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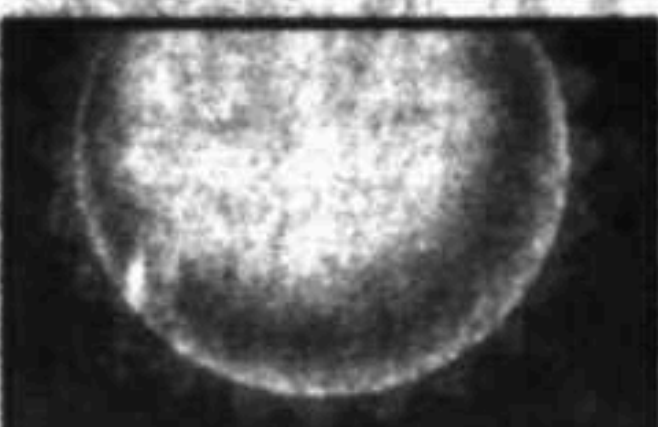
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Iraqi protest

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraqi and Arab workers burn the likeness of United States and Israeli flags as they chant slogans in support of Saddam Hussein during a demonstration in Baghdad on Sunday. Saudi Arabia's official news agency, for its part, urged Iraqis to overthrow President Saddam Hussein, saying he had killed and tortured thousands of his own people.

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Lamesa fatality

A Lamesa girl is dead following an one-vehicle rollover accident near Seminole.

Lisa Cuellar, 10, was pronounced dead at the scene by a Gaines County justice of the peace.

The accident occurred about 1 a.m. Sunday while the vehicle driven by Louis Linan Torres, 24, was northbound on County Road 433 about 16 miles southeast of Seminole.

The vehicle was moving at a high rate of speed and left the roadway, according to Department of Public Safety reports. The vehicle struck a utility pole and rolled once, coming to rest on the top, DPS troopers reported.

Torres and the other three passengers of the vehicle were treated and released from Medical Arts hospital in Lamesa.

The injured include Cynthia Cuellar Torres, 22; Michelle Torres, 4, and Louis Torres Jr., 5.

Investigators found that no one in the vehicle was wearing a seatbelt.

Jimmy Patterson:

It's hard to care about 2000 when '99 is a bigger concern.

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Mayor to lead rally for oil industry

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

Not content to fiddle around while the oil and gas industry burns, Midland City Council members will be offering their support for an upcoming march on the state capital.

The continuing hemorrhage of oil-related jobs in West Texas has gone unnoticed by state and federal lawmakers, local oil producers say, and Kermit oil producer John Bell is spearheading an industry-wide march in Austin on Jan. 18.

On Tuesday, the council will halt its regular meeting at 11 a.m. so that Mayor Bobby Burns and others can speak at a rally to raise local awareness of the upcoming march.

"We want to try and get as many people as possible to go to the state capital," said local independent oil producer Bob Landreth.

The rally will be at Centennial Plaza shortly after council adjourns for the break.

"I want to do whatever we can to open the eyes of Texas," Burns said of the rally.

"Oil prices are going to become critical in West Texas

"This is the lowest price we've ever seen for oil if you include inflation. Something's got to be done."

— Mayor Bobby Burns



...and we need to encourage strong leadership from Governor Bush if we are going to see some recovery," Burns said.

With \$8 per barrel oil, there are more and more wells in the Permian Basin and elsewhere that are becoming unprofitable to operate, and lawmakers must take notice before the industry is irreparably damaged, Landreth said.

"This is the lowest price we've ever seen for oil if you include inflation," Burns said. "Something's got to be done."

FIT OR FAD

Has fitness fetish of the '80s run its course?

In the 1980s, Americans flocked to fitness centers, pumping iron and dancing the pounds away in aerobics classes.

"Fitness is still building steam," said Sheldon Skinner, owner of Specialized Fitness, which offers a personal training service. "But it's diversifying and we don't do the same activities."

Steve Villalba, a fitness consultant at Results, said that the industry, which declined in the early 1990s, has been thriving again as baby boomers fight the aging process.

Membership at Results has ballooned from 800 in 1997-98 to 3,300 in 1998-99, he said.

Local gym operators say the methods for working the body are vastly different from 1981 when Olivia Newton-John, decked out in a leotard and lifting weights, got "Physical" in her music video set in a fitness center.

A Baby Boomer himself, local bodybuilding champion David Hickman has noticed more older people in the gym. Hickman, 44, is a firefighter with the Midland Fire Department and recently placed third in the Master's category at state bodybuilding competition.

Cardiovascular fitness is the driving force for older gym goers, Hickman said.

"Mostly older people are not into doing fitness for appearance's sake," he said.

Younger gym goers, just as before in the 1980s, are often seeking to improve their physique, he said.

J.R. Torres, fitness director at the Central YMCA, pointed out that fitness activities have evolved from lifting weights or jogging to group activities like spin classes where participants ride stationary bicycles, cardio-kickboxing or the newest one, Tae-Bo, which is a mixture of taekwon-do and boxing moves.

Villalba predicts that Tae-Bo will have a major impact on the industry. A video consultant at Hastings said that a number of cus-



More and people are paying attention to exercise and fitness. Melissa Brinker exercises at Central YMCA.

tomers have been asking about the new Tae-Bo tape.

"What it comes down to is, some exercise to get the heart rate up and something to keep people from being bored," said Steve Withrow, president and general manager of World Gym.

Amber Berry, accountant and

bookkeeper at Midland Fitness Center, said that she has noticed "college students ... the men mainly do the free weights and women mainly go to the cardiac area and use the treadmill and stairstepper machines."

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Story by Mella McEwen Photo by Curt Wilcott

High school home to variety of rare, precious artifacts

By Johnnye Montgomery

BIG SPRING — Winding through the halls of Big Spring High School is a museum that includes collections of irreplaceable high school yearbooks, every school newspaper, diplomas, photographs and archives of local newspapers.

Behind glass displays are band and cheerleaders' uniforms, award blankets and trophies, autographed footballs and baseballs. Here in safekeeping are student council's scrapbooks, a 1904 diploma signed by the Big Spring School District's first board president, Joseph Potton (whose house is now a museum itself).

The museum officially occupies an area approximately half the size of the library that abuts it in the center of the high school's 1968 addition.

But the museum's locked-up archives are merely the core around which the school has arranged galleries of photos, artwork and memorabilia that have grown along walls and shelves far beyond the library. From all indications the museum will continue to grow, aided by a strong association that maintains a computer base of graduates from which to draw support for the Big Spring High Hall of Fame, homecoming activities and reunions and other functions that often rival activities of college class reunions in both size and scope.

Craig Fischer, who came to Big Spring as director of student activities in 1972-73, was in on the start of the hall of fame. He said the plan was to raise community spirit and instill a sense of pride in the school.

"The school had only been having a homecoming every four years, and we decided to make it an annual homecoming. We wanted to make (the homecomings) something for the community, for the students and something for the ex-students. To do this, we decided to have a hall of fame, to recognize ex-students who had made a name for themselves while they were here, or who had gone on to make a name for themselves after graduating. "It has been a great success," he said. "We've continued it for 26 years."

The first hall of fame honorees were members of the 1953 Big Spring Steer football team, runner up for state that year. Subsequent honorees include state finalists in baseball, cross-country, golf, tennis, band, one-act play, art and literature and choir.

One year the honorees were 85 ex-students who had lost their lives in wars — two in World War I, 42 in World War II, 35 in Vietnam, and six in the Korean conflict. Also enshrined is Congressional Medal of Honor winner George O'Brien, who now lives in Midland.

National merit scholars, valedictorians and salutatorians, musicians, artists and politicians

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KWES-TV announces expansion of NewsWest 9 Sunrise program

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

KWES-TV, Channel 9, is expanding its daily news menu, hoping to satisfy what its managers see as a growing appetite for news.

"Research indicates that people are wanting additional news and weather," said John Foster, the station's general manager. "That's why we're making this commitment."

The station will expand its morning program, NewsWest 9 Sunrise to 90 minutes, which will air from 5:30 to 7 a.m.

The expanded newscast will give the station the opportunity for live reports and will include weather reports every five minutes.

Foster said information will also be pro-

vided on events scheduled for that day, such as a school board meeting or an organization's luncheon. Guests will also appear live on the broadcast, and other features include travel forecasts and business updates.

"This has been a project we've been working on for the last year," Foster said. "After research, (we) found that people want to know what happened overnight, and they want weather."

Viewers can watch the entire newscast or listen to as they get ready for work or to get their children off to school, he said. There will be audio tones preceding the weather report to notify viewers so they can stop what they're doing and watch the report.

"It's quite an undertaking in a market this size to put out a 90-minute newscast."

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KWES-TV9 will expand its news coverage as of Jan. 18: The morning newscast will be 1 1/2 hours long and the station will begin carrying a new state news program, "The News of Texas," at 5 a.m. and at 4:30 p.m. Producer Matt Karpawicz goes over story ideas with Gayle Hill, news director, second from right; Stephanie Rivas, left, producer of the 10 p.m. newscast; Jay Hendricks, anchor; and Hector Contreras, reporter.

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Iraq slams Kuwait, Saudi Arabia; calls for an end to embargo

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq's foreign minister on Sunday accused Saudi Arabia and Kuwait of actively supporting U.S.-British airstrikes last month and urged Arab governments to ignore U.N. sanctions against Iraq.

Saudi Arabia's official news agency, for its part, urged Iraqis to overthrow President Saddam Hussein, saying he had killed and tortured thousands of his own people.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa echoed that unprecedented appeal, saying that Saddam is "shaming the entire Arab region through his politics." His comments were to be published Monday in The Berliner Kurier newspaper.

The Saudi and Egyptian statements — the first direct call by Arab governments for Saddam's ouster — come a few days after Iraq's president exhorted Arabs to rise up against rulers "who boast of friendship with the United States."

The exchange marks an escalation in the already bitter feud between Iraq and Arab allies of the United States.

The Iraqi Parliament, meanwhile, backed off on threats regarding Kuwait on Sunday and adopted a vaguely worded state-



Iraqi and Arab workers chant anti-U.S. slogans and hold portraits of President Saddam Hussein during a demonstration in front of a U.N. building in Baghdad on Sunday. Banners read "Stop the Air Embargo."

ment in its latest spat with the United Nations.

In earlier weekend debates, legislators called on the government to rescind its 1994 recognition of Kuwait's borders and to stop honoring all U.N. resolutions related to Iraq.

But the statement adopted by Parliament merely called for further discussion "of unfair resolutions and measures which contravene international law and the U.N. charter."

Iraq was encouraged by popular protests throughout the Arab

world after the mid-December airstrikes, and it has been disheartened that its fellow Arab states did little to support it.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf said Kuwait and Saudi Arabia "have participated directly and effectively" in the U.S.-British attack, which targeted military and government buildings in Iraq.

Hundreds of American cruise missiles sailed through Kuwaiti air space during the bombardment, he told reporters.

Dozens of U.S. and British warplanes flew over Saudi Arabia and Kuwait during the four days of airstrikes, which came after U.N. weapons monitors said Iraq was blocking their work.

Also, U.S. and British aircraft patrolling a no-fly zone over southern Iraq operate from air bases in the two Persian Gulf states.

Sahhaf said Iraq will demand compensation from Kuwait and Saudi Arabia for "all physical, material and psychological damage" inflicted as a result of the southern no-fly zone.

The United States and Britain imposed no-fly zones over southern and northern Iraq in an effort to protect rebellious Shiite Iraqis in the south and Kurds in the north from Iraqi military assault.

Sahhaf added that U.S. aircraft dropped leaflets printed in Kuwait that urged soldiers in barracks in southern Iraq not to move from their positions.

Meanwhile, in a move that could ease tensions among the bickering neighbors, an official of a Persian Gulf country said that Saudi Arabia will propose an easing of sanctions against Iraq. The move was to be made later Sunday at a meeting of foreign ministers of six Persian Gulf nations. The official spoke on condition of anonymity.

Saudi Arabia was making the

proposal apparently to defuse popular opposition to the sanctions within Arab countries. The embargo has impoverished Iraq's once thriving middle class.

Sahhaf said the minimum step should be a unilateral lifting of sanctions by Arab countries.

U.N. resolutions say the sanctions will only be lifted after U.N. weapons monitors certify that Iraq is free of weapons of mass destruction. The sanctions were imposed after Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait, which triggered the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

Netanyahu says Arafat won't determine borders of Israel

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu took a hard line Sunday on Palestinian statehood, telling his Cabinet that the Palestinians will not be allowed to determine Israel's borders.

"We will not allow Arafat and the Palestinians to determine the borders of our state and the future of our capital," he told his ministers, according to a statement released afterward.

A senior Palestinian official, meanwhile, insisted Palestinians would achieve an independent state with Jerusalem as its capital — something Israel has vowed never to allow.

In recent months, Palestinian plans to declare statehood have been a major point of contention. The Palestinians have said they have the right to declare a state in May whether or not terms have been negotiated with Israel.

Israel has called that stance irresponsible and dangerous and demanded that Palestinian

leader Yasser Arafat stop talking about any unilateral statehood declaration.

Palestinians have recently toned down statehood talk, fearing that resulting Israeli security jitters would give a boost to Netanyahu in May 17 elections.

In the West Bank town of Ramallah, Palestinian parliament speaker Ahmed Qureia, also known as Abu Ala, criticized what he called Netanyahu's "arrogance and foolishness."

"We are ready and able to continue the struggle until our national rights are recognized — our independent Palestinian state with Jerusalem as our capital," he told lawmakers.

Meanwhile, former Prime Minister Shimon Peres told Israel's Channel Two television that Arafat had expressed willingness to put off plans to declare statehood if peace talks resume. Arafat aides refused to confirm or deny that.

The increasingly bitter statehood debate comes as the U.S.-brokered Wye River peace accords, signed in October, continue to founder. Israel called off a promised troop withdrawal last month, citing what it said were Palestinian violations of the accord. The Palestinians deny violating the agreement, and say they will not meet new terms set by Israel.

U.S. mediator Dennis Ross was due in the region Monday to try to help get the accord back on track.

Although Israel's troop withdrawals from the West Bank have been put on hold, the director of Israel's finance ministry, Ben-Tsion Zilberfarb, traveled to Washington on Sunday to request \$1.2 million in aid pledged to Israel to cover costs in the implementation of the peace accord.

Also Sunday, Palestinians marched in the West Bank town of Hebron to protest a curfew in the city's downtown.

Kosovo monitors work to free Yugoslav soldiers, prevent attack

STARI TRG, Yugoslavia (AP) — Yugoslav armored vehicles and troops stood on alert near this northern village Sunday while international monitors tried to avert an explosion of the Kosovo crisis, urging ethnic Albanian rebels to free eight captive soldiers.

Reflecting fears that the talks' failure could prompt an all-out government offensive, NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana appealed in Brussels, Belgium, for the soldiers' release and called on both sides to show restraint.

A spokesman for the Kosovo

monitors expressed cautious optimism the mediation would succeed in heading off a military showdown. Still, there was no sign Sunday night of a resolution of the weekend-long talks.

Yugoslav Army forces pulled back their armor a half-mile Sunday, a monitors' spokesman said, in an apparent signal of cooperation with negotiations.

The rebel Kosovo Liberation Army issued a statement Sunday night saying it would release the captives only when international mediators work out an agreement which includes "our soldiers and civilians."

"We've had signs that the situation could be calming down," said Heinz Nitsch, spokesman for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the group overseeing a peace agreement in Serbia's southern province.

He said OSCE verifiers had been holding negotiations since Saturday night "at the highest level."

Meanwhile, parents of the soldiers captured after Yugoslav officials said they took a wrong turn Friday into rebel territory began arriving, hopeful of a release. Rebels said the soldiers were in an armored vehicle that was firing on civilians.

A second day of retaliatory attacks on a rebel-held area to the east had been feared, but there was no evidence of fighting in that region.

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GOP says trial requires witnesses; White House wants quick end

WASHINGTON (AP) — The impeachment trial of President Clinton stirred strategists from both political parties Sunday, with Republicans pressing to hear testimony from Monica Lewinsky and other witnesses, and the White House taking the measure of public opinion and urging an early dismissal.

"It seems to me it is hard to have a trial without witnesses," Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said. If House prosecutors say they need live testimony, "It's going to be pretty hard for senators to vote against it."

Sen. John Breaux, D-La., warned that the witness problem could destroy the Senate's fragile mood of cooperation. "We are in a bipartisan mode for the opening kickoff, halftime is questionable and if we go into overtime, all bets are off," Breaux said.

Other Democrats said testimony could unnecessarily prolong the trial.

Meanwhile, White House

spokesman Jim Kennedy said Clinton plans to deliver the State of the Union speech as scheduled Jan. 19, even though the trial will be underway. "We have no intention of being diverted from that," he said.

House Republicans among the 13 who will prosecute the two articles of impeachment facing Clinton pressed for the right to call witnesses. They put Ms. Lewinsky, the former White House intern whose affair with Clinton triggered the case, at the top of the list.

She's the key witness, said Rep. James Rogan, R-Calif., on ABC's "This Week." "She ought to be the one to present the story," Breaux and Hatch also appeared on ABC.

A carefully crafted compromise on how the trial will proceed, which Senate Republicans and Democrats worked out last week, put off the witnesses question. Under the plan, the Senate will vote on whether to allow specific witnesses only after House prosecutors and the White House present their arguments and senators have a chance to ask questions.

That's about two weeks away.

Newsweek magazine reported in its edition on newsstands Monday that the House prosecutors have promised not to ask Ms. Lewinsky details about her sexual encounters with Clinton. Another of the prosecutors, Rep. Christopher Cannon, R-Utah, said on CNN's "Late Edition" that Ms. Lewinsky could be questioned "without dealing with any of the salacious material."

The prosecutors say they want to call Ms. Lewinsky, Clinton's personal secretary Betty Currie, his friend Vernon Jordan, White House aide Sidney Blumenthal and possibly other, unidentified women who have claimed that Clinton made sexual advances in the past.

Rep. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said he and his prosecutor colleagues could call six or seven witnesses and still finish their case by the middle of February.

White House lawyers would have the right to seek their own witnesses. But Kennedy said Sunday they still hope that after hear-

ing opening presentations the Senate will vote to dismiss the impeachment charges on the grounds they do not have enough to remove Clinton from office.

A Time/CNN poll released Saturday found that 62 percent do not believe Clinton should be removed from office, compared to 34 percent who believe the Senate should remove him.

The telephone survey of 1,067 people was taken Thursday and had a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The compromise provides for a motion to dismiss the charges after the initial presentations, but Sen. John Chafee, a Republican moderate from Rhode Island whose vote the Democrats would need to accomplish that, said it won't pass.

"I think that we want to hear this case out, and I think I'd be surprised if a motion to dismiss at that early stage prevailed," he said on NBC's "Meet the Press." Chafee said he would not support it.

Democrats have 45 seats in the

Senate, more than enough to defeat a vote to remove Clinton from office, which would require a two-thirds majority, or 67 of the 100 senators. A motion to dismiss would need 51 votes and so Democrats would need some Republican support.

The next stage of the trial is

Monday, when the House and the White House must file motions. On Thursday the House prosecutors begin what could be up to 24 hours of prosecution — Rep. Bill McCollum, R-Fla., said on CNN's "Late Edition" that they wouldn't need that much time — and then the White House would get 24 hours.

Monica Lewinsky's words will be central to both sides' case

WASHINGTON (AP) — When 100 senators sit in judgment of President Clinton this week, Monica Lewinsky's words will be the heart of the case against him — and the soul of his defense.

Even if the former White House intern is never called to the well of the Senate to testify in person, the version of events she told a grand jury will be crucial evidence.

The 13 House managers for the case will use Ms. Lewinsky's testimony to argue that Clinton lied under oath about details of their intimate contact and schemed to keep the affair out of court proceedings.

White House lawyers will counter with Ms. Lewinsky's spontaneous declaration to the grand jury: "No one ever asked me to lie."

At the same time, the White House will argue that even if true the charges aren't grave enough to justify ejecting a president from office.

To Americans who made up their minds long ago, it may seem nothing new can be said.

But the Senate must listen afresh, beginning Thursday, to

the evidence that persuaded a majority of House members to vote for impeachment. And if the senators agree to call witnesses, as Republicans on Sunday's television talk shows said they need to do, the case could take new twists.

"You can plan and plan, but trials have a life of their own," said New York University law professor Stephen Gillers. "Information pops up that you don't anticipate."

It would take 67 votes to convict the president. If all 55 Republicans want to oust him, the votes of 12 Democrats would be needed — an unlikely prospect.

The evidence the senators will consider is divided into two articles of impeachment. One alleges Clinton lied in his Aug. 17 testimony to a federal grand jury, the other that he tried to obstruct Paula Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit.

Most of the perjury allegations stem from Clinton's attempts to justify for the grand jury earlier testimony in the Jones lawsuit, where he claimed he couldn't remember being alone with Ms. Lewinsky and denied having "sexual relations" with her.

Senators will judge whether

Clinton was being tricky or simply dishonest with answers such as "It depends on how you define alone" and "It depends on what the meaning of the word 'is' is."

House managers also contend

Clinton lied about details of the sexual encounters.

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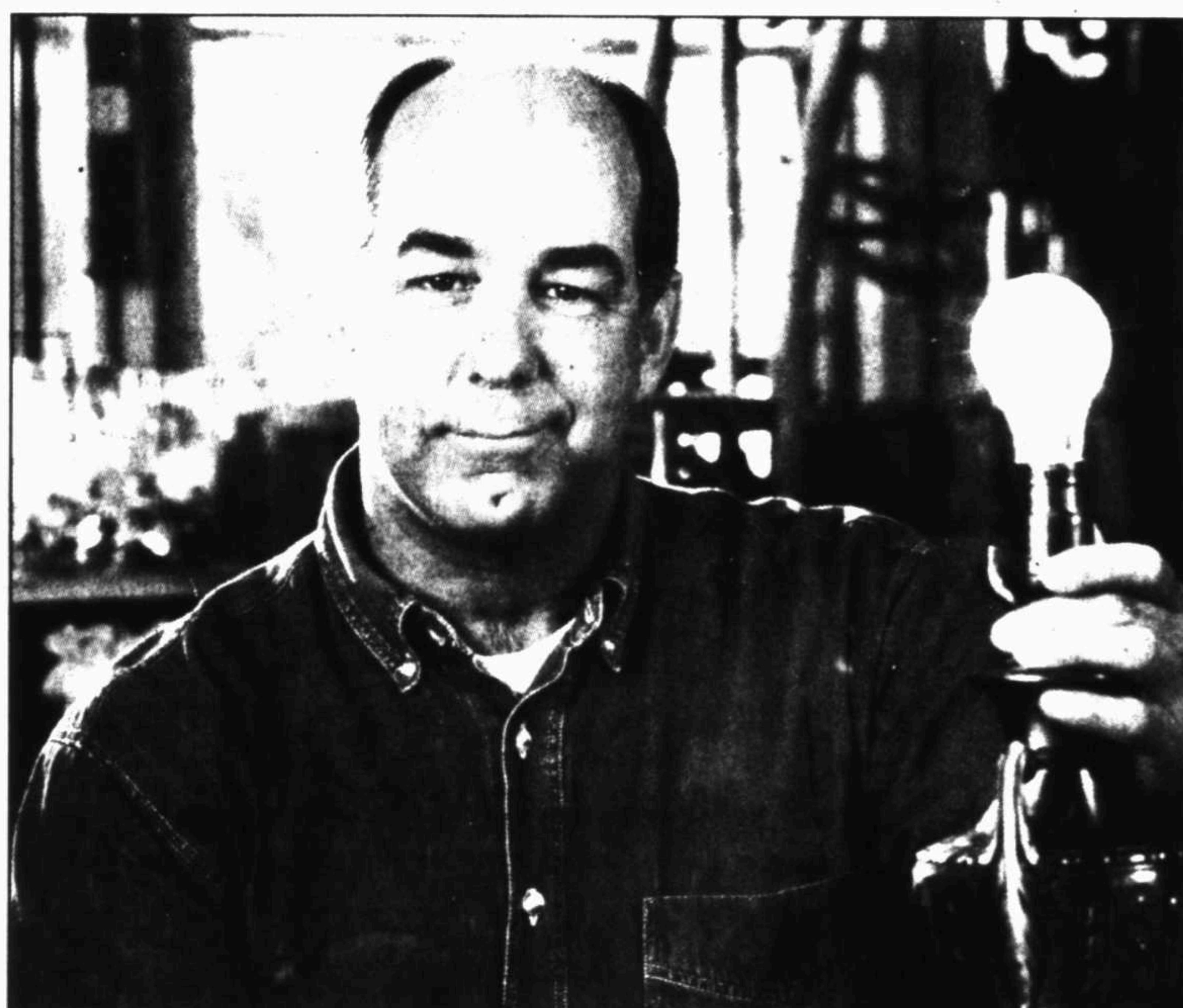
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Can surplus be used to boost accounts outside Social Security?

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton's advisers are considering how to use government surpluses to help Americans build new retirement savings accounts to supplement Social Security.

Lawmakers and congressional aides said Clinton advisers mentioned their interest in the idea of supplemental accounts at a meeting with House Democrats last week.

"They did indicate they were intrigued by the proposal," said Rep. Bob Matsui, D-Calif. He attended the meeting with top administration officials including White House chief of staff John Podesta and Lawrence Summers, the deputy Treasury secretary.

As Clinton's State of the Union address scheduled for Jan. 19 nears, the president is looking for ways to push forward reforms of the nation's retirement system without new political fights. Clinton has not yet indicated favor for a particular option.

Supplemental accounts wouldn't directly address the cash shortfall expected to face Social Security as the nation's huge baby boom generation retires. But they could help Americans be better prepared for retirement.

Plus, they have bipartisan backing.

Last year, important Republican committee chairmen — Delaware Sen. William Roth, of the Senate Finance Committee, and Ohio Rep. John Kasich, of the House Budget Committee — introduced plans to hand back surpluses to American workers in new retirement accounts they could invest for themselves on Wall Street.

House Democratic Leader Richard Gephardt of Missouri also has said he could support individual investment accounts as long as they were in addition to Social Security, not a replacement for it.

Such accounts might be similar to 401(k) investment plans that many companies offer their

employees. Government surpluses could be used to provide startup money, then again perhaps over the years to match some portions of workers' own contributions.

Many details would have to be worked out. Among the biggest: Who would be eligible for the government-subsidized accounts, everyone or just low-income Americans?

The idea also could meet with resistance because it would spend surpluses without actually doing anything to address how Social Security will pay benefits promised aging baby boomers.

"If we're going to have a new entitlement or a new social service program, I'd like to really focus on that separate and apart," said Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y. "But right now it's how the hell are you going to pay for the Social Security system."

Clinton is under increasing pressure from Republicans to present

a blueprint for Social Security reforms — and particularly how government surpluses would fit in. That's because his insistence the money be saved for Social Security is thwarting GOP desires to use it for tax cuts.

Advisers say the president worries, however, that by being too specific in the State of the Union address he might end up only encouraging lawmakers to take sides.

Gene Sperling, the president's top economic adviser, said Saturday the problem in moving forward is basically political. "The only way to get a full Social Security reform accomplished," Sperling said, "is if we can pull together some form of bipartisan spirit that would allow some of the tougher choices to be made together that may be too difficult for either party to make alone."

House Democrats said they have encouraged Clinton to hang

back and continue to pursue bipartisan talks.

At White House talks last month with Democrats and Republicans, Clinton joined an emerging consensus by tentatively endorsing the use of stock market investments to increase Social Security's money supply. The program's cash

reserves are invested in safe but low-yielding Treasury bonds.

Many Republicans would like to see a portion of the taxes now deducted from workers' paychecks for Social Security diverted instead to investment accounts that individual Americans would control.

Family members of Christian doomsday cult left in the dark

DENVER (AP) — Fourteen members of a doomsday cult deported from Israel spent Sunday holed up in hotel rooms as relatives waited anxiously in the downstairs lobby, hoping for some form of contact.

Mark Roggeman, a Denver police officer who studies cults while off duty, believes the 14 probably already have contacted their leader, Monte Kim Miller, 44, who has tight control over the Concerned Christians.

"Now that they're here, he's probably trying to figure out what to do with them," Roggeman said. "I think he'll probably try to send them to another country, maybe Greece or Mexico, but all we can do is wait and see."

The whereabouts of Miller, 44, were unknown.

The cult members arrived Saturday at Denver International Airport after being deported from Israel, where authorities accused them of plotting attacks in Jerusalem to hasten the return of Jesus Christ. No charges were filed.

Authorities worried that cult members were planning a mass suicide.

The cult members refused to meet with relatives at the airport. Private security officers are protecting their privacy.

About half a dozen relatives maintained a somber vigil in the

hotel's restaurant, hoping their family members who are in the cult would contact them.

"They are not giving up hope. As a parent, how can you?" said Sherry Clark, whose daughter is a member of the cult but was not among those deported.

Seventy-eight Concerned Chris-

tian cult members sold their belongings and left their jobs in October. When relatives and friends noticed the departures, they discovered the group believed that Denver would be destroyed by an earthquake that would signal the beginning of the apocalypse.

The group of 14 later appeared in

Jerusalem, while other members, ranging in age from infancy to 68, still are not accounted for.

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Hopwood fallout still draining higher education

The harsh reality of the Hopwood ruling — the case that ended affirmative action in admission and scholarship decisions three years ago at Texas public universities — is that the state has not resolved how to handle what was left in its wake.

When the Texas Legislature convenes in Austin on Jan. 20, one of the first items legislators need to address is stopping what is referred to as "the brain drain" — the number of talented minority students in Texas being lured away by universities in other states because Texas can't compete financially for them.

Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, said recently, "The harsh reality of Hopwood is that the next generation of Texans will have to live in a state where our best black and brown minds have to go to other states."

As a result, a bipartisan push is now under way to resolve the problem left for higher education in Texas by the Hopwood decision. One possibility is to increase the amount of money for financial aid as a means of enabling more minority students to attend college.

While students cannot receive grants based on race, proponents say they hope need-based financial aid will help minorities, many of whom come from low-income families.

There are other possibilities being mentioned too. One is an amendment to the appropriations bill to reward universities that have more low-income students.

Both of those ideas and others have merit. The point is that Texas legislators need to take action during this session of the legislature to stop "the brain drain." Texas needs all of its best minds.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Jan. 11, the 11th day of 1999. There are 354 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 11, 1964, U.S. Surgeon General Luther Terry issued the first government report saying smoking may be hazardous to one's health.

On this date:

In 1757, Alexander Hamilton, the first secretary of the U.S. Treasury, was born in the West Indies.

In 1805, the Michigan Territory was created.

In 1815, Sir John A. Macdonald, the first prime minister of Canada, was born in Glasgow, Scotland.

In 1861, Alabama seceded from the Union.

In 1913, the first sedan-type automobile, a Hudson, went on display at the 13th Automobile Show in New York.

In 1935, aviator Amelia Earhart began a trip from Honolulu to Oakland, Calif., that made her the first woman to fly solo across the Pacific Ocean.

In 1942, Japan declared war against the Netherlands, the same day that Japanese forces invaded the Dutch East Indies.

In 1943, the United States and Britain signed treaties relinquishing extraterritorial rights in China.

In 1973, owners of American League baseball teams voted to adopt the designated-hitter rule on a trial basis.

In 1977, France set off an international uproar by releasing Abu Daoud, a Palestinian suspected of involvement in the massacre of Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics.

In 1978, two Soviet cosmonauts aboard the Soyuz 27 capsule linked up with the Salyut Six orbiting space station, where the Soyuz 26 capsule was already docked.

Ten years ago: President Reagan bade the nation farewell in an address from the Oval Office.

Five years ago: NATO leaders concluded a summit in Belgium by warning Bosnian Serbs of their willingness to order bombing raids in former Yugoslavia to relieve embattled Muslim enclaves. President Clinton, who attended the summit, then traveled to the Czech Republic for a short visit.

One year ago: The Denver Broncos beat the Pittsburgh Steelers, 24-21, to win the American Football Conference Championship; the Green Bay Packers defeated the San Francisco 49ers, 23-10, to claim the National Football Conference Championship.

CAL THOMAS

Compassionate conservatism is redundant

The buzz phrase among some top Republicans in search of a message and a leader is "compassionate conservatism." The words suggest that true conservatism — smaller government, lower taxes, personal responsibility and accountability — is insensitive to the needs of people. In fact, real conservatism IS compassionate because it frees people from strangling government regulations, high taxes and oppressive bureaucracy, allowing them to develop to their full potential.

Some Republican governors are embracing "compassionate conservatism" with all the zeal of a New Age hugger. They apparently believe that the success of Bill Clinton's fraudulent domestic agenda — liberalism wrapped in a warm fuzzy blanket of phony concern for the little guy — can work for them. But Republicans will make a big mistake if they try to out-compassionate Democrats, who are the originators of touchy-feely politics and will always do it better.

Compassion means "sympathetic consciousness of others' distress together with a desire to alleviate it." What about the source of that distress? Would people be less distressed if they were allowed to keep more of the money they earn instead of turning so much over to government, which then does it out through programs, some of

which wouldn't be necessary if people had more of their own money to save and spend? Lower taxes could alleviate the need for a second wage-earner in many families, allowing one parent to stay home with the children.

Compassionate conservatism has found favor with a number of Republican governors, including Frank Keating (Oklahoma), Tom Ridge (Pennsylvania), Christine Todd Whitman (New Jersey), George W. Bush (Texas), George Pataki (New York) and James Gilmore (Virginia). Not all of these would rank high with every conservative. Some are social liberals. Many are talking dangerously of simply rearranging deck chairs on a ship with a Democrat captain. Many refuse to criticize big government, fearing that might sound uncompassionate. So they suggest different ways to spend money — instead of ways not to spend it and allow the people who make it to keep more of what they earn.

Gov. Gilmore told The Washington Post: "I'm not trying to grow or shrink bureaucracy. What I am attempting to do is to utilize government to do the right kind of things." In Gilmore's first year in office, the executive branch of Virginia government has increased by nearly 3,000 employees. Elected in a rare GOP sweep of statewide offices, Gilmore won because he promised to drastically reduce the state's hated personal property tax on automobiles. He delivered. Now he wants to spend the budget surplus on some programs favored by Democrats. He should look for more taxes to cut, reduce the size of government and spend less. When Republicans cut taxes, they do well. When they spend like Democrats, they do less well.



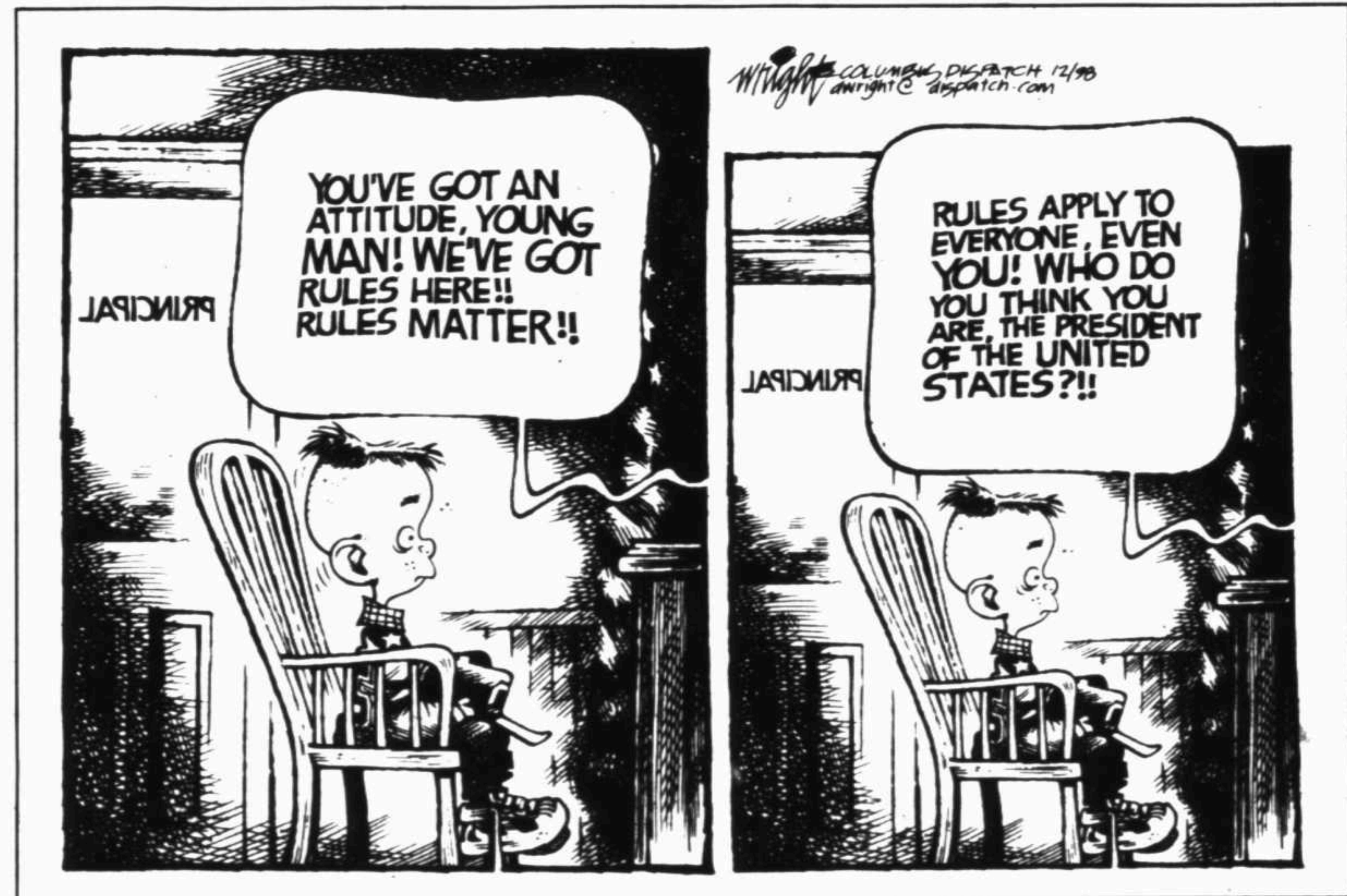
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Much of this posturing has to do with image. But the key to Republican success is not for Republicans to remake themselves in the image of Democrats. It is to change the people's image of government as the all-compassionate benefactor of humankind and dispenser of goodies.

Perhaps the GOP's greatest accomplishment of this decade has been welfare reform. Republican governors, because of their success in getting people off welfare and into real jobs, forced President Clinton to sign a welfare reform bill. Opponents forecasted starved bodies in the streets. It never happened. So who was more compassionate — big government dispensing government checks that froze people in their poverty, or Republican governors who helped welfare recipients achieve dignity by moving toward financial independence and breaking the government dependency cycle, freeing them to rise to their full potential?

If Republicans want to change the way people think about government, they will have to show what a free people can do with their own money and their own lives with small government. New House Speaker Dennis Hastert has said, "We need to return some of those (tax) dollars back to the taxpayers so they can spend their own money instead of having the bureaucrats spend it." Why don't Republicans showcase people whose lives are better because they have access to more of their own money and have started businesses and helped their own families? That's true compassion. It's also true conservatism.

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E.J. MONTINI

One lie now becomes multiplied by 100

In the time it took to say, "I do," the number of high-profile politicians who should be prosecuted for the crime of perjury rose by 100. The alleged crime happened on live TV, although you didn't see it.

Like all sensible Americans, you quit watching anything that had to do with impeachment months ago. That's OK, it's on tape.

Members of the U.S. Senate stood in front of Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist last week.

They had on dark suits and dark ties. They wore their dark dispositions on their sleeves and raised their right hands to heaven.

Speaking clearly and sternly, the chief justice asked them, "Do you solemnly swear that in all things appertaining to the trial of the impeachment of William Jefferson Clinton, president of the United States, now pending, you will do impartial justice according to the Constitution and laws: So help you God."

Not a single one of them dropped his arm or faked a sneeze or bent down to tie his shoe. None crossed his fingers behind his back (Probably because there were cameras in the back of the room, too). Instead, each senator answered, "I do."

Kenneth Starr is gonna need a whole lot more lawyers.

PLENTY OF EVIDENCE All the evidence needed to prosecute the alleged perjurers is on tape, and it's better than anything they've got on Bill Clinton. None of the suspects tried to be coy.

None tried to be evasive.

None even asked the chief justice for the definition of "impartial."

"I do," they said darkly, joining themselves in unholy matrimony with the devil himself, then dragging the rest of us to their wedding reception in hell.

You've asked them to stop what they're doing and they do it, anyway.

They have no choice, they say. The Constitution, which cannot be ignored, commands them to hold an impeachment trial.

You asked them to make the trial speedy and they drag it out. They have no choice, they say. The Constitution cannot be ignored.

You asked them to stop playing games, to stop acting like they don't have all the information they need,

to stop pretending they haven't already made up their minds.

They swear to God they are impartial.

TAUNTING LIKE A BULLY They're like the bully who taunts a smaller, weaker kid by repeating the last few words of everything he says, everything he says. Sometimes, even using the torment to twist the argument their way.

You say, "Under no circumstances do we want a long trial."

"Want a long trial," they answer.

You say, "We'd prefer you didn't call many witnesses."

"Call many witnesses," they answer.

"We don't want to listen to sex talk."

"Listen to sex talk."

"...or watch our politicians ignore real problems."

"Ignore real problems."

"...while you boldly and stupidly conduct a political vendetta."

"Conduct a political vendetta."

It's one thing to go after a guy because he's a Democrat and you're a Republican and you don't like him or what he stands for or how he acts. It's different when you take an oath.

Clinton didn't get into trouble for wagging his finger and saying on TV he didn't have sexual relations with that woman, Miss Lewinsky. It's the stuff he said under oath that got him impeached.

An oath very much like the one taken by senators last week.

In the dictionary on my desk, the definition of "impartial" is: "Favoring no one side or party more than another; without prejudice or bias; fair; just."

The definition of "perjury" is: "The willful telling of a lie while under lawful oath or affirmation to tell the truth in a matter material to the point of inquiry."

The president's Senate trial is just getting started and already there's a whole lot of lying going on.

I'd swear to it.

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CHARLEY REESE

Former Florida governor was a unique politician

I worked at one time for a Florida governor who had three qualities very unusual for a politician: He was honest, he was courageous and he had a great sense of humor.

It was his sense of humor that caused me the most headaches, because part of my job was to be concerned about his relations with the press. But he refused to cater to the press, and I loved him for it, despite the damage it caused him.

This former governor's name is Claude Kirk. He's retired now and to my knowledge is the only Florida governor since the War Between the States to leave office poorer than when he went in. Most Florida governors, like most politicians these days, have remarkable good luck with their investments and job offers after leaving office. But in politics, honesty is definitely not the best policy in a monetary sense. You get my drift, I'm sure.

One liberal editor of a major paper was particularly malicious in his constant attacks on the governor. I once told the governor, "Most of these guys are all ego and easy to flatter, so why don't you call (name excluded) now and then and ask his advice on some subject?"

"Why should I call (the editor)?" the governor replied. "I don't even like (the expletive deleted)." And that was the end of that topic.

Florida has a cabinet form of government, and the cabinet meetings are usually long, routine and dull. It was the custom at that time for The Associated Press or the United Press guy to sit through them and then share the story with the rest of the press corps.

Kirk, however, was unpredictable, so when he instructed me to inform the capitol press corps that he would make an important announcement at the next cabinet meeting, they had no choice but to show up.

I had asked him what he intended to announce.

"Well, if I don't tell you, then you can't tell them. Right?" he said with a smile. "Go post the notice."

The day of the cabinet meeting, the entire press corps showed up, visibly annoyed. The governor proceeded through the long, routine agenda with no hint at all about what his announcement would be. As the hours passed, the press corps was getting angry and restless.

Finally, after the last trivial item had been handled and some four and a half hours had passed, Governor Kirk said, "I now have a very important announcement to make. On the next Apollo mission, the astronauts are going carry real Florida orange juice instead of Tang." Then he abruptly left the room.

It was like a stun grenade had exploded. There was a second of silence. The journalists, their morning shot, stood there with their mouths open like dead fish. Then there was an eruption of profanity, cursing and tossing of notebooks as they stormed out of the room.

In the meantime, the governor was in his private office, where he was practically falling on the floor laughing. It is not a good idea for a politician to play practical jokes on the press, particularly a liberal press that didn't like the Republican governor to begin with.

But, by God, it was funny.

He showed the same courage on more serious occasions. When Rap Brown came to Florida, Kirk went to the city where he was speaking to a large crowd and, unannounced, walked through the crowd alone up to the stage, where he snatched the microphone out of Brown's hand and began to engage him and the audience in a debate. The "burn, baby, burn" demagogue was completely deflated. I've never seen Kirk's like again among politicians.

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Jennie Cope, of Saturday, January 11, 1999. Visitation will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 11, at the Harkey Funeral Home. Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 11, at the Church in Monah. Mel Irvin officiating. Followed by the Monah Cemetery under Harkey Funeral Home.

She was born in Purdon, Texas. M. Cope on August 11, 1924. She was a resident of Monah, a maker, and a member of the Monah Church.

BIG SPRING—76, died Saturday, Jan. 10, 1999, nursing home.

Graveside service 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 11, at the Memorial Park. Claude Craven officiating.

He was born July 19, 1922, in Illinois and worked as a Veteran Administrator. Upon retirement, he worked as a quarter horse and a cock county. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include: da Bruce of Big Spring; Bruce of Silsbee; Prescott of Oval; Kent of Amarillo; three great-nephews; three nephews; numerous great-nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Permian Basin, Midland, Texas 79701.

COLORADO CITY—McAdams, 68, of Spring, died Saturday, Jan. 10, 1999.

Funeral service Tuesday, Jan. 12, 1999, at 10 a.m. at the Welch Rosewell Funeral Home. Jake Chaney officiating.

He was born April 11, 1930, in Spring. He worked as a Garment Manufacturer, then he worked as a member of the Methodist Church. Lodge #3188.

Survivors include: Margie McAdams.

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OBITUARIES

Jennie Cope

Jennie Cope, of Monahans, died Saturday, January 9, 1999 at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa.

Visitation will be 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday, January 11, at the Harkey Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Monday, January 11, at the First Baptist Church in Monahans with the Rev. Mel Irvin officiating. Burial will follow at the Monahans Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Harkey Funeral Home.

She was born January 24, 1903, in Purdon, Texas. She married W. M. Cope on August 12, 1925 in Ada, Oklahoma. She was a long-time resident of Monahans, a homemaker, and a member of the First

Baptist Church, Monahans Chapter of Order of Eastern Star, and Past Matrons Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, W. M. Cope, on April 25, 1965.

Other survivors include one daughter, WynNelle Wright of San Angelo; one son, Bill Cope of Midland; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Monahans, or the charity of your choice.

Susie Chambers

Susie B. Chambers, 89, of Midland, Texas passed away Thursday, January 7, 1999 at a local hospital. Mrs. Chambers was born

May 24, 1909 in Robertson County, Texas to Cora and Richard Watson. She moved to Midland in 1952. She was a housewife and worked in several different homes. She had been ill for about two years. Before that time she was a very active member in the New Jerusalem Baptist Church.

Services are set for Monday, January 11, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. in the New Jerusalem Baptist Church with the Rev. John Campbell officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home & Chapel.

She is survived by seven sons: Marvin Grey, Ollie Chambers, Jr., and James Chambers, all of Dallas, Texas; Ivey Chambers and Dennis Jackson of Fort Worth,

Texas, and Roland Chambers and Glen Chambers, both of Midland, Texas; six daughters, Arlena Jefferson and Naomi Coleman, both of Midland, Texas; Vernel Autry of Graham, Texas; Alva Ward of Corpus Christi, Texas; two brothers, George Watson of Houston, Texas, and Richardson Watson of Belton, Texas; one sister, Jessie Edwards of Hearne, Texas; seventy grandchildren; one hundred and nine great-grandchildren; thirteen great-great-grandchildren; and a large group of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ollie Chambers; parents and eleven brothers and sisters.

DEATH NOTICE

Earl Bruce

BIG SPRING—Earl V. Bruce, 76, died Saturday, Jan. 9 at a local nursing home.

Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11 at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Dr. Claude Craven officiating.

He was born July 19, 1922 in Donley County. He also lived in Amarillo and worked 35 years for the Veteran Administration Medical Center. Upon retirement he raised quarter horses and lived in Glasscock County. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda Bruce of Big Spring; a son, Tim Bruce of Silsbee; a daughter, Jean Prescott of Ovalo; a sister, Sue Kent of Amarillo; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; three nephews and nieces; and numerous great-nieces and great-nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of the Permian Basin, P.O. Box 3389, Midland, Texas 79702.

Donald McAdams

COLORADO CITY—Donald G. McAdams, 68, formerly of Big Spring, died Saturday, Jan. 9, at his home.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Jake Chaney officiating. Burial will follow at the Loraine Cemetery.

He was born April 22, 1930 in Big Spring. He worked for his father, Garner McAdams, in oil field construction, then he worked for Cosden Oil & Refinery. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and Eagles Lodge #3188.

Survivors include his wife, Margie McAdams of Colorado

City; a son, Terry McAdams of Big Spring; six step-children, Robert Caswell of Georgia, Bimbo Caswell of Roby, John Tillis and Steve Moore, both of Colorado City, Tommy Hickson of Sweetwater, and Mark Gonzales of Mississippi; two grandchildren; 17 step-grandchildren; and two great-step-grandchildren.

Dora Esquivel

CRANE—Dora Esquivel, 74, died Sunday, Jan. 10 at her son's home.

Mass will be celebrated 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12 at Good Shepherd Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. Frank Chavez officiating. Burial will follow at the Crane County Cemetery. Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11 at the Richard W. Box Funeral Home

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She was born June 15, 1924 in

Sanderson. She lived in Crane 35

years, was a housewife, and a

member of the Good Shepherd

Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by

two sons, Jimmy Esquivel and

Jesse Esquivel.

Survivors include six daughters,

Elia Puga, Lupe Monreal, and

Rosa Neal, all of Midland, Martha

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rera of Snyder, and Mary Hmelek

of Berwick, Penn.; three sons,

Nicholas Esquivel of Crane, Julian

Esquivel of Houston, and Rudy

Esquivel of Kansas City, Mo.; a

sister, Kathrine Chavez of Fort

Stockton; two brothers, Arturo

Rodriguez and Chito Rodriguez,

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dren; and 11 great-grandchildren.



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May God bless you all!

POLICE REPORTS

Midland Police Department Friday

Theft: A flatbed trailer was taken from 1207 Estes Ave., reported at 3:30 p.m.

Saturday

Vandalism: A vehicle was damaged at a business at 2105 W. Florida Ave., reported at 4:05 p.m.

Vandalism: A vehicle was damaged at 212 Mitchell St., reported at 12 p.m.

Sunday

Burglary of vehicle: A car was

broken into in the 900 block of Fort Worth Avenue, reported at 1 a.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office Sunday

Vandalism: A vehicle was egged at 5007 W. CR116, reported at 8:37 a.m.

Possible arson: A vehicle burned at 3310 S. CR1214. No injuries were reported and Midland County Sheriff's Deputies are continuing to investigate the incident that happened at 2:38 p.m.



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DEAR ABBY

Resolutions can help families arm against drugs

DEAR ABBY: I need your help — and help from America's parents — in talking with their children about the dangers of drug abuse. From car crashes to lack of productivity in school and at work, to destroying friendships and families, children need to know what drugs REALLY mean.

As this new year begins, I'd like parents to resolve to do 10 specific things to keep their families drug-free. I call these the 1999 New Year's Resolutions to Raise Drug-Free Kids. Please share them with your readers, Abby. — **BARRY R. McCAFFREY, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY**

DEAR BARRY: The longest march begins with a single step. Your resolutions will help parents who are hesitant to discuss illegal drugs with their children. It's a vital dialogue to begin. A Newsweek survey of youth ages 11 to 17 found that parents (86 percent) and grandparents (56 percent) have the greatest influence on young people — more than TV, movies and music (which scored only 22 percent). Read on:

RESOLUTIONS FOR RAISING DRUG-FREE KIDS
1. **START:** It's never too early to discourage your children from trying drugs. Protect them by letting them know you care. Even with very young children, this plays an important role in pro-

tecting them from drugs. Resolve to start right now.

2. **CONNECT:** The new year is a time for new beginnings. Begin building lines of communication. Resolve to do things as a family. Spend time together, eat meals together and converse with your kids. Go sledding or skating, read together, play a game, attend services. Show your children that having fun doesn't require drugs.

3. **LISTEN:** Take a more active interest in your children's lives. Know what they're up to — what parties they're attending, with whom, what will be served and who will be supervising. Resolve to spend at least 30 minutes a week LISTENING to your kids' cares and concerns.

4. **EDUCATE:** Spend at least 30 minutes in the next 30 days explaining in simple facts to your kids how drugs can hurt them and destroy their dreams. Then, reinforce that message all year!

5. **CARE:** Spend at least a few minutes each day telling and showing your children you care about them. Make sure they know how proud you are they are drug-free. Tell them you are always there for them — no matter what happens. Make sure they know to come to you first for help or information.

6. **LEARN:** Children today are more sophisticated. In order to educate your children about the danger of drugs, you must first

educate yourself. In many cases, you and your children can learn side-by-side. Sit down together in the coming months and learn about the risks drugs pose.

7. **SET LIMITS:** Show your children you care by declaring limits: THIS family doesn't do drugs. THIS family doesn't hang around with people who do. Enforce these limits. If you say "no drinking and driving," it applies to you, too. Be consistent.

8. **GET INVOLVED:** Ensure that your community's streets, playgrounds and schools are safe and drug-free. Become active in your PTA. Start or join a commu-

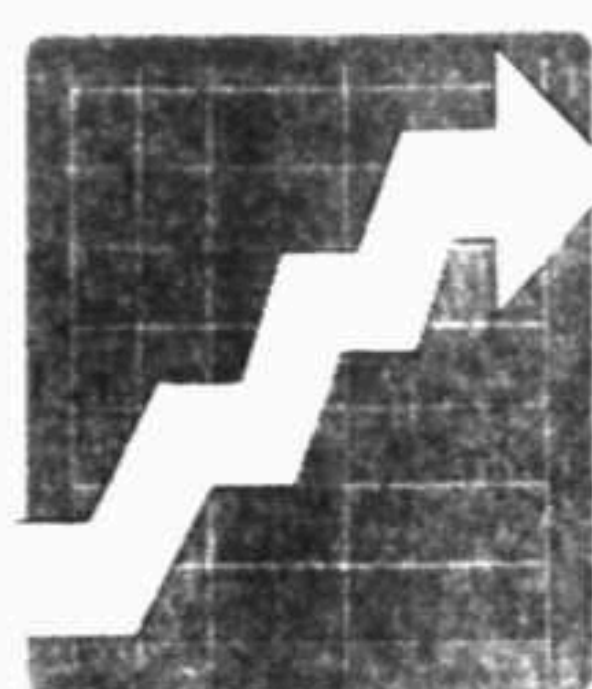
nity watch group or anti-drug coalition.

9. **LEAD:** Set an example. Don't drive drugged or drunk; don't let your friends drive impaired. If you, yourself, have a substance abuse problem, use the new year and the support of your loved ones to get help.

10. **BE AWARE:** Look for the warning signs that your child may be developing a substance abuse problem, and seek help.

READERS: Tomorrow I'll print the warning signs to look for.

Abigail Van Buren's column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.



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HUMOR ON THE SIDE

Religion for dinner

In the middle of a forest, there was a hunter who was suddenly confronted with a huge, mean bear. In all his fears, his attempt to shoot the bear was unsuccessful. He turned away and started to run as fast as he could. Finally, he ended up at the edge of a very steep cliff. His hopes were dim. But, he got on his knees, opened his arms and said, "My God! Please give this bear some religion!" Then, there was a lightning in the air and the bear stopped just a few feet short of the hunter. The bear was puzzled and looked up in the air and said, "My God! Thank you for the food I am about to receive..."

Late Night Lines

"According to a new survey, President Clinton is the most admired man living. This is a poll conducted by 'Just Kidding' magazine."
— Conan O'Brien

"Here's my prediction for 1999: at some point during the year, Dennis Rodman will do something weird."

"New Year's Eve is celebrated differently around the country. Here in New York City, people go to Times Square and watch the ball drop. In California, people go out to Malibu to watch Robert Downey Jr. drop."

"Earlier this morning, on the front page of one of the New York City papers, they had a full page photo of mice crawling around at a Dunkin' Donuts here in Manhattan. Mice inside the display case... Time to disinfect the donuts!"

"I was in Dunkin' Donuts earlier today and they tried to tell me that the mouse running around my box of donuts was part of a Disney promotion."

"Yesterday, five NFL coaches were fired. Next week they'll be tried by the Senate."

"The theme restaurants here in New York City...they're all going out of business. And you know why? Because nobody goes there, they're losing money. And so now I'm thinking to myself, great, now that these theme restaurants are out of business, where else are you going to go for a bad hamburger and a \$40 t-shirt."

"It's a busy time for Dick Clark. Thursday is New Year's Eve, and then after that he goes right down to Washington for Dick Clark's Rockin' Impeachment."

"President Clinton, you know, he's all smiles, all happy-go-lucky. Insiders claim that he's very depressed over this impeachment thing, and how could you blame the guy? I mean, here he is, getting impeached for heaven's sake, so depressed today that Patch Adams made a house call to the White House."

"Clinton had a nice Christmas. You know, he received the new 1999 White House intern calendar."

"We're getting more and more details about Christmas at the White House. For example, apparently President Clinton gave his wife Hillary an alarm clock. And I'm thinking, well, isn't that kind of an unnecessary gift. I mean, honestly, don't you believe she woke up to him years ago?"

"Clinton had an excuse for why he bought his wife such a cheap Christmas gift, the alarm clock. He said that he spent all of his chick' money on interns."
— David Letterman

Dave's Top 10

- "Things Overheard in Times Square"
10. "Attention, please -- for your safety, vomiting is restricted to 43rd Street only."
 9. "It's so cold the rat on my donut just froze."
 8. "Wasn't it nice of that man to park our car for us?"
 7. "I hear that one of the Giants wide receivers offered to drop the New Year's ball."
 6. "Of course the countdown confuses me -- I went to a NYC public high school."
 5. "1999 is only a half hour old and already I've been groped, mugged and pistol-whipped."
 4. "Who knew Mayor Giuliani could look so cute in a diaper and top hat?"
 3. "If only there were some sort of cheap novelty hats available."
 2. "Dick Clark says there are a lot more people than were here for the 1999 drop."
 1. "Thank God we're not at home watching Letterman."

MONDAY MORNING EDITOR
JIMMY PATTERSON

Ya'll come back now, y'hear?

Associated Press

NEWPORT, Ky. — A former inmate was so impressed with a Kentucky jail that he sent the county jailer a thank-you note and a \$200 check from his home in Germany.

"The treatment by the officers was absolutely flawless; their way of executing their job was very friendly, although very strict," wrote Jost-

Burkhard Anderhub. "I think I can be regarded as lucky to have been imprisoned (in Campbell County) — I do not think that I would have met equal situation at another place."

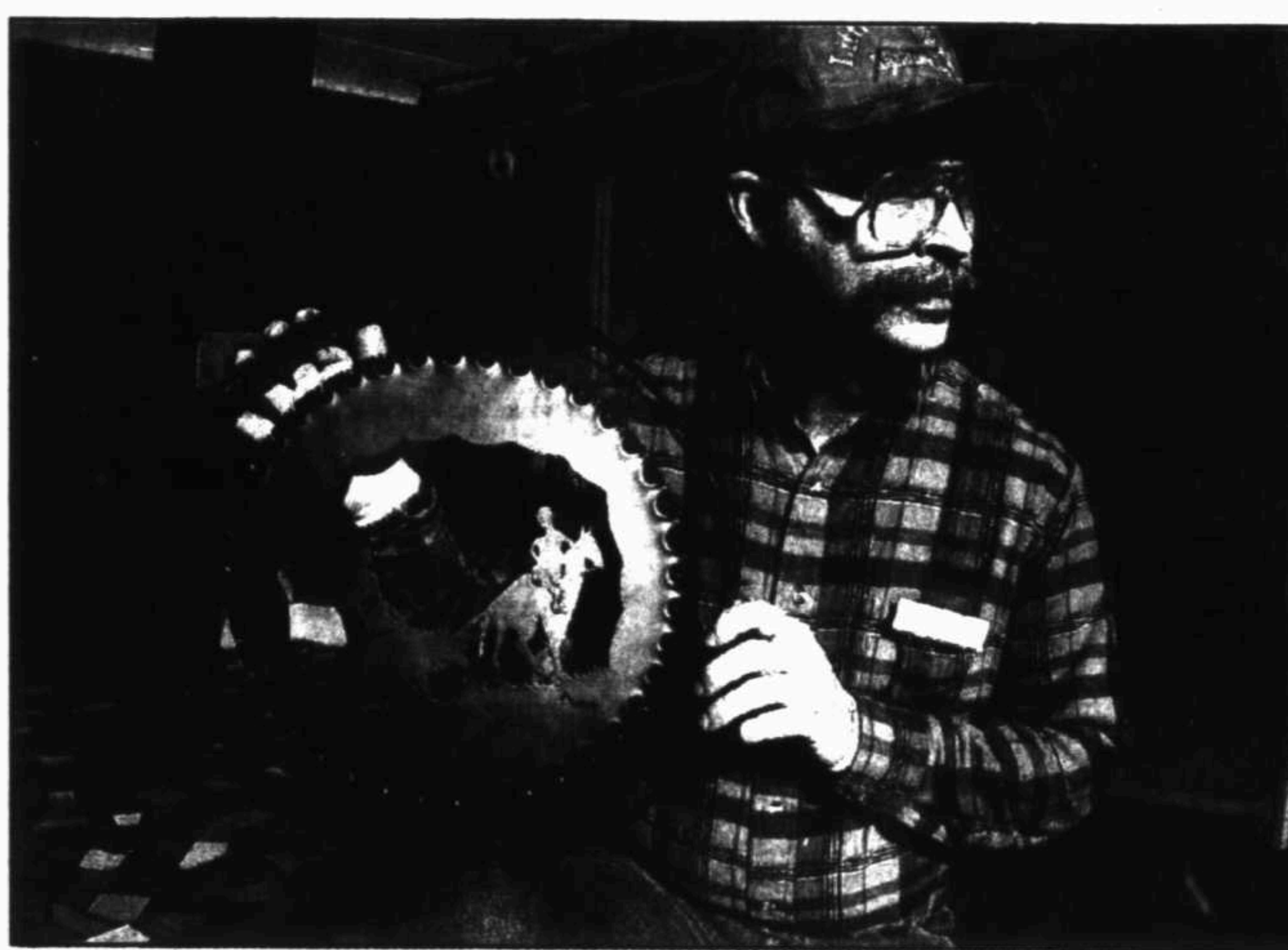
The letter and check arrived in October, but Campbell County Jailor Greg Buckler waited until now to publicly acknowledge the donation.

"We wanted to wait for the check to clear so we could be sure the sender was serious," Buckler said Wednesday.

Anderhub, 59, of Schlangenbad, Germany, pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court in Cincinnati to federal charges of sending gun parts through the mail. The retired sales representative was sentenced to the three days he had spent in jail.

Phil Conway stands in the shop he and his wife Pat run in Randlett, Okla., holding one of his metal art creations. In this Dec., 1998 photo, the Conways are regulars on the professional craft circuit, working with a promoter, Strawberry Junction, in Tahlequah, Okla., on 30 mall shows a year. The circuit reaches from Port Arthur, Texas, to Kansas City, Mo., and includes events in Oklahoma and Arkansas, as well.

AP Laserphoto



Oil bust survivors find new careers

By Jeanne Grimes

Associated Press

RANDLETT, Okla. — Phil and Pat Conway were casualties when the oil boom went bust in the mid-1980s.

Phil, who worked building oil rigs at Wilson Manufacturing in Wichita Falls, Texas, and Pat, assistant manager of Gibson's in Burkburnett, Texas, found themselves among the unemployed.

Economic crisis, however, turned out to be opportunity come knocking at the Conways' door.

Conway said it was his wife's idea to find work she could do at home. The one thing she didn't want to do was while away the hours in the garden.

"We used to have a big garden," Conway said.

Mrs. Conway prevailed on her brother, a contractor, to dig six the garden plot under a concrete slab, and then to erect a workshop on the slab.

And that is how the Little Red Barn, which enjoys the distinction of being one of three commercial

ventures in the tiny town of Randlett, came to be.

Drawing on their combined skills as welder, sheet metal fabricator and machinist, it didn't take the Conways long to build a regional reputation with the metal art that has become their trademark.

Sheet metal is only one media employed by the artisans.

"We also use antique saw blades," Conway explained.

And how about that frying pan art? Conway jokes that his artistic work with a cutting torch converts "antique skillets into contemporary fat-free cookware."

Finding the skillets, which feature a cool-handle design adapted for use over a campfire, is sometimes difficult. The Conways always keep an eye out for usable materials at garage sales, flea markets and auctions.

Likewise, antique saw blades are getting harder to come by.

Conway said the Little Red Barn offers what they call a four-for-one trade on saw blades.

When a customer brings the Conways four of the blades, they keep three for their own use and give back the fourth once they've fashioned it into a design of the customer's choosing.

Not long ago, Conway recalled, a customer in Topeka, Kan., brought 17 old saws to them.

"This year, we had 20 32-inch round saw blades," Conway said.

"We sold out."

Conways are regulars on the professional craft circuit, working with a promoter, Strawberry Junction, in Tahlequah on 30 mall shows a year. The circuit reaches from Port Arthur, Texas, to Kansas City, Mo., and includes events in Oklahoma and Arkansas, as well.

Occasionally, the couple acts as their own agent, which is how the Little Red Barn came to set up shop during the holiday season at Lawton's Central Mall.

The decision keeps them close to home for the holidays, plus it

Please see TRADE/2B

CY DEBOER

Dear friend: Please send cash along with all your nice Christmas letters

Well, here's another fine mess the invasion of home computers has gotten us into! It is 3 o'clock in the morning, almost three weeks after Christmas and I have just finished reading my final Christmas letter. I know more about my friends, families and near stranger's past year than I know about my own. Gradually, each year these letters have been getting longer, cuter and more annoying. Frankly, the computer paper fancy borders hold my interest better than most of the text of the letters.

Over the years I have been pretty vocal about my disdain for the majority of these communications. So much so, that I began sending out Ground Hog's Day letters about 5 years ago. These letters update my friends and family regarding my husband's last appearance on America's Most Wanted and my children's desire to travel with small-town carnivals (provided they finish the 6th-grade before they turn 16).

As the "Domestic Goddess," I keep the whole family financially intact with my income from Slice and Bake cookie sales. This has been my subtle way of telling the recipient that my family is apparently no where close to going on the exotic vacations, achieving the diplomas, winning the sporting awards or breeding offspring like those folks who fill our mailbox regaling all of these events.

Now, I know I am coming off as harsh. And I hate to be harsh. I am a people pleaser. I loathe hurting feelings. Still, I have got to get this off my chest as we enter this New Year and into the next millennium of Christmas letters.

People! You obviously have too much time on your hands if you are able to put news of each breath your family has taken for the past 365 days into letter form!

Don't get me wrong, I am thrilled to hear when your child has graduated from high school or college; just don't elaborate on their grade point average, prom date and favorite acne preparation. I love to hear about your baby's first steps, but please eliminate all references to potty training whenever possible! Trust me, I am the first to commiserate with having a family member ailing or hospitalized, but I beg of you please don't send a copy of their vitals, intake-outtake chart, or vivid details of their surgery.

Without sounding too peevish, I would like to go on to suggest you omit the heights and weights of your children unless they are so abnormal they should be in the Guinness Book of World Records. I understand this may be pertinent information if they are the left tackle on their college football team, but a simple neck measurement would more than tell that story.

And if you absolutely must include your entire vacation itinerary, please spare us the flight times and seat assignments. I do have an abnormal interest in what they were serving provided you were



DeBoer

Please see DeBOER/2B

Girl perseveres in search of education

By Carlos Miller

Las Cruces (N.M.) Sun-News

DEMING, N.M. — The first time Dora Luz Nieto heard the news she almost cried.

Nieto, a 16-year-old Deming High School junior at the time, had one year left to graduate. She planned to pursue a pharmaceutical degree in college. In her own words, she had a passion for chemistry.

But then Uncle Sam intervened.

Nieto — a Mexican who crossed the border every day to catch the school bus — suddenly found herself entangled in an international crisis. A federal law passed by Congress in 1997 had forced her out of the Deming Public School system.

"The law was a reaction to

California's Proposition 187," said Harvielee Moore, Deming's director of instruction. "The law says that if you are an immigrant attending school here, you can only attend up to one year on a waiver."

Nieto, who lives in Palomas, Mexico, 32 miles from Deming, was one of 42 students enrolled in the Deming Public School system affected by the law.

"Fifteen of these were juniors or seniors about to graduate," Moore said.

Nieto had been attending the high school for two years when her waiver expired.

"I was so close to graduating," she said. "And then they told me I couldn't."

No longer would she wake up at 5 a.m. to catch the 6:30 a.m. bus to the border. No longer

would she walk across the border to catch the 7 a.m. school bus to the high school.

In fact, for a whole month, she was not even allowed to enroll in Porto Palomas, the school in her home town. "I had to wait until I could pay the tuition," she said.

And when she did enroll, the first thing she noticed was the lack of a chemistry lab. The girl whose ambition was to own a pharmacy in Palomas, to be the first member of her family to be admitted to a college, had her dreams further plucked from her.

But she stayed in Porto Palomas a year, praying for another opportunity to complete her education in the United States.

Please see EDUCATION/2B

JIMMY PATTERSON

Hard to care about 2000 when '99 a bigger concern

Before we begin, let me be the first to say ... I can't believe it's already January 11. This year is just flying by.

And speaking of the New Year, it's hard not to notice that most people already have their eyes firmly fixed on January 1, 2000. The millennium. Big day if you're a regular guy. Bigger day if you happen to come across the program that will fix the so-called Y2K bug before it becomes a real big problem.

For our family, the millennium is the here and now. It's one of those once-in-a-lifetime years that happen only two or three times in life.

The Boy turns 5. Our middle child breaks into double digits and will celebrate the big 1-0. Mrs. P celebrates her 15th anniversary with her beloved (that would be me, actually). And, oh yeah, we have our first teenager in just 10 days. The other two will follow into teendom in due time, if we somehow survive

the first one. If we don't survive, the other two are on their own.

I figured it up a few years ago: We'll have at least one teenager in our house for the next 15 years, until The Boy finally hits 20 in the year 2014. For one four-year period, we'll have multiple female teens. It's a scary thought, but with enough intense primal scream therapy, I think we'll get through it.

And let me just say that if it was ever put to a vote, I would cast my ballot in favor of recognizing 12 as one of the teen years. After all, what are 12-year-olds but a bunch of wannabe teenagers? And if you wannabe, you act like one, right? All of you with 12-year-olds ... I think you know what I'm talking about.

The other frightening aspect of our eldest daughter's trek into teenhood is the realization that never again will she even consider eating off a child's menu. Truthfully, she hasn't really had a kids meal in a couple of years, and in fact these days she becomes quite insulted when some naïve wait person offers her a paper menu with a big elephant on it and a handful of crayons.

And of course there's the expense. Now we get to



Patterson

Please see PATTERSON/2B

DAVE BARRY

Tower of Pisa: A blatant case of slanted journalism

The time has come for us, as a nation, to resolve this wrenching issue, so that we can move on. This issue has been with us for far too long, weighing on our minds, sitting heavy on our hearts, bloating the intestines of our national consciousness with the twin gases of partisanship and hate.



Barry

I am referring, as you have no doubt gathered, to the bitter controversy concerning the location of the Leaning Tower of Pisa. This controversy got started last summer when I wrote a column in which I stated that the Leaning Tower of Pisa is located in Paris, France. I received several dozen letters from readers, many of them quite angry, stating that the Leaning Tower of Pisa is in fact located in an Italian city called "Pisa."

Now, I happen to be known in journalism circles as a big stickler for accuracy. I have a stickle the size of a fire

hydrant. So when I got these critical letters, I felt that I had no choice but to swallow my pride and send these readers individual notes informing them that they were mistaken, because the Leaning Tower of Pisa had been moved to Paris in 1994. At that point, I assumed that the matter was settled. But then I got ANOTHER letter from one of my original critics, Mrs. Herbert H. Harder of Benton, Kansas. Mrs. Harder's letter, which I am not making up, stated:

"I still don't believe the real original Leaning Tower of Pisa was or ever will be moved to Paris. First of all, I think Pisa, Italy, would never, never allow such a thing to happen. ... To move the Pisa, Italy, real Tower of Pisa would require a cost that would be prohibitive."

To clinch her argument, Mrs. Harder cited the ultimate authority:

"I stopped at a Travel Agency and asked if they had heard anything about the Leaning Tower of Pisa having been moved. Of course they hadn't."

When you have been in journalism as long as I have (6,000 years), you get used to members of the public making all kinds of wacky claims, such as that

the CIA has placed radio receivers in their teeth, or aliens have invaded Earth, or the Leaning Tower of Pisa is located in Italy. So I was frankly inclined to simply ignore Mrs. Harder's letter. But then I got to thinking about a recent public survey about journalism credibility, conducted by the American Society of Newspaper Editors (motto: "Proudly Maintaining the (Motto Continued on Page A-34)"). The ASNE did the survey to find out why the public does not trust us in the news media. The survey showed that you, the public, think that we:

1. Is guilty of many grammar and spelling errors.
2. Rely on what one highly placed ASNE executive described as "too many unnamed sources."
3. Use any excuse to print sensationalistic trash, such as the rumor that reportedly might be printed in an upcoming issue of Hustler magazine concerning an allegation that Kenneth Starr got at least 60 percent of the current Spice Girls pregnant.
4. Allow our news judgment to be affected by big advertisers such as General Motors, whose cars are not only fun and reliable, but also prevent cancer.

7. Are just generally careless and sloppy.

The survey also showed that the public thinks these problems have worsened in recent years. I can explain this. In the old days, newspaper stories were checked by editors before being printed; today, editors are busy doing surveys on declining journalism credibility, so they have no time to look at the actual newspaper. (For example, if the phrase "stickle the size of a fire hydrant" appeared in this column, no editor has read it.)

The point is that we have big problems in the news business. But we also have a proud tradition of righting wrongs, expressed in the old saying: "When you make a mistake, have the courage to print a correction that is too small to locate without an electron microscope."

And that is why, when I received the letter from Mrs. Herbert H. Harder of Benton, Kansas, claiming that the Leaning Tower of Pisa is located in Italy, rather than simply tearing it into tiny pieces and feeding them to a hamster, I said to myself, "What if maybe — just maybe — Mrs. Herbert H. Harder of Benton, Kan., is correct?" And so,

after some "nosing around," I uncovered the following information:

The Leaning Tower of Pisa is, in fact, located in Italy. However, under the Treaty of Ghent, which was signed by Charles "D" Gaulle and Henry VI, Italy is, legally, part of Paris, France.

The "Leaning" Tower of Pisa is in fact perfectly vertical. All the OTHER buildings in Pisa are leaning, and the residents walk around on special shoes with one heel way higher than another.

According to a very highly placed source, both Charles "D" Gaulle and Henry VI got Spice Girls pregnant. I hope this clears everything up. If you have any questions about this, or any other article in today's newspaper, please do not hesitate to check with your travel agent. Or, if you prefer, you can contact us here at the newspaper directly, via the receivers in our teeth.

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EDUCATION: Bureaucratic red tape a stumbling block in girl's education attempts

(From 1B)

And one day, her prayers were answered.

A man she had never met, living in a town she had never visited, picked up a copy of a newspaper and read an article that told of Nieto's plight.

"The first thing that drew my attention was her name," Ken Riedlinger said. "My best friend throughout high school and college was Henry Nieto. Also, Luz is such a beautiful name. It means light."

Riedlinger, a retired senior executive, and his wife, Cynthia Parelo-Riedlinger, fund about 20 scholarships each year through the Dodge City (Kan.) Community Foundation.

"We fund 10 in Kansas and 10 in New Mexico," the Kansas-born, Tularosa resident said. "Each scholarship averages between \$1,000 to \$4,000 a year."

Until Nieto, they had never funded a foreign student. But the fact that Nieto had only one year left to graduate struck a cord with him. The first thing he did was call Moore, who had been quoted in the article.

"She then put me in touch with the superintendent and the principal," he said. "We wanted to make sure that Dora was a reliable person."

A month later, the foundation agreed to pay the \$3,200 tuition required for foreign students.

"I'm not a multimillionaire," Riedlinger said. "I'm a guy that did well. We give all our money to worthy projects and people. People who are going to help themselves."

And before he funded Nieto, he ensured she would continue the tradition of helping others.

"We told her she had a responsibility to help other people in her family," he said. "Once she gets her degree, she must help at least one other person in her family."

Nieto, who quickly agreed, promised to help Gina, her 15-year-old sister.

That was in April 1998. Riedlinger thought everything was taken care of. But he soon learned otherwise.

In August, two weeks before the first day of school, he was told the \$3,200 would not be enough for Nieto to attend Deming High School. The cost was now \$3,700.

Because of an increase in state funding approved by the Legislature this year, the

amount of money the district was getting, divided by the number of students in the district, went up \$500, Riedlinger said.

"We paid the additional \$500 out of our pockets because the \$3,200 came from the scholarship we had funded," he said.

Now it was mid-August. School was about to start. Nieto, who was now fully funded, was looking forward to her senior year.

But Uncle Sam still remained stubborn.

"They wouldn't let me in because I didn't have a visa," Nieto said. "My father didn't have sufficient money in the bank."

Nieto, who had gone to the U.S. Consulate in Juarez, Mexico, was told she could not have a visa unless her father had \$5,000 in a bank account, Riedlinger said.

They also said the department of agriculture would have to make an assessment of her father's chili crops — in case she became a burden to U.S. taxpayers. "That was baloney, there's absolutely nothing legal about that," he said. "How could she possibly be a burden if she returns to Mexico every day?"

But baloney or not, Nieto was

still denied a visa. And each day that passed was another assignment missed. "I felt as if I was falling behind," she said.

But those fears were quickly still by Deming High School Principal Hector Madrid, who drove the 32 miles to take Nieto her assignments.

"I wanted to make sure she wouldn't miss her opportunity in education," Madrid said.

But during the two weeks she was trying to obtain her visa, she had to deal with bureaucratic red tape.

"This is a 17-year-old girl and they wouldn't even let her mother come inside the office with her," Riedlinger said. "Here was one person trying to come in legally and the U.S. government was playing games with her."

U.S. Rep. Joe Skeen's office contacted the U.S. Consulate and finally straightened out the problem, he said.

Today, Nieto is back in school. She has one more semester before graduating. After visiting Highlands University in Las Vegas, N.M., with the Riedlingers in October, and attending the homecoming football game with them, she decided that would be her choice.

DeBOER: Do and Don't list would seem appropriate for year-end letters

(From 1B)

traveling First Class (which I'm sure I will learn early on in the letter). If you have traveled overseas, please do not share this with me since my passport still has no stamps.

On the other hand, feel free to share any details of trips to Kansas, North Dakota, Iowa, or North Platte, Neb., as the mention of any of these locations does not cause jealousy to rear its ugly head.

In fact, it has just occurred to me that a Christmas letter Do's and Don'ts List might just be an appropriate addition to this column:

- DO:**
Enclose cash
Keep your correspondence under one paragraph
Send letters only to people who know who you are
Use a maximum of two adjectives per child
- DON'T:**
Send with postage due (this

is automatic grounds for tossing)

Ask for donations towards the kid's braces (sending pictures doesn't help)

Use both sides of the paper
Use one side entirely

Refer to last year's letter as a reference tool

Send to people you met in a grocery line

Send your husband's W-2 form

Hint of an impending divorce

Send photos when you have obviously "cropped" your hips out of the picture

I apologize if I have offended an overzealous Christmas letter writer or reader ... I bet I'm the only one who feels this way. In fact, I should warn you our family purchased a new computer for Christmas and I am stocking up on the 50% off sale of holiday computer paper. So, look out!

Cy DeBoer is a Midland writer. Her columns will appear twice monthly in the Reporter-Telegram.

TRADE: After oil bust, couple forms metal arts company, now has product line of 150 individual items

(From 1B)

has proven profitable. Business was brisk.

Consider the barbed wire wreaths, the season's biggest seller.

"Last year, we sold a little over 500 barbed wire wreaths," Conway said. "In the past four weeks, we've sold over 400," he said in a recent interview.

The wreaths are fashioned of scrap metal the Conways buy by the pound. The barbed wire, Conway adds, is supplied by family and fellow congregants at Cookietown Baptist Church.

Whatever the media, Mrs. Conway comes up with the designs that range from cowboys to wildlife to American

Indian themes.

"I do the cutting, chipping and grinding," Conway said.

A two-worker assembly line may seem small, but the Conways find it efficient. After all, they reason, their customers like the fact that each item is handmade one at a time.

"When you're your own boss, you have to work until the work is done," Conway said. "There are certainly no eight-hour days."

The Conways' daughter helps in the shop, as does their 14-year-old granddaughter, Brandi Crow, a freshman honor student at Big Pasture High School in Randall.

Their line includes roughly 150 individual items.

There is a goodly amount of repeat business, Conway said, estimating that "probably 50 percent" of sales in a year's time is custom work.

The Conways are only too happy to craft whatever the customer wants. That can range from license plates to gate murals measuring up to 30 feet long.

Until this Christmas, there were Little Red Barn gate scenes all over the country, but nary a one in Cotton or Comanche counties.

That is about to change, though, because Shirley Adams of Duncan ordered a gate mural as a Christmas gift for her husband, Conrad.

The 15-foot scene features rab-

bies, deer, two fishermen in a boat, a combine, tractor, pickup with a hay bale spike, and a windmill. Eventually, it will grace a gate (yet to be erected) at the entrance to the Adamases' property near Cookietown.

"We encourage people to get involved in the design since it is custom," Conway said. "They can do all of the design, or we can work from photos."

The most unusual custom order Conway can recall was for a "life-size golfer" commissioned by the city of Salina, Kan. The most popular design, he added, is anything with team ropers.

Conway believes that's because of geography and culture. After all, this is cow coun-

try populated by cowboys.

Young cowboys tend to ride bulls, he explained, and will turn to riding broncs when the bulls get too rough for them. By the time cowboys are in their 40s and 50s, they're dallying with team roping. That's followed by team penning.

"They don't want to slow down and give up their hobby," Conway said.

That knowledge of geography and culture is also critical in determining what will sell where.

American Indian items, for example, are popular with buyers in Oklahoma and Kansas,

but not in Texas or Arkansas. Texans tend to like depictions of windmills, cowboys and rodeo scenes. Cowboy themes are also popular north of the Red River.

Arkansas and Missouri customers want wildlife scenes, while Kansas positively adores windmills, buffalo and trains.

"Trains don't work anywhere but Kansas," Conway said, while farm stuff works everywhere.

The Little Red Barn has shipped orders to Australia, Switzerland, El Salvador, and Saskatchewan, Canada.

PATTERSON: Onset of 40 this calendar year only part of family's problems

(From 1B)

until he was 5. It was a way of putting him off at the moment. He always accepted it. Because he knew that when he became a 5-year-old, that was when he

apparently crossed the threshold into manhood, and he would be allowed to do things like go to Six Flags ... play sports ... sleep on the top bunk bed ... have his own checking account. Things like that. Unfortunately, and this may come as no surprise to you, The Boy has a memory that won't quit. He remembers every promise we ever made to him that ended with, "Yes you can ... when you're 5."

Needless to say, The Boy alone will keep us busy this year.

And there's one other thing I failed to mention. Another landmark event we can all look forward to together. Or not.

I'm afraid it's time to celebrate 40. And I'm going to do everything possible to draw you, the reader, into it with me. If we can all whine together, we'll all have a better chance of making it through this traumatic time.

Unfortunately, the fact that 40 will arrive in this calendar year was ushered in with an ugly occurrence at the dinner table the other evening. It began with a simple question; a question that made it clear that 40 is near.

"Mom, would you like some more potatoes?"

Simple enough question,

right? Everything would've been fine had it been a question that came from one of the kids, or had it come from me addressed to my mother. But it was a little more complicated than that.

The question, "Mom would you like some potatoes?" was voiced by me, and it was directed at ... Mrs. P., as in my wife, the mother of my children.

When that question came from my mouth, I knew that life would never again be the same.

What can possibly be next? Incessant snoring? Hair growing out my ears? Out my nose? Rabid-dog eyebrows? Baggy socks? Naps sitting straight up in recliners?

Before long, I'm sure it's inevitable I'll be arguing with

my daughters about their taste in music.

And one other thing: This actually happened at my house the other day. Honest. I had left the cell phone on. It rang. I couldn't find it. As it continued to ring, I walked from room to room looking for it. I would walk into every room and the ring would grow louder. I would leave each room and the sound would diminish. I was going nuts. I was absolutely full-tilt crazy when I finally found the phone ... in my back pocket, thank you very much. Another sure sign that 40 is hurtling toward me at the speed of light.

Before long, I'll have to take my glasses off to read small print on Six Flags maps and

children's menus.

So, bring on the millennium and all that comes with it. After this year, I welcome it.

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Technology predictions complete with both blunders and brilliance

By Hiawatha Bray
N.Y. Times News Service

"Journalism is the first rough draft of history," the saying goes. But we technology journalists write up the first rough draft of prophecy. We wander in a wilderness of books, trade magazines, and Web pages, listening for voices to guide us and our readers down the True Path toward the Next Big Thing.

I've already owned up to my most idiotic prediction of the year, the inevitable failure of the Apple iMac. Some failure; I'm using one of them right now.

It's harder to grade my other judgments of the waning year, since I don't usually make ex cathedra pronouncements of the sort that got me in trouble with the iMac.

Once in a while, I hit the bull's-eye. Back in February, I began singing the

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praises of the free Linux operating system as an alternative to Microsoft Windows. I even suggested that embattled browser-maker Netscape Communications Corp. do a deal with a Linux distributor to hit Microsoft where it hurts.

From my keyboard to Jim Barksdale's brain. The Netscape CEO made just such a deal in September with Red Hat Software Inc., the top Linux distributor. The giant chipmaker Intel also signed on. And now there are reports that IBM Corp. is talking to Red Hat about providing worldwide customer support for Linux users. From geek curiosity to major industry in less than a year; yes, I'd say I got Linux right.

Then there are the columns that hit the target but miss the center ring. I wrote that 1998 was to be the year of

ADSL, a dazzling technology that can download Internet data at millions of bits per second over home telephone lines. Yet only a tiny handful of consumers have ADSL service at home.

I wasn't exactly wrong; my calendar was just running a few months fast. Indeed, for computer firms and phone companies, 1998 was indeed the year of ADSL. At last, there's an industrywide technical standard, so that everybody's ADSL gear will work with everybody else's. Major computer makers, such as Compaq, now build ADSL chips into some of their machines, and telephone companies are just beginning to offer the service in cities like Washington, D.C. Boston's due to go on line with ADSL in 1999.

Still, many in the industry doubt that consumers want high-speed access. An October study from the Gartner Group predicted that by the year 2003, nearly

two-thirds of US consumers with Internet access will still be using those slow telephone modems.

I also ran way ahead of the curve in a March column in which I sang the praises of network computers. Remember NCs? These cheap, diskless devices, remotely controlled by powerful server computers, were supposed to replace PCs in many corporate offices. Nearly every tech expert in the land predicted they'd sell by the millions. It just hasn't happened; dramatic PC price drops eliminated a major advantage of NCs. Now most of the pundits have turned on the NC makers with fangs bared.

Not me. I still say they'll catch on. I can see hints that it's happening. IBM just sold several thousand of them to a couple of major companies. Here at the Globe, we're testing an NC from Wyse Technology Inc. that could replace hundreds of old terminals scattered

throughout the building.

NCs still have big advantages. Firms can save a fortune by managing thousands of computer terminals from a central control point. And millions of workers who merely need access to a few basic computer functions shouldn't have to master a device as complex and fragile as a traditional PC. The NC is an idea that's too reasonable to die.

So I've got a spectacularly bad prediction on the iMac, and a Linux call that was so on-target it's spooky. Yes, my timing was off on ADSL and network computers, but I bet those columns will read like works of genius by next December. Of course, by then, I'll have another year's worth of blunders to answer for.

(You can send electronic mail to Hiawatha Bray at bray@globe.com)

New technology revives an old debate — patents

By Teresa Riordan
N.Y. Times News Service

The technologies may be new, but the debate that promises to dominate the patent industry this year dates from at least the days of Thomas Edison and Alexander Graham Bell.

The debate now centers around whether methods of doing business over the Internet, known as electronic commerce, should be patentable.

"A hundred years ago, the Supreme Court struggled with the same issues that we struggle with today — how to make our laws responsive to new technologies," said Rick Nydegger, a patent attorney who represents Microsoft Corp. and other companies and teaches intellectual property law at Brigham Young University.

"The question that is being raised with e-commerce was raised with the telegraph and telephone," Nydegger said. "At the time, no one had envisioned using electricity as a way to communicate."

The Supreme Court is expected to decide in the coming weeks whether to review a July ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit that, according to some patent experts, represents a potential windfall for those who were among the first to file electronic commerce patent applications. Although no statistics are available, many experts speculate that the case, State Street Bank vs. Signature Financial, has set off a stampede of new electronic commerce applications to the Patent Office.

The ruling affirmed and broadened earlier court decisions as well as Patent Office guidelines on software patents, including electronic commerce patents.

"In the mid-1980s, when I used to lecture on software patents, I would get laughed out of the room," said Robert Greene Sterne, a patent attorney in Washington. "I'd get booed. I'd be called a capitalist pig by software entrepreneurs who thought it should be owned by the masses."

Now, Sterne notes, filings from companies like Microsoft, which initially rejected the idea of software patents, are tumbling in.

Gregory Aharonian, a patent-search consultant, has long been critical of the quality of the nation's software patents, and he is no more sanguine about electronic commerce patents. "The e-commerce patents are about

'A hundred years ago, the Supreme Court struggled with the same issues that we struggle with today — how to make our laws responsive to new technologies.'

— Rick Nydegger, patent attorney.

as valid as software patents in general, which aren't very valid to begin with," he said.

Aharonian contends that the Patent Office does not have the proper resources to research what is known as "prior art" — previous inventions that are similar to a new technology. For example, he says, a score of software patents have been issued recently covering solutions to the Year 2000 problem, but none of them mention a paper on the subject produced by IBM in 1986. Such oversights make a patent more vulnerable to legal challenges.

"It's extremely relevant," he said. "But none of the issued Y2K patents have cited it. That's just gross failure."

Q. Todd Dickinson, acting commissioner of the Patent and Trademark Office, says his agency is doing an admirable job and adds that 20 new patent examiners have been hired recently for the division responsible for reviewing most electronic commerce patents.

How successful have patent-wielding companies been in licensing their electronic commerce technologies so far? It's hard to say. Patent licenses are not publicly recorded.

Sterne, who represents several dozen software companies, says patents are important for small enterprises mostly because they help attract investment capital and provide momentum for initial stock offerings.

"Patents are having a major impact on financing," he said. "The investment banking community, the venture capital community and the angel investing community are becoming very interested in intellectual property."

But Aharonian remains skeptical about the value of electronic commerce patents. "Until they end up in court, nobody's going to know whether they're valid," he said.

Finally, there's a site for ig-pay atin-Lay

By Mark Clothier
N.Y. Times News Service

ATLANTA — Bell bottoms, disco and Donnie and Marie have made comebacks. So did John Travolta and Richard Nixon. About the only things from the 1970s that haven't returned are TV variety shows and pig Latin.

With any luck, variety shows will stay gone. The world doesn't need another weekly hour of Tony Orlando and Dawn. But the Web could do a lot for pig Latin.

A slew of sites offer text translators. You type in a line of text or, in some cases, a Web address, and the application turns it into pig Latin.

For starters, check <http://www.rinkworks.com/diale/cl/> or <http://voyager.cns.ohio.edu/~iraniane/menu/pig.html>. One site turns the word of God into pig Latin, from Enesigay to the Book of Ob-Jay. <http://www.well.com/user/earl/ibc-bay.html>.

The rules behind the language are simple enough: You take the first consonant of most words, put an -y behind it and stick it at the end of the word.

Simple, but time consuming for chunks of text. It would take minutes to translate the opening words of Lou Gehrig's famous farewell speech. A Web translator can do it in seconds. "Oday-tay, lyay onsiderey yselfmay ethay uckiestlay amay onyay ethay acefay ofay ethay earth-yay."

There are Web translators that change text from one language to another, like Spanish to English, but those probably have some practical application. What good is the Web if it also can't be used for things with no definable purpose?

Long-distance savings available on Internet

The Internet can cost you money: Usually, you have to buy a computer with a modem and access fees to reach it. But once there, some things you find actually save you money.

A few new studies by the Telecommunications Research & Action Center show how.

TRAC found that in some cases long-distance customers can cut their monthly bill in half by signing up for service over the

Internet. Internet long-distance service requires you pay your bill with a credit card.

TRAC publishes a study called Tele-Tips at its Web site, <http://www.trac.org>. This

month's study compares rates for dial-around phone codes. The study found dial-around access offers some competitive rates, but some have hidden fees that can hit hard. The report warns that, shockingly, the advertising for the dial-around codes can be misleading.

TRAC is a nonprofit, tax-exempt consumer group that works to inform long-distance customers.

Test your knowledge of 'Sesame Street'

If television is indeed wet nurse to a generation of children, "Sesame Street" is the good milk. The children's television stalwart turns 30 this year.

To commemorate the anniversary, the "Sesame Street" Web site, <http://www.cw.org/sesame/trivia/0.1736.00.html>, has put together a trivia game.

Do you know which "Sesame Street" characters were inspired by the movie "It's a Wonderful Life" and the year "Sesame Street" made its debut? Do you know how big Big Bird really is?

If you knew Bert and Ernie owe their existence to Frank Capra, the morning show debuted on public television in 1969 and that Big Bird stands 8 feet, 2 inches tall, there might be no need to play.

The game tallies answers for everyone who plays. If you thought Fozzy Bear, instead of Bert and Ernie, owed his creation to "It's a Wonderful Life," you could see how many others were similarly misinformed. Take a sneak peek at some

famous recipes

If the year between Girl Scout cookie deliveries seems like 10 years, a Web site of copycat recipes might lessen the distance.

<http://www.copykat.com> is devoted to recipes for well-known food, like Girl Scout Thin Mint cookies; macaroni and cheese from Boston Market; and fried chicken from KFC.

There are also recipes for lesser-known delicacies, such as the Pea Salad from Knott's Berry Farm and the Oyster Bar Trash from Willie G's.

Most online job help is for non-techies.

CareerMosaic, an online job site, released a study showing most jobs listed on online sites are nontechnical.

The CareerMosaic Index found

three of the top 10 most popular online job searches were related to technical jobs, engineering, computers and computer programming.

The index found the most popular keywords used in searches were "manager/management," "engineer," and "sales."

Online job hunting reflects seasonal trends as well. Teaching positions ranked 22nd in July, but fell to 28th in August and 30th in September.

Other job categories among the top 25 were, "finance," "human resources," "nurse" and "package handler."

The survey was conducted by CareerMosaic between July and September. More than 14 million keyword searches were tallied.

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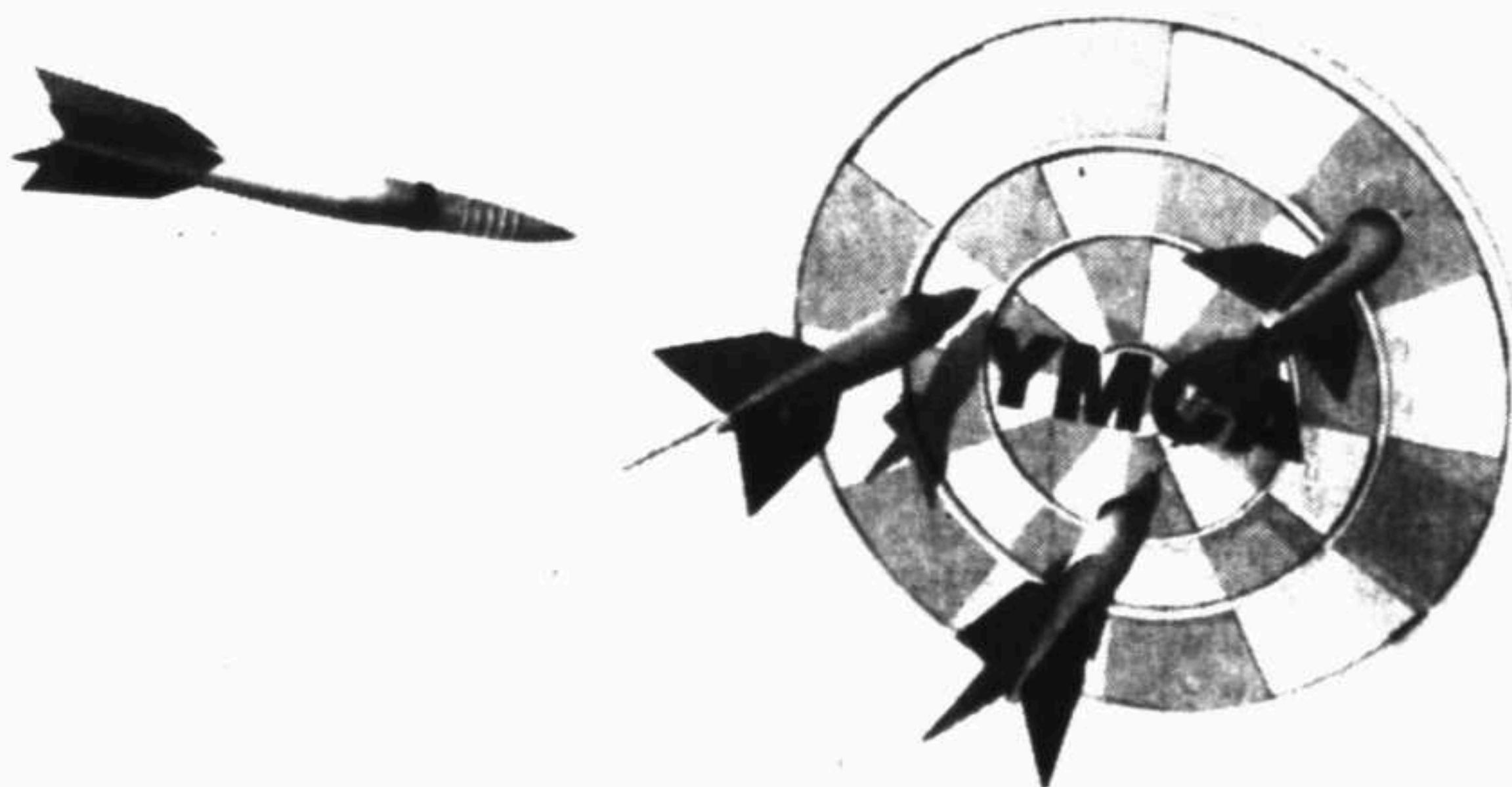
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Page a broker

Fidelity Investments in Boston is offering something to its most active trading customers that company officials think might make for better deals.

In November, 55,000 customers received the option of receiving market updates and account value information via their pagers. And this month, some will receive two-way pagers allowing them to shoot messages back to their portfolio managers.

The first installment of InstantBroker uses so-called "push technology" to send market information to customers who request it, information tailored to the customer's request. Investors can opt to receive updates on the value of their accounts, via any pager they have at no extra cost, up to eight times a day.

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The principal of the thing

Mansion Math
(www.interest.com/hugh/calc)
What could be easier than a "Math for Dummies" site? Webmaster Hugh Chou has created a Web page that features batches of calculations homeowners might need.
There's a method of calculating mortgage amortizations by hand, a wealth calculator and a mortgage payment interactive calculator.
Learn how prepayment can reduce loans.
There's even a method of checking how much house you can afford.

Jackie Loohaus,
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

The force is here

Can't make it to the movies?
Can't get enough of Star Wars?
Well, if you're one of the millions of Star Wars fans who can't wait until May to get a glimpse of Episode 1, wait no longer. The trailer for the long-awaited prequel is available to download online at <http://www.starwars.com/episode-i/news/trailer/>. It's definitely not going to beat seeing it in the theater, but for fans that have eagerly anticipated Episode 1 for years, it probably won't matter.

Mitch
Keene, Scripps Howard News Service

Piracy problems

Of course stealing is bad, but now the Business Software Alliance, the arbiter of all things right and true in this world, is here to tell us exactly how bad it is. According to the BSA, an industry group that discourages the illegal copying of software, about 27 percent of the software used in the United States is illegal. More importantly, the software industry would grow by 140,000 employees, to about 760,000, and pay \$1 billion more in taxes, or about \$8.2 billion, if fewer people stole software. As if you didn't feel bad enough already.

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Avoid trouble by
making use of

SHORTCUTS

on computer

By Douglas Armstrong
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

With so many things to know about operating your personal computer, it's no wonder most of us do not take advantage of all of the built-in features and shortcuts.

Some are important, too, such as knowing what to do when one of your applications stops responding in Windows.

Rather than reaching for the reset button or turning off the computer in frustration, which may corrupt other open applications, you usually can back out of trouble with what is irreverently known as a "three-finger salute."

Pressing Control+Alt+Delete simultaneously brings up a dialogue box that permits you to close down individual applications one at a time.

Why do that?

If an application doesn't have time to close down open files, data can be damaged.

The Close Program dialogue box you see after you do the three-finger salute lists all of your open applications (a number of which may surprise you, since they operate quietly in the background).

The list also notes if an application has stopped responding.

You can close down your uncooperative application and continue working in any others on your desktop by selecting the troubled application and clicking the End Task button.

There may be a delay while the operating system sorts it out, and you may be asked to confirm that you want to close the application, but it usually will release and close.

Once it does, you can use the opportunity of restored functionality to close all of your applications properly by exiting them, shutting down your computer and starting fresh, if you choose.

It's not always necessary to reboot your computer. In non-crisis situa-

tions, you can save yourself time by restarting only Windows instead.

For example, in situations where you have changed settings or installed some new application, all that is required may be a Windows restart.

To do it, click Start, then Shut Down. Choose the "Restart the computer" option. Here's what's different: You hold the shift key down when you click on OK or Yes. A message will tell you Windows is restarting.

You also can reload your Windows desktop only without closing applications or restarting Windows. First, minimize all your open windows. Then, using Control+Alt+Delete, select Explorer

and choose End Task.

This will bring up the Shut Down Windows dialogue box. Choose Cancel. Another dialogue box will appear asking for confirmation that you wish to proceed. Click End Task again and it will restart Explorer without disrupting your open applications.

You can take other steps to save time and tailor your Windows operating system to your specific uses and preferences.

If you and someone else share a computer that operates with Windows 95 or 98, for example, you can have your own individual setup on the desktop with different icons and other user settings.

You will need to set passwords

for this that are entered each time you switch users. If you like, you also can have a dual identity, with one setup for business uses and one for personal.

In Windows 95, open the Control Panel found in the Settings group. Click on the Password option. In the dialogue box that appears, click on the option that allows individual users to customize and choose different settings.

You can make two choices in the User Profile Settings.

In Windows 98, open the Control Panel and select Users. Follow the dialogue box instructions.

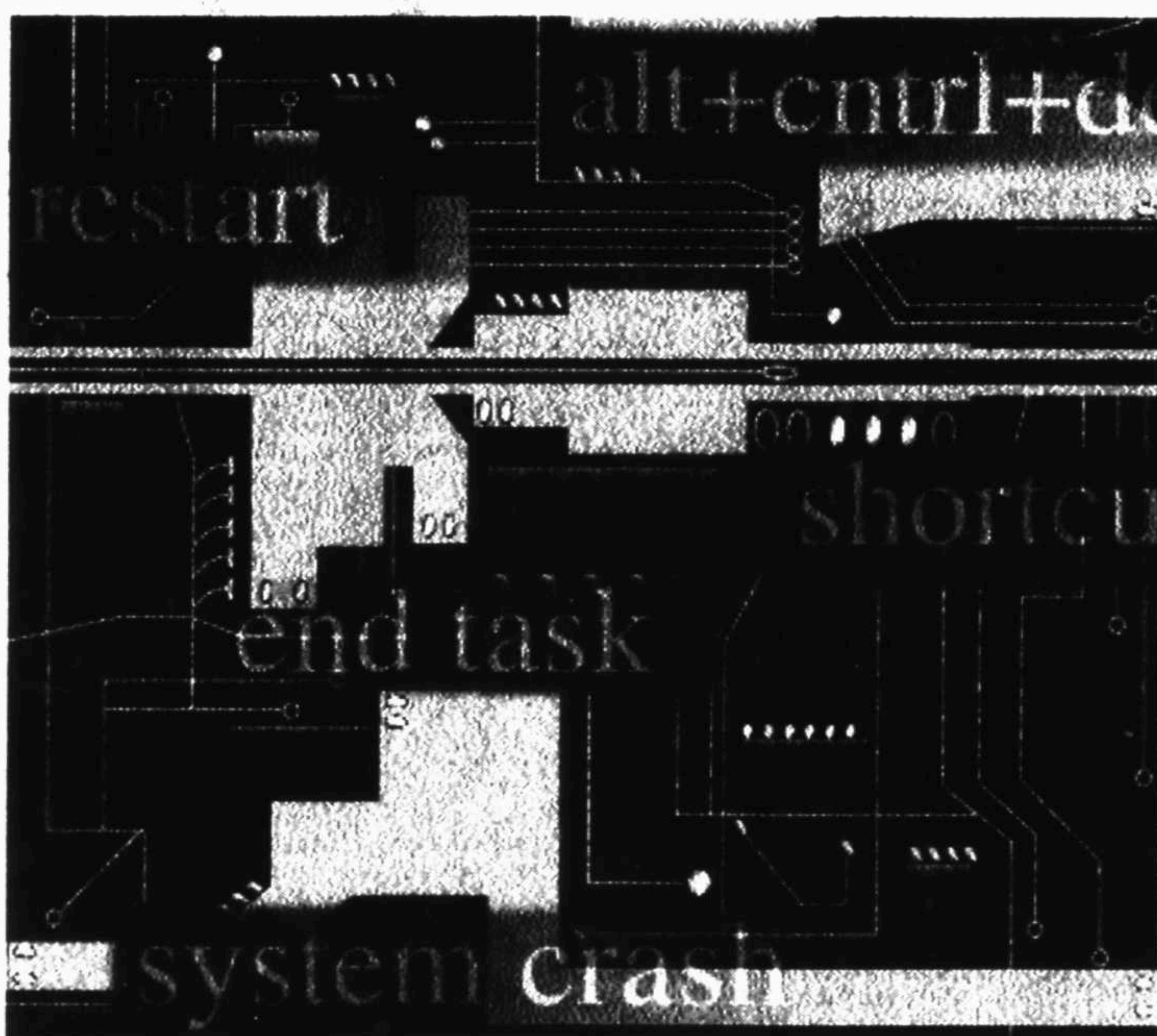


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AT HOME on the WEB

Electronic proxy voting catching on with investors

By Douglas Armstrong
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

At Ameritech's annual meeting, a portion of the 1 million share owners participated through cyberspace - right down to voting their shares via the Internet.

"It offers more convenience for our share owners," said Ameritech spokesman Jerrell Ross. "Many are already using the Internet to keep track of their investments."

Not only tracking. Investors also have been buying and selling stocks on line, before they could vote their shares the same way.

"A lot of companies have their annual reports and proxy statements on the Web, said Ross. "We were the first to offer all three - report, proxy statement and ballot to vote."

Electronic proxy voting is suddenly catching on big time. Major firms around the country, including Coca Cola, Ford, IBM and Intel, are offering Internet ballots to shareholders for the first time this year.

"It's a pretty hot topic," says Eugene Lee, of Firststar Corporate Trust, who supervises and tallies proxy votes at dozens of Wisconsin annual meetings each year.

First Chicago Trust Co. is the agent handling Internet proxy voting for 25 companies," according to Tom Newton, vice president and Internet coordinator at First Chicago.

If you get 10,000 to 20,000 to sign up to not get that paper anymore, you're obviously talking about some pretty big savings.

- TOM NEWTON, VICE PRESIDENT AND
INTERNET COORDINATOR AT FIRST CHICAGO

They handle shareholders whose stock certificates are registered in their own names, rather than held in a "street name" in an account with a broker.

Internet proxy voting has the potential to greatly reduce expensive paper handling. "The cost savings can be compelling," Newton said.

If a company couples Internet voting with a plan to reduce the number of paper sets of material they send out to shareholders, they can save up to \$5 in postage and printing per shareholder, according to Newton.

"If you get 10,000 to 20,000 to sign up to not get that paper anymore, says Newton, "you're obviously talking about some pretty big savings." Voting shares over the Internet involves the use

of a control number, which identifies the shareholder, and a PIN number that acts as the password. You go to a Web site to vote.

Is anyone worried about potential tampering with proxy voting?

"It's the best security available on the Internet right now," says Newton of First Chicago's precautions. "An impersonator would have to have your proxy card and your Social Security number, the same with a paper ballot."

"We go to great lengths to assure the server is secure. A lot of big companies have sent their Web masters to come and check on us. The process is as bulletproof as possible."

A specific check number is built into each control number, and Social Security numbers are checked for match.

"Your vote doesn't hit the file and count instantly," says Newton. "The votes are held in a staging server overnight and the data is scrubbed, looking a check numbers and Social Security numbers."

Companies are turning to Internet proxy voting to save money and shape image.

"It gives you a progressive image," says Newton. "It has environmental overtones. It just makes sense. This is a simple, low-cost way for corporations to communicate with their shareholders."

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JUCO BASKETBALL — Midland College Women at South Plains College, 5:50 p.m. RADIO: KCBS (550 AM).
Midland College Men at South Plains College, 6 p.m. RADIO: KCBS (550 AM).

Team Texas wins

AUSTIN — Like the consummate team player, El Paso Buzzards forward Billy Trew credits his success in the Western Professional Hockey League all-star game to those playing around him.

Trew had four goals and two assists Saturday night, leading Team Texas to a 10-6 victory over Team World before a sold-out crowd. He called his play a matter of being in the "right spots at the right times."

"It's so good to play with such good players," he said. "It was a good game of fun hockey with the best players in the league."

Like many all-star hockey games, there was little contact and lots of offense. No penalties were called.

"My job tonight was easy," said Jeff Triano, coach of the Abilene Aviators and Team Texas. His players jumped out of the gate fast and ended up strong, scoring the final goal with 18.2 seconds to play.

Team Texas took command of the game early in the first period with five goals. Trew scored the first of his four goals nearly four minutes into the game after making a nifty move to get around defenseman Wade Simpson from the Shreveport Mudbugs.

Team Texas was composed of players from the 10 WPHL teams based in Texas. Jacques Rodrigue was the only Odessa Jackalope to participate in the All-Star game. Team World was staffed with all-stars from the seven teams based in New Mexico, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Arkansas.

The Amarillo Rattlers will host the fourth annual WPHL all-star game in early January 2000.

Elway retirement?

DENVER — Everyone is waiting for Michael Jordan to make his retirement decision. In less than a month, it will be John Elway's turn. Again.

Elway, 38, spent several months pondering his future after the Denver Broncos won their first Super Bowl title last January. He returned, saying this would be his 16th and final season, but that is subject to change.

"My thoughts haven't changed a whole lot," Elway said Sunday. "But I'm not going to make any snap judgments. I am going to sit down, talk to my wife and kids, see how I feel physically and go from there."

Elway missed all or parts of six games because of injuries this season, but he has remained healthy enough to play the past seven games, including Saturday's 39-3 playoff victory over Miami.

He even proved he still has some mobility, scrambling 11 yards on a designed bootleg on third-and-2 early in the third quarter.

"It really was a surprise," Elway said. "I think I was probably as shocked as anyone when I heard it was going into the game plan. I can go about 10-15 yards, and after that (my legs) are shot."

Elway acknowledged that next Sunday's AFC Championship game against the New York Jets could be his final game at Mile High Stadium. Then again, if the Broncos win another Super Bowl, he could come back for one more encore.

Sweatman wins

TUCSON, Ariz. — Tom Sweatman moved from near the back to win the Southwest Series 200 NASCAR Winter Heat race at Tucson Raceway Park on Sunday.

Sweatman, of Cosmopolis, Wash., started 23rd in the 28-car field, but raced through the pack and took the lead on the 137th circuit of the 200-lap event. He finished 2.476 seconds ahead of M.K. Karke, of Granada Hills, Calif., who started 22nd.

"You don't have much to think about," Sweatman said. "You just have to get up there."



Midland College guard Eugene Costello (left) drives to the basket against Weatherford's Merluis Puida (22) in Thursday's 93-81 win by the Chaparrals.

MC ready to contend for WJCAC championships

■ Midland College basketball teams open WJCAC play at South Plains tonight.

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

After equal 16-game tough non-conference schedules, the Midland College basketball teams are as ready as they can be for the start of Western Junior College Athletic Conference play.

The 14-game quest for consecutive titles starts tonight when both teams travel to the hostile Texan Dome in Levelland to play South Plains College. The Lady Chaparrals, who have won a share of the WJCAC titles the past two seasons,

kick off the evening double header at 5:50 p.m. The Chaparrals, who won their first outright conference title since 1986 last season, cap off the night at 8 p.m. against the Texans.

Both teams are off to solid starts this season with the MC women posting a 14-2 record and a No. 11 ranking, while the MC men are 11-5 and coming off a 93-81 win over No. 8 Weatherford on Thursday. But as good as those records may be at this point of the season, both coaches are quick to remind everyone that whatever happened during the previous 16 games doesn't mean much from here on out. Conference play is what gets each team into the Region V tournament.

It's no secret that the Midland College men have been inconsistent this season. The Chaparrals certainly

have the talent — as shown by Thursday's victory — and they also have the ability to lose to any opponent — as shown in a loss to Hill College and a closer-than-expected game against Chandler Gilbert earlier this season.

"If we come out to play like we did against Weatherford then we'll be OK in conference," said freshman guard Alvin Brooks, who had a game high 26 points in the victory over the Coyotes. "It's like we have two different sides. One team is like a team that can beat anybody in the country. The other team sometimes doesn't show up. We sometimes play to the level of our competition. But everybody seems to be motivated going into South Plains."

This year, Midland College coach Pat Rafferty has taken a more laid

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NFL PLAYOFFS

Broadway Vinny, Jets one step closer to Super Bowl

By Barry Wilner
AP Football Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — As cannon shots of confetti rained down on the stands and the long-frustrated New York Jets celebrated the team's biggest win in three decades, a few party-poppers popped up.

The Jets players themselves.

"It's not a matter of wanting money or fame," Vinny Testaverde said after helping the Jets beat Jacksonville 34-24 Sunday for a spot in the conference title game in Denver. "I want a chance to play for a Super Bowl ring to make my career complete. We're playing to win the championship, not play in the AFC championship game."

They have the opportunity to reach their first Super Bowl since winning it with Joe Namath in 1969, a watershed moment for pro football as the Jets gave the AFL credibility.

New York has a chance to return to Miami thanks to two touchdowns each from Keyshawn Johnson and Curtis Martin, 284 yards passing by Testaverde, and three interceptions by an opportunistic defense.

That allowed the Jets to overcome several mistakes, although they weren't nearly as error-prone as the Jaguars (12-6).

Surprisingly, taskmaster coach Bill Parcells wasn't getting picky, even though the game easily could have been a rout: The Jets led 17-0 late in the first half.

"It wasn't an aesthetic performance in a lot of ways, but that is a good win for this franchise," said Parcells, who could become the first coach to lead three different teams to the Super Bowl with a win over the Broncos next Sunday. "Disappointed in scoring 34 points?"

I am happy we won the game."

New York held on against the Jaguars for its first postseason victory in 12 years and seventh straight this season.

Johnson caught nine passes for 121 yards, recovered a fumble and even intercepted a desperation pass at the end of the game. Martin rushed 36 times for 124 yards and had six receptions for 58 more. They helped the AFC East champions control the ball for 39:16.

"They controlled the clock and we're standing on the sideline," Jaguars All-Pro tackle Tony Boselli said. "You can't do that against a good playoff team."

This good playoff team was 1-15 two years ago. Ever since it won the Super Bowl over the Colts, it generally has been a laughing-stock.

The renaissance began with the hiring of Parcells before the 1997 season and took off this year behind Martin, Johnson, Wayne Chrebet, a revitalized Testaverde and a stingy defense.

"From 1-15 to 13-4, you just don't have turn-arounds like that," said Johnson, the top pick in the 1996 draft who has developed into one of the league's top game-breakers. "But they brought in these coaches and we did that, and now we're in the AFC championship game."

But what looked like a rout in the third quarter turned into a close game when the Jets defense relaxed and allowed the Jaguars 10 late points, with Mike Hollis' 37-yard field goal set up by Chrebet's fumble.

Then, with the Jets leading 31-24 and in easy field goal range, Testaverde lofted a pass into the end zone that was intercepted by rookie safety Donovan Darius with about 2 1/2 minutes left. But Darius tried to run and was tackled inside the 1.

"When I caught the ball, the receiver hit me and when I got up, my eyes were kind of blurred," Darius said. "So, I really didn't

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New York Jets quarterback Vinny Testaverde celebrates as he leaves the field after defeating the Jacksonville Jaguars in the AFC divisional playoff game at Giants Stadium on Sunday. The Jets won 34-24.

Veteran Vikings stomp young gun Cardinals

By Ron Lesko
AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS — Just another average game for the highest-scoring team in NFL history, the mighty Minnesota Vikings.

Playing in the deafening delirium of the Metrodome, Robert Griffith intercepted two passes as the Vikings built a 17-point lead, and Leroy Hoad set a team playoff record with three touchdowns in a 41-21 victory over the upstart Arizona Cardinals on Sunday.

That sent the Vikings into next Sunday's conference championship against Atlanta, guaranteeing that a

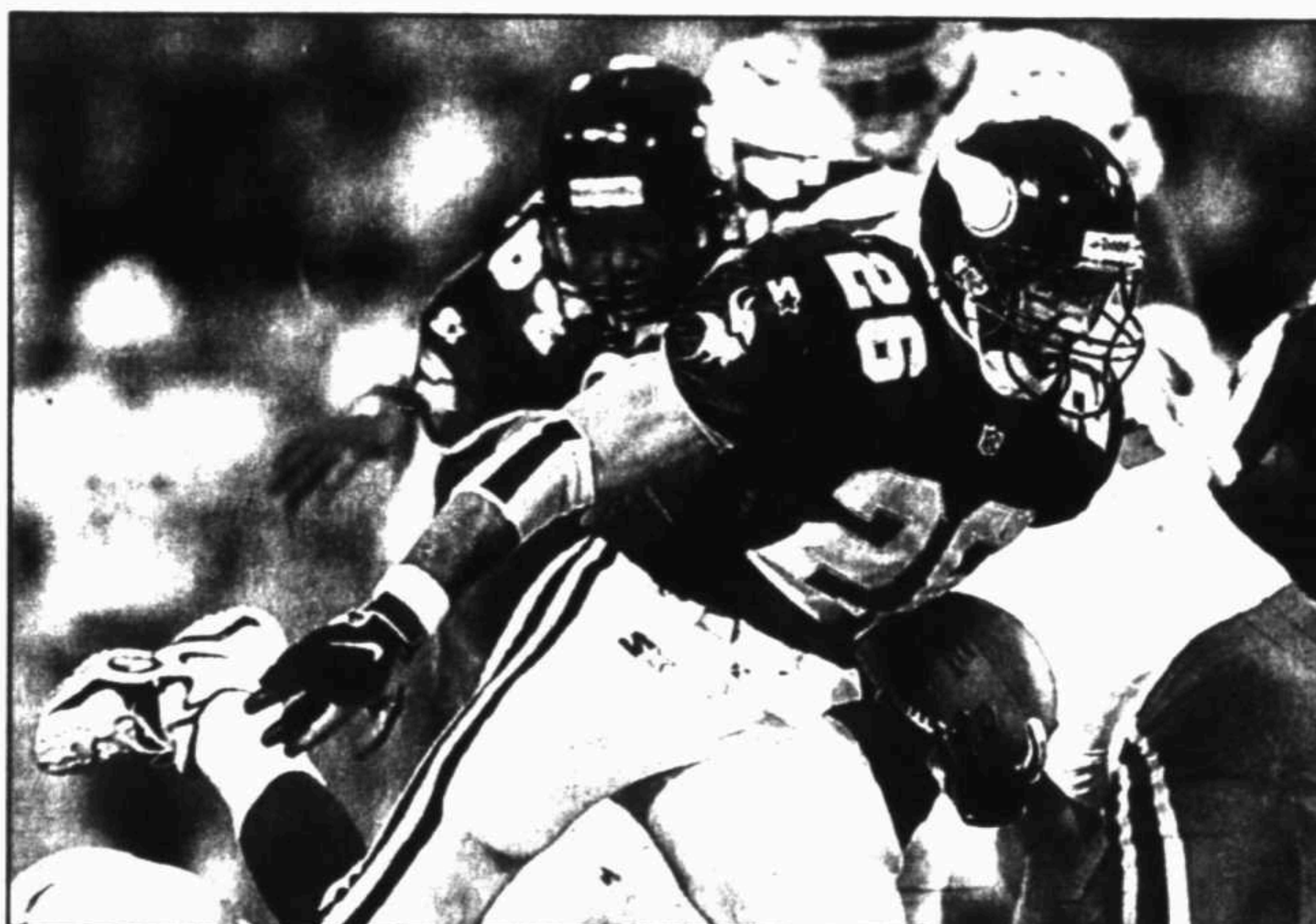
dome team will reach the Super Bowl for the first time. It will be the first conference title game played indoors and the first in Minnesota in 22 years.

And if the Falcons are to reach their first Super Bowl they'll have to do what no team has done this season: beat the Vikings in the noisy Metrodome.

The Vikings, who have the league's best record at 16-1, are 9-0 at home this season, winning by an average of 23 points. They've averaged 41.5 points in their last six games and scored 556 points during the regular season, breaking the record of 541 set by the '83 Redskins.

"We are right where we expected to be. We're not exactly surprised," receiver Cris Carter said. "That's why

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Minnesota Vikings running back Robert Smith breaks free for a first down in the first quarter of the NFC playoff game against the Arizona Cardinals in Minneapolis on Sunday. The Vikings won 41-21 and face Atlanta next in the NFC championship game.

Texas wins again to improve to 3-0 in Big 12

By Tim Korte
AP Sports Writer

LINCOLN, Neb. — The Texas Longhorns lost four games to start the season under first-year coach Rick Barnes but now find themselves unbeaten through three Big 12 contests.

Don't break out the party favors yet. Even after Texas beat Nebraska 89-76 on Sunday, Barnes saw no reason to celebrate a turnaround.

"I think from where we started and now where we are, I am very happy for our guys," Barnes said. "But it's still early in January and we have a long way to go. We need to continue to keep improving."

Gabe Muoneke scored 12 of his 21 points in the second half and Kris Clack

continued his recent hot streak with 20 points. William Clay had 14 points, hitting 7-of-8 from the foul line in the final 2:27. DeJuan Vazquez scored 13 and Wendell Carter added 10 as Texas put five players in double figures for the first time this season.

Texas had 25 turnovers, so there's room for improvement. But with the game on the line, the Longhorns (7-8, 3-0 Big 12) showed they had more mettle than the Cornhuskers (8-7, 0-2).

"They did what they needed to do late in the game to win. We didn't. That sums it up," said Nebraska forward Andy Markowski.

The Longhorns did it with hot shooting and solid defense. Texas shot 60 percent (17-of-28) in the first half and 55 percent

(30-of-54) for the game.

And other than a goal-tending call, the Longhorns held Nebraska without any points over a four-minute stretch near the end of the game.

Texas rallied from a 45-41 halftime deficit, which was extended by a point just before the second half began. Cochran made one of two free throws stemming from a technical foul against Muoneke after the first half ended.

"I lost my cool, but it's OK," Muoneke said. "I think the referee did what he felt he needed to do, and we came back together in the second half."

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Nebraska's Cary Cochran guards Texas' Ivan Wagner in the second half on Sunday in Lincoln, Neb. Texas won 89-76.



Redskins sold for record price

By Joseph White
AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON — The Washington Redskins and Jack Kent Cooke Stadium were sold for more than \$700 million Sunday in the most expensive bidding war in NFL history. The Associated Press has learned.

The price paid by a group headed by brothers Howard and Edward Milstein and Daniel Snyder breaks the \$530 million Alfred Lerner spent last year for the expansion Cleveland Browns, a team for which Howard Milstein also put in a bid.

Final details were hammered out at a meeting Sunday between members of the Milstein-Snyder group and trustees of the estate of the late Jack Kent Cooke, according to sources involved in the sale.

"It is absolutely in excess of \$700 million," one source told the AP. "It will be formally announced tomorrow."

The Milstein brothers, who come from a successful banking family, own 45 percent of the NHL's New York Islanders. Howard Milstein,

47, is a noted New York real estate executive who bid \$450 million for the Browns.

Snyder, 34, is chief executive of Snyder Communications in Bethesda, Md., a marketing firm that employs 8,000 people in 80 locations in 12 countries. It is particularly big in pharmaceutical and long-distance telephone marketing.

The sale must be approved by three-quarters of NFL owners, who are expected to take up the matter during Super Bowl week at the end of the month. Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, which has been handling the negotiations, has kept the league apprised during the process to help ensure that the winning candidate would meet NFL requirements.

The sale ends 25 years of Cooke family control of one of the blue-chip franchises in professional sports. Cooke, who became majority owner in 1974, oversaw the team's glory years of three Super Bowl victories under coach Joe Gibbs.

But Cooke died in April 1997 at

the age of 84, and his will contained a surprise. Instead of leaving the team to his son, John Kent Cooke, the elder Cooke instructed that the seven trustees of his estate sell the team and stadium and that the proceeds be used to establish a charitable foundation for children.

John Kent Cooke was determined to keep the team in the family, but struggled to keep pace in the bidding war because he lacked the personal wealth of the billionaires and mega-millionaires who were competing against him.

"His dad made it awful difficult for him to keep," said Hall of Fame quarterback Sonny Jurgensen, who has been associated with the Redskins as a player-broadcaster-ownership team confidant since 1964. "He tried his best and it didn't work out. It's sad. It's going to be quite an adjustment."

Unlike the very public sale of the Browns, the Redskins were sold behind a veil of secrecy. Prospective bidders were required to sign a confidentiality agreement.

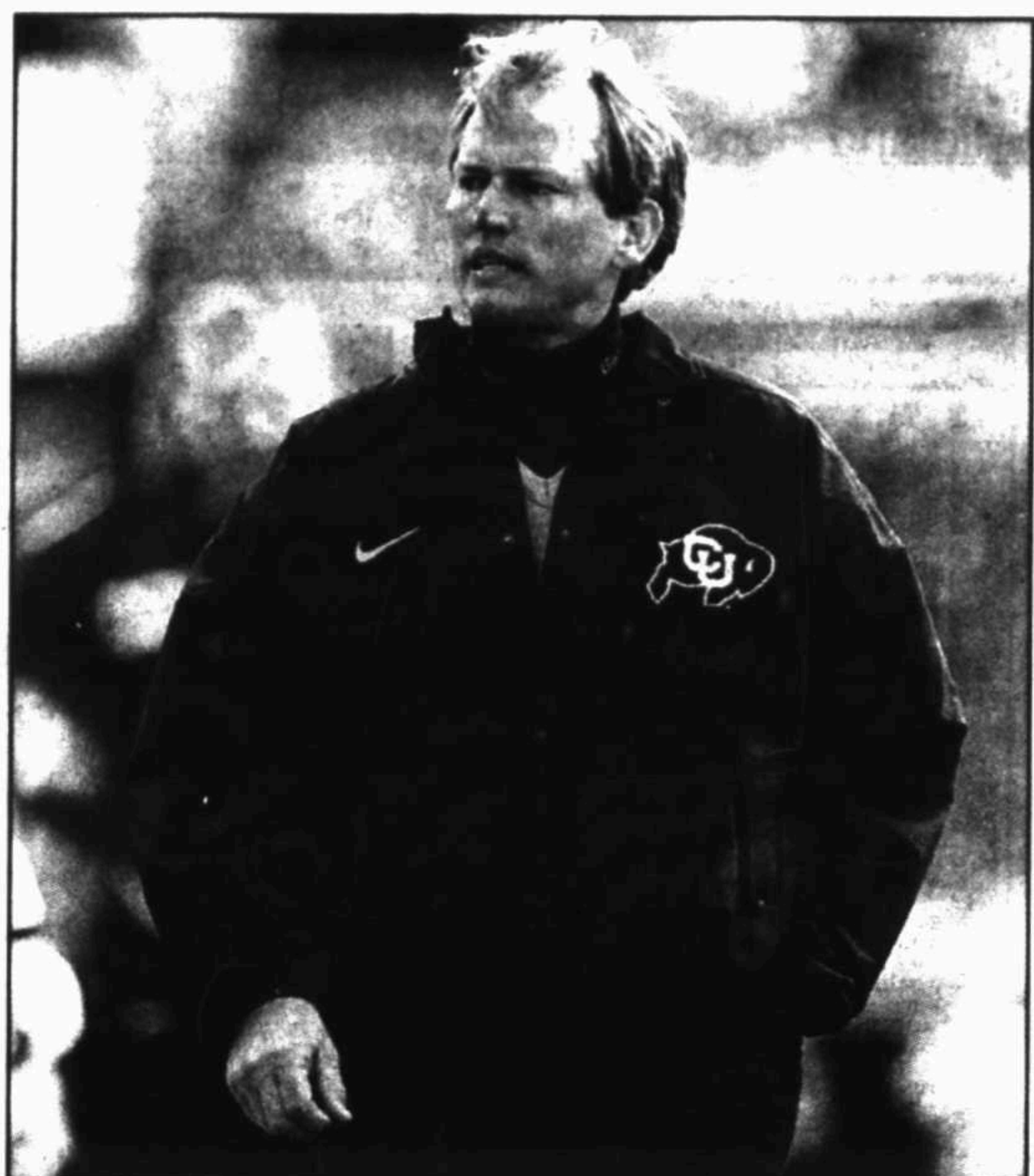
Cooke had no comment Sunday night, according to a team

spokesman. The Milstein brothers and Snyder also withheld comment, at the request of the trustees.

Milstein's purchase leaves in doubt the futures of general manager Charley Casserly and coach Norv Turner. The Redskins haven't made the playoffs since 1992, and are 32-47-1 in five years under Turner. Sources at Redskins Park said both would have been retained had Cooke kept the team, which finished 6-10 in 1998.

Even though the process was secretive, most of the major contenders became known, including Baltimore Orioles owner Peter Angelos; Phoenix real estate developer Sam Grossman, who enlisted Gibbs as a minority partner; and Texas investor David Bonderman, whose group included shopping center developer Ted Lerner.

The selling price is even more remarkable considering it is primarily a stock sale, which offers fewer tax perks to the buyer as opposed to the asset-based sale conducted for the Browns.



Colorado head football coach Rick Neuheisel walks the sideline during an October 1997 game in Boulder, Colo. Neuheisel, who led Colorado to three bowl wins in four seasons, left the school Saturday to become one of the nation's highest-paid football coaches at the University of Washington.

Eagles reportedly set to hire Packers' Reid

By Ken Berger
AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia Eagles have scheduled a news conference for Monday, reportedly to introduce Green Bay quarterbacks coach Andy Reid as their new head coach.

Eagles executive vice president Joe Banner declined to confirm it was a done deal, but Fox reported on its NFL pregame show Sunday that Reid had accepted the Eagles' offer to succeed fired coach Ray Rhodes.

The Philadelphia Marriott confirmed that the Eagles had booked two conference rooms for a 2 p.m. announcement. The Trenton Times also reported that Reid would become the Eagles' 20th head coach.

Reid arrived in Philadelphia late Saturday and toured the city and met with team executives for a second interview Sunday, a source close to the negotiations told The Associated Press.

Reid emerged as the team's top choice in a field that included Pittsburgh defensive coordinator Jim Haslett, fired Carolina coach Dom Capers and Oakland defensive coordinator Willie Shaw.

"There's an inference there that we brought him in for a second interview," the source said.

Reid, 40, would become the second-youngest head coach in the NFL after Oakland's Jon Gruden, 35. Reid's agent, Bob LaMonte, did not return telephone calls seeking comment on the status of contract negotiations.

Reid's jump to the Eagles could coincide with Rhodes getting the Packers head coaching job that became available when Mike Holmgren signed a \$32 million, four-year contract to be coach and general manager of the Seattle Seahawks.

Rhodes has been regarded as a top candidate to succeed Holmgren, and The Philadelphia Inquirer reported Sunday that the former Eagles coach was headed to Green Bay for an interview. Packers spokesman Lee Rummel said Sunday that Rhodes was not in Green Bay, and that the team would make no announcements until a coach was hired.

Rhodes' agent, Jim Solano, did not return a telephone call seeking comment. Reid is one of Rhodes' best friends. The two worked together on Holmgren's staff at Green Bay during Rhodes' two seasons as the Packers' defensive coordinator in 1992-93.

Rhodes blamed the Eagles' front office for

the team's fall from 20-12 in his first two seasons to 6-9-1 and 3-13 in the final two.

Still, Reid said last week that he made it a point not to contact Rhodes about the Eagles situation.

"I don't want any influence like that," Reid said Thursday after his first interview. "I purposely did not call Ray and ask him about the operations of the Philadelphia Eagles prior to coming here. I wanted to approach this as Andy Reid, not Ray Rhodes. That's what I'm doing."

Although he never has held the title of offensive coordinator, Reid played a major role in designing the Packers' offensive game plans and is considered very knowledgeable about Holmgren's successful offensive system. Reid was on Holmgren's staff in Green Bay for seven years.

While it is rare for a position coach to jump right to a head coaching job, Holmgren's assistants have an impressive track record. Reid would join Rhodes, Gruden and San Francisco's Steve Mariucci as former Holmgren assistants to land head coaching jobs.

"They've all done it, and I haven't done it," Reid said. "Do I think I can do it? Sure. I have a lot of confidence in myself."

Colorado begins search for new football coach

By John Mossman
AP Sports Writer

BOULDER, Colo. — Rick Neuheisel's abrupt departure from the University of Colorado in the middle of a recruiting weekend left some unmistakably angry feelings around the stunned campus.

Neuheisel confirmed Saturday night that he had accepted a lucrative, seven-year offer to be head football coach at the University of Washington. The deal reportedly will pay him \$1.5 million a year.

Neuheisel, who earned \$625,000 annually at Colorado, will join Florida's Steve Spurrier, Florida State's Bobby Bowden and Tennessee's Phil Fulmer as the only seven-figure coaches in the country.

"Bad timing," Colorado athletic director Dick Tharp said.

Because national letter-of-intent signing day is less than a month away (Feb. 3), Tharp said he was forming a search committee and would move "expeditiously" to find a successor.

Even worse, 11 recruits were on the Colorado campus, being sold on the Buffaloes' program by assistant coaches and players at the same time that the head coach was informing Colorado officials he was departing.

"There was no good time to do this," Neuheisel insisted.

Eighteen prospects have already verbally committed to Colorado, but at least one of them said Saturday night he was reneging on that commitment.

LaRoy Bias, a speedy wide receiver from Smoky Hill High School in Aurora, said Saturday night he will go elsewhere because Neuheisel is leaving.

The news shocked Jon Hawk, a 6-foot-6, 280-pound defensive tackle from Mullen.

"I'll still honor the commitment," Hawk said, "but this leaves everything wide open now. I'll have to talk with my family to see what we'll do. This is unbelievable. He told all the in-state guys that they should stay in-state and that he was staying, and now he's leaving."

The group of recruits who were on campus over the weekend were informed of the news as they

walked to dinner Saturday night. One player left the building in tears, declining to talk.

Colorado will play Washington in Seattle next Sept. 25, which should make for an intriguing matchup.

"If coach Neuheisel is the coach of the Huskies, I can't wait to go up there and kick their butt," said Colorado linebacker Ty Gregorak. "I want to kill them."

"I'm shocked right now. The thing that's bothering me is what's going to happen to the staff?"

Neuheisel recommended three current Colorado assistants to Tharp as possible successors: defensive coordinator A.J. Christoff, offensive coordinator Karl Dorrell and defensive ends coach Jon Embree.

Linebacker coach Brian Cabral, a holdover from the previous staff of Bill McCartney, has said he would apply for the position.

Other names that could appear on the search committee's list include Northwestern coach Gary Barnett and LSU coach Gerry DiNardo, both former Colorado assistants; Joe Glenn, who has led Northern Colorado to two straight NCAA Division II national championships in the past three years, and Texas Christian's Dennis Franchione.

Barnett issued a statement on Sunday that read:

"My entire professional life prior to Northwestern was in the state of Colorado. It is only natural everyone would assume that I would be eager to return. However, while there is certainly a strong fondness for the University of Colorado, I have neither been contacted by anyone at Colorado nor has anything occurred that would alter my December 1997 statement that I intend to fulfill my contract at NU."

Neuheisel, 37, went 33-14 in his four seasons at Colorado, leading the school to three bowl wins. He replaces Jim Lambright, fired after the Huskies' first non-winning season in 22 years.

JETS: Mistakes cost Jacksonville game

(From 1C)

know where I was."

The Jaguars, who have not beaten a winning team on the road since a playoff win in Denver two years ago, could not pick up the first down and John Hall kicked his second field goal for the final margin.

The game ended to the cannon shots of confetti in the stands and enough noise to make the stadium shake.

"They've waited a long time for this," Chrobot said. "They should enjoy it."

Johnson, a Pro Bowl receiver, scored the first touchdown in the first quarter on a post pattern when Darius failed to provide support coverage. After the play, Darius slapped his helmet in frustration.

The efficient opening drive was

all either team managed in the quarter, and Jaguars quarterback Mark Brunell had three passes blocked.

Jacksonville barely got an opportunity to do anything in the second quarter, when the Jets held the ball for all but 51 seconds. New York scored on Hall's 52-yard field goal and Johnson's 10-yard run on an end-around. Johnson later had an 18-yard run on the same play.

"This was the biggest pro game for me," he said.

Johnson's second score was set up by more Jaguars foolishness. Chris Hudson picked up Martin's fumble at the Jacksonville 18 and headed down the right sideline. He was caught by Testaverde, of all people, and tried to lateral to Dave Thomas. But the ball bounced loose and the ever-present Johnson dived on it at the New York 35.

The Jets turned right around and marched to a 17-0 lead on Johnson's scoring run.

Then Brunell, hampered by a slowly healing sprained ankle, finally found deep threat Jimmy Smith down the left sideline on a 52-yard pass on the last play of the half. Smith also had a 19-yard TD catch in the fourth quarter.

Mistakes continued to plague the Jets early in the second half. On third-and-inches, coach Tom Coughlin chose a long pass, but Brunell hung it in the air and Corwin Brown intercepted. Brown's 40-yard runback and a gorgeous 23-yard hookup from Testaverde to Johnson led to Martin's first 1-yard touchdown run.

But Reggie Barlow's 88-yard kickoff return following Martin's first score set up a fourth-down, 3-yard TD pass to Keenan McCardell that made it 24-14.

Martin's other TD, also from the 1, capped a nearly six-minute drive to make it 31-14. Testaverde threw for 70 yards on the march.

"We spread it around and are a smart team," Jets tackle Jumbo Elliott said. "We recognize what defenses are trying to give us and what they are trying to take away and we respond to that."

Notes: Johnson is the first player to catch and run for a touchdown, intercept a pass and recover a fumble in the playoffs since Chicago's Jack Mander did it in 1937 vs. Washington. ... The attendance of 78,817 was the largest for a sporting event at Giants Stadium. Only a mass celebrated by Pope John Paul II in 1995 drew more. ... Hall's 52-yard field goal was a team record, as was Brunell's 52-yard TD pass to Smith and Barlow's 88-yard kickoff return.

HOME: Super Bowl guaranteed dome team

(From 1C)

you don't see anybody celebrating.

"There's a sense of accomplishment being in the NFC championship game, but we're looking for a bigger prize. We believe this is our year."

Minnesota hasn't reached the NFL title game since the 1976 season, when they beat the Los Angeles Rams at old — and very cold — Metropolitan Stadium before enduring the last of their four Super Bowl defeats.

The weather on Sunday, with the wind chill minus-36 at game time, wasn't a problem. But the raucous atmosphere in the dome, with a sellout crowd screaming and waving white towels, clearly rattled the Cardinals, who were 15 1/2-point underdogs and in the playoffs for the first time in 16 years.

After Hoard scored on a 1-yard run on the opening possession, Jake Plummer threw two interceptions, both to Griffith, a safety

who hadn't had an interception since Oct. 5.

That gave the Vikings a 17-0 lead before Arizona's \$29.7 million man had his first completion or the Cardinals had a first down.

"We're going to let this one sting a little bit, because we want to get back here next year," said Plummer, who admitted he was rattled by the noise. "The main thing we learned is we want home-field advantage."

It was 24-7 at halftime and 34-14 when Randall Cunningham threw his third TD pass of the day, a 3-yarder to Randy Moss, with 1:31 left in the third quarter. Another Plummer bumble — a fumbled snap — led to that score.

But as they did all afternoon the plucky Cardinals (10-8), who won their first playoff game in 51 years in Dallas last Saturday, refused to let the game become a total blowout.

Mario Bates scored his team playoff record third touchdown

(all on 1-yard runs) to make it 34-21 early in the fourth quarter.

Minnesota answered with a 12-play drive capped by Hoard's 6-yard run, his 13th score of the season, to seal the most significant win of coach Dennis Green's tenure.

"We saw ourselves the exact same way on July 29 in training camp," he said.

Green, whose .634 regular-season winning percentage is the best in Vikings history, was just 1-5 in the playoffs going into Sunday's game. But there never was much doubt about Green's second post-season victory. Not with this offense.

Without a significant injury on offense for the first time since October, the Vikings punted only once.

After beating Jacksonville 50-10 in their last regular-season home game, the Vikings seemed on the way to a similar margin early in the game. They led 7-0 and had a

first down at the Cardinals 7 on the first play of the second quarter when Cunningham's forced pass to Moss was intercepted by Aeneas Williams in the end zone.

Plummer's two badly thrown interceptions helped Minnesota make it 17-0 on Cunningham's 15-yard pass to Andrew Glover and the first of Gary Anderson's two field goals.

The Vikings then stopped the Cardinals on fourth-and-goal late in the second quarter when Plummer threw incomplete, but line-backer Dwayne Rudd was called for hitting the quarterback out of bounds.

The Cardinals were back in it when Bates scored with 3:32 left in the half, but the Vikings weren't finished. Robert Smith, who ran for a team-playoff-record 124 yards on the day, gained 45 on the ensuing drive. Hoard finished it with a 16-yard catch to make it 24-7 at the half.

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2. Michael von Grün

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3. Hermann Maier

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4. Kjetil Andre Aar

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9. Frack Nyberg

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11. Marco Buechel

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12. Paul Accola

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13. Didier Pasche

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14. Siegfried Vog

2:29.28 (1:13.78, 1:15.15)

15. Rainer Salzer

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16. Heinz Schlich

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17. Giorgio Rocca

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20. Christian M

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21. Vincent Millet

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22. Dane Spencer

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23. Stefan Stanku

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24. Mitja Kunc

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25. Harald Christ

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World Cup Standings

(After five races)

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2. Christian Mayer

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land, 391

8. Benjamin Raich

9. Andreas Schiffrer

10. Jure Kosi

LOCAL SPORTS

Trinity beats
Faith Christian

EL PASO — The Trinity boys basketball team won its TAPPS 1-3A opener Saturday, defeating Faith Christian 63-45.

Trinity got off to a good start with a 17-2 run in the first quarter. Nick Whitely scored 15 points and Taberick Ephraim had 14 points to go with nine rebounds. Mark Stoltz dished out 15 assists for the Chargers, 13-6 overall. Trinity will play at Big Spring today.

Trinity 63, Faith Christian 45
Trinity (13-4, 1-0) Justin Stasney 10-0-2, Lane Rouse 0-1-3, Mike Landry 1-2-3, Mark Stoltz 2-0-4, Taberick Ephraim 6-2-14, Evan McLaughlin 3-2-5, Nick Whitely 6-2-15, Greg McCabe 4-0-1, Dan Attanucci 3-1-7, Chris Petrella 0-1-2. **Totals** 25-10-33.
Faith Christian E. Jerrado 2-0-4, A. Tavaraz 1-0-2, T. Fisher 4-3-12, C. Gabonzo 2-1-3, L. Harris 3-1-7, A. Perez 5-0-10, R. Vallejo 0-4-9. **Totals** 17-9-21.
Three-Point Field Goals: Trinity (13-4), Faith Christian (2-12). **Technical Fouls:** Trinity (1), Faith Christian (2). **Rebounds:** Trinity 21, Faith Christian 18. **Assists:** Trinity 15, Faith Christian 10. **Blocks:** Trinity 2, Faith Christian 1. **Steals:** Trinity 1, Faith Christian 2. **Turnovers:** Trinity 10, Faith Christian 18. **Time of Game:** 40 minutes.

Trinity JV
sweeps two

EL PASO — The Trinity junior varsity boys basketball team swept a pair of games in El Paso, defeating Father Yermo 56-51 in overtime Friday and routing Faith Christian 61-22 Saturday.

Matt Attanucci led Trinity with 12 points against Father Yermo. The Chargers (9-2) had four players in double figures against Faith Christian, led by Clint Kitto with 16 points. Matt Horne had 11 while Jee Yi and Justin Stasney added 10 apiece.

Trinity will play the Big Spring JV today.

Duval cruises to win
Mercedes tourney

KAPALUA, Hawaii — With a five-stroke lead and the Mercedes Championships in the bag, David Duval stood on the 13th tee of the Kapalua Plantation course and gazed down at a dozen or so surfers riding the crest of a wave.

He closed with a 5-under-par 68 on Sunday to shatter the tournament scoring record and win for the eighth time in 15 months, which left him sitting on top of the world.

"I hope I can do it another 10 or 15 years," Duval said. "To think of doing that at any point is unrealistic, but I've done that. So, I know I can."

Just two months after he ended a spectacular season on the PGA Tour by winning four times, earning a record \$2.6 million and taking the Vardon Trophy for the lowest scoring average, Duval wasted little time showing there is much more to accomplish.

On a Kapalua Plantation course that finally produced the vicious trade winds from the northeast, Duval finished at 266 to win by nine strokes and break the Mercedes scoring record set by Calvin Peete at La Costa Resort in 1986 when he

Knottek named
tourney MVP

Midland High sweeper Jill Knottek earned defensive MVP honors at the The Woodlands Tournament this past weekend.

Knottek was one of three Midland girls to receive tournament accolades. Lee's Lindsey Johnson, who scored five goals in four games, and Raffi Belizaire each were named to the all-tournament team.

In other action, the Midland Lee boys won two games and lost one at the Martin tournament this past weekend (it was incorrectly reported that Lee lost two games). Lee defeated Irving Nimitz (3-2), lost to South Grand Prairie (2-1) and defeated Arlington Lamar (3-2).

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Former pro, college athletes
return to school to get degrees

AUSTIN (AP) — With great fanfare, many of the best college athletes turn professional, and a fortunate few are paid millions of dollars to throw, hit or catch a ball.

Many of them leave school without earning a degree. But some return, even many years later, to finish their degrees. During any semester at the University of Texas, dozens of former college and pro athletes from a variety of sports are enrolled, pursuing degrees and new careers.

This year's class includes at least six former pro athletes, including Peter Gardere and Keith and Kerry Cash, teammates when the Longhorns won the 1990 Southwest Conference football championship.

The oldest is 37-year-old Spike Owen, a shortstop who played major-league baseball for 13 seasons.

"We have a great town, and a lot of guys want to come back and live here," Jon Jaudon, UT's assistant athletic director for academic services, told the Austin American-Statesman. "Fortunately for them, they were able to pursue their dreams in athletics, and their degrees were within reach."

Only three of every 10 freshmen in the total student population graduate within four years, and only two of every three graduate in six years.

In the athletics department, graduation rates for men are much lower — about 56 percent earn a degree within six years, compared to 71 percent for female athletes.

It's also more difficult to lure the degree-less men back to school years later.

"Women don't have the same opportunities in professional sports that men do, so most women come to school focused on graduating," said Randa Ryan, associate women's athletic director for student services. "But we do have 14 fifth- and sixth-year students in school this year."

What motivates these former players to finish their education differs depending on the person.

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WJCAC: Chaparral teams favored to contend for title

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back approach to coaching his players. Sure, he may show signs of being the "Bobby Knight of junior college basketball" as referred to by players of last year's successful team, but he is a lot more patient in having his players learn from their mistakes and motivating themselves.

That approach by Rafferty may have his Chaps become one of the top contenders to win the conference for the second year in a row. The first test of whether or not they're contenders starts tonight in Levelland, where the Chaps have won two of the past three games. South Plains comes in with a record of 10-5 and battled No. 1 Indian Hills in a close game.

"It's always a tough place to play and always a tough team to play," said Rafferty about South Plains College. "For whatever it's worth, they have the most returning guys from last year. Their effort has been real good as of late since the holidays."

"They're a team that's been real physical, they rebound the ball well, and they've been up and down in terms of having off nights in shooting. You can't be deficient in any of the main areas when you play them. And what I mean by the main areas is that if you aren't sound, don't value the ball, don't do a good job defensively and don't rebound they can beat you."

After going through what can only be described as "early to mid-season mental lapses," Rafferty feels his Chaps are as focused as any time this season.

"That's based on nothing other than their demeanor and they have a swagger about them that they're ready to be a team and ready to take the next step," Rafferty said. "Their approach to playing has been good. I think from where we were at Arizona (Mesa Rotary Shoot-out) to where we are now has totally changed in terms of their attitude."

"The approach that our guys will take and that I hope they take is that we line each game one at a time and try to play our game and play hard and together, and let the wins add up," Rafferty added. "If we win today that doesn't mean that we've clinched a playoff spot or won the conference, it means that we've just gotten a good road win. If we lose, it doesn't mean that we've eliminated ourselves from winning the conference or a playoff spot."

Whoever wins on the road in conference, however, might have the edge in winning the conference title. Rafferty feels that unlike past seasons, there may not be a clear cut favorite to win the WJCAC.

"Right now there's no team that has proven that they're night and night out better than everybody else," said the fifth-year Chaps coach. "In a month there might be a team that surfaces. The team that breaks through and gets some road wins and a team that can hold its home court is the one that I think will have an advantage. Because of the parity I think there will be some teams that win on the road."

Among those early contenders should be the Chaps along with Howard, South Plains and New Mexico Junior College. Rafferty also expects teams such as Frank Phillips, New Mexico Military Institute and Odessa College as possible teams which could sneak into the top four playoff spots.

"Nothing in this league would really surprise me," Rafferty said. "South Plains played Indian Hills in a tight game and it wouldn't have surprised me if they would've beaten Indian Hills and hand them their first loss in two years. Any team that wants to go out for 14 nights every Monday and Thursday for the next month-and-a-half and come out with the most consistent effort will be the team that's going to be the favorite. But it's there for the taking."

The Midland College women, under the guidance of fifth-year coach Ron Jones, have proven

over the past few years to be consistent conference championship contenders. This year's team should be no exception with Midland College being the most balanced its ever been in its five-year existence.

And like the MC men, the women are in for a challenge when going to the Texan Dome — a place where they haven't had much success over the past few years.

"The first thing that comes to my mind is that we haven't won there in two years," Jones said. "I know it's going to be a difficult place to play and we've got to be ready. I expect them to play a great game and trying to do the same thing as we are and win our first conference game."

"South Plains is a good team that defends its home court, and we don't lose very much at the Chap Center. South Plains, as we do, takes a lot of pride in winning and winning at home. They play well and play hard at home."

Unlike South Plains teams of the past, there is no go-to player like there was last year with Aleah Johnson, an Angie Brazier the year before, and especially not someone of a Sheryl Swoopes in the early '90s — all Texas Tech signees by the way.

The Lady Texans (9-7) under the dean of women's WJCAC coaches Lyndon Hardin, are always fundamentally sound and always play hard.

With the only two losses coming to No. 1 Trinity Valley and his Lady Chaps playing good defense, Jones feels good about his team going into conference play.

"We're just all getting together for the first time. We've got Fatime Ndiaye back from knee surgery, we've got Shelley Alderman eligible now, and we also have Julie Rampley back from a foot stress fracture," Jones said. "Even though we still have some nagging injuries we're still getting used to playing with our entire group. We're going to get better and better as the season goes on, and I think we're ready to get conference started."

Unlike previous years when you could reserve hotel rooms for the Region V tournament in January, this season might prove to be the most balanced the conference has ever been.

"The bottom of the conference is much stronger than it was last year. I think there will be some upsets this year and see some teams get upset on the road," Jones said. "I just think the conference is better and stronger overall. I think it's going to be a real war every night and makes you play at a higher level every night. It's only going to make you better."

The top two contenders are, as usual, Midland College and Howard College. Other teams that also have the potential are South Plains and New Mexico Junior College, which boasts its strongest team ever this season. Western Texas, Odessa College and Frank Phillips have all improved from last year and could sneak into one of the top four spots.

Midland College Men						
Player	G	FG	FT	FTM	T	AVG
Mike Cummings	14	91	78	44	226	16.1
Alvin Brooks	16	60	78	53	191	11.9
Ivan Gatto	16	61	67	38	179	11.2
Eugene Costello	16	48	64	44	155	9.7
"Ricky Duff	9	37	19	10	84	9.3
Teohn Conner	16	54	33	22	138	8.6
Thyral Dunn	16	55	24	14	131	8.2
Mike Stewart	15	45	21	10	100	6.7
Carl Alexander	9	9	4	2	23	2.6
Jasmar Jones	4	0	0	0	0	0.0
Armon Whitaker	12	6	26	15	27	2.3
Leander Johnson	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
Totals	16	470	414	252	1,264	79.0

Midland College Women						
Player	G	FG	FT	FTM	T	AVG
Judy Gonzalez	16	90	88	51	231	14.4
Julie Rampley	10	46	29	18	121	12.1
Amie Kane	16	67	66	45	184	11.5
Natalie Goodall	16	67	46	28	182	11.4
Fatimah Holiday	16	59	77	51	171	10.7
Taigita Hunter	16	62	75	30	154	9.6
Autumn Johnson	13	45	43	31	121	9.3
Shelley Alderman	4	14	9	4	36	9.0
Fatime Ndiaye	6	59	14	6	36	6.0
Tynesha Gregory	16	25	26	17	73	4.6
Nicole Villareal	15	23	13	7	67	4.5
Demetra Sands	11	11	14	5	27	2.5
Rosana Barbosa	11	4	10	2	10	0.9
Totals	16	527	510	297	1,413	88.3

*out for season with injury

No. 2 Lady Volunteers prove to be too much for No. 1 Connecticut

By Donna Tommelleo
Associated Press Writer

STORRS, Conn. — It all came down to experience. Tennessee's sophomores proved too much for Connecticut's freshmen.

Teresa Geter, Tamika Catchings and Semeka Randall scored all of No. 2 Tennessee's points in a 16-5 run with three minutes left in the game to snap a 76-76 tie and beat No. 1 Connecticut 92-81.

The win snapped UConn's 54-game home win streak, the longest in the nation.

"In order to win the big games, you've got to make the big plays," said Tennessee coach Pat Summitt.

No play loomed larger than Catchings' 3-pointer with 2:37 remaining, giving Tennessee a 5-point lead at 81-76.

Randall and Chamique Holdscaw, Tennessee's career scoring leader, each had 25 points. Catchings finished with 18.

"When it was time to really win the game — there was no tentativeness about them," said UConn coach Geno Auriemma. "Some of our young guys were a little unsure."

The Lady Vols (13-1) evened the series at 4-4 and avenged a 1996 loss to UConn (13-1) that snapped Tennessee's NCAA record 69-game home win streak.

Tennessee's late run broke open a game that was mostly back-and-forth in the second half. Teresa Geter started the spurt with a jumper at 3:17 and Catchings took advantage of a turnover and hit a

3-pointer.

After Geter made two free throws, Randall completed a three-point play on another foul by Svetlana Abrosimova that sent UConn's scoring leader to the bench with her fifth.

Catchings' layup put Tennessee up 88-76 with 1:05 left. After a pair of foul shots by UConn's Swin Cash and a 3-pointer from Keirsten Walters, Randall closed out the game with back-to-back baskets.

"Mentally I was ready for this game," Randall said. "In the past, I haven't been as intense as I needed to be for my basketball team."

UConn had two brief leads the second half. Walters' 3-pointer at 11:03 put the Huskies up 61-60 and Cash gave UConn a 68-67 edge with a foul shot with 6:50 left.

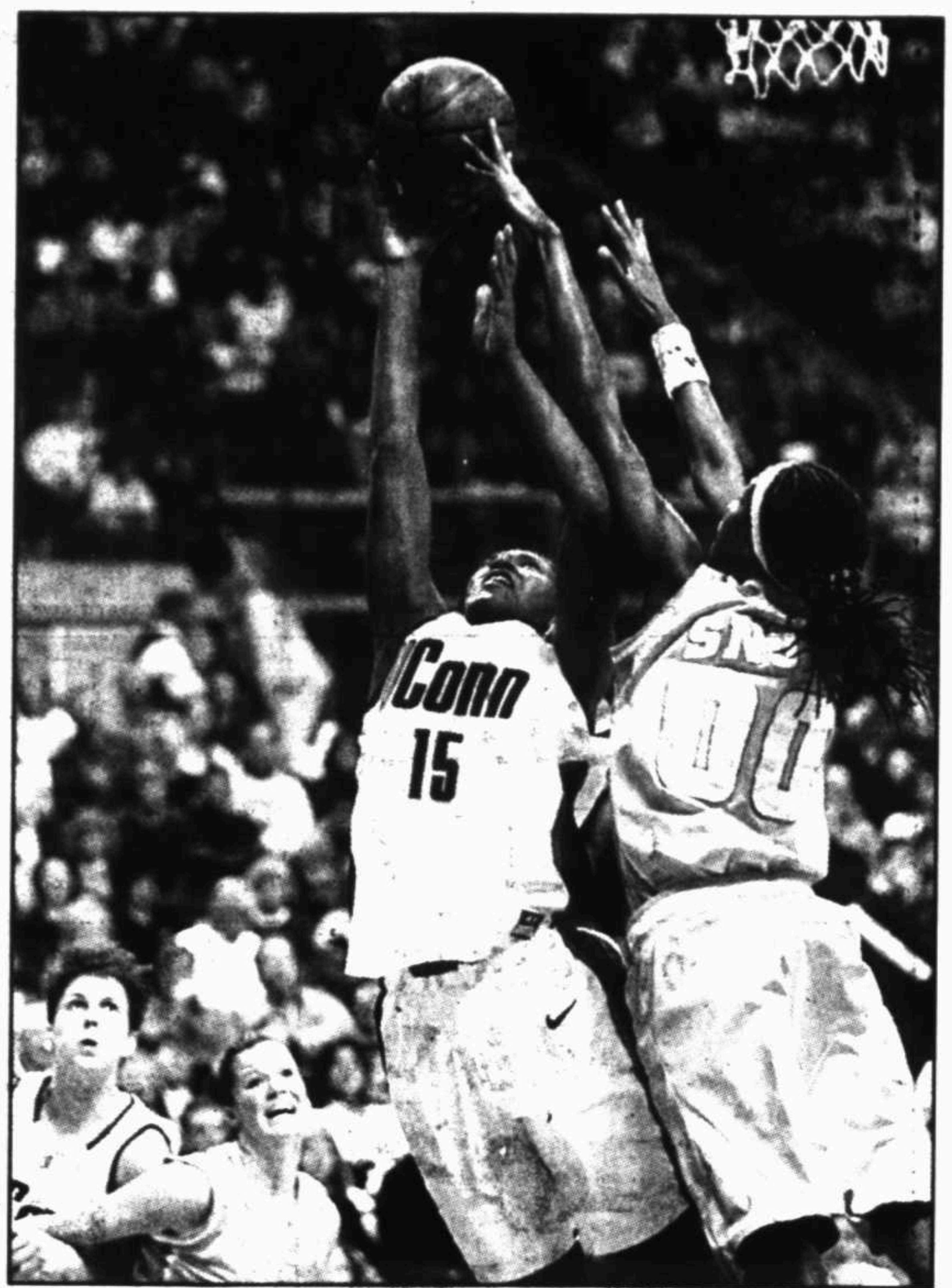
Both teams played their up-tempo style from the opening tip. The Huskies got their only lead of the half early on Walters' 3-pointer, but Holdscaw scored the next three baskets as part of a 10-2 run capped by Kellie Jolly's four-point play.

"We were committed to our running game and they were committed to theirs," said Summitt.

Tennessee led 42-36 at halftime. The Lady Vols outrebounded UConn 47-32, led by Holdscaw's nine.

Cash, one of five highly touted freshmen for UConn, led the Huskies with 19 points. Abrosimova had 11 before fouling out.

"I think experience came into play at the end of the game," Cash said. "We just made a couple cru-



Connecticut's Asjha Jones goes up for a shot as Tennessee's Michelle Snow tries to block her in the first half of their game at Storrs, Conn., on Sunday. Tennessee beat UConn 92-81.

cial mistakes with the ball. I think we were right in there till the end even when Catchings made that 3-pointer.

"We play national championships in March and I think we'll be ready to go by then," Cash said.

Her coach agreed. "We didn't win a game that was winnable and that's a lesson that you carry on until next time," said Auriemma. "When you're in winnable games, you have to figure out how to win them."

NCAA president lashes out at college sports gambling

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — NCAA president Cedric Dempsey called illegal wagering an insidious affliction hurting college athletics and urged Sunday that universities "turn up the heat" and crack down on gambling.

"I challenge you to send a clear message that your athletics programs will not be used as the poker stake in sports wagering and point shaving," Dempsey told delegates at the National Collegiate Athletic Association's annual convention.

Alluding to point-shaving scandals in basketball at Northwestern

University and Arizona State, Dempsey said illegal gambling is not a victimless crime.

"Ask Stevin Smith or Dion Lee if what happened to them was a game. Ask their former universities if they feel victimized. Ask other student-athletes who competed with Smith and Lee if they have been made to feel guilty by association," Dempsey said.

Lee pleaded guilty to attempting to fix three Northwestern basketball games in 1995 in exchange for money. Smith, the No. 2 career scorer at Arizona State, is awaiting sentencing for his role in a 1994

point-shaving scheme. The NCAA has increased its education programs about the dangers of sports wagering, Dempsey said, but added more has to be done.

"We, all of us in college sports and higher education, must turn up the heat. We must take the initiative to help uncover student bookie operations on our campuses," he said.

Dempsey also said schools cannot "look the other way" when they know boosters are betting on games and students are wagering on campus. Speaking with reporters later, Dempsey said the NCAA is moving toward imple-

menting background checks on basketball officials for Division I championships. The men's basketball committee has approved the concept and it will be sent to the championships competition cabinet in February, he said.

On another subject, Dempsey told delegates the NCAA continues to work on an out-of-court settlement with coaches that would reduce the association's \$80 million obligation in a "restricted earnings" lawsuit. But, he said, such a settlement may send a message that filing such a lawsuit is good business.

STREAK: Clack continues his hot shooting

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Texas tied it with 15:32 to play on a 3-pointer by Vazquez and took the lead for good after he scored less than one minute later.

The Longhorns added to their momentum with an 8-2 run that made it 61-54 with 11:48 left. During that span, Nebraska coach Danny Nee was assessed a technical foul for arguing a questionable possession call at the Texas end.

"I don't think the technical made any difference," Nee insisted.

Clack also added a 3-pointer during the run. After averaging 12.4 points through Texas' first seven games, Clack's production has shot up to 17.5 over the Longhorns' previous six contests.

"I'm just really confident right now," Clack said. "I want to make sure I'm making my shots when I

get the opportunity."

Nebraska pulled within 78-72 on Venson Hamilton's rebound and basket with 4:31 to play but couldn't build on it. Those points marked the start of the Huskers' late scoring drought.

"Everybody rides us like we're terrible," Markowski said. "I don't think we're terrible, but we're close."

It was a game of separate halves

for the Huskers, who shot 59 percent (16-of-27) in the first half but managed only 35 percent (11-of-31) in the last 20 minutes.

"To win in this league, you have to put 40 minutes together," Nee said. "We probably put together 25, if that. We can't much better than we did in the first half. Then we came out in the second half and go 11-for-31, and they weren't hard shots."

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Rice women fall to No. 8 CSU

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP) — Becky Hammon scored 22 points to lead No. 8 Colorado State to its 14th straight home win, a 63-45 victory over turnover-prone Rice.

The Rams' (17-1, 2-0) remained unbeaten in the Western Athletic Conference with the win, their fifth straight overall.

Hammon was 10-for-14 from the field and 8 of 8 from the line. Farah McDill scored 13 points and grabbed seven rebounds for Colorado State.

Ashley Duncan and Marla Brumfield each scored 11 points for Rice (8-6, 1-1). Brumfield, who averaged nearly 16 points a game, sank only 3 of 12 shots as Rice saw

its three-game winning streak snapped.

Despite turning the ball over on five of its first seven possessions, Duncan brought the Rams to within 8-7 with 13:00 minutes left in the first half with a baseline jumper. Hammon replied with back-to-back hoops to give the Rams a 12-7 lead.

After Charonda Wilson sank one of two free throws for Rice, Erin Erickson keyed a 10-0 run with four points inside to increase Colorado State's lead to 22-8.

Hammon scored five consecutive points to give the Rams a 37-19 halftime lead.

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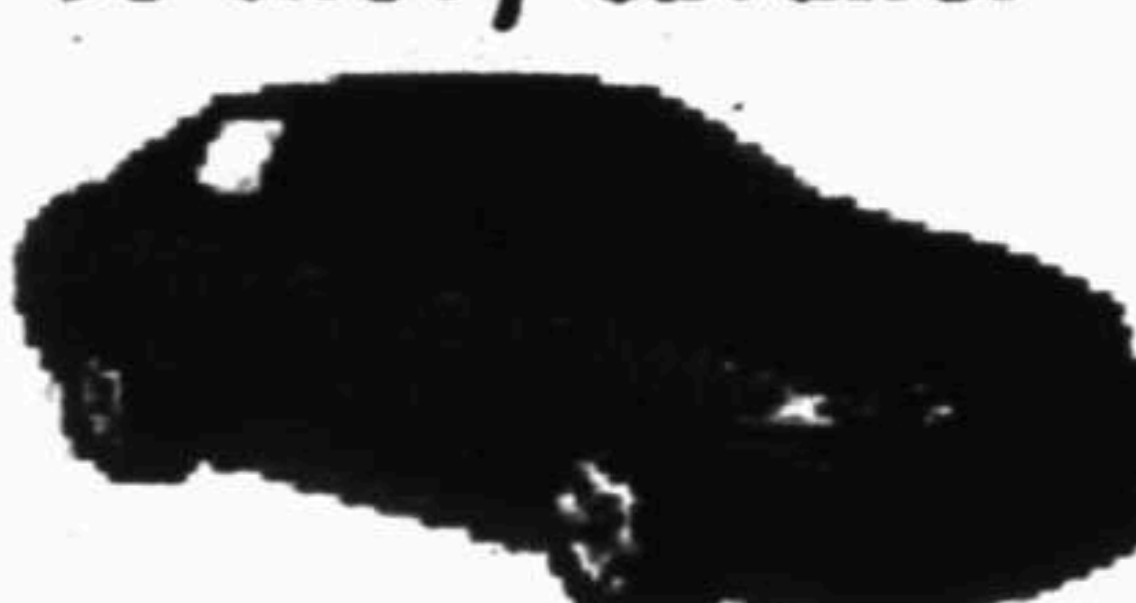
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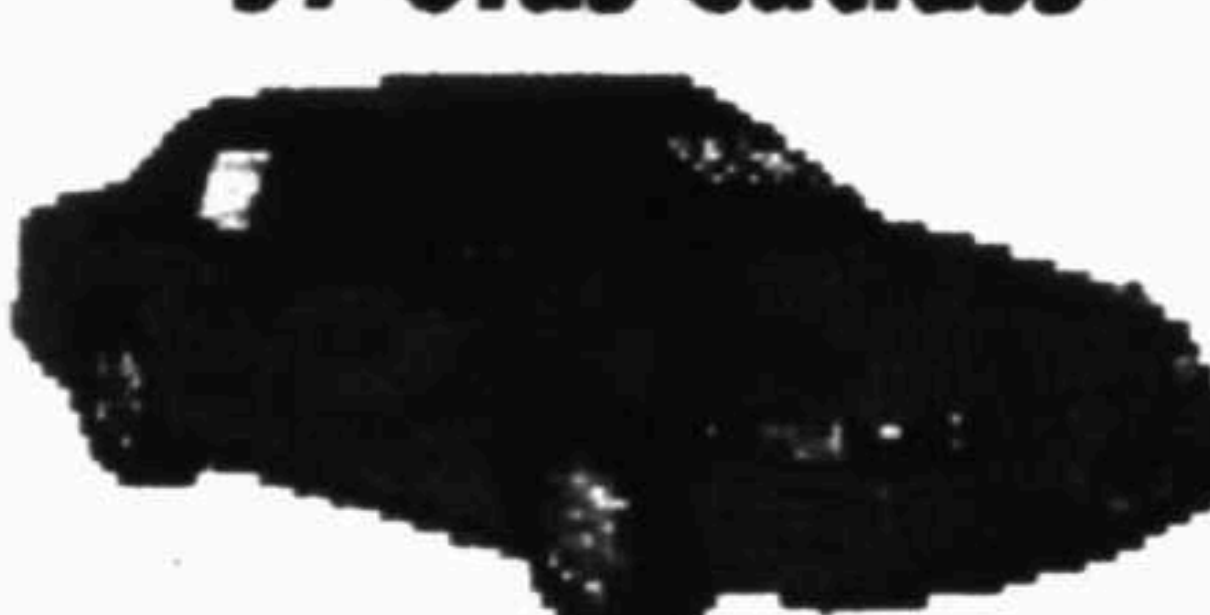
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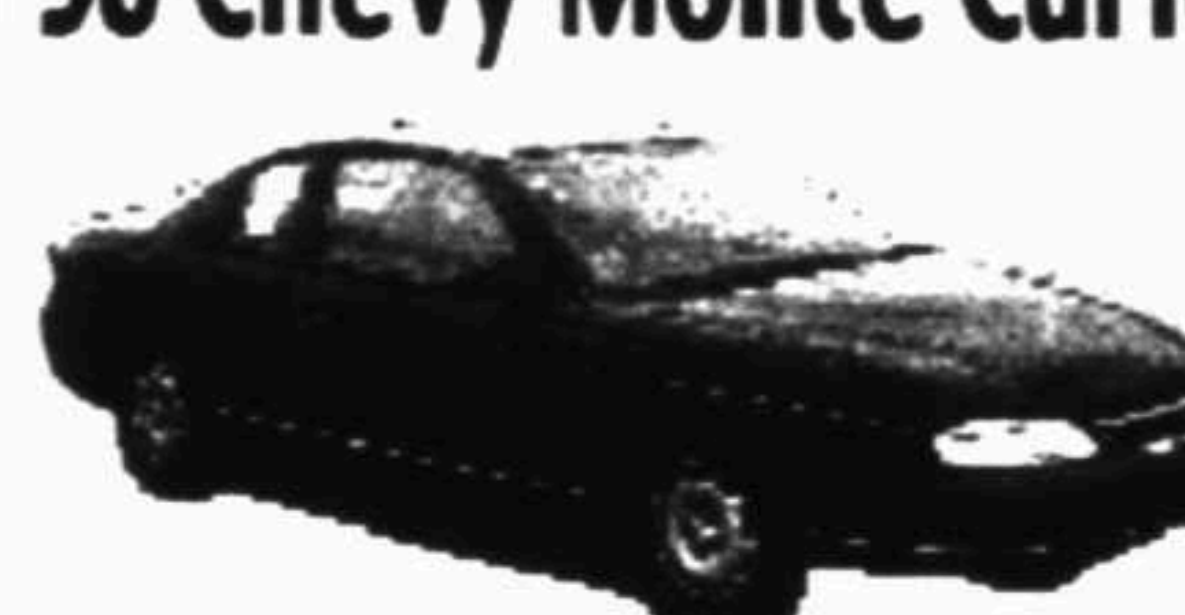
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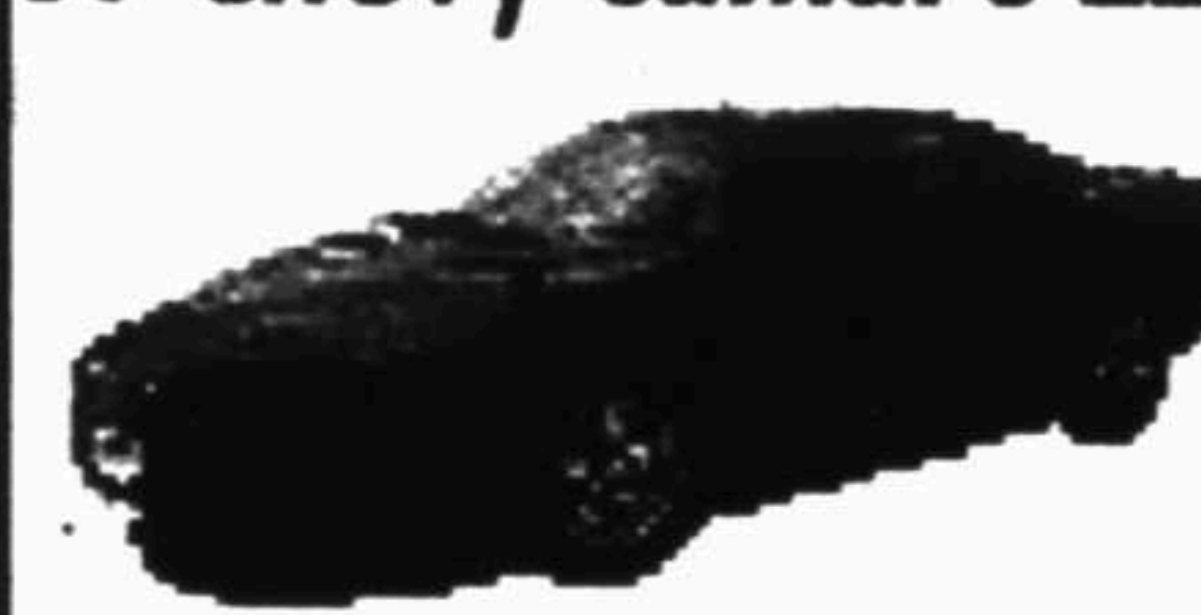
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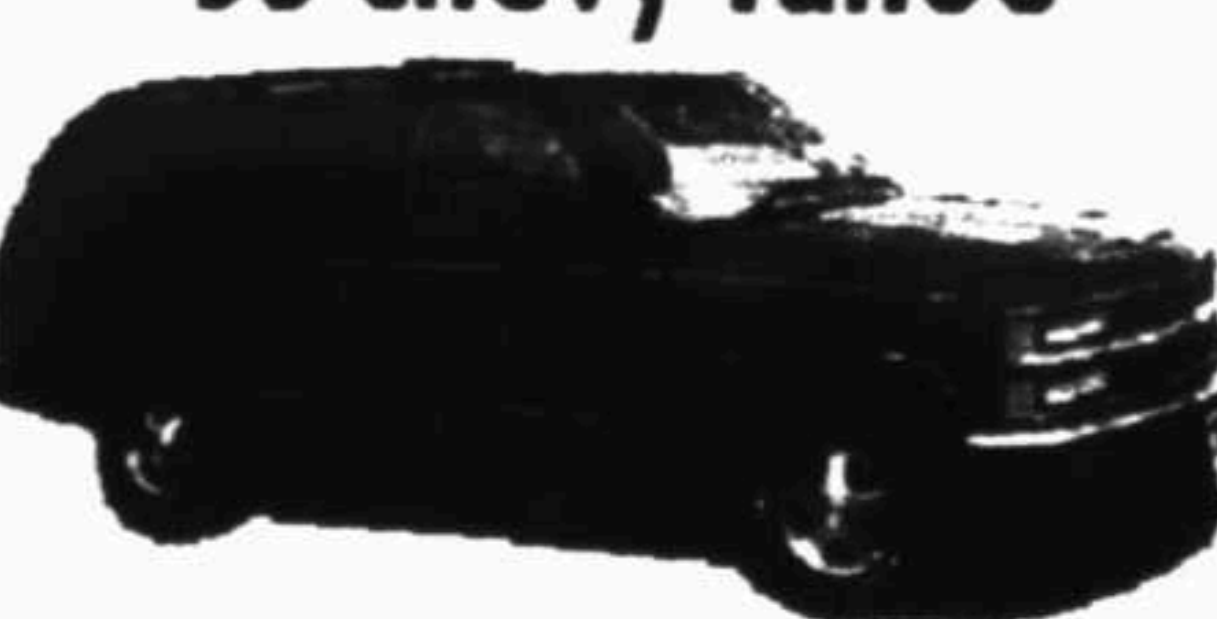
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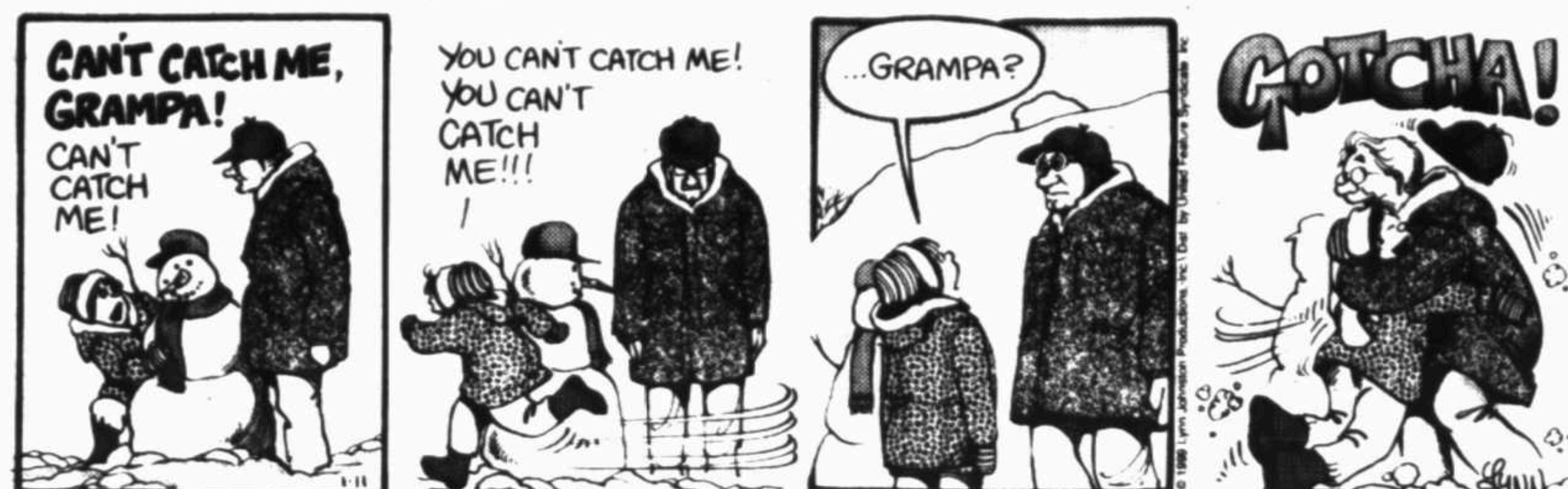
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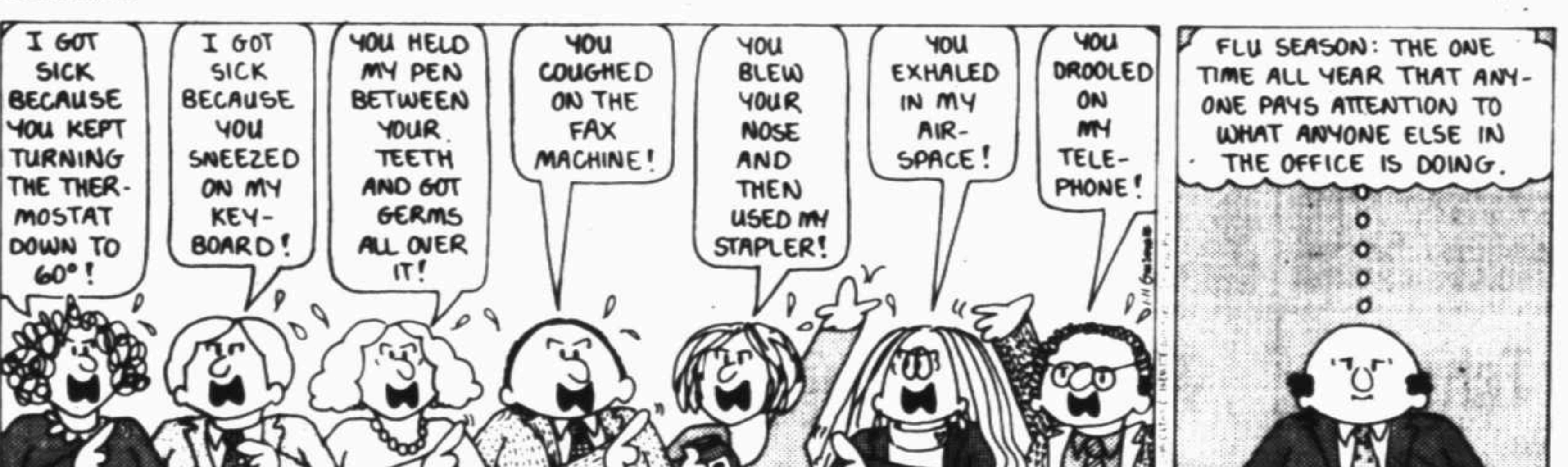
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Jan. 11, 1999. Remain goal-oriented this year. Sometimes you could be thrown off track, especially financially. You will be more prone to impulse spending than ever, unusually influenced by your whims. You'll also be especially generous. Build your "emergency fund" as unexpected expenses become likely. If you are single, romance is likely to tug at your heartstrings in late spring. You might be ambivalent about this tie, or prefer to keep it a friendship. If attached, discussions may surround a new addition or a special project that will bond you. **SCORPIO** is a pal.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★ Be careful about indulgence and spending. Partners could be runaway trains where funds are concerned. Though they might not appreciate you nixing their idea, it is necessary. Take a strong stand when you must. Discuss plans recently made. Tonight: Time for an important talk.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★ Partners are unpredictable and self-indulgent. You might need to say "no" when you would least prefer. A boss or someone you put on pedestal does the unexpected. This is very difficult for you. Listen to your inner voice at work. Seek more freedom and independence. Tonight: Follow through on a plan.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★ Dig into a problem. Don't allow unexpected news to distract you. Break patterns and restrictions. Use your excellent mental powers to explore how you can make what you want happen. Explore the possibility of a seminar or special class. Tonight: Work late, then off to the gym.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★ Use your creativity when a partner inadvertently causes a monetary or emotional problem. They are who they are, and you can't change that. However, you can find solutions. Take care of yourself at the same time. Refuse to take risks. Tonight: Play a game or see a show.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★ Pressure is intense. What you thought was under control may not be. Deal with a domestic matter early on. You could find others difficult and wayward. Be careful with another's attempt to lure you. Is this what you really want? Think before you respond. Tonight: Home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★ Structure is key to success; otherwise, work plans could easily fall apart. Be especially disciplined, screen calls if need be. Relax at lunch with a co-worker. You see professional issues in a similar way. Return messages at a comfortable pace. Tonight: Run errands on the way home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★ Expenses could easily be out of whack. What will you do about this? Think before taking a risk or gamble, no matter how good it looks. Another lures you to spend; resist their enticements. Use your ingenuity to increase your earnings. Tonight: Balance your checkbook.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★ Smile and visualize what you want, despite another's upsurge. Let go of restraints. Better yet, give them space, and they find out that they didn't really want what they thought they wanted. Build security around you. Tonight: Buy flowers on the way home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★ Sometimes it is best to say little. Let others rant and rave. You could witness a startling disclosure, resulting in a sudden change in plans. Be caring with those in your environment, though they could be brusque. In the long run, politeness wins. Tonight: Do your own thing!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★ You may think you know what you want. However, a change in pace could take you in a new direction. Remember long-term commitments and you will be fine. A friend could leave you out of kilter. Reward yourself with a little treat. After all, you are worth it! Tonight: Where the fun is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★ You tend to jolt others with your actions. Make it clear that you really care; sometimes your expression comes off harshly. Lighten up about life, yet at the same time, take responsibility. Another clearly cannot thank you enough. Tonight: Working late.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★ Your ability to see beyond the obvious is heightened by a sudden insight. Don't sell yourself short. Be clear about directions and choices. You could be overly sensitive right now. Be careful of someone you could meet today, however alluring they might be. Tonight: Relax with a movie.

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ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q1 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:
 ♠ A K J 6 5 ♥ Q 7 ♦ K J 3 2 ♣ A 9
 The bidding has proceeded:
 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
 1♠ Pass 1NT Pass
 2♦ Pass 2♠ Pass
 What do you bid now?
 A - With 18 high-card points and a fair five-card suit, it might seem that a game try of two no-trump is automatic. But where is your source of tricks? To have any play, three no-trump will probably, at best, be on a 3-3 spade division, and partner will need a second heart stopper. Since that is not a promising parlay, pass.

Q2 - Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
 ♠ A K 8 6 2 ♥ K Q 9 8 ♦ A Q 6 ♣ 6
 The bidding has proceeded:
 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
 1♠ 2♥ Pass Pass
 What action do you take?
 A - You have almost half the points in the deck, but West has stolen your second suit and you have no convenient action. If you could double for penalties, that action would be worth considering. But the double is for takeout, and a club response from partner could prove acutely embarrassing. Pass.

Q3 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:
 ♠ Q J 7 6 2 ♥ Void ♦ K 8 6 5 2 ♣ 10 6 5
 Partner opens the bidding with one heart. What do you respond?
 A - The problem is not with your action now. Everyone would respond one spade. The problem comes on the next round, when any number of rebids by partner could pose difficulties — particularly a jump rebid of three hearts. Despite the fact that you are unlikely to locate an eight-card fit, bid one spade and hope for the best.

Q4 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:
 ♠ A 10 9 8 7 6 5 ♥ K Q J 10 9 8 7 6 5 ♦ K Q J 10 9 8 7 6 5 ♣ K Q J 10 9 8 7 6 5
 Partner opens the bidding with one club. What do you respond?
 A - Point counters might decide that 12 points are not enough for a jump response of two no-trump — the textbooks require 13. But your king in partner's suit and good intermediates are clearly worth at least one extra point. Our first choice is two no-trump, with one diamond a distant second.

Q5 - Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
 ♠ K Q J ♥ 5 4 ♦ A K 8 6 5 ♣ 8 5 4
 The bidding has proceeded:
 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
 1♠ Pass 2♠ Pass
 What do you bid now?
 A - A raise to three clubs should show something extra, either in the way of high cards or four-card support for partner's minor. You have a minimum, balanced opening bid with weak three-card support for partner's suit. Rebid two diamonds.

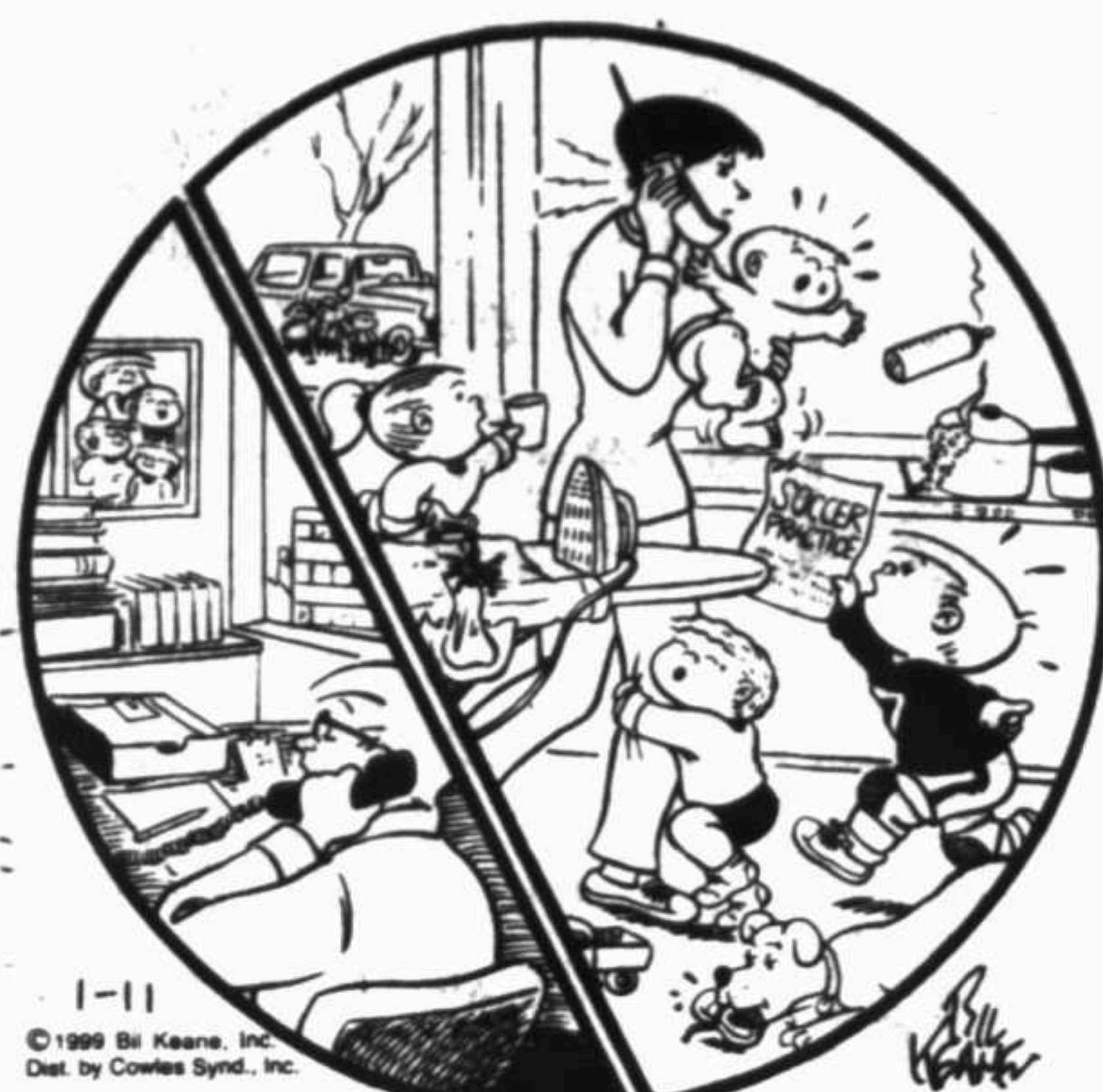
Q6 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
 ♠ 10 6 ♥ A Q ♦ A 9 8 6 ♣ K 8 5 4 2
 The bidding has proceeded:
 EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH
 1♠ Pass 2♠ Pass
 What action do you take?
 A - Partner's balancing double could be made with as few as 11 points. Therefore, you can rule out a jump to game in no-trump, a penalty pass or a cue-bid. The problem with the latter is that partner will surely expect you to have length in one of the major suits. By a process of elimination, two no-trump expresses the value of your hand nicely.

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Alex Trebek's recurring nightmare.

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PEOPLE TODAY

Hamlich to wave baton in Washington

BALTIMORE — Marvin Hamlich will leave the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra next year to become the principal pops conductor for the National Symphony in Washington.

Hamlich's four-year tenure in Baltimore ends in June 2000. Hamlich, who previously revitalized the pops series of the Pittsburgh Symphony, helped increase revenues 10 percent each year during his first two full seasons in Baltimore, BSO President Jon Gidwitz said.

Hamlich, who wrote the score for the Broadway hit "A Chorus Line" and several scores for films and television, has won three Academy Awards, two Emmys, a Tony and three Golden Globe awards. He shared a Pulitzer Prize for drama for his work on "A Chorus Line." "Choosing to go to the National Symphony was ... one of the most difficult decisions I've ever had to make because of my devotion to Baltimore," he said in a statement.

Hamlich will retain his post as pops conductor of the Pittsburgh Symphony.

NEW YORK — Capt. Kathryn Janeway may be ready to abort her mission.

The Daily News reported Sunday that Kate Mulgrew, who plays the captain on "Star Trek: Voyager," wants to leave the show. The newspaper said Ms. Mulgrew is tired of 80-hour work weeks and that she wants to devote more time to her teen-age children and upcoming marriage to Tim Hagan, a Cleveland politician.

Ms. Mulgrew also complained Friday to TV critics in California that she was fed up with Hollywood because it lacks intimacy and a sense of community. She said she wanted to return to theater work in New York.

After Ms. Mulgrew's comments were reported, Paramount, which owns the UPN network where "Voyager" airs, issued a statement in which Ms. Mulgrew said she "cannot imagine not participating in (the show's) entire run, whatever that may be."

NEW YORK (AP) — When Jon Stewart got an offer to host "The Daily Show," he almost turned it down — again.

When the Comedy Central program was conceived in 1996, Stewart turned down the job and former ESPN sportscaster Craig Kilborn got the job instead.

But when network executives recently called looking for someone to replace Kilborn, Stewart took the job, albeit a little reluctantly.

"I wasn't looking for anything to sink my teeth into," he told Newsday in Sunday's editions. "I was looking just more for a hammock, some place to lie down and rest and go back to the normal gentle buzzing in my head."

Stewart, 36, begins anchoring the show Monday.

The comedian got his first big break as the host of an MTV talk show in 1993. The next year, he moved on to a late night syndicated show that was canceled after one season.

Since then, he's been a guest on other talk shows and appeared in movies, including "The Faculty," now in theaters.



Real estate developers want to buy some of Neil Armstrong's space.

LEBANON, Ohio — A group of developers want some of Neil Armstrong's space.

They want to buy 138 acres next to the Warren County Airport from the man who was the first to walk on the moon. Cincinnati-based RJF Ltd. is interested in developing a business park at the site in southwest Ohio.

The property was valued at \$534,750 last year, but details of a tentative agreement have not been disclosed. RJF hopes to finish the sale by May 1.

The Armstrong family bought the property in 1981 and now uses it for sharecropping.

NEW ORLEANS — Bianca Jagger's help won't be needed after all.

The former wife of Rolling Stones frontman Mick Jagger came to New Orleans to lend her support to an 18-year-old who was scheduled for retrial Monday on a capital murder charge.

Instead, she met Shareef Cousin's family to celebrate prosecutors' decision not to retry Cousin.

"This is a day to rejoice because justice has been done," said Ms. Jagger. "Shareef Cousin was sentenced to death at 16 years old for a crime he did not commit."

Cousin became one of the nation's youngest death row inmates when he was convicted in January 1996 of shooting a man outside a restaurant.

But appeals revealed that key evidence was withheld from the defense during the trial, and charges were dropped Friday. Cousin remains in jail, where he is serving a 20-year sentence for his guilty pleas in four armed robberies.

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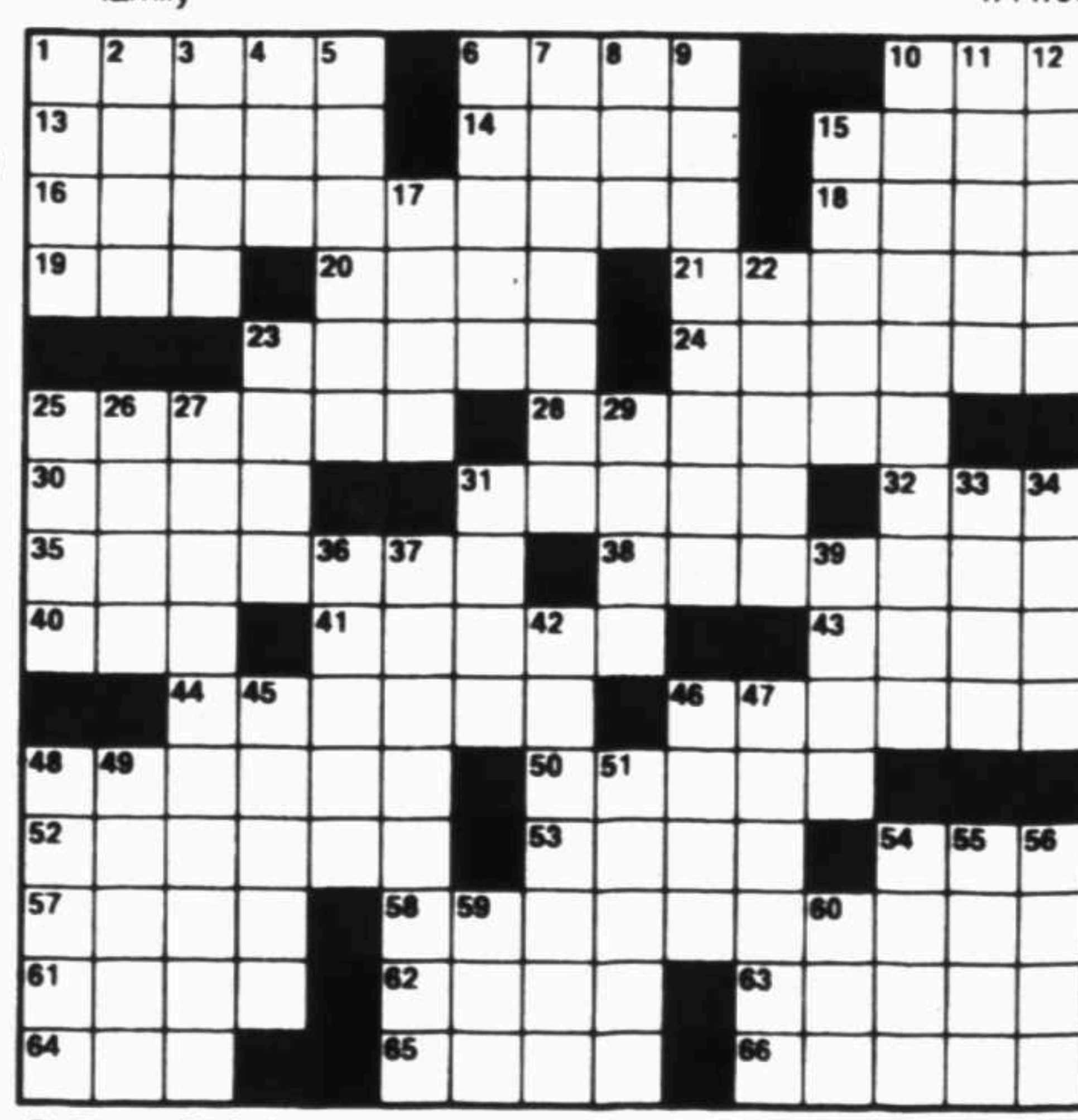
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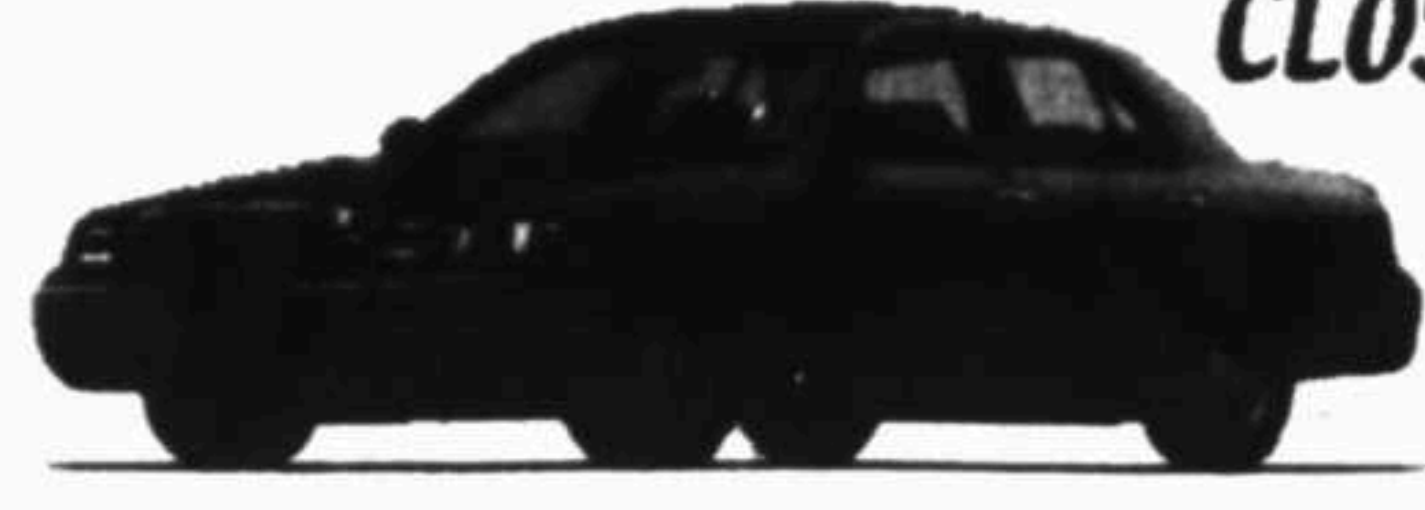
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