on scores of President Clinton's judicial nominees.

In his year-end report, the nation's top-ranking judge pointed a finger of blame at the Senate for "serious delays in the appointment process."

Rehnquist noted that 82 of 846 federal judgeships — almost one out of every 10 — are vacant, and 26 of those vacancies have existed for 18 months or longer.

He said such a high level of vacancies cannot continue "without eroding the quality of justice that traditionally has been associated with the federal judiciary."

Rehnquist said both the president, who nominates judicial candidates, and the Senate, which must confirm them, "bear some of the responsibility" for the judicial crunch. But he was more critical of the Senate.

"Some current nominees have been waiting a considerable time for a Senate Judiciary Committee vote or a final floor vote," Rehn-

quist said. "The Senate confirmed only 17 judges in 1996 and 36 in 1997, well under the 101 judges it confirmed in 1994."

He added: "The Senate is surely under no obligation to confirm any particular nominee, but after the necessary time for inquiry it should vote him up or down. In the latter case, the president can send up another nominee."

"Hear! Hear! Justice Rehnquist," said presidential spokesman Joe Lockhart when told of the chief justice's remarks.

He added: "Our judicial system is more important than playing partisan politics."

The Judiciary Committee's ranking Democrat, Patrick Leahy of Vermont, also was quick to embrace Rehnquist's criticism.

"I hope his message will help shame the Senate into clearing the backlog early in the new year," Leahy said.

He said the past year has seen "more than 40 judicial nominees relegated to limbo, having never been accorded a Senate vote."

Democrats and Republicans spent much of 1997 arguing over judicial nominations. In September, President Clinton accused Senate Republicans of putting poli-

tics above justice, but Sen. Orrin Hatch, the Republican from Utah who chairs the Judiciary Committee, said Clinton's criticism was unwarranted.

Rehnquist's year-end report said federal courts' workloads continue to grow, due in part to federal laws that have expanded federal jurisdiction over crimes involving drugs and firearms.

"If federal jurisdiction remains

at its current level — or, worse, increases — judicial vacancies will aggravate the problem of too few judges and too much work," he said.

Rehnquist also criticized President Clinton's failure to name new members of the Sentencing Commission, which conducts sentencing-related research and issues guidelines on punishment for federal crimes.

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Heavy snow hits northern New York

Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Streets and the airport were reopened for stranded travelers Wednesday as the city dug out from nearly 2 feet of snow — just in time for the next wintry accumulation.

The mayor lifted a snow emergency order Wednesday morning, allowing residents to drive and park on city streets for the first time since a nor'easter arrived Tuesday.

That didn't mean every street was open.

"I hear the roads are clear in town, but I can't get out of my apartment complex," said Kenneth Dominski. "It takes more than just regular snow plows to clear this mess."

And more snow was on the way. Bands of lake effect squalls fed by moist air blowing in from Lake Ontario were expected to drop an additional 6 to 12 inches on central New York state Wednesday.

In addition to closing streets on Tuesday, the nor'easter shut down the city's Hancock Airport, stalling hundreds of travelers.

The airport was reopened today and 90 percent of scheduled flights were taking off, said airport spokesman David Aitkin.

The airport shutdown had especially frustrated Syracuse University football fans waiting for flights to Phoenix and their team's contest tonight with Kansas State in the Fiesta Bowl.

"We haven't had a storm all year and all of a sudden one comes on a day we were to take off," said Ralph Torriello, 17, dawdling in the airport lobby with his parents and



AP Photo Kim Lyon, left, and Rick Knapp of Penske Truck Leasing wait for a tow truck on N.Y. Route 17 east of Elmira, N.Y. Tuesday after another Penske driver had run the truck off the road in the deep snow earlier in the day. The Elmira area received up to 21 inches of snow Monday night through Tuesday afternoon.

sister. Emergency officials had issued a public plea Tuesday for snowmobile owners to help carry doctors and

nurses to their hospital jobs, and to help elderly shut-ins in need of medicine or groceries.

A section of the New York state Thruway at Syracuse was closed for more than two hours. Police reported dozens of small

accidents clogging the central New York roadways.

The storm — which also brought snow to the Southeast on Monday and Tuesday and heavy rain to much of the East Coast — was bad even by the hardy standards of Syracuse, the nation's snowiest metropolitan area with an annual average of 115 inches.

The National Weather Service said this morning that Syracuse had collected more than 20 inches since

the storm started. In south-central New York state, the town of Veteran reported 26 inches.

The snow was so deep in Syracuse on Tuesday that 15 plows reportedly got stuck.

The air-supported Carrier Dome in Syracuse was deflated to prevent the weight of the snow from ripping the fabric, postponing a Big East college basketball game between Pittsburgh and Syracuse. Workers said today they hope to have the stadium ready for Sunday's basketball game against Rutgers.

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12:00 noon Weigh and classify Jr. Steers and Jr. Heifers - Barn C
4:00 p.m. Arrival deadline for Lambs & Goats - Barn E

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 1998

8:00 a.m. Judge Club Lamb - Barn E
1:00 p.m. Judge Jr. Hereford Steers - Outback Arena
1:00 p.m. Judge Jr. Meat Goats - Barn E
1:00 p.m. Postal Cancellation - Outback Arena
7:30 p.m. 65th Annual SandHills Indoor Rodeo - Coliseum
Select Grand Champion Hereford Steer of Texas - Coliseum
Dance - Barn G - Jerry Dugan

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 1998

7:00 a.m. Quarter Horse Show - Open, Youth, Amateur, Novice - Coliseum
8:00 a.m. Judge Junior Heifers - Outback Arena - Continuation of Jr. Meat Goats - Barn E
9:00 a.m. Judge Texas Hereford Association Futurity Heifer - Outback Arena
11:00 a.m. Auction of Jr. Steers and Club Lamb - Barn E
12:00 noon Kid's Rodeo Midland Mail Registration (10:00 AM registration)
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7:00 a.m. Quarter Horse Show - Open, Youth, Amateur, Novice - Coliseum & Back Arena
1:30 p.m. Kid's Rodeo Music City Mall (11:30 a.m. registration)
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3:00 p.m. Texas Circuit Steer Roping - Outback arena
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7:00 p.m. Short round Team/Match - Shawn McMullen Memorial Match Calf Roping - Coliseum

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8:00 a.m. Rodeo Slack - All Day - Coliseum
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 1998
8:00 a.m. Rodeo Slack - Coliseum
7:00 p.m. Kid's Rodeo Finals - Coliseum
7:30 p.m. 65th Annual SandHills Indoor Rodeo - Coliseum

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 1998
8:00 a.m. Steer Roping SandHills - Outback Arena
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 1998

7:00 a.m. Team Penning - Coliseum
8:00 a.m. Independent Steer Roping - Outback Arena
7:30 p.m. 65th Annual SandHills Indoor Rodeo - Coliseum
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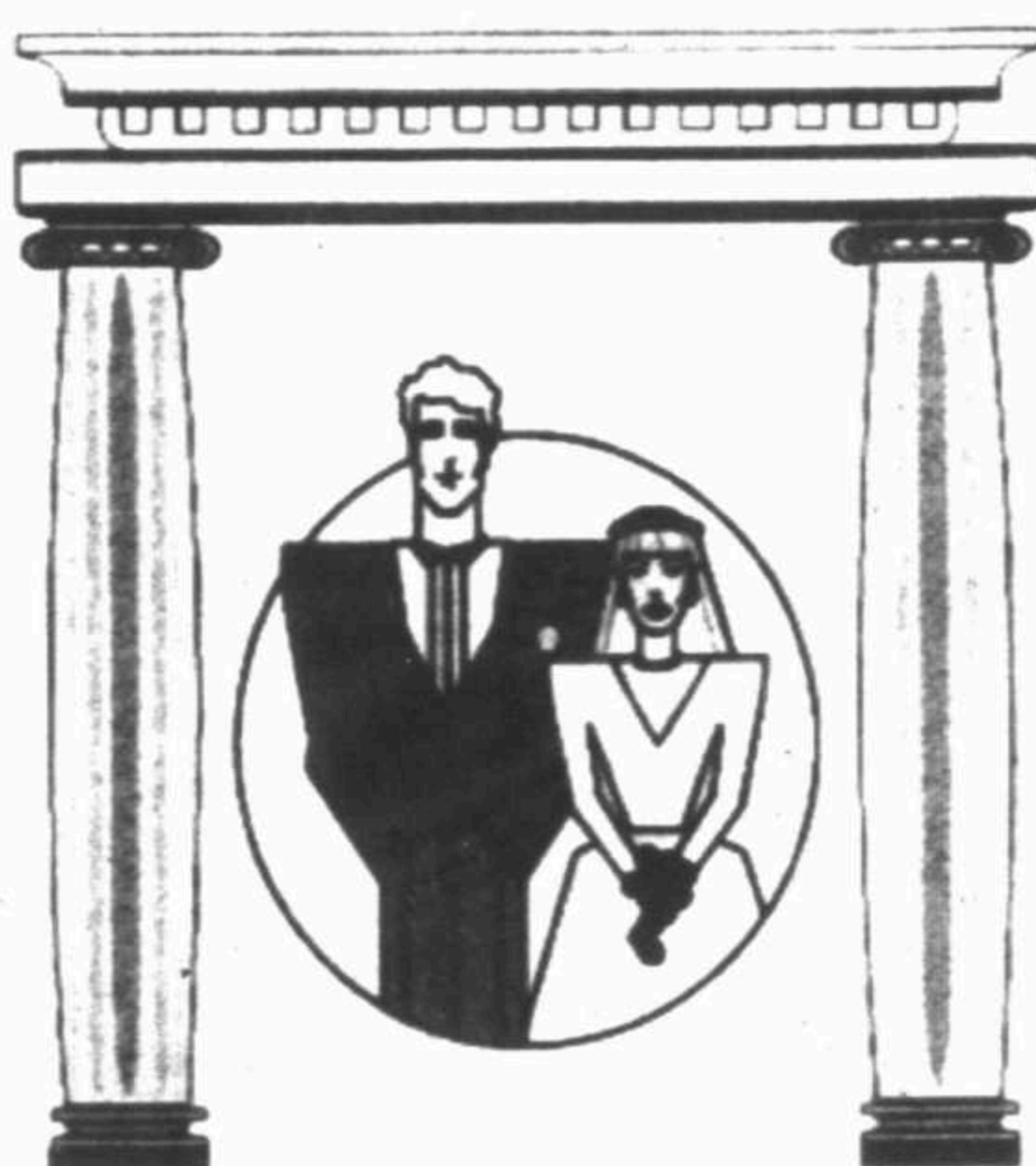
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SPORTS BRIEFING

Early deadline

Due to a 6 p.m. New Year's Eve deadline, full results from the Byron Johnston Classic and those of the Fiesta and Liberty bowls were not available for today's edition. Complete results and stats will be available in Friday's edition.

TV Sports

NCAA FOOTBALL — Outback Bowl, Wisconsin vs. Georgia, at Tampa, Fla., 10 a.m., ESPN.
Gator Bowl, North Carolina vs. Virginia Tech, at Jacksonville, Fla., 11:30 a.m., NBC.
Citrus Bowl, Penn St. vs. Florida, at Orlando, Fla., 12 p.m., ABC.
Cotton Bowl, UCLA vs. Texas A&M, at Dallas, 12:30 p.m., CBS.
Rose Bowl, Michigan vs. Washington St., at Pasadena, Calif., 3:30 p.m., ABC.
Sugar Bowl, Florida St. vs. Ohio St., at New Orleans, 7:30 p.m., ABC.

Byron Johnston

Early scores from the Byron Johnston Holiday Classic played Wednesday at Chaparral Center.

Boys
Fifth-place game
South Garland 53, Midland Lee 51
Seventh-place game
Wichita Falls Rider 58, Canyon 56
Girls
Third-place game
Arlington Bowie 64, Midland High 62
Fifth-place game
Plainview 47, Amarillo Tascosa 37
Seventh-place game
Midland Lee 37, Sudan 30

Nelson 2000

DALLAS — Don Nelson has agreed to a contract to serve as head coach and general manager of the Dallas Mavericks through the end of the 1999-2000 season.

Nelson said Tuesday that at the end of the season in 2000 he will turn over the coaching duties to a new coach and concentrate solely on his duties as general manager. All of the details have been ironed out and the contract simply awaits his signature, Nelson said. He declined to discuss specifics, but those with knowledge of the negotiations said the two sides had discussed a package that would pay him between \$8.5 million and \$9 million for the two full seasons in which he held down his dual role.

"It was a fair offer," Nelson said. "I don't want to get into any of that (salary) stuff."

"It's not like money is an issue. I'm committed to the franchise and the city. I'm going to be there," he said.

Nelson already was operating under a five-year, \$7.2 million contract that made him the highest-paid general manager in the league. The amended agreement would up the total value of the deal to slightly more than \$13 million.

Nelson, at the request of majority owner Ross Perot Jr., replaced Jim Cleamons as the team's coach on Dec. 4. He made it clear that he would not have taken over if it hadn't been for Perot's insistence.

The Mavericks have a 1-13 record since Nelson took over.

Tyson to ref WWF?

NEW YORK — Mike Tyson, banned from boxing for biting off pieces of Evander Holyfield's ears, could be back in the ring next year — not as a fighter but possibly as a referee in "Wrestlemania XIV."

The World Wrestling Federation said Tuesday it is negotiating with promoter Don King for Tyson to appear in the March 29 event in Boston.

While the WWF would not disclose their plans for Tyson, the New York Daily News reported today that the former heavyweight champion is being sought as a referee.

"Mike wants to box again and Don wants to make money," Tyson associate Steve Lott told the newspaper. "I can't believe he (King) would jeopardize Mike's chances of getting his boxing license back."

The Nevada State Athletic Commission revoked Tyson's license and fined him \$3 million for biting Holyfield's ears during their WBA title fight in Las Vegas on June 28. Tyson can apply for reinstatement in July.

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Levy announces retirement

By Bucky Gleason
AP Sports Writer

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Marv Levy retired Wednesday as coach of the Buffalo Bills, who became one of the NFL's showcase teams in the 1990s but could not shake the stigma of losing four consecutive Super Bowls.

The silver-haired 72-year-old coach — who next season would have surpassed George Halas as the oldest coach in NFL history — leaves following a 6-10 season and amid speculation he would be part of a shakeup of his offensive assistants.

"Today is a bittersweet day for me," Levy said at a news conference.

"Visions from a lifetime of thrills keep flashing before me. The future beckons and I look forward to it with anticipation and excitement."

Levy coached the Bills 12 years. He has led one team longer than any current coach or manager in the four major sports except Minnesota Twins manager Tom Kelly, who was hired two months before Levy in 1986.

He is the only coach to reach — and lose — four straight Super Bowls. The Bills were consistently among the NFL's most talented teams but never won the biggest game. Levy, unfailingly patient and philosophical, never lost his dignity in defeat.

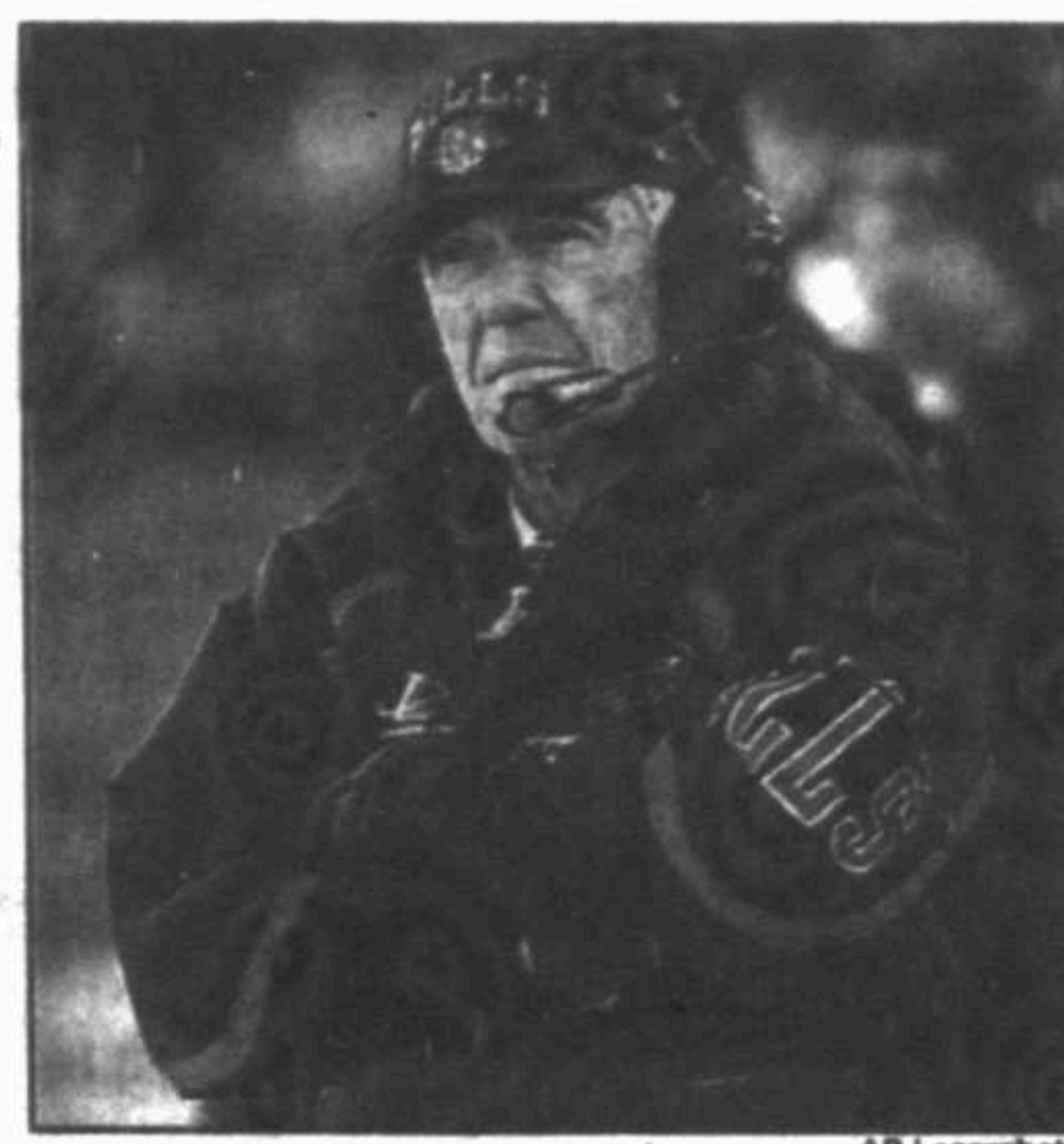
The leading candidate to succeed

Levy appears to be defensive coordinator Wade Phillips. Phillips put together one of the NFL's best defenses in Buffalo after he was fired following a two-year stint with the Denver Broncos.

Signs that Levy would leave started Dec. 21 at his postseason news conference, when he refused to definitely say he would be back for another season.

Team sources said Levy mentioned nothing about retirement when he met with his staff Monday before breaking for the New Year's holiday. He told his assistants today he would retire.

Although Buffalo never won the Super Bowl, Levy was popular with fans. Please see LEVY/2C



Buffalo Bills head coach Marv Levy, 72, stepped down Wednesday ending a 12-year stint.

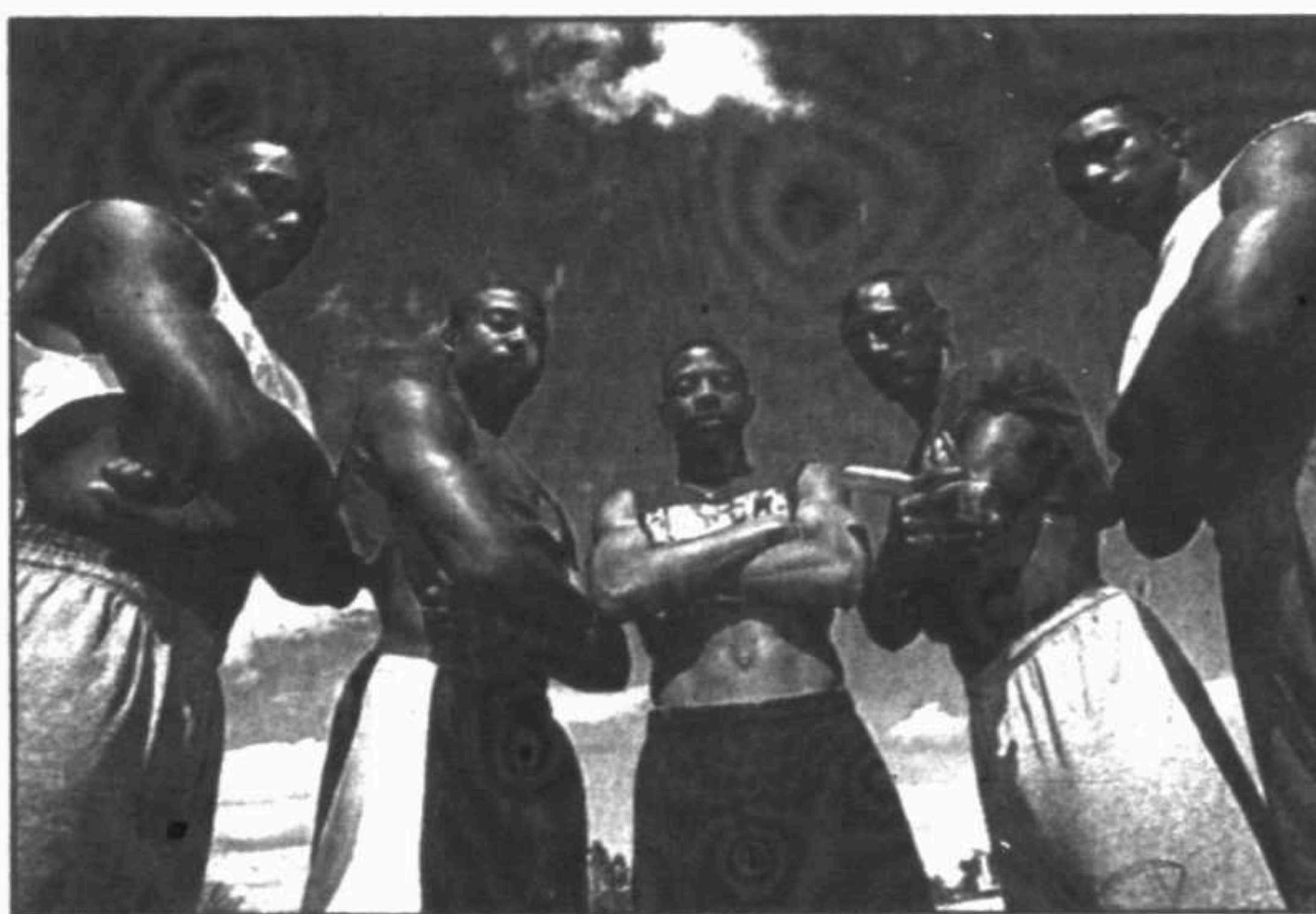
Year of the Buffalo

Reporter-Telegram's best of '97

1. Stanton wins Class 2A football title and posts a perfect 16-0 record.
2. Lee's "Fab Five" just misses winning the Class 5A team title at state track meet.
3. The Odessa Jackalopes drop the puck on West Texas hockey.
4. Odessa High's magical season breaks up 4-5A's Big 3.
5. The Greenwood volleyball team makes a state final appearance.
6. Lee's Amber Goodwin swims to a state title.
7. The Midland High boys qualify for region basketball tournament and complete undefeated district season.
8. Nike Permian Basin Open saved from death bed.
9. Lee girls golf places fourth at state, wins region team title.
10. MHS-lee girls soccer teams meet in the regional round, marking the first time the two schools have met in the playoffs.



Stanton players react to receiving the state title trophy after the Buffaloes defeated Rogers to win the Class 2A state football championship. The Stanton Buffaloes ran over all 16 opponents they faced this season en route to that state title. Stanton's remarkable run was the Reporter-Telegram's No. 1 story for 1997.



(From left to right) Lee's John Norman, Antwan Alexander, Dreyfus Andrews, Fred Pertile and Cory Pertile made up Lee's "Fab 5." The track stars also came within two points of capturing a first team title for Lee at the State meet. That was this year's No. 2 story for 1997.

Stanton's state football crown tops 1997's best

It always seems to be a difficult task of picking the Top 10 sports stories of the year and 1997 proved to be no different.

The were outstanding events to shape up across the 1997 calendar and many hold merit of Top 10 status.

So, our formula is to list the most notable events of the year and just have the members of our sports staff vote. The stories with the most points become our Top 10.

Those stories that don't make our Top 10 list should not be diminished in

any way. But this exercise does cause us to reflect on the past year and focus on the things that made our lives more fulfilling.

And that's one thing that sports does for us in our society. It gives us a break from the mundane and a chance to escape into the action of the fields, tracks and courts of instant excitement.

One thing our sports staff did learn in 1997 is that our lives are very seldom involved with the mundane. Here is our Top 10 sports stories for 1997:

Please see YEAR/2C

'Ice Bowl' game left indelible imprint

By Arnie Stapleton
AP Sports Writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Thirty years ago New Year's Eve, the Dallas Cowboys and Green Bay Packers awakened to the shock of their lives.

"The operator said, 'It's 7:30 a.m. and 19 below,'" Cowboys linebacker Lee Roy Jordan recalled. "I got up out of bed, looked out the window and saw 40 other guys staring out in disbelief."

"My dad and I went to an early morning church service and neither one of us chose to talk about the weather," said Bart Starr, who would lift the Packers past the Cowboys in what will forever be known as the "Ice Bowl."

"I think we were afraid to bring it up," Starr said. "We knew it was going to be a bitter day."

With a temperature of minus-14 and a wind-chill of minus-49, it was the coldest NFL game ever recorded.

The wind chill had dipped another 20 degrees by the time Starr knifed into the end zone behind guard Jerry Kramer and center Ken Bowman with 16 seconds left to defeat Dallas 21-17 on New Year's Eve

1967. "It was very emotional to have won it with just a few seconds left," said Starr, now a businessman in Birmingham, Ala. "I guess, without attempting to make a pun, that we were numb."

Nobody expected it to be that cold that day.

Green Bay coach Vince Lombardi spent \$80,000 for a heating coil system that was to have kept the field soft and warm, and forecasters said not to worry because the approaching cold front wouldn't arrive until after the game.

"It was 20 degrees the day before," said Tom Landry, whose Cowboys lost to Green Bay in the 1966 NFL championship. "It was great. Vince and I were together that night and we talked about how good the conditions were and what a great game it would be."

They were half-right.

The cold front picked up steam overnight and arrived by morning, freezing Lombardi's heating coils.

Some Packers had trouble starting their cars and had to hitch a ride to the game. The doors at the Cowboys' hotel

were frozen shut and had to be kicked in. The officiating crew got store owners out of bed to load up on thermal underwear and gloves.

"It was like being at the North Pole," Landry said. "I'd have frozen if it weren't for one of our owners giving me a fur coat and hat."

And what about the 50,861 shivering fans at Lambeau Field?

"I don't know how those people stayed up in the stands," Bowman said. "When you're down on the field, you're moving around, burning some energy, building up heat. To sit in the stands must have been sheer torture."

The halftime show was canceled when a band member's lip froze to his horn during rehearsal.

When the grounds crew rolled up the tarpaulin, a layer of condensation had formed underneath and, with 40 mph winds, the field promptly froze like an ice rink.

"AstroTurf was like a pillow compared to this," Packers running back Chuck Mercein said. "This was like falling on jagged concrete."

Referee Norm Schacter's whistle froze to his lip on the first play of the game, after which plays were simply yelled dead.

Heaters on the sideline were of little use. One even exploded.

The Packers jumped ahead early on two TD catches by Boyd Dowler, but Dallas trailed just 14-10 at halftime after two Packers turnovers.

The Cowboys went ahead 17-14 when running back Dan Reeves hit Lance Rentzel for a 50-yard TD pass eight seconds into the fourth quarter.

The Packers got the ball at their 32 with five minutes left, one last chance for the aging dynasty to win a fifth NFL title in seven seasons.

Starr took the field as linebacker Ray Nitschke hollered, "Don't let me down!" Starr wouldn't, completing all five of his passes and directing one of the most memorable drives in NFL history.

"We all have a capacity to focus and to concentrate to a unique degree when we're called upon to do it," Starr said. "That's exactly what I did that day."

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YEAR: The Top 10 Stories for '97

(From 1C)

1. Stanton wins state grid title

Mark Cotton's Stanton Buffaloes recorded a historic ride on the way to a perfect 16-0 football season and the Class 2A state championship.

Stanton never before had been past the second round of the state playoffs. That all changed in 1997 as the Buffs broke the door down. They really had only one close encounter, a 21-20 win over Lockney, but when it came time to place the hands on the state trophy, they did it in style, winning 33-7 over Rogers in Texas Stadium.

Never has the athletic spotlight been turned on this city by the media like it was down the playoff stretch. It will be a run that memory will cherish forever in the minds of those who were able to witness it.

2. Lee boys track just misses title

Another state team championship just escaped the Midland Lee boys track team.

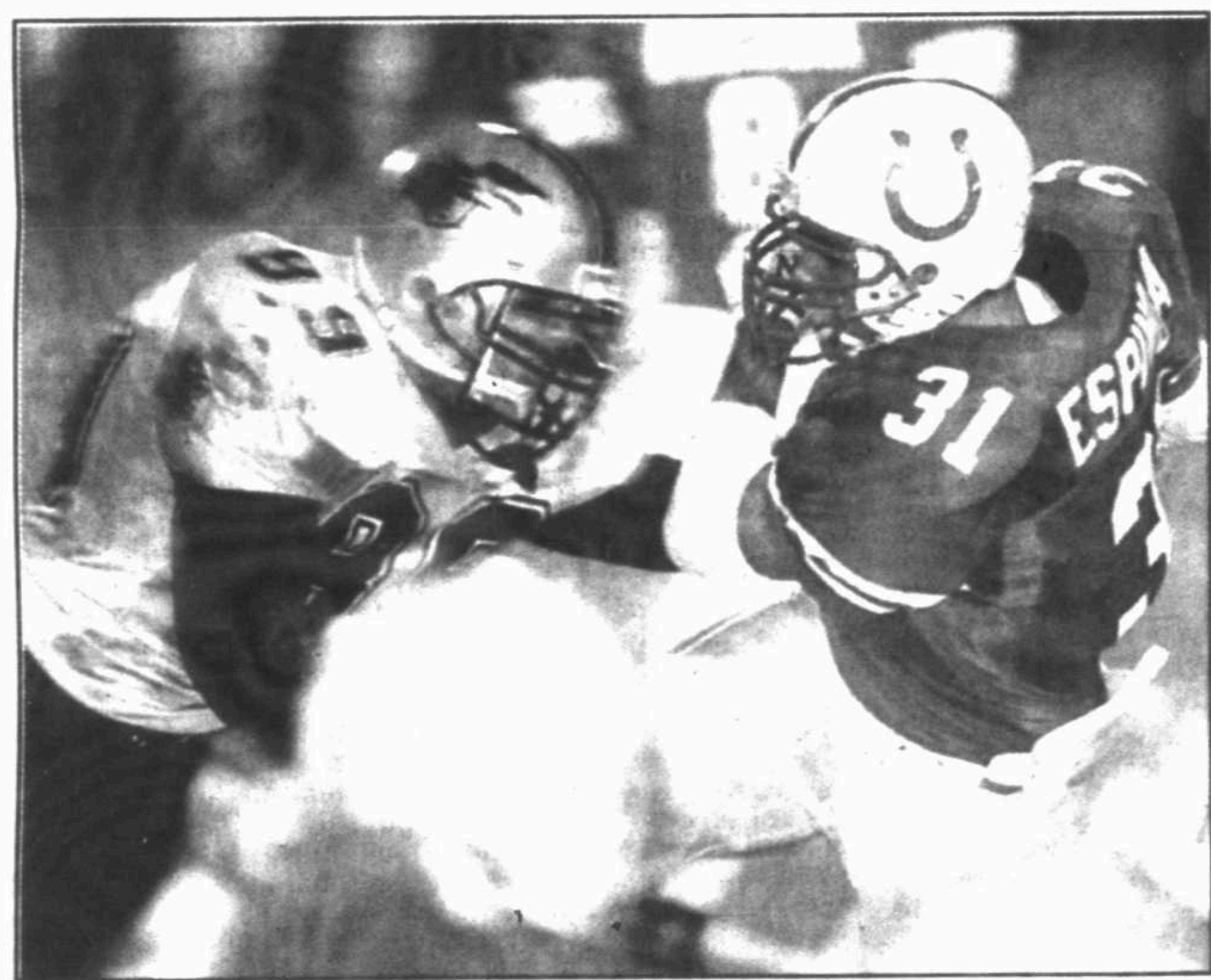
The Rebels came up just two points short of Houston Langham Creek at Austin's Memorial Stadium of capturing its first state track title. It Lee could have finished one place higher in the 1600 relay, the Rebs would have become the third District 4-5A team in this decade to win a state championship. Odessa High and Odessa Permian have both won boys state track championships in this decade.

3. Jacks bring hockey to Permian Basin

The Odessa Jackalopes brought the land of ice to the Permian Basin for the first time as members of the Western Professional Hockey League, playing its games in the Ector County Coliseum in Odessa.

Although the games are played in Odessa, the Jacks have major ties with Midland since the owners of the Midland Angels (Miles Prentice and Bob Richmond) also own the Jacks. Midland Angel

No. 4



The Odessa High football team came out with a breakthrough season, defeating Odessa Permian, placing in the district's Top 3 and advancing to the region final of the Class 5A Big School playoffs.

Skinner leads Baylor, can't carry team alone

■ Skinner is Baylor's great post player. Bears just need more help from other players.

WACO, Texas (AP) — With a big man like Brian Skinner drawing a great deal of attention from defenses, the rest of the Baylor Bears often get some pretty wide-open shots at the basket.

But if the Bears are cold from the perimeter, it can make for some long nights.

Poor shooting and injuries have conspired against Baylor so far this season. The Bears head into their first Big 12 game of the season at Texas on Saturday with a 5-5 record following Tuesday's 67-66 overtime victory over Pacific.

Last year, Baylor went into conference play riding an 11-game winning streak, only to lose six of its next seven games. The Bears wound up 6-10 in league play and in ninth place.

Oklahoma State bounced Baylor from the conference tournament in the first round. The Bears' 18-12

season record wasn't enough to earn an National Invitation Tournament bid, making it seven straight years without a post-season invitation.

"Last year, we had a 1-6 start (to conference play) and we hit a wall," fourth-year coach Harry Miller. "To our credit, we got off the floor and went 5-4 in the last nine."

A tougher early season schedule also has contributed to Baylor's slow start. Defending national champion Arizona paid a visit to the Ferrell Center, then four days later ran into Texas Christian's high-scoring crew.

The Bears had a big scare before this season even began when Skinner was diagnosed with a fracture in his right eye socket, near the tear duct. There was talk of him possibly missing the season, but doctors said he could keep playing.

The 6-foot-10, 245-pound senior has played as if nothing is wrong. He reached double figures in points in rebounds seven times in the first nine games. Against Eastern Washington, he had a triple-double: 24 points, 14 rebounds and

10 blocked shots, tying his school swats record.

But for Baylor to be successful, he's going to need help from outside shooters such as senior guards Patrick Hunter and Rodrick Miller or sophomore marksman David Jones.

"When you have a bunch who can hit the three, it's a plus," Skinner said. "I hope we can make teams play a true defense, not just double or triple me. It will help the entire team."

Hunter scored a season-high 19 points against Arizona, then strained his groin against Texas Christian. A knee problem has slowed Miller. Jones, meanwhile, had a career-high 22 points against Troy State to lead the team in scoring for the first time in his career.

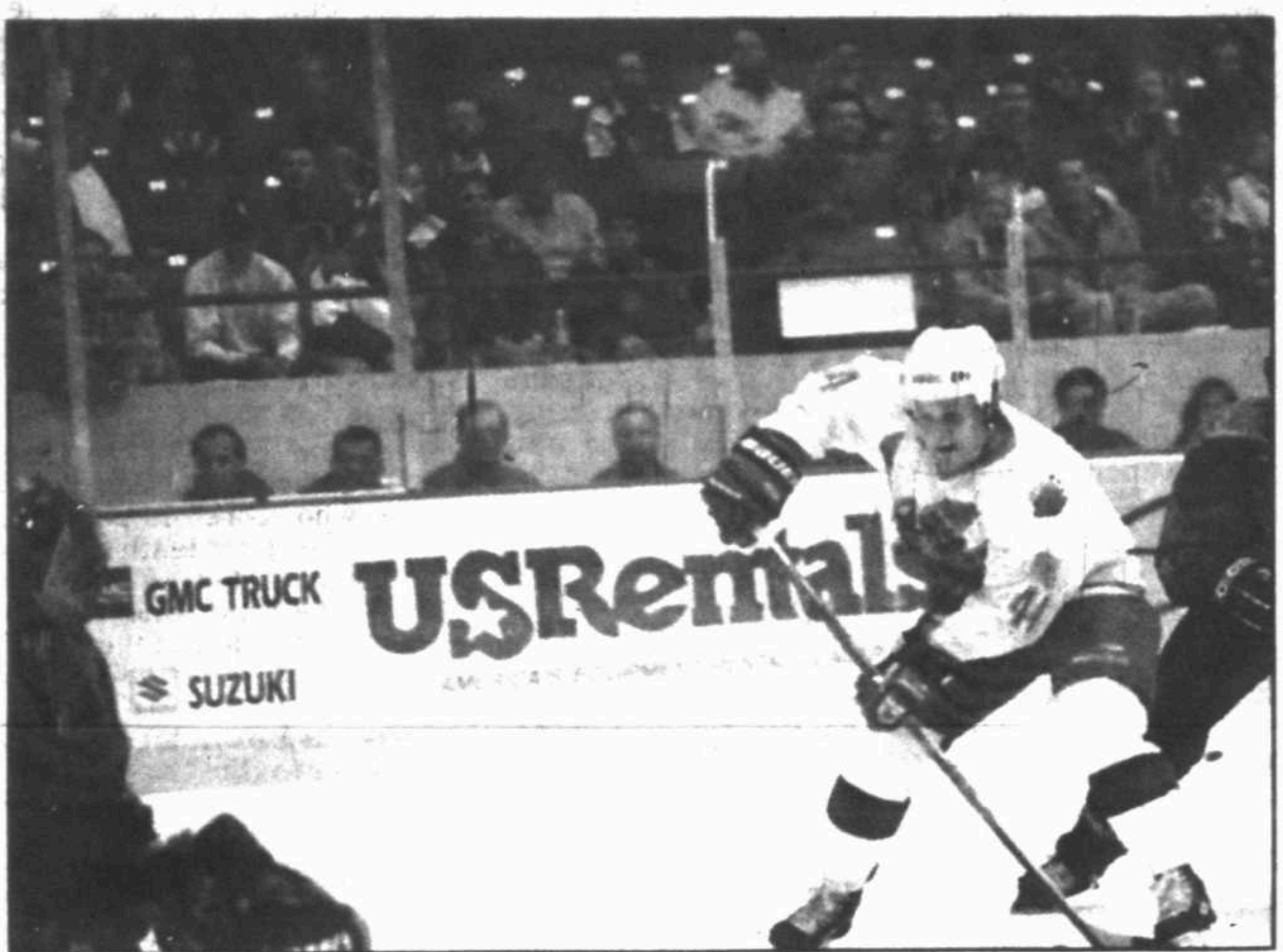
"I think we can be one of the top two or three teams in the conference," said sophomore forward Jamie Kendrick. "Once we start to do the little things on offense and defense, we can carry our game to that level. We have the talent, no doubt about it."

"Dick is one of the finest football coaches I have been associated with during my career."

Winder's long high school career through the 1970s and early '80s includes head-coaching stops at Roswell, N.M., Odessa High, Abilene Cooper and Monahans.

He also served a stint as quarterbacks coach at the University of New Mexico in 1979-80.

No. 3



The arrival of the "ice Age" ranked as the third best story of the year. The Odessa Jackalopes, which play in the Western Professional Hockey League, gave Midland-Odessa its second professional franchise, joining the Midland Angels.

general manager Monty Hoppel is also the GM of the Jacks.

Large crowds and several sellouts have greeted the Jackalopes even with a last place club to date in the inaugural season.

4. OHS breaks up football's Big 3

Under second-year head coach Randy Quisenberry, the Odessa High Bronchos beat Odessa Permian for the first time in 32 years, vaulting into the state playoffs.

OHS broke up the four-year domination of what was called District 4-5A's Big Three (Abilene Cooper, Midland Lee and Odessa Permian), by climbing into that elite group. Permian was the team that fell out of the Big Three status, placing in a tie for last place with Midland High.

However, MHS defeated Odessa High to

end its season. OHS went on to play three rounds in the state playoff march.

5. Greenwood makes state volleyball finals

The Greenwood Rangerettes had their most successful volleyball season ever, making first appearances in the region tournament, state tournament and state finals.

Rangerette coach Patti Purser guided the team to 22 consecutive match victories over a stretch of two months before losing to Bellville in the Class 3A state finals in Austin.

Karen Gasch and Shiloh O'Donnell were later named to the Class 3A All-State volleyball team.

6. Goodwin wins state swim title

Midland Lee's Amber Goodwin brought home another individual swimming championship to the Tall City.

Goodwin won the state title in the 100 backstroke with a time of 56.54. That made the third consecutive year that Midland has won an individual state title in swimming.

Former Lee star Monica Stroman (now swimming at Texas A&M) won three individual titles in her last two seasons in Midland.

7. MHS hoops has impressive year

The Midland High boys basketball team hit several high water marks in 1997.

The MHS boys posted a 19-game winning streak and a 30-win season before falling to state finalist Duncanville in the Region I semifinals at Chaparral Center.

MHS also won 12 consecutive District 4-5A games in a row to become the first team to accomplish that feat since 1981. The Bulldogs also rolled to a 14-1 record (entering the Byron Johnston tournament) this season, were ranked No. 1 in the state by one pre-season poll.

8. PBO remains in Permian Basin

In danger of losing the Permian Basin

Open as a tour stop for the Nike Tour, Odessa's Bob Glast and supporters stepped in to help save the event.

Then in August at the Club at Mission Dorado in Odessa, upstart Paul Gow won the largest paycheck (\$36,000) of his golfing career, finished a record breaking week at the PBO with a record 21-under par sprint to the finish.

At the end of the tournament, off-the-course records for total revenue and charitable donations had also been established.

9. Lee girls golf places 4th at state

The Midland Lee girls golf team had not won a tournament until they won the Region 1 crown in Lubbock, winning a state golf berth.

The Lady Rebels then went to Austin and placed fourth overall in the Class 5A girls state golf championship under coach Phyllis Sutton.

10. MHS-Lee girls make history

The Midland High girls soccer team defeated Midland Lee 2-1 in the Class 5A sectional playoffs.

What made this story such a significant event, however, was the historic factor. It was the first time in girls soccer history that two local schools faced each other in the state playoffs, creating an extra air of excitement.

Of course, this is just our Top 10 for 1997. There were other significant events that should be noticed.

Midland College created a Hall of Fame, inducting five people into its first class. They were Spud Webb, Delnor Poss, Mookie Blaylock, Jerry Stone and Andrew Coltart.

The Beal clan of Midland won their fourth Baja 1,000 off-road race. Another auto racing stalwart from Midland, VDS Racing, picked up its 100th IndyCar win, beating Penske Racing to the mark in the process.

Stanton's Connie Pardue became a referee for the new WNBA. The Midland Lee Lady Rebels snapped Midland High's long reign atop the district and giving Elise Kail her first district title as Lee's basketball coach.

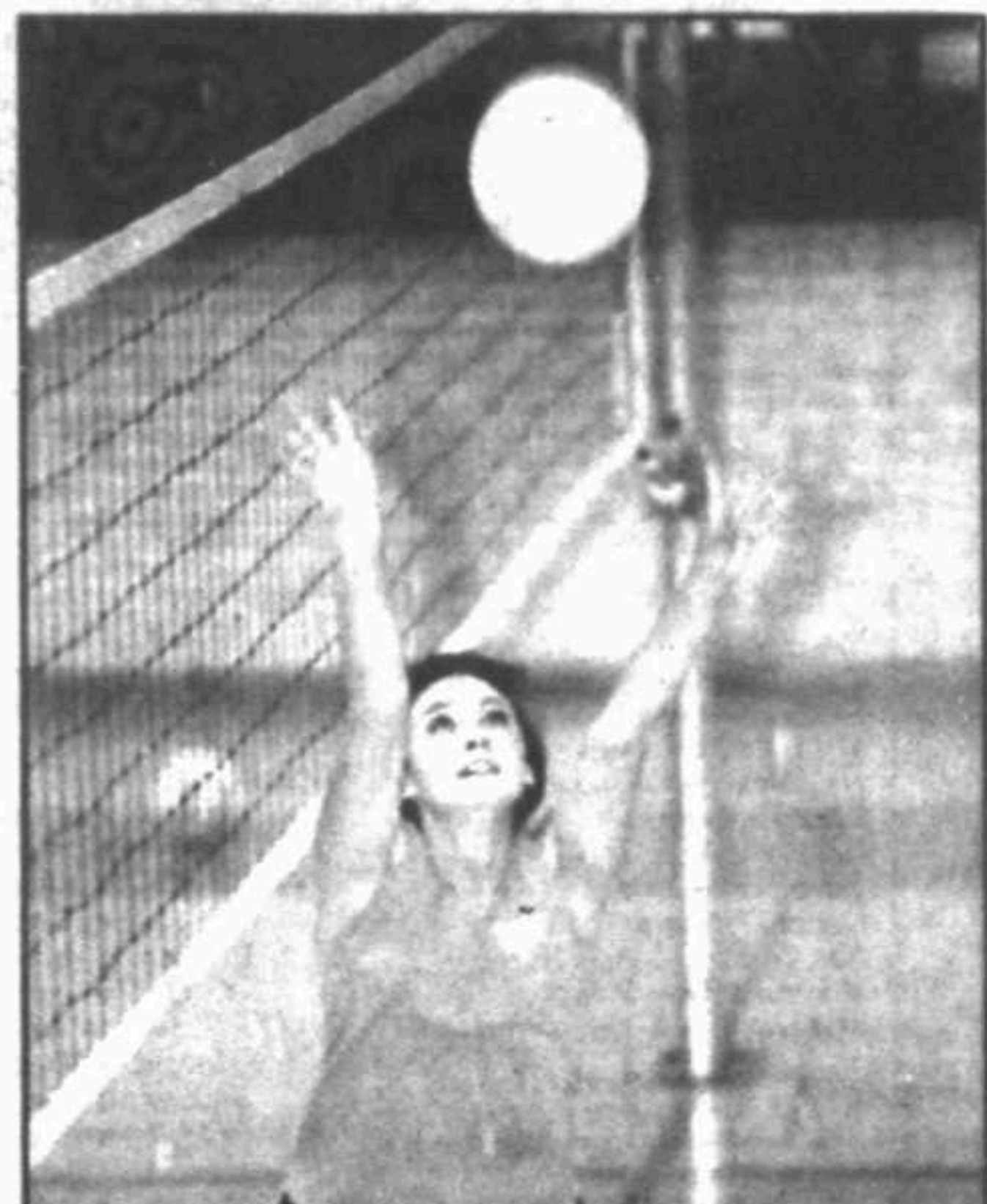
Dr. Thurston Dean stepped down as the team doctor in football for both Midland

No. 7



Midland High's Ross Nobles, one of the returners from last year's district champion team which ranked as the Reporter-Telegram's seventh best story of the 1997.

No. 5



(Above) Heather Hemphill was part of the Greenwood volleyball team that made it to the Class 3A state finals. The Rangerettes' runner-up finish was the No. 5 story for 1997.

(Below) The Midland High and Lee girls soccer teams battle in the sectional round of the UIL Soccer playoffs. It was the first time in any sport that MHS and Lee had squared off in the playoffs. The historical matchup finished as No. 10 in top stories for '97.

No. 10



High and Midland Lee.

The Lee softball team advanced to the region finals. The Midland College men's basketball team rolled to a perfect 13-0 start to the 1997-98 basketball season and a No. 4 national ranking, but this story is just beginning.

Midland High beat Odessa High and Lee beat Odessa Permian on the same night in football. Ronnie Jumper won his second consecutive men's city golf championship. Liz Tinney won her second women's city golf title, beating Becky Hakes in the finals. Hakes had beaten defending champion Jo Dickson in the first round of match play.

Freshmen, for the first time, were allowed to play varsity athletics, but had only a mild impact in the first year. The Midland College golf team placed seventh in the JUCO national championships. The Lee baseball team went to the region semifinals before losing to Duncanville. Midland's Bob Hellinghausen was inducted into the Tulsa Hall of Fame. Midland also hosted a national girls fast pitch national tournament at the Bill Williams Softball Complex.

And you may have your own favorite because even this impressive list isn't the tip of the iceberg. These are just some of ours.

LEVY: Coach took Bills to 4 Super Bowls

(From 1C)

players and fans around the league. He brought intelligence and savvy to the game, and few coaches could boast of holding a master's degree in English history from Harvard. Many of his former players — including quarterback Jim Kelly, running back Thurman Thomas and defensive end Bruce Smith — said they would never play for another coach.

"I think the guy has been a fantastic asset to this game and to this division," New England Patriots coach Pete Carroll said today. "He's a senator type, such a tremendous person outside of his coaching. And the thing that's really neat about Marv is he has that uniqueness about his personality and it comes through in his coaching."

The Bills won AFC championships from 1990-93 but have been in steady decline since the 1995 season. This year they lost six of their final seven games this year and missing the playoffs.

Sources told The Associated Press that Wilson wanted changes made in Levy's offensive coaching staff after Buffalo struggled to move the ball nearly all season. Levy was hoping to keep his staff intact.

Levy overcame prostate cancer in 1995 and said during his post-

season news conference that he felt physically capable of coaching for the next few years.

Wilson for years has said that Levy had a job with the Bills as long as he wanted. Levy began contemplating his future after Buffalo was unable to make it to the post-season.

Levy had a 143-112 record in a 17-year career that included five seasons with the Kansas City Chiefs. He took over the Bills after Hank Bullough was fired in 1986 and became the winningest coach in team history with a 123-78 record.

Levy also also coached the Chicago Blitz for one season in the USFL and the Montreal Alouettes for five years in the Canadian Football League. He guided Montreal to the Grey Cup title in 1974 and 1977.

The play was called "31 Wedge." It was put into the Packers' playbook that week when Kramer noticed a weakness in Dallas' short-yardage defense.

"Then run it and let's get the hell out of here," Lombardi said.

The play worked perfectly, a flawless finish to that coldest of games so frozen in time.

ICE: QB Starr suggested '31 Wedge' play

(From 1C)

"And I think the same was true of the Cowboys. Let's face it, they obviously were not accustomed to something like that and yet they were the team which had surged and come back in the second half and were in a position to win it."

But with 1:11 remaining, tackle Bob Skoronski opened a hole and

Mercein charged through the middle for 8 yards to the Dallas 3.

"Had the turf been better, I think Mercein might have scored," Starr said. "So the rest of it would have been moot."

Halfback Donny Anderson slipped twice on handoffs, so Starr called timeout, went to the sideline and suggested a sneak because of the poor traction.



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WPHL Standings

Western Professional Hockey League at a Glance
By The Associated Press

Eastern Division	
Fort Worth	26 10
Shreveport	24 11
Austin	20 8
Central Texas	22 12
Monroe	19 16
Lake Charles	17 17
Waco	6 29
Western Division	
El Paso	24 8
New Mexico	25 9
Amarillo	15 16
San Angelo	14 20
Odessa	12 25

NOTE: Two points for a victory, one for a tie.

Wednesday's Games
Central Texas at Austin
Texas at New Mexico
Thursday's Games
No games scheduled
Friday's Games
Russia at Amarillo
Odessa at Austin
Central Texas at El Paso
Fort Worth at Lake Charles
Monroe at New Mexico
Waco at San Angelo

NBA Standings

By The Associated Press

Eastern Division	
Miami	20 9
New York	17 12
Orlando	17 13
New Jersey	16 13
Boston	14 14
Washington	15 16
Philadelphia	21 10
Central Division	
Chicago	20 10
Atlanta	19 10
Indiana	19 10
Charlotte	18 11
Cleveland	17 11
Milwaukee	14 15
Detroit	14 17
Toronto	4 25
Western Division	
Utah	19 11
San Antonio	18 11
Houston	15 11
Minnesota	15 14
Vancouver	10 20
Dallas	5 25
Denver	2 26
Pacific Division	
Seattle	24 6
L.A. Lakers	23 7
Phoenix	18 9
Portland	18 10
Sacramento	11 20
Golden State	7 21
L.A. Clippers	6 24

Wednesday's Games
Toronto at Washington
Thursday's Games
Philadelphia at Vancouver

All-Star Voting

NEW YORK (AP) — NBA All-Star game to be held 7 at the Madison Square Garden released Tuesday by

Eastern Conference

Forward
1. Grant Hill, Detroit
2. Shaquille O'Neal, Orlando
3. Scottie Pippen, Chicago
4. Glen Rice, Charlotte
5. Webber, Washington
6. Steve Nash, Phoenix
7. Rodman, Chicago
8. Antonio Davis, Boston
9. Glenn Robinson, Milwaukee
10. Christian Laettner, New York

Guard
1. Michael Jordan, Chicago
2. Penny Hardaway, Orlando
3. Allen Iverson, Philadelphia
4. Tim Duncan, San Antonio
5. Reggie Miller, Indiana
6. Damon Stoudamire, New York
7. Ray Allen, Boston
8. Terrell Davis, Denver
9. Mookie Blaylock, Atlanta
10. Steve Nash, Phoenix

Center
1. Dikembe Mutombo, Philadelphia
2. Patrick Ewing, New York
3. Alonzo Mourning, Miami
4. Luc Longley, Sacramento
5. Vladimir Stepanovich, Dallas
6. Brian Williams, New York
7. Rony Seikaly, Orlando
8. Travis Knight, Indiana
9. Rasheed Wallace, Washington
10. Mookie Blaylock, Atlanta

Western Conference

Forward
1. Kevin Garnett, Minnesota
2. Karl Malone, Utah
3. Charles O'Neal, Orlando
4. Tim Duncan, San Antonio
5. Vin Baker, Dallas
6. Tom Gugliotta, Milwaukee
7. Shaquille O'Neal, Orlando
8. Elden Campbell, Sacramento
9. Michael Olowokandi, Los Angeles
10. Steve Nash, Phoenix

Guard
1. Gary Payton, Seattle
2. Eddie Jones, L.A. Clippers
3. Kobe Bryant, L.A. Lakers
4. Stephen Marbury, New York
5. Jason Kidd, New Jersey
6. Nick Van Exel, Los Angeles
7. John Stockton, Utah
8. Clyde Drexler, Portland
9. Mitch Richmond, Sacramento
10. L. J. Van Dijk, Golden State

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10. Travis Knight, Indiana

NHL Standings

By The Associated Press

Eastern Division	
New Jersey	25 10
Philadelphia	22 10
Washington	17 15
N.Y. Rangers	12 21
N.Y. Islanders	15 19
Florida	14 17
Tampa Bay	8 23
Northeast Division	
Pittsburgh	20 12
Montreal	20 15
Ottawa	18 17
Boston	17 16
Carolina	15 20
Buffalo	13 19
Western Division	
Dallas	25 9
Detroit	24 9
St. Louis	22 14
Phoenix	17 16
Chicago	14 18
Toronto	13 19
Pacific Division	
Colorado	20 8
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San Jose	14 20
Anaheim	13 20
Edmonton	11 20
Calgary	11 22
Vancouver	11 22

Wednesday's Games
Carolina at Pittsburgh
Ottawa at Buffalo
N.Y. Rangers at Toronto
Boston at Detroit
Montreal at Calgary
Los Angeles at Dallas
N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia
Thursday's Games
New Jersey at Florida
Anheim at Washington

Friday's Games
Ottawa at Boston
Toronto at Chicago
Los Angeles at Phoenix

College football '97: Expect the unexpected

By Richard Rosenblatt
AP Football Writer

When the 128th college football season began, Tennessee's Peyton Manning was a Heisman Trophy cinch, coach Tom Osborne was going strong at Nebraska and Penn State was the pick for the national title.

Ha, ha, ha. When it comes to this wacky game, there's only one certainty: Expect the unexpected.

How's this for startling? —Michigan cornerback Charles Woodson beat out Manning for the Heisman, the first time in the trophy's 63-year history a primarily defensive player won the award. The Tennessee governor was so upset, he said: "I think it stinks."

—The 60-year-old Osborne said he's retiring after his Huskers play in the Orange Bowl. Concerned about his health, Osborne's 25th season has a chance for a happy ending in the Orange Bowl, where his undefeated team plays Tennessee with a possible national title at stake.

—Penn State, the preseason No. 1 pick for the first time, was

embarrassed at home by Michigan, 34-8, in early November and again at Michigan State, 49-14, to fall out of a bowl alliance game.

When the regular-season results were in, and the bowl alliance had sorted out its teams for the last time before the Rose Bowl joins the fun in '98, the Wolverines emerged as the No. 1 team, with the No. 1 defense and the No. 1 player.

But they won't be in the alliance, which failed three out of four years to match No. 1 vs. No. 2 in a bowl game. On Jan. 1, Michigan (11-0) plays Washington State in the Rose Bowl, needing a win for its first national title since 1948.

If Michigan's turnaround after four, four-loss seasons was surprising, there were stunning developments just about everywhere else — from Miami to Los Angeles, Gainesville to Pullman and from a Big East plunge to a Big Ten surge.

Seven of 11 Big Ten teams made it to bowl games, while the Big East was unable to fill its five-team bowl allotment.

Big-name teams, such as Alabama (4-7), Colorado (5-6), Miami (5-6) and Texas (4-7), fell on their

faces. Lesser-knowns, such as Washington State (10-1), Missouri (7-4), New Mexico (9-3) and Purdue (8-3) produced their best seasons in decades.

Of 112 I-A teams, 24 had new coaches, including Notre Dame, which plays in the Independence Bowl after a 7-5 season under Bob Davie.

It was the worst of times for Texas, which was humiliated 66-3 by UCLA on Sept. 13 — the beginning of the end for coach John Mackovic, who was fired at the end of the season.

After 55 seasons at Grambling, 70-year-old Eddie Robinson retired as college football's winningest coach with 408 wins, and was replaced by Doug Williams, former Grambling star and Super Bowl MVP for the Washington Redskins in 1988. A few weeks later, Robinson was inducted into the Hall of Fame after the three-year waiting period was waived.

Among other coaching changes, Mack Brown moved from North Carolina to Texas; John Robinson of Southern California was fired and replaced by Paul Hackett; and Danny Ford was fired at Arkansas

and replaced by Boise State's Houston Nutt.

It was the best of times for Washington State and their star Ryan Leaf, who passed the Cougars to a 10-1 record, No. 8 ranking — their highest ever — and a trip to Pasadena for the first time in 67 years.

Times were tough at Alabama. Under new coach Mike D'Onofrio, the Crimson Tide finished with their worst record since 1957, capped by a devastating 18-17 loss to Auburn on Nov. 22 — a final reminder of how rotten it was in 'Bama country.

Jaret Holmes kicked a 39-yard field goal with 15 seconds left, moments after Alabama inexplicably threw a third-down pass and then fumbled it away to give the Tigers the chance they needed. A few days later, Bruce Arians, the offensive coordinator who called the play, was fired, along with several other assistants.

In Alabama, the play is called "The Fumble," but it pales in comparison to "The Catch."

On Nov. 8, a No. 1 Nebraska trailed Missouri 38-31 with seconds left and the ball on the Tigers' 12-

Scott Frost threw for Shevin Wiggins in the end zone. The ball was knocked free, but Wiggins kicked it into the air on his way down and Matt Davison made a diving catch for the TD to send the game into overtime. Frost scored on a 12-yard run in OT and the Huskers won, 45-38.

The result had a huge impact on the national title race — Nebraska was replaced at No. 1 by Michigan, while Missouri moved into the Top 25 for the first time since 1983.

Three times this season, the top team in The Associated Press' Top 25 fell out of the No. 1 ranking without losing — Penn State twice and Nebraska once.

Florida, the defending national champs after a 52-20 rout of Florida State in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 2, started off strong under Doug Johnson — Heisman Trophy winner Danny Wuerffel's replacement — but were upset 28-21 by LSU on Oct. 11. Another loss, to Georgia, ended the Gators' hopes of repeating and also ended their bid for a record fifth straight SEC title.

Michigan, meanwhile, just kept winning under third-year coach Lloyd Carr, whose job was in jeop-

ardy when the season started. With Brian Griese, son of Bob Griese, at quarterback, the Wolverines' offense was steady enough to score whenever the aggressive defense gave them the chance. Led by Woodson, who had seven interceptions, the Wolverines topped the nation in total defense (206.9 yards), scoring (8.9) and pass efficiency.

In one of the season's most exciting games, Michigan beat rival Ohio State 20-14 in a contest with Big Ten, Rose Bowl and national title implications.

Woodson had the game of a lifetime, intercepting a pass in the end zone to stop a scoring threat, catching a 37-yard pass to set up one touchdown and returning a punt 78 yards for a TD that put Michigan in control.

Among top individual performers were Texas' Ricky Williams, who led the nation in rushing and scoring with 1,893 yards and 25 TDs; Manning, who threw for 3,819 yards and 36 TDs; Leaf with 3,637 yards and 33 TDs; and Marshall wide receiver Randy Moss, who set a Division I-A record with 25 TD catches.

Washington State could shed underdog image forever with victory over Michigan in Rose Bowl

By Rob Gloster
AP Sports Writer

PASADENA, Calif. — Ryan Leaf and the Fab Five receivers of Washington State have undermined coach Mike Price's carefully crafted underdog mystique. One more win, and that image will be gone forever.

Price, once a walk-on for the Cougars, revels in portraying his team as David facing college football's Goliaths. On Thursday, the Cougars aim their slingshots at No. 1 Michigan in the Rose Bowl.

Michigan (11-0) will be seeking its first national championship since 1948. Washington State (10-1), with a No. 8 ranking that's the highest in school history, is making its first trip to the Rose Bowl in 67 years.

"We're a mixed breed. We're not all a bunch of All-Americans, blue chips," Price said. "I kind of like turning over the rocks and finding the guy that no one else has recruited."

Price probably felt like crawling under a rock today. He was sick in bed with the flu, and had to miss the final coaches' news conference and a luncheon.

Assistant head coach Larry

Lewis, who attended this morning's news conference in Price's place, said Price has been kept away from his players the last couple of days but expects to be on the sidelines for the game.

"If we're going to go every 67 years, he's not going to miss this one," Lewis said. "In 67 years more, he's not sure where he's going to be."

The contrasts between the schools' traditions are stark.

The Wolverines have more wins (775) than any other college football team and are playing in their 29th bowl game. Washington State will be in its seventh postseason game in 102 years of football.

Michigan has the Heisman Trophy winner in Charles Woodson, a cornerback who doubles as receiver and also is dangerous as a punt returner. The Wolverines' quarterback, Brian Griese, is the son of Pro Football Hall of Famer Bob Griese.

The Cougars' starting lineup includes five players who were walk-ons, and several more rejected by other schools, including running back Michael Black — who served 26 months in juvenile centers after convictions for armed robbery and auto theft as a teen-ager.

The matchup that has drawn the most attention is Leaf vs. Woodson, especially since the Washington State quarterback has vowed to go right after the Wolverines' best defender.

Leaf threw for 3,637 yards this season, including 33 touchdowns, in leading the Cougars to an average of 42.5 points and 502 yards of total offense per game — both marks that ranked second in the nation.

"There isn't a team that we're going to have as much trouble matching up with as Washington State, and it all starts with the guy throwing the ball," Michigan coach Lloyd Carr said. "If we don't get pressure on Ryan Leaf, it's going to be a long day."

The self-christened Fab Five — Shawn McWashington, Shawn Tims, Chris Jackson, Kevin McKenzie and Nian Taylor — have combined for 186 receptions and 30 TDs this season. McKenzie leads the Cougars with 50 catches.

They'll be facing a Michigan defense anchored by Woodson that leads the nation by allowing only 8.9 points and 207 yards per game.

But Griese, a former walk-on who threw 14 touchdown passes and just five interceptions this season, says the game will come down to Michi-

gan's sometimes erratic offense against a Cougars defense loaded with seniors.

"The Pac-10 and Big Ten have two totally different styles of football," Griese said. "The Big Ten likes to run and the Pac-10 likes to pass. Their defense has not seen the run that Michigan has."

Plenty of fans outside Washington will be rooting for the Cougars. If Washington State defeats Michigan, that would give No. 2 Nebraska a chance to win a national title in coach Tom Osborne's final game in the Orange Bowl against Tennessee on Friday.

No matter what happens Thursday, the 84th Rose Bowl will be the last of its kind. The oldest bowl game, it has carefully guarded its traditions while other bowls were adding sponsors and changing dates.

Beginning with the 1999 game, the Rose Bowl becomes part of the new super alliance — meaning it no longer will always feature the champions of the Big Ten and Pac-10, and might not always be played on Jan. 1.

It could even end up with a corporate sponsor attached to its name as early as 1999.



Michigan's Charles Woodson, shown here in practice earlier in the week, and his teammates in the Wolverines' defensive secondary will attempt to slow down Washington State quarterback Ryan Leaf and his "Fab Five" receivers in today's Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif.

LOCAL SPORTS

MHS JV beats OHS JV

The Midland High JV boys basketball team defeated Odessa High JV 65-58. For MHS (10-3), Weldon Cooks had 19, Robert O'Neal 13, Steve Sanon 11, and Jimmy Smith 10.

Pecos downs Greenwood

The Pecos boys' basketball team held off Greenwood, 55-50, Wednesday to capture the consolation trophy at the Reagan County Tournament. Stanton was to face Ballinger in the championship game late Wednesday.

Greenwood's Calef Montes, a senior guard, was named to the all-tournament team. The Rangers' next game will be at 8 p.m. Friday when the Stanton Buffaloes visit Greenwood.

Pecos 55, Greenwood 50
Greenwood (10-6): Gabriel Palencia 21, Andrew Wootan 4 0-0 10, Calef Montes 2 3-5 7, Scott Reed 4 0-2 8, Larry Johnson 2 0-0 6, Jason Brooks 1 0-0 2, John Settles 7 2-3 16. Totals 20 6-12 50.
Pecos: Navarrete 11 2-3 18, Hinojosa 10 6-9 27, Mathe 2 0-0 4, Chavez 8 0-2 21. Totals 21 7-13 55.
Greenwood 9 17 15 9 —50
Pecos 17 14 9 15 —55

COM swimmers place in big event

The City of Midland swim team sent eleven swimmers to Oklahoma City for the Sixth Annual Kerr-McGee Corporation Elite Pro-Am meet, which was also attended by such Olympic gold medalist at Amy Van Dyken, Gary Hall and Josh Davis.

Two COM swimmers, Amber Goodwin and Stephanie Brown, made finals in their events.

Goodwin placed sixth in the 100-meter backstroke with a time of 58.75 seconds. She also finished 13th in the 200 backstroke in 2:08.98 and 18th in the 50 freestyle in 24.67.

Brown took 11th in the 200 back with a time of 2:08.55 and 14th in the 100 back in 59.68.

Lindren 2nd at tourney

Midland Freshman golfer Jason Lindgren tied for second

place in the 15-under age division at the Junior Tour Holiday Classic in West Palm Beach Florida. Lindgren shot 73 on the first day of the two-day event — the low round for all age divisions. He shot 85 on the second day to finish tied for second out of 32 golfers from around the nation.

The tournament was played on the Haig Course at the PGA National Resort and Spa, which serves as the national headquarters for the PGA.

THSCA Academic All-State team

Three area players were named to the Academic All-State football team put out by the Texas High School Coaches Association.

Shane Wilson of Rankin, Kory Williams of Stanton and Brady Patterson of Big Spring were among the 153 players honored from throughout the state. To be considered, the players had to be seniors with an overall grade point average of 92 or higher and start in at least 70 percent of their teams' games. Players also had to be of good moral character.

Devils leave Hawkeyes sunburned

By Eduardo Montes
Associated Press Writer

EL PASO — Mike Martin rushed for 169 yards and a touchdown and No. 16 Arizona State's defense thwarted one of the nation's best offenses as the Sun Devils defeated Iowa 17-7 Wednesday in the Sun Bowl.

Martin carried 27 time and helped the Sun Devils (9-3) control the tempo of the game while taking the pressure off quarterback Steve Campbell, a career backup starting his first game.

Campbell responded by making the most of a modest passing game, completing 5-of-11 passes for 109 yards and a 35-yard touchdown.

The ASU defense did the rest, scoring the nation's ninth-ranked scoring offense out of the end zone until the final minute and limiting the Hawkeyes (7-5) to 209 total yards.

Iowa came into the game averaging 424 yards and 37 points per game. ASU finished with 377 total yards.

The Hawkeyes could manage only one score, a 26-yard touchdown pass from Randy Reiners to Richard Carter with 49 seconds remaining.

The Sun Devils stopped the Hawkeyes on fourth-down attempts on three consecutive series in the second half and gave the ASU offense the opportunity to score the clinching touchdown.

With just over two minutes remaining in the third period, ASU stuffed Iowa's Tavian Banks on a 4th-and-1 at Iowa's 42.

ASU kept the ball on the ground as it drove 58 yards and took a commanding 17-0 lead as Martin, voted the game's most valuable player, ran in untouched from one yard out.

Arizona State took a 10-0 lead at the half, in large part because of

Campbell, who threw for 109 yards over the first two quarters and hooked up with Lenzie Jackson from 35 yards out.

Jackson pulled down Campbell's pass, spun away from one defender, then slipped past the outstretched fingers of another to put Arizona State up 7-0 with 10 minutes remaining in the second quarter.

The Sun Devils extended their lead to 10-0 as Robert Nycz connected on a 21-yard field goal one minute after Arizona State recovered Iowa quarterback Matt Sherman's fumble at the Hawkeyes' 28.

As Campbell made his mark, Iowa struggled with its quarterbacks. The Hawkeyes alternated Sherman and Reiners, but neither could move the ball and Iowa managed only 30 yards in the first half to ASU's 236.

Sherman finished 8-of-22 for 120 yards. Reiners was 4-of-5 for 70 yards and a touchdown.

Not much at stake for UCLA, A&M in Cotton Bowl

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — UCLA can win a 10th consecutive game for the first time since 1946 and possibly improve its No. 5 national ranking. Texas A&M can win its first bowl game since it beat Michigan two years ago and improve its No. 20 ranking.

That's about all that's at stake in Thursday's Cotton Bowl between the Bruins of the Pac-10 and the Aggies of the Big 12.

A possible tense situation between UCLA coach Bob Toledo and A&M coach R.C. Slocum was defused during the week. Toledo was fired as offensive coordinator by Slocum after the 1994 Cotton Bowl, a 24-21 loss to Notre Dame.

"I made a mistake," Slocum said. "In retrospect that (the firing) was unfair to Bob. I was a young head coach under a lot of pressure. I'm proud he has gone on to be such a great head coach because Bob was the first guy I called to be on my staff when I became head coach at A&M."

Toledo said he has no ill will against Slocum.

"It (the firing) was not an easy thing for R.C. to do," Toledo said.

"We have no animosity. I landed on my feet. We'll shake hands after the game and go our separate ways."

"The Cotton Bowl is not going to be a Bob Toledo vs. R.C. Slocum thing. It's just a lot of water under the bridge."

UCLA (9-2) was upset that it didn't get a bid to an alliance bowl.

"We didn't get an alliance bid because we apparently don't sell enough tickets. That hurt," flanker Jim McElroy said. "But we look at the Cotton Bowl as a platform to show that UCLA is back as a football power."

The Aggies (9-3), who have lost three Cotton Bowl games since they beat Notre Dame in 1988, want to show their program is on the rebound after a 6-6 season last year.

"We want to bounce back from our (54-15) loss to Nebraska in the Big 12 championship game and we want to set a foundation for next year," said junior linebacker Dat Nguyen. "We want the season to end on a good note. We have a lot of players coming back next year. We're the youngest team in the Big 12 so we have a good future ahead of us."

UCLA's high-powered offense

is led by quarterback Cade McNown, the NCAA's pass efficiency leader, and running back Skip Hicks, who scored 25 touchdowns this year.

Nguyen and his "Wrecking Crew" defense haven't stopped the run well this year.

"We'll have to set it up against the run," Nguyen said. "We competed against some great backs and Hicks looks like a combination of Nebraska's Ahman Green and Texas' Ricky Williams. He's tough."

A&M's offense is led by quarterback Brannon Stewart and hard-running tailbacks Sirr Parker, Dante Hall and D'Andre Hardeman. The Aggies will face UCLA's unusual 3-3-5 defense, which sends blitzers from all angles.

"They try to confuse you," Stewart said. "We'll have to stay poised and under control. If we do we can move the ball on them."

Texas A&M holds a 2-1 edge over UCLA in their brief series, but the schools haven't played each other in 42 years. Texas A&M is 12-10 in bowls while UCLA is 10-9-1, including a 17-3 Cotton Bowl win over Arkansas in 1989 with Troy Aikman at quarterback.

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By Chuck Sack
AP Sports Writer

Women's basketball is a lot like the NFL ever.

With two pro strong and the continuing to grow, hardly a month women's basketball somewhere.

The American League complete season in mid-March ended March played in June, and the ABL started October.

And there will be 1998 since both expanded. But

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Women's basketball '97: Keeps going, going...

By Chuck Schoffner
AP Sports Writer

Women's basketball in 1997 was a lot like the NBA. It went on forever.

With two pro leagues going strong and the college game continuing to grow in popularity, hardly a month went by without women's basketball being played somewhere.

The American Basketball League completed its inaugural season in mid-March, the college season ended March 31, the WNBA played in June, July and August, and the ABL started up again in October.

And there will be even more in 1998 since both pro leagues have expanded. But does that mean

there's too much women's basketball?

Never, says Van Chancellor, who coached the Houston Comets to the first WNBA championship.

"There's just been an explosion of our sport since the (1996) Olympic Games," Chancellor said. "I can remember playing in front of 200 people. I can remember when nobody realized you were playing. When I went to Ole Miss 20 years ago, we couldn't even get in the local paper."

Backed by the NBA's marketing and corporate muscle and given a huge buildup with big-name players like Lisa Leslie, Sheryl Swoopes and Rebecca Lobo, the WNBA succeeded at the gate and on television.

Although play was often ragged,

attendance averaged 9,669 for the eight teams and the league said that more than 50 million people saw WNBA games on national television. League officials had hoped to average 4,000 to 5,000 per game.

The season ended with Houston beating the New York Liberty 65-51 in the league championship before 16,285 fans in Houston. The Comets' Cynthia Cooper was named the league's most valuable player. This fall, the league added teams in Detroit and Washington.

Operating on one-tenth of the WNBA's \$15 million marketing budget and playing in smaller cities, the ABL averaged 3,536 fans per game for its first season. The Columbus Quest defeated the

Richmond Rage 3-2 in the best-of-five championship series. The Quest's Nikki McCray was named the league's MVP, but six months later, in a move reminiscent of the old ABA-NBA days, she jumped leagues and signed with the WNBA. Cindy Brown, who played for the Seattle Reign, also left the ABL to sign with the WNBA.

The ABL didn't stand pat during its first offseason. The top two college seniors from the 1996-97 season, Kara Wolters of Connecticut and high school freshmen and sophomores. For more information, call 682-2551.

Besides creating bidding wars, the two leagues have raised another possibility: players leaving col-

lege early to turn pro, which is common in men's basketball but unheard of in the women's game. Both leagues prohibit drafting underclassmen, but there may come a day when those policies are challenged in court.

For now, though, the two leagues aren't paying the kind of money that would entice many players to leave school early. Salaries in the WNBA ranged from \$15,000 to about \$50,000, with the top stars getting more lucrative packages. The average ABL salary is \$80,000.

In college, the season ended with Tennessee as the NCAA champion for the fifth time. Led by sophomore Chamique Holdscrow, the Lady Vols became just the second school to win back-to-back

titles when they beat Old Dominion 68-59 in the championship in Cincinnati.

And the Lady Vols might just be getting warmed up. Four heralded freshmen were brought in for the 1997-98 season, and with Holdscrow back, Tennessee could soon be on another championship roll.

Old Dominion, one of the early powers in the women's game, rejoined the elite with its Final Four appearance, and one of the nation's best-known schools became one of the biggest surprises.

Notre Dame rode the play of seniors Beth Morgan and Katrina Gaiter to upsets of Texas and Alabama in the NCAA tournament and reached the Final Four for the first time.

WEST TEXAS SPORTS

Booster Clubs...

The Lee Softball Booster Club will meet on the first Thursday of every month. Meetings will be held at 7 p.m. in the Lee High School cafeteria.

The Midland High Soccer Booster Club is holding its meetings in Conference Room A at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of each month through April.

The Midland Lee Soccer Booster Club is holding its meetings the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Lee library.

Aquatics...

Pre-competitive swimming is being offered at the Mabee Aquatic Center. The program will teach elementary age swimmers techniques of competitive swimming while improving their strokes. It is open to swimmers who can swim at least 25 yards of freestyle and backstroke. The cost is \$35 per month on a year-round basis. For more information, call 684-7755.

COM Aquatics is holding water aerobics classes Monday through Saturday at Mabee Aquatic Center. Classes are at 6:15 a.m., 7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. There will also be a pre-school exercise class offered in conjunction with the 9 a.m. water aerobics class. All classes are open to the public and swimming skills are not necessary. Deep and shallow water classes are offered. For information, call Julie Harvey at 684-7755.

COM Aquatics is offering begin-

ning diving lessons throughout the school year in its indoor heated Olympic Diving Pool. Participants need to be able to swim in deep water. The COM diving program also offers competitive team practice and competitions for most ability levels all year long. Please contact coach Maxwell for more information at 684-7755.

Volleyball...

Registration for YMCA youth volleyball for boys and girls in grades 3-8 is underway. The fee is \$25 for YMCA members and \$38 for non-members. For more information, call 682-2551.

The Midland Volleyball Program is looking for players for a girls 12-under team. Must be born on or after Sept. 1, 1985. Deadline for registration is Jan. 9. For information, call 570-6700.

Basketball...

Tickets are on sale for Midland's only appearance of the 1998 Harlem Globetrotters World Tour. Known as the most recognized, most popular and most revered basketball team in the world, the Harlem Globetrotters are suiting up for an all-star performance at the Chaparral Center on Thursday, Jan. 15 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12.75, VIP tickets are \$17, and are available at Endless Horizons, CD Warehouse and Sound Decision. To charge by phone call 1-800-462-7979. A \$2 discount is available to seniors and youth 12 and under, \$3 discounts

are also available to groups of 25 or more. All tickets are subject to service charge.

The Permian Basin Basketball Official's Association is seeking persons interested in officiating basketball games from the junior high to varsity level in the area. For more information call Mike Lowrance at 520-9602, 682-1726 or Jeff Ryan at 699-5001, 688-0700.

The Converse Midwest Winter Youth Shootout is scheduled for Jan. 10 at Frontier High School in Red Rock, Oklahoma. Boys and girls in grades 3-8 are eligible. For information, call (405) 377-HOOP.

The Boys & Girls Club of Midland is offering a youth coed basketball league for children in the following grade divisions: 1st & 2nd, 3rd & 4th, 5th & 6th. The league is scheduled to start in January 1998. Registration is now being taken for all three grade divisions. A \$15 fee will be charged. This fee includes the 1998 Club membership, 10-game season, t-shirt and tournament. Participants may register at any of the club's three locations. Registration will continue until all teams are filled. For more information call of the clubs nearest you after 2 p.m. daily — Half Park Unit, 110 E. New Jersey, 683-5297; Taylor Park Unit, 1321 S. Goode, 683-0650, NE/YMCA Unit, 2800 Butternut, 682-8469. Volunteer coaches are needed for all three grade divisions.

The Central YMCA is taking registration for boys junior high basketball. Registration deadline

is Jan. 18 for the league, which will begin Feb. 5. The cost is \$25 for YMCA members and \$38 for non-members. Divisions will be divided into seventh and eighth graders and high school freshmen and sophomores. For more information, call 682-2551.

Soccer...

Midland Soccer Association Spring Registration runs through Feb. 1, 1998. Participants must be four years or older before Dec. 31. Fee is \$40 for recreational players and \$44 for club players. There will be a \$10 late fee after Feb. 1. Signups will be from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1909 W. Wall, Suite N. For more information, call 684-5425.

The Midland Mirage 1984 and 1985 girls soccer teams are seeking players for the spring 1998 season. For more information, call Steve Byrd at 689-3628 no later than Jan. 15.

Baseball...

Texas Tech is conducting the Larry Hays Holiday Baseball Camps in January 1998. Sessions for 6-13-year-olds will be held Jan. 4, 1998 with registration beginning at 1 p.m. at the athletic training center. Instruction runs from 1:30-5:30 p.m. with a fee of \$55. Camp for those 14 and older runs Jan. 2-3 with registration at 8:30 a.m. and instruction running from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. each day. The fee is \$110. To register, send name, address, t-

shirt size and age with a \$15 deposit for the 6-13-year-olds and a \$25 deposit for 14 and older to Red Raider Baseball Camp, Texas Tech University, Box 43021, Lubbock, Tx. 79409-3021. For more information, call Greg Evans at (806) 748-1146.

The Midland Junior Baseball Association is accepting applications for anyone interested in coaching an AABC club team. The team club age brackets are for players 13, 14, 16 and 18 and under. Applications will be accepted through Jan. 3, 1998. For more information, contact Ronnie Lynch at 699-1405 or 559-8514.

Softball...

Umpires are needed to work high school softball games in West Texas. Find out more by contacting Mack Gipson at 520-5961 or Freddie Ezell at 694-5508.

Tennis...

The United States Tennis Association will have a Certification School for tennis officials on Jan. 2 & 3 at the Tennis Center at Odessa College. On Friday night, the school will run from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. On Saturday, it will begin at 9 a.m. and will continue to approximately 2-4 p.m. The cost is a USA membership, purchase of the "Friend at Court (rule book)" for \$3 and joining Permian Basin Tennis Umpires Association, dues are \$5 per year. Once certified, some uniform will be required. If

interested, please contact one of the following before Dec. 25: Brooke Green at 694-2847; David Whiteside at 689-2332; or R.F. "Buddy" Fort at 683-6627.

Miscellaneous...

The Flatlanders Ski Club is planning the following trips: Steamboat Colo., Jan. 14-18, 1998; Telluride, Colo., Feb. 18-22, 1998; Lake Louise, Canada, March 22-29, 1998 and New Zealand, July 24-Aug. 1, 1998.

The Dust Devil Divers Scuba Club is planning a trip to Grand Cayman Jan. 4-11. For more information, call 570-8761.

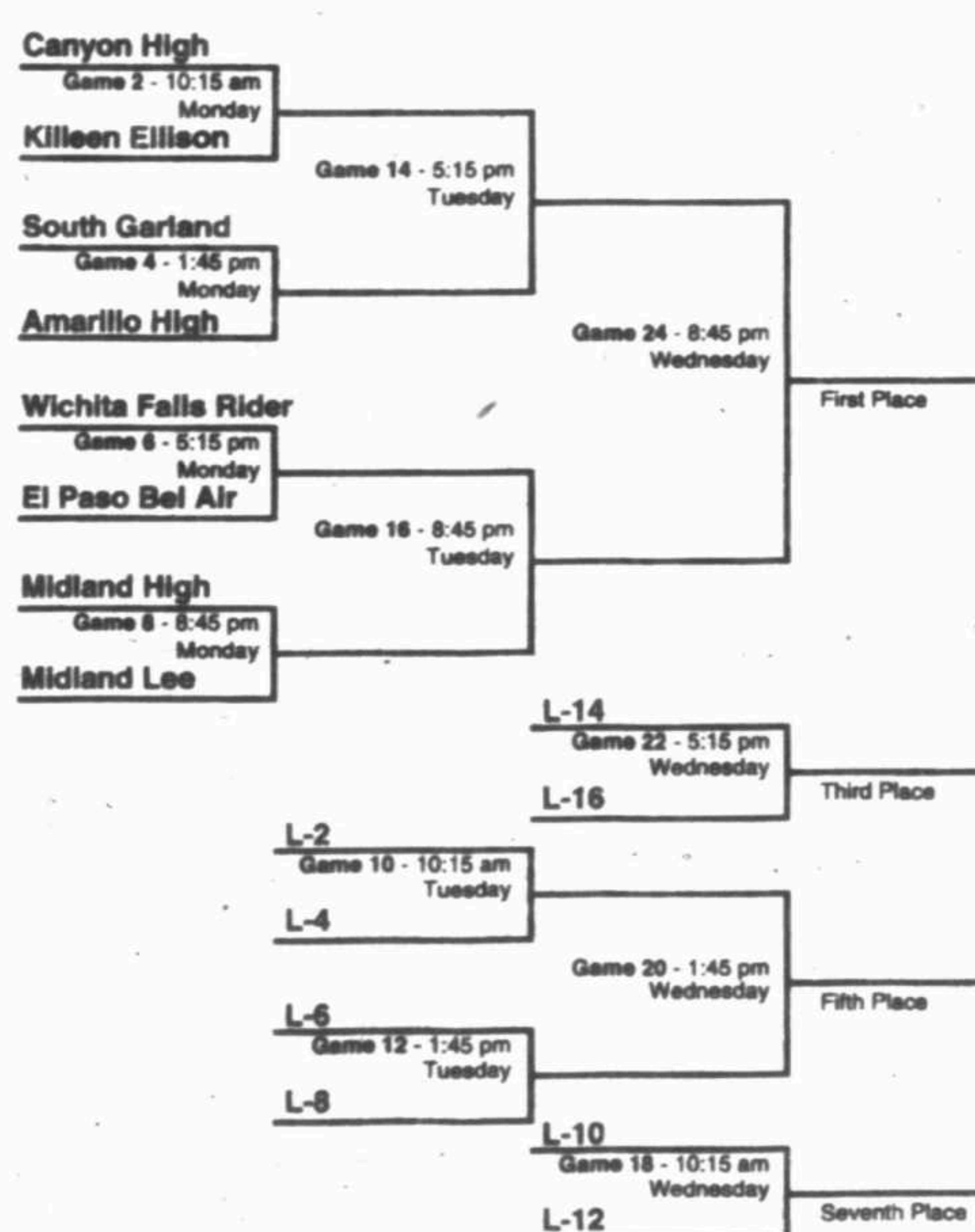
The Odessa Jackalopes are offering five skating programs at the Ector County Coliseum. There skating lessons (\$50), public skating (\$4 per session and \$2.50 for skate rental), hockey lessons for ages 7-17 (\$75 includes skae rental, Jackalopes Youth Hockey League for ages 7-17 (Registration is \$64 and for more info on league contact Bob Flanner at 683-4251, "Stick Time", which ice is open for pick-up hockey games. (\$7 per session). For more information on any of these programs call 683-4251.

Gymnastics classes are being offered at the Mabee Aquatic Center. Parent-tot, grade school and tumbling classes are available. There will also be an advanced team class by tryout only. The staff is certified by USA Gymnastics. For more information, call Megan Rodriguez at 684-7755.

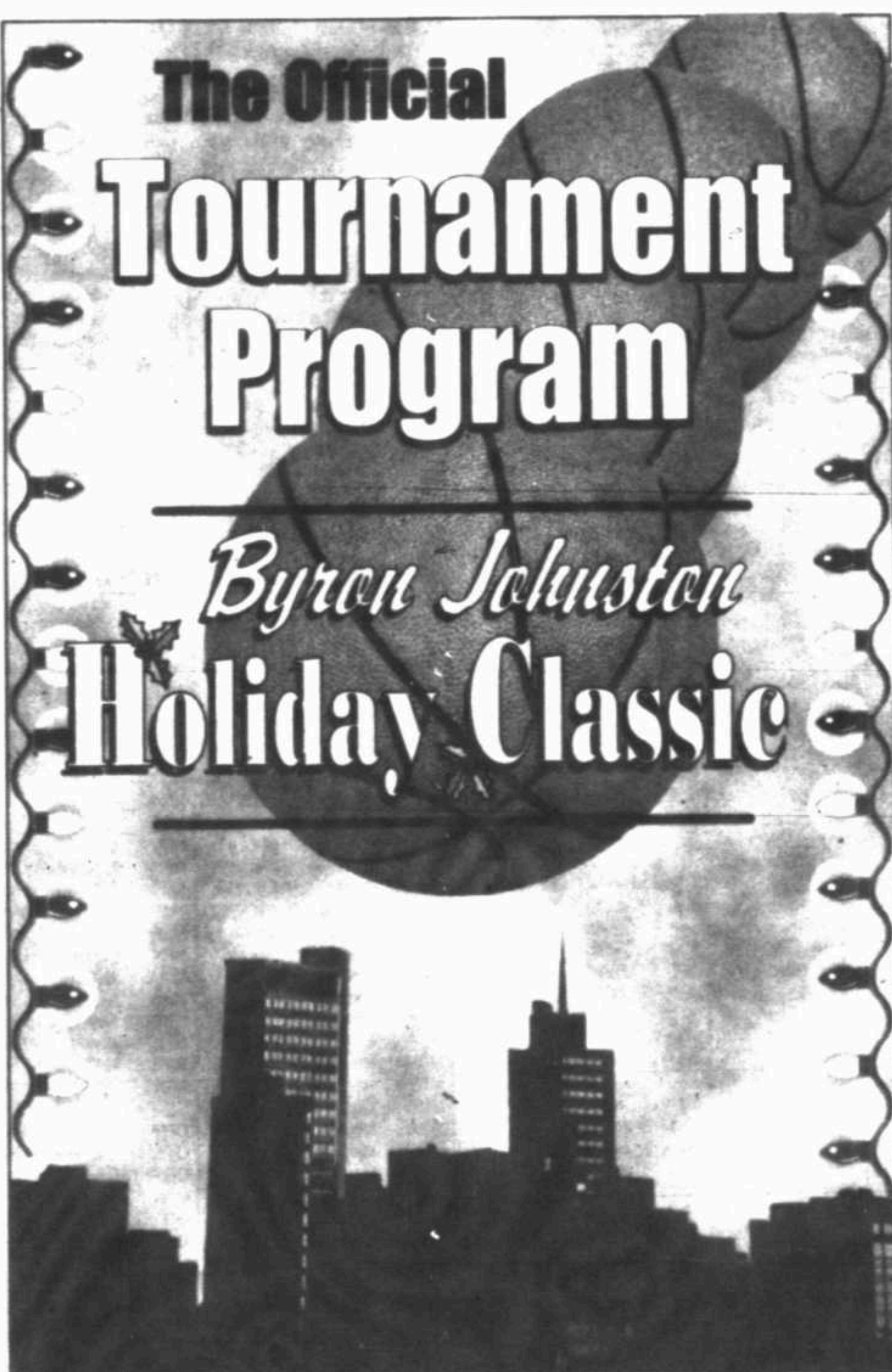
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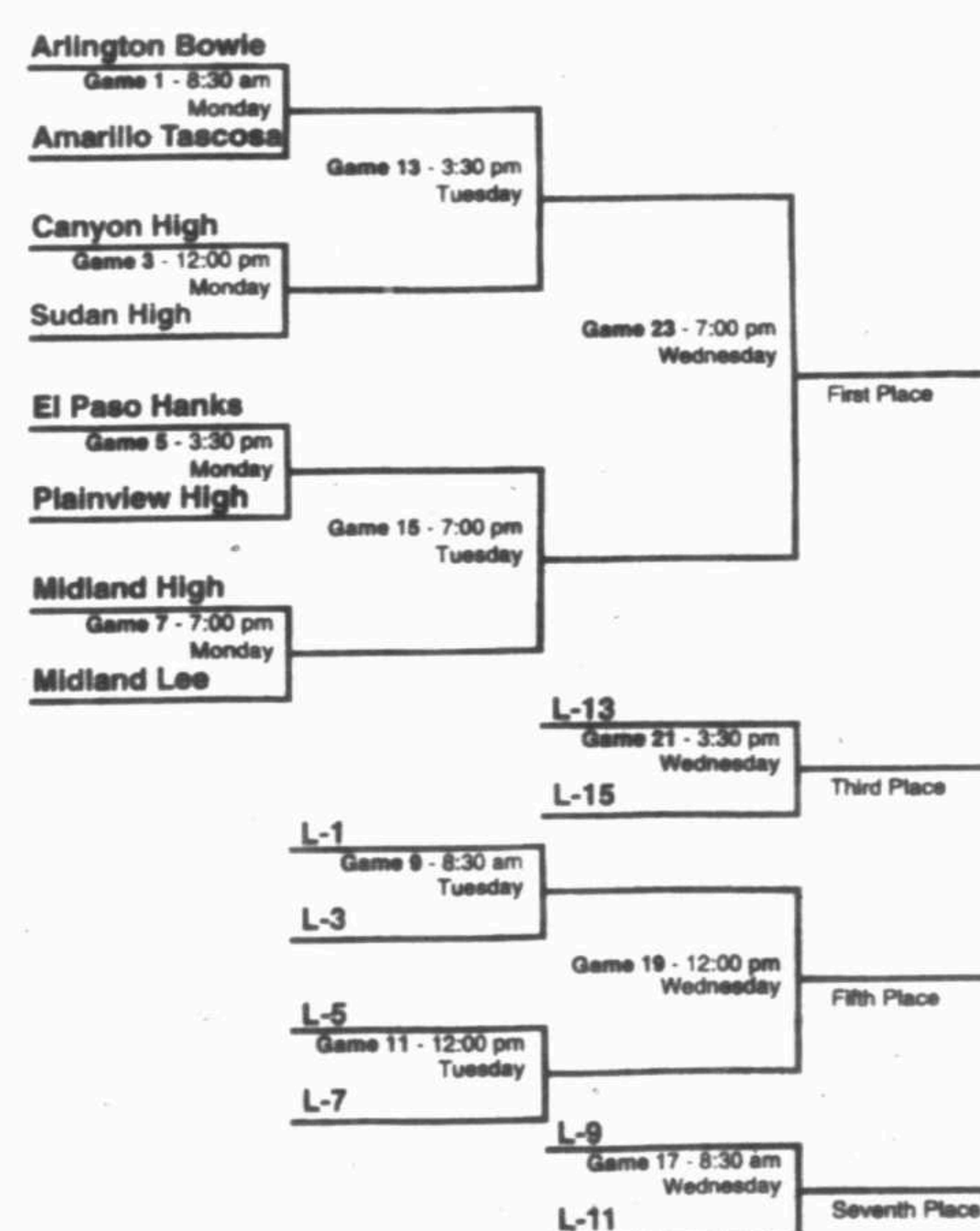


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MARKET SUMMARY

HOW TO READ THE MARKET IN REVIEW

Here are the 1,675 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, 925 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 405 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Stocks in bold are worth at least \$5 and changed 5 percent or more in price. Underlining for 50 most active on NYSE and Nasdaq and 25 most active on Amex. Tables show name, price and net change, and one to two additional fields related through the symbol as follows:

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

Generally, stock symbols resemble the company name although some — BUD for Anheuser-Busch Co. and FOM for Spirit Corp. — are more related to what a company does. Tickers on the New York and Amex usually don't exceed three letters. On Nasdaq, they go up to five letters.

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

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Republ 43.52 23% +2%	Harken 15.17 7 +1%	Oracle 10.57 70% +1%
Seagate 40.32 19% +2%	EchoBay 14.63 27% +1%	Intel 10.57 70% +1%
EMC 39.48 27% +1%	GrayWolf 14.63 27% +1%	WorldCom 7.55 30% +1%
Boeing 35.42 48% +7%	Ivax 13.31 6% +1%	Inform 7.97 4% +1%
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Prices steady

An unexpected sharp increase in gasoline stocks drove futures prices for the fuel to their lowest level in nearly two years.

The American Petroleum Institute reported Tuesday that gasoline stocks increased by 3.656 million barrels over the past week at a time when the market was expecting little change in storage.

At the same time, crude oil stocks declined by 1.312 million barrels but remained ample. Heating oil stocks were down 846,000 barrels.

The January gasoline contract lost 0.99 cent and was down to 52.50 cents a gallon before rebounding somewhat.

The contract settled down 0.68 cent at 52.81 cents a gallon; January heating oil was 0.38 cent lower at 49.08 cents a gallon; and February crude oil was 4 cents higher at \$17.64 a barrel.

Dollar rises

NEW YORK — The dollar jumped to a 3 1/2-month high against the German mark and also rose vs. Japanese yen Wednesday, capping a year in which the U.S. currency thrived on the strength of America's economy.

In light New Year's Eve trading, the dollar gained from last-minute purchases by traders who anticipate further dollar gains as Japan and other Asian countries struggle to revive their sagging economies.

The dollar was quoted in late New York trading at 1.7987 marks, up from 1.7894 late Tuesday. The U.S. currency also settled at 130.42 yen, up from 130.13.

The U.S. currency also finished at a 2 1/2-month high of 1.4625 Swiss francs, up from 1.4543. It rose to more than a 3-month high of 6.0230 French francs from 5.9865. The dollar also reached a two-week high against the British pound, which settled at \$1.6517, down from \$1.6552.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Tuesday: 1,767 Italian lire, up from 1,759; and 1,4295 Canadian dollars, down from 1,4325.

Stocks sag

NEW YORK — Blue-chip shares sagged just as New Year's Eve arrived, but most stocks finished higher in a calm conclusion to a volatile, yet lucrative year.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell about 7 points to 7,908 after surmounting a 43-point gain, but still closed out the year with a robust 22.6 percent gain.

The blue-chip dominated Standard & Poor's 500 also stumbled over the final hour, but most broad-market measures posted modest gains.

All in all, however, the session was a non-event, with most investors looking forward to entering 1998 with a clean slate and most of 1997's gains intact.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 7.72 to 7,908.25, trimming 1997's gain to 1,459.98 points.

The Standard & Poor's 500-stock list fell 0.41 to 970.43, trimming this year's gain to 229.69, or 31 percent.

The Nasdaq composite index rose 5.33 to 1,570.36, boosting 1997's gain to 279.33 points, or 21.6 percent.

All three measures, which have more than doubled since the start of 1995, have now risen at least 20 percent for three consecutive years, an unprecedented string.

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More economic growth seen in 1998

■ Economic indicators promise more growth in 1998.

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market's major barometers ended 1997 with an unprecedented third straight year of 20 percent-plus gains and a new economic report indicated the growth will continue into the new year.

The milestones came on a day of listless trading on Wall Street after two days of more than 100-point gains. The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 7.72 to end the year at 7,908.25.

The blue-chip average still finished nearly 23 percent higher than 1996 and capped its best 10-year stretch in history.

ry by gaining more than 300 percent since 1987 — the year of the Black Monday crash.

Despite suffering the worst one-day drop ever on Oct. 27 and battling worries about the effects of Asia's economic troubles on U.S. companies, the market remained strong as investors expressed confidence that economic growth will continue in 1998.

That optimism was supported by today's report that a key measure of future economic activity rose for the fifth straight month in November, indicating that the economy will continue expanding into the early part of the new year.

In March, the economy will begin its eighth year of an expansion that already is the third-longest in U.S. history.

The Conference Board said the Index

of Leading Economic Indicators rose 0.1 percent to 104.6 in November, exceeding expectations that it would be unchanged from October.

The private research group said six of the 10 components in the leading index fell, adding a hint of caution to the report. But the board also said the rise in the overall leading index, taken together with gains in two companion indicators, "show a very healthy economy."

The board said big-ticket orders to manufacturers, excluding defense contracts, were the biggest contributor to November's rise in the leading index, followed by growth in the money supply.

But stock prices, hurt last month by worries about Asia, and new orders for consumer goods were among the index's six components that fell.

"I don't think we have to worry about that too much. The fact that it's up so many months in a row is an indication that the economy is in no danger of recession," said Christopher Low, senior economist at HSBC Securities.

The leading index rose 0.1 percent in October and 0.3 percent in September.

The board's index of coincident indicators, which looks at the economy's current condition, rose 0.5 percent in November. The lagging indicators index, which looks backwards, also rose 0.5 percent for the month.

While the leading index was first calculated in the late 1960s, it is periodically fine-tuned and figures from past years are revised. The most recent major change came last year, when the Conference Board eliminated two components and added one for a new total of 10.

Regulators rewrite bank regulations

■ Regulators rewrote banking laws, going where Congress feared to tread.

N.Y. Times News Service

WASHINGTON — Regulators stepped into the void created by Congress's failure to rewrite U.S. banking laws in 1997, issuing a stream of new rules that allow banks to march deep into new financial arenas.

In the last year U.S. banking regulators have more than doubled the amount of revenue affiliates of bank holding companies can earn from securities and created a regulatory system that could allow national banks to use subsidiaries to enter other markets. A.G. Edwards Inc., Principal Life Insurance Co. and other non-banking firms are trying crack the banking industry by using an existing law to open thrifts across the country.

The actions are the latest in a decade-long effort by regulators to slowly chip away at the walls that have separated banks from the rest of the financial world since the Great Depression. To break down the walls, regulators have simply taken a more liberal view of the existing statutes.

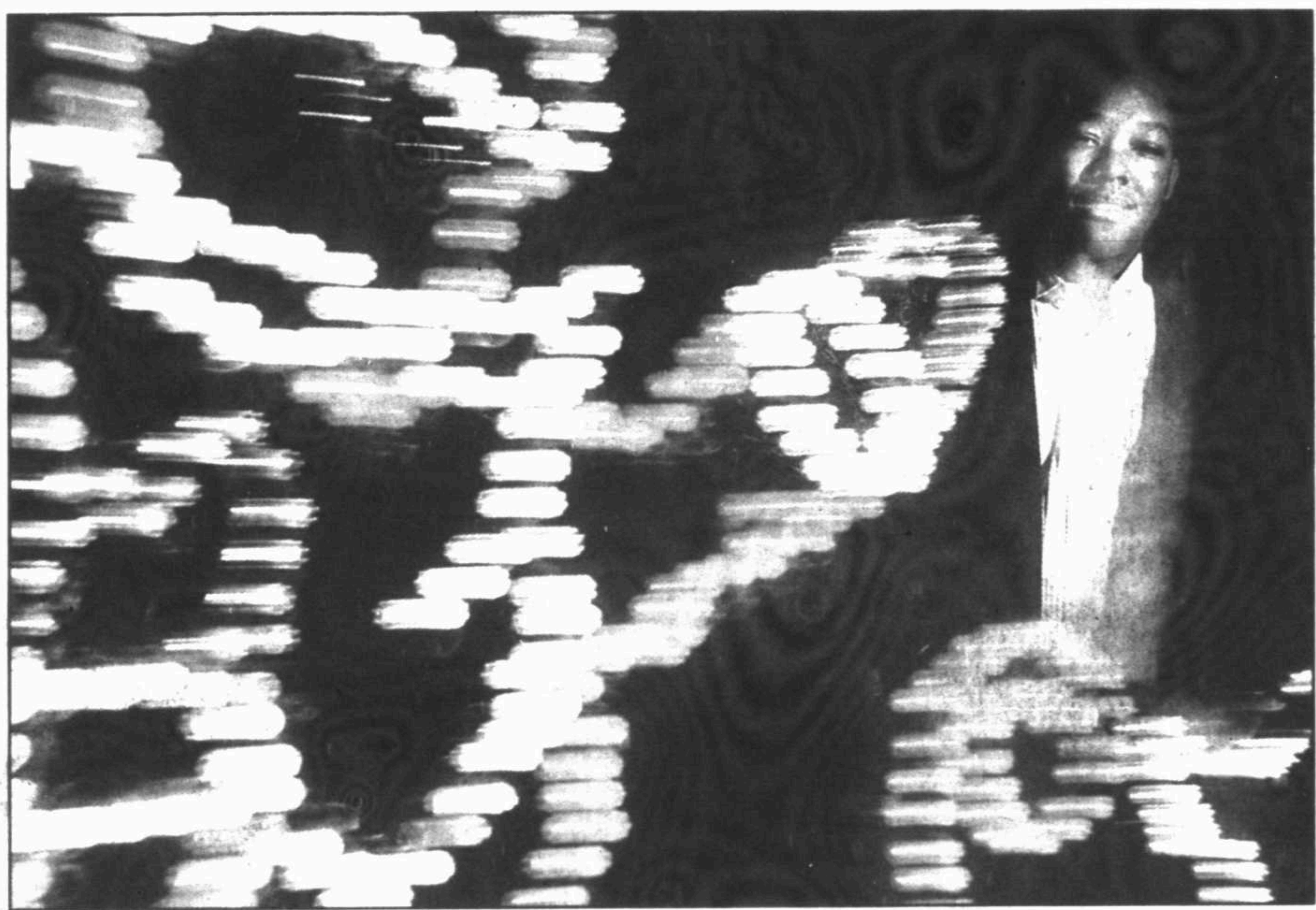
"I think it's the most aggressive period they (regulators) have had in terms of expanded service in the last 50 years," said William Seidman, the former head of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. "They have given banks enough new power and leeway that the need for legislation has been greatly decreased."

The Federal Reserve System took one of the most dramatic steps on Dec. 20, 1996. The central bank voted to more than double the amount of revenue that securities affiliates of bank holding companies can earn to 25 percent from 10 percent. The central bank first allowed bank holding companies limited entry into securities work in 1987.

The move has unleashed a flurry of acquisitions as banks used the new flexibility to snap up brokerage houses or expand their own operations. Since the Fed's vote, Bankers Trust New York Corp. has announced it's buying Alex. Brown Inc., NationsBank Corp. agreed to buy Montgomery Securities, and BankAmerica Corp. said it will buy Robertson Stephens & Co.

The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency created its own system to help the national banks under its jurisdiction to expand. U.S. banks are supervised by the OCC, the Federal Reserve, state banking agencies, or a combination of all three.

The federal agency will allow national banks to apply to establish new subsidiaries or expand existing subsidiaries to market new products and services. On Dec. 11, the OCC approved the first application under the system, granting Zions Bancorporation the right to underwrite the full range of municipal revenue bonds through a subsidiary.



Julian Samuels, the owner of Light Sculptures, a Christmas light decorations company, and Tech Stuff, a computer hardware company, poses with one of his creations in Arlington, Texas. Samuels, 17, is also a full-time high school student.

Student majors in entrepreneurship

■ Arlington student, 17, operates two businesses, goes to school full-time.

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Julian Samuels seldom has a free moment.

When he's not building light sculptures for his lawn decoration business, he's producing estimates for his computer supply company. He's also a full-time student who sings in a choir that performs frequently throughout the Arlington-D/FW area.

Julian is 17 years old.

"Each person has a special gift, and mine happens to be entrepreneurship," the Lamar High School senior said.

His business ventures began at age 11, Julian said, when he saw some light sculptures at a crafts show. He told the artists, Judy and Burl Hediger of Irving, that he wanted to learn to make the lawn decorations.

They at first didn't take him seriously, Mrs. Hediger said, figuring he would lose interest. But he asked until she relented.

"He was just a little fellow back then but he has a wonderful personality," she said. "His mother would bring him and drop him off, and I'd teach him to do the lights."

Julian eventually learned to weld together the 3/8-inch steel rods to form the frameworks, and he has come up with several design ideas. The frames are still built at the Irving site

by the Hedigers' crew, then Julian picks up the ones for his customers, brings them home and attaches the lights after school and on weekends.

Julian buys the frames from the Hedigers — and occasionally helps manufacture the forms — and keeps the profits from his sales.

So far this year, he has put lights on about 500 yard decorations, he said, using black plastic ties. He estimates he uses 20,000 lights each year in strings of 100 each.

The most expensive yard decoration he does is a five-car train that sells for \$1,700. Some run as low as \$150, he said, and a 1,000-light Santa-on-a-motorcycle decoration he recently designed retails for \$600.

He declined to reveal sales or earnings. Last year, he said, most of his earnings went back into the company for supplies and other expenses.

He also put some money in savings and in April used some as start-up for his computer supply business.

Tech Stuff is handled entirely through the Internet, he said. Julian sells new and used computers and related equipment to large companies but has virtually no overhead, he said, since he keeps nothing in stock.

When a potential customer asks for an estimate, Julian contacts a distributor and gets a price. He then tacks on a small percentage for himself and E-mails the estimate off to the customer.

His only completed sale so far was for 20 NEC computers to a large cor-

poration he declined to name. Were they aware they were dealing with a 17-year-old?

"Oh, they never had a clue," Julian said. "As far as they know, Julian Samuels is the head of some big corporation."

He said he plans to concentrate on his computer business once the holidays have passed, but right now he's busy filling Christmas orders for lawn decorations. His company handles customers in Arlington, he said, and he also does a thriving business in the Chicago area, where his grandmother lives.

He makes the sculptures here, he said, then rents a truck for delivery to Chicago. Although his is a one-man company, his goal is to open a factory here or in Chicago with 10 or 15 people welding the frames and another 20 or 30 people attaching lights.

"I want it so I don't have to do the work anymore," he said. "Before I pass away, I want to own the entire company."

His mother, Linda Samuels-Sims, has no doubt he'll do it.

"Since he's been in this world he's been thinking of ideas," she said. "Julian was born focused, and when he gets an idea he researches it and follows through. I try to guide him but he usually tells me what's going on."

He has a 14-year-old brother, she said, who is an honor student who loves basketball. Ms. Samuels-Sims, a sales analyst for American Airlines, said the business interest hasn't passed from her oldest son to her youngest.

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Some are better off buying business than starting one

By Eric Tyson

Q: I'm 43 years old and have a good nest egg stashed away and would like to own my own business. However, I'm not sure what business I'd like to go into, nor am I sure if I want to go through all the early stages of getting a business up and running. What do you think of buying a small business and the benefits of doing so?



Tyson

A: Many aspiring homeowners are happy to purchase an already-built home instead of building one from scratch. Why? Because building a home takes a lot of time, requires a lot of work and has a lot of potential for problems.

As with buying an existing home, there are a number of reasons why buying someone else's business is better for some entrepreneurs than trying to build one from the ground up.

First, buying an existing business is

generally less risky. After all, you're buying a business that has an operating history, an existing base of customers and a product or service with a demonstrated market.

Looking at historic financial statements also helps you make more accurate financial forecasts than you could with a start-up venture.

You must, however, do your homework when inspecting the financial statements of any business you're considering buying. Never buy a business based on appearances alone. More than a few small business owners who are selling have dressed things up to hide problems.

Another benefit of buying rather than creating a small business from scratch is the reduced start-up hassles and headaches. Running a business is always a juggling act, but in the start-up years you often have more balls in the air than at any other time in the business's life. Beyond formulating a business plan, in the early years you need to develop a marketing strategy, hire employees, locate space and possibly incorporate. Although you still need

a game plan when buying an existing business, part of what you're buying — if it's a good business — is a more-finished entity.

Buying an existing business makes even more sense if the business is complicated. For example, starting a house-painting business doesn't require much more than some new brushes and some painting know-how. By contrast, starting a manufacturing business from scratch probably would be riskier and perhaps foolhardy.

Another reason to buy a business is if you have the ability to identify one to which you can add value. Some business owners don't see the potential for growth or don't want to grow their business. They might be burned out, content with their current earnings or simply ready to retire.

Finding businesses where the potential exists to improve operating efficiency and to expand into new markets is not difficult. Relative to investing in stocks or real estate, it's easier for a business-minded person to find small companies that are undervalued.

However, just because you think you

see potential to improve a business, never pay a high price based on your expectations of being able to add its value. Even if you are correct about the potential, you shouldn't pay the current owner for the hard work and ingenuity you plan to bring to the business. And if you're wrong about its potential, you could grossly overpay for the business. Always offer a fair price based on the value of the business now.

Another reason to consider buying an existing business is that it's easier to get financing. Lenders and investors rightfully perceive more risk with a start-up business than with an established enterprise.

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The wallpaper "Soaring with Eagles" creates a visual impact that draws the viewer beyond the surface of a wall. Wallpaper murals are becoming a trend and are

usually less expensive than hand-painted murals. The wallpaper scenes can be installed to cover a wall, or can "bleed" into the ceiling and adjacent walls.

Photo courtesy of Environmental Graphics

Visually arresting touches

Staff Reports

Draping a colorful chenille throw across the foot of a bed, replacing finials on window treatments, grouping candle holders on a mantel — that's all it takes to add impact to some rooms. Another trend emerging — that can completely change the visual impact of a room — is to cover walls with scenic wallpaper.

The wallpaper trend in decorating is following on the heels of the renewed popularity of murals. Artists and wall-covering retailers across the nation are reporting a rising demand for both the hand-painted and pre-printed varieties.

Murals have been an important component of interior decorating since the early Chinese dynasties.

In addition to their aesthetic beauty, they can also be very effective at giving a room the feeling of expanded space. This technique, called "trompe l'oeil" (French for "fool the eye") draws the viewers' attention beyond the actual wall surface.

For example, a mural featuring architectural columns and a peaceful garden scene, will give even a small room the character of a charming veranda. A mural's design can reflect not only an individual's tastes, but also their interests and dreams.

For those on a limited budget, the effects of a mural can be achieved through the use of pre-printed murals. The wide selection of mostly photographic mural designs include scenic nature, sports, and outer space themes.

Designer Beth Cook of DW Wallcovering in South Bend, Indiana, said, "Pre-printed murals can solve a problem. For example, a room with a big, plain wall can have an outdoor scene that looks like something out of Field & Stream. Whenever a customer isn't sure what they want, I show them murals. That always opens up new ideas."

Most wallpaper murals can be purchased from local wallcovering retailers throughout the U.S. and Canada. They're printed by offset lithography, and applied like wallpaper. Installation takes only a few hours. They usually cost



Photo courtesy of Sears

less than \$100 for an 8-foot tall by 13-foot wide mural.

On the other hand, if money and time are more flexible, hand-painted murals are an alternative. The process is very similar to commissioning a work of art, Cook said. Size, design, overall effect, and price need to be determined once a suitable artist is found.

Scott Dawson is a Chicago artist who paints murals for homeowners. He said the murals can vary in size and complexity, depending on the client. "Sometimes it's a whole wall; sometimes just a vignette; sometimes (the image) bleeds across the walls and ceiling," Scott said, noting that some wallpaper can be expanded to achieve the same "bleeding" effect.

"My role is to realize the vision of the client," Dawson added. Because the images he paints are so specific to the homeowner, he said that the mural is not going to be there forever. "In many ways, painting murals (for homes) is a transitory art form; eventually, you know the image will be painted over."

Dawson's most complex mural project to date covered all four walls and the

ceiling of an infant's room. That project took weeks to complete at a cost of about \$9,000. Most artists agree that the average cost falls in the range of \$15 to \$25 per square foot, with some charging as high as \$200 per square foot. While the average hand-painted mural costs about \$5,000, simple scenes run as little as \$1,500.

Larry K. Martin, a wildlife artist internationally known for his work with limited edition Bradford Exchange collectibles, is now painting designs for wallcovering, including a mural entitled "Soaring with Eagles." The mural features two of eagles soaring over a mountain top. "I get a very pleasant feeling from seeing various adaptations of my work," he said.

Murals are also gaining in popularity for decorating outside the home. Maurice Murray, executive editor of The Wallpaper, a wallcovering industry journal, notes the growing use of printed murals "... in luxury commercial settings, although we're seeing more interest from other kinds of non-residential settings, such as health clubs, hotels, restaurants and the like."



Photo courtesy of Mervyn's of California

Sometimes it's the small objects that can really bring color to a room. Brightly-colored votive candle holders, above, can be clustered on mantels, or end tables to add some snap to rooms. Guardian angels, left center photo, in the form of cherub finials, are also seen in the pattern of the throw swag. The accents add a golden touch to living areas. A family room can be cheered up and given impact with small objects, including sofa pillows, candle holders, candy dishes and bowls holding potpourri. For bedrooms, add color by draping chenille throws at the foot of a bed or use window finials to create a new element of visual interest in the room.

SEEDS FOR THOUGHT

Time to plant fruit trees, berry vines

By Deborah A. Bengé Frost

The thought of fresh fruit picked from your own backyard is a temptation too great to pass up. Growing fruit in the home landscape can be successful if you select fruits that are easy to grow and require little room and care.



Bengé Frost

From now until late February, local garden centers should have fruit and berry vines available as container or bare root plants. In either case, they should be planted as soon as purchased. Dormant plants transplant easily as long as the roots are not allowed to dry out (by exposing them to light, air or temperature extremes) or exposing them to excess moisture.

Grapes, a good choice for the home landscape, can be trained to grow along a sunny wall or fence, or on an arbor or trellis. A vine grown along a fence can be controlled to take up very little space, and can hide or soften a plain or ugly spot. These vines can grow quickly, providing shade and beauty from arbors or trellises. Seedless grapes that can be grown in this area include Flame, Himrod, Reliance, Gloe-Jura and Venus.

Apples can be grown on dwarf rootstock to get smaller-sized trees. Look for trees that have been grafted onto special dwarfing rootstock, such as M-9 or M-26. These trees can be planted as close together as 5 feet. For a semi-dwarf tree (70 percent to 85 percent the size of regular apples trees), purchase trees that are grafted onto MM-111, M-106 or M-7 rootstock. These trees can be planted 10 to 15 feet apart. Dwarfing rootstock generally causes

trees to come into production sooner than normal-sized trees.

Apples can be espaliered — a type of training and pruning in plants growing along walls or fences — to further reduce the space they need for growing.

If peaches and other stone fruits are trained properly, they can be kept at an 8-foot height and 12-foot width. For a very dwarf stone fruit, try genetically dwarf peaches. These trees remain very small and fit nicely in limited spaces. They produce full-sized fruit on very small plants. Their small size even permits them to be grown in large containers. Two recommended varieties are Bonanza II and Early Golden Glory.

Container-grown citrus fruit is small and fun to grow. Satsuma orange, Meyer lemon and kumquat trees can all be grown in large containers on sunny patios or other sites. These trees remain quite small and can be kept in large containers for many years. They are evergreen, and have very fragrant spring blooms and brilliant fruit in the late fall and winter. Citrus is only available as container plants. Plants may be available in the winter, but more likely in the spring.

These particular citrus are very cold-tolerant and can remain outside except when the temperature drops to 28 degrees F. When weather this cold is forecast, move citrus someplace warmer; when the outdoors warms up again, move them back out into the sun.

The Oriental persimmon is a small, easy-to-grow, warm-climate tree that can be grown here. Some varieties of Oriental persimmons grow as tall as 40 feet, while others stay at less than 10 feet. Trees have large, dark green leaves that turn a brilliant orange and red in the fall. With age, the tree takes on an attractive gnarled appearance. When the fruit ripens in the fall, they hang in the tree like

large, bright orange ornaments. The delicious ripe fruit is high in vitamin A and can be left on the tree for some time without sacrificing quality.

Jujubes, also known as Chinese date, is another small tree that can be used as an ornamental. It grows about 30 feet tall and has small, dark-green glossy leaves. The branches have an interesting zigzag pattern and produce fruit that is 2- to 3-inches long and oval in shape. The fruit starts as light green; when it ripens, it turns mahogany brown. These trees are tough and can tolerate difficult soils and climates, and dry conditions. Two propagated varieties available are Li and Lang.

Pomegranates can be grown as large shrubs. Size is about 10 feet tall and 6 feet wide. Pomegranates are deciduous, with dark green, glossy leaves and large, brilliant orange-red flowers. They produce large red fruit in late summer and fall. The variety called Wonderful can be used for fruit production, since most of the other varieties are strictly ornamental shrubs.

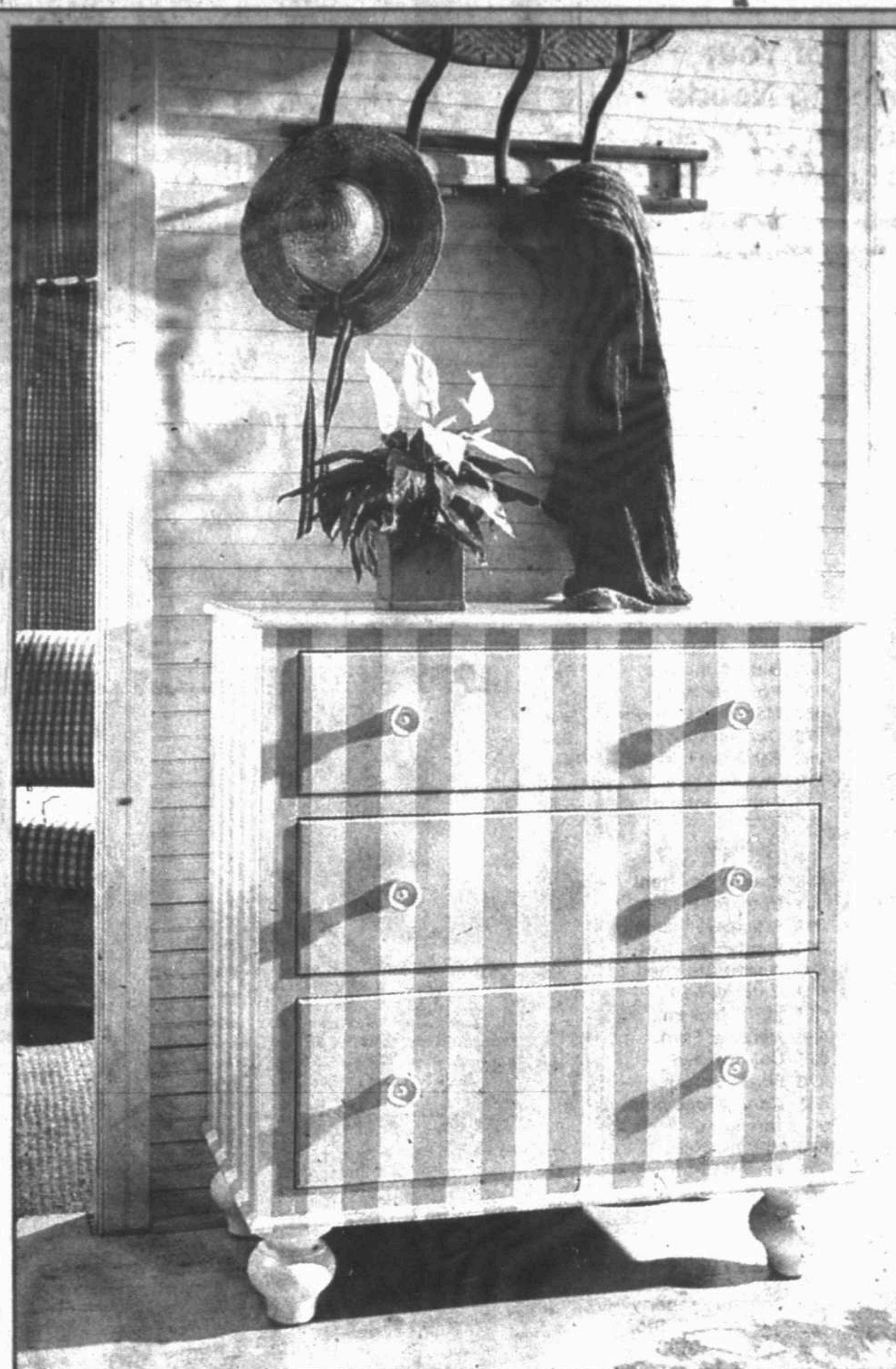
Figs can grow quite large if they are in a site that is protected from cold. If in such a site, the plant can be trained as an attractive small tree.

Most figs are grown as shrubs, since cold temperatures will kill above-ground stems. When used as shrubs, they can grow large and yield a delicious fruit. Varieties to try are Texas Ever bearing and Celeste.

These are just a few of the smaller landscape-friendly fruits to consider using in a smaller landscape.

For a more detailed list of recommended fruit varieties, call the Ector (498-4071) or Midland (687-1351) County Extension Offices.

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Furniture in lighter colors will beckon shoppers in spring. This dresser is painted with yellow and white stripes. Women, who do most of the furniture shopping, are driving the market toward lighter colors, lighter weights, and more whimsy and humor in design.

AP Photo

Furniture lightens up

By Barbara Mayer

Associated Press

Buying new furniture may be more fun than a poke in the eye with a sharp stick. But just barely.

Industry critics say shoppers are turned off by finding too much of the same thing on retail sales floors, too little help and guidance, and long waits for delivery, among other things. It's time to lighten up.

"Women who typically select most of the furniture especially do not enjoy the shopping experience," Judy George said at the fall furniture market in High Point, N.C.

George, president of Domain, a chain of 24 furniture stores in the northeast and midwest, had a lot of company at the market. It sometimes seemed that more energy was going into debating how to make furniture shopping more appealing than into reviewing new styles.

ECONOMICS IS BEHIND the soul-searching. "The dollar amount of furniture sales is going up because people are buying better quality, but the number of units sold is going down," said financial analyst W.W. Epperson.

"With \$52.4 billion in sales projected for 1997, the industry will finish out the year 4.5 percent ahead of 1996 in terms of real growth," said Nancy High, marketing and communications director of the American Furniture Manufacturers Association. "But we would like to have more of the consumer's disposable dollars."

Change does not come easily to an industry whose products are heavy and hard-to-move in both the physical and the psychological sense. But new ways of doing business are shouldering their way in. Some changes to look for include:

■ More places to buy, with catalogs, antiques shops, chain stores and even the Internet getting into the act.

■ More functional designs to meet new needs for storage and home offices.

■ More pieces that are romantic, by association with a famous place or name and in the design itself.

■ More services, such as immediate or expedited delivery and design guidance.

■ More women on the scene, both as salespersons and calling the shots in the executive suite.

The emphasis will be on making the selection process more fun and less of a chore. Stores such

as Pottery Barn and Crate & Barrel and mail-order catalogs are leading the way with severely edited collections.

"They are highly focused so customers don't have to look at a lot and waste time," said Joann Barwick, a design consultant to Lexington Furniture Industries and a former editor of House Beautiful magazine.

Up to now, the furniture industry has been an old boy's club. The problem is that men and women have different furniture preferences.

"Women love light colors, painted finishes, and whimsy and humor in their furniture, and they strive for personal style when furnishing," said Barwick.

"Men like power beds, heavy, woodsy pieces and deep and bright colors. Since it's the women who are buying most of the furniture, their opinions should be listened to very carefully."

One man who gets it is Raymond Waites. His new Vintage Collection for Lane is meant to be set up as a boutique in a furniture store. It mimics a flea market with a jumble of items ranging from sofas, china and bed linens to wallpaper and rugs, plus a few original antiques.

Making shopping more enjoyable is not so difficult, Waites said. "Show stuff people want to buy and let them take it with them. Then put in something different so the store is always changing."

LaBarge gave consumers a chance to participate in the design process, previewing 40 pieces in its Magellan Collection in furniture stores in seven cities and eliminating 12 designs that didn't find favor with the public.

"These days, the industry is a little more willing to listen to anyone with new ideas," said Jena Hall, president of WITHIT (Women In The Home Industries Today). The new association was formed at the market to promote industry leadership roles for women.

DESPITE HAND-WRINGING, many market showrooms never looked better.

The showrooms themselves might arouse interest in new furniture by opening to the public on a limited basis, John Jokinen, president of E. J. Victor, suggested.

"People would still buy from their local furniture store," Jokinen said, "but those who were interested could come to see the spectacular displays."

DEAR ABBY

Wife learns to quell verbal abuse

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Like so many others, I have learned from you and your readers for years. I finally feel I must respond to a recent letter from a woman who described her husband as "good-looking, well-educated, clean, but also mean, bad-tempered, abusive, name-calling, complaining and usually absent." My husband also fits that description.



Van Buren

For years, I adjusted, adjusted and adjusted! Then, about a year and a half ago, I found a book at my bookstore by Patricia Evans called "The Verbally Abusive Relationship," which described my experience to a "T." My husband became angry when he saw me reading it, but I have used the suggested techniques with success.

Verbally abusive relationships are more prevalent than anyone suspects. We need to bring them out of the closet. Author Robert Fulghum said, "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will break our hearts."

Please, Abby, get the word out. There are far too many husbands out there like "Eager to Switch in Ohio's" and mine.

I'm grateful there is a forum such as your column for getting information like this to the public. Sign me ... I'D RATHER BE ALONE

DEAR I.R.B.A.: Although I have devoted much space to the problem of physical abuse, you have provided me with an opportunity to address the issue of verbal abuse — which is even more widespread.

Criticism and angry words can cut like a knife, leaving emotional wounds that fester and poison what should be loving relationships. Before speaking out in anger, it's better to ask oneself, "Is it true? Is it helpful? Is it kind? And what will I accomplish by saying this?" If the answer to any of those questions is negative, leave the room and cool off.

DEAR ABBY: I agree with your advice to tell children the truth about Santa Claus.

When a child first begins to question whether there really is a Santa Claus, it's time for the parent and child to have a heart-to-heart talk.

Almost 30 years ago, my mother was faced with this duty when my then 8-year-old brother began having doubts about Santa Claus. His friends were teasing him unmercifully because he still "believed," and shouting and shoving matches occurred. My mother sat down and told him the truth. My brother was heartbroken — so much so that, with tears streaming down his face, he wailed, "Oh Mama, why did you have to tell me NOW? Why didn't you just wait and let my WIFE tell me?"

Sixteen years later, my late father told this story at the rehearsal dinner the night before my brother's wedding. At the end of his toast, he welcomed the bride into the family by saying she was the best gift "Santa Claus" could have brought us.

Everyone shed happy tears that night! My brother and his wife have two little "believers" of their own now, and we all have a sweet memory to cherish. Sign me ... SANTA'S HELPER, MOBILE, ALA.

DEAR SANTA'S HELPER: Thank you for sharing this wonderful story.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 21-year-old Mormon girl who attended church every week until last March. I did not curse, drink or smoke, and I was a virgin. In March my life was turned upside down. I was raped. I couldn't believe this happened to me, but it did. I couldn't tell anyone — not my parents, not my church counselors, not my friends. My parents learned what had happened through the police.

I had filed a crime report, but I could not make myself sign the charges. The man who raped me wasn't charged since I didn't sign the papers, so he's walking around free to do it again.

I feel so used, so bad. I feel completely worthless, and I'm sure no one will ever want me. Because I couldn't face the church members, I quit going, and I don't know if I'll ever be able to attend worship services again. I feel too guilty to go back, although I know it wasn't my fault. Abby, I had always planned on being a virgin when I walked down the aisle. I didn't want this to happen, but it did, and now I don't know if I'm a virgin or not. I know this is a strange question, but I need to know. — RAPED VIRGIN

DEAR RAPED VIRGIN: You may no longer be a virgin, but because the act occurred against your will, the church may consider you still a virgin. In time you may be able to face your church counselors to inquire; meanwhile, call your local rape hot line, or the Rape Abuse Incest National Network (R.A.I.N.N.) — 1-800-656-HOPE (4673) — to be referred to your nearest rape treatment center. Don't delay.

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Wallpaper covers acres of blah white walls with texture, patterns

By Terry Trücco

N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — For some people, plain white walls signify a finished room. But for others, a white wall is a provocation, a gauntlet, a blank canvas that demands embellishment. "Most white walls look incomplete," said Michael Buchanan, a partner in Gornalnick & Buchanan, a New York design firm.

Decorative painting is one way to instill character and interest, but wallpaper can swiftly accomplish the task, and at a less intimidating cost. "Wallpaper brings texture and dimension to a room," Buchanan said. It enhances atmosphere and ambience. And when endowed with heavy ink, silky threads or a soft metallic glow, "wallpaper has a wonderful tactile quality you can actually see," he added.

An interior designer for nine years and a wallpaper enthusiast for considerably longer,

Buchanan, 34, is familiar with wallcoverings of all stripes, patterns and prices. With his partner, Barry Gornalnick, an architect, he has selected high-end toiles, damasks, metallics, prints, Georgian stripes and borders for apartments, country houses and corporate offices.

"Wallpaper can last 20 years without discoloring if it is hung properly and the room isn't heavily trafficked," Buchanan said. But when his brother in upstate New York bristled at \$1,500 for raffia paper for his living room, Buchanan found a large-pattern paper at Home Depot "with a vaguely Dutch colonial feel" for around \$100. "It accentuates the woodwork and the bronze foil on the ceiling," he said. "And it doesn't look inexpensive."

For many people, choosing wallpaper is one of decorating's more stressful experiences, fraught with anxiety over color, pattern and cost. Buchanan's nerve-soothing formula begins with advice on col-

or. In addition to ideas from books and magazines, "consider using the colors you like to wear," he advised, adding, "If you're dark and wear red as an accent, you might pick up a red accent in the room."

Colors fall into several areas: jewel tones; bright, cheerful beach tones; contemporary metallics and pearlescents, and bold graphics like blacks, whites and reds. Once you've determined your colors, be wary of variations within shades when you choose. "It's a big mistake to mix warm and cool tones," he said.

Though it is wise to steer clear of fashion papers that will quickly look out of date, hand-finished metallics, classic stripes, rich colors like chocolate brown, 1950s and '70s colors like chartreuse and tangerine, and chinoiserie motifs are currently popular. "There's going to be a swing back to Asian influence," Buchanan said.

Things to avoid include papers patterned with random splashes of

Paul Jenkins-style color, anything overtly trompe l'oeil, painted metallics, mass-market colors like dusty rose and cornflower blue, and poor simulations of animal skins. "Wallpaper should have good visual quality, like fine stationery," Buchanan said.

With thousands of wallpapers to choose from, Buchanan suggests visiting several sources and leafing through samples, particularly if you are shopping for a lower priced paper. "Good commercial papers are available, but you have to hunt for them," he said.

On a recent morning, Buchanan demonstrated how to hunt, ticking off lessons as if from a shopping list. His first stop was Gracious Home (1217 Third Ave.), where anyone can buy wallpapers on view in a large assortment of outsize books.

Then he visited several showrooms at the Decoration and Design Building (979 Third Ave.), where it is necessary to work with a designer or a decorating service,

like Design Professionals, to order wallpaper.

Though the books present papers and borders together, study them separately. Pointing to an attractive 1940s-style floral border that cost \$27.99 for a five-yard spool, Buchanan said, "This is nice if you use it with a painted wall instead of the coordinated paper they show." For children's rooms he suggested borders at chair-rail height "so kids can relate," and patterns they won't grow out of, like ticking stripes. In kitchens, trompe l'oeil patterns work "if you don't paper an entire wall," he said, and ceilings papered in metallics, Gothic-style patterns or pale solids that pick up a wall color "finish a room."

Choose washable vinyls or pre-treated papers for kitchens and bathrooms; waterproofing will discolor some papers. And considering wallpapering the closets. "A stripe or ticking will give them the feeling of an English hotel room," Buchanan said.

At the D&D Building, wallpapers are displayed on seven-foot-tall panels, which makes them easy to imagine on a wall.

Buchanan visited the showrooms of Waverly and F. Schumacher for English country wallpapers, Scalomandre for luxurious historical papers, Brunschwig & Fils for patterned papers, Larsen for cutting-edge designs and Clarence House for traditional stripes and toiles.

A final stop was the airy Donghia showroom, with a wall of elegantly dulled hand-finished metallic papers by Donghia and Anya Larkin.

The papers were expensive, in the range of \$100 a roll. "But you don't need to buy a lot," Buchanan said.

He suggested lining the inside of a Chinese cabinet, papering a niche on a wall or creating a metallic ceiling in a powder room. "You may only need four or five rolls," he said. "It's a lot of look for \$400."

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\$299⁰⁰ mo
INTEREST RATES AS LOW AS 2.9%

'98 CHEVY SILVERADO
Extended Cab 3 Door
Stk. #985446, VORTEC 5000 V8, AM/FM CASSETTE & CD PLAYER, AUTO. TRANS., 3RD DOOR OPTION, P/WINDOWS & LOCKS, TILT & CRUISE.
10.9% APR, 36 Mo. SmartBuy, \$500 Down + TT&L. Residual Value \$16,201.68, MSRP \$23,798.00, 12,000 Miles Per Year.

'98 CHEVY METRO 4-DR.
Sale Price \$12,825.00, Amount Financed \$12,325.00, 3.9%-60 Mo., \$500 Down + TT&L
GREAT FAMILY ECONOMY CAR!

\$247¹² mo
Low Interest Rates Do Not Apply To SmartBuy Contracts

'98 CHEVY PRIZM 4-DR.
36 Mo. SmartBuy, 8.15% APR, \$500 Down + TT&L. Low Mile Plan. MSRP \$14,590.00, Residual Value \$8,159.20.
MANY TO CHOOSE FROM!

\$294⁵⁸ mo
HURRY! ALL LOW INTEREST RATES & REBATES END JAN. 5

'98 CHEVY MALIBU 4-DR.
Sale Price \$17,755.93, Residual Value \$11,284.00 on 36mo. SmartBuy. 9.95% on the Low Mileage Plan.
LOTS OF CAR! LOW PAYMENT!

\$340⁰⁰ mo
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'98 CHEVY 4-DR. BLAZER
Stk. #985066, VORTEC 4300 V6, AM/FM STEREO CD PLAYER, LS TRIM PKG., PWR. WINDOWS, LOCKS, MIRRORS & MORE.
36 Mo. SmartBuy, 9.9% APR, \$500 Down + TT&L. Residual Value \$17,319.96. MSRP \$26,092. 12,000 Miles

\$254²⁶ mo
HURRY! ALL LOW INTEREST RATES & REBATES END JAN. 5

'98 CHEVY CAVALIER 2-DR.
Sale Price \$14,340.00, Amount Financed \$13,840.00, 3.9%-60 Mo., \$500 Down + TT&L
GREAT SELECTION NOW!

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310 General Help Wanted	310 General Help Wanted	310 General Help Wanted	310 General Help Wanted	310 General Help Wanted
MAMA BEAR'S COTTAGE Child Care seeking person who enjoys working with infants & toddlers. Full or part time. Monday-Friday. High school diploma and child care references required. Call 684-8270.	NEED CLEANING technician with flood restoration experience. Good benefits & health insurance. Send resume to: Box S-1044, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.	PARKING GARAGE Attendant. Drug test required. Good math skills. Some computer skills helpful. Retirees welcome. Call Don at 682-3532.	PINOCCHIO'S PIZZA is now hiring for Customer Service Representative. Part time hours. Some computer experience helpful. Please apply in person, 3303 N. Midland, San Miguel Square Shopping Center. No phone calls please.	PINOCCHIO'S PIZZA now interviewing for Assistant Manager. Great opportunity. upward mobility. Please apply in person at 3303 N. Midland, San Miguel Square Shopping Center. No phone calls please.
MECHANIC/ Mechanic Helper/ Hands: Apply in person, Patriot Oil, I-20 & Midland.	NOW LEASING two hair stations, call for more information. 697-1924.	PARTS PERSON needed. Computer experience preferred. Apply in person, Bob's Rental Center, 2700 S. Highway 349.	WAITSTAFF. LUNCHES Only. great tips, will train. Mr. Reuben's Restaurant 3205 W. Culbert.	

311 Medical Help Wanted

"MEDICAL"
DYNAMIC Medical Management Company poised for growth. Begin the new year by joining the winning team:
MEDICAL FRONT OFFICE: fast paced physician offices need experienced receptionists. Computer experience preferred. VERTSYS Meds II or Medical Manager software a plus.
BILLING/ COLLECTIONS: computer literate, detail person. Good people skills, team player, bilingual a plus.
LVN: experienced nurses to assist with routine in-office procedures. Self-starters with ability to effectively educate and communicate with patients. Bilingual a plus.
ACCOUNTING: detail oriented person with background in payroll & related taxes, accounts payable & receivables, bank reconciliations. Computer literate with heavy experience in spreadsheet analysis.

Require team players with good people skills, flexibility & professional follow through! Bilingual a plus! Send resumes and salary requirements in confidence to Personnel, P.O. Box 4846, Midland, Texas 79704 or fax 915-687-3154.

312 Professional Help Wanted

Accountant/ Accounting Coordinator

Reports to CFO. General Ledger, Payroll, Sales Tax, analytical experience and familiarity with Excel required. Use of computerized accounting package required. Minimum of 18 hours of college accounting or equivalent experience required. Must be bondable.

No phone calls. Resumes only:
 CFO
 P.O. Box 4096
 Midland, Texas 79704

310 General Help Wanted

RECEPTIONIST: File Clerk/ Administrative assistant, with opportunity to advance to engineering tech position within small independent operating company. Position requires computer skills, preferably Office 97. Oil & Gas background preferred. Salary DOE. Please send resume to Box PJ-3003, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

REPRESENTATIVES

Needed: sell Avon part time/ full time. Great earnings. Call Verla 520-0119, Independent Rep.

RESTAURANT: Cattle Baron is now hiring Cooks, Servers, Buses. Benefits available. Apply in person only, Cattle Baron, 418 W. Wadley, Midland.

SERVICE TECHNICIAN: A new position is available for the qualified candidate who has experience in office machine service. Trained and experienced individual preferred, but will consider applicant with strong electro-mechanical aptitude. Salary commensurate with ability. 570-8239.

SHOP FOREMAN: Supervisor for small gas compressor operation. 15-20 years experience in small to medium size gas engine compressors and fabrication required. A "hands-on" job. Some college preferred. Send resume to Shop Foreman, 211 N. Colorado, Midland, Texas 79701.

TEXAS PAIS: Cleaning Services: needs temporary and full time, experienced cleaners. References required. Call 520-4050.

WANTED! CHEERLEADERS! Semi pro cheerleader is looking for cheerleaders (between ages of 19-25) for our 1998 football season. Serious inquiries only. Please call 699-6132.

311 Medical Help Wanted

LVN Private Duty
 *Current Texas State License
 *CPR Certification required
 *1 year experience required
 *Current Texas Driver's License
 *10 pm - 6 am

For more information, contact the ORH Home Care of Midland's Human Resources Department at 334-6387 EOE

311 Medical Help Wanted

Infusion Plus Home Care
 is seeking a highly motivated individual to do all aspects of Medicare "B" billing. Knowledge of DME and Certificates of Medical necessity a must. Excellent compensation depending upon experience.

✓ \$600 Sign-On Bonus
 ✓ 401K
 ✓ Major Medical
 ✓ RX Card
 ✓ Paid Vacation and Holidays
 ✓ Incentive Bonus

Send Resume:
 Attn: Billing Supervisor
 501 Andrews Highway
 Midland, TX 79701

RECEPTIONIST/ INSURANCE CLERK

Needed immediately for medical office in Midland. Medical Manager experience required, medical experience in radiology preferred. Excellent salary and benefits. Please send resume to: P.O. Box 14303, Odessa, Texas 79768-4303.

312 Professional Help Wanted

JIB CLERK: JIB experience required, must be computer literate and have knowledge of JOA's DOT's and value of taxes. Send resume & salary requirements: JIB Clerk, P.O. Box 2237, Midland, TX 79702-2237.

316 Sales Help Wanted

CELLULARONE
 A leader in the telecommunications field.
SALES COORDINATOR
 Expansion and growth require us to add to our staff. We are now accepting applications from energetic, enthusiastic, motivated people to work full time as our Sales Coordinator. This position's main focus will be managing inventory and it's associated components with a high level of accuracy and efficiency while at the same time promoting a positive work environment. Accounting or inventory control experience necessary. All interested persons please send resumes to: Human Resources SC, 4612 Billingsley, #36, Midland, Texas 79705 or fax to 915-520-0184.

NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

312 Professional Help Wanted

ACCOUNTANT

Dynamic home health agency is seeking an accounting professional.

◆ General Ledger
 ◆ Bank Reconciliation
 ◆ Financial Reporting
 ◆ Etc.

5+ years experience required, accounting degree preferred.

◆ Excellent Salary
 ◆ \$1,500 Sign-On Bonus
 ◆ 401K
 ◆ Major Medical
 ◆ RX Card
 ◆ Incentive Bonus
 ◆ Paid Vacation and Holidays

Send resume to:
 Attn: Controller
 501 Andrews Highway
 Midland, TX 79701

312 Professional Help Wanted

Nursefinders

**RNs up to \$37.50
 LVNs up to \$30.00
 ICU, ER, Telemetry
 Referral Bonus, Daily
 Pay. We provide
 Workman's Comp., and
 Liability Insurance.**

**Sign On Bonus
 \$200!
 580-3535**

*RN/ LVN

We need a nurse! Professional self motivated RN or LVN needed for a weekend contract position. Experience in home care preferred. All 686-0900 for more information or fax your resume to 686-0460.

CERTIFIED NURSES Aids, for all shifts. Weekend LVN's. Apply in person, Terrance Gardens Nursing Home, 2901 W. Ohio.

CHIROPRACTIC ASSISTANT: Experience preferred. Full time position. Monday-Friday and every third Saturday. Call Brandy at 684-5683.

CNA's: Manor Park, Inc. is accepting applications for CNA's starting at \$5.50 an hour for the following shifts: 2-10 pm and 4-9 pm in the nursing home unit, 6 am-2 pm and 2-10 pm in the Alzheimer's unit. The right candidate(s) must be dedicated to and enjoy caring for the elderly. Excellent benefits. Applications can be completed at 2208 N. Loop 250 West, Midland, Texas 79707 and returned to the attention of Donna Parker, EOE M/F.

FULL TIME RN, dialysis, or ICU experience: helpful. Good benefits and salary. Apply to Box PJ-3004, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

LVN CHARGE NURSE: Nights, 10 pm to 6 am. Please apply in person at 3203 Sage Street.

OFFICE CLERK: needed for busy physicians' office. Multi task position to include front and back office. Medical Manager experience needed. Send resume to Box PJ-3006, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

PART TIME PRN & LVN for Doctors office: Send resume to PJ-3005 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

RECEPTIONIST: Doctor's office needs dependable enthusiastic, articulate, person. Duties include heavy phones, appointment scheduling, insurance filing, and transcription. Must have good public relations skills, computer knowledge, ability to work independently as well as working with others. Apply in person at 1300 W. Wall.

RECEPTIONIST/ SECRETARY for Doctors office: fast paced with long hours. Medical experience preferred. Send resume to: Box PJ-3005, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

RNs, LVN's & CNA's: Experienced only apply. Contact Debbie or Archana. Apply in person. Midland Skilled Nursing Facility 3201 Sage or 682-5560.

DRAFTING: Experience in P & ID's, skid piping and pressure vessels. Send resume with salary history and requirements to: Draftsman, P.O. Box 60478, Midland, Texas 79711.

314 Clerical Help Wanted

*ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Well established local manufacturing company. Candidates must be efficient, organized, and have good communication skills. WordPerfect/Excel for Windows. Qualifications: multi-task oriented, good communication, spelling and grammar, reliable. Company offers benefits, 401K plan. Send resume with cover letter to: ATTN: DW, Hy-Bon Engineering, P.O. Box 4185, Midland, TX 79704.

***ASSISTANT TO THE FINANCE MANAGER:** Duties include: general office plus handling of health insurance, WordPerfect/Excel required. Please send your resume, salary requirements and references to: Jim Royce, P.O. Box 2237, Midland, TX 79702.

TOP REAL ESTATE firm needs top Secretary who can manage large office, work with 20+ agents. Excellent typing and organizational skills, computer knowledge essential. Benefits, salary DOE. Send resume to: Box E-2009, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

MANAGER TRAINEE needed for credit business. Salary negotiable with experience. Great benefit package. Must be willing to relocate. Send resume to: Manager Trainee, 305 Brown Street, Big Spring, Texas 79702, Attention Scott.

316 Sales Help Wanted

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Independent oil & gas company seeking executive secretary. Position requires computer skills, oil & gas background & preferred. Excellent salary and benefits. Send resume to Box S-1046, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

*Secretary/ Receptionist

Growing Company seeks hard working, fast learner to join team. Candidate must have verbal communication skills, telephone skills. Accurate typing a must. Helpful, Microsoft Word and Excel. Company offers good benefits. Reply to: Box 4812, Midland, Texas 79704.

NEW YEAR/NEW CAREER

◆ Secretary
 ◆ Word Processing
 ◆ Oil & Gas
 ◆ Never a fee
TEMPORARY RESOURCES
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FWA DRILLING COMPANY
 A UTI ENERGY
 is accepting applications for
**Experienced
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 Competitive wages and Benefits, Safety Incentive, Major Medical Insurance, Retirement Plan.
 Apply in person/ No phone calls
 8:30 am - 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
 Monday - Friday
 640 N. Loop 250 W., Midland, Texas
 EOE

316 Sales Help Wanted

MANAGER TRAINEE

National firm seeking Manager Trainee for production plant. Benefits, good pay and advancement opportunities. Candidates should be motivated, self starter, mechanically inclined and have supervisory abilities. Send resume to Box PJ-3002, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

RESTAURANT: Jumburrito, Inc. seeks a high energy area manager with a proven record in fast food preferably Mexican cuisine. Total operations experience a must. Send resume to Jose Cuevas, 2600 W. Kansas, Midland, TX 79701.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted
 OIL FIELD Service Tech needed. Solids control and drilling instrumentation. Please call 561-8455 or fax resume to 561-5850.

320 Skilled Trades
 CERTIFIED MEDICAL Gas Brazer, El Paso \$25 an hour. Long Term. Please call 1-800-880-0594.

330 Employment Wanted
 ATTENTION: SMALL Operators. Do you want your company's operations handled by someone that knows what to do, when to do it, and how to do it, to assure your economical and complete cost in the Permian Basin? Registered Professional Petroleum Engineer, 915-694-1165.

335 Adult Care Needed
 NEED caring woman to live in and care for sick woman. Consists of evenings and weekends. \$650 cash monthly plus room & board. Lifting required. Call after 6 pm, 697-6154.

336 Adult Care Providers
 ADULT CARE: Very reasonable rates. Private room, bath, meals, maid, laundry service. Transportation provided. 687-6035.

336 Adult Care Providers
 CERTIFIED NURSES Aids to help your loved one with bath and personal care. Many years of experience with senior adults. Excellent references. 697-2624 or 520-4736.

336 Adult Care Providers
 WILL DO private duty in your home. Experienced, reasonable rates. Excellent references. 697-2624 or 520-4736.

336 Adult Care Providers
 INHOME CARE your locally owned sister service. If you need dependable help call 570-4475, ask for Tamara or Jackie. (Low Rates).

340 Child Care Needed
 HOUSE KEEPER for 4 "Pigs" 2 "Piglets" and 1 old "Grouch". Position requires general house keeping and child care for 18 month old & 6 year old. Separate living quarters available. Please write P.O. Box 60031, Midland, Texas 79711-0031 with salary requirements, references and contact information.

341 Child Care Providers
 TWO CARE givers. References, over 18 years experience. Transport, meals, days and nights. 694-4855.

341 Child Care Providers
 REGISTERED CHILD Care. Two opening available. Open Monday thru Friday 7:30 to 5:30. 689-0774.

350 Business Opportunities

 Occasionally ads found in this section come from distant points and the Midland Reporter-Telegram cannot always know the merits of the offers. We suggest when you are in doubt that you call the Better Business Bureau before signing any contract.

316 Sales Help Wanted
 HAMPTON INN: Midland, is looking for just the right person to take on the challenging task of establishing a sales and marketing department. Duties will include, calling on local businesses, close contact with the Chamber of Commerce, in house guest service, handling group reservations, negotiating special rate plans. Hospitality background preferred, but commitment to service is the key. Apply in person, 394 W. Wall, 9 am - 5 pm Monday-Friday.

316 Sales Help Wanted
 V.I.P. EMPLOYMENT SERVICES: Clerical and Industrial jobs available. Never a fee. Benefits. (915) 686-9722.

316 Sales Help Wanted
 OFFICE ASSISTANT: full time. Must be computer literate, have 10+ key typing and filing skills. This is a non-smoking office. Apply in person only, Snowwhite Laundry, 303 S. Terrell, Midland.

316 Sales Help Wanted
 ★ DP PERSONNEL ★
 Temp & Permanent Positions
 Benefits & Bonuses Available
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 Select Staff
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 EOE M/F/D/V

SALES COORDINATOR position in fast paced heavy equipment dealership. Established 20 years with benefit package. Sales related duties such as contracts, inventory control, locating, ordering, shipping equipment. Typing and computer literate. Salary DOE. Send resume to Box S-1048, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

318 Management Help Wanted
 MANAGER TRAINEE needed for credit business. Salary negotiable with experience. Great benefit package. Must be willing to relocate. Send resume to: Manager Trainee, 305 Brown Street, Big Spring, Texas 79702, Attention Scott.

318 Management Help Wanted
 WELL ESTABLISHED 24 hour Answering Service. Partial owner financing. 697-9445, leave name and phone number. Serious inquiries only.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

THREE CEMETARY Plots in Resthaven. \$2,500 for all. Call 687-2198.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

HERBALIFE & Natural etc

Independent Distributor. For products or opportunity call 689-HERBI.

80 WATT JVC Receiver, Sony CD player, two Boston acoustic speakers, \$300 firm. Call 685-0694.

★ BIBLE TALK: "What Does the Bible say about Homosexuality?" 520-0381. Free recorded message.

QUITTING BUSINESS SALE! Fixtures, equipment, supplies for gifts, flowers, jewelry, apparel and more! SonSilk's Gift Shop, 3001 W Loop 250 North (Near Mervyn's). 915-694-1602.

FIRST \$225. Takes Motorized treadmill, electronic display, 3 months old, new condition 687-6790.

BEANIE BABIES!! \$9 up, Peace, Tank, other retired Teeny Beanie's, Coca Cola. 694-4767 after 5.

NEW YEAR, After Christmas, pre-inventory, too much stuff to count. Antiques, collectibles, quilts, vintage clothing, jewelry, glassware, signs, old advertising, 50% off! Main Street Emporium, 113 Main St. Big Spring. Call 915-263-1212.

PUBLIC LIQUIDATION of quality used office furniture, restaurant equipment, estate pieces, vehicles: many other specialty items. Sales as follows: 2, 3, 4, & 5 Drawer letter/legal lateral file cabinets. Light, drafting, & conference tables, secretarial/ steno chairs, desks, metal work tables, bookcases, free file cabinets, accent tables, computers, printers, commercial plotter, calculators, typewriters, apartment size refrigerator, theater seats, glass showcases, computer typewriter tables, 6kw Onan diesel generator, ice cream freezer, pizza oven, french fry prep station, parts bins, 2.5 ton diesel international crew cab gang truck, 1977 Chevy van, 1969 GMC 9500 series diesel truck, 1990 Olds Cutlass, 1980 GMC bus with lift chair, 1972 VW bug, 1984 300ZX, 1985 300ZX, 1986 Chevy Camaro, 201 W. Washington, Midland, TX 79701. Open daily Monday-Friday, 8 am - 5 pm. 915-570-8592.

WILL PICK-UP Christmas trees for \$15 each call Norman 697-5768.

USED GIRLS Clothes. Assorted items. \$15. Call 683-9478 for more information.

STAIR STEPPER \$30, ski machine \$30, walk fit Nordic Track \$150, industrial sewing machine \$100, Columbia Glass 300 Industrial Blind Hammer sewing machine, with table \$367-0508.

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SIDE BY Side refrigerator, glass table with 6 chairs, 200 gallon fish aquarium, 3 regular size arcade games. 685-1222.

345 Misc. Wanted
 SOUTHWEST COMPANY Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687-5039.

INVESTOR WANTED \$18,000 five year secured note with 10% simple interest, debited from account monthly. Call Tommy 550-3320.

342 Household Furniture
 METAL BUNK BED bed, in good condition, \$100. Please call 683-7336.

QUEEN SIZE Sleeper sofa, recliner and treadmill. Call 570-5339 after 5pm.

2 WHITE IRON DAYBEDS \$150 Each. Call 520-5704 for more information.

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GET THE MOST \$\$ for your furniture, accessories, and antiques. Call Upturn Consignments, 404 Andrews Highway, Mon - Sat, 10 - 6. (915) 687-2004.

RATTAN DINING table with 6 Rattan swivel chairs, glass top. \$600 or best offer, 682-1955.

342 Household Furniture
 JUDY JACKSON'S Estate Sale. An experienced professional working for you! 689-3536, 682-6147.

342 Household Furniture
 THE CATS MEOW: 4000 sq. ft. of fine merchandise we buy and sell antiques. 408 Andrews Highway, Mon - Sat, 10 - 6. (915) 687-2004.

342 Household Furniture
 BOSTON TERRIER PUPPY. \$200. Papers. Call 689-8893 for more information.

342 Household Furniture
 DALMATIAN PUPPIES, seven weeks old. \$50. Please call 689-0477.

342 Household Furniture
 SPRINGER SPANIEL puppies. AKC. 6 weeks, ready now! Black/ White, Liver/ White. \$250/ \$350. 682-2929.

342 Household Furniture
 ADORABLE AKC registered Lhasa Apso puppies, \$250 each. Will be ready on January 3rd, 1998. Parents on premises. Call 689-0991.

342 Household Furniture
 REGISTERED MINIATURE Dachshund, Male 13 Months. \$200. Also, Miniature Male Dachshund, 9 months. \$75. 915-756-2258.

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79703 GARAGE SALE ZIP CODES

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79706
 MATTRESS sets, dinette sets, bunk beds, daybeds and Futon couches. Reasonable prices and Selling. 687-3040, 687-2868, 694-5034.

432 Household Furniture
 LAZY BOY SECTIONAL queen sleeper with recliner, like new. \$500. Call 687-5103.

432 Household Furniture
 KING SIZE brass headboard, \$200. King size frame, \$30. 5 Drawer Cherrywood chest, \$200. Excellent. 685-1437.

432 Household Furniture
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432 Household Furniture
 GOLD REFRIGERATOR. Washer. Pastel sleeper sofa & loveseat. Chocolate color loveseat. Swivel baby crib. Bar stools. Console TV. Coffee Table. Bicycles. 694-3390.

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 RAINSOFT House Unit. water softener, 2 years old. take over payments. 694-8754.

432 Household Furniture
 G E WASHER & Dryer, good condition. \$125. Call 683-7917.

432 Household Furniture
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Wednesday's unlisted due: CROWN

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Thursday's unlisted due hint: BOBBY —

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