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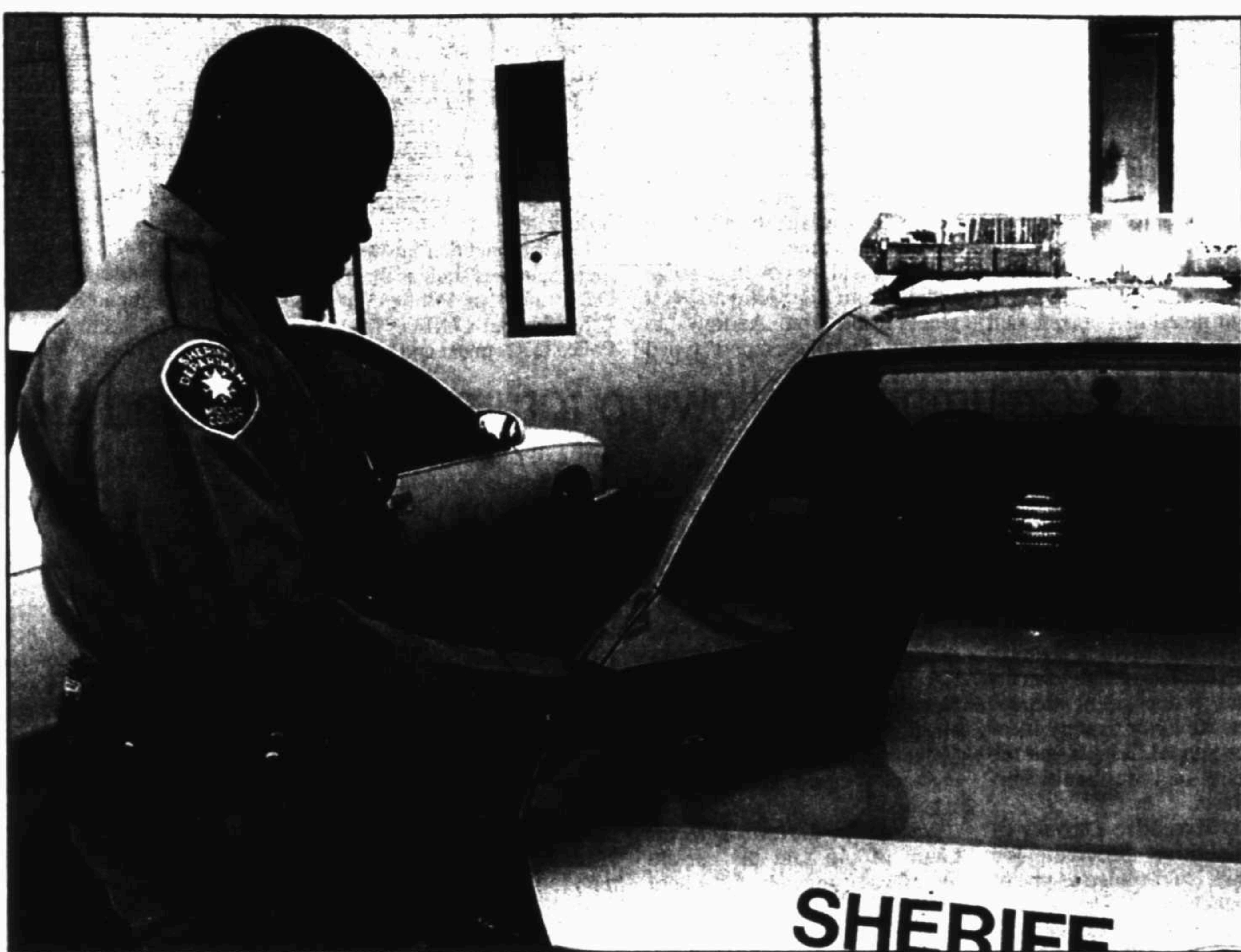
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Sheriff's Department Deputy John Reese works on his new laptop computer.

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Sheriff's deputies are armed with laptop computers

By Rick McLaughlin
Staff Writer

It may be 14 months before the dawn of the 21st century, but the Midland County Sheriff's Office wants to be ready for it with a high-tech leap into computerized law enforcement by next spring.

The revolution in office and patrol car computer technology is already allowing deputies to spend more time on patrol and use that time more efficiently with faster access to more information than has ever been possible — in or out of the office.

A second phase of the electronic remodeling will soon put Dick Tracy's gadgets to shame, with deputies having access to suspect description searches, mug shot files, and license plate searches available in car on demand.

Nearly a third of \$1 million in federal-funded computer equipment and programming is being set up in the Midland County jail, Sheriff's Department offices

and right in the lap of 45 deputies.

The sheriff's office has been breaking in 33 state-of-the-art laptop portable computers since they arrived Oct. 15, according to Capt. Ed Krevit, of the Public Safety Division of the Midland County Sheriff's Department.

In addition, technicians are coming Nov. 29 to install an IBM 6000 server computer that will hold all the department's inmate information and link every office and ultimately link every patrol car directly to the sheriff's office, the Texas Information Center in Austin and the FBI's National Information Center in Washington, D.C.

The upgrade of the sheriff's office computers is the result of a \$219,980 grant from the "COPS98Technology" program.

This grant program is a continuance of the COPS98 program that is putting officers on the street across America, including three in Midland, Krevit noted. The

county has to provide \$73,000 for the \$293,000 cost of Phase I. Another grant is pending for Phase II.

The laptop computers are the field extension of the computer remodeling of the Sheriff's Department. The "Latitude" laptops by Dell have a 6.4 gigabyte hard drive with a 128 megabyte memory (RAM). They have a 366 mhz Pentium II processor with CD ROM and a 56K modem.

For the time being, the laptops allow every deputy on patrol to be able to write reports while in the car, put the reports on a disk and walk into the office at the end of the shift and file them electronically.

The old way of course, explained Krevit, was to take an hour off patrol time, return to the office and write a report by hand.

"Now, our officers will have a greater presence on the street," said Krevit.

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Midlanders, Odessans to join in forum on education

■ 'Building Better Schools' is the topic of discussion for parents, teachers, students and administrators.

Youth, crime to be debated in LWV event

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

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Students, parents, teachers, administrators and the public will get the opportunity to air their views on education at the Voices of West Texas: Building Better Schools.

The educational forum is scheduled for 6 p.m. Nov. 15 at the University of Texas at the Permian Basin's Center for Energy and Economic Diversification, Highway 1788 and Highway 191. NewsWest 9 will broadcast the forum live from 6:30 to 7 p.m. and will feature portions of it throughout the 6 p.m. news broadcast. The forum is being sponsored by the Midland Reporter-Telegram, NewsWest 9, the Junior League of Midland, the Junior League of Odessa, KNFM and CEED.

"We all need to work together in order to help our students," said Renee Henderson Earls, vice president of community relations for the Odessa Junior League. "I think any avenue that enables us to do that is something we need to be a part of."

Ms. Earls said the forum falls right in line with the Odessa Junior League's focus of helping at-risk families.

"The focus of the Junior League of Odessa is families at risk. Any-

Parents in Midland will have every opportunity to speak out in November. The League of Women Voters is hosting a forum on "Youth, Crime and Consequences," just one day after a media-sponsored education forum.

LWV's forum is set for 7 p.m. Nov. 16 at the Roadrunner Room of Midland College's Scharbauer Student Center, 3600 N. Garfield St.

Interestingly enough, both forums have similar impetus — school shootings in Littleton, Colo.

"We really wanted to do something related to school violence," said Karen Nicholson, program vice president for the League of Women Voters. "But, that (shooting) is taking youth breaking the law to the extreme. There were probably some warning signs or early indications that there were problems there before the shootings occurred."

Ms. Nicholson said the topics discussed at the forum will include early warning signs of youth crime and prevention methods. She added that part of the motivation for hosting the forum lies in the fact that league

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Clintons will be paying \$8,500 mortgage on \$1.7 million home



AP Photo
First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton talks to reporters outside of the \$1.7 million home in Chappaqua, N.Y., where she and President Clinton plan to live after leaving the White House.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Questions linger about the Clintons' \$1.7 million purchase of their post-White House residence in a New York City suburb. The first couple must cope with \$8,500 monthly payments even as they wrap up their eight years in the White House.

President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton dropped their original plan to rely on a wealthy friend and political fund-raiser for help in securing the mortgage for the Chappaqua, N.Y., home. But critics and some mortgage experts believe the financing the Clintons settled on still raises questions of special treatment.

The Clintons got favorable terms to buy the five-bedroom, three-story wood frame house, with swimming pool and exercise room, where they say they will live after leaving the White House in January 2001. They officially

bought the house last week.

Mrs. Clinton must establish residency in New York if, as expected, she seeks the Democratic nomination for Senate from New York next year.

"The basic, factual issue involved here is fairly cut and dried: Did they get an extraordinarily good deal? No question," said Kenneth Harney, who studies the mortgage business and writes a syndicated column on real estate.

In short, Harney said, the Clintons are putting down less than most people who take out mortgages that size, and they did not have to make the usual choice between paying "points," or add-on fees, upfront, and getting a lower interest rate overall.

Banks have a great deal of leeway when making this kind of loan, and may evaluate a

variety of factors, including future earning power, that do not fit neatly into the calculations used for more modest mortgages, bankers said.

"There is absolutely no suggestion that there is anything improper in this mortgage," said Jim Kennedy, spokesman for the White House counsel's office.

Kennedy said the Clintons will pay about \$8,500 a month in interest, plus periodic lump sum payments toward insurance and taxes. Tax records indicate the Clintons will pay about \$26,000 annually in real estate taxes.

The Clintons are borrowing the money from PNC Mortgage Corp., the nation's 12th largest home lender last year.

The couple turned to PNC after they

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Plaintiff-intervenors get chance to study settlement

■ Judge postpones hearing on unitary status until time runs out for group to file objections.

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

The long awaited day will have to wait.

U.S. District Judge Edward Prado had been scheduled to hear the Midland Independent School District's unitary status case today. However, a late settlement agreement, approved by the school board at its Oct. 25 meeting, put that hearing in the realm of uncertainty.

The hearing may still happen, but not today.

"There is no hearing tomorrow," Superintendent Joseph Barresi Jr.

said late Sunday afternoon.

According to Barresi, the school district and the U.S. Justice Department filed a motion for settlement on Tuesday.

"The plaintiff-intervenors have 10 days to file any objections they may have. That 10 days started last Tuesday and that time will run out some time later next week," said Barresi. "The judge has indicated he will give us an expedited hearing sometime after that."

The U.S. Justice Department and MISD agreed to a settlement that would grant the district unitary status. The board approved the settlement 5-2. Trustees George Lara and James Fuller voted against the settlement.

Along with Fuller and Lara, one other important party has failed to agree to the settlement — the plaintiff-intervenors.

The plaintiff-intervenors are a

secondary party to the original lawsuit filed against MISD; they have not signed off on the settlement agreement.

"We're not being obstinate for the sake of being obstinate," explained Alma Marshall, a plaintiff-intervenor and retired MISD employee.

Ms. Marshall even indicated that the plaintiff-intervenors are just as anxious to see this 30-year battle resolved. After all, the individuals who make up the plaintiff-intervenors primarily have been the same cast of characters from the very beginning. The Justice Department and MISD, on the other hand, have been able to bring in fresh recruits from time to time.

"I'm ready for it to be over," the 65-year old Ms. Marshall said. "But, don't interpret that as saying I am happy with the conclusion, because I'm not."

Ms. Marshall said that the plaintiff-intervenors aren't trying to be contrary. "We'd just like to see more specific plans than have been presented."

The most prominent feature of the settlement would put an end to the cluster system, after this school year, and would return grades four, five and six to their neighborhood schools. Busing among clusters would no longer exist in Midland.

Additionally, the district would create two magnet schools in predominantly minority areas. The settlement also agrees to dismiss the district's elementary gifted and talented program and facilities from the lawsuit without any mitigation.

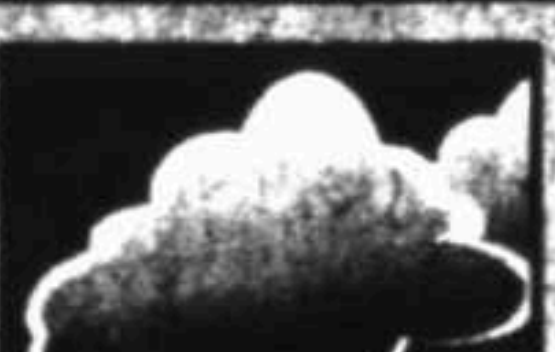
The district agreed to adopt a new curriculum guide this summer

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White House, GOP narrow differences in talks on budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — White House and congressional bargainers meeting Sunday at the Capitol wrangled over education funds and restrictions on mining and other industries as the two sides tried to further narrow their budget differences.

The disputes now cover only four of the 13 annual spending bills for the fiscal year that began Oct. 1 after months of battling over how to allocate the projected federal surplus.

Republicans have begun moving toward some of President Clinton's demands on purchasing park lands, abortion and other issues as GOP leaders hope to broker a deal and send Congress home for the year by Wednesday.

"We could have it worked

out" by then, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., told reporters.

The remaining bills cover seven Cabinet level departments and other smaller agencies, as well as foreign aid. A fifth measure dealing with the District of Columbia's budget is all but finished.

One of the White House's primary remaining priorities was securing \$1.4 billion to help communities hire thousands of new teachers; the funding is part of Clinton's initiative to shrink class sizes over the next seven years.

Republicans have offered \$1.2 billion but would give states flexibility to use the money for other education efforts. So far, the

administration has rejected that offer.

"Realistically, I think we are not prepared to go home until we do get more teachers and lower class size," John Podesta, the White House chief of staff, said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Republicans were willing to provide at least \$300 million of the additional \$500 million Clinton was seeking for buying park lands, the National Endowment for the Arts and other programs. They also were ready to water down some provisions that would help mining, grazing and other industries in the West but which the administration contends would damage the environment.

GOP leaders already have told Rep. Christopher Smith, R-N.J.,

that he will not prevail on his insistence that none of the United States' unpaid U.N. dues be released until Clinton agrees to abortion restrictions. Smith wants to forbid family planning groups that get federal aid from lobbying overseas for liberalized abortion laws.

Also unresolved was how much of the \$1.3 billion Clinton wants for hiring local police officers he will get.

Bargainers agreed to a compromise \$15.3 billion foreign aid bill last week and the House easily approved it. But before it can clear the Senate, it faces two remaining hurdles.

Conservatives are seeking language that would bar the International Monetary Fund from selling

gold reserves so it can make more loans. And in a dispute pitting Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., against the White House, Byrd is blocking Senate passage of the foreign aid bill while he seeks legislation letting West Virginia coal mine companies continue dumping waste into the state's rivers.

Before an overall budget deal can be completed, the White House and Republicans must also agree to savings that would let

them claim they are not using Social Security surpluses to pay for other federal programs. Republicans have made that their primary remaining budget goal, following their failures to deliver tax cuts or to honor spending limits set for this year.

"Our final Ouija board game is going to be the off-sets," or savings, said Republican Sen. Ted Stevens of Alaska, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Government is considering 'full range of remedies' for Microsoft

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's top antitrust official says the government is "looking at a full range of remedies" to punish Microsoft following a judge's ruling that the software giant misused its monopoly powers.

Despite U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson's preliminary findings against Microsoft, however, both the government and the company expressed a willingness to consider an out-of-court settlement.

In an open letter, Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates said the company is committed to "a fair and responsible" resolution. The company's chief operating officer, Bob Herbold, said on the Sunday talk shows that "there's nothing we'd like more than to settle this case."

Assistant Attorney General Joel Klein, who also appeared on three television programs, said, "Obviously settlement is always an option."

Neither Klein nor Herbold would suggest what an agreement might entail.

"We would need a settlement that deals with the very findings that the court made in this case, a settlement that produces consumer choice, innovation and competition in the market," Klein said on "Fox News Sunday."

He cited "serious issues here about law enforcement and the antitrust laws. And of course if Microsoft were prepared to engage on those issues, we would be prepared as well."

In Gates' letter, which appeared as a full-page advertisement in The Washington Post, he wrote that "Microsoft is committed to resolving this matter in a fair and responsible manner, while ensuring that the fundamental principles of consumer benefit and innovation are protected."

"At the heart of this case," he said, "is whether a successful American company can continue to improve its products for the benefit of consumers."

The letter, addressed "To Our Customers, Partners and Shareholders," also appeared on Microsoft's World Wide Web site, dated Friday, the day Jackson released his ruling. It was similar to a statement Gates read on the same day.

Jackson, who presided over 77

days of testimony, declared in a remarkably blunt decision that Microsoft's aggressive use of its monopoly status stifled innovation and hurt consumers by limiting choices.

On ABC, Klein said Jackson's findings meant that "Microsoft was able to control personal computers and control investment in that area."

"You know, in America you have a choice," Klein said. "And if IBM or Gateway or Compaq or Dell ... had choice, they could go to Microsoft and negotiate (or) they could go to somebody else and negotiate. Here, everybody's got to go to one place — that's what's hurting us."

He said both sides will submit to Jackson legal analyses of his findings, after which the judge will decide penalties, if any.

Government lawyers, Klein said, are "doing an analysis that will look at the full range of remedies." Asked if breaking up Microsoft is among them, Klein said: "That is in the range, but ... it is premature for us now to get ahead of the story."

One penalty that he appeared to rule out is a fine. "Let me make clear we are not looking for any financial penalties," Klein said on CNN's "Late Edition." "We're concerned with competition. This is not a penal action, and we're not going to seek monies."

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Families mourn passengers of Flight 990

NEWPORT, R.I. (AP) — Relatives of the victims of EgyptAir Flight 990 gathered Sunday to bid them a wrenching farewell, with one woman wailing "My baby, my baby!" and others holding onto each other after an emotional service at the edge of the sea where their loved ones remain.

About 250 family members gathered on a clear, cold afternoon at a park overlooking the Atlantic Ocean as leaders of the Jewish, Christian and Islamic faiths offered readings, chants and prayers in three languages.

"Your loss is great, your pain deep, but you must find solace in the memory of those wonderful moments you shared with your loved ones," said Egyptian Ambassador Nebil Fahmy, who read from the Bible and the Koran.

Relatives were led to the water through a corridor formed by military personnel and caregivers including workers from Red Cross, National Transportation Safety Board and Salvation Army.

Some wept and wiped their faces with handkerchiefs as they dropped flowers into the sea and lingered to pray and meditate. Others left their flowers in a wicker basket. One woman was so

overcome that she had to be helped to the beach. Others wailed and wept.

A military honor guard carried the basket to a Coast Guard helicopter, which hovered overhead briefly before slowly departing. The Coast Guard said the helicopter would drop the flowers at the crash site Tuesday and make photographs with a special camera to give to the families.

Some relatives scooped up sand and pebbles and took with them vials of water from the ocean as remembrances.

A number of them left for Kennedy Airport in New York and T.F. Green Airport in Warwick, R.I., immediately after the ceremony to return to their homes in Egypt, the United States and other points.

At sea, the Navy received reinforcements Sunday as it sought to retrieve the airplane's flight data and cockpit voice recorders from the ocean floor.

A civilian ship equipped with a newer, remote control submersible robot headed out to the area off the Massachusetts island of Nantucket where the Boeing 767 plummeted into the sea Oct. 31 from 33,000 feet, killing 217 people.

At the same time, the Navy's

USS Grapple, the floating base for the robot Deep Drone that already has been at work amid the sunken wreckage, headed back into port for refueling.

Deep Drone worked on the ocean bottom for 10 hours Saturday but had to be brought back to the surface after the sea became too rough.

The new robot, called the Magnum ROV, is more maneuverable than Deep Drone and can be used in rougher seas, said National Transportation Safety Board Chairman James Hall. It was being carried aboard the civilian ship Carolyn Chouest.

After the Grapple returns to sea once it has refueled, both robots will be put to work. However, the weather is not expected to improve enough to lower Magnum and Deep Drone into the water until today afternoon at the earliest.

On land, clusters of people gathered on street corners as buses took the relatives to the memorial service.

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Pass on a lot of things to our children through our genes—hair and eye color, height tendencies and more subtle things such as jaw structures. Incorrectly formed upper or lower jaw structures or misaligned occlusion can lead to the painful condition known as temporomandibular joint disorder, or TMD.

If TMD pain is part of your life, either now or in the past, you know how that pain can rob you of sleep, affecting everything from your job to your family relationships. If your TMD is a result of the aforementioned problems, you could pass those on to your children, says Dr. Grant E. Giles of Cranio-Mandibular Affiliates. Incorrect development can lead to tooth crowding, out-of-sequence tooth eruption and other such problems that can lead to misalignment of teeth and jaws. On the other hand, those problems are easily prevented with a little early intervention.

"We can influence correct cranial bone development as early as the pre-teen years," Dr. Giles explains. In fact, by treating the problem early, the total treatment time can be significantly reduced. Your child may still need to wear braces later, but the length of treatment could be much shorter after early intervention.

Here are some warning signs that might indicate the need for treatment: tossing and turning during sleep, thumb sucking, speech disorders, chronic ear infections or ear pain, chronic fatigue, grinding of teeth, tongue thrust (pushing the tongue against the front teeth as a habit or when swallowing), difficulty breathing through the nose, previous orthodontic treatment or even a diagnosis of ADD. The presence of two or more of these symptoms could indicate a facial development disorder, which would make it a good idea to let Dr. Giles examine your child.

Typical treatment, if needed, involves the use of a removable orthotic device worn in the mouth for one-to-two hours daily and as your child sleeps at night. This would stimulate bone growth along preferred patterns, allowing more space for teeth and helping jaw functions to develop properly. If there is plenty of room, it is less likely that teeth would need to be pulled prior to any later orthodontic treatment.

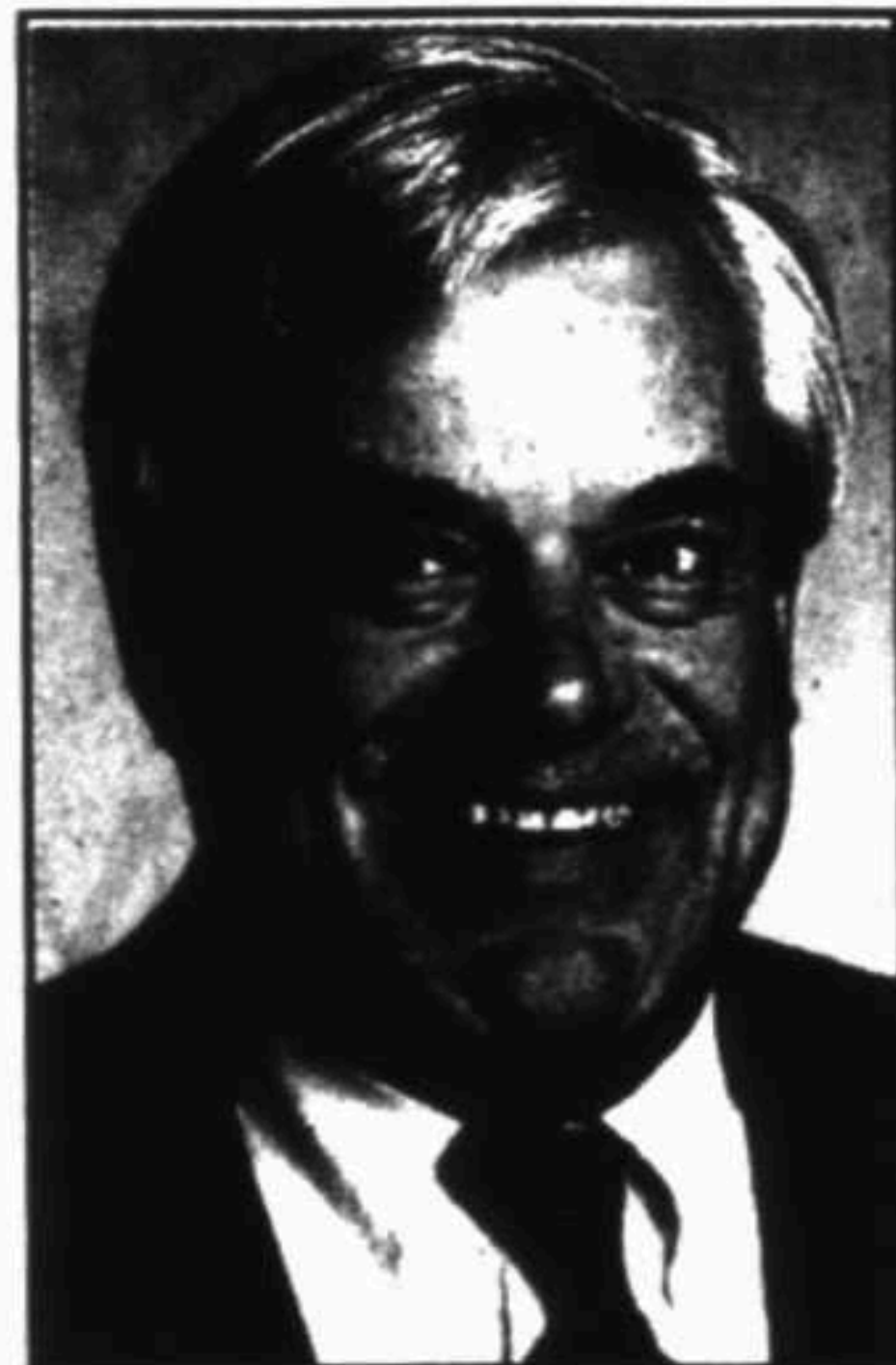
After approximately six to twelve months of this treatment procedure, Dr. Giles will evaluate your child's progress.

Using an appliance has other benefits. With an appliance in his or her mouth, your child's ability to engage in tongue thrusting, thumb sucking or teeth grinding is greatly limited.

This treatment has amassed a tremendous record of success over its 80-plus years of use in many countries around the world. "Treating pre-teen oral development is an established practice in Europe and elsewhere," says Dr. Giles, noting that it is a relatively new concept here, though it is beginning to catch on.

Proper childhood jaw and cranial bone development can greatly reduce the chances of developing TMD problems in later years. If you or your spouse suffer from TMD problems, and if your child exhibits any of the symptoms listed above, call Dr. Giles today and schedule an examination. You might want to schedule enough time for Dr. Giles to evaluate your TMD pain as well.

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Let Dr. Grant E. Giles determine if your face or neck pain is caused by TMD.

Barry Willingham, M.D.

Use care with herbal health products

Some experts have estimated that 30 percent of all U. S. residents use some type of herbal product each year. Annual sales in this category are approaching \$5 billion.

While herbal remedies may offer some benefits, Food and Drug Administration regulations regarding these products are almost nonexistent. That means there is no clinical proof for most of the claims made, there is no standard dose, nor is there a standard for purity. In other words, bottles of the same herbal substance from different companies may contain vastly different doses and greatly varying additives.

There is also a great lack of education regarding possible side effects and interactions between herbs and prescription medicines, making the practice of patients self-prescribing herbal remedies a possibly dangerous health hazard.

Some herbal treatments have indeed proven effective. An article in the 3 August 1996 issue of the *British Medical Journal* in which analysis of 23 clinical trials on St. John's wort showed the plant to be more effective than placebos in treating depression. When the news of this study hit the streets in America, St. John's wort became one of the most popular herbs practically overnight.

However, since herbs are unregulated, how does the consumer know which product to take and how much? A recent study conducted by the Good Housekeeping Institute presented last year at the First Consumer Safety Symposium on Dietary Supplements and Herbal Remedies looked at 10 popular St. John's wort products, 6 in capsule form and 4 in liquid extract form. Researchers found marked discrepancies—as much as a 17-fold difference—in the levels of the suspected active ingredients contained in the tested products.

Certain health problems make taking any herbal product more potentially dangerous, regardless of the product's strength or purity. If you have high blood pressure, thyroid problems, psychiatric problems, Parkinson's disease, an enlarged prostate, blood clotting problems, diabetes, heart disease, epilepsy, glaucoma or a stroke in the past, it is important to talk to your doctor before taking any herbal products.

It is also vital to consult with your doctor concerning herbs if you are taking any prescription medicine due to possible drug/herb interaction problems. If you are taking aspirin, ticlopidine (brand name: Ticlid), clopidogrel (Plavix) or dipyridamole (Persantine), do not take Ginkgo biloba, because all of these thin your blood and could result in excessive bleeding.

If you are taking an antidepressant, do not take St. John's wort, since it also may affect the same condition. Do not take ephedra if you're taking a decongestant or stimulant drug, or if you drink caffeinated beverages, because ephedra may further stimulate your pulse rate.

Do not take kava products if you are taking a benzodiazepine, a barbiturate, an antipsychotic medicine or any drug used to treat Parkinson's disease. You should also not drink alcohol if you are

taking kava products.

Even on their own, many herbs can have side effects. Ginkgo biloba can cause bleeding; St. John's wort can bring on an upset stomach, tiredness, dizziness, confusion or a dry mouth. It may also cause you to sunburn more easily, a condition you really don't need in West Texas.

Ephedra products, also known as ma huang, can bring on high blood pressure, irregular heartbeat, nervousness, headaches or sleeplessness. It has even been linked to heart attack and stroke.

If you take kava products, you may feel sleepy, get a rash or have strange movements of your mouth, tongue or other parts of your body.

Am I saying you should not take herbal products? Not at all. But many people assume that, because herbal products are from nature, they are safe and effective. In reality, herbs should be treated with the same care as manmade drugs. And please, please, tell your doctor if you are taking any herbal remedy, especially if you are taking prescription medicine or if you have a chronic condition.

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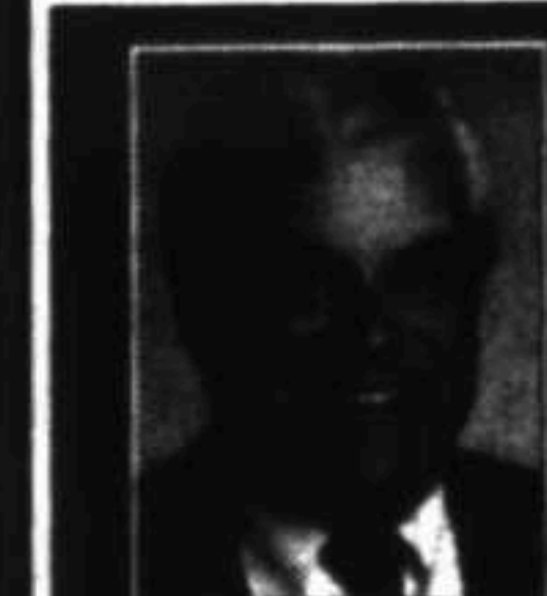
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Juvenile offender program offers youths a chance

Juvenile offenders are getting some well-deserved attention from both city and county officials in Midland. That's good because with the growth of gangs here in recent years, juvenile crime appeared to be a major dilemma for local authorities.

Through a cooperative effort of the Teen Leadership Academy alternative sentencing program of the Midland County Justice Court and the First Time Offender Program of the Midland Police Department, local officials are working to break the cycle of misbehavior and to turn first time juvenile offenders around.

That's important because as the officials know all too clearly, once the young people get started in criminal activity, there is little hope of saving them.

The Teen Leadership Academy consists of a five-week instructional and hands-on program requiring 25 hours of classroom time by young people who have come to the attention of local justices of the peace. Students in the academy also include referrals from the city's First Time Offender Program.

The juveniles in the program are offered a chance to go through the Teen Leadership course, perform 10 hours of community service requirements, and, if successfully completed, keep their juvenile records clean. That is a major consideration whether or not the young people recognize it at this point in their lives.

Much of the credit for the Teen Leadership program goes to Justice of the Peace David Cobos, who sees many juveniles in his court and recognized the need for such a program. Grants were sought to fund the program.

This is an outstanding approach to the looming problem of juvenile crime in Midland. Our young people deserve such a chance to keep their records clean. Local officials, and particularly Cobos, are to be commended for their work in this regard.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Nov. 8, the 312th day of 1999. There are 53 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On Nov. 8, 1923, Adolf Hitler launched his first attempt to seize power, a failed coup in Munich, Germany, that became known as the "Beer-Hall Putsch."

On this date:

In 1889, Montana became the 41st state.

In 1932, New York Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt defeated incumbent Herbert Hoover for the presidency.

In 1933, President Roosevelt created the Civil Works Administration, designed to create jobs for more than 4 million unemployed.

In 1939, the play "Life With Father," based on the book by Clarence Day, opened on Broadway.

In 1942, Operation Torch began during World War II as U.S. and British forces landed in French North Africa.

In 1950, during the Korean conflict, the first jet-plane battle took place as U.S. Air Force Lt. Russell J. Brown shot down a North Korean MiG-15.

In 1960, Massachusetts Sen. John F. Kennedy defeated Vice President Richard M. Nixon for the presidency.

In 1966, Ronald Reagan was elected governor of California.

In 1987, 11 people were killed when an Irish Republican Army bomb exploded as crowds gathered in Enniskillen, Northern Ireland, for a ceremony honoring Britain's war dead.

In 1988, Vice President George Bush won the presidential election, defeating Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis.

Ten years ago: In an attempt to strengthen his 3-week-old leadership, East German Communist Party chief Egon Krenz ousted the old guard of the ruling Politburo, replacing them with reformers.

Five years ago: In midterm elections, Republicans won a majority in the Senate, gained control of the House for the first time in 40 years. California voters approved Proposition 187, designed to bar illegal aliens from education, social services and non-emergency health care.

One year ago: Rep. Bob Livingston, R-La., predicted he would succeed Newt Gingrich as House Speaker. He was elected to the post but resigned before taking office after admitting to marital infidelities.

JACK ANDERSON

U.S. Postal Service is biggest monopoly of all

WASHINGTON — Complaining about the Postal Service? It's like complaining about the weather. It is something over which we have no control. And so the complaints, the weather and the Postal Service just keep rolling along.

The difference, of course, is that the U.S. Postal Service is manmade, or at least congressionally made. Actually, it was created by our Founding Fathers: Article I, Section 8, paragraph 7 of the Constitution reads, "The Congress shall have power... to establish post offices..."

Congress waited nearly 200 years to delegate that constitutional authority by passing the Postal Reorganization Act, which President Richard Nixon signed into law on August 12, 1970. This act created a new quasi-government business under the executive branch, run by an 11-member Board of Governors, nine of whom are appointed by the president (the other two being selected by the Board and the postmaster general, who is elected by the board).

What is the reality of all this? The Postal Service used to be highly responsive to Congress, usually because many high-ranking postal employees owed their jobs to patronage appointments. Now, only the responsive tradition remains, which is to say that complaints to members of Congress still occasionally spur some postal employees to



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action. Tradition, however, is a poor and toothless motivator.

The reality is that Congress has created a bureaucratic monster. The board members are appointed for nine-year terms, which is tantamount to making the service they run independent of governmental control. True, they must go to Congress for money, but unlike other budget items, Congress has virtually no say on how the money will be spent.

The result is a bureaucratically run, monopolistic, giant-sized business that affects every American — throw in international mail and who can say how far the postal tentacles reach. In fact, as we pointed out to a high-ranking postal employee, "It is an organization centrally controlled, accountable to no one, devoid of competition and free of liability for its actions." You could say it resembles a well-known, justifiably maligned system that East Europeans just kicked a few years ago.

Let's be specific: You mail a letter; they lose the letter. You complain; they refer you to customer service. Customer service commences a "trace"; they do not find your letter — they almost never find your letter. You ask how they will compensate you; the manner of reply may vary with the maturity and temper of the postal employee, but the substance never does: the U.S. Postal Service is only liable if you insured your mail.

Imagine UPS or Federal Express or any other package carrier saying such a thing. Imagine what the courts would say if they did.

Now, suppose you run a business — say a

newspaper, say the newspaper you are reading — that is dependent upon the Postal Service to deliver your product. They call that time-dated material, meaning the product's value diminishes with time. Now suppose you mail several thousand newspapers to your subscribers, but the Postal Service somehow manages to deliver them two weeks later or not at all. Your customers — subscribers and advertisers — scream. They demand refunds or free ads or, if it happens once too often, they cancel. You are answerable, and had you used any delivery company other than the U.S. Postal Service you too could seek compensation.

But, alas, the Postal Service has a monopoly on the mail because competition, they say, would take the profitable urban routes and leave them the sparse rural routes. So, why not simply pass a law that requires all companies seeking to enter the mail business to service all areas? Or, why not require the Postal Service to accept responsibility for its actions like all other companies, and pay for its mistakes? Or, why not go back to the good old patronage system? At least under that system, high-ranking postal employees were answerable to someone — and that someone was answerable to you.

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DAN RATHER

Don't get left behind on wild, wild Web

If you are not into "dot com," you are in the process of becoming as out-of-date as a guy who wears spats to the office, or a woman who wears a hat and gloves to a party.

No matter what you think of this computerized, interconnected world, to shun it is to sentence yourself to ignorance and to become yesterday's man or woman.

In business, if you're not "dot com," you're dying. Worse, you might be what the Mafia calls "a walking corpse." You're already dead, you just don't know it yet.

The news business is no exception. That's why your reporter has been talking to a colleague who's an expert on the Internet.

She's especially good on the subject of the distribution of news and information via newspapers, radio and television compared with the Internet.

"On the surface, they couldn't be more different," she says.

"Print, radio and television are about distilling information into digestible pieces. The Internet is about open access to an infinite amount of information."

In "old media," as she calls it, "someone other than the user decides what is relevant content. On the Internet, you, the user, decide what is relevant content."

"Newspapers, magazines, radio and television are about being distinctive. The Internet is about being generic."

Or is it? Have you noticed, in some ways, the Internet is beginning to display behavior characteristics of print, radio and television? Increasingly, "news sites" (not all of these actually deal in news) on the Internet are focusing more attention on creating personalities and unique voices. Branding has become a crucial element for success, and the belief is spreading that it may be the only way to survive on the Web.



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Remember, anyone can build a Web site. So, as time goes on, what has made mainstream print, radio and television successful will also be what makes an Internet news site a success: the substance of its content and the quality of its storytelling.

The quality of its gatekeepers also figures to emerge as increasingly important. At their best, news gatekeepers are quality-control experts. The best of news organizations have always had experienced gatekeepers: editors and producers who decide which news events should be covered and how they should be presented to the reader, listener or viewer.

Such decisions are traditionally based on what they believe are the most important and most interesting events and people. And there are built-in checks and balances designed to provide the maximum accuracy and fairness in "straight" news reporting.

A few Internet news sites have such gatekeepers now. Many do not. In general, those that are not generic, those with a discernible editorial hand at the rudder, are beginning to flourish. Those that don't are having trouble attracting and keeping users.

People long ago wised up to the fact that not every source of news and information on the Internet is accurate or credible. Sure, the Internet allows everyone to be his or her own "managing editor." But being your own means separating fact from fiction and irrelevancy from true value.

With today's information gusher, most users don't have the time, desire, patience or ability to separate fact from fiction, truth from gossip and rumor, value from irrelevancy. That's why on the Internet they are increasingly clicking on to experts, news pros — brand names they can trust.

For those of us in the news business, this, at least, is seen as an encouraging sign on the wild, wild Web. Naturally, we're hoping you will see it that way, too.

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CHARLEY REESE

Don't give up when it comes to politics

Many Americans feel frustrated by what they perceive to be their inability to influence the national government.

They are right. An ordinary individual has almost no chance of being heard in opposition to well-funded lobbyists and super-rich individuals. But they are wrong to believe that the situation is hopeless.

What most people forget is that when we are talking about influencing political changes, we are talking about organizing. Politics is a collective enterprise. People who are organized can influence government. They do it all the time. Except for those lobbyists hired by corporations or foreign governments, most of the lobbyists in Washington represent citizens who have organized around one or a few issues of special interest to them.

So, if you want to influence government, you need to join an organization or form your own so that what a politician will hear is not a lone individual but many voices saying the same thing. That's the way a democracy in a nation of 270 million people must necessarily function.

An individual congressman today represents about 600,000 people and can receive as many as 300,000 pieces of mail per year. Obviously, no congressman can get to know 600,000 people or read 300,000 letters. The staff will sort through the letters, tabulate them and send out canned responses in most cases. There is no other way to handle that volume of mail.

Conservatives and libertarians especially have a difficult time organizing because they both tend to be individualistic. Nevertheless, if they wish to effect change, they are going to have to change and learn how to organize people around key issues.

A sure way to spot an amateur in politics is when you see someone who demands 100 percent agreement as a basis for a political alliance. Such people are doomed to failure. You take allies who agree with you on the main issues you wish to influence, and you ignore the fact that they may disagree with you on others. If, for example, we both agree that foreign aid should be eliminated, then we can work together on that issue even though you may be a Republican and I may be a Democrat. Our agreement to cooperate starts and stops on the one issue of foreign aid.

Southerners, for example, have begun to organize themselves to combat the assaults on our Southern heritage and its Confederate symbols. When we come together, we don't care whether we are Democrats or Republicans, liberals or conservatives. We work together to preserve our common history, heritage and culture.

Politics is a lot of trouble. It costs time and it costs money, but it's better than living in a dictatorship or trying to stage an armed revolution, which is a thousandfold more costly. We have forgotten, many of us, that the price of liberty is not only vigilance but active participation in public affairs.

So don't give up. If you don't belong to any political organizations, join some. Volunteer to work in somebody's campaign. And develop patience; political change comes slowly. Remember this, too: Elections are won by a majority of the turnout, not by a majority of the registered voters. You just need to get your small band to the polls on election day.

Politics gets a bad rap, but like everything else, it is no better or no worse than the people who are in it. If you want honorable politics, then bring honorable people into it. Personally, I'd like to see more preachers run for office and fewer lawyers. Legislating is not a legal matter, it is a moral and philosophical matter. Finally, don't surrender — either the country or yourself.



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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

Mexico

MEXICO CITY — A landslide victory for the National Action Party (PAN) in the Mexican presidential election on Sunday will determine the likely winner to win the also threatened party that has ruled Mexico for 71 years.

Early results showed the PAN, led by President Ernesto Zedillo, won 261 of the 300 electoral college votes with more than 50 percent of the vote in a plurality system.

His nearest challenger, the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI), was leading in 1997.

Shortly before the election, the Grupo Reforma indicated Labastida would be a 2000 presidential candidate.

The president's biggest gamble in the history of the PRI was to allow candidates to run for office in the outgoing presidential election, a move that system boost its democratic image and select a new president.

But Labastida's move was a gamble. He had been a leader of the PRI for 20 years.

That has led to a backlash against the PRI's rule.

Tensions were high with Labastida's move, including the possibility of a vote and election.

But President Zedillo said in a speech that the vote was peaceful and constitutes an important step toward a new nation.

Before the vote, Labastida would have lost, though he wouldn't be a candidate.

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Mexico's ex-interior secretary appears victorious

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Francisco Labastida appeared headed to a landslide victory Sunday in Mexico's governing party's first presidential primary, a vote that will determine the candidate most likely to win the presidency, but also threatened to tear apart the party that has ruled for 70 years.

Early results showed Labastida, the former interior secretary widely seen as the choice of President Ernesto Zedillo, leading in 261 of the 300 electoral districts, with more than 10 percent of the vote in. A plurality of the districts was needed to win.

His nearest challenger, former Tabasco Gov. Roberto Madrazo, was leading in 25 districts.

Shortly before the last polls closed, the newspaper chain Grupo Reforma, said its exit poll indicated Labastida had defeated Madrazo by a 2 to 1 advantage in the popular vote. The poll of more than 4,000 voters had a margin of error of 1.5 percentage points.

The presidential primary was the biggest gamble on democracy in the history of the party known as the PRI. Throughout its history, the PRI's presidential candidates were chosen by the outgoing president. By abandoning that system the PRI hoped to boost its democratic credentials and select a nominee popular enough to fight off growing opposition challenges.

But Labastida's three rivals — Madrazo, former Puebla Gov. Manuel Bartlett and former party leader Humberto Roque — have complained that the process has been unfair, that the party machinery has rallied around Labastida in violation of party rules.

That has led to speculation that Madrazo may leave the party and back an opposition candidate or run under the banner of another party.

Tensions were aggravated Sunday with Madrazo's supporters complaining of voting irregularities, including the intimidation of voters and election day campaigning by Labastida's supporters in violation of party rules.

But President Ernesto Zedillo said in a speech Sunday night that the vote was peaceful. He said "it constitutes one more step, a very important step ... to firmly consolidate democracy in our nation."

Before the vote, Labastida said chances were 60 percent that Madrazo would leave the party if he lost, though he said that wouldn't be too damaging to Labastida's presidential campaign.

"The costs aren't so dramatic, or shouldn't be so dramatic, to impede my triumph," he said.

But a top aide to Madrazo said the candidate wants to stay in the

PRI to help change the party and has no reason to leave.

"We're don't have to leave a party that is ours," said Jose Alberto Aguilar. "No, we're absolutely not going to leave the PRI."

If it can avoid a split, the PRI's chances are excellent for holding onto the presidency. Many Mexicans equate the party, known as the PRI, with the nation's identity. It has the most supporters and a powerful machine that includes local officials, union members and peasant groups.

Issues weren't central to the pri-

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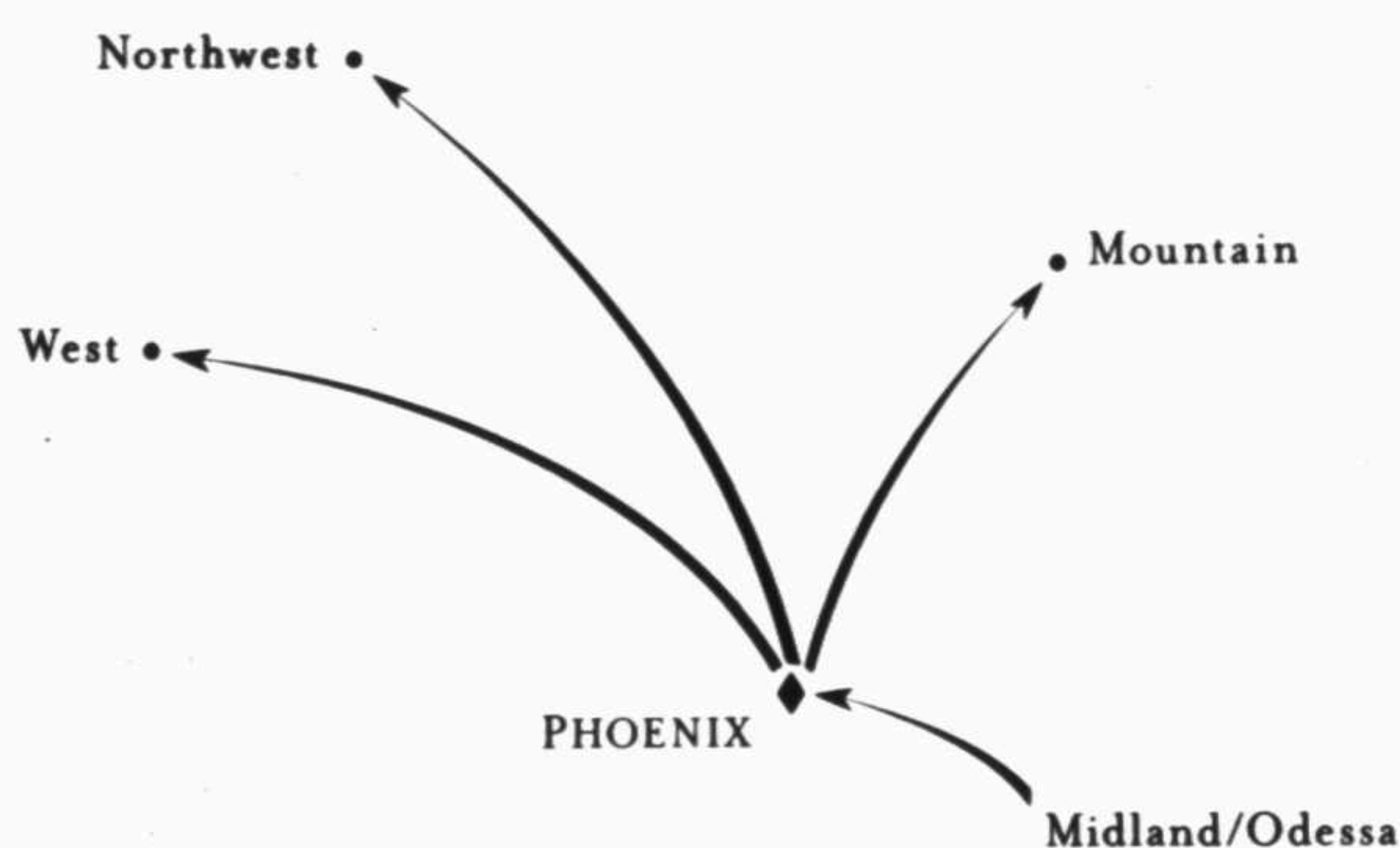
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DEAR ABBY

Learning to manage anger is skill that should be taught

DEAR ABBY: Anger — a normal human emotion when dealt with positively and assertively, not negatively and aggressively — can advance mankind.

However, many people don't have the skills to positively deal with anger because they've never been taught the skills.

Anger-management skills classes should be part of the curriculum in all our nation's schools and prison systems. This would help eliminate some of the depression, domestic abuse, divorces, alcoholism, drug addiction, crime and murder in our country. I believe the benefits would far outweigh the costs.

For people who recognize their anger-management problems and want to learn the skills to enable them to deal with those problems positively, our society should make it "politically correct" to seek help through counseling. In other words, we should drop the stigma, as we have in the last 10 years or so in regard to alcoholism and drug addiction. — CARL FOX, HURST, TEXAS

DEAR CARL: Although I'm not sure I agree that the "stigma" in regard to alcoholism and drug addiction has been erased, I do agree that anger-management classes in schools could be help-

ful in lowering levels of violence. A step in the right direction are the peer mediation programs that are being implemented in many schools, which help to defuse problems before they become serious.

DEAR ABBY: You goofed when you advised "Tony's Mom" to buy earplugs if counseling couldn't keep her husband from yelling at their 10-year-old son. All that yelling will only harden the child, and when he reaches his teens, it could become explosive. I, too, was a "yeller" and found my teen-ager becoming increasingly angry, hateful and disrespectful. Instead of trying to force him to change, I decided to change

myself. I focused daily on adhering to the following goals:

1. I showed my love for my son by touching him gently at least 10 times a day with hugs, pats, or just resting a hand on his shoulder when he talked to me.

2. When I wanted his attention I went to him, touching him gently and speaking very softly, looking him in the eye.

3. I listened attentively to his stories, remarks, comments, etc., without judgment or criticism.

4. I stayed in control of my emotions and stopped yelling, which eliminated the power struggles.

This calmer, nicer approach reduced the arguments and resistance to what I asked. It was amaz-

ing how quickly I got my sweet, loving son back. — WISER IN NORTH TEXAS

DEAR WISER: Your suggestions are certainly worth trying — and in many cases could go a long way toward establishing a more loving family atmosphere.

However, I recommended family counseling because it can provide insight into how these disruptive patterns began, as well as methods for eliminating them and improving the level of communication between all parties.

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



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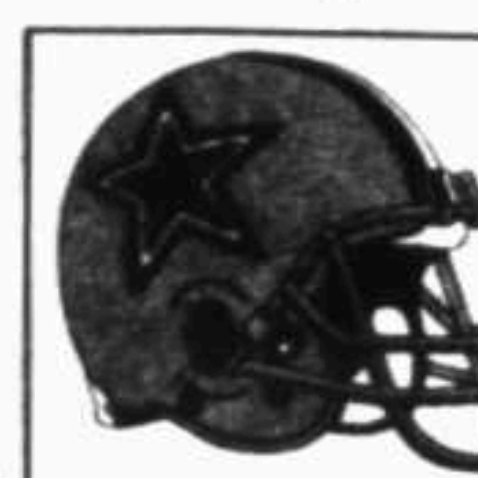
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Emmitt asked to carry big load for Cowboys

By Arnie Stapleton
AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS — Rarely, if ever, has Emmitt Smith been asked to carry a bigger load for the Dallas Cowboys.

With injured wideout Michael Irvin on the sideline, the Cowboys' best chance at beating Minnesota on Monday night is to keep the Vikings' eruptive offense off the field as well.

That didn't happen last Thanksgiving, when the Vikings scored five touchdowns of 50 or more yards, including three by Randy Moss, in a 46-36 shootout victory at Dallas when Smith rushed 18 times for just 44 yards.

It also would help Troy Aikman, still suffering from a beating last week in Indianapolis, if he could hand off frequently rather than risk more big hits from an improving Vikings pass rush led by John Randle.

"We got a big offensive line that likes to come off the ball and hit people," said Aikman, still bothered by headaches from a helmet hit by Colts safety Jeff Burris. "And if we're not running the ball effectively, then right now we don't have a lot of weapons in our passing game."

Even though Aikman would like to target rookie cornerbacks Kenny Wright and Chris Rogers, Smith will have to be a workhorse early against a Vikings defense that can be vulnerable to the run.

"We would like to be able to run the ball because we know that we're going to have a tough time if we get into a situation where we just have to throw it," Aikman said.

A revitalized Smith has rushed for 608 yards and eight touchdowns. The Vikings, behind nose tackle Jerry Ball, haven't allowed any running back to gain 100 yards this season. They've yielded just three rushing touchdowns, and have held Jamal Anderson, Dorsey Levens, Warrick Dunn and Curtis Enis in check.

The Vikings see Smith as their biggest test yet.

"He's just a great warrior," said coach Dennis Green. "He's in the image of Walter Payton. Emmitt can wear a defense down. He's not necessarily very big, but he's got a lot of heart."

With Barry Sanders retired and Terrell Davis and Anderson out for the season with injuries, no running back has Smith's credentials.

"We've seen some good backs, but Emmitt Smith, when you talk about his caliber, he's right up there with the greats," said linebacker Kailele Wong. "There really isn't anybody that is in his caliber."

Like teammate Deion Sanders, Smith tends to turn it up a notch in prime time, too.

"In a big game, they normally rely on him a great deal," Green

said. "So, we would expect that Emmitt will carry the ball at least 25 times. And we've got to go in and not let him get those 5- or 6-yard carries."

Otherwise, early success running the ball will result in play-action opportunities for Aikman, who can still burn defenses who have to commit more defenders to stop the run.

"It's going to be tough," Green said, noting the strength of the Dallas offensive line. "Erik Williams and Larry Allen were a big part of those Super Bowl years."

"There are certain games they're going to give the ball to Emmitt. That's what they're going to do. They're going to try to wear you down, try to keep the offense on the field."

If the Vikings stuff Smith, quarterback Jeff George — 2-0 as a starter — will have plenty of time to showcase his skills with an arsenal unlike any other in his turbulent 10-year NFL career.

Opponents have been doubling Moss, and Cris Carter had his best performance in four years last week at Denver, when he caught eight passes for 144 yards and two touchdowns.

If the Cowboys put Sanders on Carter and double-up Moss, that leaves Jake Reed, Andrew Glover and Matthew Hatchette as big targets.

"I keep saying, we have weapons that can compete with anybody," George explained.

Stewart wins; Jarrett avoids disaster in race

By Mike Harris
AP Motorsports Writer

AVONDALE, Ariz. — Tony Stewart came of age Sunday, dominating the Checker Auto Parts-Dura Lube 500k, a race in which Dale

■ **NASCAR** Jarrett barely avoided disaster and took another step toward his first Winston Cup championship.

Stewart won for the second time this season, matching the rookie record set in 1987 by the late Davey Allison.

"I never would have thought we could have won one race," said Stewart, who previously won in Richmond, Va., on Sept. 11. "We knew the team was capable, but I didn't think they had a driver who knew how to win this year."

The 28-year-old Stewart started 11th in the 43-car field and took control of the race on the 159th of 312 laps around the one-mile Phoenix International Raceway oval.

The only time Stewart trailed the rest of the way was during a green-flag pit stop sequence. But even the stops worked in his favor as his Joe Gibbs Racing crew got him in and out in a hurry.

"They won that race for us in the pits," he said. "On the last stop (on lap 268), we went from a second and a half ahead to three seconds ahead. When you have Mark Martin in your mirrors, chasing you hard, you need all the edge you

can get. That three-second lead made me feel a lot more comfortable."

Stewart's Pontiac beat Martin's Ford to the finish line by 2.081 seconds, a lead of nearly a full straightaway.

Jarrett, who came into the race leading Bobby Labone by 246 points in the championship chase, looked like a real contender early in the race, although pole-winner John Andretti led the first 43 laps.

Jarrett led 50 of the first 148 laps. Then came trouble for the 42-year-old son of two-time series champion Ned Jarrett.

The first of only two caution flags in the race waved on lap 121 when Brett Bodine cut down a tire and tagged the wall. On the ensuing restart, Jarrett was right behind Martin when the latter couldn't get up to speed immediately because of a failed ignition.

Jarrett slammed into the rear of Martin's car at the head of a long line of traffic, but they were both able to get up to speed after a brief hesitation.

"It's a good thing that was Dale Jarrett behind me," Martin said. "I was able to switch to the other ignition box and took off."

Jarrett grabbed the lead back on lap 129, two laps after the restart, but the incident eventually caused a near disaster for the No. 88 team. On lap 149, Jarrett began to lose ground. The next lap, he slowed on the backstretch, his right front tire going flat, apparently from the contact with Martin.

Kansas State, 'Horns in Big 12 driver's seat

Associated Press

The race to the Big 12 championship game became much clearer Saturday. By next week, it could be over.

■ **XII** Texas and Kansas State both can earn invitations to San Antonio by winning next weekend. The fourth annual league title game will be held in the Alamodome on December 4.

In the North, No. 5 Kansas State (9-0, 6-0 Big 12) can clinch the division with a victory over No. 7 Nebraska (8-1, 5-1) on Saturday. The Wildcats could still win the North with a loss to Nebraska, a victory over Missouri and a Nebraska loss to Colorado.

The Huskers win the title if they win their last two games or if Kansas State loses its last two games. Colorado (5-4, 4-2) was eliminated from the race after its 20-14 loss to the Wildcats on Satur-

day. The situation is a bit more complicated in the South. No. 10 Texas (8-2, 5-1) can clinch next week by beating Texas Tech (5-4, 4-2), but if the Longhorns lose, they can win the South if they beat Texas A&M and the Red Raiders lose to Oklahoma. Texas Tech goes to San Antonio if it wins its final two games.

Oklahoma (5-3, 3-2) is also still alive, but it needs help. The Sooners need to win their final three games (against Iowa State, Texas Tech and Oklahoma State) and have Texas lose both of its last two games. The Longhorns own the tiebreaker with Oklahoma because they beat the Sooners in Dallas in October.

Texas A&M (6-3, 3-3) is out of the running after its 37-0 loss to Nebraska on Saturday. The Aggies would have needed both Tech and Texas to go winless for the rest of the year, a scenario that is impossible because the Raiders and Longhorns play next week.

NFL ROUNDUP



AP Photo Chicago Bears running back Glyn Milburn breaks away from Green Bay Packers safety Darren Sharper for a touchdown run in the first quarter Sunday in Green Bay, Wis. The Bears won the game 14-13.

No revenge for Cleveland fans; Rams lose wild one with Lions

Associated Press

Cleveland fans were ready for revenge. They didn't get it.

Still furious at owner Art Modell for moving their beloved Browns to Baltimore in 1995, the Cleveland faithful hoped for some payback Sunday when Modell's new team came to town to play the city's expansion version of the Browns.

They were severely disappointed, though, after watching the Ravens rout the Browns 41-9.

"When I signed here, the first thing I heard from everybody was, 'Beat Baltimore,'" Browns tackle Orlando Brown said. "That was on my mind the whole time. This is very disappointing."

Modell watched the game on TV in Baltimore.

"It was three times bigger for him than it was for us," said Ravens running back Errict Rhett, who rushed for 117 yards and two touchdowns. "We really wanted to win this game for him."

Baltimore's defense rattled rookie quarterback Tim Couch, whose TD pass on the final play at New Orleans last week gave the Browns their first win. Couch finished 9-of-21 for 57 yards and was sacked four times before being replaced by Ty Detmer at the start of the fourth quarter.

"It was very disappointing," Couch said. "We wanted to put on a good show today and we were just not able to."

The Ravens (3-5) snapped a three-game losing streak. The

Browns (1-8) scored their only touchdown on Detmer's 5-yard pass to Terry Kirby with 5:13 left.

■ **Lions 31, Rams 27** At Pontiac, Mich., backup quarterback Gus Frerotte threw a 12-yard TD pass to Johnnie Morton with 28 seconds left as Detroit beat St. Louis in a matchup of two of the NFL's surprise teams.

The Lions (6-2) won their fourth straight game to tie the Rams for the best record in the NFC. Frerotte, who completed 12 of 16 passes for 209 passes and two touchdowns, played the entire second half after starter Charlie Batch sprained a finger on his throwing hand.

St. Louis quarterback Kurt Warner was 24-of-41 for 307 yards and three

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Lee setter realizing volleyball dreams

By Jay Peden
Sports Writer

Lots of kids dream about playing sports in college.

They go to the games or watch television and think, "I want to be the next Ricky Williams and win the Heisman" or "I want to be just like Sheryl Swoopes and win an NCAA championship."

For most kids, though, reality sets in eventually. No recruiter will look your name up in phone book if you can barely jump over one.

Few are the kids who, when reality sets in, realize they can play in college. Marlo Nordt, the senior setter for the Midland Lee volleyball team, is one of those.

She had the dream even when she started playing volleyball seriously in the seventh grade.

"Even though it wasn't realistic, I always wanted to be a D-one setter," she said. "D-one" is Divi-

Midland Lee senior Marlo Nordt is probably one of the best setters the Lady Rebels have ever had. Nordt will lead the Lady Rebels into the regional quarterfinals against Amarillo Tascosa on Tuesday.

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sion I, the highest level of collegiate athletics. It's the goal of many high school athletes, whether realistic or unrealistic. It turns out Nordt was realistic; she has already committed to play next year at Stephen F. Austin State University.

Nordt isn't sure when she first realized that her dream actually might come true, but...

"I have a saying on my wall (at home) that says, 'There's nothing like a dream to create a future,'" she said. "I set my dream on that, and every day I've thought about that. I did everything I could to make it happen."

Nordt almost didn't stick with volleyball. The game as played by very young children is not the same as the game played by adults.

"In elementary school, you don't really get a feel for it," she said. "But in seventh grade, my mom said, 'Try out. See what you think.' So, I tried out for it in seventh grade and I absolutely fell in love with volleyball. Since seventh grade, I've always been setting. I never thought about hitting; it's always been the setting position."

"Andrea (Fryrear, a current teammate) and I used to go and watch the varsity matches, and I remember watching Roseanne Sullivan," Nordt said of a former Lee setter. "I remember watching Roseanne jump set and do all her rolls... I thought, 'Omigod, I want to be on that court. I want to be like that.'"

She's gotten "like that," and probably better. Lee coach Connie Alexander has the highest praise for

her.

"I've been doing this a long time, and she's the best setter I've ever had, bar none," Alexander said. "She's been a pleasure to work with here, not only as a talented individual on the court, but also as a person of the highest integrity. I respect her greatly."

Her exceptional setting abilities are indispensable on a Lady Rebels team that doesn't have any overpowering hitters but does have several different good hitters.

"She brings a lot of variety in delivering the different type of sets," Alexander said. "She also brings stability. She's such an accurate setter in what she delivers... that the hitters tend to be spoiled. They can pretty much take for granted that she's going to deliver the ball where they want it."

She sets mostly to the outside, where Lee had several players returning from last year's team: Melanie Robertson, Missy Williams and Danielle Dickey. But she's also quickly gotten familiar with the middle hitters who are new to the varsity, like Ashley Hutto and Veronica Dickerson.

Whether she goes outside or to the middle, as well as other setting options, it has to be decided quickly, almost instinctively.

"When you get a pass, there's a lot of things that go on in your head very fast," Nordt said. "You make sure you set it to the hitter that's on at the time. You make sure the blockers aren't there

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touchdowns.

Jets 12, Cardinals 7
At East Rutherford, N.J., Keyshawn Johnson caught a 43-yard scoring pass from Rick Mirer with 5:29 left to give the New York Jets their first home win this season.

Curtis Martin rushed for more than 100 yards for the third straight game, gaining 131 on 38 carries. The Jets (2-6), who had lost their previous four home games, sacked Dave Brown six times. Arizona fell to 2-6.

Bills 34, Redskins 17
At Landover, Md., Buffalo (6-3) scored on five of its first six possessions and Doug Flutie scrambled for a first down on four of them.

Flutie rushed for 40 yards, and completed 16 of 22 passes for 211 yards and two touchdowns. Antowain Smith ran for two TDs as the Bills had their highest point total of the season. The Redskins fell to 5-3.

Jaguars 30, Falcons 7
At Atlanta, Mark Brunell passed for three touchdowns, Fred Taylor ran for 124 yards and the top-rated Jacksonville defense stifled the Falcons.

Jacksonville (7-1) set a team record by sacking Atlanta quarterbacks nine times. The Falcons (2-7) managed only four first downs and 58 yards in the second half.

Colts 25, Chiefs 17
At Indianapolis, Peyton Manning passed for 290 yards, extended his streak of touchdown passes to 21 games and scored on a 7-yard scramble early in the fourth quarter as the Colts (6-2) won their fourth straight.

Manning's 7-yard TD run gave Colts a 22-17 lead over the Chiefs (5-3). Mike Vanderjagt added his

fourth field goal of the game, a 37-yarder with 1:10 left.

Panthers 33, Eagles 7
At Charlotte, N.C., Carolina (3-5) forced five turnovers and converted them into 20 points to beat Philadelphia (2-7).

Carolina's Sean Gilbert had a sack and forced a fumble, and Kevin Greene had a sack and a fumble recovery to lead a defense that held the Eagles to 249 yards. Steve Beuerlein threw three TD passes, including two to Muhsin Muhammad, and John Kasay kicked four field goals for the Panthers.

Bears 14, Packers 13
At Green Bay, Wis., Brett Favre drove the Packers 73 yards in the last 3:19, but Ryan Longwell's 27-yard field goal attempt was blocked by Bryan Robinson as time expired.

The Bears (4-5) snapped a three-game losing streak despite losing starting quarterback Cade McNown with a sprained right knee after the second series of the game. The Packers (4-4) lost for the third time in four games, including consecutive home defeats for the first time since 1991.

Buccaneers 31, Saints 16
Trent Dilfer, benched the previous week for Eric Zeier, threw three TD passes as Tampa Bay (4-4) won at New Orleans (1-7).

Dilfer, back in the starting spot because of Zeier's injured ribs, threw TD passes of 62 yards to Jacques Green, 1 yard to John Davis and 10 yards to Darnell McDonald. Mike Alstott rushed for 117 yards and a touchdown for the Bucs.

Seahawks 37, Bengals 20
At Seattle, Jon Kitna passed for three touchdowns in the first half and Ricky Watters scored his first touchdowns of the season as

the Seahawks (6-2) beat Cincinnati (1-8).

The Seahawks moved into sole possession of first place in the AFC West with their best first-half record since 1984. The Bengals (1-8) lost their fourth in a row for the second time this season.

Broncos 33, Chargers 17
At San Diego, rookie Olandis Gary rushed for 108 yards and scored twice as Denver (3-6) beat the Chargers (4-4) for the fifth straight time.

Jason Elam kicked four field goals for the Broncos, who were down to third-string quarterback Chris Miller because of injuries to Brian Griese and Bobby Brister. The Chargers have followed a three-game winning streak with a three-game losing streak in which they've been outscored 98-20.

Steelers 27, 49ers 6
At San Francisco, Kordell Stewart led five scoring drives as Pittsburgh (5-3) handed the 49ers (3-5) their fourth consecutive loss.

Stewart, who has struggled this season, completed 15 of 26 passes for 139 yards. Jerome Bettis ran for two touchdowns and Hines Ward caught a 13-yard scoring pass from Stewart as the Steelers won for the fourth time in five road games this season.

Dolphins 17, Titans 0
At Miami, Damon Huard threw two TD passes and Sam Madison intercepted Steve McNair three times as the Dolphins handed Tennessee its first shutout since 1989, when the franchise was in Houston.

Huard improved to 3-0 as a starter since Dan Marino was sidelined Oct. 17 by a pinched nerve in his neck. The Dolphins, with their best start since 1990, joined Jacksonville as AFC front-runners at 7-1. Tennessee fell to 6-2.

Agassi captures Paris Open

Associated Press

PARIS — Andre Agassi added a Super 9 title to his two 1999 Grand Slam crowns, outwitting Russian teenager Marat Safin on Sunday to win the Paris Open.

The French and U.S. Open champion had a little too much savvy for the unseeded Safin,

winning 7-6 (7-1), 6-2, 4-6, 6-4 in 2 hours, 32 minutes.

Agassi raised his game when it mattered, winning five of seven break points, compared to only three of 13 for Safin.

"I thought we were both outstanding today," Agassi said. "He kept it together very well today and made me earn it from

start to finish.

"Against Safin, every point is important because a couple of swings of his racket and he breaks your serve."

Safin agreed that Agassi had won the tactical battle.

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Woods wins fourth straight

By Doug Ferguson
AP Golf Writer

SOTOGRADE, Spain (AP) — Tiger Woods became the first player since Ben Hogan in 1953 to win four straight tournaments, capturing the American Express Championship on Sunday after Hoganlike play and a Hollywood finish.

Under floodlights erected on the 18th green of Valderrama Golf Club, Woods made a 12-foot birdie putt on the first playoff hole against Spanish star Miguel Angel Jimenez to win the final event of the year and become golf's first \$6 million man.

"I've had a great season, and it's nice to end it this way and to get a victory on a tough, tough, tough day," Woods said.

Tough? Bizarre was more like it.

NORDT: Lee's standout setter

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or they're late, and you try to figure out where the defense is weakest.

"It takes a lot of practice," she said, smiling.

And practice is really the only sure way to make a dream come true.

NOTE: In the regional quarterfinal round, Lee (26-7) will play Amarillo Tascosa (33-3) Tuesday in Lubbock, but which gym and what time won't be decided until today.

Only an hour earlier, it appeared the greatest round of Woods' career would be wasted on the diabolical 17th hole of Valderrama, where a perfect shot rolled helplessly off the green and into the water and led to a triple bogey.

"You can't get down on yourself for hitting good shots," Woods said. "The execution of the shots were all good. It's just unfortunate."

But Jimenez, cheered by a Spanish gallery so partisan that it brought back memories of the Ryder Cup, made a bogey on the last hole to fall back into a tie and allow Woods another chance.

He took advantage, as he has done all year.

The Spanish Civil Guard, an armed squad in their paramilitary suits, held back the gallery in the fairway as Woods made his birdie in the playoff to earn another \$1 million paycheck and bring an end to one of the most memorable years in golf.

Woods has won eight times in his last 11 tournaments, including

a victory against a world-class field in Germany. By finishing the year with four straight victories, a streak that started and ended with a World Golf Championship title, he earned \$6.6 million, nearly \$3 million more than David Duval.



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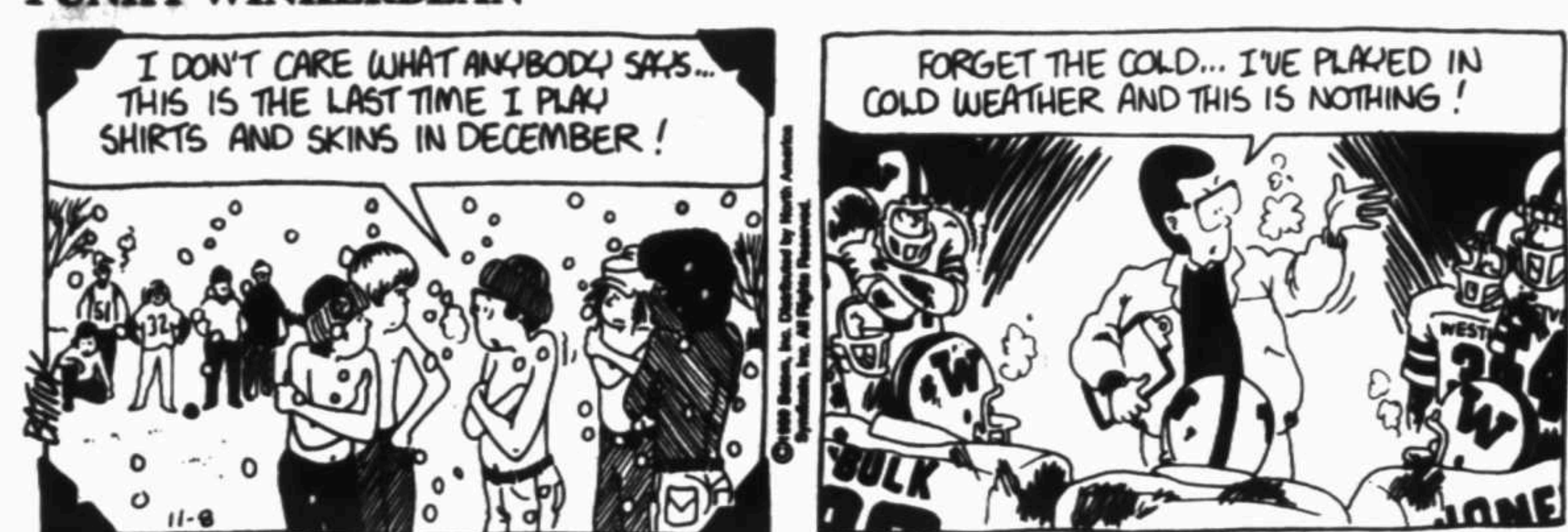
NEL Standings, Results

NFL Standings										
By The Associated Press										
All Times CST										
AMERICAN CONFERENCE										
East										
W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	Diff.	W	L	T	
Miami	7	1	0	875	188	143	Indianapolis	6	2	0
Indianapolis	6	2	0	750	222	182	New England	6	3	0
New England	6	3	0	750	191	150	Buffalo	6	3	0
Buffalo	6	3	0	687	181	146	N.Y. Jets	2	6	0
N.Y. Jets	2	6	0	250	126	150	Central			
Central							Jackyenne	7	1	0
Jackyenne	7	1	0	875	210	76	Tennessee	6	2	0
Tennessee	6	2	0	750	186	157	Pittsburgh	5	3	0
Pittsburgh	5	3	0	825	157	108	Baltimore	5	3	0
Baltimore	5	3	0	775	136	144	Cincinnati	1	8	0
Cincinnati	1	8	0	111	116	278	Cleveland	0	8	0
Cleveland	0	8	0	111	83	238	West			
West							Seattle	6	2	0
Seattle	6	2	0	750	185	128	Kansas City	5	3	0
Kansas City	5	3	0	625	190	119	Oakland	4	4	0
Oakland	4	4	0	500	157	153	San Diego	4	4	0
San Diego	4	4	0	500	127	186	Denver	1	8	0
Denver	1	8	0	333	177	185	National Conference			
National Conference							East			
East							N.Y. Giants	5	3	0
N.Y. Giants	5	3	0	625	138	138	Washington	5	3	0
Washington	5	3	0	625	258	222	Dallas	4	3	0
Dallas	4	3	0	571	182	129	Arizona	6	2	0
Arizona	6	2	0	750	92	168	Philadelphia	2	6	0
Philadelphia	2	6	0	222	114	184	Central			
Central							Detroit	6	2	0
Detroit	6	2	0	750	182	148	Green Bay	4	4	0
Green Bay	4	4	0	500	183	158	Minnesota	4	4	0
Minnesota	4	4	0	500	122	118	Tampa Bay	4	4	0
Tampa Bay	4	4	0	444	143	174	West			
West							St. Louis	6	2	0
St. Louis	6	2	0	750	265	118	Carolina	5	3	0
Carolina	5	3	0	375	186	189	San Francisco	3	5	0
San Francisco	3	5	0	375	150	224	Atlanta	2	7	0
Atlanta	2	7	0	125	123	179	New Orleans	1	7	0
New Orleans	1	7	0	125	123	179	Sunday's Games			
Sunday's Games							New York Jets 12, Arizona 7			
New York Jets 12, Arizona 7							Baltimore 41, Cleveland 9			
Baltimore 41, Cleveland 9							Buffalo 34, Washington 17			
Buffalo 34, Washington 17							Chicago 14, Green Bay 13			
Chicago 14, Green Bay 13							Jacksonville 30, Atlanta 14			
Jacksonville 30, Atlanta 14							Indianapolis 25, Kansas City 17			
Indianapolis 25, Kansas City 17							Carolina 33, Philadelphia 7			
Carolina 33, Philadelphia 7							Detroit 31, St. Louis 27			
Detroit 31, St. Louis 27							Pittsburgh 27, San Francisco 16			
Pittsburgh 27, San Francisco 16							Tampa Bay 31, New Orleans 16			
Tampa Bay 31, New Orleans 16							Seattle 37, Cincinnati 20			
Seattle 37, Cincinnati 20							Denver 37, San Diego 17			
Denver 37, San Diego 17							Miami 17, Tennessee 0			
Miami 17, Tennessee 0							OPEN: New England, New York Giants, Oakland			
OPEN: New England, New York Giants, Oakland							Monday's Game			
Monday's Game							Dallas at Minnesota, 8 p.m.			
Dallas at Minnesota, 8 p.m.							Bills 34, Redskins 17			
Bills 34, Redskins 17							Buffalo 3 14, 14 3 34			
Buffalo 3 14, 14 3 34							Washington 10 10 10 10 31			
Washington 10 10 10 10 31							First Quarter			
First Quarter							Was—Davis 8 run (Conway kick), 10:55			
Was—Davis 8 run (Conway kick), 10:55							Buf—Christie 23, 3:48			
Buf—Christie 23, 3:48							Second Quarter			
Second Quarter							Buf—Collins 6 pass from Flutie (Christie kick), 8:45			
Buf—Collins 6 pass from Flutie (Christie kick), 8:45							Was—FG Conway 41, 5:24			
Was—FG Conway 41, 5:24							Buf—A Smith 1 run (Christie kick), 18			
Buf—A Smith 1 run (Christie kick), 18							Third Quarter			
Third Quarter							Buf—A Smith 10 pass from Flutie (Christie kick), 5:50			
Buf—A Smith 10 pass from Flutie (Christie kick), 5:50							Mouls—14 pass from Flutie (Christie kick), 5:50			
Mouls—14 pass from Flutie (Christie kick), 5:50							Fourth Quarter			
Fourth Quarter							Was—Connell 19 pass from B.Johnson (Conway kick), 7:27			
Was—Connell 19 pass from B.Johnson (Conway kick), 7:27							Buf—FG Christie 20, 4:01			
Buf—FG Christie 20, 4:01							But Was			
But Was							First downs	24	16	
First downs	24	16					Rushes-yards	49-204	13-57	
Rushes-yards	49-204	13-57					Passing	209	222	
Passing	209	222					Punt Returns	3	0	
Punt Returns	3	0					Kickoff Returns	1-21	7-149	
Kickoff Returns	1-21	7-149					Interceptions Ret.	1-0	0-0	
Interceptions Ret.	1-0	0-0					Comp-Att-Int	16-22-0	19-37-1	
Comp-Att-Int	16-22-0	19-37-1					Sacked-Yards Lost	2-28	5-30	
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-28	5-30					Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1	
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1					Penalties-Yards	6-79	2-15	
Penalties-Yards	6-79	2-15					Time of Possession	30:00	29:30	
Time of Possession	30:00	29:30					Individual Statistics			
Individual Statistics							RUSHING—Buffalo, Linton 24-66, A Smith 20-68, Flutie 5-40, Westbrook 4-72, Mitchell 2-12, Westbrook 2-12			
RUSHING—Buffalo, Linton 24-66, A Smith 20-68, Flutie 5-40, Westbrook 4-72, Mitchell 2-12, Westbrook 2-12							PASSING—Buffalo, Flutie 16-22-0, 211, Washington, B.Johnson 19-37-1, 232			
PASSING—Buffalo, Flutie 16-22-0, 211, Washington, B.Johnson 19-37-1, 232							RECEIVING—Buff, Mouls 5-61, Riemersma 4-66, Reed 4-51, Linton 2-7, Collins 1-6, Wash, Collins 4-64, Westbrook 4-72, Mitchell 2-12, Westbrook 2-12, Davis 2-27, Alexander 2-9			
RECEIVING—Buff, Mouls 5-61, Riemersma 4-66, Reed 4-51, Linton 2-7, Collins 1-6, Wash, Collins 4-64, Westbrook 4-72, Mitchell 2-12, Westbrook 2-12, Davis 2-27, Alexander 2-9							Lions 31, Rams 27			
Lions 31, Rams 27							St. Louis 10 10 10 10 31			
St. Louis 10 10 10 10 31							First Quarter			
First Quarter							St—Safety, H. tackled by Fletcher in end zone, 6:58			
St—Safety, H. tackled by Fletcher in end zone, 6:58							Second Quarter			
Second Quarter							Det—Crawell 4 pass from Balth (Hanson kick), 14:19			
Det—Crawell 4 pass from Balth (Hanson kick), 14:19							St—Robinson 10 pass from Warner (Hanson kick), 11:32			
St—Robinson 10 pass from Warner (Hanson kick), 11:32							Det—FG Hanson 29, 6:51			
Det—FG Hanson 29, 6:51							Third Quarter			
Third Quarter							Det—Schlesinger 3 pass from Firestone (Crawell pass from Firestone), 9:20			
Det—Schlesinger 3 pass from Firestone (Crawell pass from Firestone), 9:20							Det—FG Hanson 43, 4:49			
Det—FG Hanson 43, 4:49							Fourth Quarter			
Fourth Quarter							St—Hakim 75 pass from Warner (Hanson kick), 10:06			
St—Hakim 75 pass from Warner (Hanson kick), 10:06							Det—FG Hanson 44, 6:10			
Det—FG Hanson 44, 6:10							St—Tucker 2 pass from Warner (Bruce pass from Warner), 2:42			
St—Tucker 2 pass from Warner (Bruce pass from Warner), 2:42							Det—Morton 12 pass from Firestone (Hanson kick), 28 A-13,224			
Det—Morton 12 pass from Firestone (Hanson kick), 28 A-13,224							St, Det			
St, Det							First downs	20	17	
First downs	20	17					Rushes-yards	157	214	
Rushes-yards	157	214					Passing	275	311	
Passing	275	311					Punt Returns	3-34	4-27	
Punt Returns	3-34	4-27					Kickoff Returns	6-184	5-98	
Kickoff Returns	6-184	5-98					Interceptions Ret.	3-9	2-27	
Interceptions Ret.	3-9	2-27					Comp-Att-Int	25-43-2	22-36-0	
Comp-Att-Int	25-43-2	22-36-0					Sacked-Yards Lost	4-30	6-46	
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-30	6-46					Fumbles-Lost	8-36	6-41	
Fumbles-Lost	8-36	6-41					Penalties-Yards	7-54	9-95	
Penalties-Yards	7-54	9-95					Time of Possession	30:00	30:00	
Time of Possession	30:00	30:00					Individual Statistics			
Individual Statistics							RUSHING—St. Louis, Warner 25-126, Cleveland, Couch 9-21-157, 2-48, Jefferson 2-30, Lane 2-20, Floyd 1-14, Johnson 1-11			
RUSHING—St. Louis, Warner 25-126, Cleveland, Couch 9-21-157, 2-48, Jefferson 2-30, Lane 2-20, Floyd 1-14, Johnson 1-11							Panthers 33, Eagles 7			
Panthers 33, Eagles 7							Car—FG Kasay 38, 12:26			
Car—FG Kasay 38, 12:26							Second Quarter			
Second Quarter							Car—Muhammad 4 pass from Beuerlein (Kasay kick), 13:00			
Car—Muhammad 4 pass from Beuerlein (Kasay kick), 13:00							Car—Muhammad 12 pass from Beuerlein (Kasay kick), 1:04			
Car—Muhammad 12 pass from Beuerlein (Kasay kick), 1:04							Car—FG Kasay 28, 1:57			
Car—FG Kasay 28, 1:57							Third Quarter			
Third Quarter							Car—FG Kasay 27, 7:35			
Car—FG Kasay 27, 7:35							Fourth Quarter			
Fourth Quarter							Car—Jeffers 21 pass from Beuerlein (Kasay kick), 14:32			
Car—Jeffers 21 pass from Beuerlein (Kasay kick), 14:32							Ph—Staley 14 run (Johnson kick), 2:37 A-82,569			
Ph—Staley 14 run (Johnson kick), 2:37 A-82,569							First downs	17	24	
First downs	17	24					Rushes-yards	23-168	38-111	
Rushes-yards	23-168	38-111					Passing	2-1	470	
Passing	2-1	470					Punt Returns	2-1	370	
Punt Returns	2-1	370					Kickoff Returns	7-101	21-254	
Kickoff Returns	7-101	21-254					Interceptions Ret.	0-0	0-0	
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	0-0					Comp-Att-Int	11-29-1	21-35-0	
Comp-Att-Int	11-29-1	21-35-0					Sacked-Yards Lost	3-15	2-11	
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-15	2-11					Fumbles-Lost	5-43-0	3-36-7	
Fumbles-Lost	5-43-0	3-36-7					Penalties-Yards	11-83	7-74	
Penalties-Yards	11-83	7-74					Time of Possession	23:22	36:38	
Time of Possession	23:22	36:38					Individual Statistics			
Individual Statistics							RUSHING—Philadelphia, Small 17-140, McNeil 2-31, Bostic 2-68, Pederson 1-1 (minus 1), Floyd 4-8, Hetherington 2-14, Carroll 4-8, Hetherington 2-7, Beuerlein 1-6, A Johnson 7-2, Jefferson 2-30, Lane 2-20, Floyd 1-14, Johnson 1-11			
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Panthers 33, Eagles 7							Car—FG Kasay 38, 12:26			
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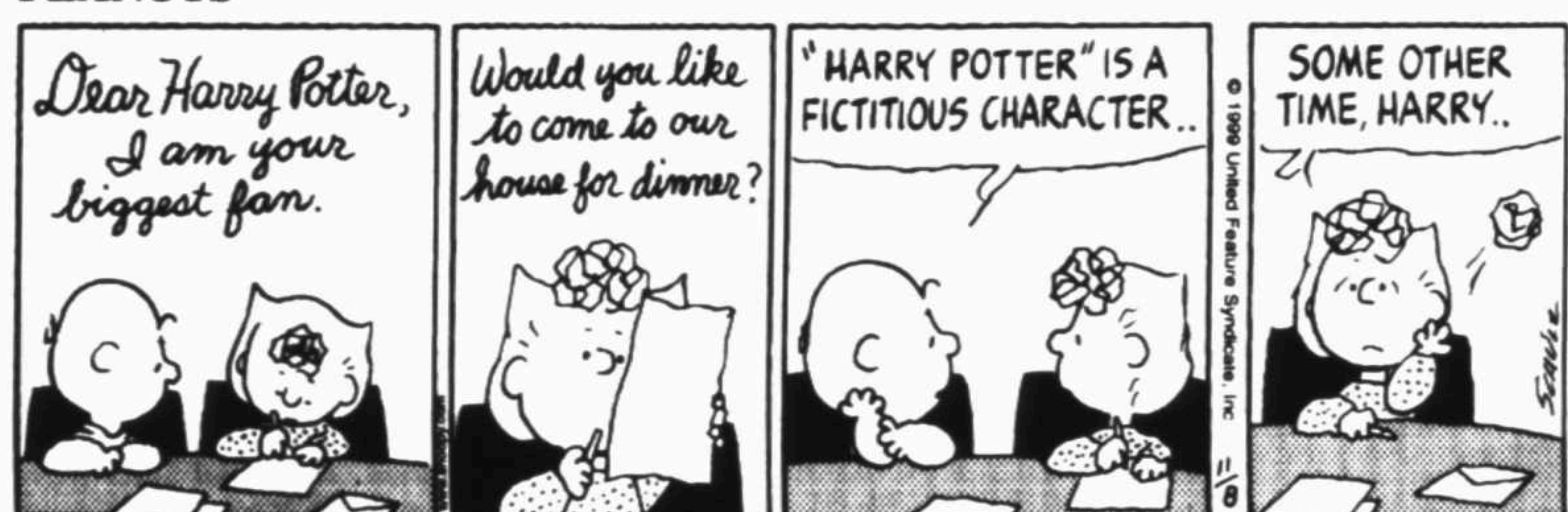
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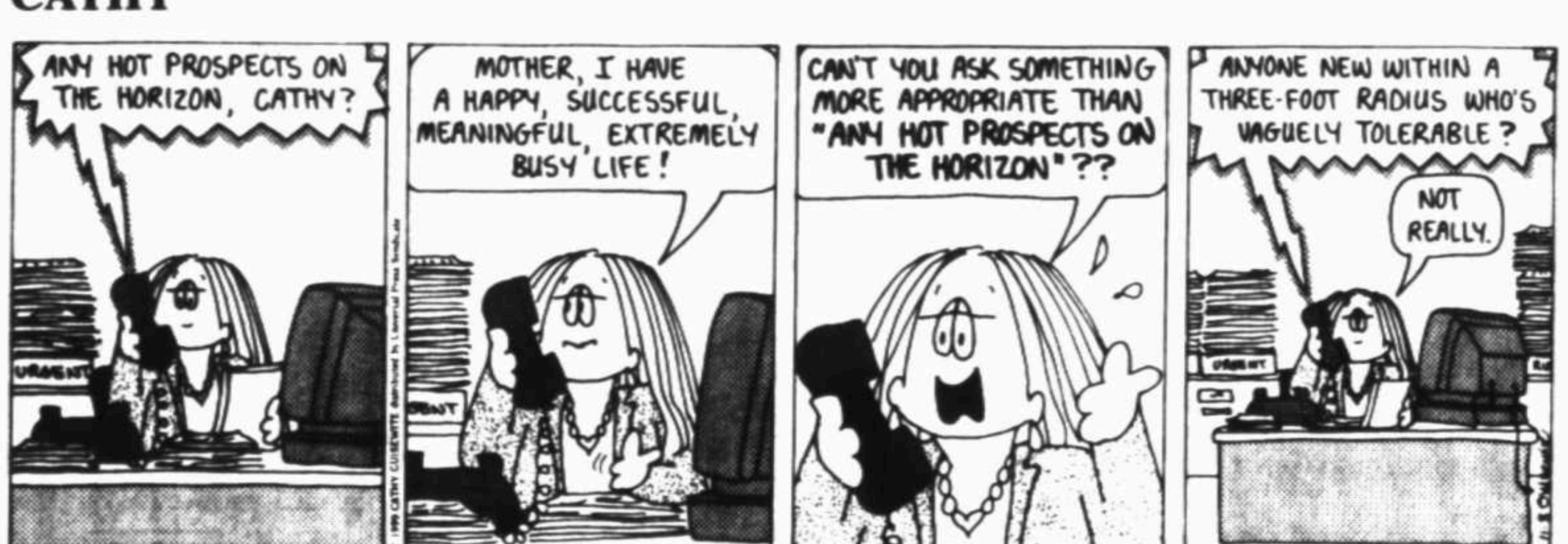
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Nov. 8, 1999:

You are in full command of your ship this year. Be ready to take strong actions and stand behind your words. Being sensitive to others' feelings is key as well. You possess high magnetism, drive and energy. Be clear about what you want, and you will succeed. If you are single, the new year launches you into a toasty dating situation that has two possible options. Be careful, though — someone you meet could be emotionally unavailable. If attached, the two of you express your feelings in a powerful way. Get ready, and be willing to kiss and make up more often. Standing on ceremony won't work. Consider going on a special retreat together. SCORPIO understands you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You get what you want because of your motivation, determination and strong sense of direction. You might not often see eye to eye with others, but co-workers and those in your daily life want to get along with you right now. Tonight: Now is the time for a key discussion.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Others draw you in and are unusually magnetic. Creativity surges as you seek out new solutions. Do research. Talk to another who is in the know. Popularity increases, even at work. Be supportive of another; stop and get him that extra cup of coffee. Tonight: Out and about.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Get into a work project or new health regime today. Don't be surprised that others do a double-take

when they see you — you gleam without knowing it! If single, you draw another. Work as a team; you'll gain both financially and professionally.

TONIGHT: Be nurturing to a special friend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Build on established ground. Allow others to see your innovative, creative side as well. An associate could seem pushy, but he means well. Listen to his ideas. Meanwhile, give some thought to a new purchase for your home. Tonight: Allow yourself to be ever frisky!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ If you take yourself more seriously, others will, too. You are driven to get a project done. As a result, you gain an enormous sense of accomplishment. Others cannot help but respond to your charming manner. Tonight: Do something special for a friend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Don't let the finer details of a venture get to you. Keep knocking out ideas, and you'll come out way ahead. Your ability to move past limitations and make headway strikes others as a gift. Remain sure of yourself when dealing with a child or loved one. Tonight: Visit with another on the way home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Expenses might be grossly out of whack on the home front. Recognizing limitations is important. Not everyone has to agree with you. Your more possessive side emerges. Tonight: Create a new budget.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Your smile melts away another's resistance. Understand when

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

enough is enough. Examine your long-term interests before you make a rash statement. Be aware that someone you meet today or in the near future isn't as he presents himself to be. Tonight: It is your call!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Continue with your low profile, even though you might be asked to do more. Follow-through counts. Use your finely tuned sixth sense in a money matter. Pay bills. Be aware of what your demands are before committing your resources. Tonight: Make plans to see a friend soon.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Others clearly understand your intentions. You are driven to the extreme. However, be aware that you might have a way of saying things that is a bit harsh. Pick and choose your words. The boss will smile, and others will rally to your cause. Tonight: Just don't be alone!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Accept responsibilities and push a work-related project through. Others like your style. Do needed research; explain what you have in mind. Not everyone grasps your way of thinking. Tonight: Working late.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You may not always agree with a friend, but together you make an excellent team. Do not restrict your thinking. Be willing to take a leap of faith. Questioning another's ideas isn't helpful; working with his ideas brings success. Tonight: Monday night TV!

BORN TODAY

TV show host Mary Hart (1951), singer/musician Ricki Lee Jones (1954), singer Bonnie Raitt (1949)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ 7 6 ♥ Q 8 5 4 ♦ 9 ♣ K Q 9 8 6 3

The bidding has proceeded:

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♦ Dbl Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A — Three bids come into consideration: one heart, two clubs and three clubs. There are times when we would bid a four-card major before a six-card minor, but not here. Of the two club bids, we prefer three clubs. This encouraging move may prod partner to act again, giving us the chance to introduce hearts.

Q 2 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K 7 ♥ J 10 5 ♦ A Q 7 6 3 ♣ A 8 5

The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♦ Pass 2♥ 3♣

What action do you take?

A — While you have a perfectly sound opening bid, you have no clear-cut action. Since partner's bid was forcing to game, we suggest you pass to hear partner's rebid in order to conserve space. If you do feel constrained to act, our second choice would be three hearts.

Q 3 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A J 6 ♥ 9 5 3 ♦ 7 6 2 ♣ K Q 8 3

The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♣ 2♠ ?

What action do you take?

A — Do not even think about making a penalty double of an overall when you have three-card support for partner's major. Also beyond the pale of reason is bidding no-trump with two suits unstopped. Raise to two spades.

Q 4 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ 7 3 ♥ 6 5 2 ♦ K J 9 7 4 3 ♣ 9 3

The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♣ 2♦ ?

What action do you take?

A — Do not double, whether you play it for takeout or penalties. If the latter, the club length is marked with you so you cannot expect to score more than one trick, especially since you have no ruffing value. Since partner is unlikely to produce four tricks, pass and see what develops.

Q 5 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ 7 6 2 ♥ 8 5 4 ♦ 10 6 2 ♣ A J 7 3

The bidding has proceeded:

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♣ Dbl 3♣ ?

What action do you take?

A — Experience shows that, to bid with this poor a hand at the two-level simply because you have a singleton in opener's suit is going from the frying pan into the fire. Pass. There is every reason to believe the auction is not going to die in one heart, doubled.

Q 6 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ J 8 3 ♥ 7 ♦ Q J 9 5 4 ♣ J 9 6 5

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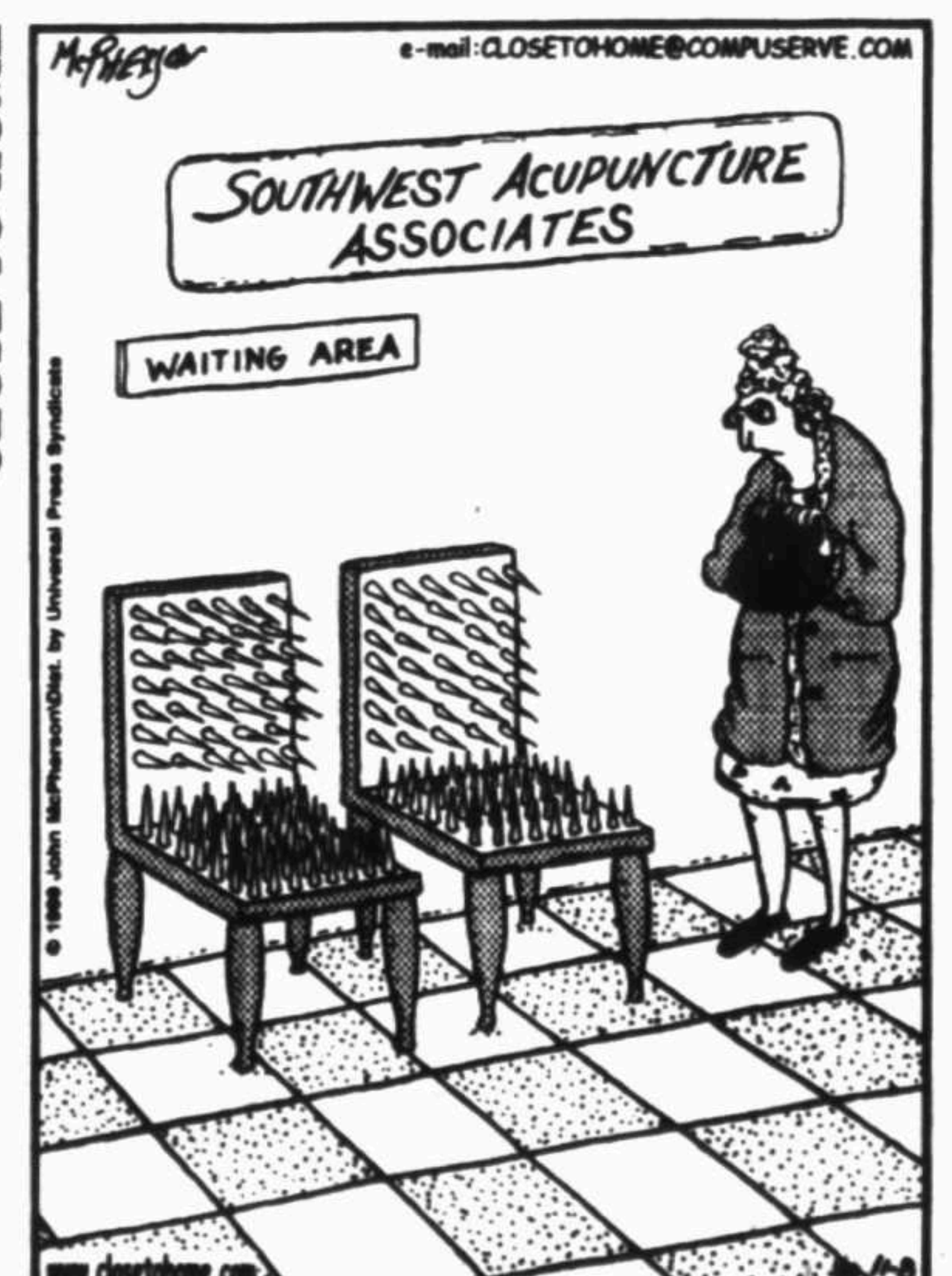
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♥ Dbl ?

What action do you take?

A — You might think Christmas has arrived more than a month ahead of time, but resist the temptation to double. First, partner might not be able to stand the double and take out. Secondly, if you pass, partner might double for takeout, and now you can pass with confidence. Playing negative doubles, you have to pass, and that is the action you should take even if you do not.

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BABY BLUES



DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



Little Billy fills in this week with a report on his class' special outing.

TV TONIGHT

MONDAY EVENING											
Broadcast	Channel	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
3	KMD	2	3	News 1st	Wheel of Fortune	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire	NFL Football: Dallas Cowboys at Minnesota Vikings	Mad About You	The Manny	Jerry Springer	51776
5	KPEJ	24	5	Home Improvement	Judge Judy	Time of Your Life	Aly McBeal: Seeing Green	Family Law: The Fourth Trimester	News 527692	Late Show With Letterman	10:30
7	KOSA	7	7	News 555	Entertain. Tonight	King of Queens	Ladies Man	Raymond	Becker	2595	News 527692
9	KWES	9	9	Treasures in Your Home: World of Collecting	Hope Island: Selling Under False Colors	Touched by an Angel	Diagnosis Murder (Part 1 of 2)	Twice in a Lifetime: Blood Brothers	3795	News 527692	10:30
12	KMLM	42	12	News 55758	John Hagee Today	The Light of the Southwest	Richard Roberts	50088	News 55758	Joyce Meyer	55224
13	KOCV	36	13	The NewHour With Jim Lehrer	350009	Not for Ourselves Alone: The Story of Elizabeth Cady Stanton & Susan B. Anthony	77773	Translators! 552855	(TVG)	Telecourse	520068
Cable	Channel	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
8	CNBC	8	8	Business Tonight	Upright	Hardball With Chris Matthews	Rivers Live	3253224	The News With Brian Williams	325009	Hardball With Chris Matthews
10	WGN	10	10	Caroline in the City	Caroline in the City	Science From a Mail (R, 91)	11	11	11	11	11
11	WTBS	11	11	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Science From a Mail (R, 91)	11	11	11	11	11
14	FAM	14	14	Animals	Comedy	Rock and Roll Pyrotechnics	270205	(TVG)	Famous Families	The 700 Club	724001
20	DISC	20	20	Beyond the Naked Eye	582563	Rock and Roll Pyrotechnics	270205	(TVG)	The Rise and Fall of the Mafia	208717	(TVG)
21	AMC	21	21	The Bishop's Wife (R)	Fashion	Sabrina (R, 94)	11	11	11	11	11
22	TNN	22	22	The Waltons	218408	Roy Orbison	Tammy Wynette Remembered	315750	(TVG)	The 700 Club	724001
23	TNT	23	23	ER	234446	WCV Monday Night Live!	617862	(TVPG-DL)	Harry Connick Jr.	Live From L.A.	478707
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PEOPLE TODAY

McCartney helps ex-model with album

LONDON (AP) — Paul McCartney says he is helping a former model who lost a leg in a traffic accident to campaign for disabled war victims, but the former Beatle denies reports he is dating 31-year-old Heather Mills.

McCartney, whose wife, Linda, died of cancer in April 1998, said Sunday he is helping Miss Mills record a charity album for the Heather Mills Trust, founded for people who have lost limbs in war zones.

"I will continue to work with Heather Mills on the recording project, and even though this story (of romance) is not true, I hope it will bring attention to her worthwhile efforts for the disabled world-wide," McCartney, 57, said in a statement.

Miss Mills, a former leading swimwear model in Britain, lost a leg below the knee when she was struck by a police motorcycle six years ago.

In a TV interview in October, McCartney said he's open to the possibility of a new relationship but is not looking.

"It might happen, I don't know, you know, I'm not really working at it. I just take things as they come," McCartney told Independent Television News. "I think Linda would want me to be happy."

NEW YORK — The artist formerly known as Prince doesn't like to be called that.

The singer, probably best known for his '80s hits "Purple Rain" and "Raspberry Beret," tells Time magazine in its current edition that his name is simply the unpronounceable symbol that appears on his album covers. The latest, "Rave Un2 the Joy Fantastic," is being released by Arista.

"I've made choices, and people can respect them or they can not respect them," says the singer, who changed



Paul McCartney is helping a former model in her campaign for disabled war victims, but denies he is dating her.

his name from Prince to the symbol in 1993.

When his wife, Mayte, wants to talk to him at home, she says, "I just stand in front of him and get his attention. But if you need to say what I call him, you can say I call him 'honey.'"

SAN FERNANDO, Calif. — Walt Disney Co. Chairman Michael Eisner's latest deal is with an 11-year-old boy.

Eisner personally delivered a contract Saturday to Victoriano Lopez Jr., a sixth-grader at San Fernando Middle School. Victoriano's part of the deal: a promise to work hard in school.

Eisner's charitable foundation has donated \$1 million to Project GRAD, a national program to inspire students to graduate from high school and go to college.

The program requires participants, like Victoriano, to sign schoolwork contracts and offers scholarships of up to \$6,000 for older students.

"It offers a chance for all students to turn their dreams into reality," Eisner told about 900 Project GRAD volunteers. "All of us — educators, parents and the whole community — have the responsibility to provide them with the proper environment and support to become learners."

KUWAIT — Britain's Prince Andrew arrived Sunday for a three-day visit, his second in a year to this oil-rich state and former British protectorate.

The British Embassy said the prince, the son of Queen Elizabeth II, will visit the state-owned Kuwait Oil Co. and the oil fields at Ahmedi, an area south of Kuwait City, as well as a display of traditional dancing and crafts.

He also will open an exhibition of historic photographs "depicting aspects of the long-standing and close relationship between Britain and Kuwait," the embassy said.

Kuwait was a British protectorate from 1899 to 1961. Britain was a major ally in the U.S.-led coalition that drove Iraqi troops from Kuwait during the 1991 Gulf War.

The prince's visit is part of a Gulf tour that includes Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and Qatar.

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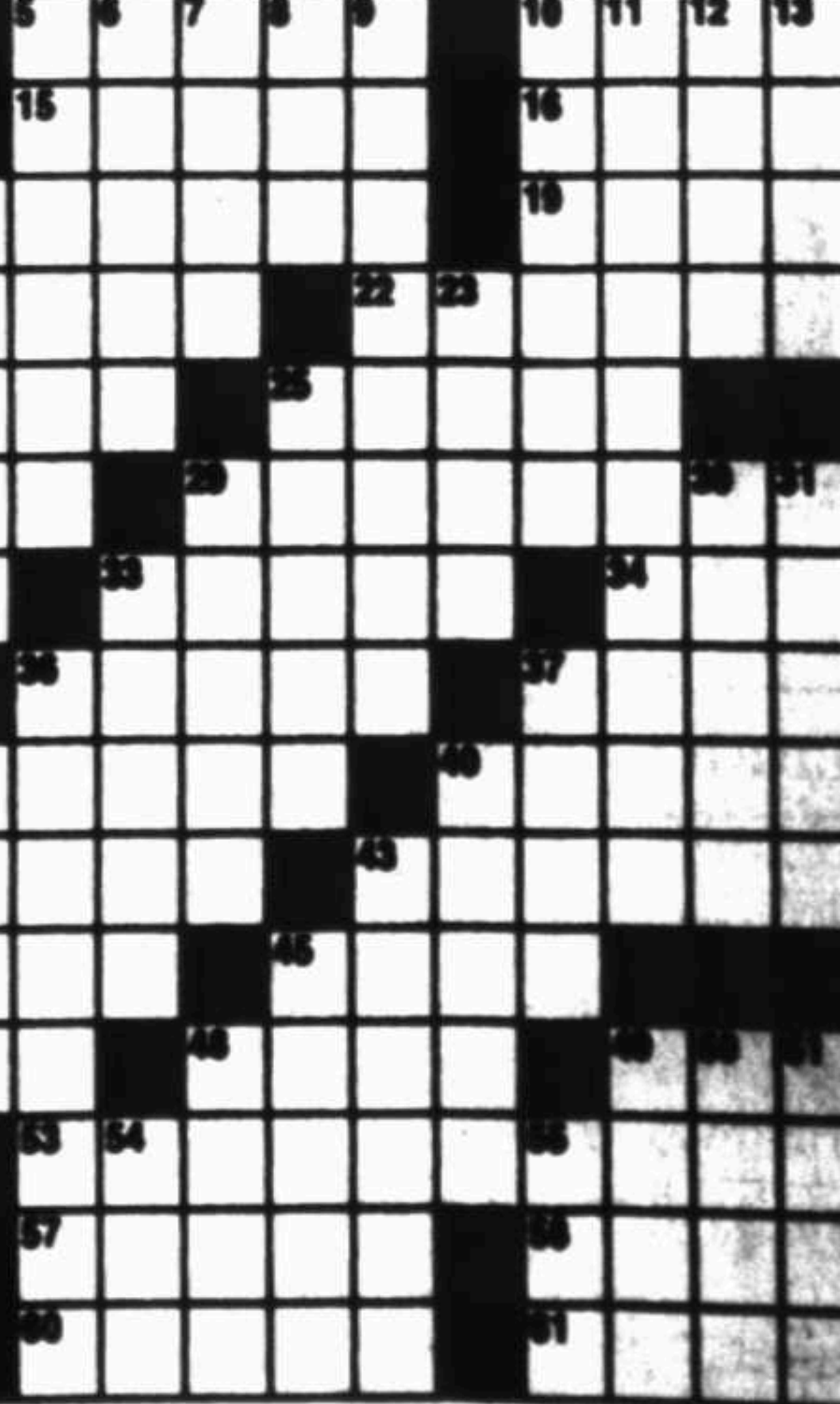
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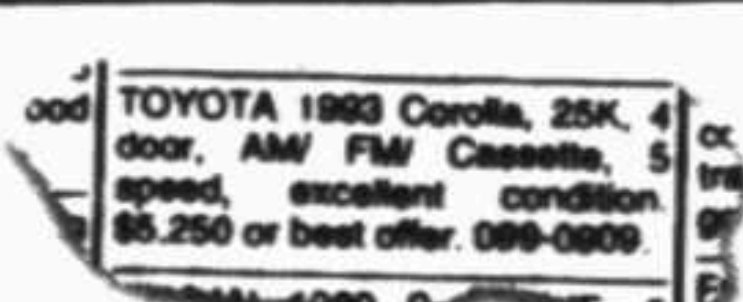
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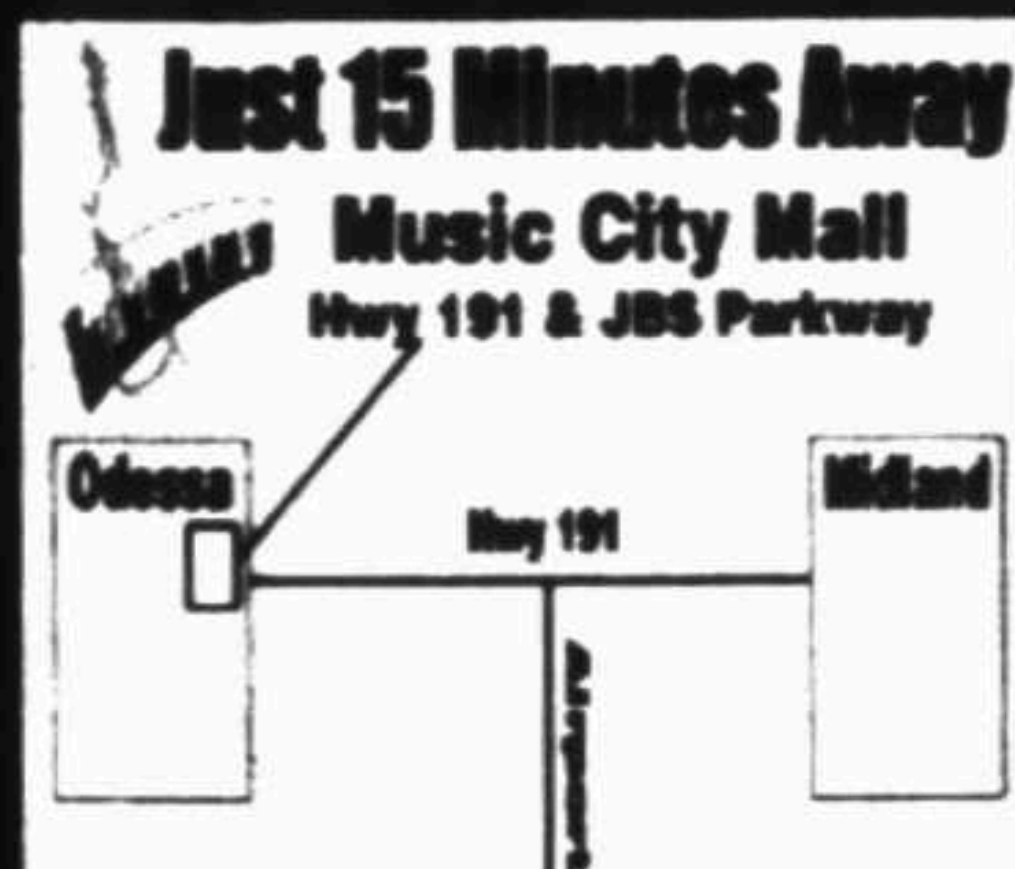
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DAVE BARRY

Youth always are inventing weird trends

Parents should be aware that young people have invented yet another alarming trend. All young people ever seem to do is think up trends that we do not approve of, such as sarcasm, tattoos, and referring to pioneering rock-music geniuses of the '60s as "old" just because they are dead or in comas.

I found out about the latest alarming youth trend thanks to several alert readers who sent me an article from the Straits Times of Singapore. This article, which I am not making up begins as follows:

"TAIPEI — Some young Malaysians are sniffing cow dung to get high, according to a lawmaker. 'They look for fresh cow dung and, on locating it, put a large tin can over it, pierce a hole at the top and sniff through it,' Perak state assemblyman Mat Isa Ismail said on Saturday. He said that this was becoming a trend."



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I'm an American! I don't even know where Malaysia is, nor do I care, unless there's a mall there."

Do not casually dismiss Malaysia just because it is a foreign country. Today we live in a "global village," which means that if young people on one part of the planet come up with a stupid idea, they can communicate it to all the other young people in the world instantly via the Internet, or "rap" music, or wearing their baseball caps at a certain angle. Believe me, your children know what's going on in Malaysia! It just so happens that many youth trends come to this country from Malaysia, which is considered by young Americans to be a very "happening" place. In fact, when modern American youths wish to express generic approval, they often use the slang expression, "Whoa, that is so Malaysian."

So do not be one of those hopelessly naive parents who go around saying, "My little Courtney would never sniff cow dung!" Instead, watch your child closely for warning signs of cow-dung abuse:

1. Your child pesters you to drive him or her to a farm so that he or she can "do some chores."

2. When you go to the supermarket, your child asks you to bring back 1,600 pounds of hay.

3. At night, you hear loud mooing sounds, and when you look in your child's bedroom, you find a cow. When you demand an explanation, your child says, "Oh, that belongs to Stacey." And your child does not know any "Stacey."

In addition to watching for warning signs, you must "keep the lines of communication open" between yourself and your child. Make a point of taking an interest in the things your child is interested in so that you can develop a rapport, as we see in this dialogue:

FATHER: What's that music you're listening to, son?

SON: It's a band called "Limp Bizkit," Dad.

FATHER: They suck.

I always made a point of communicating with my son as he was growing up, and it has really paid off. Now that he's away at college, he often calls me up when he needs advice or counsel on an important matter.

"Dad," he'll say, "I have to make a decision that will affect the whole rest of my life, and I want to be absolutely sure that I choose the right path. Do you think you could send me some money?"

You should strive for this kind of closeness in your relationship with your child. And remember: If worse comes to worst, there is no parenting tool more powerful than a good hug. If you sense that your child is getting into trouble, you must give that child a great big fat hug in a public place with other young people around, while saying, in a loud, piercing voice, "You are my little baby and I love you no matter what!" This will embarrass your child so much that he or she may immediately run off and join a strict religious order.

Let's nip this problem in the bud, parents. Let's talk to our children, and let's write letters to President Clinton urging him, next time he has a scandal and needs an international crisis, to shoot missiles at Malaysia. But most important of all, let's scrape this stuff off our shoes.

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Person to Person

With Johnnye Montgomery



'When I was little, I played the piano and the violin, but they were boring, so I quit them. But the bagpipe is never boring.

— Andrew Crump, bagpiper

Trinity School freshman Andrew Crump, 15, is the school's senior bagpiper. He plays at weddings, funerals and other public events, and teaches bagpipe classes.

Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram



Bagpiper Andrew Crump

Anyone wishing to play the bagpipes would do well to develop patience and persistence, and that old Scottish virtue, thrift, since bagpipes and the requisite kilt worn while playing can cost the equivalent of a luxury cruise.

Andrew Crump, 15, has become patient, persistent, thrifty and more, foregoing the pleasures of traveling light, practicing faithfully not only to maintain his proficiency, but to keep his reeds supple, and playing at funerals and weddings and public occasions both somber and light-hearted.

The Trinity School freshman is the school's senior piper. Last year he taught a class of novice pipers, and from time to time he critiques bagpipe classes at camps or summer classes.

With precursors mentioned in the Bible and going back to antiquity, the Scottish bagpipe was developed in the mountainous Gaelic-speaking regions of the Scottish Highlands and western islands at some time between 1500 and 1800 A.D. It consists of a loud, high-pitched pipe — the chanter — which uses a double reed to produce a fixed scale of nine notes slightly off pitch from the usual "do-re-fa-so-la-ti-do" and is meant to blend with the continuous bass/treble tone of the three upright pipes known as drones.

Andrew, son of Lea and Melanie Crump, started to learn the bagpipe when he was 7, and his second-grade teacher, Anne Wemple — who had recently been taught to play by an older student at Trinity — offered classes in piping. She still teaches bagpipes at Trinity.

"Andrew was such a joy to teach, and he's just a fine young man in all aspects," she said. "Every music teacher has a dream that someday one of her students will surpass her.

Andrew surpassed me quite a while ago."

He found a fascination in the instrument, which is intricate and devilishly hard to learn — a lot like trying to learn the abstracts of a foreign language without having a solid base in its elements.

"I played (on the practice chanter) for two years before I got my first bagpipe," he said. "And even then I didn't buy a top-of-the-line bagpipe because I knew as a 9-year-old that I wouldn't be able to take care of it properly."

Andrew said it took him about three years to learn proper breathing techniques.

"The control is the hardest part, so that you maintain a constant pressure between blowing, taking in breaths and squeezing the bag."

"You have to have enough pressure to go to the right reed and keep constant pressure for about seven minutes or longer. In the pibroch (pronounced 'peabrook'), which is Scottish classical music, you have to keep a constant pressure for about 13 to 20 minutes."

One of the obvious drawbacks to playing a relatively exotic instrument is that there are not many teachers, especially if you're good.

While he was still working on breathing techniques, he attended a piper's workshop at the Balmoral School in Houston, and while there instructor Michael Cusack introduced him to Jimmy McIntosh, said to be the best bagpiper in the world.

After learning that McIntosh conducted summer workshops in Denver, Andrew arranged to go. McIntosh, who teaches pibroch the old-fashioned way, by singing it, invited Andrew to his house to visit, and to study. When Andrew had grown up enough to buy a better bagpipe, he obtained a Robertson pipe with a metal chanter and sterling silver tops on its drones, made before World War II. He obtained it from Scotland, through McIntosh.

"I had seen a couple of really fancy bagpipes

at the school with Jimmy, so I told my mom that I would really like to have one of those," he said. "I was listening to the drones with the sterling silver tops, and the silver gives the drone a faint ringing tone. ... It's hard to explain."

Andrew has outgrown three kilts in his piping career. He said he prefers the bluebonnet plaid, which is Texas' official plaid, to the more subdued family colors.

His vintage pipe has served him well. He plays regularly for special occasions at schools and parties, and last summer he took it to camp at Balcone Springs.

He serenaded his cabin and a couple of adjacent cabins, then went over to serenade the girls' compound, where they came out and danced to the tunes of jigs and hornpipes. He said that although most people know only two tunes — "Amazing Grace" and "Scotland the Brave" — by name, they still ask him to play.

"They ask me to play fast tunes or slow tunes."

In the summers, Andrew still studies with Jimmy McIntosh, and attends the Balmoral School every year. He has been approached by Michael Cusack, head of the bagpipe band at St. Thomas Episcopal School in Houston, to transfer there, in order to play the pipes. St. Thomas has three times won world competitions in Scotland, beating out all the Scottish bands. Andrew said he hasn't yet decided whether he'll transfer.

He said that although he likes light music such as jigs and hornpipes, the pibrochs, which are very long and hard to play, are great sounding, too.

"I really like it all, I guess," he explained. "When I was little, I played the piano and the violin, but they were boring, so I quit them. But the bagpipe is never boring."

Humor on the Side

Dave Letterman's ...

Top Ten losing entries in the Pillsbury Bake-Off

10. Newark cream pie
9. Resin clusters
8. Slobodan slaw
7. "Never mind the blood" cheesecake
6. Chinese apple pie made from stolen American recipe
5. 1998's winning entry after one year on the back porch
4. "Thanks for making me your sole beneficiary" apple turnover

3. Gummy lard
2. Chicken a la Don King
1. Big yummy bag of flour

Top Ten signs your prize fight is fixed

10. Nickname on your robe: "The Mafia Puppet"
9. Between rounds, HBO airs commercials for the rematch
8. Fight is sanctioned by the Salt Lake City Olympic Committee
7. You recognize the judges as guys who count ballots at Team-

- sters elections
6. The white guy wins
5. Ref tells your opponent, "I wanna see a lot of punches below the belt"
4. Between rounds, someone keeps slipping you Quaker non-violence pamphlets
3. During end credits you see: "Fight choreographed by Debbie Allen"
2. Every time you start doing well, the ref stops fight to look for his lost contact lens
1. Odds are on Dame Judi Dench to win in the third

UIL HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PAIRINGS BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Lewisville (10-0) vs. Euless Trinity (9-1), 4 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving
Martin (6-4) vs. Waco (7-3), 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Maverick Stadium, Arlington Region II
Piano (5-5) vs. Mesquite (5-5), 10 a.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving
Dallas Skyline (6-4) vs. Tyler Lee (8-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Forrester Stadium, Dallas
Bryan (6-4) vs. Austin Crockett (5-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Viking Stadium, Bryan
Klein (6-4) vs. Jersey Village (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Klein Region III
Houston Westbury (8-2) vs. Houston Milby (8-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Houston DeMar
Arlene Hastings (7-3) vs. Fort Bend Clements (5-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Crump Stadium, Houston
Aldine Eisenhower (9-1) vs. Humble (8-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, AstroDome, Houston
Galena Park North Shore (8-2) vs. Clear Lake (7-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Pasadena Memorial Region IV
SA Madison (6-4) vs. SA Taff (6-4), 2 p.m. Saturday, Alamo Stadium
SA East Central (6-4) vs. CC Carroll (6-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Buccanero Stadium, Corpus Christi
Eagle Pass (4-6) vs. McAllen Rowe (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Laredo
Edinburg (7-3) vs. Hanna (4-6), TBA DIVISION II

Division II

Region I
El Paso Coronado (7-3) vs. El Paso Eastwood (6-4), 8:30 p.m. (CST) Thursday, El Paso Eastwood vs. Amarillo (10-0) vs. Abilene Cooper (4-5), 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jones Stadium, Lubbock
South Grand Prairie (9-1) vs. Irving Nimitz (6-4), 1 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving
Arlington Lamar (7-3) vs. Temple (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Maverick Stadium, Arlington
El Paso Del Valle (9-1) vs. El Paso Andrews (7-3), 8:30 p.m. (CST) Friday, El Paso Del Valle
Abilene (8-2) vs. Lubbock Monterey (5-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jones Stadium, Lubbock
Irving (8-2) vs. The Colony (5-5), 7 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving
Copperas Cove (9-1) vs. DeSoto (6-4), 8 p.m. Friday, Maverick Stadium, Arlington
Region II
Piano East (8-2) vs. North Mesquite (5-5), 9 p.m. Friday, Texas Stadium
Dallas Kimball (7-3) vs. Tyler John Tyler (5-4), 2 p.m. Saturday, Garland
Georgetown (5-5) vs. New Braunfels (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Georgetown
The Woodlands (8-2) vs. Langham Creek (6-4), 2 p.m. Saturday, Pidgeon Stadium, Spring
Allen (8-2) vs. Garland (9-1), 6 p.m. Friday, Texas Stadium, Irving
Dallas Carter (8-1) vs. Lufkin (8-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Lufkin
Round Rock McNeil (7-3) vs. Austin Westlake (10-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dragon Stadium, Round Rock
Conroe (8-2) vs. Cy Fair (8-2), TBA
Region III
Houston Sterling (6-4) vs. Houston Yates (8-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Houston Barnett
Katy (9-1) vs. Fort Bend Austin (4-6), 2 p.m. Saturday, Tulley Stadium, Houston
Aldine (8-2) vs. Beaumont Central (5-5), 2 p.m. Saturday, Thorne Stadium, Houston
Pasadena Dobie (10-0) vs. Clear Brook (7-3), 11 a.m. Saturday, AstroDome, Houston
Houston Madison (8-2) vs. Houston Washington (8-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Houston DeMar
Arlene Elsk (6-4) vs. Fort Bend Willowridge (6-4), 2 p.m. Saturday, Mercer Stadium, Sugarland
Houston Memorial (9-1) vs. Baytown Lee (5-5), 2 p.m. Saturday, Stallworth Stadium, Baytown
LaPorte (7-3) vs. Galveston Ball (9-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Deer Park Absher Region IV
SA MacArthur (8-2) vs. SA Marshall (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, North East Stadium, San Antonio
SA Highlands (10-0) vs. Corpus Christi Moody (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Cabanis Field, Corpus Christi
Laredo United South (7-3) vs. Rio Grande City (6-4), 8 p.m. Friday, Krueger Field, Laredo
Donna (7-3) vs. Rivera (9-1), TBA
SA Roosevelt (9-1) vs. SA Holmes (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Converse Stadium
SA Harlandale (6-4) vs. Victoria (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Harlandale Memorial
Laredo Cigarroa (8-2) vs. McAllen (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday
Harlingen South (6-4) vs. San Benito (9-1), TBA

Division III

Region I
El Paso Ysleta (4-6) vs. Pecos (5-4), 8:30 p.m. (CST) Friday, El Paso Ysleta
Hereford (9-1) vs. Plainview (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Plainview
Big Spring (7-3) vs. Brownwood (8-2), 1 p.m. Saturday, San Angelo Stadium
Denton (8-2) vs. Weatherford (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Farrington Field, Fort Worth Region II
FW Wyatt (8-2) vs. Waco Midway (7-3), 1 p.m. Saturday, Pennington Field, Bedford
Grapevine (5-5) vs. Dallas Hickrest (6-4), 1 p.m. Saturday, Birdville Stadium, Dallas
Spruce (7-3) vs. Mesquite Poteet (7-3), TBA
Texarkana (Texas) High (8-2) vs. Corsicana (8-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Mesquite Memorial Region III
Jacksonville (7-3) vs. Brenham (10-0), 8 p.m. Friday, Huntville Bowers
Beaumont Open (6-4) vs. Nederland (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nederland
Houston Forest Brook (4-6) vs. Houston Waltrip (5-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Cowart Stadium, Houston
Texas City (9-0) vs. Rosenberg Lamar (6-4), 6 p.m. Friday, AstroDome, Houston Region IV
Austin McCallum (6-4) vs. Belton (10-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday
Hays Consolidated (6-4) vs. Boerne (5-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Segun
Beville Jones (8-2) vs. SA Lanier (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Alamo Stadium, San Antonio
Pharr-San Juan-Alamo (6-4) vs. Alice (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday

Division IV

Region I
El Paso Ysleta (4-6) vs. Pecos (5-4), 8:30 p.m. (CST) Friday, El Paso Ysleta
Hereford (9-1) vs. Plainview (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Plainview
Big Spring (7-3) vs. Brownwood (8-2), 1 p.m. Saturday, San Angelo Stadium
Denton (8-2) vs. Weatherford (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Farrington Field, Fort Worth Region II
FW Wyatt (8-2) vs. Waco Midway (7-3), 1 p.m. Saturday, Pennington Field, Bedford
Grapevine (5-5) vs. Dallas Hickrest (6-4), 1 p.m. Saturday, Birdville Stadium, Dallas
Spruce (7-3) vs. Mesquite Poteet (7-3), TBA
Texarkana (Texas) High (8-2) vs. Corsicana (8-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Mesquite Memorial Region III
Jacksonville (7-3) vs. Brenham (10-0), 8 p.m. Friday, Huntville Bowers
Beaumont Open (6-4) vs. Nederland (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nederland
Houston Forest Brook (4-6) vs. Houston Waltrip (5-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Cowart Stadium, Houston
Texas City (9-0) vs. Rosenberg Lamar (6-4), 6 p.m. Friday, AstroDome, Houston Region IV
Austin McCallum (6-4) vs. Belton (10-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday
Hays Consolidated (6-4) vs. Boerne (5-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Segun
Beville Jones (8-2) vs. SA Lanier (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Alamo Stadium, San Antonio
Pharr-San Juan-Alamo (6-4) vs. Alice (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday

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Region I
El Paso Ysleta (4-6) vs. Pecos (5-4), 8:30 p.m. (CST) Friday, El Paso Ysleta
Hereford (9-1) vs. Plainview (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Plainview
Big Spring (7-3) vs. Brownwood (8-2), 1 p.m. Saturday, San Angelo Stadium
Denton (8-2) vs. Weatherford (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Farrington Field, Fort Worth Region II
FW Wyatt (8-2) vs. Waco Midway (7-3), 1 p.m. Saturday, Pennington Field, Bedford
Grapevine (5-5) vs. Dallas Hickrest (6-4), 1 p.m. Saturday, Birdville Stadium, Dallas
Spruce (7-3) vs. Mesquite Poteet (7-3), TBA
Texarkana (Texas) High (8-2) vs. Corsicana (8-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Mesquite Memorial Region III
Jacksonville (7-3) vs. Brenham (10-0), 8 p.m. Friday, Huntville Bowers
Beaumont Open (6-4) vs. Nederland (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nederland
Houston Forest Brook (4-6) vs. Houston Waltrip (5-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Cowart Stadium, Houston
Texas City (9-0) vs. Rosenberg Lamar (6-4), 6 p.m. Friday, AstroDome, Houston Region IV
Austin McCallum (6-4) vs. Belton (10-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday
Hays Consolidated (6-4) vs. Boerne (5-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Segun
Beville Jones (8-2) vs. SA Lanier (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Alamo Stadium, San Antonio
Pharr-San Juan-Alamo (6-4) vs. Alice (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday

Division VI

Region I
El Paso Ysleta (4-6) vs. Pecos (5-4), 8:30 p.m. (CST) Friday, El Paso Ysleta
Hereford (9-1) vs. Plainview (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Plainview
Big Spring (7-3) vs. Brownwood (8-2), 1 p.m. Saturday, San Angelo Stadium
Denton (8-2) vs. Weatherford (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Farrington Field, Fort Worth Region II
FW Wyatt (8-2) vs. Waco Midway (7-3), 1 p.m. Saturday, Pennington Field, Bedford
Grapevine (5-5) vs. Dallas Hickrest (6-4), 1 p.m. Saturday, Birdville Stadium, Dallas
Spruce (7-3) vs. Mesquite Poteet (7-3), TBA
Texarkana (Texas) High (8-2) vs. Corsicana (8-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Mesquite Memorial Region III
Jacksonville (7-3) vs. Brenham (10-0), 8 p.m. Friday, Huntville Bowers
Beaumont Open (6-4) vs. Nederland (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nederland
Houston Forest Brook (4-6) vs. Houston Waltrip (5-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Cowart Stadium, Houston
Texas City (9-0) vs. Rosenberg Lamar (6-4), 6 p.m. Friday, AstroDome, Houston Region IV
Austin McCallum (6-4) vs. Belton (10-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday
Hays Consolidated (6-4) vs. Boerne (5-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Segun
Beville Jones (8-2) vs. SA Lanier (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Alamo Stadium, San Antonio
Pharr-San Juan-Alamo (6-4) vs. Alice (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday

Division VII

Region I
El Paso Ysleta (4-6) vs. Pecos (5-4), 8:30 p.m. (CST) Friday, El Paso Ysleta
Hereford (9-1) vs. Plainview (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Plainview
Big Spring (7-3) vs. Brownwood (8-2), 1 p.m. Saturday, San Angelo Stadium
Denton (8-2) vs. Weatherford (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Farrington Field, Fort Worth Region II
FW Wyatt (8-2) vs. Waco Midway (7-3), 1 p.m. Saturday, Pennington Field, Bedford
Grapevine (5-5) vs. Dallas Hickrest (6-4), 1 p.m. Saturday, Birdville Stadium, Dallas
Spruce (7-3) vs. Mesquite Poteet (7-3), TBA
Texarkana (Texas) High (8-2) vs. Corsicana (8-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Mesquite Memorial Region III
Jacksonville (7-3) vs. Brenham (10-0), 8 p.m. Friday, Huntville Bowers
Beaumont Open (6-4) vs. Nederland (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nederland
Houston Forest Brook (4-6) vs. Houston Waltrip (5-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Cowart Stadium, Houston
Texas City (9-0) vs. Rosenberg Lamar (6-4), 6 p.m. Friday, AstroDome, Houston Region IV
Austin McCallum (6-4) vs. Belton (10-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday
Hays Consolidated (6-4) vs. Boerne (5-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Segun
Beville Jones (8-2) vs. SA Lanier (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Alamo Stadium, San Antonio
Pharr-San Juan-Alamo (6-4) vs. Alice (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday

Division II

Region I

El Paso Parkland (9-1) vs. Clint (6-4), 8 p.m. (CST) Friday, El Paso Parkland
Pampa or Borger vs. Canyon (8-2), TBA
Snyder (8-2) vs. Everman (7-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Tarrant Memorial Stadium, Stephenville
Wichita Falls (8-2) vs. Saginaw Bowwell (5-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Memorial Stadium, Wichita Falls
San Elizario (8-2) vs. El Paso Riverside (7-3), 8:30 p.m. (CST) Friday, San Elizario
Wofforth Freshie (6-4) vs. Pampa or Borger, TBA
Stephenville (10-0) vs. Andrews (8-2), 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Showell Stadium, Abilene
White Settlement Brewer (6-4) vs. Wichita Falls Hirsch (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, BISD, North Richland Hills
Region II
Fort Worth Dunbar (9-1) vs. Waxahachie (3-7), 7 p.m. Saturday, Pennington Field, Bedford
Coppell (9-1) vs. Dallas South Oak Cliff (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Standridge Stadium, Carrollton
Dallas Lincoln (8-2) vs. Sherman (7-3), TBA
Greenville (8-2) vs. Terrell (7-3), TBA
FW Eastern Hills (8-2) vs. Midlothian (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Pennington Field, Bedford
Colleyville Heritage (4-6) vs. Dallas Roosevelt (5-5), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Standridge Stadium, Carrollton
Dallas Samuel (8-2) vs. Dallas Highland Park (10-0), TBA
Mt. Pleasant (6-4) vs. Ennis (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Garland
Region III
Haltom (7-3) vs. Willis (4-6), 8 p.m. Saturday, Nacogdoches Bryce
Dayton (7-3) vs. PA Lincoln (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Pasadena Memorial
Crosby (9-1) vs. Houston Jones (4-5), 6 p.m. Thursday, AstroDome, Houston
La Marque (8-1) vs. Bay City (8-1), 9 p.m. Friday, AstroDome, Houston
Kilgore (9-1) vs. Waller (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nacogdoches Bryce
Silsbee (4-6) vs. Port Neches-Groves (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, PA Memorial
Houston King (8-2) vs. Houston Wheatley (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, The Colony vs. Pleasanton (4-6), Friendswood (5-5) vs. Brazosport (10-0), 8:30 p.m. Thursday, AstroDome, Houston
Region IV
Dripping Springs (6-1) vs. Lanier (6-4), Friday 7:30 p.m., Burger Stadium
Smithson Valley (10-0) vs. Fredericksburg (6-4), Friday 7:30 p.m., Smithson Valley
Schertz Clements (10-0) vs. Pleasanton (4-6), Friday 7:30 p.m., South San Antonio
CC Calallen (9-1) vs. Edcouch-Elsa (4-6), TBA
Phugerville Connally (8-2) vs. Austin Reagan (8-2), Friday 7:30 p.m., Nelson Field, Austin
San Marcos (8-2) vs. Kerrville Tivy (5-5), Friday 7:30 p.m., Bobcat Stadium, San Marcos
SA Fox Tech (6-4) vs. Floresville (8-2), Friday 7:30 p.m., Alamo Stadium, San Antonio
Rockport-Fulton (7-3) vs. Mercedes (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Buccanero Stadium, Corpus Christi

Division III

Region I
Perritt (6-4) vs. Muleshoe (7-3), 5 p.m. Friday, Dick Bivins Stadium, Amarillo
Lamesa (8-2) vs. Monahans (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Ratliff Stadium, Odessa
Graham (6-4) vs. Abilene Wyle (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Abilene Wyle
Breckenridge (9-1) vs. Waco La Vega (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Clark Stadium, Fort Worth
Region II
Lake Dallas (6-4) vs. Frisco (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Standridge Stadium, Carrollton
Aledo (8-2) vs. Wills Point (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Mansfield
Pittsburg (7-3) vs. Liberty Eylau (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Grimm Stadium, Texarkana
Lindale (8-2) vs. Jefferson (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Henderson
Region III
Gatesville (8-2) vs. Mexia (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Waco Tyson
Taylor (5-5) vs. Bellville (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Bastrop
Diboll (8-2) vs. Cleveland (9-1), 8 p.m. Friday, Humble
Buna (5-5) vs. Hardin-Jefferson (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, West Orange
Region IV
Cuero (7-3) vs. Sweeny (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, El Campo
Burnet (9-1) vs. Pearsall (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lochstar
La Verna (8-2) vs. Sinton (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, at Tuloso-Midway
Corpus Christi Hidalgo (8-2) vs. Mathis (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Fallturn

Division IV

Region I
Perritt (6-4) vs. Muleshoe (7-3), 5 p.m. Friday, Dick Bivins Stadium, Amarillo
Lamesa (8-2) vs. Monahans (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Ratliff Stadium, Odessa
Graham (6-4) vs. Abilene Wyle (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Abilene Wyle
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Corpus Christi Hidalgo (8-2) vs. Mathis (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Fallturn

Division V

Region I
Perritt (6-4) vs. Muleshoe (7-3), 5 p.m. Friday, Dick Bivins Stadium, Amarillo
Lamesa (8-2) vs. Monahans (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Ratliff Stadium, Odessa
Graham (6-4) vs. Abilene Wyle (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Abilene Wyle
Breckenridge (9-1) vs. Waco La Vega (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Clark Stadium, Fort Worth
Region II
Lake Dallas (6-4) vs. Frisco (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Standridge Stadium, Carrollton
Aledo (8-2) vs. Wills Point (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Mansfield
Pittsburg (7-3) vs. Liberty Eylau (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Grimm Stadium, Texarkana
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Region IV
Cuero (7-3) vs. Sweeny (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, El Campo
Burnet (9-1) vs. Pearsall (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lochstar
La Verna (8-2) vs. Sinton (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, at Tuloso-Midway
Corpus Christi Hidalgo (8-2) vs. Mathis (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Fallturn

Division VI

Region I
Perritt (6-4) vs. Muleshoe (7-3), 5 p.m. Friday, Dick Bivins Stadium, Amarillo
Lamesa (8-2) vs. Monahans (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Ratliff Stadium, Odessa
Graham (6-4) vs. Abilene Wyle (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Abilene Wyle
Breckenridge (9-1) vs. Waco La Vega (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Clark Stadium, Fort Worth
Region II
Lake Dallas (6-4) vs. Frisco (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Standridge Stadium, Carrollton
Aledo (8-2) vs. Wills Point (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Mansfield
Pittsburg (7-3) vs. Liberty Eylau (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Grimm Stadium, Texarkana
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Region III
Gatesville (8-2) vs. Mexia (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Waco Tyson
Taylor (5-5) vs. Bellville (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Bastrop
Diboll (8-2) vs. Cleveland (9-1), 8 p.m. Friday, Humble
Buna (5-5) vs. Hardin-Jefferson (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, West Orange
Region IV
Cuero (7-3) vs. Sweeny (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, El Campo
Burnet (9-1) vs. Pearsall (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lochstar
La Verna (8-2) vs. Sinton (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, at Tuloso-Midway
Corpus Christi Hidalgo (8-2) vs. Mathis (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Fallturn

Division VII

Region I
Perritt (6-4) vs. Muleshoe (7-3), 5 p.m. Friday, Dick Bivins Stadium, Amarillo
Lamesa (8-2) vs. Monahans (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Ratliff Stadium, Odessa
Graham (6-4) vs. Abilene Wyle (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Abilene Wyle
Breckenridge (9-1) vs. Waco La Vega (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Clark Stadium, Fort Worth
Region II
Lake Dallas (6-4) vs. Frisco (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Standridge Stadium, Carrollton
Aledo (8-2) vs. Wills Point (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Mansfield
Pittsburg (7-3) vs. Liberty Eylau (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Grimm Stadium, Texarkana
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Cuero (7-3) vs. Sweeny (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, El Campo
Burnet (9-1) vs. Pearsall (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lochstar
La Verna (8-2) vs. Sinton (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, at Tuloso-Midway
Corpus Christi Hidalgo (8-2) vs. Mathis (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Fallturn

Division VIII

Region I
Perritt (6-4) vs. Muleshoe (7-3), 5 p.m. Friday, Dick Bivins Stadium, Amarillo
Lamesa (8-2) vs. Monahans (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Ratliff Stadium, Odessa
Graham (6-4) vs. Abilene Wyle (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Abilene Wyle
Breckenridge (9-1) vs. Waco La Vega (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Clark Stadium, Fort Worth
Region II
Lake Dallas (6-4) vs. Frisco (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Standridge Stadium, Carrollton
Aledo (8-2) vs. Wills Point (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Mansfield
Pittsburg (7-3) vs. Liberty Eylau (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Grimm Stadium, Texarkana
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Region IV
Cuero (7-3) vs. Sweeny (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, El Campo
Burnet (9-1) vs. Pearsall (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lochstar
La Verna (8-2) vs. Sinton (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, at Tuloso-Midway
Corpus Christi Hidalgo (8-2) vs. Mathis (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Fallturn

Division III

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Dalhart (5-5) vs. Sheffield (4-6), TBA
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Listen Up!

'American Beauty' uncovers life's struggles

"American Beauty"
Release Date: September 24, 1999
Director: Sam Mendes
Starring: Kevin Spacey, Annette Bening
and Thora Birch
MPAA Classification: R

Reviewed by Steven Rybicki

"American Beauty" has been portrayed many ways in the press. It's been characterized as a Lolita-esque story about a man's obsession with his daughter's friend. It's the movie where Kevin Spacey's character blackmails his boss. It's the movie about "teen love." But it's not any of the things it's been characterized as. Simply stated, "American Beauty" is an American masterpiece. It properly polarizes, to a degree, suburban America today and examines it to painful extremes.

"American Beauty" is the story of Lester Burnham. Lester is suffering a midlife crisis. Everything he sees around him seems fraudulent. He has lost all hope in life, and is desperate to find meaning and happiness. Lester, nearing rock bottom, finds what he needs in the form of his daughter's best friend. Lester immediately falls for her. He knows nothing about her, yet she is his angel. This angel, properly named Angela, gives Lester what he wants and needs most — a sense of importance. In his fantasies, Lester is loved. With his newfound confidence, he embarks on a journey. Lester would like to be appreciated for his work, but he no longer cares if he stays ignored and mocked all his life. He has found a way to fight back. He fights back through honesty.

The other two members of the Burnham household are Lester's daughter and wife. His wife is a Realtor competing against the Real Estate King. Her competition leads to an affair with "The King," an affair



Lester Burnham (Kevin Spacey) is enjoying the changes he has made in his life, to the complete exasperation of his wife Carolyn (Annette Bening) in "American Beauty".

that is hilariously exposed at a fast food drive-through window. Lester's daughter, Jane, also has worries of her own. She considers herself ugly and wishes she had all the "sexual experience" that others at her school say they have had.

Enter Ricky Fitts. Ricky is a charismatic, introverted psycho. At least all the kids in school call him a psycho. Ricky is enchanted by Jane and tries to show

her that he loves her. Ricky is interested in the search of true beauty. He finds beauty in things that others seem to ignore: dead birds, discarded plastic bags and Jane. He looks closer and sees the meaning in all of those things. The images he captures on his hi-8 camcorder have a feeling of being stripped down and vulnerable. Jane, the dead bird, the discarded plastic bag are all deemed useless, but all possess elements of

pure, uninhibited beauty.

The most important feature of "American Beauty" is the recurring theme of the "moment of realization." Countless times in this film, characters find things out about each other and themselves, but convey those epiphanies through facial expressions and body movement. No dialogue is needed. Each actor knows exactly how to play his or her character. This is an amazing feat for each of the players involved in this project. There are many examples of these "moments of realization," but to describe them would not do the scenes justice.

"American Beauty" is one of those films that is so impressive that my adoration is beyond words. Films like "Breaking the Waves" and "Fireworks" clearly exhibit a love for all the important characters involved. "American Beauty" is another one of those films that involves the audience in the ordinary and extraordinary struggles of its characters. While "Fireworks" contained characters facing more extreme situations, "American Beauty" focuses more on everyday battles that we all face. Jane, Lester, Ricky and Carolyn seem to be whining about seemingly insignificant problems. But when those quandaries do face us, we deal with them in some of the same ways that the movie's characters deal with them. We scream, cry, laugh, succumb and even rebel; so do they.

At this point, "American Beauty" seems to be destined to be remembered as one of this decade's best films. Sam Mendes, fresh off his run as director of the controversial hit play, "The Blue Room," starring Nicole Kidman, delivers a fine motion picture directorial debut. His camera mocks the "typical suburban neighborhood" through many birds-eye view camera angles. And Mendes' flawless timing and choreography make this film all the more memorable.

Steven Rybicki is a junior. He is homeschooled.

MATT JOSEFY

The seniority list continues as teen columnist's senior year rolls on

By Matt Josefy

As my senior year continues to fly by, I continue to realize more and more what exactly the senior classification encompasses. Being a senior is so much more than being a student in your last year of high school. Once again, I invite you to put yourself in one of our shoes and see the things we get to or are forced to enjoy.

You might be a senior if you know what the FAFSA is. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is perhaps the most important document of your senior year, ranking up there with the diploma, at least for the middle-class boy like me. Who knows what it is or where it came from, but every college in the world implies that if you waste your time filling it out, they'll



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have compassion and shower you with scholarships.

January 1 or something like that, it becomes available. You give the university the same thing you give the IRS, how much money your parents make, and the alumni give you money for it. I guess to reimburse you for what the IRS took away?

You might be a senior if you've ever been to Saturday school. Every morning I hear the announcement from one of our venerable principals doing his duty, "Seniors, take care of your attendance. You need to be in class."

Seniors have the premonition that they might as well start getting used to not having to come to high school. Think about it. You don't throw a goldfish into water of a different temperature all at once, or else he dies — you ease into it. Seniors do the same thing, by gradually reducing their amount of time spent in school.

Sadly, the administration has rather harshly condemned this practice as "skipping" and given it the label of "truancy" as well. They don't even recognize the organized efforts of seniors to

make sure that no one is left out of this healthy practice: Senior Skip Day. Like I said, the administration doesn't quite recognize this well-intended practice and in the anti-democratic society we live in, their view is right.

Thus, back to the original statement: you might be a senior if you've ever been to Saturday school to make-up the well-spent time you spent away from the beloved place of education.

I've alluded before to the senior's mail load, you might also be a senior if a random assortment of unidentified callers begin contacting you on a regular basis. I'm not talking about your typical telemarketer. This is more like "Hey, how was your day?" Your mind races to think of every conceivable friend you have in the world.

As they ramble on, eventually they identify themselves as either 1. a college recruiter or 2. an army recruiter. You've got to hand it to them, they would be much more likely to sell long-distance service than the telemarketers that telephone companies recruit. They're really nice people ... but how many of us really want to talk to

somebody we don't know about our choice of colleges. But, like I said, having people you don't even know dying to talk to you does wonders for the ego.

You might be a senior if you feel that you are getting recognition long withheld. I was selected Most Likely to Succeed out of Blue-eyed, Blond-haired, senior guys named Matt Josefy. Add that one to your resume. I was also elected President of the National Doodlebug Observation Committee, which unfortunately doesn't yet exist.

The point I make is this: seniors have both a problem and a solution and their fingertips. Everywhere they turn, they receive recognition, assuming they meet certain requirements,

that may or may not have any particular meaning. But they need gazillions of honors to list on their college and scholarship applications; thus the existence of various clubs and groups that are nothing more than chartered social gatherings.

Well, that about wraps this up, because I have to go write a college essay. But that reminds me of one more for today.

You might be a senior if you see a drastic improvement in your writing skills. I have never in my life done as much writing as I do write now, and I'm not talking about what I write for the newspaper and for English class (most recently an essay on the personality of Winnie the Pooh, no joke). It seems like every evening there

is another essay to write, to read, to proofread, to print, to attach, to reprint, and then to do the whole process over and over.

Scholarships, colleges, and everybody else in the world suddenly decide "We want to get to know you. Please type a thirty-three and one-fourth paragraph essay that is printed by a Hewlett-Packard printer in purple ink and has dimensions that are roughly 13" by 18."

These essays make English class seem like a blow-off course, but please don't tell my teacher that. I've got only word left to write on this particular composition: goodbye!

Matt Josefy is a senior at Midland High School.

Swing dance craze hits Greenwood High

EDITORS NOTE: The following story and photo were originally published in the October edition of Greenwood High School's newspaper, the Ranger Revolver. The story and photo are reprinted by permission.

By Nicole Bailey

Swing is rapidly spreading across the nation. You may ask why this new, yet old, dance style is back. Swing dancing originated in the late 1930s and early '40s. It is a dance that consists of six- and eight-beat patterns with underarm turns, side passes, pushes and whips. There are more than 40 types of swing.

Becky Graham, Steven Mezera, Austin Owens and Tabina Aguirre are Greenwood students who enjoy swing dancing. While at a Thespian Convention in Abilene, Mezera and Miss Graham enrolled in a class for swing dance lessons. When they returned, they taught Melissa Danforth, theater arts teacher, some of the steps, and she taught her students.

Mezera said swing dancing got his attention because, "It is a lot of fun and cool to watch because the music and dance (are) upbeat and energetic."

Mezera goes to The Swing (now Doc's) to dance; The Groundfloor also teaches lessons on Friday

nights. The dance is liked by many different age groups. Linda Manning and Mrs. Danforth are two teachers who take part in swing dancing. "It is fast, exciting and it gets your adrenaline going," the AP English III and IV teacher said.

This opinion is shared by many. "It is a good form of exercise and it will wear you out," Owens, a senior, said.

This dance is unique and different from any other dance that is popular right now. That may be a reason why it is such a favorite. While many think it is back because it is fast and exciting, others believe it is popular again for different reasons.

"Swing dancing developed during the '30s when our country was stressing over world events, but we were in pretty good economic shape. It reflected a youthfulness, and it was a celebration of the youth and energy.

I think it has revived again because our country is in the same situation and we have an obsession with youthfulness. I believe it is a reflection of the past," said Mrs. Danforth.

Whether it is back for its youthfulness and energy or for other reasons, "I think swing dancing is one of the better things coming back," Miss Graham, a senior, said.

Nicole Bailey is a junior at Greenwood High School.

Photos courtesy of Steven Mezera
Steven Mezera and Becky Graham of Greenwood High School "cut a rug" — demonstrate swing dancing — at the drama banquet which was presented in May. The two learned how to swing dance while attending a convention in Abilene.



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GAS GRILL with two cooking surfaces. Propane tank. On wheels for easy movement. \$45. 685-3103.

MOVING SALE - Couch & loveseat, one console TV, one portable TV, day bed, desk, Sunquest Super 2X30 tanning bed. Call 520-0210 or 425-7057.

METAL FILE - Cabinet four drawers. Organizer stuff. \$10. Call 685-3103.

55 GALLON Food grade steel barrels, \$10 each. 682-0284.

WORK BENCH For the handy man or woman! Very sturdy. All wood. \$45. 685-3103.

AIRLINE TICKETS (2) 1 Way/round trip anywhere in the US. \$139 each way. 877-359-1929.

BINGO, American Legion, 501 Airport Road, Friday nights, games start at 8. Food, refreshments. 682-5511.

10'x16' STORAGE Buildings \$42 a month. Holidays coming, extra storage space needed. 563-3108.

ELECTRIC SUNDANCE PRIDE cart for disabled. \$1,500. Three years. Excellent condition. Indoor/outdoor use. 682-1224.

PRICE GREATLY Reduced. 14'x32' garage/workshop/storage building. 563-3108.

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TWO FISH AQUARIUMS, 50 gallon with stand - \$75. 20 gallon with all accessories - \$50. Please call 520-3985.

AMIGO DELUXE Scooter with Bruno lift, like new. \$3,000. Call 694-3680 for information.

75 GALLON Aquarium. Established 5 years with fish, stand, hood, lighting and filters. \$600. OBO. 699-7629.

GO CART 3 HP, 2200. Chest of drawers, dresser with mirror, and nightstand. \$350. 686-8898.

AQUARIUM With light, 40 gallon, on nice wooden stand with shelves. \$50. Call 685-3103.

FOR SALE, Wheelchair lift. Retail for \$3,500, selling \$2,500 or best offer. Call 683-8633 ask for Bill.

SNAPPER RIDING Mower with 33" deck, includes grass catcher, mulching kit. \$150. 684-9898 after 5:30pm.

MAUVE LAZY BOY, \$150. Black modern shelf, \$25. 200 Square yards blue carpeting - \$500. All in good condition. 694-9501.

Couch, Camel color, wood trimmed. Great shape. \$125. Call 699-7629.

410 Miscellaneous Sales

WANT TO LOSE A few pounds? Call 1-800-602-9812 (Recorded message). To order or for more information call 915-520-8844.

AMANA Side by side refrigerator with ice and water in door, black textured finish. 18 months old. \$800. Matching couch and love seat, burgundy and green plaid, \$700 set. Coffee and 2 end tables, cherry wood, \$300 set. Kitchen table, 4 chairs, oak medium finish. \$350. 697-9801.

413 Jewelry & Furs

PLATINUM Bridal set - 1.16 carat with baguette never worn. Asking \$2,000 or best offer. 522-2715.

ROLEX PRESIDENTS DAY/DATE, diamond set, bezel. Please call 694-2047 for more information.

415 Miscellaneous Sales

INDIAN ARROWHEADS, wanted. Collector paying top \$\$. Call (Robert), (830)709-3265. Large or small collections.

SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687-5039.

WESTERN WEAR, Women's shirt Size 18-20. Rocky mountain jeans size 19-20. \$25 for outfit. 697-8090.

420 Good Things To Eat

FOR SALE, Pecans-Local. Shelled \$4.50 per lb. pieces \$5.00 or best offer. Call 687-0516, days.

GERMAN CHOCOLATE, Pound cake would be perfect for holiday setting. To order call 520-4959.

432 Household Furniture

ANTIQUE ROUND Oak coffee table with 4 chairs. \$750. Please call 686-7354.

Couch, Camel color, wood trimmed. Great shape. \$125. Call 699-7629.

432 Household Furniture

MATCHING SOFA/Love seat, 6 cycle, muted colors. \$250. Call 699-1957.

FURNITURE 25' RCA remote control color TV with oak veneer finish. \$150. Small cabinet w/walnut veneer finish. \$25. Bedroom set: full bed including Mattress box spring, head & foot boards, 4-drawer chest, 9-drawer dresser & mirror, desk & chair w/antique white and gold finish. \$400. 684-9898 after 5:30.

QUEEN-SIMMONS Sofa sleeper. Multi shades, brown. \$130. 697-6712.

2508 SHELL - Moving sale! Oak, love seat and chair. Oak end tables, desks (2), chairs. Queen size bed, room suite, cherry file cabinet. Appliances: washer and dryer, refrigerators (3), game table, ping-pong table, exercise equipment, antique trunk, slings and more. Quality furniture as good prices! Call 684-9898 to schedule appointment.

Lazy Boy - recliner two years old silver/blue. Perfect condition. \$350. Call 699-7629.

COUCH AND LOVESEAT, neutral colors. \$200. Beige recliner. \$40. 520-3132.

POOL TABLE: whitewash base with rust felt. \$1,000. 699-4420, Tam.

TWO WOOD Bunk beds with 3 drawer under dresser. Bottom full top twin. \$150/each. 699-1957.

DINING TABLE and six chairs. Twin size bed. Leather sofa. Please call. 563-7458, 520-7478.

COUNTRY BLUE Floral sofa and love seat. \$90. Coffee table. \$25. 694-9461 after 6 pm weekdays.

435 Household Appliances

ELECTRIC DRYER: works great. \$75. Call 697-0284 for information.

435 Household Appliances

WASHER/ DRYER, Maytag, large, 6 cycle, white, good condition. \$350. 689-4597.

WHIRLPOOL FREEZER, Upright, works great. \$75. Call 685-3103.

FRIGIDAIRE FLAIR stove and oven. White, asking \$200 or best offer. 520-4891.

DICK'S FIREWOOD, Oaks, Mesquite, Pecan & Cedar. We deliver. (915) 453-2151, Fax 1-(915) 453-4322.

EAGER BEAVER Firewood - Oak, Pine, mesquite. Delivery. Stacked Small quantities available also. 685-3521, mobile 664-0577.

FIREWOOD FOR Sale, Mixed \$55 of a large stack, \$15 to deliver. 697-5768. Beeper 489-0507.

ROCKY MOUNTAINS best seasoned and smelling Pinon. Fine firewood. Fence posts or rails. Call Skip at 915-683-3255, Cell 915-425-3875, Midland, Texas. Delivers surrounding towns all directions.

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450 Sporting Goods

YOU'RE INVITED to the 1999 DUCKS UNLIMITED BANQUET Wednesday, November 17, 1999 at GreenTree Country Club. Help you're fellow bird hunters raise money and enjoy an evening you will never forget. Door prizes, raffle items, live and silent auctions. For ticket information call Perry Taylor 685-1776 or Mike Crum 694-8761.

COBRA SENIOR Irons! 3-PW, SW, GW, graphite shafts. \$350. Call 682-2017.

MAN'S RALEIGH bike 10 speed. \$35. Call 685-3103 and go for a ride!

460 Antiques & Arts

ESTATE Sales by JOSEPH'S. Let our experienced team liquidate your estate. 687-3040, 687-2868, 694-5034.

MEME'S COLLECTION, 3205 W. Culbert, 915-520-0055. Antiques, collectibles, primitives, Christmas decor, Ty Beanie's and new! Tuesday-Saturday 10:00AM-6:00PM. Sunday 12:00PM-4:00PM. Visa, Mastercard, American Express accepted.

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THE CATS MEOW - 4000 sq. ft. of fine merchandise - we buy & sell antiques. 408 Andrews Highway (915)687-2004.

WANTED: YOUR Collectibles and Antiques. Fair prices, no furniture please. Call 571-3222, work/694-7508.

465 Collectibles

SELLING PERSONAL Doll Collection: older Madame Alexander MIB's, other character dolls, etc. 683-3132.

22 WINCHESTER - Rifle Model 1906, antique \$250. Call 682-5295.

TREK MOUNTAIN Bike, \$250. Call 683-4954 after 6:00pm.

TREADMILL - Electric, in better shape than the owner. Works great. \$50. Call 685-3103.

470 Musical Instruments

DRUM SET \$300. Call 682-1219 for more information.

BUY, SELL, Trade used and new pianos. Jones Piano 682-7533.

PIANOS - new and used, buy, sell, trade. Financing available. Tuning, repair, moving. Caldwell Music. 697-0852.

HP 612C PRINTER, 2 registered, cable. Needs ink, paper. Included: \$100. Call 915-631-1326 mobile.

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485 FOR FREE

LOVABLE FOUR - Year old registered Beagle. Needs home. Good with children. Please call 570-4147.

FREE TO good homes, 1/2 Chow, 12 Britany Spaniel. Cute black puppies. 683-2865 or 684-5189.

FREE TO GOOD homes, Three kittens, two females, one male. Please call 694-3458.

BLACK/ WHITE kitten needs home. 699-5334, 498-8620.

490 Pets and Supplies

CARLOT KENNEL & Training Center. Boarding, puppy, advanced classes. Board train service available. 683-4718.

MALE CHIHUAHUA, 1 year old, tan, housebroken, all shots, \$150 or best offer. 689-0972 leave message.

SIX MONTH old gray and black kitten. To good home, great with children, shots. 689-0663.

AKC WEST HIGHLAND Terriers. First shots. Adorable, intelligent. Excellent blood line. Please call 683-6263.

495 Pets and Supplies

AKC YORKSHIRE TERRIERS 2 males, \$300 each. Please call 697-1420.

BUY, SELL, one male, one female. First shots, \$300 each. Please call 520-3855.

AKC MINIATURE DACHSHUND puppies. First shots. \$100. Please call 694-4930.

FEMALE & MALE White Lab-Spaniel mix. Tails cropped. Call Pet Sherer 699-4606.

1 YEAR OLD Female Toy Chihuahua, \$200. Call 362-4410.

AKC MINIATURE Dachshund puppies, 6 weeks old, first shots. \$150. 684-0318 or 520-2650 after 5pm.

AKC REGISTERED Akita for sale. Eight weeks, males and females with office. Call 694-7690.

RHODESIAN Ridgeback. 6 Beautiful show quality puppies, 4 weeks old. \$650. Call (817)279-7241.

RED RAT (Corn) Snakes \$30. Emory Rat starts \$20. Great pets. 694-5419.

FRESH CUT SUDAN round bales for sale. Please call 682-1121, or 570-6980.

HORSEBOARDING, Tack, clothes, arena, telephone, Northwest area, feed twice daily. 885-694-478.

1991 BRUTON Gooseneck 3 horse slant load trailer. \$4,950 or best offer. Excellent condition. \$12,000 (new). 398-5478. 263-9498 leave message.

510 Office Furniture & Misc.</

Cummins Southern Plains, Inc.

Cummins Southern Plains, Inc. is a leader in sales and service of Cummins diesel engines and Onan electrical power generation products. We are currently seeking a highly motivated individual to fill the position of Diesel Engine Technician at our Odessa Location.

Candidates will be responsible for providing full service to engines up to and including complete overhaul. Qualified applicant should have their own tools, possess the skills of a journeyman technician and worked in this capacity recently. Applicant should have a valid driver's license with an acceptable driving record.

Cummins Southern Plains, Inc. offers full benefits including tuition reimbursement, 401(k) with company match, medical, dental, dependent scholarship program, and more. Company provides paid uniforms and excellent working conditions.

All qualified and interested applicants are encouraged to complete an application in person at the following address or submit his/her resume along with salary requirements to:

Cummins Southern Plains, Inc.
1210 S. Grandview Odessa, Texas 79761

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CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT OR HEAVY EQUIPMENT MECHANIC NEEDED

Must have own tools, 2 years experience preferred. Mandatory Pre-Employment Drug/Alcohol Screening. Competitive Salary and Benefits. Please call 550-9181 and ask for Service Manager

340 Child Care Needed

TUESDAY - SATURDAY
Possibly a few evenings during the holidays. Please call 689-2900 leave message.

341 Child Care Providers

CHILD CARE CFP/ First Aid certified. Meals and snacks provided, day or night shift. 563-9100

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BRADY Club Cafe- old established business, fully furnished, two building on 1 1/2 block, excellent business opportunity. James Long Real Estate 915-997-1581

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CONSIGNMENT STORE: Furniture, accessories, antiques. Established. Serious inquiries. Box P. 6040, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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SALON FOR SALE. High potential. Please call 528-7551.

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FOR SALE: The Gabels-Zabes's Closet. Call Gabels at 697-1503.

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LOCAL BUSINESSES for sale. Small and large. Some have low down payments and owner financing. Call for a free confidential interview. Sunbelt Business Brokers, 520-1515.

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CHRISTMAS AROUND The World. Now hiring. Free kit, training provided. Also booking parties. July 915-943-5660.

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Get your Real Estate license quickly, short, day, weekend, evening classes. Southwest College 697-7277.

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GREAT OPPORTUNITY and large Xmas profits. Sports & Graphics store in mall has grown to a point where it needs a full-time owner. Established accounts with major sports suppliers. Call 694-2725.

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PIZZA STORE Equipment for sale. Excellent condition, still in place. Very clean. 520-8016.

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350 Business Opportunities

VERY NICE, two bedroom, one bath, vaulted ceilings, covered parking, free basic cable. \$375. In beautiful quiet Whispering Oaks, 1904 North Midland Drive. 694-4001.

350 Business Opportunities

SILVERCREEK, 1, 2 & 3 bedrooms, washer/dryer connections. Great location with fishing pond. Check out our specials on 1, 2 & 3 bedrooms. 1st month rent free. 2438 Whitmore 687-0053.

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BENCHMARK Leasing, 1, 2 & 3 Bedrooms. \$199 Move In Special! 522-2151.

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LARGE ONE bedroom in secured courtyard, free basic cable, \$265 monthly. 1/2 off the first month's rent! American Realty, 520-7577.

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SUTTON PLACE, Kingsize two bedroom, one bath apartment, 1,060 square feet, assigned covered parking. 682-2423.

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STUDIO APARTMENT for lease. Clean, attractive and good location. \$350 per month includes utilities. 682-8523.

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SAGEWOOD CONDOS loft apartment available, covered parking, pool and club house. Call 570-4884.

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GOLDEN PARK Duplexes- 3100 Kansas. 2 Bedrooms. \$199 Move In Special. 520-0133.

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STOP RIGHT There! Don't pay rent one more day. If you don't own it, or if you've outgrown it, call A-1 Homes in Midland for an appointment to see your new home. 90% approval rate with bad credit. 563-9000.

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GOBBLE UP THIS DEAL: FREE RENT! First full month for all approved applicants in November at Garden Court Apartments, 2301 N. Pecos, 683-9270.

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SUTTON PLACE, King Size 2 bedroom townhome. 2 Baths up, 1 fireplace, 1,400 Sq Ft. First floor. Assigned covered parking. 682-2423.

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GREAT MOVE-IN SPECIALS: Did your rent just jump over the moon? Come see our great move-in specials on 1 & 2 bedrooms. Please call 4315 Neely, 520-3238.

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ALL real estate advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or on the basis of any other such preferences, limitations or discrimination.

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