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MISD unlikely to pay bills for burn victims

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Midland Independent School District officials have indicated the district probably won't be paying the medical bills of three students seriously burned in a chemistry fire Oct. 10 at Lee High School.

While the school district "does carry a student athletic insurance policy," MISD cannot and does not carry general personal insurance coverage for students, including the MISD students who were injured in a chemistry laboratory accident last week, said MISD's Barney Welch, executive director of Communications Services.

"The district is legally prohibited from accepting financial responsibility for medical expenses incurred by these students or others in similar situations," Welch said Wednesday.

But MISD, in conforming to Texas law, does carry student athletic coverage and that policy "contains additional coverage for all students in



"It is written in the (Texas) Constitution and also the Attorney General's Office has ruled that we (as a public-school district) cannot use tax money to pay private (expenses)."

—George Lara
President MISD Board of Trustees

catastrophic situations" and "may provide some benefits to the injured students.

"We care about all of our students," Welch said Wednesday night. "We have deep sympathy for these (injured) students, and we care about them tremendously and want to see them recover as fully and as quickly as possible."

Three Robert E. Lee High School chemistry students, sophomores Teran Nix and Brooke Bagley and junior David Dutchover, were burned in a laboratory explosion at school on the afternoon of

Oct. 10.

Welch said MISD trustees and administrators "are saddened and distressed by the chemistry flash fire" that injured the students and "express their sincere sympathy to the students and their families."

Teran Nix, the 15-year-old sophomore who is the most severely injured of the three Lee students, was in serious condition Wednesday night in University Medical Center's Intensive Care Unit in Lubbock, said a hospital spokesman.

"She's doing a lot better," her father, David Nix, 40, said in an interview at the medical center. "The skin grafts took and everything — 90 percent of them did. She's eating now."

His daughter suffered second-degree burns on



Photo courtesy of Nix Family
Teran Nix remains in serious condition in a Lubbock hospital after she had skin grafts applied to her body.

her face and the more severe third-degree burns on her legs and right arm, he said.

"Her spirits are not too high," Nix said. "She's always been pretty smart. And she's... a pretty little girl."

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Oil Show 2000



Prices take center stage at Oil Show

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

ODESSA — The world's attention continues to be focused on crude oil prices — by which oil producers live and die — as they remain above \$30, their highest level since the Persian Gulf War 10 years ago.

Prices, which were below \$10 a barrel at the beginning of 1999, began shooting upward later in the year when members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and non-OPEC producers agreed to reduce production and force prices higher. Although OPEC has increased production several times this year in an effort to bring prices into its preferred \$22-\$28 trading band, supplies that have fallen to 26-year lows, as well as tensions in the Middle East, have kept prices above \$30.

In the third and final panel discussion offered at the Permian Basin International Oil Show, panelists will discuss prices, supply and demand and their impact on the world's economies. The panel discussion will be held this morning from 10:15 a.m. until noon in the Science and Technology Room just inside the west entrance to the Ector County Coliseum.

The discussion will take a global view in keeping with the Oil Show's efforts to provide a worldwide perspective on the energy industry.

Among the panelists will be Dr. Raul Monteforte, the Commissioner of Energy and Regulations for Mexico.

Joining Dr. Monteforte on the panel will be Mid-

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ABOVE LEFT: Prentice Creel addresses the panel discussion Wednesday at the Permian Basin Oil Show. ABOVE: Kevin Boehme operates one of his company's massive tools, a 250-ton top drive apparatus. This machine replaces conventional rotary drilling tools.

Brian Adamcik
Reporter-Telegram

New technologies will impact Basin oil fields

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

ODESSA — Four important technologies that are expected to have a significant impact on the Permian Basin were reviewed Wednesday at the Permian Basin International Oil Show.

As part of its new technology information format, the Oil Show presented a series of four casing-technology applications that included:

■ Enventure Global Technology's system for expanding casing downhole, a system that allows drillers to arrive at a larger casing size downhole.

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Recent rains have little impact on area lake levels

By Ian Heald
Staff Writer

The intermittent rain storms that blew through the Permian Basin this past week have had a very minor effect on area lake levels.

According to the National Weather Service, cities throughout the area received anywhere from less than half an inch to more than three inches of rain. Rainfall levels recorded at Midland International Airport totaled only .35 of an inch.

Yet, despite the heavy downfall in some areas, Lakes Ivie, Spence and Thomas, Midland's primary fresh water sources located east of Big Spring, saw little increase in surface levels.

Chris Wingert, assistant general manager of the Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD), the organizational owner of the three lakes, said Lake Thomas increased .10 of a foot, Spence .10 of a foot and Ivie .30 of a foot.

Current lake levels are as follows:

- Lake Ivie is 51.14 percent full;
- Lake Spence is 16.72 percent full;
- Lake Thomas is 12.44 percent full.

And although lake levels are far from capacity, Wingert said current lake-level conditions are in no way a cause for panic.

"The lake levels are always something to watch," Wingert said. "Are we at a critical point? I would say no. It is a point of concern but is this a situation that says it's time to panic? No."

For Midlanders, Lake Ivie is the most important of the three. In 1999, 93 percent of water used in the city of Midland came from Ivie. And although Ivie rested at 75 percent capacity for the better part of 1999, for the past several months it has consistently hovered above 50 percent capacity.

And Wingert is "cautiously optimistic" more rain will fall in the coming months.

"Long-term forecasts are hardly worth the paper they're printed on, but they say to expect a wet winter," Wingert said. "But, we don't historically have wet winters."

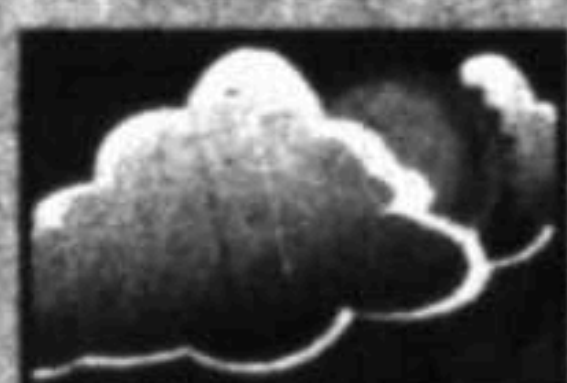
And still, the seven-year drought continues. In comparing annual rainfall over the past 50 plus years, Midland has averaged more than 13 inches of rain as of mid-October. To date, Midland is still below 7 inches of rainfall.

"Obviously, this rain did not break the drought," Wingert said. "It was nice to get, though. To break this drought it would take a series of rain events — something to get back over the average rainfall by a good amount."

The forecast calls for more intermittent showers between Friday and Sunday, according to the National

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high in mid-60s.
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Ed Todd

Least politicians forget the motto is, in God we trust.
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Gas leak prompts evacuation in Odessa

By Ian Heald
Staff Writer

ODESSA — Less than 24 hours after Odessa law enforcement agencies were drilled on their emergency-response skills, an oil well leaking H₂S gas (hydrogen sulfide) in North Ector County on Wednesday retested the mettle of local emergency response crews.

Residents of six homes at 57th and Golder were temporarily evacuated at 10:20 a.m. after a service man who was working on a neighboring well noticed a pinhole leak of H₂S gas, a potentially life-threatening substance, streaming from the rig.

The Odessa Fire Department and Ector County Sheriff's Office responded to the leak and evacuated the neighborhood. The leak was suppressed, the well was shut down and two hours later residents returned to their homes. No injuries were reported.

Frosty Gillam, president of Aghorn Energy, the company that owns the well, said the leak was minor and not life-threatening.

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This oil well was the scene of an H₂S gas leak Wednesday. Odessa officials responded to the leak and evacuated six homes.

Brian Adamcik
Reporter-Telegram

Independent counsel: First lady gave false testimony

By Pete Yost
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Independent Counsel Robert Ray concluded Hillary Rodham Clinton gave "factually false" testimony when she denied having a role in the White House travel office firings. His final report Wednesday gave ammunition to her Senate rival three weeks before Election Day.

Ray said he decided not to prosecute Mrs. Clinton because he could not prove she intended to deceive or even knew that her contacts with White House aides had instigated the May 1993 firings.

But he wrote that the evidence established beyond a reasonable doubt that Mrs. Clinton, during eight separate conversations with senior presidential aides and advisers, helped prompt the firings of seven White House travel office workers.

The dismissals spurred one of the earliest controversies of her husband's presidency.

"Mrs. Clinton ... played a role in the decision to fire the employees and ... thus, her statement to the contrary under oath to this office is factually false," Ray concluded in a report that divulged testimony she gave to prosecutors.

Ray wrote that she made "factually inaccurate" statements to criminal investigators and Congress about the matter.

Locked in a tight race for a Senate seat from New York, Mrs. Clinton dismissed the findings during a campaign stop in Syracuse, N.Y. "Most New Yorkers and Americans have made up their minds about this," she said.

Her attorney, David Kendall, immediately assailed the prosecutor's conclusions as "highly unfair and misleading."

"The suggestion that Mrs. Clinton's testimony was 'factually inaccurate' as to her role in this matter is contradicted by the final report itself, which recognizes she may not have even been aware of any influence she may have had on the firing decision," Kendall wrote in reply to the report.

Rep. Rick Lazio, Mrs. Clinton's Republican opponent in the Senate race, seized on the report to raise new questions about credibility.

Ray's predecessor, Kenneth Starr, zeroed in on the travel office in January 1996 when a memo by former White House administration chief David Watkins surfaced stating that Mrs. Clinton had been behind the firings.

"We ... knew that there would be hell to pay if ... we failed to take swift and decisive action in conformity with the first lady's wishes," Watkins wrote in the memo.

Ray submitted his final report in June to the three-judge panel that oversees his investigation. The panel released the report after giving parties named in it time to review it and respond.

The White House travel office workers who were fired served at the pleasure of the president and

could have been terminated without any reason. But a White House lawyer who worked for then-deputy White House counsel Vince Foster contacted the FBI to pass along rumors of financial improprieties before the workers were fired.

Republicans accused the White House of using the FBI to justify the firings.

The White House conducted an internal review and issued a public apology, saying the firings had

been mishandled. It recommended that five of the seven employees be given new government jobs and reprimanded four presidential aides. The former head of the office was prosecuted and acquitted of financial wrongdoing.

The White House noted Wednesday that the report did substantiate financial irregularities inside the travel office, which arranges travel for reporters covering the president on trips.

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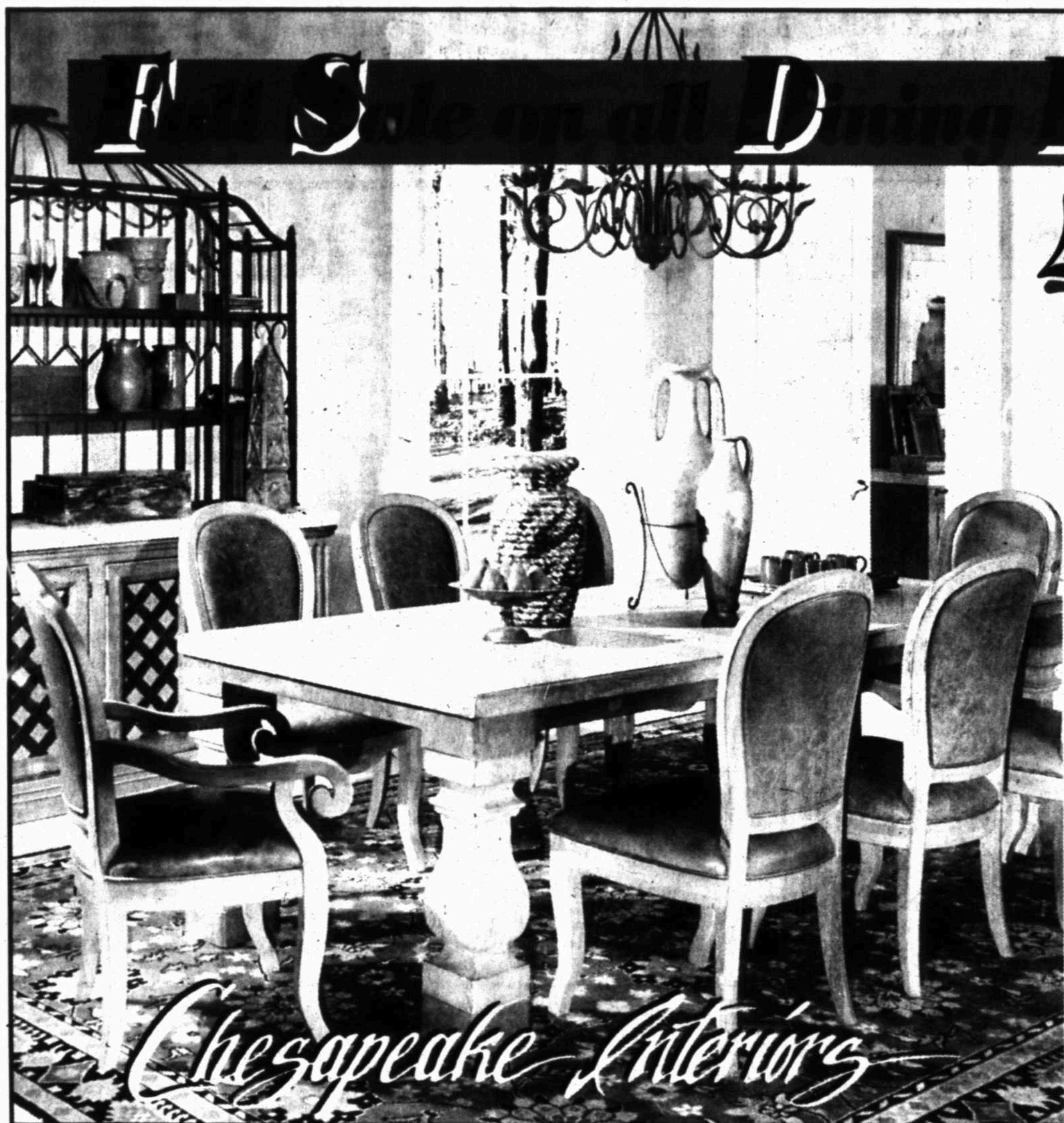
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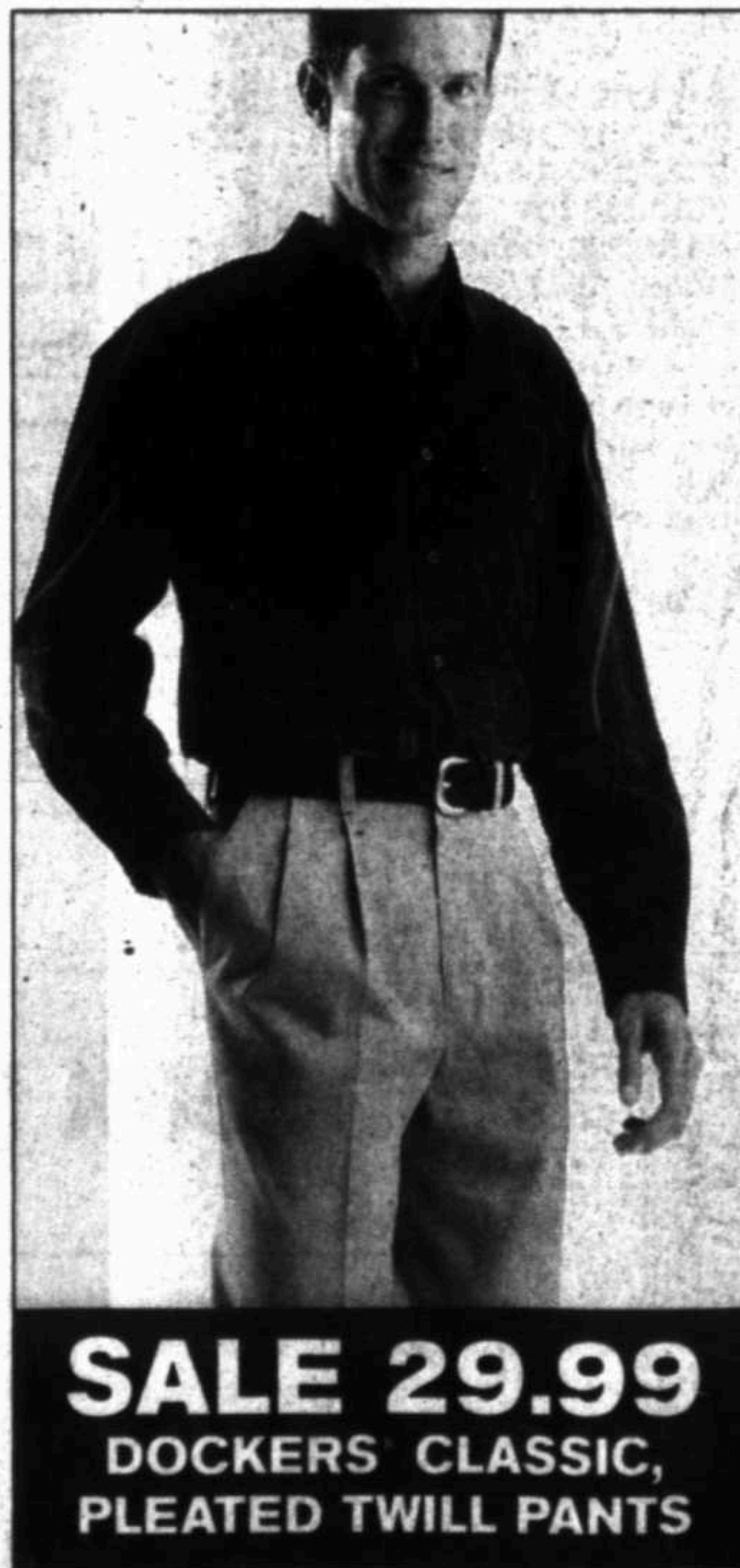
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Pentagon probes senior officials' handling of ex-CIA director

By Larry Margasak
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon's chief investigator is looking into whether senior defense officials, including former deputy secretary John Hamre, interfered with an effort last year to strip ex-CIA Director John Deutch of his access to military secrets.

Acting Inspector General Donald Mancuso said Wednesday he began the inquiry a few weeks ago after completing an earlier probe into Deutch's mishandling of secret Defense Department information.

Among the matters to be reviewed is an internal Pentagon memo that states Hamre was "involved" in the decision to stop an August 1999 Defense Department inquiry that could have led to an emergency suspension of Deutch's security clearances there. Deutch preceded Hamre as the department's No. 2 civilian official.

The CIA invalidated Deutch's security clearances at the spy agency that month after establish-

ing that he mishandled classified information. The Pentagon, however, waited until this February when Deutch voluntarily surrendered his military security clearances as the CIA formally concluded its investigative report on him.

Deutch left the Pentagon to become CIA chief, a job he held from May 1995 to the end of 1996. He is now a professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Hamre said in an interview with The Associated Press this week that he never tried to stop the inquiry or revocation of Deutch's security clearances and told subordinates to cooperate with CIA. "I never did instruct anyone not to proceed," said Hamre, who left the Pentagon earlier this year and now heads a prestigious foreign policy research organization, the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

The CIA concluded Deutch stored classified documents on unsecured computers and kept a private journal with national secrets on disks and computer stor-

age cards he sometimes carried in his shirt pocket. Some of the disks remain unaccounted for, and Deutch has apologized for his actions.

Justice Department prosecutors are investigating whether any criminal charges are warranted.

Government officials familiar with Senate inquiries into the Deutch matter say two Pentagon inspector general officials have told Senate committees they recommended in February that Mancuso review the conduct of Hamre and other senior officials in the Deutch matter.

He declined to confirm whether the investigators specifically cited Hamre, but said their information "clearly related to individuals at the senior levels of the Defense Department," a description that

would include Hamre.

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, whose staff has been interviewing current and former Pentagon officials on their handling of the Deutch matter, wrote Mancuso last week that he understood "Dr. John Hamre may be the subject" of the investigation.

Grassley, who opposes Mancuso's nomination as permanent inspector general, said the probe would be a conflict of interest because Mancuso has a "close association with Dr. Hamre" that "may undermine the public's confidence in the results."

Questions about Hamre's role in the Deutch investigation arose in a Feb. 15, 2000 internal memo by David Crane, the inspector general's expert on intelligence matters. Crane's memo describes how a

Pentagon security official made a "routine request" for the CIA's investigative file on Deutch in August 1999 "to determine whether there needs to be an emergency suspension" of Deutch's Pentagon security clear-

ance.

That official was told on Sept. 12, 1999 not to seek Deutch's CIA file, which stopped the review, the memo says, adding that the official was "told Dr. Hamre is involved in this decision."

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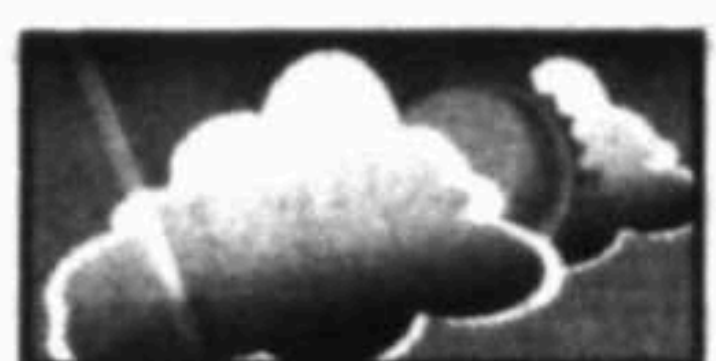
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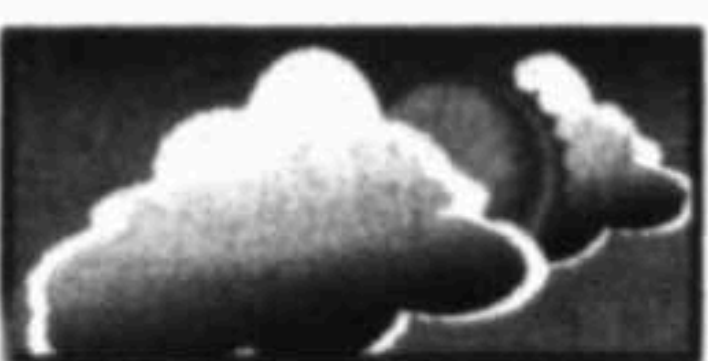
3-day forecast



Today
Partly cloudy
High 77
Low 52



Friday
Partly cloudy
High 73
Low 48



Saturday
Partly cloudy
High 77
Low 50

Today's forecast calls for morning fog and, in the afternoon, mostly sunny skies. The high will be in the mid 70s, according to the National Weather Service in Midland.

Tonight's forecast calls for increasing cloudiness, with a low in the mid 50s.

Friday's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies with a 20 percent chance of rain. Highs will be near 70. Friday night should be mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms and a low near 50.

Saturday's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies, a chance for thunderstorms, a low in the 50s and highs in the mid 70s.

After an overnight low of 51, Wednesday's high was 70, compared to the record high of 91 from 1995. The previous record low of 37 was set in 1989.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Wednesday ... 0.01 in.
Rainfall Tuesday ... 0.35 in.
Total for month ... 0.63 in.
Total for year ... 6.68 in.
Normal total (year to date) ... 13.15 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

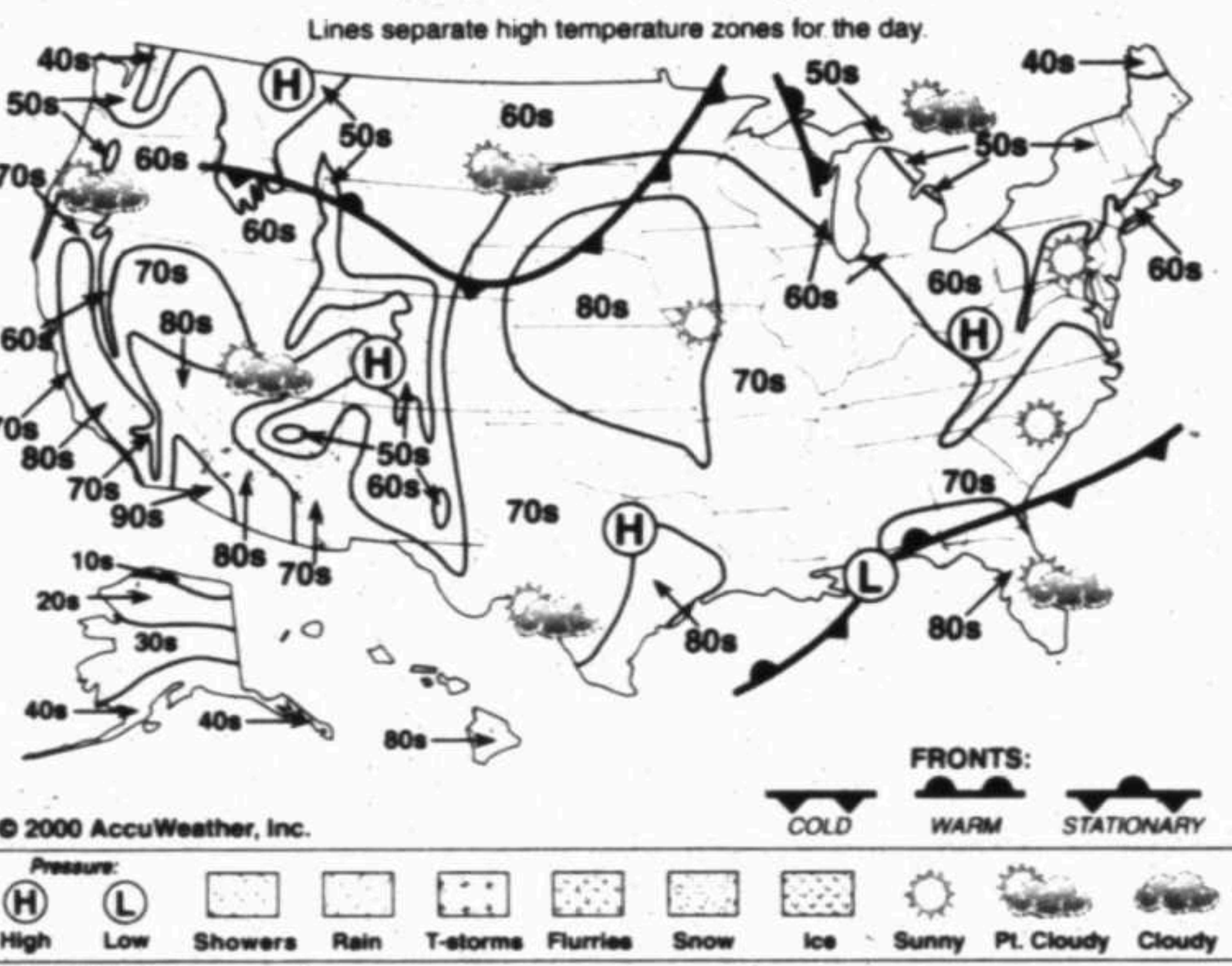
High ... 70
Low ... 51
Normal high ... 77
Normal low ... 50

Sunrise ... 7:56 a.m.
Sunset ... 7:11 p.m.

National forecast

National weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Thursday, Oct. 19.



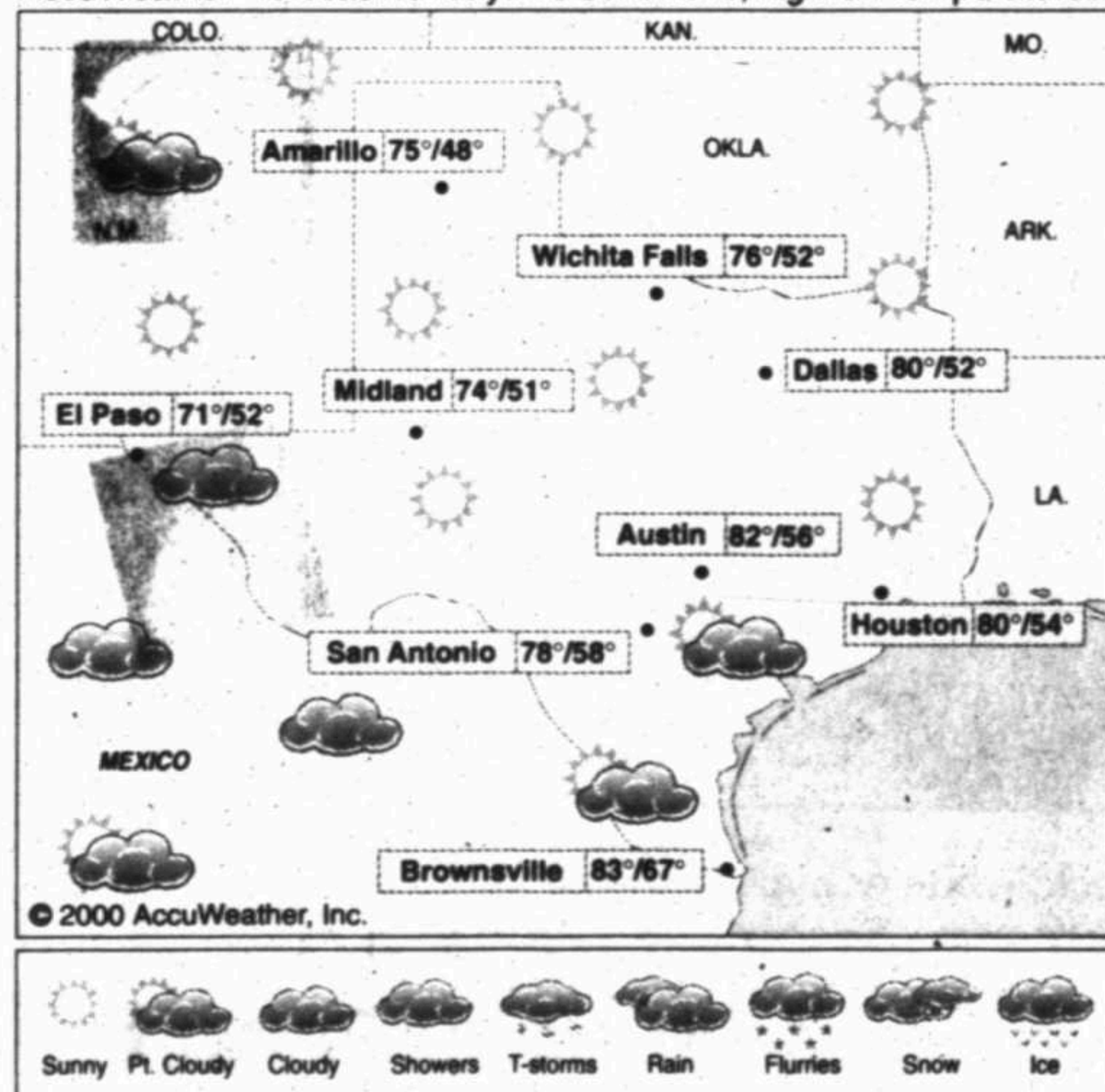
United States temperatures

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Obs	Little Rock	71	51	02	cdy
Albany, N.Y.	54	48	1.21	cl	Los Angeles	73	59	cl	
Albuquerque	70	48	cdy		Memphis	75	53	cdy	
Anchorage	39	31	cl		Milwaukee	71	40	cl	
Atlanta	80	57	cl		Mobile	79	59	cdy	
Atlanta City	70	59	cl		Montgomery	85	58	cdy	
Baltimore	68	59	06	cl	Nashville	73	56	cl	
Baton Rouge	76	54	cl		New York City	60	38	cl	
Birmingham	77	57	cdy		Norfolk, Va.	70	64	cl	
Boston	57	49	04	cdy	Oklahoma City	77	53	cl	
Buffalo	59	50	07	cl	Omaha	83	45	cl	
Caribou, Maine	49	26	27	m	Orlando	84	60	cdy	
Casper	72	40	cl		Pecora	69	41	cl	
Charleston, S.C.	83	55	02	cl	Philadelphia	66	58	02	cl
Chattanooga	77	60	cl		Phoenix	92	69	cdy	
Chicago	71	34	cdy		Pittsburgh	63	53	cl	
Cincinnati	66	42	cl		Providence	64	50	26	cdy
Colorado Springs	71	37	cl		Pueblo	79	38	cl	
Columbus, Ohio	63	50	cl		Raleigh-Durham	78	61	cl	
Dayton	64	44	cl		Reno	76	41	cl	
Denver	78	41	cl		San Francisco	64	54	cdy	
Des Moines	80	45	cl		St. Louis	71	47	cl	
Detroit	65	49	01	cl	Salt Lake City	72	39	cdy	
Evansville	70	44	cl		San Diego	68	64	cdy	
Fairbanks	30	14	cdy		San Francisco	64	54	cdy	
Fargo	70	34	cdy		Seattle	58	54	32	cdy
Flagstaff	66	27	cdy		Shreveport	79	56	cdy	
Fort Wayne	65	41	cl		Springfield	67	38	cl	
Green Bay	68	42	cl		Springfield, Ill.	70	39	cl	
Helena	72	38	cdy		Tampa-St. Ptsburg	84	60	cdy	
Honolulu	86	76	cl		Tucson	87	62	m	
Janeau	86	76	cl		Tupelo	78	59	cdy	
Kansas City	86	69	cl		Washington, D.C.	71	61	01	cl
Las Vegas	82	58	cdy		Wichita	80	52	cl	
					Yuma	89	68	cdy	

State forecast

Thursday, Oct. 19

AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures



Texas temperatures

	High	Low	Prc	Houston Hobby	80	67	1.16
Abilene	87	59	0.07	Houston Intercontinental	80	65	0.35
Alice	79	56	cl	Junction	73	58	
Amarillo	75	48	cl	Kingsville	81	m	
Arlington	82	63	cl	Laredo	77	68	
Austin	79	63	cl	Longview	80	55	
Beaumont	80	65	cl	Lubbock	72	49	
Brownsville	80	65	cl	Lufkin	81	58	
Burnet	77	65	0.01	Marfa	86	46	
Childress	78	60	cl	McAllen	85	72	0.66
College Station	82	63	0.15	McKinney	80	60	1
Corpus Christi	82	65	0.02	Mineral Wells	82	61	0.04
Corpus Christi	80	65	cl	Navy Corps	81	71	1
Cotulla	80	62	cl	New Braunfels	80	60	0.07
Del Rio	80	62	0.05	Odessa	72	53	0.01
Dallas	83	63	cl	Pecos	83	67	1
Del Rio	72	61	cl	Paris	79	55	0.04
Denton	79	60	cl	Rockport	82	69	0.02
Dryden	70	58	cl	San Antonio	79	63	0.01
El Paso	75	61	cl	San Marcos	79	63	0.01
Fort Stockton	84	68	cl	Tarleton	79	60	0.11
Fort Worth	80	65	cl	Tyler	80	58	0.88
Galveston	77	68	cl	Victoria	80	66	0.69
Georgetown	79	61	cl	Waco	79	63	1
Guadalupe Pass	82	67	cl	Wichita Falls	79	59	
Haltom City	86	68	cl	Wink	72	53	0.28
Harris	77	63	0.12				

LEAK: Officials commended for fast action

(From 1A)

"It was less than deadly. Maybe enough to make you nauseous," Gillam said. "As a precaution, we called everyone out here. It wasn't as serious as we thought. We've killed the well and we're waiting to repair it. It was just a small pinhole corrosion leak."

Gillam, an Aghorn employee for 13 years, said this is the first time in his tenure that H2S gas has leaked from any of the company's 400 wells in Ector County.

The residents, who occupy trailers near the well, were either not available for comment or chose not to be interviewed by the Reporter-Telegram.

Sue Hannaman, assistant director of the Texas Railroad Commission, said this is the fifth H2S leak in Ector County in the past month.

"And that's a big number," Ms. Hannaman said. "But generally, they're very small. They're not something like this."

Although the neighborhood was evacuated, Ms. Hannaman commended the Aghorn officials for notifying authorities once the leak was discovered.

"The operator really did a good job of getting the word out," Ms. Hannaman said. "He called 9-1-1. As far as I can tell, they did everything they could to protect the public and protect themselves as soon as they could."

And the evacuation was probably a good idea. H2S is deadly, Ms. Hannaman said.

"It's second (most dangerous gas) underneath hydrogen cyanide, which is what they use to kill inmates on death row. At certain areas of high concentration it will kill very quickly."

Although the instances of H2S leaks in Ector County have been frequent as of late, Ms. Hannaman said Midland County hasn't had a reported leak of any oil-related substance in more than two years.

Midland officials: We're prepared

By Ian Heald
Staff Writer

In the wake of the H2S gas leak from an oil well in Ector County Wednesday, Midland city and county officials say they are more than prepared for a similar event were to occur here.

Fire Marshal Jerry Petree of the Midland Fire Department said each truck is equipped with instruments that can detect deadly gases.

"If there is a suspected H2S problem our monitor will pick up anything," Petree said. "If there is a detection, we'll evacuate people downwind from it. It's treated very seriously. But I can't recall us ever having an H2S problem."

Dale Little, emergency management coordinator for Midland County, said the Ector County oil wells have always had more H2S gas than those in Midland County. If a leak were to occur in Midland, he said, the disaster would dictate what type of response his department would

make. "Each case is different," Little said. "You have to, at the time, make the decision where it was, what it was and how it was. Then you plan for evacuation or whatever needs to be done."

Little also had no recollection of there ever being a reported H2S leak in Midland County. He said there have been instances of drivers running over gas meters but that gas is considered sweet, or without H2S, and therefore not as hazardous as sour gas.

"With sour gas, or H2S, you might get the second breath of it and you could be dead. But that would depend on what the level of it is," Little said.

If an H2S leak does occur, Petree said local law enforcement will be prepared to quell all its associated dangers.

"We do have a plan in place in the event we have an H2S or any hazardous spill. There are standard guidelines to take care of those issues. In any event, life safety comes first," Petree concluded.

MISD: Officials say they are not responsible

(From 1A)

While Nix elected not to comment on the MISD policy on student injuries, he said, "It looks to me like they would be liable. You send your kids to school, and they get messed up... and they don't want any responsibility for it."

Nix, who works for Champion Technologies Inc., and his wife, Stacey, are with their daughter in the Lubbock hospital.

"We have to help her walk... four times a day. That's part of her exercise," Nix said.

MISD Board of Trustees President George Lara said, "It is written in the (Texas) Constitution and also the Attorney General's Office has ruled that we (as a public-school district) cannot use tax money to pay private (expenses)."

However, Lara did note that "all students at MISD... receive, at the first day of school, insurance coverage if they wish to participate and they will give it to their parents." That option for "health insurance coverage is offered by the district through a private insurance carrier and is sent home with every child at

'Her spirits are not too high. She's always been pretty smart. And she's.... a pretty little girl.'

— David Nix
father of Teran Nix

the first day of school. And the parents have the option of carrying that particular health policy if the parents chose to."

Of the injured students, "My heart goes out to all three families whenever your son or daughter is injured in school," Lara said. "I sympathize with the family. I cannot, as a father, imagine the pain they are going through at this time."

In a press release Wednesday afternoon, Welch noted "Texas school districts, with few exceptions, generally are not liable for injuries that result from accidents that occur on district property."

And because of that "immunity, MISD... does not carry general personal-injury insurance coverage for accidents" such as the chemistry laboratory accident.

But Welch noted that MISD offers "students and their par-

ents... the opportunity to purchase low-cost accident insurance."

"By declining the insurance offer or failing to respond to it," Welch said, "parents accept full responsibility for costs associated with their students' injuries."

Tanya Bagley, mother of Brooke who suffered third-degree burns on her left leg, said her daughter's father, her ex-husband, Eagle Pass lawyer Michael Bagley, is "an attorney in South Texas, and I'm getting the paperwork together tomorrow."

"We are going to file a claim against them (MISD officials)," Ms. Bagley said. She and her daughter's father "feel that it was somewhat negligent on their (MISD's) part that this happened," Ms. Bagley said.

"They are going to pay for it one way or another," said Ms.

Bagley, who noted "no one on the school board, no one from the administrative offices," has visited her daughter, but her daughter's chemistry teacher has.

Ms. Bagley said Brooke's father is "reviewing at this point" and is considering "what the liability on the school district is."

Robbyne Hocker Fuller, wife of MISD trustee James Fuller, said their 14-year-old granddaughter, Jashe Fuller, is a Lee Freshman High School student and a member of the choir.

Fuller, she said, had told her "We probably needed to take out the other insurance" for their granddaughter.

"For parents who do not have the money (for insurance coverage), that may not be an option," Mrs. Fuller said. "If the students are not insured, they (MISD) need to make parents aware of that fact (that they can purchase insurance coverage)," and "they need to take out extra insurance on their kids if they are not part of the athletic program."

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CAMPAIGN 2000

Bush, Gore upbeat, hoping for post-debate surge

By Tom Raum
Associated Press

EAU CLAIRE, Wis. — George W. Bush and Al Gore seemed upbeat, at times almost giddy, on Wednesday as they headed into the final three weeks of the long presidential campaign.

As Bush's plane headed for Wisconsin, he grabbed the microphone to the public address system.

"Attention please, attention please. This is your captain," he said. "A little less than three weeks to go. I'm looking forward to it. I hope you are, too."

For his appearance tonight on "The Late Show with David Letterman," his staff was working on the "Top ten reasons why Bush won the debate." One of them: "He's finally learned the differences between East Timorians and West Texans."

Gore was poking fun and patting himself on the back at the same time, likening his three debate showings to Goldilocks' porridge: "The first was too hot, the second was too cool. The third one was just right," he said.

To demonstrate confidence in Gore's St. Louis performance Tuesday night, campaign officials asked the Commission on Presidential Debates for permission to rebroadcast the entire 90-minute forum in small cable markets in battleground states. Debate rules prohibit candidates from using excerpts in campaign commercials.

"If it's feasible ... we'd love to do it," said Gore strategist Carter Eskew.

And speaking of TV, Gore also got word that millionaire comedian Jerry Seinfeld might help his campaign.

Bush said he was pleased with his debate performance, too, saying, "I was able to speak plainly."

"I'm going to work my heart out all the way to the finish," Bush told an airport rally in this northwestern Wisconsin city.

At the rally and later at an office equipment factory here, Bush mocked Gore's assertion

'You stick with me and I'll give you changes that give you more choices. I'll give you improvements that lift your standard of living!'

— Al Gore

that as president, he wouldn't increase the size of the federal government.

"Now there's a man who's prone to exaggeration," he said.

On his chances overall, Bush told conservative radio show host Rush Limbaugh, "I feel pretty confident, but I'll tell you, I don't feel confident enough to lie down."

Goaded Gore, he suggested the Democrat was taking California for granted. "California's going to be a big surprise," Bush predicted.

Bush was taking positive ethnic messages to the airwaves, with a new TV ad featuring a black teacher talking about education and another starring his Hispanic nephew. The Democrats, meanwhile, planned ads suggesting Bush's proposals would bankrupt Social Security, a point Gore tried to make in the debate.

The mood was upbeat in both camps.

Exhausted Gore aides, who just last week talked of finding new careers with room for family and social lives, mused aloud about returning to work in the White House instead.

Leaving St. Louis, Gore's brother-in-law, Frank Hunger, posed on the steps of Air Force Two wearing a goofy cowboy hat while Tipper Gore snapped his photo. They wrapped up the day with the rock group the Goo Goo Dolls and a Flint, Mich., crowd of some 10,000 people to whom Gore promised: "You stick with me and I'll give you changes that give you more choices, I'll give you improvements that lift your standard of living!"

Democratic fund-raisers, who had seen financial support slacken after Gore's placid performance in the second debate, said he showed a fighting spirit that

would make it easier to ask the party's biggest contributors to write yet another check.

Movie director Rob Reiner said he got a call from Seinfeld offering to help.

Gore had begun his debate day by plunging into the chilly waters of an Innsbrook, Mo., resort lake for a morning swim with daughters Karenna and Sarah. He proved not entirely cleansed of self-doubt, however.

Ridiculed after his first two debates for repeatedly using the word "lockbox" in his discussions of Social Security, Gore told voters at an afternoon forum Wednesday in Des Moines:

"My plan would put the entire Social Security system into a special category," he said. "If you don't want to call it a lockbox, call it, uh, something else."

At the same forum, he breezed past a potential political land mine when an older woman suggested he make an issue of Bush

being "not very trustworthy and not a very good citizen" until the age of 40 when he gave up drinking.

"You're right that it's touchy and I'm not going to touch it," Gore laughed. "I appreciate you trying to help me, but I'm not going there."

'Now there is a man who's prone to exaggeration.'

— George W. Bush

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Lee High student's selfless act dispels negative teen image

Last week's accident in a Lee High School chemistry class has left three students seriously burned.

By all accounts, it was a freak accident that caught the students and their experienced, well-regarded teacher completely off guard.

While the accident was tragic, there was a selfless act of heroism by one of the students that ought to be the subject of praise in our community.

Lee High School student David Dutchover has been held up for recognition by his high school principal and fire marshals investigating the accident.

When the chemistry teacher's petri dish exploded last week during an otherwise routine experiment and sent ignited glass shards flying about the classroom, it would have been difficult to know how to react or respond. When one's clothes and skin caught fire as a result of the combination of the explosion, flying glass shards and methyl alcohol, it would have been difficult to predict how one might have reacted, with only a split second to think.

Dutchover apparently didn't have to think much.

He instinctively reached out to help a fellow classmate whose clothes and body had caught fire. Even as his body was burning, Dutchover selflessly reached out to his classmate and saved her from more serious injury and possibly even death.

After he first had put out the flames on his fellow classmate, Dutchover finally extinguished the flames that had covered his own clothing and body.

Young people take a bad rap in our society.

They are often seen as selfish, self-absorbed and thoughtless.

David Dutchover, in a single, automatic effort to which he apparently gave no thought, did a lot to dispel that negative image of young people.

As David Dutchover and his two Lee High School classmates continue the long recovery process, we hope that Midlanders will take a few moments and utter a prayer for them.

But it won't simply be a prayer asking for their speedy recovery.

It'll be a prayer of thanks.

We ought to be grateful we've got such a fine young man living among us.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Oct. 19, the 293rd day of 2000. There are 73 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 19, 1781, British troops under Lord Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown, Va., as the American Revolution neared its end.

On this date:

In 1765, the Stamp Act Congress, meeting in New York, drew up a declaration of rights and liberties.

In 1812, French forces under Napoleon Bonaparte began their retreat from Moscow.

In 1864, Confederate Gen. Jubal A. Early attacked Union forces at Cedar Creek, Va.; the Union troops were able to rally and defeat the Confederates.

In 1944, the Navy announced that black women would be allowed into Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service.

In 1950, United Nations forces entered the North Korean capital of Pyongyang.

In 1951, President Truman signed an act formally ending the state of war with Germany.

In 1960, the United States imposed an embargo on exports to Cuba covering all commodities except medical supplies and certain food products.

In 1977, the body of West German industrialist Hanns Martin Schleyer, who had been kidnapped by left-wing extremists, was found in Mulhouse, France.

In 1977, the supersonic Concorde made its first landing in New York City.

In 1987, the stock market crashed as the Dow Jones Industrial Average plunged 508 points, or 22.6 percent in value.

Ten years ago: Iraq ordered all foreigners in occupied Kuwait to report to authorities or face punishment. The Supreme Soviet voted to approve President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's economic reform plan. The Cincinnati Reds beat the Oakland A's 8-3, taking a 3-0 lead in the World Series.

Five years ago: Ignoring a veto threat, the House passed a Republican plan for overhauling Medicare by raising premiums for the elderly and disabled and saving billions from hospital and doctor fees.

One year ago: The Atlanta Braves won the National League pennant by beating the New York Mets, 10-9, in Game Six of their championship series.

Today's Birthdays: Former ambassador to Russia Robert S. Strauss is 82. Actress LaWanda Page is 80. Actor George Nader is 79. Columnist Jack Anderson is 78. Author John le Carré is 69. Artist Peter Max is 63. Actor Michael Gambon is 60. Actor John Lithgow is 55. National Organization for Women President Patricia Ireland is 55. Singer Jeannie C. Riley is 55.

JACK ANDERSON & DOUG COHN

Murder is down, but not compared to elsewhere

WASHINGTON — We are going to inundate with figures today. We are doing so because statistics — especially crime statistics — best illustrate a primary societal difference between the United States and the rest of the industrialized world.

The U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation released a report dated Oct. 15, 2000, reporting that serious crime in the United States had decreased 7 percent from 1998 and 16 percent from 1995. It is the eighth consecutive year in which crime has decreased. The number of murders in 1999 was estimated to be 15,533, an 8 percent decrease from 1998 and 28 percent decrease from 1995. Moreover, "the recorded rate of 6 murders per 100,000 inhabitants was the lowest figure since 1996," according to the report. However, the report also showed that cities with populations of more than 1 million residents showed the lowest rate of decline in murders — down from 13.5 to 13.0 murders per 100,000 people. New York, the largest



Anderson

city, showed an increase in murders for last year, from 633 to 671 murders.

According to James Alan Fox, a professor at Northeastern University, "The big cities were the first to go up in the 1980s, the first to come down in the 1990s. Now the lowest murder rate declines suggest they'll be the first to stabilize. Murders and crime can't go down forever." For the Los Angeles-Long Beach region, there were 9.5 murders per 100,000 residents. The murder rate for Las Vegas was 9.8 per 100,000. New York's murder rate was 7.9 per 100,000. New Orleans had a murder rate of 16 per 100,000.

Comparing the homicide rate of the United States with those of other nations, one finds that the United States still has a much higher murder rate than the world average. The homicide rate in Canada for 1998 was 1.8 per 100,000. Canada has generally seen a decrease in murders since 1976. France's murder rate in 1994 was 1.12 per 100,000. Japan's was 0.62 per 100,000 in 1994. Great Britain had a murder rate of 1.41 per 100,000 in 1992. And Germany's was 1.17 per 100,000 for 1994.

Bear in mind that the U.S. rate that we are so pleased about is 6 murders per 100,000 inhabitants. The question is why is the rate four to six

times greater than our civilized trading partners' rates? For more than a decade we have begged for the placement of more police on the street, and not until the Clinton administration took office did this actually happen to a significant degree. But we need more police out there. After all, the first duty of government is to provide for the public safety.

We have also called for a national police academy — a West Point for police — to create a highly motivated, highly trained cadre for our nation's police.

We have advocated the licensing of firearms, but the National Rifle Association has thwarted this by talking people into believing that advocates of licensing want to take away their members' guns. Hogwash. We have advocated increasing expenditures to clean up the nation's slums that act as breeding grounds for criminals.

These and other recommendations will undoubtedly one day come to pass, and future generations will look back upon us and wonder what took us so long.

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CAL THOMAS

It comes down to a question of trust

Most people who vote in next month's election will not enter their polling places able to pass a pop quiz on the details of each candidate's positions. Except for activists and the few for whom politics is life, most will vote their perceptions about which one can be trusted to say what he means and mean what he says.

Despite Vice President Al Gore's better speaking and walking skills in the third debate, a fair observer would have to concede the trust factor and possibly the election to Gov. George W. Bush.

Gore was not as blatant in his exaggerations and misstatements as in the previous two debates, but there were plenty of inaccuracies. Perhaps the biggest howler was Gore's claim that the military is "the strongest in the history of the world." Stronger than Eisenhower's D-Day force? Stronger than in the Persian Gulf war? The Washington Post reported last week that the military is suffering from a mass exodus of captains from its ranks. Recruitment is down. Morale is low. Divorces are up because of lengthy and repetitive foreign "peacekeeping" missions and adventures. Gore claimed credit for cutting government, but most of the reductions came from the Pentagon.

Gore's other major whopper was that pharmaceutical companies spend more money on advertising and promotion than on research and development. In fact, the industry this year is expected to spend a record \$26.4 billion on research and development, up from \$24 billion in 1999, according to the PhRMA Annual Report for 2000-2001. That is many times the amount spent on advertising and promotion, which Gore implied is a bad thing.

Gore frequently descended into the minutiae of his various plans on taxes, education and health care, but Bush kept coming back to his strongest themes, leaving it to others to sort out Gore's political sleights of hand. Repeatedly, Bush stressed his belief that government should allow individuals to do more for themselves and keep more of the money they earn to do it. He portrayed Gore as a big-spending liberal and obsessive regulator.

On education, Gore wants to tinker with a broken system, the nation's largest monopoly. Bush would insist on accountability for teachers and students and

empower parents, not the state or the teachers unions, to decide what is in the best interests of children when schools fail to do the job we pay them to do.

On health care, as on education, Bush is pro-choice, believing competition improves quality and lowers costs. He would allow the kinds of health-plan choices Congress and congressional employees get. Gore again blasted HMOs and insurance companies for overruling doctors' decisions. But that is precisely what Medicare bureaucrats do and what Hillary Rodham Clinton tried to impose on us when she failed to socialize medicine. Gore said in the St. Louis debate he will give us Hillarycare but "incrementally." Do we really want government-run medicine? A Democratic-controlled Congress rejected it. Let government fix airline delays and safety concerns.

It was on taxes that Bush scored best. Gore again engaged in class envy by invoking his tired mantra of Bush tax breaks going to "the wealthiest 1 percent." Bush countered that the people who pay the taxes ought to have them lowered in an era of projected surpluses. Bush thinks it is immoral that anyone should have to pay more than one-third of his or her income to government. His plan would eliminate taxes for a family of four earning less than \$35,000 annually. Families making more would get less of a tax break and even those earning above \$100,000 would see their taxes reduced 10 percent. Gore thinks everyone should seek government permission and funding to run their lives. Bush thinks "we the people" is still best.

As a debater, Bush may leave a lot to be desired, but his inclinations to trust the people are right. Gore's inclinations are in the direction of government. To him, the government is our keeper, we shall not want. Though we walk through the shadow of darkness, the government will be there to comfort us with programs underwritten by the hard work of others and wealth created by others.

That's about as stark a philosophical choice as one gets in an election. The question is, when Election Day arrives, will enough voters understand the difference between liberty and limitation, between dependence and independence, to make the right choice? And will they understand that character and trust, not promises based on focus groups, are the central issues in this campaign?

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Doonesbury Flashbacks



ART BUCHWALD

Is there a doctor in the house and if so, what is wrong with him?

When I saw Glover the other day, he looked sick.

"Why don't you go to your doctor?" I asked him.

"I did. He wants me to see a specialist." "So, why don't you go to see the specialist?"

"He's delivering a paper in Sydney, Australia, on his specialty. He won't be back until December."

"All right, then go to another specialist."

"I called another one, and his secretary said he can't see me until February. I told her I might be dead by then. So she said she'd move me up to January."

"This is October — that seems like a long time to wait. Did you go back to your regular doctor?"

"Yeah. He called around and he finally found a guy who would see me right away."

"That's great," I said. "Why don't you go to see him?"

"Because I'm not sure how good he is."

"Why? Did you check him out?"

"No. But if he's such a hot doctor, how come he isn't delivering a paper in Vienna instead of seeing patients?"

"Maybe he is in between lectures," I suggested.

"All right. But if he knows his stuff, why doesn't he have a two-month waiting list like everybody else?"

"That's a good question. He can't be a great medical man if he's willing to see you right away. Maybe he's just starting out in practice."

"I thought the same thing. So that means if I go see him, I'm going to have to get a second opinion."

"Wasn't your family doctor suspicious when the specialist said you could come over so soon?"

"It did make me nervous. He said he had never known a specialist who would see a patient right away. But he also said I didn't have any choice. It was either go to him or NOT see the best man in the field because he was in Australia."

"Maybe the guy who will see you had a cancellation?" I suggested, trying to cheer him up. "I once knew of a case where a top orthopedic man saw a friend of mine just four weeks after he called."

"What did the orthopedist tell him?"

"That there was nothing wrong with him. Whatever the problem was had cleared up."

"So you think if I wait for the specialist to come back from Sydney, I'll get better, too?"

"I'm not a doctor. But I've heard of many cases where a patient has had to wait so long to see the top man in the field that he's cured himself."

"But don't you look like a fool if you wait all that time and when you finally see the specialist, he can't find anything wrong?"

"Specialists don't care. They're so busy, it saves them spending a lot of time with you."

"I still wonder if I should cancel the appointment with the specialist who will see me and try to get one with one who can't."

"Well, the one who can't is probably the better man, and you'd be more confident with him. At the same time, if you kept your appointment with the doctor who will see you, you could be pleasantly surprised. Maybe he's good at what he does but doesn't live to deliver papers at medical meetings. You know, there are some doctors who are afraid to fly."

"Why can't the top specialists in their fields just practice medicine?" Glover asked.

"Because if they just took care of patients, no one would know they were the top men in their field. Look I think you're hurting yourself wrestling with the problem. My suggestion is to go to the specialist who told you to come over right away. But before you let him examine you, ask him how many conventions he's been to this year. If he replies, 'None,' walk out of his office without taking your clothes off."

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Clinton vows retribution against the 'hate-filled terrorists'

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Associated Press

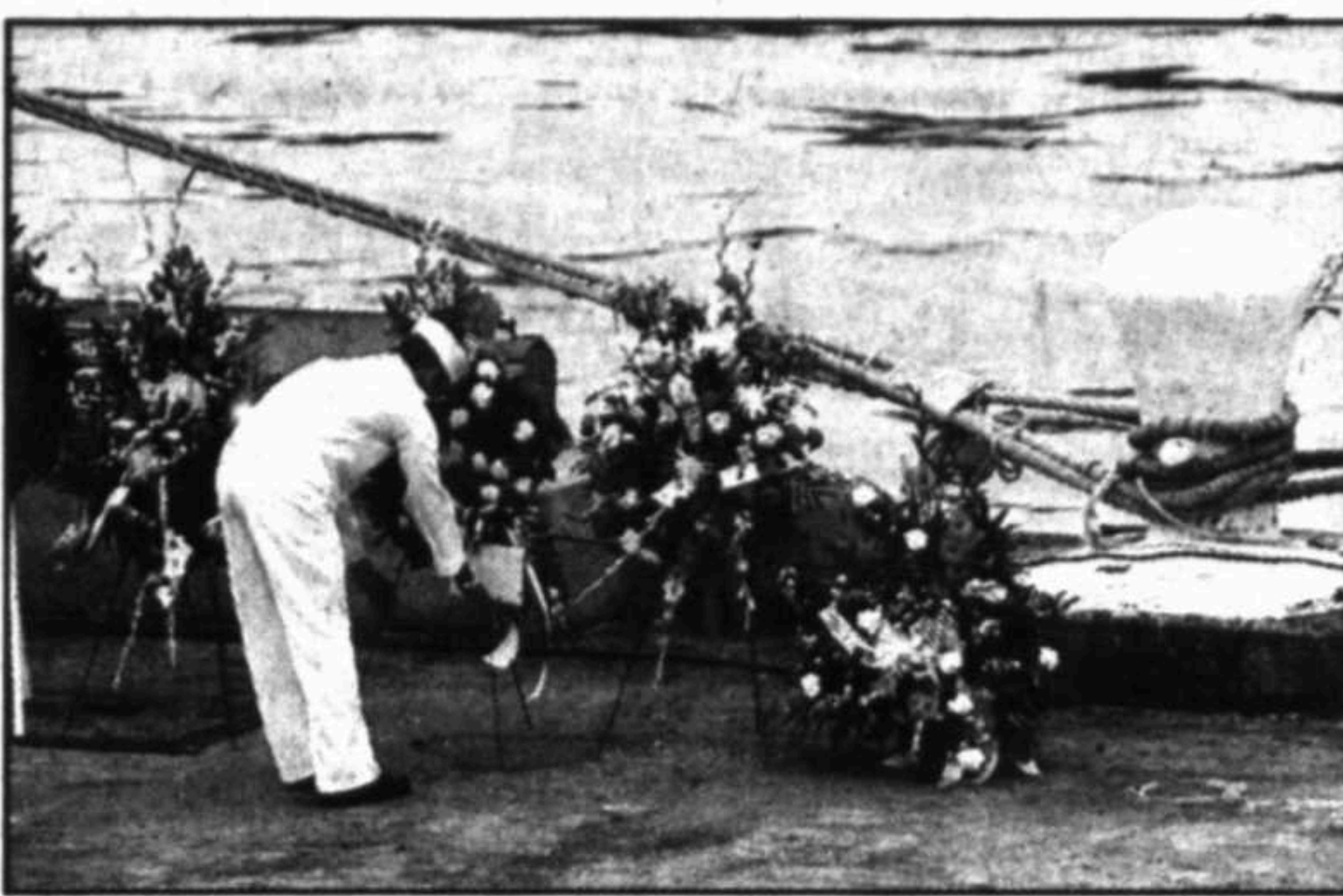
NORFOLK, Va. — Alternating between words of grief and retribution, President Clinton sought Wednesday to comfort the sailors and families of the USS Cole. He praised the fallen as patriots and sternly warned the "hate-filled terrorists" whose attack killed 17 aboard the Navy destroyer: "We will find you and justice will prevail."

Under a gray sheet of sky, Clinton addressed a memorial ceremony at a Norfolk Naval Station pier crowded with destroyers and aircraft carriers. Sailors in white dress uniforms lined every deck of every ship, listening to Clinton praise the colleagues lost in the Oct. 12 explosion at a Yemeni harbor as "our finest young people, fallen soldiers who rose to freedom's challenge."

"They all had their own stories and their own dreams," Clinton said. "In the names and faces of those we lost and mourn, the world sees our nation's greatest strength: People in uniform, rooted in every race, creed and region on the face of the Earth."

Clinton described the attackers — still unknown — as "hate-filled terrorists" who "envy our strength" while holding warped religious, political, racial, or ethnic views of the world.

"For them, it is their way or no way," he said. Addressing those



AP Photo
A Sailor places wreaths in memory of the sailors killed in the Oct. 12 attack on the USS Cole in Yemen before the start of a memorial service at Norfolk Naval Station in Norfolk Va. on Wednesday. President Clinton spoke at a memorial service for the dead sailors in Norfolk, the home port of the USS Cole.

attackers directly, the president warned: "You will not find a safe harbor. We will find you and justice will prevail."

One by one, Clinton called out full names and ranks of the 17 dead, including those whose bodies have yet to be recovered.

In the end, a lone Navy trumpeter played "Taps" from the deck of the destroyer USS McFaul, one of two Cole sister ships docked nearby. A wounded sailor saluted from his front-row stretcher, his wife at his side.

The military's top civilian and uniformed leaders also took part. "Death snatched them away in

one violent, unsuspecting moment while they were making sure America and its friends slept easily in a dangerous world," said Defense Secretary William Cohen. He warned those responsible for the bombing, "Our search for you will be relentless."

Army Gen. Hugh Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was more blunt: "Those who perpetrated this act of terror should also never forget that America's memory is long, and our reach, longer."

Besides Cohen and Shelton, Clinton was accompanied by daughter Chelsea, Attorney Gen-

eral Janet Reno, Cohen's wife, Janet Langhart Cohen, and national security adviser Sandy Berger. First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton arrived later in a separate car.

Clinton went directly to the 93-year-old Pennsylvania House, a small-scale replica of Philadelphia's Independence Hall, and sat with the grief-stricken. Wounded sailors, 36 in all, came to him on gurneys, on crutches, in wheelchairs, with legs in casts or faces pocked with injury.

Two sailors injured in the attack remain in Germany undergoing treatment, and another was recovering from surgery performed Tuesday night. The remains of eight sailors will arrive Thursday at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware.

The president spent more than an hour visiting with the wounded and making his way slowly around adjoining rooms, talking with new widows, childless parents and parentless children, many of whom wore blue-and-gold lapel ribbons and clutched photographs of their loved ones.

"There were, obviously, some tears and sobbing," said White House spokesman Elliot Diring.

The president then went to the ceremony at Pier 12, which was surrounded by the McFaul, the destroyer USS Ross and aircraft carriers USS Enterprise and Eisenhower. In the stories told by the families, Clinton said, he could hear the pride of the first time they

saw their loved one in uniform, or "the last time you said goodbye."

Clinton pointed out that the dead included Electronics Technician 1st Class Richard Costelow of Morrisville, Pa., who had worked with the White House Communications Agency, helping to update its communications systems.

"All these very different Americans, all with their different sto-

ries, their lifelines and love ties, answered the same call of service and found themselves on the USS Cole," Clinton said. "Their tragic loss reminds us that even when America is not at war, the men and women of the military still risk their lives for peace."

Clinton asked Americans to "thank God today for the lives, the character, and courage of the crew of the USS Cole."

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MP3.com, music publishers reach settlement

SAN DIEGO (AP) — MP3.com Inc. reached a preliminary settlement with the National Music Publishers' Association Inc. that will make more than one million songs available on its online music service.

The agreement calls for MP3.com to pay up to \$30 million to the association's licensing unit, MP3.com said Wednesday. It also grants MP3.com a three-year license that requires the company to pay publishers one quarter cent each time a song is streamed on demand to a listener.

The publishing association sued in March over the site's use of its members' songs. MyMP3.com allows users to listen to music from

CDs they already own or which they purchase from MP3.com's retail partners. Unlike music-sharing Web site Napster, it does not allow users to download computer files or make copies.

If the settlement is approved by individual music publisher-principals, the publishing association will drop the lawsuit.

"The Internet has certainly posed many difficult music publishing issues and this agreement ... is a giant step for all consumers who want to simply be able to listen to music they already own," said MP3.com President Robin Richards.

Edward P. Murphy, president and chief executive of NMPA,

called the agreement a "landmark proposal" and a win for music creators, Internet music service providers and consumers.

The NMPA, which has more than 700 members, works to protect and advance the interests of the music publishing industry.

The settlement means MP3.com has come to terms with nearly all of the litigants in a copyright infringement lawsuit brought by the major music companies and publishers. Only one litigant remains — the Universal Music Group.

Last month, a federal judge in New York ruled that MP3.com violated copyrights of music companies and awarded Universal \$25,000 per CD — a penalty that

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Ebola outbreak traced to Ugandan woman

KABEDE OPONG, Uganda (AP) — Esther Awete was found dead six weeks ago in her round, gray mud hut by her mother and sisters five days after she fell ill with a fever.

In keeping with custom, her body was kept in her hut for two days to allow friends and family to take part in the funeral. Awete's family and closest friends ritually bathed her body, buried her less than 30 feet from where she died and then washed their hands in a communal basin as a sign of unity.

What they did not know was that Awete's body had become a time bomb carrying the deadly Ebola virus. That was on Sept. 7. Now, her mother, three sisters and three other relatives are dead and the virus has spread across a 15-mile radius, killing 39 people and infecting as many as 63 others.

Ebola is transmitted through contact with bodily fluids, such as mucus, saliva and blood, and can be passed through a simple handshake. Four days after exposure, flu-like symptoms set in, followed by bloody diarrhea and vomiting. Ten to 15 days later, the victims "bleed out" through the nose, mouth and eyes. Blood and other bodily fluids also begin seeping through the skin, producing painful blisters.

How Awete — so far the first person known to have contracted Ebola in Uganda — became infected is a mystery. In fact, researchers have no idea where the

virus lives in between outbreaks, which are often years and hundreds of miles apart. While they know it resides in a host animal or insect that it does not kill, they have not identified the host.

One of Awete's two children, a 9-month-old boy, died of Ebola within days of her funeral, although her 8-year-old son — who did not take part in the funeral — has so far survived.

Awete, 36, lived with her mother and sisters in a small compound of six thatched huts and a dilapidated house surrounded by banana trees and rows of corn. She made her living selling home-brewed cassava beer and corn she ground by hand inside her 15-foot wide, windowless hut.

Kabede Opong is three miles from Gulu, a town of 150,000 about 225 miles north of the capital Kampala. People here do not eat wild animals, suspected as the source of some past Ebola outbreaks, and she did nothing unusual before she died, except for a trip to another village to get cassava leaves for brewing.

At first, neighbors thought Awete died of dysentery, cholera or any of a number of illnesses common to the area.

"People had fears after the second victim," said Justin Okot, a police officer who lived in the compound next to Awete. "It was after the eighth victim, that's when we suspected this is a new disease."

Okot and his wife, lifelong friends of Awete, took part in her

funeral. Okot's boss has told him not to come to work for at least 12 days, and then get a doctor to certify that he is healthy. While he has no symptoms, his wife has not been so lucky.

"My wife was admitted yesterday to the hospital," Okot said, his voice trembling as he tried to hold back tears. He feels certain it is Ebola.

More help arrived Wednesday when a team from the World Health Organization brought in boxes of protective garments, gloves and a washing machine, as well as the expertise needed to fight Ebola.

"Containment of the outbreak should not be a problem," said Dr. Guenael Rodier, a senior WHO official and veteran of a half-dozen Ebola outbreaks in West Africa. "Simple measures will avoid the spread of the disease from person to person and that is what we are going to work on."

He said investigators from the U.S.-based Centers for Disease

Control were bringing sophisticated equipment not available in Uganda that is required to confirm infection with Ebola.

In recent days, anyone with early symptoms of the disease has been quarantined and counted as a potential victim. Rumors abound of cases in other districts of Uganda, which could either signify a dramatic spread of the disease or just panic.

"There are many rumors that need to be checked," said Rodier. "But it is clear that if you have no contact with Gulu, then you are unlikely to have Ebola."

Professor Francis Omaswa, director general of Uganda's medical services, said reports that two people died of Ebola in neighboring Kitgum were false and that the virus was being contained in Gulu district.

However, a medical team was sent to investigate a suspected outbreak in Lira district, southeast of Gulu, said Paul Kagawa, a Health Ministry spokesman.

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People living beneath ozone hole learning to cope with sun's rays

PUNTA ARENAS, Chile (AP) — Here, at South America's gateway to Antarctica, television weather forecasters read the daily updates on the ozone hole just like temperatures and cloud conditions.

High school students have made a "Solar Stoptight" to warn about "el agujero" — Spanish for "the hole." And the local oil refinery dolos out sunglasses and sun lotion to workers whenever the hole is directly overhead.

For two days last week, the Chilean city of Punta Arenas went on "red alert" as the ballooning ozone hole drifted over South America's remote southern tip.

But years after the discovery of the ozone hole, which has swelled to a record 11.4 million square miles, the people at Land's End are learning to cope with the harmful rays it lets through the atmosphere.

For several days each year between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, when Antarctica's ozone hole is at its largest, residents are forced to don sombreros, sunglasses, sunblock lotions and extra clothing.

With a population of 120,000, Punta Arenas is the only populous region on Earth exposed to the ozone hole, a kind of trap door through the atmosphere for the sun's cancer-causing ultraviolet B rays. The ozone layer acts as a sunscreen, filtering out many of the damaging rays.

"The ozone hole is passing over us right now," exclaimed Claudio Casiccia, a space geophysicist who runs the Ozone and Radiation Laboratory at the Universidad de Magallanes.

He had just climbed a ladder to the laboratory rooftop to look through its eye on the sky — a spectroradiometer, which measures ozone levels. Ozone levels are far lower here than in much of the rest of the world, less than 200 Dobson units on the scientific scale of measurement. Normal readings are around 400.

Ozone depletion begins in July as sunlight triggers chemical reactions in polar air during the Antarctic winter, then continues for months before tapering off as

temperatures begin rising in late November.

Chlorine compounds used in refrigerants, aerosol sprays and solvents are blamed for most ozone depletion. But experts agree man-made chemicals are leveling off due to the 1989 Montreal Protocol, which commits countries to eliminating production and use of ozone-depleting substances.

In Punta Arenas, 2,240 miles south of the Chilean capital of Santiago, public health official Lidia Amarales stood on a street corner and squinted into the afternoon sun while facing local TV cameras with her daily ozone update.

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BOAB begun to help county employees

■ Fund established to help county employees in dire financial circumstances.

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

The Bear One Another's Burdens (BOAB) Fund, which Midland County Commissioner Randy Prude has established and funded by using his own donated \$31,300 commissioner's salary, is being managed by the Permian Basin Area Foundation.

The fund, which Prude initiated in September, is to assist Midland County employees who are in dire financial circumstances.

"It is a very generous deed and should

be of assistance to county employees when they have a real significant need," noted Midland County Judge Bill Morrow. "I'm proud of his generosity."

The 48-year-old Prude, who is a partner in TGAAR, a Midland investment company, said he was inspired by Scripture to set up the fund.

"And they (Midland taxpayers) can be advised that it will be well spent on people that are really in need and not just on people who are living beyond their means."

BOAB is an acronym from the Bible's Galatians 6:2 in which the Apostle Paul says in a translation: "Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the Law of Christ."

The fund is to "aid anyone whose life's burdens become overwhelming," Prude

'I will donate 100 percent of my paycheck each month for this fund.'

— Randy Prude

said.

"I will donate 100 percent of my paycheck each month for this fund and encourage others — that are able — to participate in this fund."

Prude noted "God has blessed me to be able to provide for my family from other sources. And I feel that it is very important to be a good steward of His blessings. I can't think of a better way to please God than by helping those in need."

Jack Swallow, executive director of the Permian Basin Area Foundation, said that in his 11 years with the foundation that "We have not administered a fund similar to this one before."

"And we think it is wonderful," Swallow said. "We think it is a really neat gesture."

Prude is "contributing his own compensation for serving as a county commissioner" and is "leaving the door open for others" who may want to "provide resources of their own to help support the people in county government that have special-needs assistance," Swallow said. "It's wonderful." The BOAB Fund "will address needs as they emerge."

Now that the BOAB Fund is established, "We've got the committee that's

set up and willing and able and excited about serving," Prude said.

County officials serving on BOAB's Screening Committee, Prude noted, are Justices of the Peace David Cobos and Michael Wallace, Tax Assessor-Collector Kathy Reeves, District Attorney Investigator Fred Stubbs, Treasurer Jo Ann Carr, District Clerk Vivian Wood, Sheriff Gary Painter's Chief Deputy Clayton McKinney, County Clerk Shauna Brown and Prude.

"We're open for business," Prude said, "and waiting for ... applications to start helping" county employees in need. "Like Christmas-time," Prude said, "You've got all of your preparations made. Now, it's time to see what's happening."

Help-a-thon

RIGHT: Jessie Dale, left, helps fellow eighth-grader Elander with one of the problems at San Jacinto's Math-A-Thon Wednesday afternoon. BELOW: Eighth-grader Allison Dalehite works through problems at the Math-A-Thon.

Story by
Jim Kreitz

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Williams Jr.



Students learn math while helping others

In an effort to raise money for charity while, at the same time, sharpening their mathematical skills, students at San Jacinto Junior High are holding a three-week "Math-A-Thon," the proceeds from which will benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

San Jacinto Principal Larry Winget said that during the last three years San Jacinto has held the contest, thousands of dollars have been raised for the charity. "The math problems span a wide gamut, from basic arithmetic operations and story problems to algebra and geometry," Winget said. "This way, every kid can raise money for the research hospital, regardless of whether they excel at math or not."

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital provides free treatment to children suffering from catastrophic diseases such as leukemia, brain tumors, and hematological disorders.

Using a special notebook, students will spend a period of about two weeks soliciting pledges to sponsor them in solving up to 250 mathematics problems. After all the problems are completed, the students will collect the pledged funds and donate them to St. Jude on behalf of the San Jacinto Math Department.

"It makes me feel really good to know I'm helping those boys and girls at St. Jude," said eighth-grader Devon Ramey. "I think the work being done at that hospital is really good."

San Jacinto student Russell Brown, 14, agreed. "All you have to do is work a few math problems, and it helps improve the lives of some very sick kids," he explained. "I'm proud to be a part of something like this."

Diane Utsman, the San Jacinto math teacher who

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Midland may see gun safety locks by early 2001

By Ian Heald
Staff Writer

It is currently undetermined if a mechanism defect in state-sponsored child safety gun locks will delay a February shipment of the product to Midland.

Last week the Midland City Council voted to submit a grant application for 4,600 gun locks through the state's Project ChildSafe program.

The goal of the Gov. George W. Bush-sponsored \$5 million program is to distribute five million safety locks around the state in the next five years, according to the governor's press release. One million locks are scheduled for release to various state law enforcement agencies within the next 12 months. Each gun lock will come with a pamphlet illustrating gun safety, handling, installation and storage instructions. Pamphlets will be available in English and Spanish.

But shipments of the safety locks are currently on hold. A faulty mechanism has been detected in some of those gun locks distributed to 15 Texas law enforcement agencies.

The gun locks are similar to bicycle cable locks and can only be applied to an unloaded gun. The cable lock is threaded through the weapon's firing mechanism, thus disabling the firearm. But some locks have been reported to spring open when bounced or hit, the press release states.

Linda Edwards, spokesperson for Gov. Bush, said the state is still working to repair the faulty safety locks.

"We're going to be interested in finding a solution that will place safety as a priority," Ms. Edwards said. "We want gun locks that are reliable. I just don't have any additional information as to how long the delay will be."

Despite the delay in distribution, Midland Police Chief John Urby still expects Midland to receive its shipment of 4,600 locks by February.

Urby said he is a strong supporter of Project ChildSafe and thinks it will be a success. And, he said, anyone who owns a gun is encouraged to request a lock. Means of distributing the locks to the public have not yet been planned.

"I think they'll be very popular," Urby said of the locks. "At the police department, we obviously feel gun safety is very important. We hope citizens will

Please see LOCKS/2B

Odessa cardiologist invents new technique for open-heart surgery

By Timothy V. Kreitz
MRT Correspondent

ODESSA — Even after 35 years of routine execution, open heart surgery is still a dangerous and physically traumatic procedure. During surgery, a patient's heart and lungs must be stopped and the ribcage must be completely split open at the sternum. Even a completely successful procedure results in a patient's extended immobility, extreme pain and soreness, as well as the possibility of stroke and infection.

But thanks to one Odessa cardiologist, the days of conventional open-heart surgery may soon be over.

Medical Center Hospital's Dr. Sudhir Srivastava has invented a new procedure for performing bypass surgery that omits the need for both splitting the sternum as well as stopping the heart and lungs. The procedure is called ThoraCAB, and it is being touted by others in the medical community as being the future standard for performing

ing bypass surgery.

The ThoraCAB procedure works by making a small, 4 or 5 inch incision in the left side of the chest and spreading the ribs apart. This gives the doctor complete access to all the necessary blood vessels. The result is a 70 to 80 percent reduction in recovery time for the patient, as well as a smaller scar, less soreness and a reduced possibility of post-op complications.

"We hope that as this procedure gains more and more acceptance and is practiced in higher numbers, it will replace most instances of traditional bypass surgery," said Dr. Srivastava during a news conference Wednesday at Medical Center hospital.

While ThoraCAB's concept may seem simple enough on the surface, it is a much more taxing and complicated task than the traditional procedure for both the surgeons and operating room staff because it offers less space to work in.

"This procedure is somewhat like changing a car tire while the car is still moving slowly," said Dr. J.B. Naidu. "Only the very skilled

should attempt it." Dr. Naidu said that Dr. Srivastava's abilities as a surgeon are incomparable and that heart patients in the Permian Basin are lucky to have such a high-caliber cardiologist at their disposal. "He is simply one of the very best," he added.

Cardiologist Dr. Suresh Gadasalli agreed. "This is very good work ... revolutionary," he said. "I'm proud to have Dr. Srivastava as one of my colleagues."

But perhaps no one is happier with the results of this new procedure than the patients who have had it performed on them.

Mary Pagura, a heart patient who recently received ThoraCAB surgery, became tearful when speaking of the difference it made in the quality of her life, saying that she felt like a new person. She also added that the cardiology department doctors at Medical Center Hospital had become like a second family to her throughout the process.

Curtis Barnett, who received the procedure for a quintuple bypass,

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Ed Todd

Lest politicians forget: the motto is 'In God We Trust'

Once again, America is embroiled in politics, a happening that is particularly poignant every four years. It's the wannabes' bids for votes for the presidency.

Certainly, it is a noble cause probably enhanced, or detracted, by tinges of vanity of which the wisdom credited to Solomon says, "'Vanity of vanities,' saith the Preacher. 'Vanity of vanities; all is vanity.'"

And then the wisdom following is that "One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: But the Earth abideth forever."



Todd

Well, the message could be that this grand, old nation is going to survive whoever gets hold of the national reins. And whoever wins the race must deal with Congress and do some highfalutin' compromising to follow through with even a semblance of campaign pledges, promises and suggestions.

Whatever the outcome, this much is reasonably certain although, like all worldly things, it is subject to debate: The United States president will set the tone of the nation, especially in the world's view, and the president's decisions from those of low degree to those of high degree will reverberate for many years and generations to come. Proof of that, for example, is in the presidencies of Abraham Lincoln, Woodrow Wilson, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and Harry S. Truman.

Though evil certainly makes its inroads into society, I am convinced that, overall, there is a prevailing

goodness in this nation and a goodness that sometimes is overshadowed by lust, greed, pride, and, yes, vanity. But a God-fearing people who put their trust and faith in the Lord surely will be acknowledged and blessed.

That is my hope and prayer.

Since I'm a 1938 model, I do remember something of the FDR years and of Truman's firing a national military hero, Douglas MacArthur, and of another World War II hero, Dwight David Eisenhower, bringing peace to a nation engaged in a foreign war.

And, too, I vividly recall the national grief over a slain president, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, in 1963, and the agony of another president, Lyndon Baines Johnson, over another tragic war in a foreign land.

And I often reflect on the idealism and principles embodied in the eloquence of Adlai E.

Stevenson who sought the presidency in the 1950s but who was adverse to the rigors of campaigning.

I think of "what might have been" but am admonished to focus on "next time."

Well, once again, this nation is into yet another "next time." And another prayer might be that we, as a nation, not forget our history, assuming we learned it well in the first place, and to apply those lessons for the good of the nation and its many communities.

While business drives the economy and generates the tax dollars that support government, the people would be wise to reflect on the nation's motto that appears on spending coins and folding money: "In God We Trust."

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

Area briefs

Political forum

ODESSA — KOCV-TV, Channel 36 in cooperation with KWES-TV, will present "Decision 2000," a political forum featuring local candidates in the Nov. 7 general elections.

Democratic and Republican candidates from Ector and Midland counties will present opening statements and answer questions from forum moderators Jay Hendricks and Melissa Hendrix, KWES-TV anchors.

KOCV-TV will broadcast the one-hour forum at 8 p.m. Friday, and then repeat it at 3 p.m. Sunday, 1 p.m. Thursday,

8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 30, and 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2.

Meeting

The Seven Brothers Theus Chapter of the Confederacy will meet today at 10 a.m. in the Midland County Historical Museum. Dorothy Driskill and Eileen Welch, delegates to the UDC convention held in Corpus Christi, will give reports. Nicholas Paul Banner, author and historian, will speak on the "Siege of Vicksburg from a Soldier's Perspective."

Braggin' Rights

Ribbon Cutting

Student Housing President Amanda Williams and Student Housing Manager Leta Blewett cut the ribbon 4 p.m. Oct. 11 to open the remodeled Student Recreation Building at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. The building is located in an area central to student housing.

Before the building was renovated, the former 24-year-old structure served as the only commons area for resident students. The building also served as a facility for non-resident students to gather for socials, club meetings and community service projects. The grounds provided a central outdoor recreation area. State-appropriated money could not be used to renovate the building, however, and its structure had aged and was not up to ADA

standards.

In 1999, a \$12,000 grant from Burlington Resources purchased a security camera for the facility. The Helen Greathouse Foundation of Midland also donated \$60,000 for building upgrades in 1999. Safety, structural and energy upgrades were needed as well, including providing wheelchair accessibility.

Under the leadership of Burlington Resources Vice President Barry Winstead, Burlington's employee committee made securing \$45,000 funding from the company's foundation a priority. Amenities offered — including the only laundry facility on university grounds — are a pool table, kitchen, two wheelchair-accessible restrooms, furnishings and a large screen television.

INVENT: Procedure will reduce stress

(From 1B)

said that he would probably be dead today if it wasn't for the surgery. "Heart problems run in my family," he said. "This surgery has given me the second chance that my father never had."

Dr. Srivastava has been around the globe in recent years, teach-

ing other cardiologists how to perform the ThoraCAB procedure, including surgical teams in hospitals as far away as India and Asia.

Although ThoraCAB is feasible in a majority of patients, it is not a viable option for everyone. The final decision to use ThoraCAB is made in consultation with the patient and physicians.

LOCKS: State program helps with safety

(From 1B)

come to pick those up. We'll give them out as PR (public relations) tool. We'll probably limit one to a family. In a town of 100,000 people, 4,600 locks doesn't go a long way."

The issue of gun safety in Midland is not a new one. In Febru-

ary, a three-year-old boy accidentally shot and killed himself while playing with his parents' 9mm gun.

If the program proves popular, Urby said the police department may in the future lobby the City Council to purchase and give away more of the safety mechanisms.

Friends Book Sale opens today

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

The Friends of the Library's 33rd Annual Book Sale today, Friday, Saturday and Sunday will feature about 80,000 paperback and hardback volumes on subjects "from A to Z," according to Book Sale co-director Mary Mann.

"You name it, we probably have it," Mrs. Mann said of the Book Sale that will be open from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. today on its first day in the Midland County Exhibit Building east of Midland off the old U.S. Highway 80.

First-day per-person admission is \$5, which buys a membership in the Friends of the Library which serves to benefit the Midland County Public Library. Admission is free to Friends members.

Admission is free thereafter. Sale times are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

on Sunday. On that last day, general-floor books are priced at \$1 per yard as measured on the shelf. Books deemed "Good & Better" will be half-priced on Sunday.

Before that, "Good & Better Books will be selling for \$1, \$2, and \$3 on up," Mrs. Mann said. "We have some sets that are \$150" and that includes a 21-volume set of Charles Dickens' works.

Across from the Good & Better Books is the Midland Genealogical Society's Trash-to-Treasure Sale directed by Midland genealogist Donna Perrigo.

The Trash-to-Treasure Sale benefits the library's Rosalind Redfern Genealogical Research Center and the Midland Genealogical Society.

The book sale which benefits the library, in recent years has brought in more than \$30,000 per sale, Mrs. Mann said. Shirley Gist is the sale's co-director.

Toll road to Mexico opens

LAREDO (AP) — Traffic will begin moving Thursday morning on a new route for commercial traffic and tourists heading to Mexico.

Camino Colombia Toll Road, Texas' first privately built toll road, was dedicated Wednesday. About 300 people attended the elaborate ceremony at the road's toll booth and administration building, located about five miles east of the Colombia Solidarity Bridge.

Participants praised the investors for creating the road, which was promoted as Mexico's link to the outside world.

"These are true pioneers," said Jorge Verdugo, master of ceremonies and executive vice president of International Bank of Commerce.

"This solidifies Laredo's position as a premiere inland port."

The \$85 million Camino Colombia is 22-mile, four-lane connection between Interstate 35 and the Colombia Solidarity Bridge to Mexico. The toll road will connect the binational bridge, which crosses the Rio Grande, to the interstate at a point 23 miles north of downtown Laredo.

About 14,000 trucks rumbling over Laredo's three commercial-traffic bridges each day. A fourth crossing, the Gateway to the Americas Bridge downtown, is restricted to pedestrians and passenger vehicles.

Officials estimate Camino Colombia's daily traffic will include 1,500 tractor-trailers and 300 passenger vehicles.

DEATH NOTICES

Ruth Conway

BIG SPRING — Ruth Conway, 85, died Tuesday, Oct. 17, at a local hospital.

Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Friday, at Mount Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Jeremiah McCarthy officiating under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born July 4, 1915 in Scurry County.

She was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church and its Altar Society. She was a member of Clarendon Chapter #6, Order of the East-

ern Star, and the AARP.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Tom Conway on Sept. 16, 1986.

Survivors include a son, Tom Conway of Troy, Ill.; two sisters, Fern Durham of Big Spring and Marie Patterson of Houston; two grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

June Peterson

June M. Peterson, 79, died Tuesday, Oct. 17, at a local hospital.

Graveside services will be 3 p.m. today, at Fairview Ceme-

tery with the Rev. Eddy Elliott officiating under the direction of Reyes-Garcia Funeral Home.

She was born April 26, 1921 in Oquawka, Ill.

She moved to Midland in 1976. She worked for the Reporter-Telegram in the early 1980s. She was a member of Travis Baptist Church.

Survivors include her son, John K. Peterson of Midland.

Robert Jones

Services for Robert Jones, 73, of Midland are pending

with Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

Jones died Monday, Oct. 16, in a Midland hospital.

Francisca Venegas

Services for Francisca Venegas, 94, of McCamey are pending with Richard W. Box Funeral Home in McCamey.

Ms. Venegas died Wednesday, Oct. 18, at the McCamey hospital.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

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

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

Deadline for both free death notices and paid obituaries is 3:30 p.m. and information must be either received from or verified by a funeral home.

MATH: Fund-raiser for St. Jude's Childrens Hospital

(From 1B)

coordinates the yearly contest, said that many of the children who participate will also have a chance to win prizes based on the amount of money they raise, as well as the number of math problems they answer correctly.

"Any student who raises \$35

dollars wins a free pass to Six Flags Over Texas, a T-shirt, and a certificate," she said. "Those who raise \$75 will also receive a sports bag in addition to the other prizes."

Ms. Utsman went on to say that the student who raises the most money over \$125 will win a per-

sonal CD player.

Allison Fields, 13, who is participating in the Math-A-Thon for the second time, said that all though the prizes are nice, the contest itself is a lot of fun. "It's a great way to get involved and have a good time," she said.

Last year, San Jacinto students

raised a total of \$4,395 for St. Jude. They hope to exceed that number with this year's total. Ms. Utsman said that the sponsors' pledges are the key for getting the overall dollar amount higher.

The Math-A-Thon began on Monday and will run until the first week of November.

ArtWalk 'A Walk Down Broadway' to host former Midlander

From Staff Reports

From 6-9 p.m. today, ArtWalk Midland, Inc. will present "A Walk Down Broadway" in downtown Midland.

ArtWalk Midland, Inc. is a newly formed non-profit corporation that provides the community with the opportunity to experience a variety of visual and per-

forming arts at a free monthly downtown event on the third Thursday of each month throughout the year.

This month's theme, "A Walk Down Broadway," provides the community with the opportunity to experience the sights and sounds of the Big Apple as they stroll through the streets of downtown Midland. October's Art-

Walk has been underwritten by Midland Map Company which will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Thursday night with a reception and Antique Map display. Other exhibits and tours will welcome Midlanders to a variety of visual and performing arts located in participating downtown businesses.

Special guest will be former

Midlander Edward Pleasant. Pleasant, a graduate of Lee high school and Texas Tech, debuted with the New York City opera in March of this year in a production of "Porgy and Bess" in the role of Jim. He has performed extensively throughout the United States and Europe. Pleasant will be performing Broadway Showtunes.

Plans to buyout dairies with chronic TB problems hit snag

EL PASO (AP) — A federal plan to buy out El Paso County dairy farms afflicted with chronic bovine tuberculosis problems hit a snag after Clinton administration officials slashed the request for money to make those purchases.

Brad Bouma, owner of some of the largest dairy farms in El Paso County, said that if the funding cut sticks, the dairy buyout deal is dead.

The White House Office of Management and Budget late last week cut the U.S. Department of Agriculture's request to use \$43 million for the dairy buyout to \$25.7 million, fed-

eral officials said.

The buyout money was part of a larger request to use \$97 million in emergency agriculture funds to eradicate bovine TB in El Paso County and Michigan — the only places where bovine TB is still found.

The White House office on Friday authorized the release of \$44 million for one year — \$25.7 million for Texas.

Bouma told the El Paso Times that \$25.7 million is "not close to what is needed."

"We worked with (USDA) economists in good faith and worked out what we thought fair," Bouma said. "But now the disease

experts at the USDA have been pushed aside by the accountants at OMB, and this deal, as it stands now, is effectively dead."

In a statement, Rep. Henry Bonilla, R-San Antonio, blasted the Clinton administration for "dropping the ball" and pledged to fight to restore the funding.

"Funding for this project is needed to protect Texas' cattle industry," Bonilla said. "It seems obvious that the OMB did not take into consideration the broad impact of this disease if it is not stopped soon."

Physicians urge government, citizen efforts to close insurance gap

AUSTIN (AP) — Local, state and federal governments need to work with private entities and citizens to help more Hispanics get health insurance, a group of physicians said Wednesday.

"It's going to take a collaborative effort, and not just on the three levels of government, but in conjunction with public and private entities," said Joseph Lopez, a San Antonio physician and member of National Hispanic Medical Association.

The group's president is scheduled to meet with the presidential campaigns of Republican Gov. George W. Bush and Democrat Vice President Al Gore this week to discuss Hispanic health issues, Lopez said.

Bush spokesman Ray Sullivan did not immediately have information about the meeting.

Members of the NHMA; the American College of Physicians; the American Society of Internal Medicine; and the Common Wealth Fund met in Austin for a national symposium on the subject.

In Bush's home state of Texas, which ranks 49th out of the 50

states in the total number of uninsured residents, the doctors urged political leaders to work together to solve the problem.

"In these prosperous times, we must make sure no American suffers or dies needlessly due to a lack of access to health care," said Sandra Adamson Fryhofer, president of the ACP-ASIM.

An estimated 1.7 million Hispanics are uninsured in Texas, representing 38 percent of the 4.6 million uninsured Texans, according to a study released by the physician's group in March.

Nationally, Hispanics account for 35 percent of the nation's uninsured even though they comprise 11 percent of the population. Nearly three-quarters of those uninsured Hispanics live in just four states — California, Texas, New York and Florida.

Like most of the nation's uninsured, 80 percent of Hispanics without insurance have jobs.

Noting the increasing number of Hispanic voters, Fryhofer and her colleagues called on the presidential candidates to emphasize health insurance during the campaign.

"The conclusion seems clear — if America's politicians continue to ignore the plight of uninsured Hispanics and the uninsured population in general, they do so at their own risk," Fryhofer said.

After meeting with Austin city officials, representatives from the state Health and Human Services Commission and others, the group released several suggestions, including expanding and simplifying existing programs such as Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program.

Other ideas included expanding government outreach efforts, training more health care workers to speak Spanish and using

government incentives to encourage small businesses to offer insurance benefits.

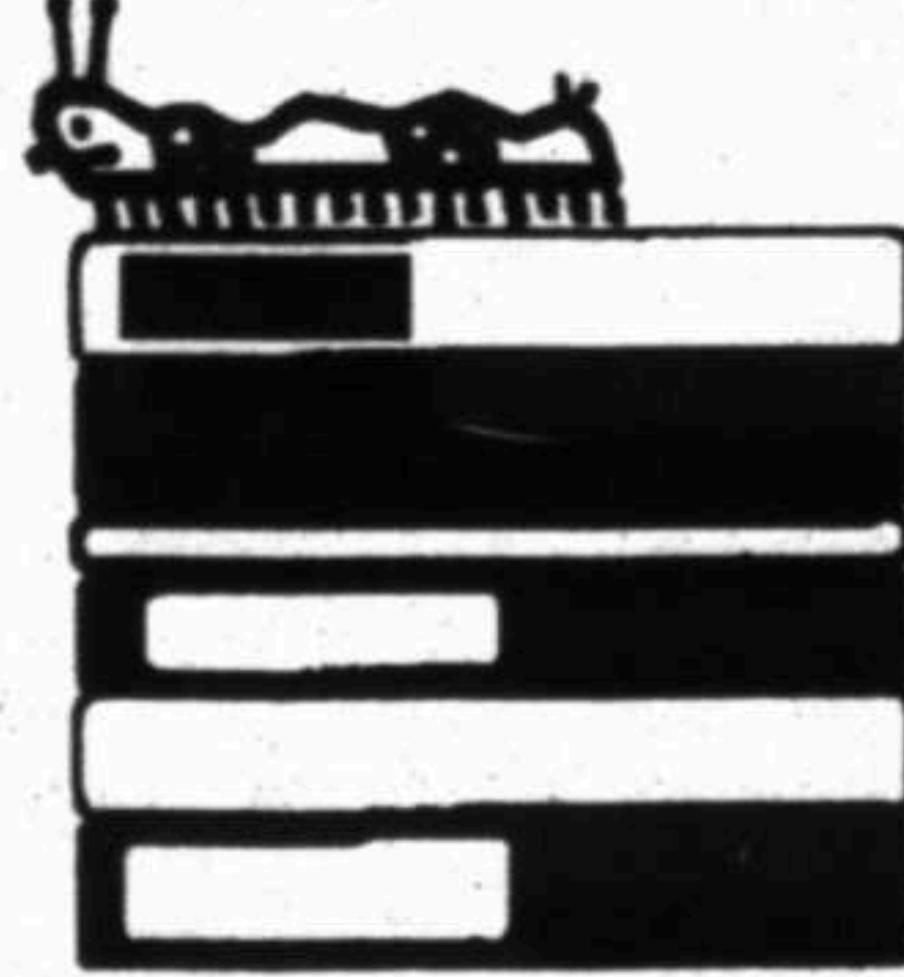
Bush has proposed a number of health insurance initiatives, including a tax credit of up to \$2,000 per family to help low-income working Americans buy health insurance.

Gore has proposed expanding the federal-state health plan for children to enroll more children and allow parents to join.

Lopez said he's not impressed by either candidate's proposals, which he says are too vague.

"It seems like both candidates are interested in helping the uninsured, but I haven't heard any of them give a good plan," he said.

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Appeals court rejects John William King's appeal

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals on Wednesday rejected the appeal of John William King, the first person convicted and sentenced to die for the dragging death of James Byrd Jr.

The nine-member court unanimously rejected King's claims that his trial had merely proved he was a racist but not a murderer or kidnapper.

An appeal of a death sentence is automatic, despite King's request that his case not be appealed.

A jury last year sent King, 25, a white supremacist, to death row for helping two friends chain

Byrd to a pickup truck and drag him to pieces along a country road near Jasper. Lawrence Russell Brewer, 33, also received the death penalty. The third participant, Shawn Allen Berry, 25, was sentenced to life in prison.

James County prosecutor Guy James Gray said he was pleased with the ruling and that it bodes well for the state's position in other defendants' appeals.

"It was the one where all the evidence was tested. If it all stands up in the first case we think it will hold up in the other two," Gray said.

Trial evidence included a lighter engraved with a Klan

symbol and King's prison name, "Possum," found at the crime scene; clothes stained with Byrd's blood found at King's apartment; the defendant's racist writings; and tattoos on King's body that prosecutors said showed he hated blacks.

All of it linked King to Byrd's murder. King's own letters to the media while awaiting trial show he was proud of his involvement in the killing, the court wrote.

King had disputed that Byrd was kidnapped, a critical element needed for prosecutors to seek the death penalty. By defense accounts during trial, Byrd got

into the truck with the three men voluntarily and was subjected to no more than false imprisonment.

Whether Byrd agreed to get in the truck was irrelevant, the court said. Once he was chained and dragged, he was kidnapped.

"Byrd was made to suffer the most cruel and horrific pain before his body was finally torn apart," the court said.

The court also rejected claims that his court-appointed trial lawyers were ineffective and should have been replaced at his request and that the trial judge should have held a hearing to examine new claims that a defense witness was intimidated

by state officials into not testifying.

King's appeal was argued before the court just last month and his attorney, David Schulman, was surprised that an opinion was returned so quickly.

Schulman noted he argued another capital murder case a year ago and still has yet to hear from the court on that case.

"I've never heard of a case where there were contested issues that was handled in this rapid a fashion," he continued. "There's no doubt it had to do with the political nature of this case."

State District Judge Joe Bob Golden is now free to set an exe-

cution date, especially if King adheres to past vows not to pursue further appeals.

John Heath, who will represent King in future habeas corpus appeals, said he has an appeal pending before Golden.

"I have no comment on what Mr. King may or may not have said about what he wants to do with his writ," Heath said. "I serve as an officer of the court and I will continue to work in this matter until I'm relieved."

If King does abdicate his appeals, said his trial attorney Sonny Cribbs, "he's going to get his death sentence pretty quickly, I'm afraid."

Nader portrays Gore and Bush of being tools of corporate power

DALLAS (AP) — Ralph Nader brought his Green Party message to North Texas Wednesday, promising to work to shift power from corporate America back to the people.

Nader, the Green Party's nominee, told an audience of mostly young people at Richland Junior College in Dallas County that Democratic and Republican hopefuls, despite their separate party affiliations, have "morphed into one corporate party" and that their campaigns are being financed by the same people.

The Green Party, whose focus includes environmental issues, offers voters an option, Nader said.

Nader, 66, has been a consumer advocate for more than 40 years and has made a career of exposing unsafe practices in the auto industry since leaving his private law practice at age 29.

On Wednesday, he was on Gov. George W. Bush's home turf of Texas in the first stop of a campaign swing. He leveled attacks at Bush, the Republican, along with the Democratic nominee and vice president, Al Gore. "They're basically tools of corporate power," Nader said. "This is not a government of, by and for big business."

Nader spoke to about 1,000 people. He received thunderous applause and cheers as he

addressed campaign finance reform, health care, the economy and the environment.

Later Wednesday, Nader spoke to 5,000 people at the Berger Center in Austin, telling them that "these two major parties are fossil parties. They have hollowed themselves out."

Nader also criticized a project to pump gasoline 700 miles from Houston to El Paso through a pipeline system up to 50 years old. Longhorn Pipeline's proposal has been endorsed by the White House Council on Environmental Quality, which advises the president and federal agencies. It has concluded that the pipeline would pose no significant environmental or safety risk.

The project would transport gas through several Austin neighborhoods.

"Nobody in Austin is for the pipeline except for the corporation," said Nader, who called it an "ill-advised scheme that imperils lives."

No one could be reached late Wednesday night at Dallas-based Longhorn Partners Pipeline Co. Earlier, in Dallas, Nader accused Gore of "always breaking his promises" on environmental issues. Bush's record also is abysmal, Nader said. He sold out to big petrochemical polluters who have lined his pockets with millions of dollars, he

'They're basically tools of corporate power. This is not a government of, by and for big business.'

— Ralph Nader, Green Party presidential candidate

said.

"Look at Houston, if you can look at it," Nader said. "George Bush is a corporation running for president disguised as a person."

A spokesman for Gore could not immediately be reached for comment by The Associated Press. The Bush campaign said Nader's information is wrong.

"Under Gov. Bush, Texas has stronger clean air laws, industrial pollution is down," said Bush spokesman Ray Sullivan. "We recently sent plans to EPA to reduce industrial emissions by 90 percent in Dallas and Houston."

Sullivan also said that Gore and Bush were very different candidates. "As anyone who has observed this campaign and these debates recognizes that there are vast differences in philosophy and in leadership styles between Gov. Bush and Vice President Gore," Sullivan said.

Nader also took aim at the issue of uninsured children in

Texas.

"What do you have against children and the state of Texas?" Nader said. "I'll tell you what you have. You have corporate money fueling your election campaign."

Sullivan disagreed with Nader's characterization.

"When it comes to children's health insurance, Gov. Bush signed legislation making health insurance available to 423,000

children through the Children's Health Insurance Program," Sullivan said. "And as of yesterday, we had enrolled 132,000 in the program, which has been in place only six months."

Some of those who attended Nader's appearance said they are tired of damage done to the environment.

"I would like to see the water right and clean, and this is Nader's message," said retired

teacher Sara Spell, 67, of Garland. "If we screw up this planet, we're going to screw it up for the next generation."

Moses Yoo, who became an American citizen a day earlier, said he wanted to vote for Nader but has not been able to register to vote and learned he was too late.

"He's always for the people," Yoo said. "He's always thinking about us. He's very genuine."

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Archer under fire for alleged racial, 'lynching' remarks

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush, who has supported controversial state Health Commissioner William "Reyn" Archer in the past, on Wednesday called Archer's alleged racially tinged remarks to a black employee "inappropriate."

Bush's office also said state officials are reviewing Archer's job future as Texas' top health officer.

Several Democratic state lawmakers want Archer ousted.

Demetria Montgomery, fired recently by the state health department, this week filed a racial discrimination complaint based on a February conversation she had with Archer that she secretly tape recorded.

In her complaint to the state Commission on Human Rights, Montgomery alleged that in the meeting Archer subjected her to a humiliating analysis of her "spiritual problems" and referred to her race and to "lynching."

The complaint was first reported by the Houston Chronicle, and Bush read the newspaper's account Wednesday.

"From what he has read in the newspaper article, Governor Bush believes this was an inappropriate conversation for a supervisor to have with an employee," said Bush spokesman Mike Jones.

"The board of health and the health and human services com-

missioner are already in the midst of a personnel evaluation to determine whether Dr. Archer can continue to lead the agency effectively and with credibility after a series of inappropriate remarks," Jones said.

Earlier this year Archer was under fire for his controversial comments in the news media about blacks and Hispanics.

Archer has no plans to resign, health department spokesman Doug McBride said Wednesday.

According to Montgomery's complaint, Archer told her that because "you are fair (skinned) as a black woman, you get certain privileges in white culture that others don't get for that." Archer also suggested she had used her smarts to get ahead in her career and "that's what white people do," the complaint said.

Archer, in the taped conversation, spoke of a photo of a "beautiful" black and humble washerwoman, the employee's "elite" status in the black community, God and disloyal employees complaining about him to the Texas Legislature, the Chronicle reported.

"I want you to be clear about what I'm asking you," Archer said in the 30-minute rambling, spiritually oriented conversation about her employment future. "That is, facts lead to lynchings. Relationships lead to hope."

Montgomery's attorney, Alicia

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— Mike Jones
Bush spokesman

Wilde, played the tape for reporters this week.

In a prepared statement, Archer said he was disappointed the tape was made public.

"She invited me to talk about her job problems in a wide-ranging and reflective way," Archer said.

"It saddens me to learn that Dr. Montgomery is now attempting to use parts of our conversation, a personal conversation that she requested and secretly recorded, to support a legal action against the state of Texas," Archer said.

Any decision to remove Archer would have to come from Health and Human Services Commissioner Don Gilbert with support from the health department's six-member citizen board.

Gilbert planned to meet with Archer Wednesday and would not comment until after the meeting, said Gilbert's spokesman,

wouldn't be reading this story," Gallegos said.

When first contacted by The Associated Press, Jones of the governor's office said Archer had the support of Bush, who approved Archer's nomination for the \$148,680-per-year job in 1997.

"The health department is doing a fine job in helping improve health care for the people of Texas," Jones said. Two hours later, Jones said Bush considered Archer's alleged remarks inappropriate.

Dr. Walter Wilkerson, Jr., a retired physician in Conroe who once was the state health board's chairman and remains a member, said he believes Archer has the board's support.

"I think Dr. Archer is a good person," said Wilkerson. "I don't think he has a discriminating nature at all."

But state Rep. Garnet Coleman, D-Houston, said Archer has displayed a pattern of racial prej-

udice and that he is "out of step with the mainstream of this state and the county in opinions about women and people of color."

"I'm saying he does not do a good job and he should go," Coleman said.

Archer rebuffed calls for his resignation in April after news reports quoted him saying Texas has a high teen pregnancy rate because the state's Hispanic population lacked the belief "that getting pregnant is a bad thing."

He apologized, but soon was quoted by the Houston Chronicle as saying he had noticed blacks are loyal to each other and he has seen cultures where loyalty is more important than honesty.

He also expressed the view that blacks "don't buy" such cultural and legal institutions as marriage.

He later said he did not mean to imply blacks are dishonest and that they don't believe in the importance of marriage.

State auditor's office recommends pay raise for state employees

AUSTIN (AP) — More than \$950 million in pay raises for state employees are necessary to deal with high turnover rates, the Texas State Auditor's Office concluded in a report released Wednesday.

"The message is very clear that the priority of maintaining public service is becoming much more serious," said Gary Anderson, executive director of the Texas Public Employees Association.

The association has long argued that low pay is the chief factor motivating state employees to leave their jobs and look for better compensation in the private sector.

In 1999, 17.6 percent of state workers, 25,421 people, left the system. That's slightly higher than the 1998 rate of 17.4 percent and above the national average of 14.9 percent.

The result is that lost productivity and constant training are costing the state between \$127 million and \$254 million each year, according to a March report from the state auditor's office.

In Wednesday's report, auditor's office recommended an increase in salary midpoints for both unskilled workers such as clerks and correctional officers and skilled workers such as those in middle-management positions. With these increases, state salaries in September 2001 would still lag 7 percent behind private sector salaries, according to the report.

The report also supported a flat \$200 increase to unskilled workers, who make about \$14,400 to just shy of \$45,000. A 10 percent increase was recommended for skilled workers who make \$20,600 up to \$164,000.

To keep up with market increases, an additional \$50 per month increase was suggested for unskilled workers by September 2002, costing about \$945 million for the biennium, the report stated.

Higher-paid employees, such as peace officers, would get a \$50 per month raise by September 2001 and another \$50 raise the

next year, costing a total of \$7 million.

The report is expected to influence lawmakers in the upcoming Texas Legislative session as they make budget decisions.

Gov. George W. Bush — or Lt. Gov. Rick Perry should Bush win the presidency — would consider the report when working with the Legislature to solve the state's employee turnover problem, said spokesman Mike Jones.

"Governor Bush values the work of state employees and his staff is concerned with the turnover rate," Jones said. "The governor's office is willing to work with state Legislators on ideas to retain the best public servants."

Bush signed laws raising state workers' pay twice in the last three years and he approved

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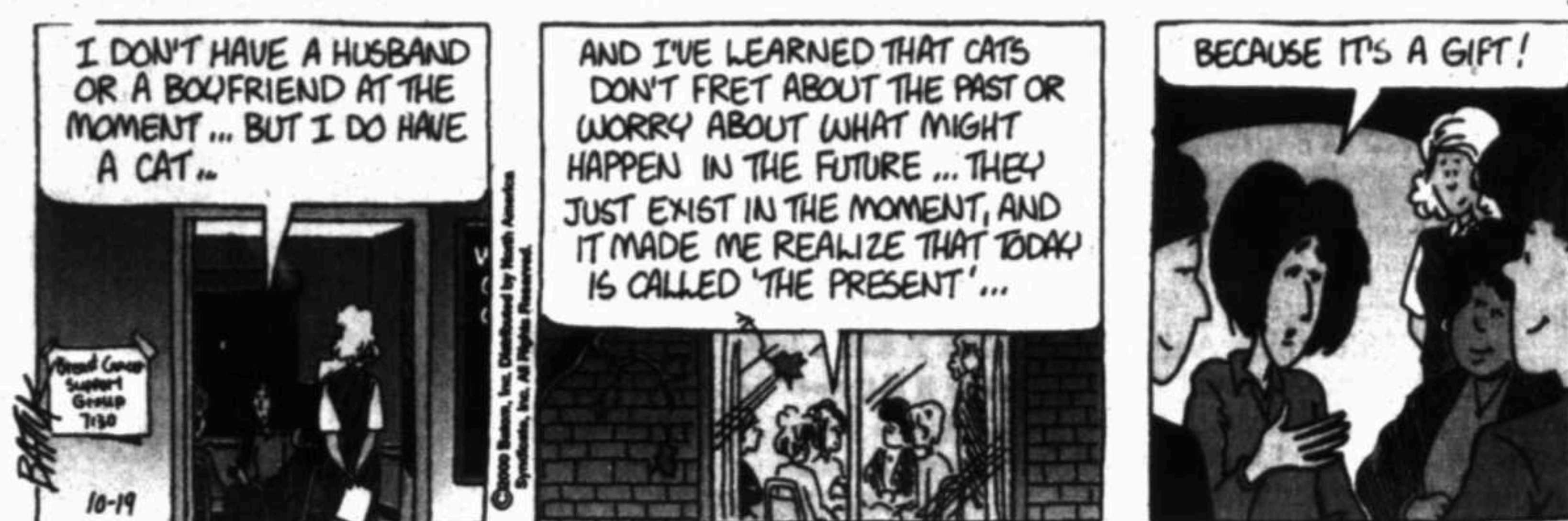
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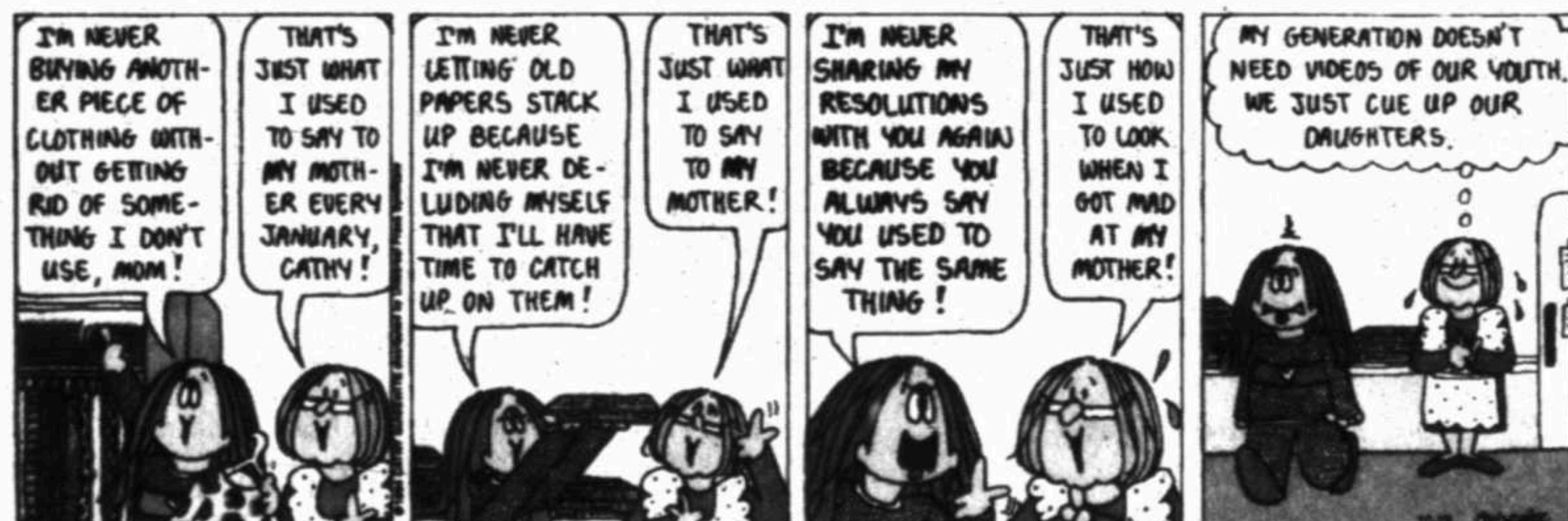
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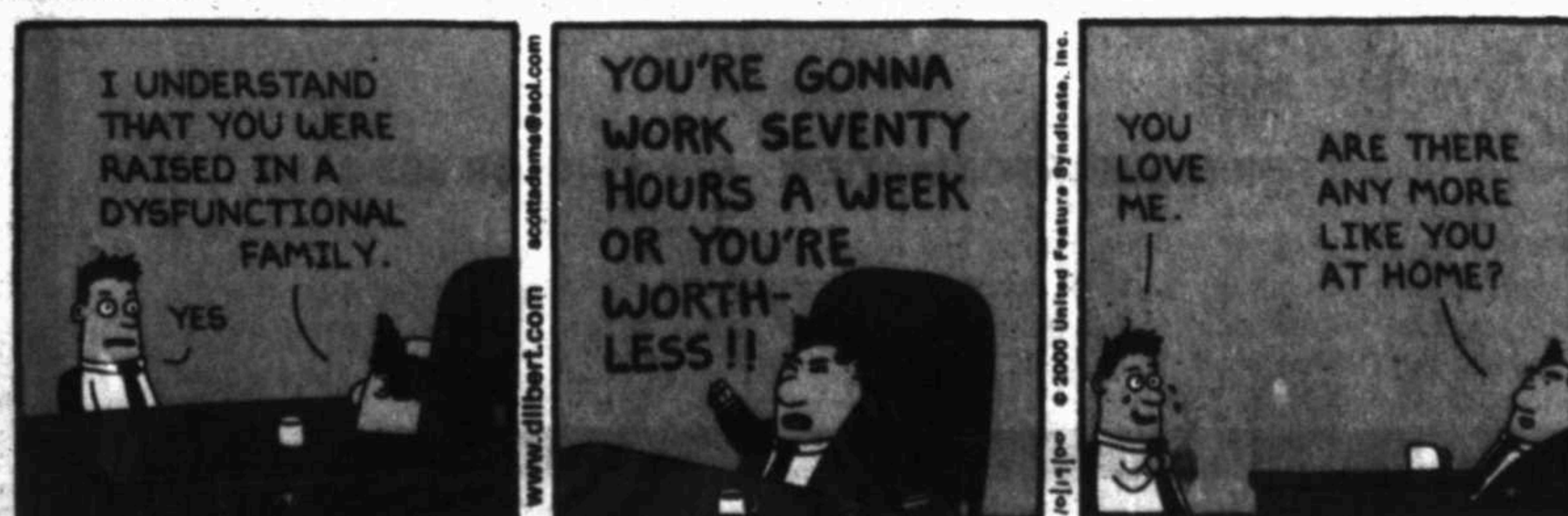
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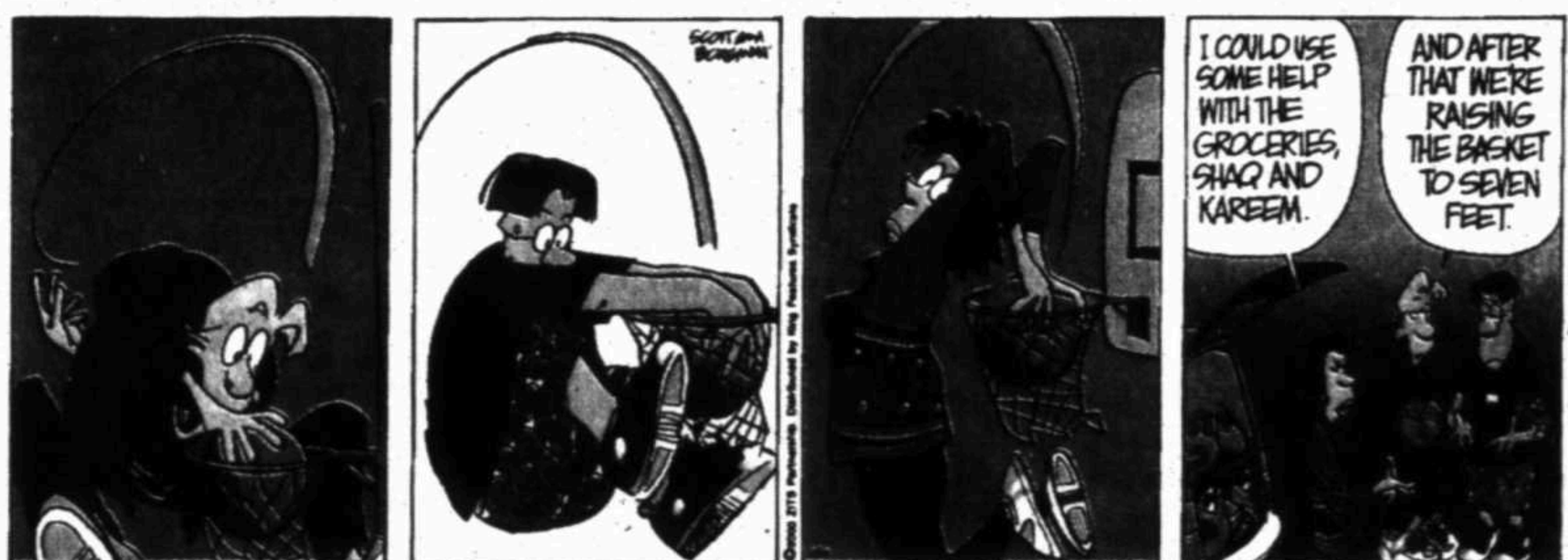
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By Greg Myre
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — The first full day of a cease-fire produced a muddled verdict Wednesday: scattered clashes kept tensions high on rock-strewn Palestinian streets, but overall violence dipped as Israeli and Palestinian security teams moved to halt three weeks of upheaval.

Faced with Palestinian militants bent on confrontation, the Palestinian leadership issued "strict orders" to observe the truce reached Tuesday at a summit in Egypt. The Israeli army withdrew tanks from the outskirts of the West Bank town of Nablus and planned to remove more heavy weaponry from other flashpoints if the violence ebbed.

Palestinian leaders said Israel needed to remove soldiers from the fringes of restive Palestinian cities to end the fighting.

Yitzhak Herzog, Israel's Cabinet secretary, said the cease-fire would test Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's ability to "exercise governance over the various gangs swarming around and saying vociferously that they don't intend to honor the agreement."

Meanwhile, Israeli security forces arrested six Palestinians suspected of taking part in the mob killing of two Israeli reserve soldiers last week in the West Bank town of Ramallah, according to Israeli security sources. Israeli and Palestinian leaders both refused to comment.

Israel radio said one of those tracked down by Israeli agents was the Palestinian man who emerged from the killings with blood-coated hands triumphantly raised in the air. The photograph



AP Photo
An Israeli soldier sits on his tank driving through the army base of Beit El, north of the West Bank town of Ramallah Wednesday. Israel pulled out troops surrounding West Bank towns Wednesday, according to the agreement between Israel and the Palestinians reached at the Sharm al-Sheikh summit, stating that forces would make efforts to end the violence in the area.

appeared on newspaper front pages worldwide.

In Wednesday's unrest, Palestinian gunmen fired at Israeli troops and rock-throwing clashes erupted at several friction points in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, injuring more than two dozen Palestinians.

Also, an Israeli army officer suffered facial wounds from a firebomb in Gaza. An explosive device went off as an Israeli civilian bus passed near the Jewish settlement of Gush Katif in Gaza, the army said. No one was hurt.

But as of Wednesday evening, no deaths were reported — a rarity in the 21 days of violence that have left 102 people dead, the vast majority Palestinian.

High-level Israeli and Palestinian security officials held meetings

Wednesday to implement promises made to President Clinton, who mediated at the summit in Egypt.

Israel said it was encouraged by Wednesday's developments, and eased tight restrictions on the movements of Palestinians.

Authorities lifted the internal closure on Palestinian areas, which prevented residents from traveling between towns inside the West Bank and Gaza. The Israelis also allowed the Palestinians to reopen their airport in Gaza, and opened border crossings to Egypt and Jordan.

However, a general closure barring Palestinian travel from the West Bank and Gaza Strip to Israel remained in effect, keeping many Palestinians away from their jobs.

Israel's deputy defense minister, Ephraim Sneh, said Israel would not abandon the truce over low-level unrest.

Arafat's Palestinian Authority declared its commitment to the cease-fire with repeated broadcasts on official TV and radio announcing "strict orders to all Palestinians involved to follow through on the implementation"

of summit agreements.

The announcement was made on behalf of the Palestinian Authority, and did not specifically mention Arafat. The reason was not clear, though many Palestinians opposed Arafat's participation at the summit, and a col-

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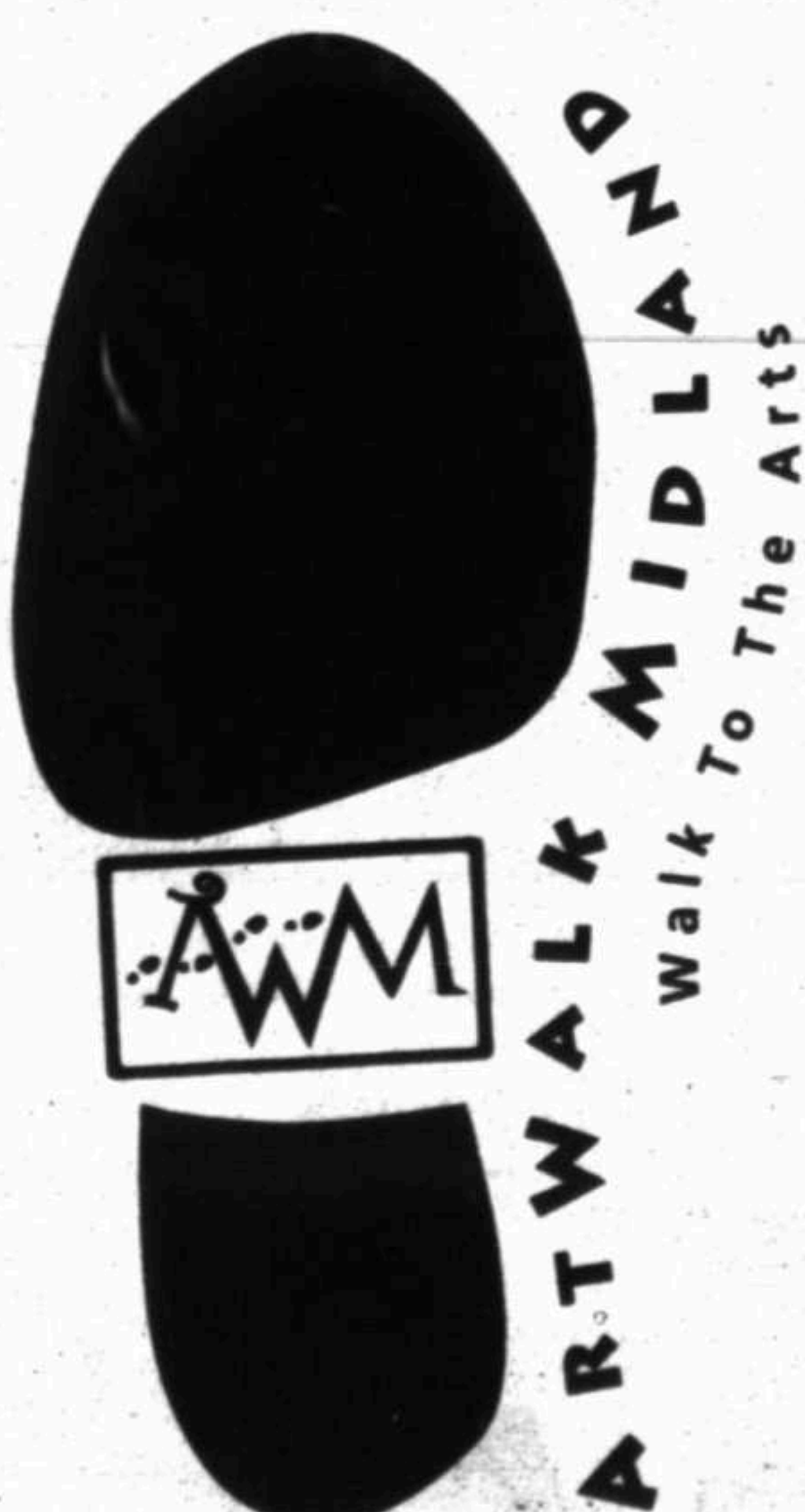
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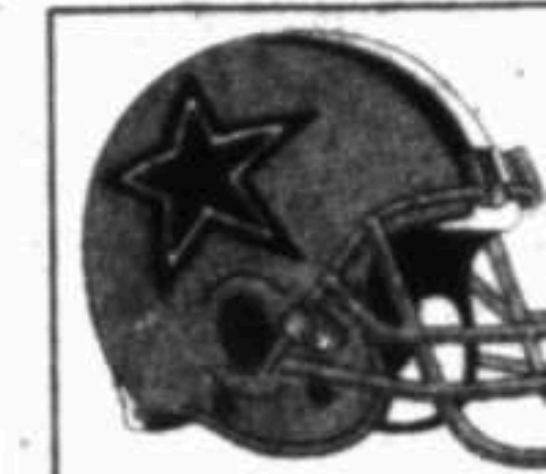
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Cunningham empathizes with Aikman

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Randall Cunningham knows all about the heat Troy Aikman is feeling. He understands it so well that it has brought him to tears.



Having been a struggling, unpopular starting quarterback before — as recently as last year — Cunningham is doing his best to avoid making things any worse for Aikman and the Dallas Cowboys.

"I don't want to do anything to cause this team to take a step backward," said Cunningham, the people's choice to be

the starter. "Don't think I don't have the drive and desire to play. It's just that I want to do what's best for the team."

The Cowboys have won only one of the four games Aikman has started. In the latest loss, Aikman threw a career-high five interceptions, equaling the most in team history.

Cunningham never warmed up, even though four Aikman passes were picked off by halftime. Owner Jerry Jones has declared that Aikman will play unless he's hurt and coach Dave Campo says he won't play Cunningham under any other circumstance.

Fans, however, have been clamoring for Cunningham since he went 1-1 in two starts while Aikman recovered from a concussion. Cunningham's loss was

by 1 point to Arizona, Dallas' opponent this Sunday.

Cunningham probably agrees that he deserves the chance to run the offense, but he knows better than to say so. He said "no comment" when asked if he thought about asking coaches to play him last week.

"I'm in favor of listening to what the owner, the head coach, the people who are authorities in this locker room and this team call for," Cunningham said. "I don't really have decisions on things. I'm just continuing to stay upbeat and positive. My role is a very simple role. I don't want to make it complicated."

There was a time in his life when Cunningham would've made things worse with some spicy quotes.

Not anymore. His desire to avoid the quarterback wars he fought in Philadelphia and Minnesota was a major reason why he told Tampa Bay and Detroit no thanks and signed with Dallas this summer.

With the Vikings, Cunningham went from All-Pro in '98 to benched after six games in '99. Minnesota was 2-4 when Jeff George was put in to see what he could do and wound up taking the Vikes to the second round of the playoffs. Cunningham barely played again.

With the Cowboys at 2-4, Campo has pointed to last year's Vikings as reason for his team to believe they can still make a Super Bowl run. Cunningham, who this time is viewed by many as the

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Thursday Night Football

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — As usual, The Letter arrived at Warren Sapp's home during the offseason and got the same reception.

No one gives marching orders to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers star, however he welcomes the annual messages from Tony Dungy that seem to spur the NFL defensive player of the year to greater heights.

The coach congratulated Sapp on a season in which he helped the Bucs set a franchise record for victories and reach the NFC championship game for the first time in 20 years. Then he reminded him that it wasn't good enough for Tampa Bay to achieve its ultimate goal.

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AREA FOOTBALL

Dangerous Road Trips

'Stangs peak in time to face No. 5 Frenship

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

You could call the Andrews football team predictable, or perhaps more accurately, reliable, in the way it has reacted during coach Mike Lebby's seven years at the school.

It always seems that in October the Mustangs start to achieve full gallop on their way to a playoff berth, and the signs are there that they're on the same path this year. In their two games this month, the Mustangs have applied the clamps defensively, allowing only 11 points in their two victories, including last week's 7-3 win over Snyder in a District 4-4A game.

"We have a tradition of getting better through the year and we are better right now than we were at the beginning," said Lebby, whose team improved to 3-3 overall and 2-1 in district. "We needed to get some breathing room last week."

But Andrews could be in for an October surprise on Friday. The Mustangs travel north for a 7:30 p.m. game at No. 5 Wolfforth Frenship in

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Andrews' Jamie Bueno has performed well this season, carrying on the Mustangs' tradition of rushing excellence. On Friday in Wolfforth, he'll be in for an offensive duel with Frenship quarterback Kendal Briles, the Class 4A Offensive Player of the Year last season.

U. Frank Williams Jr./Reporter-Telegram

Bufs face showdown in Colorado City

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

The Colorado City Wolves will take to the air against the ground oriented Stanton Buffaloes in a game that might go a long way in determining the District 3-2A championship at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Colorado City.

Both teams are coming into the contest with identical 5-1 overall and 1-0 district marks. The Buffs are coming off an impressive 39-6 win over Plains last Friday, while the Wolves were 20-6 winners over always-tough Seagraves. Neither team looks to have the obvious edge.

"This is by far the biggest game of the year for us," said Stanton coach Mark Cotton. "I don't know how much bearing this will have toward the district championship for us since we have everybody left on the schedule, and if you overlook somebody you're in trouble. For Colorado City, if they're able to beat us, that would be a pretty good shot in the arm because they've already beaten Seagraves. That would be a big step for them."

The Wolves are led by gunslinging quarterback

Chase Pharris, who's been a three-year starter and threw for more than 1,500 yards last season in Class 3A. The Wolves, however, have been a little bit more versatile this season as they have proven they could run the ball as well. In the win against Seagraves, the Wolves rushed for 96 yards and passed for 49.

The biggest concern for the Buffs remains in stopping the Wolves air game. "We're a little green back there," said Cotton about his secondary. "We've had a couple of breakdowns as a lot of teams have thrown against us, averaging 18-20 attempts per game. Iraan threw 40 times against us and we did a good job against them."

"We just can't give up the big play. We need to keep everything underneath."

What may be the most impressive thing about the Wolves this season is the defense which has

given up only 55 points (9.2 per game) all season.

"This is the best Colorado City defense I've seen," Cotton said. "They line up a lot like we do. They're not real fancy, they just go after it."

The Wolves defense will have their hands full with the rushing tandem of Jeremy Hull and Clay White. Hull has rushed for 988 yards on 123 carries with 13 touchdowns, while White has carried 84 times for 523 yards with five rushing TDs and two receiving scores.

Midland Christian opens district play

The Midland Christian Mustangs are going into TAPPS District 1-4A play with plenty of confidence. Considering that they've had an up and down season and still come through the very tough non-district portion of their schedule with a 5-2 record, who could blame them?

"We've gone through the gamut and had adversity this season, but we've molded together as a good football team," said Midland Christian coach Greg McClendon, whose team starts district play with a trip to Fort Worth Temple at 7:30 p.m. Fri-

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OSCAR LEROY

Out-weighted and out-sized, Greenwood's Outlaw never lets himself get out-fought

That blur that passed you by in a Greenwood Rangers football uniform might very well have been Justin Outlaw.

The versatile, tough speedster is listed in the Greenwood football program as 5-feet-6-inches, 140 pounds, but that may even be exaggerating for the senior. Don't let size fool you. Outlaw is the man according to Greenwood coach Bob Purser.

"He does the unbelievable," Purser said. "With a kid his stature, it's hard to believe that he runs up and the down the field against kids who probably weigh 100 pounds more than he does and just makes plays. I honestly have never coached a kid with that kind of structure who consistently makes plays like he does."

"He's probably a legitimate 4.5 (seconds in the 40-yard dash). But at 50 meters, there's no telling what he runs. He has great acceleration."

Outlaw is Mr. Versatility at Greenwood. If you want him to play defense, he'll do that. Play receiver, no problem. Run the football, no sweat. Just look at last week's 44-7 win over Slaton in the District 3-3A opener. Outlaw scored three different ways as he had a 7-yard TD run, a 42-yard reception for a touchdown and a 70-yard kickoff return for a score to compile 157 all-purpose yards. It is for that breath-taking per-



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formance that Outlaw is the Reporter-Telegram's area player of the week.

This performance is coming from a player who was thought to be too small for varsity football.

"I probably would have had him start varsity as a sophomore but I thought he was tiny," Purser said. "So I brought him up last year even though his mother didn't want him to play varsity until he was a senior. But he doesn't care."

"He does everything for us. Here in Greenwood, he's the man."

For the season, Outlaw has eight carries for 50 yards, seven catches for 176 yards, picked off three passes while playing defense, has had 43 yards on 10 punt returns, and has returned 10 kickoffs for 227 yards. Outlaw has also scored six touchdowns three different ways and has a two-point conversion.

What may be even more important than his versatility is his leadership. Prior to the season, he was a unanimous pick for team captain.

"He just never skips a beat," Purser said. "He's never indicated that he's hurt or sick and has never missed practice. He's just a great leader."

Purser has also said that if the Rangers hope to be successful, they need Outlaw on the field. With Outlaw on the field, you can bet that a lot of opponents will be struck with blurred vision trying to slow the

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Mets like 24 Yanks, despise 1

By Josh Dubow
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — The Mets and Yankees don't harbor the same animosity that existed between New York's baseball teams the last time there was a Subway Series.

Today's players pal around at the city's hotspots, hold charity events together and have friendships off the field. Not quite Billy Martin and Sal Maglie.

Or is it?

"We actually like their team," Mets backup catcher Todd Pratt said Wednesday. "Well at least 24 of the guys."

Now, who would that 25th player be? "We all lost some respect for Roger (Clemens)," Pratt said.

As much as both teams might try, the matchup between Clemens and Mets catcher Mike Piazza will dominate talk around the first Subway Series since 1956.

Piazza is 7-for-12 off Clemens with three memorable home runs. That success, say the Mets, prompted Clemens to drill Piazza in the helmet with a fastball on July 8 at Yankee Stadium.

"I put it behind me already," Piazza said. "It is irrelevant. My feeling is we are trying to win the game. We've moved on. That's history."

The tensions have cooled, but they are not totally forgotten. The Mets, who didn't let the Yankees use their weight room at Shea Stadium the following day, won't ban the Yankees next week.

"If anybody thinks it's the most important thing going on, they're incorrect," Mets manager Bobby Valentine said. "If they think it is forgotten about, they're also incorrect."

However, no one expects any retaliation, even if Clemens happens to pitch — and bat — at Shea, which is not expected to happen.

"To me this is only about winning," Mets gen-

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Nebraska could have helped TCU

By Stephen Hawkins
AP Sports Writer

FORT WORTH — When Dennis Franchione was hired at TCU, he did the right thing for a coach taking over a 1-10 team.

Soon after taking the job in December of 1997, Franchione got the downtrodden Horned Frogs out of a scheduled "money" game against powerhouse Nebraska. His reasoning was simple and solid.

Franchione figured that the third season would be a pivotal year in his tenure at TCU. He didn't want the Cornhuskers looming as the opener.

Never did he think that he might actually regret that decision.

"If I would have known three years ago what I know today, I wouldn't have made any changes. We would have played the game," Franchione said. "But you know, we made the smart decision three years ago."

In 2000, that expected pivotal third year, the 11th-ranked Horned Frogs (5-0) are one of just five undefeated Division I-A teams in the country — another being No. 1 Nebraska (6-0) — and have their highest ranking since also being 11th in the pre-season poll 40 years ago.

TCU has won 10 straight games, its longest winning streak since the school-record 14 in a row in 1937-38. The Frogs also have a legitimate Heisman Trophy candidate in LaDainian Tomlinson, the nation's leading rusher at 194.8 yards per game.

Franchione always was optimistic about what TCU could eventually accomplish, but not even he imagined winning seasons capped by bowl victories his first two seasons. Nor could he have figured that the Frogs would go into 2000 with their first pre-season ranking since 1960 amid talk of a perfect record.

"Things happened much different than we could have ever anticipated," Franchione said.

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New York, New York!

Residents of Big Apple think this World Series will be twice as nice...

By Beth Gardiner
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — When New York plays New York, the hometown can't lose.

For at least the next week, this brash, baseball-loving city is right where it knows it belongs — at the center of attention.

"It's fantastic," said Yankee fan Emma Lampert, 29, strolling through the literal crossroads of the upcoming Yankees-Mets World Series — the subway station under Grand Central Terminal, where the No. 7 train from Shea Stadium in Queens meets the No. 4 to Yankee Stadium in the Bronx. "The city's going to be a blast."

As the Yankees prepared to face the Mets in the first Subway Series since 1956, fans of both teams promised that their guys would show the others, once and for all, who really owns the title "world champions."

"Finally, we're gonna see what it comes down to, who's the better team," said Will Cruz, 24, shamelessly sporting a Yankees jacket on the Mets' express. "This is the real deal."

Fans throughout the city were reveling in the rivalry. "All Aboard!" the New York Post, the Daily News and Newsday cheered in unison.

"It generates good vibes among people," said David Brewster, 49, a computer operator who lives within sight of Shea Stadium but roots for the Yankees.

Normally, he said, life in New York "is all about hustle and bustle and pushing and shoving."

With a Subway Series on the way, though, "People are kind of hyped and they want to talk about it. ... It kind of brings people together."

Not everyone agreed with that rosy assessment.

"There's a lot of trash talking going on," said Cruz, who lives in Queens and says he wears a different piece of Yankee clothing every day. "I've got nothing but Mets fans on my block."

While some Yankee supporters yawned over securing their fourth World Series berth in five years, Mets fans were savoring the sweetness of their perennial underdogs' first pennant since 1986.

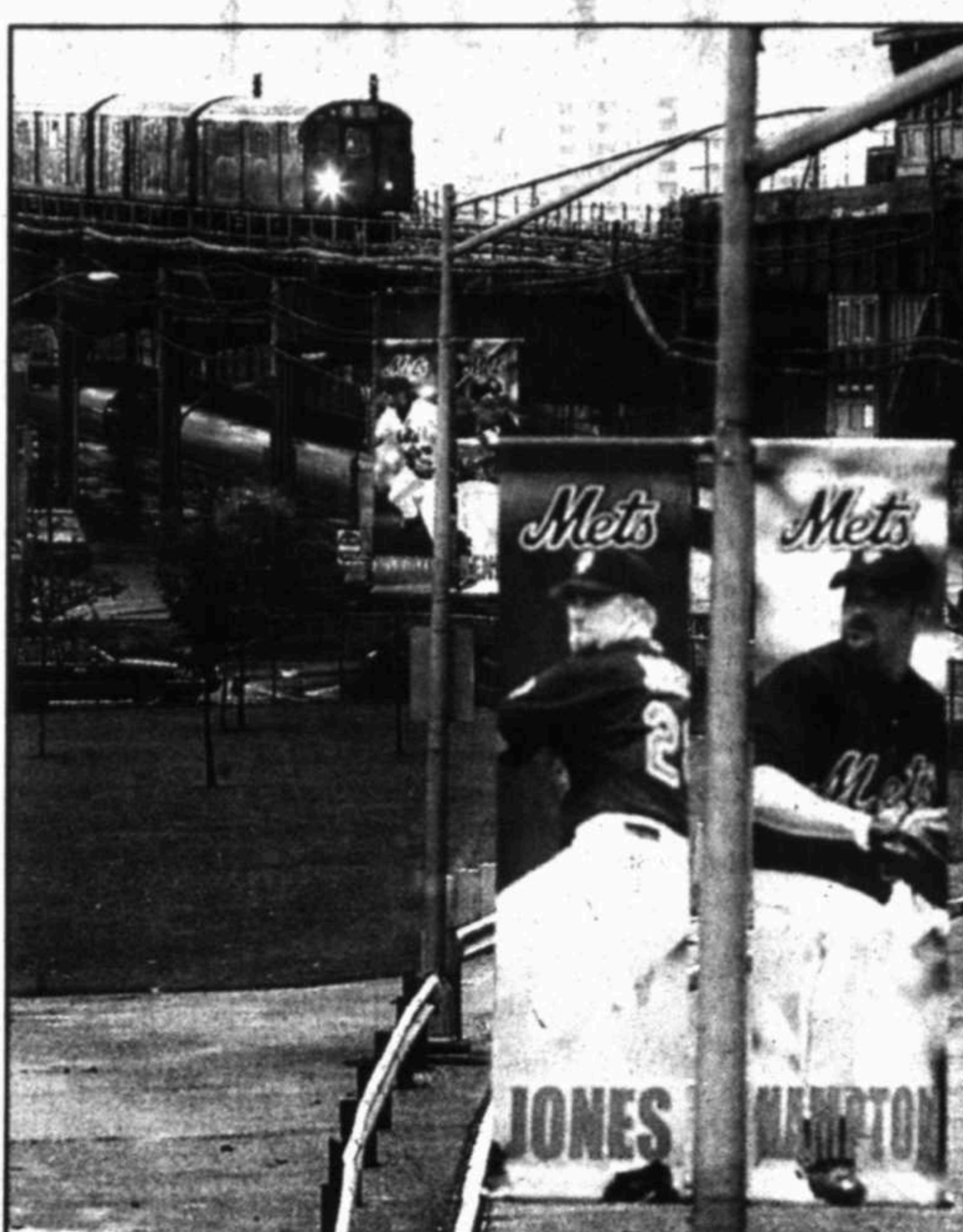
"The Mets are going to take it," Cosmo Baltazar, 20, of Brooklyn, predicted confidently. "I feel it. Trust me."

Even a few Bronx fans gave the advantage to the Amazins', who pounded their way past the St. Louis Cardinals in the National League championship playoffs.

"It's time for the Mets to win," said a Yankee fan who gave his name only as K.C. "It's their due, it's their turn."

Even the least sporting New Yorkers will have trouble ignoring the romance of the first all-New York World Series since Yankee Don Larsen made baseball history by pitching the only postseason perfect game ever, against the Brooklyn Dodgers, 44 years ago.

For a while in the 1940s and '50s, a New York-New York series seemed like a yearly ritual, rotating among the Dodgers' Ebbets Field, the Giants' Polo



The No. 7 train pulls into the station outside Shea Stadium Wednesday in New York. The entire city seems to be going crazy for the "Subway Series" — a World Series between the New York Mets, who call Shea home, and the New York Yankees.

Grounds and Yankee Stadium.

"When I grew up in the city, we used to have this all the time," said the Yankees' uberfan, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. "We thought Subway Series were the only kind of series you could have."

It's been a long time since 1956, though, and fans are ready for the reprise.

Giuliani said a Subway Series rally was planned for Friday in Bryant Park, and added that he hoped to throw a parade for both teams once it's all over.

Some New Yorkers were getting ready to listen to the ka-ching of the cash register along with the roar of the crowd.

City Comptroller Alan Hvesi said the Queens-Bronx matchup could pump as much as \$234 million into the city's economy if it stretches to seven games. He predicted the city could expect to take in about \$15 million in extra tax revenue.

K.C., a street vendor, expects

a business bonanza from the series — he said he plans to sell hats, T-shirts, sweatshirts and even players' statuettes at all the games.

"It's good for the city, it's good for me," he said with a grin.

And tickets? Don't even ask. Box seats are officially priced at \$160 apiece, but they're already going for as much as \$1,000 on the Internet, with Game 1 not until Saturday.

The best-of-seven-games World Series is sure to be an emotional roller-coaster ride for fans on both sides.

"It's going to be a good battle," said Lampert. "Neither team is going to give up."

Kyla Collins, 19, of White Plains, N.Y., is pulling for the Yankees, but, displaying the generous spirit New Yorkers are known for, she said she doesn't really mind how it turns out.

"As long as there's a parade in New York, it's going to be OK," she said.

New York? Who Cares?

...while rest of country would rather see debate — or even test pattern

By Susan Stocum
Associated Press Writer

DES MOINES, Iowa — It's something most New Yorkers probably can't fathom, but not everyone is in a frenzy about the Mets and Yankees meeting in the World Series.

Stephanie Netolicky of Ankeny, Iowa, responded with a blank stare when she was asked about the Subway Series.

"I thought you were talking about a sandwich shop," she said, rolling her eyes.

Iowans at the downtown convention center Wednesday were buzzing about Al and George — no, not Leiter and Steinbrenner — Gore and Bush.

"I could care less about baseball at a time like this, are you kidding?" Netolicky said as she waited for the vice president to arrive. "I'm out to get this man elected. There are more important things than a damn bat and ball."

Cubs fan Eric Ludwig, 31, of Des Moines, didn't want to be a part of "New York, New York."

"They've already got a pretty big ego over being this big city," he said. "But there's just not that much interest in the series here and, I would say, in the rest of the country."

Fox TV hopes the rest of the country cares deeply about a Mets-Yankees matchup because it wants to satisfy advertisers who bought commercial time months ago.

"I'm sure the network will seek to promote this by emphasizing the rivalry between the teams, the passion of the fans in New York, the sellout crowds in Shea and Yankee stadiums, the history of competition in New York," said former CBS Sports president Neal Pilson, who owns a TV consulting firm.

In Tulsa, Okla., the early lunch crowd at the Coney Island restaurant showed little enthusiasm.

"If it were anybody else, I might be interested," retired Lupe Lucero said.

In Iowa's fields of dreams, farmers are spending 12 to 16 hours a day thinking corn, not baseball.

"They probably have radios, so they can listen to the game, but I'll bet it's more for entertainment or to keep them awake," said Bud Beedle of the Iowa State University Extension office in eastern Pottawattamie County.

In Los Angeles — now home to the Dodgers, who faced the Yankees in the last Subway Series when still in Brooklyn in 1956 — Jose Gutierrez was pulling for Seattle to advance to

play the Mets.

"I think it would have been a lot more interesting, East vs. West," he said. "Who cares outside of New York, except for a transplanted New Yorker?"

"I wish they (Yankees and Mets) could both lose, that would at least make it interesting for everyone else. I could care less about New York."

Not so with 58-year-old Dodger fan Terry Speth, who will be following the World Series with his son.

"I think it's neat to have a Subway Series again," he said. "I remember listening to them when I was a kid, in the schoolyard. I don't care who wins, I just want to see a good series."

San Francisco firefighter Bill Hystad recalled 1989, when the Oakland A's and San Francisco Giants played the Bay Bridge World Series, and said a crosstown matchup in New York would be just as exciting.

"Having two teams play so close, it doesn't get much better. It's like brothers and sisters — a rivalry," he said.

"I would like to see the Giants and the A's in the series," Hystad said, but figures New York deserves the limelight. "New York, they're big. They command that kind of attention. It's in their blood."

Added Jim Rodriguez, a San Francisco loan officer: "I think it adds more drama to it. New York fans against New York fans. Like the A's and Giants in '89."

Only a touch of sarcasm entered his voice as he said he was rooting for the Mets.

"The Mets beat the Giants, so they must be the best team in baseball if they beat the Giants," he said. "The Yankees have enjoyed success for too long."

Craig Ballard, a 34-year-old city worker who was watering flowers in downtown Des Moines, turned off the hose long enough to put one hand over his mouth to stifle a mock yawn.

"I don't care about baseball. Don't like playing it, don't like watching it," he said.

Not that Iowans are completely tuned out to the World Series.

Joe Shannahan, spokesman for Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack, said he already knows he'll be voting for Gore, so he sheepishly admitted to watching more of Game 6 than he did of Tuesday's debate.

"We have a lot of work to do, a lot of work as we get ready for the presidential election," Shannahan said. "The focus should be on Al Gore, and it will be — until Saturday, when I'll be watching the baseball game."

Chap golfers pick up title in Ruidoso

Staff Report

RUIDOSO, N.M. — In a rain-shortened third round, the Midland College Chaparral golf team shot a 148 through nine holes to capture the Western New Mexico Fall Invitational Tuesday with a three-round total of 725.

The Chaps finished four strokes ahead of the University of New Mexico's second team, which shot a 729 total. This is the first tournament win for the Chaps, which have gone through a bit of growing pains with a freshman dominated team.

"We have shown steady

improvement during the fall season," said Midland College coach Delnor Poss. "This coupled with better preparation to play enabled us to play well enough to win this week. I'm extremely proud of these young men."

Leading the way for the Chaps was Steve Fraser, who finished in

second in the medalist standings with a 178 total. Lyle Wilkins finished in a tie for sixth with a 182, Brian Scheffler was 13th with a 186, Billy Houle finished in a tie for 14th with a 187, and Lee Rhind finished in a tie for 19th with a 189 total.

"This is the first time in our history we've had four non-scholarship players in the lineup of five players who have won a tournament," Purser said. "It was a true team effort as each player's score on the five-man team was counted twice during the rain-shortened 45 holes."

Here are the final results of the Western New Mexico Fall Invitational played at the par-72 Inn of the Mountain Gods.

Team Standings (top 5): 1. Midland College 148-725; 2. U. of New Mexico II 150-729; 3. Odessa College 152-738; 4. New Mexico Junior College 150-740; 5. Western New Mexico University II 151-750.

Medalist Standings: 1. Tim Sanchez, Odessa, 36-178; 2. Steve Fraser, Midland, 36-178; 3. (tie) Alva Wendland, WNMU II, 36-180; Matt Hale, UNM II, 36-180; Also: 6. (tie) Lyle Wilkins, Midland, 41-182; 13. Brian Scheffler, Midland, 39-186; 14. (tie) Billy Houle, Midland, 39-187; 19. (tie) Lee Rhind, Midland, 39-189.

LOCAL SPORTS

Lady Mustangs play Saturday

The Midland Christian Lady Mustangs will play host to San Antonio Castle Hills at 10 a.m. Saturday in the first round of the TAPPS 4A volleyball playoffs.

The Lady Mustangs (24-5) won District 1-4A Tuesday with a 15-11, 10-15, 15-11 win over Lubbock Christian.

Royals take second place

RUIDOSO, N.M. — The Midland Royals' U-10 select baseball team took second place here over the weekend in the USSSA Fall Nationals.

The Royals earned a berth in the USSSA World Series by placing second.

The Midland team lost to the El Paso Mustangs in the finals and defeated the El Paso Little Players in the semifinals to gain

the finals berth and the World Series berth.

Kirk honored scholastically

Midland High graduate Alicia Kirk was recently named as a 1999-2000 All-American Scholar Athlete for her sophomore year while playing softball for Vernon Regional Junior College in Vernon.

Kirk also received the same honor in volleyball. The National Fastpitch Coaches Association announced the results in the September issue of its newspaper, NFCA Fastpitch Delivery. The NFCA honors high school and collegiate softball teams for their success in the classroom.

Permian Basin Tournament

Green Tree Country Club captured the team trophy with a

score of 133 at the Permian Basin Tournament held at Green Tree Country Club. Big Spring Country Club was second with a 139. Here are the individual results.

First Flight — 1st Gross: Trina Albright 77; 2nd Gross: Jo Dickson 79; 1st Net: LaNell Guelker 70; 2nd Net: Donna Winborn 72; Low Putts: Leslie Lawson 27; Closest to pin: Albright.

Second Flight — 1st Gross: Dawn Desirley 84; 2nd Gross: Teri Ralston 91; 1st Net: Judy Hurcutt 70; 2nd Net: Frances Longshore 71; Low Putts: Glendene Williams 30; Closest to pin: Desirley.

Third Flight — 1st Gross: Carol Nieman 98; 2nd Gross: Dee Jenkins 101; 1st Net: Doris Stephenson 71; 2nd Net: Ava Jane Fuller 75; Low Putts: Kathy Thompson 31; Closest to pin: Fuller.

Volleyball

7th Grade City Championship
Championship: Alamo Gray def. Goddard Purple 15-12, 5-15, 15-10. For Gray: (12-2) Liz Montgomery 26 service points; Marcie Moreno 9 service points; Katie Wells 5 kills.
Third Place: Abel White def. SJ Green 15-13, 9-15, 15-13. Abel White: Chelsea Crossland 10 service points; Ashley Granado 8 service points; 3 aces; Christina Rountree 6 service points; ace; Mary Williams 5 service points; ace; Anna Neal 5 service points, ace.

Semifinals: Alamo Gray def. SJ Green 15-9, 5-15, 15-13. For Gray: Marcie Moreno 18 service points; Goddard Purple def. Abel White 15-3, 15-11.

Consolation Championship: SJ White def. SJ Purple 15-0, 15-10. White (7-7) was third place in national conference tournament.

Consolation Semifinals: SJ White def. Goddard White 15-3, 15-10; SJ Purple def. SJ Gold 16-14, 15-11.

SERIES: Mets don't like Clemens

(From 1C)

eral manager Steve Phillips said. "It's not about ill will or revenge. Every decision we make will be with the thought of trying to win the game. Nothing else."

The Mets began preparations Wednesday for their first World Series since 1986. The clubhouse still reeked of champagne from Monday's celebration after winning the NL pennant, but the players were rested from a day off.

Some spent Tuesday watching the Yankees beat Seattle to give New York its first Subway Series since the Yankees and Brooklyn Dodgers 1956. Manager Bobby Valentine watched most of the game surrounded by Yankees fans at his Connecticut restaurant.

For the Mets, who have played second fiddle to the Yankees in New York the past six years, this series is as much about being the best in the city as it is being the best in the world.

"The Yankees are definitely the team of the city," said outfielder Jay Payton, whose swollen left eye was back to normal after he was hit by a Dave Veres pitch Monday night. "This is our chance to get a place on the map. Whoever wins can walk around with their chins high and have bragging rights for a long time."

That's why the most of the Mets were so happy to see the Yankees win. Some people tried

to cheapen their NL pennant by saying they didn't win the division and didn't need to beat the Braves to make the World Series.

A win against the Yankees will quiet all the critics.

"If they beat us, they have the three-peat. If we beat them, we get their rings," Pratt said. "If we do that, Atlanta can't say anything. They had their chance against these guys and couldn't beat them."

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SPORTS SCORES

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	TOT	Pts	GF/GA
N.Y. Rangers	3	2	0	6 18 16
Pittsburgh	3	2	0	6 17 15
New Jersey	2	1	0	5 16 12
Philadelphia	1	1	0	3 15 27
N.Y. Islanders	0	3	1	0 18 12

Northwest Division

W	L	TOT	Pts	GF/GA
Ottawa	4	0	0	9 20 7
Boston	3	1	0	7 19 25
Montreal	3	3	0	6 19 22
Buffalo	2	3	0	2 14 16
Toronto	2	3	0	4 8 14

Southeast Division

W	L	TOT	Pts	GF/GA
Carolina	3	1	0	9 19 19
Tampa Bay	1	3	1	0 3 19
Washington	0	3	2	1 11 20
Florida	0	1	1	2 7 10
Atlanta	0	2	0	2 9 13

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

W	L	TOT	Pts	GF/GA
Nashville	3	1	0	7 10 7
St. Louis	3	2	1	0 7 12
Detroit	3	3	0	6 16 14
Chicago	2	3	0	1 15 21
Columbus	1	1	0	10 24

Northwest Division

W	L	TOT	Pts	GF/GA
Colorado	5	0	2	0 23 11
Edmonton	5	1	0	11 23 16
Vancouver	4	2	0	8 23 20
Calgary	2	3	0	4 12 12
Minnesota	2	3	0	4 12 12

Pacific Division

W	L	TOT	Pts	GF/GA
Dallas	4	2	0	9 17 13
Phoenix	4	1	0	8 21 12
Los Angeles	3	2	0	29 18
Anaheim	3	2	0	7 16 19
San Jose	2	2	0	4 9 9

Wednesday's Games

Late Games Not Included
Colorado 5, Columbus 1
Carolina 3, Pittsburgh 2
Dallas 2, San Jose 1
Minnesota 6, Tampa Bay 5
N.Y. Rangers 4, Chicago 2
Florida at Phoenix, (n)
Calgary at Vancouver, (n)

Thursday's Games

Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 6 p.m.
Montreal at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
New Jersey at Washington, 6 p.m.
Nashville at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Edmonton, 8 p.m.

Stars 2, Sharks 1

San Jose 2, 0 0 1-1
Dallas 1, 0 1 1-2
First Period—None
Second Period—1, Dallas, Bouck
3 (Newendyk, Hull), 1-3
Third Period—2, Dallas, Bouck
(Keane, Helenius), 1-3; 3, San Jose,
Friesen (Heins, Dampousse), 6-11
(pp).

Shots on goal—San Jose 4-4-5

Power-play Opportunities—San Jose 1 of 3, Dallas 0 of 4
Goals—San Jose, Nabokov 1-0 (2:15) (13-12)
A—17,001 (17,001).

Avanched 5, Blue Jackets 1

Colorado 5, 1 2 2-5
First Period—Colorado, Forsberg 4 (Gardiner, Oliva), 3-0; 6, Colorado, Tanguay 2 (Sakic, Forsberg), 12-06
Second Period—3, Colorado, Forsberg 4, 5-4; 4, Colorado, Miller 1, 13-10
Third Period—5, Colorado, Forsberg 5 (Sakic, Forsberg), 8-57 (pp), 6, Colorado, Hinoite 1 (Forsberg, Sakic), 14-11 (pp)

Shots on goal—Colorado 12-18-41

Power-play Opportunities—Colorado 2 of 7, Columbus 0 of 4
Goals—Colorado, Aebischer 1-0 (2:15) (21 shots-20 saves), Columbus, Denis 0-3 (41-36)
A—16,576 (19,524)

Rangers 2, Blackhawks 2

Chicago 2, 1 0 2-4
First Period—1, New York, Graves

Presidents Cup

Pairings for Thursday's tournament

Phil Mickelson and Tom Lehman, United States, vs. Greg Norman and Steve Elkington, International
Hal Sutton and Jim Furyk, United States, vs. Stuart Appleby and Robert Almerly, International
Stewart Cink and Kirk Triplett, United States, vs. Mike Weir and Retief Goosen, International
Tiger Woods and Notah Begay, United States, vs. Vijay Singh and Ernie Els, International
David Duval and David Love III, United States, vs. Nick Price and Carlos Franco, International

Shots on goal—New York 7-9-9

25. Chicago 2, 0 2 0-13
Power-play Opportunities—New York 0 of 2, Chicago 0 of 4
Goals—New York, McLean 3-2 (40 shots-38 saves), Chicago, Taltos 1-1 (24-21)
A—12,806 (20,500)

Wild 6, Lightning 5

Tampa Bay 6, 1 3 2-5
First Period—1, Tampa Bay, Lecavalier 3 (McJohnson, Warriner), 6-52
Second Period—2, Minnesota, Sushinsky 3 (Dowd, Sekeras), 50 (pp) 3, Tampa Bay, Richards 2 (Lecavalier, Modin), 9-26 (pp), 4, Minnesota, Stewart 1 (Sushinsky, O'Donnell), 13-32 5, Minnesota, Sushinsky 4 (Kuba, Dowd), 15-05 (pp), 6, Minnesota, Pellerin 1 (Hendrickson), 18-11 (sh)

Shots on goal—Tampa Bay 7-9-9

24. Minnesota 6, 1 3 2-5
Power-play Opportunities—Tampa Bay 1 of 7, Minnesota 2 of 7
Goals—Tampa Bay, Weekes 1-0 (2:04) (34 shots-29 saves), Cloutier (18:14 third 0-0), Weekes (19:02 third, 0-0), Minnesota, McLennan 1-3 (24-19)
A—18,064 (18,064)

Hurricanes 3, Penguins 2

Carolina 3, 0 1 1-2
First Period—None
Second Period—1, Carolina, Gellina 2 (Karpis, Wesley), 5-0; 2, Carolina, DiMaio 2 (Vasek, Gellina), 5-36 3, Pittsburgh, Lang 3 (Straka, Slagter), 10-35 (pp), 4, Carolina, Francis 1 (O'Neil, Hauler), 17-00
Third Period—5, Pittsburgh, Beranek 1 (Simcik, Barnaby), 9-18
Shots on goal—Carolina 14-12-32
Pittsburgh 10-17-33

Power-play Opportunities—Carolina 0 of 4, Pittsburgh 1 of 6

Goals—Carolina, Irbe 2-0 (33 shots-31 saves), Pittsburgh, Aubin 2-0 (32-29)
A—14,035 (16,958)

Golden State vs. Seattle at Los Angeles, 7 p.m.

Atlanta at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Portland vs. Houston at Little Rock, Ark., 7:30 p.m.
Miami at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Denver, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at L.A. Lakers, 10 p.m.

Big 12 preseason

DALLAS (AP)—The 2000-01 Big 12 men's basketball preseason coaches poll, with first-place votes in parentheses followed by total points. Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own teams, so points were awarded, etc. for first 10 for second, 9 for third, etc.

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
1. Kansas (11)	121									
2. Oklahoma	100									
3. Missouri	121									
4. Texas	93									
5. Texas Tech	78									
6. Oklahoma St.	57									
7. Colorado	45									
8. Nebraska	45									
9. Texas Tech	38									
10. Texas A&M	34									
11. Baylor	13									
12. Kansas St.	13									

2000-01 Big 12 coaches preseason

team (position, name, school, height, class, 1999-00 stats)

Team	Coach	Pos	Name	School	Ht	Cl	99-00
1. Kansas	G-Jamal Tinsley	1	6-3	11	6-3	11	11.0 ppg, 5.1 rpg
2. Oklahoma	F-Kareem Rush	1	6-6	10	6-6	10	14.7 ppg, 4.3 rpg
3. Missouri	F-Nick Collison	1	6-9	10	6-9	10	10.5 ppg, 6.9 rpg
4. Texas	F-Drew Gooden	1	6-9	10	6-9	10	10.6 ppg, 7.5 rpg
5. Texas Tech	C-Khamari Fennell	1	6-9	12	6-9	12	6.8 ppg, 8.8 rpg

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Area Standings

District 9-1A

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Greenwood	4	2	126	47	.667
Stanton	4	2	107	130	.667
Robert Lee	3	1	134	99	.750
Stirling City	1	5	65	229	.167

District 2-2A

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Stanton	5	1	193	108	.833
Stanton	5	1	124	57	.833
Stanton	4	2	145	114	.667
Stanton	3	3	101	97	.500

District 3-3A

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Stanton	1	0	39	6	1.000
Stanton	1	0	20	8	1.000
Stanton	1	0	27	13	1.000
Stanton	1	0	20	0	1.000

District 4-4A

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Stanton	2	0	127	64	1.000
Stanton	2	0	137	176	.333
Stanton	2	0	142	168	.167
Stanton	2	0	125	184	.167

District 5-5A

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Stanton	3	0	119	38	1.000
Stanton	3	0	88	51	1.000
Stanton	2	1	54	71	.667
Stanton	2	1	48	32	.500

District 6-6A

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Stanton	2	1	61	91	.333
Stanton	2	1	53	98	.333
Stanton	2	1	53	98	.333
Stanton	2	1	53	98	.333

District 7-7A

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Stanton	2	1	61	91	.333
Stanton	2	1	53	98	.333
Stanton	2	1	53	98	.333
Stanton	2	1	53	98	.333

District 8-8A

Utah	1	2	.333	2
Denver	1	3	.250	2 1/2
San Antonio	1	3	.250	2 1/2
Vancouver	1	4	.200	3

WEST TEXAS SPORTS

Booster Clubs... Golf...

The Midland Lee Tennis and Midland High Baseball Booster clubs are selling **barbecue** tickets for the Lee-MHS game, which is Nov. 10. Tickets are \$5 for children and \$7.50 for adults. Brisket tickets are being sold for \$25. Tickets are available from any Lee tennis player or MHS baseball player, or call 689-1663. Tickets will also be sold at all home games at Memorial Stadium. The dinner will run from 4:30 p.m. to kickoff on Nov. 10, between Sam Houston Elementary and the south end of the stadium.

The Midland High Girls Softball Booster Club will meet the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. in Conference Room A at Midland High School. For further information please contact David Askew at 686-7025 or 664-0212.

The Midland High Football Booster Club will meet on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in the Koinonia Room.

The Lee High Softball Booster Club is meeting the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Lee cafeteria. For more information, call Tommy Thompson at 694-5432 or Tommy Kuykendall at 694-6215.

Texas Tech football luncheons will be held weekly at the Outback Steakhouse on Loop 250. Luncheons will be on Fridays at 11:30 a.m. preceding a Tech home game and at the same time on Wednesdays preceding a road game.

The Midland High Soccer Booster Club will meet at 6 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in Conference Room A at Midland High School. Anyone interested in supporting the girls or boys programs at Midland High at invited to attend. For more information, call Curt Perrier at 684-0993.

Needs games...

Trinity is looking for basketball games for junior varsity and varsity girls (Nov. 13-14, Nov. 17-18 and Dec. 5); seventh and eighth grade boys and girls (Nov. 27, Nov. 30, Jan. 22, Jan. 25, Jan. 29); eighth grade boys and girls (Jan. 11); and seventh and eighth grade boys (Jan. 20).

Football...

The Permian Basin Football Officials Association is currently seeking individuals to officiate varsity and sub varsity games in the area. For more information, contact Paul Hart at 563-2674 or 570-9136 or Tim Wright at 686-0002 or 699-7230.

Referees are needed for the Midland Flag Football League. Training will be provided. Referees are paid. Call Wayne Brandt at 631-3977 (day) and 697-2072 (night).

Basketball...

The YMCA girls junior high basketball registration is underway for girls in the seventh and eighth grades. The cost is \$25 for members and \$38 for non-members. Contact the Central YMCA for more information at 682-2551.

The West Texas 6-Felt & Under Shootout is Oct. 28-29 in San Angelo. Entry fee is \$200 per team for double elimination. Entry deadline is Oct. 25. Call Chris at 1-915-223-1309 for information.

Crestview Baptist Church will host **Upward Basketball**, beginning Jan. 13. Early registration runs through Nov. 6. Deadline is Nov. 15. Cost for early registration is \$43 and after Nov. 6, cost is \$53. There will be equal playing time for all players. For more information call 694-7722.

YMCA Youth Basketball registration is underway. The league is for boys and girls in grades K-6. League play begins Jan. 3. Registration deadline is Dec. 6. Program fee is \$25 for YMCA members and \$38 for non-members. Call 682-2551 for more information.

2000 Girls & Boys Basketball Program is for grades 3-6. Registration is through Nov. 1 and games start Dec. 1. Games are 6-7-8 p.m. during the week and 9 a.m. on Saturdays at 1321 South Goode. Cost is \$10 for members and \$13 for non-members. Volunteer coaches are needed. Call David Jones at 683-0050 or 683-0051 for more information.

The Big Spring Country Club is holding an 80 and Over Scramble Oct. 21-22 at \$65 per player. For more information, call (915) 267-5354.

The Crime Stoppers of Midland First Benefit Golf Tournament will take place on Oct. 27 at Green Tree Country Club. This 4-person scramble will have lots of valuable prizes and awards for the players. Entry fee is \$70 per player or \$280 per team. For details or to sign up call Angela Wolf at 684-9884 or Bob Koen at 684-7759.

Baseball...

Lone Star Baseball will conduct the following tournaments in Brenham this fall: High School teams; USSSA State Qualifier, Oct. 21-22; 9-U, 11-U and 13-U; AAU Showcase Tournament, Oct. 28-29; High School teams; Winter Classic, Nov. 4-5; High School teams; Lone Star Youth Classic, Nov. 18-19. For more information, call Frank Dornier at (281) 469-6721.

Lone Star Baseball/Softball is conducting an **evaluation camp** for baseball and softball players in Brenham Dec. 16-17. Each athlete will be evaluated and will be tutored on how to approach college coaches and be seen. Camps are open to all high school athletes. For more information, call Frank Dornier at (281) 469-6721.

Softball...

ASA Bill Williams Girls Fastpitch Softball Tournament is Nov. 4-5 at Bill Williams Softball Complex for 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U and 18U. Entry fee is \$175 and there is a four-game guarantee. Any questions please call MSA at 683-8741 or Freddie Ezell at 694-5508.

Midland JAG, a competitive 12-under girls softball team will conduct tryouts this fall for the spring season. Any girl born in 1988 or 1989 is eligible to play. Call Shannon White at 699-1948 or David Wright at 699-5238 for information.

The 18th Annual Permian Basin ASA Umpires Association Slowpitch Softball tournament sponsored by Budweiser is set for Oct. 28-29 at the Bill Williams Complex in Midland. The Men's Class D bracket tournament is double elimination. The entry fee is \$100, and it is due Oct. 25. Call the MSA at 915-683-8741, Al Enriquez at 915-684-8181 or Mack Gipson at 915-520-5961.

Coed Slamboree, a 1 pitch softball tournament, is Oct. 21 at the Rio Concho Sports Complex in San Angelo. Entry fee is \$100 per team (14 player limit). Call Chris at 1-915-223-1309 for more information.

Octoberfest Men's Softball Tournament is Oct. 21-22 at Hogan Park. Entry fee is \$110 and entry deadline is Oct. 19 at 8 p.m. Call Gerald at 570-8840 or Edwin at 520-5133.

Tennis...

Tournaments offered by the Midland Tennis Club are Club Championship Singles, Oct. 28-29; Club Championship Doubles, Nov. 4-5; Club Championship Mixed Doubles, Nov. 11-12.

The Tennis Association of Midland is offering a Junior Team Tennis League. Play will be at 1:30 p.m. on the following dates Oct. 22 and 29 and Nov. 5 and 12. Cost is \$30 with an Oct. 9 deadline. For more information call 682-2255.

The **USTA League Tennis Tournament** for 50-plus mixed doubles (3.5, 4.0, 4.5) is Dec. 2-3 Call Juanell Fort at 686-0277 for more information.

Running...

The Permian Basin Road Runners Club is a non-profit organization for runners living in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico. The club, which promotes distance running as a helpful exercise and a competitive sport, is a member of the Road Runners Club of America and the Athletics Congress. Membership is open to all runners regardless of experience. For information, call Greg Hubbard at 520-0953 or Penny Wasm at 697-6391. Web site is www.pbrrc.com.

Two Family Fun Runs/Walks are scheduled. The

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first is Oct. 22 at Comanche Trails in Odessa with a 2 p.m. start time. The second is Nov. 19 at Windlands Park in Midland with a 2 p.m. start. Entry fee is a \$5 donation to the Athletes Helping Athletes Foundation. Call Penny Wasm at 697-6391 for more information.

Swimming...

Pre-competitive swimming is being offered at the Mabec Aquatic Center. The program will teach elementary age swimmers techniques of competitive swimming while improving their strokes. It is open to swimmers who can swim at least 25 yards of freestyle and backstroke. The cost is \$40 per month on a year-round basis. For more information, call 684-7755.

COM Aquatics is holding **water aerobics classes** Monday through Saturday at Mabec Aquatic Center. Classes are at 6:15 a.m., 7:15 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. All classes are open to the public and swimming skills are not necessary. Cost is \$45 per month, \$65 for a couple. For information, call Rita Simmons at 684-7755.

COM Aquatics - **Learn to Swim** year round lessons for both children (3 years of age or older) and adults wishing to learn to swim or improve technique. Private or group lessons (limit four students per instructor) are available. Children are grouped by age and ability. A session normally consists of eight 30-minute lessons. Please call 684-7755 for more details.

The **COM Masters Swimming** is Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5-6 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost is \$40 per month and includes stroke instruction and cardiovascular training. Call 684-7755 for more information.

COM Diving offers a full range of diving instruction from beginning lessons to elite team training and competition. All ages and ability levels are invited to participate. Lessons are offered at various times. For information, call 684-7755.

The Midland YMCA offers **year-round 30-minute swim lessons** for parents and children and 45-minute lessons for youth. For more information, call Leaf Faller at 682-2551.

Midland YMCA is offering **water aerobics classes**, including Hydro-fit and Deep Water aerobics. Classes are available both morning and evening. Call Leaf Faller or Deborah Posson at 682-2551 for more information.

Cycling...

The Permian Basin Bicycle Association meets monthly at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall at the intersection of FM 1788 and WCR 602. Rides are held weekly, including Tuesday & Thursday at 6 p.m., fast/hard ride from corner of Loop 338 and State Highway 191 in Odessa; Tuesday at 6:15 p.m. from Peyton's Bikes in Midland (beginner's ride); Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. from Peyton's (medium and fast paced groups); Saturday at 7:30 a.m. from Loop 338 & Highway 191 in Odessa; Sunday at 7:30 a.m., breakfast ride from Golden Corral in Odessa; Sunday at 2 p.m., Flag Ranch Ride Mountain Bike Ride. Upcoming rides in October are Oct. 14 (7-10 p.m.) Moonlight Madness at Monahans State Park; Oct. 21, Horsehead Crossing ride; Oct. 27-29, Hills of Leakey ride. Membership dues are \$25 or \$30 for a family. Call Peyton's Bikes at 699-1718 for more information.

Indoor Soccer...

Sticks and Kicks is holding sign-ups for the **Winter Indoor Soccer League** for ages 4 and up. Deadline for registration is Nov. 20. Signups are Monday through Wednesday from 5:30-9 p.m. at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 N. Wall. For more information, call 520-6633.

Bowling...

The Midland Women's Bowling Association is holding its annual fall open meeting Oct. 21 at 2 p.m. at Cactus Lanes, 3920 W. Wall. The meeting is open to all women bowlers.

Americans won't have any excuses playing at home

By Doug Ferguson
AP Golf Writer

GAINESVILLE, Va. — This time, the Americans have no excuses.

Two years after the "Massacre at Melbourne," the Presidents Cup returns to the golf course where the Americans have won twice, at time of the year when their games — but not the weather — should be scorching hot.

No one is buying holiday gifts online. Only Tom Lehman, who played in the Dunhill Cup at St. Andrews last week, had to fly more than four hours to get to the Robert Trent Jones Golf Club about 30 miles south of Washington.

And they act like they care. "The last Presidents Cup, we were in the midst of trying to take our break and trying to get ready for the holidays," Tiger Woods said Wednesday. "It had been a long season, and the timing wasn't the best for us. That's probably no excuse, but we just didn't play well."

"This year, it hopefully will be different. I think the team is playing better than what we were then."

That won't guarantee winning the cup.

The International team rode the energy of playing on foreign soil for the first time, and magnificent putting from all over Royal Melbourne, to a 20 1/2-11 1/2 victory, handing the United States its worst loss ever in team match play. It was such a blowout that the International team, comprised of foreign players born outside Europe, clinched the cup when Nick Price defeated David Duval with 10 matches still in progress in 1998.

"We certainly didn't enjoy that," said Duval, who failed to win a match. "However, it seems like more credit is being given to saying we didn't play well, as opposed to giving credit to the International team for playing great. We simply didn't do the things that you have to do to win matches, which they did."

The Americans know what it takes. Just 13 months ago, they holed all the big putts in staging the greatest comeback in Ryder Cup history to beat Europe. This challenge could be just as great.

"I think this International team would beat Europe — comfortably," said International captain Peter Thomson.

The International team represents the best of eight countries — including two-time U.S. Open champion Ernie Els of South

President's Cup

Africa, Masters champion Vijay Singh of Fiji, two-time PGA champion Nick Price of Zimbabwe, two-time British Open champion Greg Norman of Australia.

Woods has won all those majors all by himself. But even if he were to win all his matches — his record in Ryder Cup and Presidents Cup combined is a meager 5-9-1 — that would still give the Americans only five of the 16 1/2 points they need to win.

"Tiger is the best player in the game, no question about it," Els said. "But at least it's a fair score for everybody. It's not like he's going to win or lose it for them. There are 12 guys we've got to beat, and we've got four days to try to do that."

It all starts Thursday, with the Aussie duo of Norman and Steve Elkington going against Phil Mickelson and Tom Lehman in the first of five alternate-shot matches.

Woods will join former Stanford teammate Notah Begay against Els and Singh. Ken Venturi decided to sit his two captain's picks, Loren Roberts and Paul Azinger, while Thomson has benched Michael Campbell and Shigeki Maruyama, who was 5-0 in Melbourne.

Unlike the Ryder Cup, these matches will include five games on Thursday, five each of alternate-shot and best-ball on Friday, five of best-ball on Saturday, and the 12 singles matches on Sunday.

Even though the International

team holds the cup, Price said it feels like the underdog. And it still has something to prove, having never won on American soil in two past attempts.

But it has heard enough of the American excuses from Melbourne.

"We all had to travel to Australia — even Greg Norman," Els said. "It was fair for both teams. If they didn't want to play, that was their problem. I don't want to get into it too much, but we've got a good chance this week."

The animosity that has accompanied the Ryder Cup since 1985 has never been a part of the Presidents Cup, mainly because 10 of the International team's 12 players live and play in America. The passion might not be as great.

One difference, though, is that the Americans say their desire to win is as high as ever.

"I'm tired about hearing about how, as Americans, we don't pull together and we're not a team, and we don't care," Jim Furyk said.

A victory would give the Americans both cups for the first time since 1994, when they won the inaugural Presidents Cup one year after beating Europe in England for the Ryder Cup.

The stage is RTJ, built along Lake Manassas with fairways lined with trees blazing with color. It is close to home, and a long way from Australia.

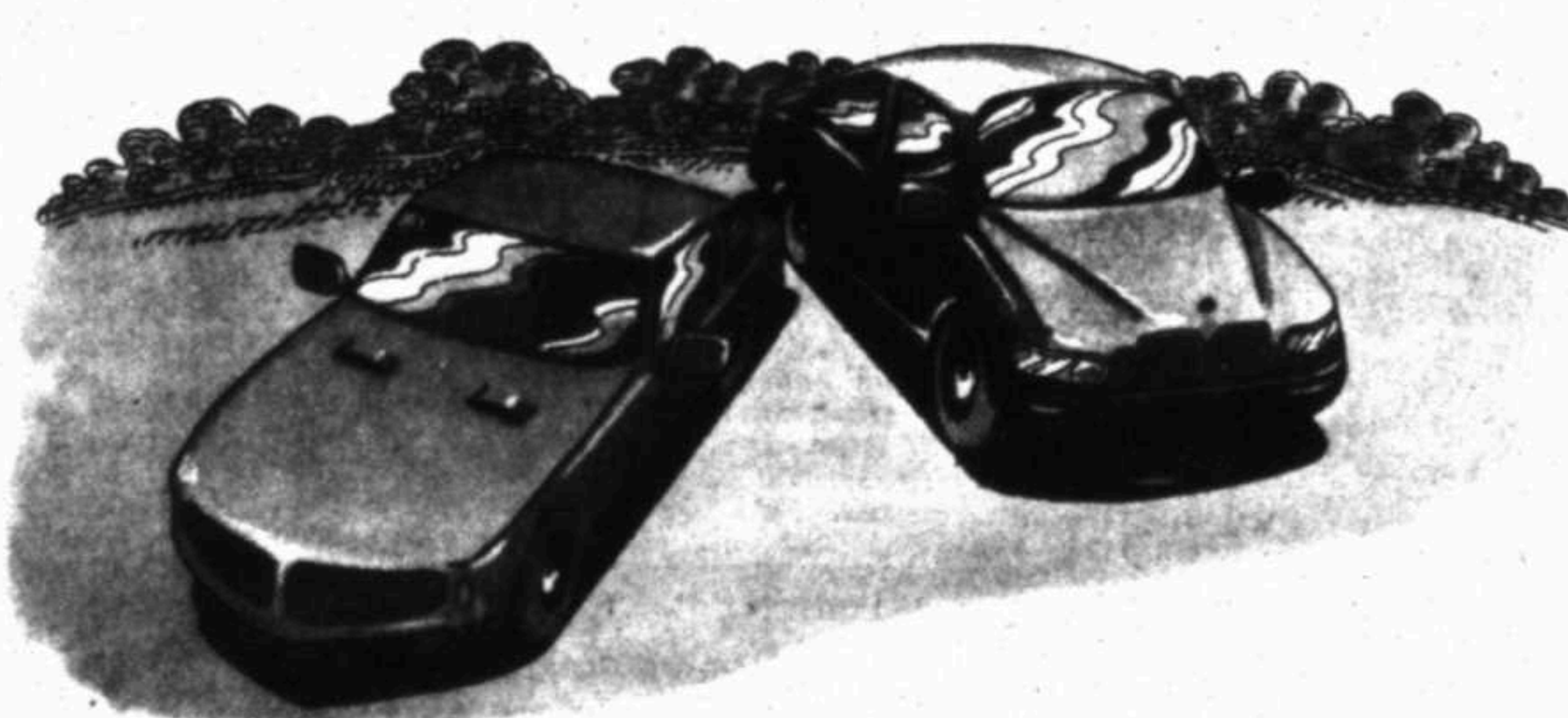
"They all know this," Venturi said. "As far as knowledge, there are no surprises here."

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Golf pioneer Cooper passes away at 96

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. (AP) — Hall of Fame golfer Harry Cooper, who won the first Vardon Trophy for the lowest average score and had 32 victories on the PGA Tour, died at 96. Cooper, who turned pro in 1923 and was the longest-serving member of the PGA of America, died Tuesday at a hospital in White Plains, N.Y. He was elected to the PGA Hall of Fame in 1959.

He was known as "Lighthorse."

"Harry was one of our association's best role models in golf as a player, teacher, and most importantly, a gentleman," said Will Mann, president of the PGA of America. "Harry's passing leaves a void in the golf world, particularly among PGA professionals everywhere who shared his spirit and love of the game."

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BUSINESS BRIEFING

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Previous	\$32.99

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Wednesday	\$30.50
Previous	\$30.00

NATURAL GAS

Wednesday	\$5.228
Previous	\$5.439

Crude mixed

NEW YORK (Dow Jones News) — Crude and products futures were mixed at the New York Mercantile Exchange on Wednesday, as surprise inventory draws battled headlines promising output increases if prices remained at current levels.

Across-the-board declines in last week's petroleum products inventory reports triggered a bout of fresh buying at the session's open.

But selling pressure materialized early, intensifying after the president of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, Ali Rodriguez, said the group will increase output by 500,000 barrels per day before its Nov. 12 meeting if the crude price basket remains above \$28 per barrel for 20 consecutive trading days.

The OPEC basket averaged \$30.08 a barrel Tuesday, the 12th day over \$28 per barrel since the price band mechanism restarted on Oct. 1.

November crude futures, which had pulled back nearly 10 percent since peaking at \$37 a barrel last week on flaring Mideast violence, gained 49 cents to \$33.48 a barrel.

Unleaded gasoline futures were the strongest gainers, with the nearby November contract rallying 2.13 cents to 94.21 cents a gallon. November heating oil futures advanced .57 cent to 96.59 cents a gallon. Natural gas for November delivery was down 21.1 cents to \$5.228 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Gasoline stocks plunged 3.676 million barrels to 196.754 million barrels, compared with 203.828 million barrels a year earlier, the API reported.

In the Middle East, Tuesday's hard-won truce made some advances, despite continuing violence.

Euro plummets

NEW YORK (AP) — The euro plummeted to a record low against the U.S. dollar in midday trading Wednesday in New York.

The euro sank to 83.81 cents — well below its previous low of 84.38 cents — in midday dealings in New York, down from 85.58 cents late Tuesday.

Currency traders said that the euro was buffeted by swings in the U.S. stock markets that saw the Dow Jones industrials down more than 400 points in early dealings before the market began to recover.

The euro has been trading since January 1999 as the common currency of 11 European nations, and had reached its old low of 84.38 cents on Sept. 22.

Based on euro rates in late European dealings, the dollar was worth 2.3124 German marks, up from 2.2961; 7.7555 French francs, up from 7.7008; 2.6055 Dutch guilders, up from 2.5880; 2,289.28 Italian lire, up from 2,273.15.

Gold mixed

Gold closed at \$270.10 bid per troy ounce, down from \$270.50 on Tuesday. In Zurich the bid price was \$270.35, up from \$270.05. Gold rose 60 cents in Hong Kong to \$271.75.

Silver closed in London at \$4.81 bid per troy ounce, down from \$4.85.

Energy costs send inflation higher

By Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Consumer inflation rose 0.5 percent in September, the biggest increase since June, as energy costs rebounded sharply and retailers boosted prices of their fall clothing lines by the largest amount in a decade, the Labor Department reported Wednesday.

The worse-than-expected jump in the Labor Department's Consumer Price Index jolted Wall Street and sent stocks plunging at the opening bell as investors worried that the Federal Reserve will have to resume raising interest rates to fight inflation.

The Dow Jones industrial average plunged more than 400 points in early trading but bargain hunters helped recoup most of those losses. The Dow finished the day down 114.69 at 9,975.02, the first close below 10,000 since March 14.

"The inflation genie is not completely out of the bottle, but those that believe that pricing power is completely dead just may have to reassess their position," said economist Joel Naroff, head of a Holland, Pa., forecasting firm.

The big price jump in September was led by higher energy and clothing costs, but it reflected widespread

increases in everything from tobacco and restaurant meals to medical care and housing costs.

Many economists argued that September's spike was triggered by special factors that should not be repeated in coming months.

"Absent these volatile factors, nothing has changed," said Bill Cheney, chief economist at John Hancock Financial Services in Boston. "The stock market may be turbulent, but the economy still seems on course for a soft landing."

In a second report, the Commerce Department said housing construction edged up 0.3 percent in September to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.53 million units after a decline of 0.1 percent in August.

The weakness in both months was viewed as further evidence that the economy slowed considerably in the July-September quarter from its breakneck pace of the spring.

The 0.5 percent CPI increase in September followed a 0.1 percent decline in August, the first drop in 14 years. However, both months were heavily influenced by swings in energy costs.

After falling by 2.9 percent in August, energy prices shot up 3.8 percent in September, the biggest advance

since a 5.6 percent surge in June. Gasoline costs were up 5.4 percent, natural gas was up 5.1 percent and home heating oil took a huge 12.2 percent leap upward.

President Clinton last month announced he was tapping the government's emergency petroleum reserve to help offset the surge in home heating oil prices with winter coming.

So far this year, gasoline prices have risen at a sharp annual rate of 22.4 percent and heating oil costs even faster, an annual rate of 49.4 percent.

The Federal Reserve is worried about a spillover effect from rising energy that could send overall inflation higher.

While the Fed passed up the chance to boost interest rates for a seventh time at its Oct. 3 meeting, it cautioned that the increase in energy prices "poses a risk of raising inflation expectations." That wording was seen as a Fed fear that workers could start demanding higher wage increases to offset expected further rises in their energy bills.

So far this year, consumer prices are up 3.8 percent, the fastest rate since 1990 and up from a 2.7 percent increase for all of 1999.

Because of the higher inflation, the Social Security Administration announced Wednesday that the 45.2

million Americans getting Social Security checks will see their monthly benefits go up by 3.5 percent next year, the biggest cost-of-living adjustment since 1992.

The "core" inflation rate, which excludes volatile energy and food sectors, was up 0.3 percent in September, the biggest advance since a 0.4 percent rise in March.

Core inflation is climbing at an annual rate of 2.8 percent, compared to an increase of just 1.9 percent in 1999.

The increase in the core rate was led by a 1.6 percent jump in clothing costs, the biggest increase since early 1990, which reflected higher-priced fall and winter clothing lines. Many analysts predicted retailers will be forced to retreat from such steep increases in coming months.

Food costs edged up 0.1 percent in September with beef and poultry prices down while vegetable and fruit prices showed gains.

Medical costs, a big factor in this year's acceleration of price pressures, rose 0.4 percent, hospital costs 0.6 percent.

Tobacco prices, which have been pushed up by the cost of expensive liability settlements, rose 3.5 percent, the biggest gain since April.

DISTRACTED DRIVERS



AP Photo
General Motors Corp. Chairman Jack Smith addresses attendees at Convergence 2000, a convention for the auto electronics industry in Detroit, Wednesday. Smith said GM will spend at least \$10 million over three years in partnership with Michigan to educate motorists, notably young ones, about the potential hazards of distracted driving. The pilot "SenseAble Driving" campaign, in collaboration with Michigan's Secretary of State Office, is to be launched this fall, with plans for an eventual national rollout.

Ford down 7 percent in third quarter

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — Ford Motor Co.'s third-quarter earnings declined 7 percent to \$888 million, a drop the company blamed on costs from the recall of 6.5 million Firestone tires.

"Getting our customers onto good tires has been, and continues to be, more important than short-term profits," Ford president and CEO Jacques Nasser said Wednesday in a statement. "This was a difficult quarter for our customers, our employees, our dealers and our shareholders."

Many of the tires recalled by Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. were used on Ford Explorers. The tires have been linked to at least 119 deaths and 500 injuries in the United States.

The recall cost about \$500 million in the quarter, Ford Chief Financial Officer Henry Wallace said.

About half that comes from the temporary shutdown of three factories to divert tires to consumers, which cut production of the Ford Explorer and Mercury Mountaineer by 15,000 vehicles. The 6,000 workers at the plants earned 95 percent of their regular pay during the three-week shutdown.

The results met Wall Street expectations after adjusting for a complicated stock swap that changed the num-

ber of shares in the company during the quarter.

The stock was trading for \$24.56 at midmorning Wednesday, up 12 cents from Tuesday's close on the New York Stock Exchange.

The world's No. 2 automaker earned 53 cents a share for the three months ending in September, compared with 78 cents a share, or \$959 million, for the same period in 1999. Last year's results do not include earnings from Visteon Corp., the parts arm Ford spun off this year.

Wall Street analysts had expected earnings of 50 cents a share, according to a survey by First Call/Thomson Financial.

Wallace said Ford's recall costs also included moving and distributing tires, as well as buying new tire molds for tire makers. Ford has also said it would share some costs of the recall with Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. The tire maker has said the recall would cost it about \$350 million.

Without the recall, profits would have been up over last year, Ford said.

Earnings in Ford's automotive operations totaled \$391 million, a drop of 27 percent from \$535 million over last year.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Friday will be the final day to make reservations for the Economic Development Training offered November 1 by the Economic Development Administration at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. The EDA will offer a one-day workshop on the basics of economic development at the Center for Energy and Economic Diversification from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Topics include grants, the Texas Economic Development sales tax, creating enterprise zones and retaining and expanding economic development. Cost is \$35 and includes registration, lunch and a manual.

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) of The University of Texas of the Permian Basin is offering

the "Small Business Financing and Informational Workshop" from 6 to 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 1, at the Center for Energy and Economic Diversification (CEED), located at 1400 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788, the intersection of Highway 191 and FM 1788).

Topics will include discussion on SBA Guaranty Loans, applying for a loan, what a banker is looking for in a loan, making a business plan, and programs and services available. Representatives will be available to visit one-on-one.

There is no charge, but advanced registration is required because seating is limited. The SBDC director is Art Connor. For reservations or more information call 552-2455.

THE ECONOMIST

Mexico plays important role in Texas economy

By M. Ray Perryman

As virtually every Texan knows by now, the Mexican economy plays an important role in the health of the Texas economy. Our neighbor to the south presents numerous opportunities for Texas industry; the country is far and away the largest market for Texas exports. Hamstrung by currency problems and rampant inflation only a short time ago, Mexico has emerged with a stronger, more stable economy.



Perryman

How important are exports to Mexico? In a word — "very." In 1999, Texas exports to Mexico reached \$41.4 billion, up from \$36.3 billion in 1998 and \$23.8 billion in 1994. The top three categories of products exported were (1) Electronic Equipment and Computers, (2) Transportation Equipment, and (3) Industrial Machinery and Computers. Together, these represented 53.3 percent of all Texas exports to Mexico in 1999. Compared to the total

Texas export picture, products sold into the Mexican market are weighted slightly more toward Transportation Equipment and less toward Chemicals and Allied Products.

Mexico represents about 45.5 percent of total Texas exports. Last year, Texas exports to Mexico were up 14 percent, fueling an overall 4.8 percent increase with little growth in exports to Asian countries. NAFTA has played a key role in increasing the volume of trade between Texas and Mexico, opening up borders by decreasing regulations and tariffs. During the first six years of NAFTA, Texas exports to Mexico grew more than 103 percent.

The strong growth in Texas exports has benefited the entire U.S. economy; Texas accounted for 13.1 percent of total U.S. exports in 1999. For every \$8 dollars in U.S. exports, slightly more than a dollar was generated from products that originated in Texas. Trade between the U.S. and Mexico now totals about \$200 billion annually. For the U.S., electronic equipment represents the largest sector, followed by transportation equipment, industrial machinery, and rubber and plastics.

The outlook for the Mexican economy is positive, with growth forecast to continue well into the future. Mexico's

GDP is forecast to grow to \$590 billion (U.S.) in 2001, representing a real growth rate of 5 percent. Part of this growth is linked to Mexican export and import activity. Total Mexican exports are forecast for 2001 at \$175 billion (up from \$110.4 billion in 1997); imports will likely reach \$182 billion (up from \$109.8 billion in 1997).

A wave of US investment has created millions of jobs along the border, stimulating local economies and creating a model for other border states to follow. This trend is especially evident in the maquiladora sector, with investment increasing by \$667 million dollars from 1998 to 1999.

Other developments in Mexico have spawned opportunities for Texas' businesses to increase exports and services to Mexico. One example is the electric power industry. An unusually hot summer has caused electricity demand in Mexico to spike, leaving the state-run Federal Electricity Commission scrambling to meet the demand. The country's reserves have declined 2 percent (normally at 7 percent), representing a potential outlet for electricity suppliers in Texas. Given the supply problems Mexico is experiencing, pressure to further open the Mexican market will

continue. With demand expected to grow at 18 percent per year along the industrialized border, Texas electricity companies stand to gain should the FEC continue to allow foreign suppliers in.

Mexico's political situation also shows strong commitment to economic development and trade with Texas and other countries. Vicente Fox, recently elected Mexican president and member of the pro-business National Action Party, has little incentive to change NAFTA, the free-market economic reforms, or other trade policies. In fact, Mexico's recent pact with the European Union offers U.S. firms a global platform to launch activities across the Atlantic.

The partnerships that the U.S. and Mexico have forged have benefited both sides and are key to our respective economies and balances of trade. In the Lone Star State, trade with Mexico will continue to be a vital part of our economic health.

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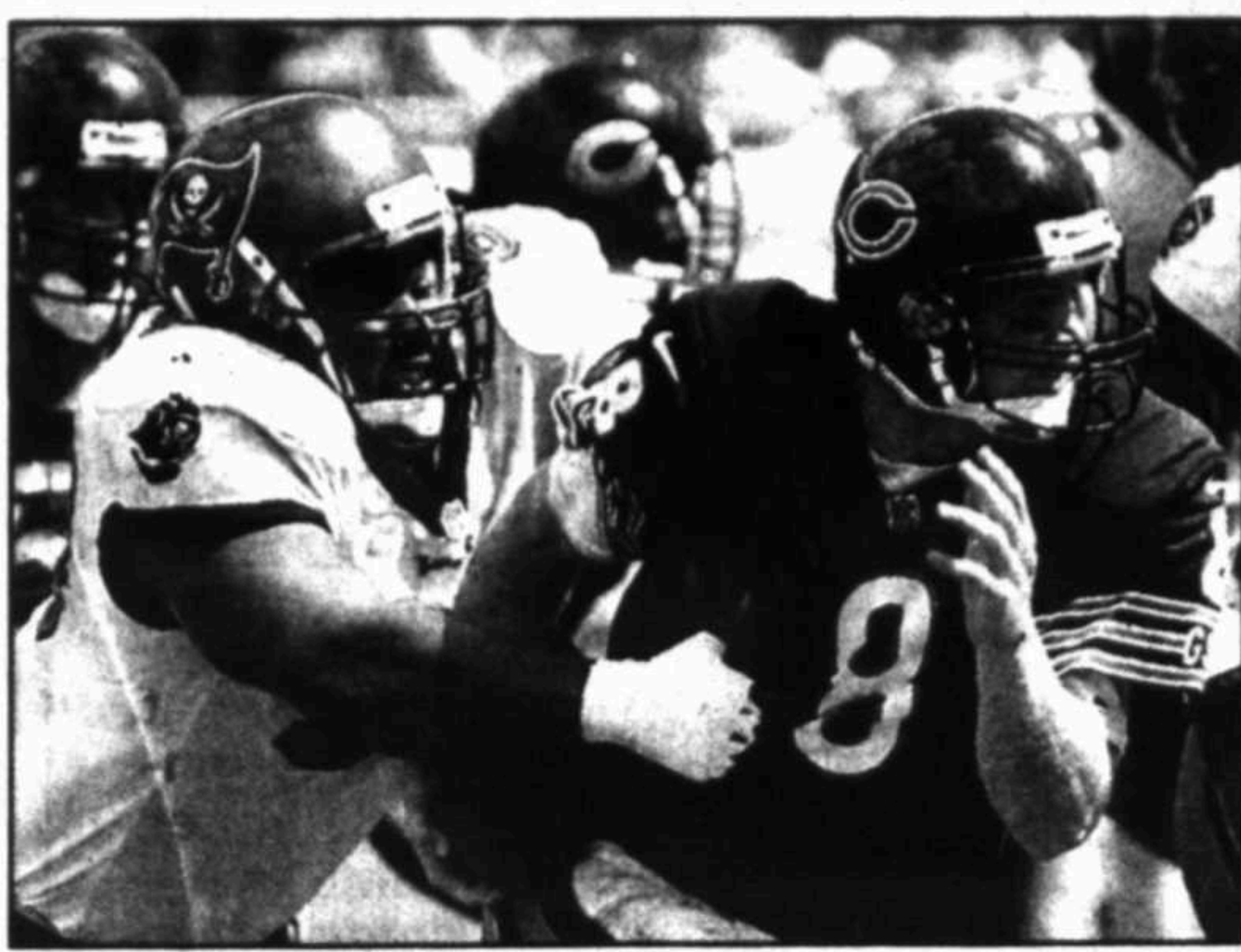
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32	AAAI	11.00	0.00	132	AMC	11.00	0.00	232	AMT	11.00	0.00
33	AAAI	11.00	0.00	133	AMC	11.00	0.00	233	AMT	11.00	0.00
34	AAAI	11.00	0.00	134	AMC	11.00	0.00	234	AMT	11.00	0.00
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38	AAAI	11.00	0.00	138	AMC	11.00	0.00	238	AMT	11.00	0.00
39	AAAI	11.00	0.00	139	AMC	11.00	0.00	239	AMT	11.00	0.00
40	AAAI	11.00	0.00	140	AMC	11.00	0.00	240	AMT	11.00	0.00
41	AAAI	11.00	0.00	141	AMC	11.00	0.00	241	AMT	11.00	0.00
42	AAAI	11.00	0.00	142	AMC	11.00	0.00	242	AMT	11.00	0.00
43	AAAI	11.00	0.00	143	AMC	11.00	0.00	243	AMT	11.00	0.00
44	AAAI	11.00	0.00	144	AMC	11.00	0.00	244	AMT	11.00	0.00
45	AAAI	11.00	0.00	145	AMC	11.00	0.00	245	AMT	11.00	0.00
46	AAAI	11.00	0.00	146	AMC	11.00	0.00	246	AMT	11.00	0.00
47	AAAI	11.00	0.00	147	AMC	11.00	0.00	247	AMT	11.00	0.00
48	AAAI	11.00	0.00	148	AMC	11.00	0.00	248	AMT	11.00	0.00
49	AAAI	11.00	0.00	149	AMC	11.00	0.00	249	AMT	11.00	0.00
50	AAAI	11.00	0.00	150	AMC	11.00	0.00	250	AMT	11.00	0.00
51	AAAI	11.00	0.00	151	AMC	11.00	0.00	251	AMT	11.00	0.00
52	AAAI	11.00	0.00	152	AMC	11.00	0.00	252	AMT	11.00	0.00
53	AAAI	11.00	0.00	153	AMC	11.00	0.00	253	AMT	11.00	0.00
54	AAAI	11.00	0.00	154	AMC	11.00	0.00	254	AMT	11.00	0.00
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65	AAAI	11.00	0.00	165	AMC	11.00	0.00	265	AMT	11.00	0.00
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67	AAAI	11.00	0.00	167	AMC	11.00	0.00	267	AMT	11.00	0.00
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71	AAAI	11.00	0.00	171	AMC	11.00	0.00	271	AMT	11.00	0.00
72	AAAI	11.00	0.00	172	AMC	11.00	0.00	272	AMT	11.00	0.00
73	AAAI	11.00	0.00	173	AMC	11.00	0.00	273	AMT	11.00	0.00
74	AAAI	11.00	0.00	174	AMC	11.00	0.00	274	AMT	11.00	0.00
75	AAAI	11.00	0.00	175	AMC	11.00	0.00	275	AMT	11.00	0.00
76	AAAI	11.00	0.00	176	AMC	11.00	0.00	276	AMT	11.00	0.00
77	AAAI	11.00	0.00	177	AMC	11.00	0.00	277	AMT	11.00	0.00
78	AAAI	11.00	0.00	178	AMC	11.00	0.00	278	AMT	11.00	0.00
79	AAAI	11.00	0.00	179	AMC	11.00	0.00	279	AMT	11.00	0.00
80	AAAI	11.00	0.00	180	AMC	11.00	0.00	280	AMT	11.00	0.00
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83	AAAI	11.00	0.00	183	AMC	11.00	0.00	283	AMT	11.00	0.00
84	AAAI	11.00	0.00	184	AMC	11.00	0.00	284	AMT	11.00	0.00
85	AAAI	11.00	0.00	185	AMC	11.00	0.00	285	AMT	11.00	0.00
86	AAAI	11.00	0.00	186	AMC	11.00	0.00	286	AMT	11.00	0.00
87	AAAI	11.00	0.00	187	AMC	11.00	0.00	287	AMT	11.00	0.00
88	AAAI	11.00	0.00	188	AMC	11.00	0.00	288	AMT	11.00	0.00
89	AAAI	11.00	0.00	189	AMC	11.00	0.00	289	AMT	11.00	0.00
90	AAAI	11.00	0.00	190	AMC	11.00	0.00	290	AMT	11.00	0.00
91	AAAI	11.00	0.00	191	AMC	11.00	0.00	291	AMT	11.00	0.00
92	AAAI	11.00	0.00	192	AMC	11.00	0.00	292	AMT	11.00	0.00
93	AAAI	11.00	0.00	193	AMC	11.00	0.00	293	AMT	11.00	0.00
94	AAAI	11.00	0.00	194	AMC	11.00	0.00	294	AMT	11.00	0.00
95	AAAI	11.00	0.00	195	AMC	11.00	0.00	295	AMT	11.00	0.00
96	AAAI	11.00	0.00	196	AMC	11.00	0.00	296	AMT	11.00	0.00
97	AAAI	11.00	0.00	197	AMC	11.00	0.00	297	AMT	11.00	0.00
98	AAAI	11.00	0.00	198	AMC	11.00	0.00	298	AMT	11.00	0.00
99	AAAI	11.00	0.00	199	AMC	11.00	0.00	299	AMT	11.00	0.00
100	AAAI	11.00	0.00	200	AMC	11.00	0.00	300	AMT	11.00	0.00

MUTUAL FUNDS

3-yr	BondA	12.86	-0.12	Dtsche Anstalt Pmr:	Equity	Adviser 15	0.00	INTFA117.1	+0.21	Stratlin	10.35	-0.01	IMPA	54.08	-29.465	PMCO Funds:	Hyd	9.90	-0.4108	VstaAp	18.74	-14.4470	Smith Barney A:	AggAp	97.40	+21.383	Van Wagoner Funds:	WagFund	62.04	-0.91
NAV	CapA	42.18	-19.163	Autm 12.10	-0.6377	Equity	25.95	-0.187	INTFA17.1	+0.152	Stratlin	87.27	-54.124	RmC	27.86	-50.485	Hyd	9.90	-0.4108	VoyaAp	27.45	-18.4740	AggAp	97.40	+21.383	WagFund	62.04	-0.91		
Chg	CapA	23.74	-19.360	12.10	-0.6377	Equity	25.95	-0.187	INTFA17.1	+0.152	Stratlin	87.27	-54.124	RmC	27.86	-50.485	Hyd	9.90	-0.4108	VoyaAp	27.45	-18.4740	AggAp	97.40	+21.383	WagFund	62.04	-0.91		
Chg	CapA	23.74	-19.360	12.10	-0.6377	Equity	25.95	-0.187	INTFA17.1	+0.152	Stratlin	87.27	-54.124	RmC	27.86	-50.485	Hyd	9.90	-0.4108	VoyaAp	27.45	-18.4740	AggAp	97.40	+21.383	WagFund	62.04	-0.91		
Chg	CapA	23.74	-19.360	12.10	-0.6377	Equity	25.95	-0.187	INTFA17.1	+0.152	Stratlin	87.27	-54.124	RmC	27.86	-50.485	Hyd	9.90	-0.4108	VoyaAp	27.45	-18.4740	AggAp	97.40	+21.383	WagFund	62.04	-0.91		
Chg	CapA	23.74	-19.360	12.10	-0.6377	Equity	25.95	-0.187	INTFA17.1	+0.152	Stratlin	87.27	-54.124	RmC	27.86	-50.485	Hyd	9.90	-0.4108	VoyaAp	27.45	-18.4740	AggAp	97.40	+21.383	WagFund	62.04	-0.91		
Chg	CapA	23.74	-19.360	12.10	-0.6377	Equity	25.95	-0.187	INTFA17.1	+0.152	Stratlin	87.27	-54.124	RmC	27.86	-50.485	Hyd	9.90	-0.4108	VoyaAp	27.45	-18.4740	AggAp	97.40	+21.383	WagFund	62.04	-0.91		
Chg	CapA	23.74	-19.360	12.10	-0.6377	Equity	25.95	-0.187	INTFA17.1	+0.152	Stratlin	87.27	-54.124	RmC	27.86	-50.485	Hyd	9.90	-0.4108	VoyaAp	27.45	-18.4740	AggAp	97.40	+21.383	WagFund	62.04	-0.91		
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Tampa Bay Buccaneers defensive tackle Warren Sapp, left, sacks Chicago quarterback Cade McNown earlier this month. Sapp would like to see a better defensive effort from his Bucs when they play the Detroit Lions tonight.

Sapp wants to see Bucs defense back as dominant force

By Fred Goodall
AP Sports Writer

TAMPA, Fla. — As usual, The Letter arrived at Warren Sapp's home during the offseason and got the same reception.

No one gives marching orders to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers star, however he welcomes the annual messages from Tony Dungy that seem to spur the 1999 NFL defensive player of the year to greater heights.

The coach congratulated Sapp on a season in which he helped the Bucs set a franchise record for victories and reach the NFC championship game for the first time in 20 years. Then he reminded him that it wasn't good enough for Tampa Bay to achieve its ultimate goal.

Dungy included a list of the players with the most sacks in the NFL between 1996 and 1999, a who's who among pass rushers topped by Detroit's Robert Porcher. Sapp was 12th, which told him the 12-1 he had last season — one-half shy of Lee Roy Selmon's team record — there is plenty of room for improvement.

"There's always just subtle reminders of you're playing well, but there's more that you can do to help this ballclub and I'm going to see what I can do about it," Sapp said.

"You've always got to welcome a challenge from Tony because he doesn't say much to many people. And when he writes you a letter and gives you one of those incentives that climb this list for me and this ballclub you go where it needs to go, you've got to take that to heart."

The three-time Pro Bowl selection dissected his game, followed the offseason routine that prepared him to elevate his performance a year ago and reported to training camp determined to help the Bucs become the first team to appear in a Super Bowl in its own stadium.

After an impressive 3-0 start in which the defense lived up to its billing as one of the league's best and an overhauled offense began

to carry its weight, Tampa Bay has lost three straight since routing the Lions 31-10 on Sept. 17.

What's worse, the defense has failed to protect fourth-quarter leads twice in three games after winning 27 of 29 previous games they led after three quarters under Dungy, who is as baffled as anyone about the lapses that cost the Bucs victories against the New York Jets and Minnesota Vikings.

"It just seems like we're going through our history the last four years," said Dungy, whose teams are 4-11 in October. "Every October it seems like it's been this way and then we start playing a little better."

Sapp won't be satisfied with waiting until November to pull out of the current tailspin. The Bucs (3-3) face the Lions (4-2) Thursday night and desperately need a victory have any realistic hopes of successfully defending their NFC Central title.

Detroit has rebounded from its loss to Tampa Bay in Week 3 to win two of three to move into second place, two games behind the unbeaten Vikings.

"The one thing for us is we have to establish our dominance as a defensive unit. We haven't been able to shut down people when we've had leads," Sapp said, adding that he's tired of hearing that Tampa Bay's inconsistent offense hasn't done a good enough job of moving the ball.

"Every week they've given us enough points to win the game. We just haven't been able to go out as a defense and put the nail in the coffin."

Sapp leads the Bucs with 7 1/2 of the team's league-leading 28 sacks. He's on pace to finish with 20, which would be the most for a defensive tackle since sacks became an official statistic in 1982.

"He's been good," Dungy said. "Obviously he's getting more attention from offenses after last year's performance, and I think he's handled it well. We've got guys playing around him well, which helps. But he's off to a good start. If he can maintain this, he's going to have a great year."

TCU: Frogs ranked 11th

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Still, TCU is the only undefeated team not in the Top 10, and could also be left below that level when the first Bowl Championship Series rankings come out next week. That key ranking takes into account several factors, including schedule strength.

Consider if the Frogs had played Nebraska to start the season.

Even if TCU had lost to Nebraska, a close game against the Cornhuskers might have swayed those negative perceptions about a weak schedule. Such an outcome certainly would have meant more than a 56-3 victory over Arkansas State.

The team that Franchione initially inherited — one which had endured a 10-game losing streak the previous season — would

have been killed by Nebraska. But he has more than a speculative reason to believe that his third TCU team could have been very competitive with the top-ranked Cornhuskers.

Two TCU offensive coaches went to Lincoln last spring to watch the Cornhuskers in a coaching exchange deal that also brought Nebraska quarterbacks coach Turner Gill to Fort Worth.

"Our coaches came back and said, 'Coach, we match up well physically with them.' We felt like we had some kids who could compete with them," Franchione said. "I'd like to think we'd have given them a heck of a game."

"Would we like to play Nebraska? Sure," he said. "Maybe we'll find a way to play them some other way down the line."

DALLAS: Cunningham has respect for Aikman

(From 1C)

answer instead of the problem, laughs at the irony.

"There's a difference — this is not Minnesota, this is Dallas," he said with a tone and a look that indicated more of a message than a geography lesson. "The approach is a lot different."

"I respect a lot of the decisions that are made on this team. There needs to be more respect, I believe, in the National Football League and you see that here — a lot. I can appreciate that

because who is to say that I wouldn't have turned our team around in Minnesota last year?"

Cunningham's respect for Aikman was evident last month when the starter was booed at Texas Stadium during his first game back from his head injury.

"Trust me, I feel just as bad when someone is going through this as they do because I've gone through it before," Cunningham said. "There was a tear in my eye when I saw Troy going through it. It hurts. It really hurts."

LeROY: Andrews 'D' plays big

(From 1C)

diminutive dynamite on both sides of the ball.

Other notable performances from last week:

Stanton's Jeremy Hull continues to wreak havoc against opposing defenses as he rushed for 132 yards on 23 carries and two touchdowns in the Buffaloes' 39-6 over Plains.

Trinity stomped on El Paso Faith Christian 62-6, and Chargers running back

Aaron Mays with 109 yards rushing and two touchdowns, and Chargers' receiver Clint Kittle with two receiving TDs had a lot to do with the slaughter.

In what proved to be a defensive 7-3 gem for Andrews, the Mustangs had several standouts as Tyson Dever had 10 tackles, Jayme Jackson totaled nine tackles and three sacks, Eric Edwards had nine tackles and three sacks, K.C. White had nine tackles and three sacks and Brandon Hearne also had three sacks for the Mustangs. On offense, Jamie Bueno rushed for

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181 yards on 27 carries and a touchdown. Big Spring's 28-7 win over Levelland had running back Jaroe Parnell run for 84 yards and a pair of scores on offense, while on defense linebacker Bowe Butler had another stellar game with 19 tackles.

Oscar LeRoy is a sports writer for the Reporter Telegram

MCS: Mustangs face 0-7 FW Temple

(From 1C)

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Unlike the Mustangs, the 0-7 Eagles have no momentum and are struggling. The latest setback for Fort Worth Temple came last Friday with a 56-0 loss against Dallas First Baptist. Earlier in the year, Temple lost 21-14 to Garland Christian, the same team which lost 52-0 to Midland Christian in the season opener. On paper, it doesn't look good for the Eagles, but the good news for them is that district is like starting over.

"The thing about district is that those people that are 0-7 have something to look forward to, and it also means that the 7-0 people have something to look forward to," McClendon said.

The Eagles do have a good quarterback in Andrew Ellis, who had 1,180 yards in total offense in Temple's wishbone formation last season.

Midland Christian is coming into district play with a four-game win streak and that has the Mustangs feeling good about their chances to win district, not just make the playoffs.

"I absolutely love our chances," McClendon said. "I agree with most people that the district is a tossup but our plan is to go win district."

"Our kids know what it takes now and they have a renewed spirit. The way we're looking at it, is that we've got six weeks of

hard work left," added McClendon, referring to the time left to play the district schedule and the playoffs.

Greenwood head to Indian country

Seminole has had a strong tradition of being successful in football, and that success includes a district title in 1999. But this year, it's probably been a nightmare as the Indians are 0-6 overall and 0-1 in District 3-3A play.

The Indians may be down but certainly not out as Greenwood coach Bob Purser expects Seminole to be ready for his Rangers despite their winless record when both teams tangle in a District 3-3A contest at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Seminole.

Greenwood (4-2 overall, 1-0 in district) has been on a tear ever since its 0-2 start to the season. Since then, the Rangers have been averaging more than 33 points per game, while only giving up 20 total points in their four wins. Last week the Rangers posted a 44-7 win against Slaton in the district opener.

Seminole is coming off a 23-6 loss to Denver City last week, although the Indians have proven they could put up some points thanks to the always dangerous running back Cornell Adams at running back.

"They've just had a lot of bad luck," said Purser about the Indians. "They've had a couple bad things happen to them in the third

and fourth quarters and they've had a couple of kids hurt and have also had people block punts on them."

Greenwood defeated Seminole twice last year — once in the regular season and again in the bi-district playoffs. But the Rangers have not won in Seminole in two trips. The Rangers' biggest concern, however, may be the flu bug which has hit their campus this week. Having players miss practice time because of illness has deterred practice and focus on this week's game a bit.

"I'm concerned about our health," Purser said. "We've had several of our starters out this week."

"The key in this game is try not to make mistakes and play hard."

Chargers hope to stay focused against San Jacinto

The Midland Trinity Chargers will meet a very familiar foe this Friday and that concerns Trinity coach John Wilkins.

Why do you ask? Wilkins' Chargers host the same Amarillo San Jacinto team which was pummeled 47-7 by Trinity in the season opener. Wilkins just hopes his Chargers can get focused and not be too overconfident when they play San Jacinto in a TAPPS District 1-3A contest 7:30 p.m. at Coombes Field.

"We haven't had a real good week of practice because our focus is not where it needs to be," said Wilkins of his Chargers, who

are 5-2 overall and 1-0 in district after 62-6 victory at El Paso Faith Christian. "We beat them (San Jacinto) pretty handily the first week but this is a different deal. We have to be prepared Friday because if we're not, it could cost us the district championship."

Since that first week, Wilkins said the Patriots (1-6, 1-0) have changed some things on both sides of the ball. On offense, the Patriots have gone from a spread formation to more of a traditional pro-set, wingset offense and tried to establish more of a ground game. The Patriots are also looking to be a better defensive team as they shut out Lubbock Christian, 20-0, last week in their district opener.

Although the Chargers appear to be the better overall team on paper, they are without a few key players because of injuries. Backup fullback and tailback Aaron Mays and flanker, defensive back Clint Kittle are probably out this week to go along with starters Nathan Pirtle and Corey Mays, who have been out for a few weeks. Injuries to Aaron Mays and Kittle further depletes the Chargers' depth.

"I'm down to one strong safety, one free safety and one tailback," Wilkins said.

"Hopefully we'll be ready for this challenge. But I think we'd just be happy with a victory at this point."

ANDREWS: 'Stangs take on No. 5 team

(From 1C)

as challenging a game as they'll have this side of the playoffs.

In the rugged eight-team 4-4A, Frenship figured to be the prohibitive favorite, and at 3-0 and tied with Big Spring for first place, the Tigers have performed as expected. On top of that, they have a look which is all too familiar to Lebby and several of Andrews' more experienced defensive returnees.

Kendal Briles, Frenship's quarterback, was a regular on the last two Stephenville teams which won Class 4A state titles and in both seasons eliminated the Mustangs from the first round of the playoffs. When Art Briles, Kendal's father and former Stephenville coach, accepted a job as running backs coach at Texas Tech, Frenship won the Texas high school football equivalent of the lottery when the Briles clan relocated to Wolfford.

The Tigers, already a strong team, got to add Kendal Briles, the Class 4A Player of the Year. In addition, Frenship readjusted its offensive attack to resemble that of Stephenville's pass-happy, five wideout, hook-and-lateral, anything goes approach.

"They spread the field a lot like Stephenville did," said Lebby. "They have the best quarterback I've ever seen in high school football. They're big-played people to death."

The latest victim of that approach was Plainview, which fell to the Tigers 56-12 last week. Briles has a number of strong receivers he can throw to, including Patrick Shelby and David Thomas, a couple of tall targets.

"They do a great job of isolating receivers," said Lebby of Frenship. "They have two receivers who are 6-foot-4. Some of our secondary players are only 5-8."

The best way for the Mustangs to prevent such mismatches from occurring is to stay on the field as long as possible offensively. It could come down to a classic duel between the Andrews running game and the Frenship passing game. Tailback Jamie Bueno has carried the load for the Mustangs so far, providing most of the offense in the win over Snyder, with 181 yards on 27 carries and the game's lone touchdown on a 35-yard run.

Controlling the clock is an obvious goal of the Mustangs, who figure to be obvious underdogs. While a win could be huge, a loss would hardly be fatal with three games left, so the game isn't a must-win situation.

"We want to play well and come out with some positive things regardless of what happens," said Lebby. "We're going to have to not turn it over at all

or commit many penalties if we're going to stay in it."

Big Spring trying to stay perfect in 4-4A

It's possible that when Frenship visits Big Spring in the final regular season game on Nov. 10 that the two teams could be unbeaten with the district title on the line. But there are still three more games to play between now and then, which is a shot of reality to Big Spring coach Dwight Butler.

"Any time you're 3-0, you're in a good position, but the fact is you don't have five district games, you've got seven and that doesn't guarantee anything," said Butler, whose team travels to Big Spring for a 4-4A game at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Back in the previous days of District 4-4A or 5-4A, the Steers only had five district games and a 3-0 mark left a tremendously wide margin of error to make the playoffs. But the eight-team 4-4A hasn't even played half its schedule yet, so nobody is quite in or out.

While the game might not be all-important for the Steers (4-2 overall) Plainview needs it desperately. The Bulldogs might still be smarting from last week's rout by Frenship, and at 1-2 in 4-4A (2-4 overall) they need a win to keep their head above water in district. Butler thinks that desperation could work in Plainview's favor.

"They've got as good of personnel as anyone we've played except (No. 4) Hereford," said Butler of the Bulldogs. "Snyder's got as good a defense as anyone and they (the Bulldogs) got 35 points on them."

Plainview has one of the bigger backfields around with 6-3 quarterback Richard Gomez and 248-pound fullback Bryson Davis. Butler also is concerned about the size of Plainview's defensive line, particularly with offensive tackle Adam Partee out with a knee injury.

Yet, the Steers seem to have

found a rotation that works in the backfield. Jaroe Parnell has taken over fulltime at tailback while Jason Woodruff has been moved to fullback. The two combined for 135 yards and scored three touchdowns in last week's 28-7 win over Levelland.

"It's the time of the season for us to put the best players out there regardless of position," said Butler.

Garden City looks for first district win

There's little doubt that Garden City has improved dramatically under first year coach Wade Wesley, especially on defense, but that wasn't enough to give the Beakats their first

District 9-A win last week.

Garden City (4-2 overall) put up its fifth valiant defensive effort in a row, but Rotan broke a play late to set up a last second field goal and hand the Beakats an 11-8 loss. They will try to even their district record Friday at 7:30 p.m. when they host Sterling City.

The Beakats have allowed only 25 points over their last five games, the first four of which were wins. They haven't been quite as productive offensively, and the last two weeks they have been without quarterback Justin Hillger, who was out with a broken jaw.

Sterling City (1-5, 0-1) is also looking for its first district win, having fallen to Roby 26-14.

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Hispanic Citizens' Police Academy learn about K-9 Unit

By Judy Serbantez
MRT Correspondent

Week four went to the dogs at the Hispanic Citizens' Police Academy ... literally.

Sgt. Ed Nicks and his K-9 unit too center stage at the academy to talk about what they do for the department.

In June of 1980, Nicks joined the Canine Unit of the Midland Police Department. The unit is made up of four officers and their canine partners. Nicks' partner "Tango" was born in Germany, on May 27, 1995 and later came to Midland on Sept. 12, 1997.

"What I like about my dog, is all he wants to do is come to work," Nicks said. "He has no prejudices, doesn't care if I'm green, yellow, purple, or red. When were in the patrol car, he doesn't tell me how fast to go. I can tell him my darkest secrets, and he won't ever tell a soul. He's like a living shadow."

The canines are brought from Riverside, Calif. The owner flies six to eight times a year to Europe, and tests the dogs.

If the dogs pass the testing, he flies back with them. The dogs then go through an extensive training session. Approximately \$6,000 to \$7,000 is invested before the dog goes to work for the police department.

"The adult human brain weighs about 6 pounds, the dog's brain weighs about 3.5 pounds," Nicks said. "The part of the human brain that detects smell is the size of a fingernail. The part in the dogs' brain that detects smell weighs almost 1.5 pounds. A few estimate the dogs nose can smell 100 times to a million times more than ours, no one really knows."

Tango, is trained in: tracking, building search, article protection, and narcotic detection.

"How long does it take before the dog, can't track an individual?" asked one the attendees.

Nicks said the weather conditions, and the location are a few of the factors that might interfere with the dog's work.

"For example, If it's humid outside it may be five to six hours before the dog can't smell anything," Nicks said. "If it's in the daytime, and it's 105 degrees it could be anywhere from five to seven minutes."

Tango can give Nicks two signals if he detects something passive or aggressive. The passive sig-

nal may consist of him just pawing at the article, and the aggressive signal would include barking.

"If Tango were to give me a passive alert, he wouldn't bark or move. He would just stand very still. The aggressive alert, would be him barking loudly," said Nicks.

The four officers who make up the Canine Section are equipped with patrol cars which have remote passenger doors.

A demonstration soon followed the seminar.

Two officers hid narcotics in a police car. Nicks gave a command, and Tango went to work. He walked around the car, and sniffing each section of the vehicle found the narcotics within 3 minutes. The demonstration included a reenactment of a robbery.

Nicks picked one of the volunteers to assist him with the reenactment. Tango rushed to try to save his partner, he barked and waited for his partners command. Bearing his big white, sharp teeth he snapped at the robber. The robber doing the demonstration was wearing a protective sleeve which is padded. Therefore, each time Tango took a snap at him, he couldn't feel it.

"A few of the officers have been bitten a number of times, and a few have bruises from doing training with the animals," said Nicks.

The attendees returned to the conference room, and asked a number of questions relating to the dogs.

Jose Ramirez and his wife Gloria said the seminar was very informational.

"I've always liked the police, and when I was an officer in Mexico a number of people didn't like the police," Ramirez said. "This class is offering the community an opportunity to understand the police departments, its very informative. I believe its going to help build a good relation with the Hispanic community."

Ms. Ramirez said the seminar has helped her spend more quality time with her children.

"I can talk to my children about the dangers of drugs, and explain to them about programs such as DARE," Ms. Ramirez said. "Quality time with my kids means the conversation isn't just about how your day went, but talking to them about the dangers of drugs. I can teach them things I'm learning in this seminar."



Midland Police Sgt. Ed. Nicks and Tango, his K-9 partner, demonstrate how Tango detects the presence of narcotics. Tango is one of four dogs used by the Midland Police Department. Often officers use a protective sleeve (below) while training the dog.

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Children's librarian encourages Spanish-speaking mothers to attend story time

By Judy Serbantez
MRT Correspondent

If Barbara Davis, head of the children's department of the Midland County Public Library, had her way every child would achieve a higher education.

The new grandmother said every child that walks through the library door is her priority whether they speak English or not.

Ms. Davis said the library is encouraging Spanish-speaking mothers to bring their children to story time.

"Story time is a traditional part of the library. Our population is all Anglo, with a few minorities," Ms. Davis said. "The Hispanic population is increasing. Every child has a

right to learn, and to achieve."

Ms. Davis said when she first began working as the head of the children's department, the library had only one section of bilingual books.

The one section since she began her position has expanded to more than four sections.

"I said to my co-workers, 'We have one shelf of books for 40 percent of population who are bilingual,' and so I started to make some changes," Ms. Davis said. "These four new sections allow Spanish speaking kids, and English speaking kids an opportunity to use those books. The books are bilingual, and we really urge everyone to come and use them."

Ms. Davis eyes scan the library, and raising her eyebrows, she says when children are three to five years old they are like sponges. She emphasized that parents can do so much for their children.

"Children learn quickly and during those years they pick-up so much," Ms. Davis. "I try to urge parents to stay for story time, and tell them its beneficial to the child."

The children want to spend quality time with their parents, and parents can encourage education by participating in programs such as a story time."

Sitting at an oval table Ms. Davis takes a few of the projects the young children will be working on in the next story time.

"This week we are going to be handing out a handfull of leaves," Ms. Davis. "All different colors representing autumn. Volunteers prepare the crafts for the young children."

Parents have the opportunity to discuss the different colors of autumn. Each leaf will be glued to a tree trunk, made of construction paper. While gluing the leaves the parents discuss the various colors."

Ms. Davis smiles and raises each leaf demonstrating the activity.

She said they never try to rush the children and parents.

"We want the parents to spend quality time with the children, and give their undivided attention to them. A few

of the children need that, they need encouragement," said Ms. Davis.

The activities teach the children group skills, and leadership skills.

"Anything I can do to encourage learning, I want to do," Ms. Davis said. "The number of minority children dropping out of school, bothers me."

"If I can do something to encourage learning such as helping young children gain an understanding of the English language, maybe it would help."

Some Hispanic children can be bashful or hesitant because their English isn't flawless.

"I have all the admiration for them, for learning two lan-

guages," she said.

She lifted her hand and pointed to a section of tables.

"The first time the child comes in with the parents they sit right at the parents feet," Ms. Davis said. "During the third or fourth week they are sitting closer to me. They begin to build a bond with me, and really want to come on a regular basis. If the parent can be consistent in bringing the child in for story time, children love it."

Story time at the Midland County Public Library on 301 West Missouri begins every Tuesday at 10 a.m. till 10:30 a.m. For further information contact Barbara Davis at (915)688-8991.

Letter from Mexico: Skeleton statues make 'Day of the Dead' all too human

By Susan Ferriss
Cox News Service

MEXICO CITY — I've learned to embrace skeletons in Mexico.

Skeletons merrily dancing jigs, their skirts and braids flying and their teeth fixed in eternal grins. Skeleton dentists, their ribs cloaked in white coats, pulling the teeth of obliging skeleton patients. Skeleton butchers wrapping up slices of pork and beef.

I've even learned to appreciate the skeleton business executives who sexually harass their skeleton secretaries. You can almost hear the quiet sighs of revulsion as the bony secretaries succumb to the clutches of their grinning bosses.

Mexico's centuries-old "Day of the Dead" celebrations, which take place Nov. 1 and 2, may seem ghoulish or just plain incomprehensible to many outsiders.

But once you immerse yourself in this playful tradition poking fun at the Grim

Reaper, it really starts to get under your skin.

The market where I shop comes alive with people scrambling for foodstuffs and the skeleton dolls they use to build special altars in their homes. People prepare baskets of goodies to leave on their loved ones' tombs on the nights of Nov. 1 and Nov. 2.

Candles flicker in corners of restaurants and shops. And the air is filled with the earthy scent of the orange marigolds traditionally used to decorate graves or shrines commemorating family members or other loved ones who've passed on.

Shoppers load up on round loaves of "pan de muerto" or "dead bread" sprinkled with sugar or sesame seeds. And they cluster around booths where vendors sell skulls made from spun sugar and chocolate, as well as dozens and dozens of traditional skeleton dolls crafted from papier mache or plaster.

These "muertos" or dead ones, or "calav-

eras," skulls, as the skeletons are called, are often so meticulously and cleverly put together you can't help but repeat what you hear everyone around you saying.

"Ay, que bonito!" Oh, so pretty!

After a while, they really do look beautiful. Before moving to Mexico, I had dabbled a bit in "Day of the Dead" customs. I bought a couple of sugar skulls I found in Mexican import stores and bought one "muerto" that remains a favorite.

Painted on the outside of little cages containing skeletons in striped prison garb is a play on words in Spanish: "It's more convenient to have political prisoners (presos politicos), than to have politicians prisoners (politicos presos)."

Now that I'm in the cradle of the "Day of the Dead," I've started a full-fledged collection of "muertos."

Strangely, the skeletons seem so human.

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Tejano Hits

Style or substance? Bush mystique sweeps Texas Latinos

By Megan K. Stack
Associated Press

EDINBURG, Texas — Pauline Contreras, 63, mended other women's dresses until her fingers grew calloused and her hair turned white.

David Alanis, a college photojournalism student, is the father of a 5-year-old girl.

Carlos Ramirez grew up shuttling between Mexico and the United States and became mayor of El Paso, one of the U.S. border's busiest hubs.

All are Latino, all lifelong Democrats. And all plan to push the party line aside Nov. 7 to vote for their presidential candidate of choice: Texas Republican Gov. George W. Bush.

"Everyone always said the Democrats would help Hispanic people, and that's the most important thing for me," said Contreras, pausing amid the clamor of a bordertown bingo game. "But Bush is the only candidate who speaks Spanish. One can communicate with him, and he has good ideas."

More than 5 percent of November voters nationwide are expected to be Latino. Four Hispanic strongholds — Texas, California, New York and Florida — hold 144 of the 270 electoral votes that either Bush or Democratic Vice President Al Gore will need to win the White House.

In Texas, more than a quarter of the state's 19.8 million residents in 1998 were Hispanic, according to estimates from the Texas State Data Center at Texas A&M University.

The scenery has changed little through the years on the Rio Grande Valley's Highway 83: Dust settles on pickup trucks and citrus groves; United Farm Workers stickers splash across bumpers; billboards plug Democratic candidates for sheriff, judge, mayor.

"Voting Democrat is kind of a tradition down here," said Erika Gonzalez, a Spanish major at the University of Texas-Pan American.

But look beneath the surface

— and at the voting records — and it's clear the unflinching Democratic loyalty that once marked the factory towns and farming belts along the Rio Grande is slowly eroding.

And no Texas GOP governor has whipped up Hispanic enthusiasm quite so keenly as Bush, the former oil executive from Midland.

In 1994, Bush got less than a quarter of the Hispanic vote, according to the San Antonio-based Southwest Voter Research Institute.

In his 1998 re-election bid, Bush was victorious in the hallowed Democratic, Hispanic border counties of El Paso, Hidalgo and Cameron, winning almost as many Latino votes as Democratic opponent Garry Mauro.

Academics dispute how much of the Latino vote Bush received in 1998 but estimate it was between 37 percent and 50 percent.

Bush's interest in education, lower taxes and health care are natural magnets for Latinos, said Bush's Hispanic coordinator, Sonia Colin.

Republicans have a better chance at Latino votes than most politicians realize, said Ramirez, the El Paso mayor who this year was kicked out of El Paso County's Democratic Party for unabashed Bush stumping.

"I think that Hispanic people are being taken for granted and mislabeled," he said. "We have strong family values, faith-based values. I think Governor Bush understands that very well."

A Democrat and the son of Democrats, Alanis believes Bush will ensure that his daughter receives a good education — though he isn't sure what Bush wants to do with schools.

"My wife — she's a teacher. And my little girl, she's in school right now. I want her to learn, not just get passed along," Alanis said.

Contreras offered few specifics about why she favors Bush.

"Bush," she says, tapping

the table for emphasis, "Bush is the one who's going to unite us. He's the one who's going to work for Hispanics."

Such vague responses lead some critics to contend that Bush's bid for Hispanic ballots is all style, no substance.

"He's made a lot of symbolic gestures, but his issues are the same as a Republican four years ago and four years before that," says Angela Acosta, spokeswoman for the nonpartisan Southwest Voter Registration and Education Project. "He's clearly trying to make himself more likable, but if Latinos listen to his issues, they're not really Latino issues."

That leads to the question: What is a Latino issue?

Despite varied religious, cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds, Latinos continue to respond to workers' issues, such as equal wages, Acosta said, as well as to health care, education and language issues.

In Texas, critics claim Bush has a murky stance on bilingual education and has neglected children's health and poverty.

Ultimately, Bush's Latino mystique may not have as much to do with issues as with eye-catching, Hispanic-themed promotions.

His handsome, Mexican-American nephew has traveled the country campaigning in Spanish on behalf of his uncle. Bush has dusted off his own twangy Spanish and referred to himself as "Jorge." He has paid his respects to organizations like the League of United Latin American Citizens and the Latino Business Association. But not all Hispanic Texans are swooning for Bush.

"To me it just seems like he's interested in tax cuts," said Alex Cedillo, 29, a tourism worker in downtown San Antonio.

Cedillo believes Bush's pitch to Latinos is nothing but an image.

"I'm not that naive," Cedillo said. "Bush can't speak a little Spanish and win me over."

al, they do so at their own risk," Fryhofer said.

After meeting with Austin city officials, representatives from the state Health and Human Services Commission and others, the group released several suggestions, including expanding and simplifying existing programs such as Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program.

Other ideas included expanding government outreach efforts, training more health care workers to speak Spanish and using government incentives to encourage small businesses to offer insurance benefits. Bush has proposed a number of health insurance initiatives, including a tax credit of up to \$2,000 per family to help low-income working Americans buy health insurance.

Gore has proposed expanding the federal-state health plan for children to enroll more children and allow parents to join.

Lopez said he's not impressed by either candidate's proposals, which he says are too vague.

"It seems like both candidates are interested in helping the uninsured, but I haven't heard any of them give a good plan," he said.

Oregon school targeted for sexual harassment speech

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Three teenagers have filed a federal lawsuit against their high school, where they say Hispanic boys were singled out for a lecture on sexual harassment and warned not to touch white girls.

Seniors Mario Rosales and Joshua Corron, of South Salem High School, and Edgar Pozos, who graduated last year, asked a U.S. District Court on Tuesday to stop the school from targeting Hispanic males.

According to court papers, they also want unspecified damages for being among 30 dark-haired students rounded up in November 1999 for a lecture held in the school auditorium by an advocate for migrant workers who promised to "civilize

the boys." Some students singled out last fall were not Hispanic; others did not understand parts of the speech, delivered in Spanish.

In the lawsuit, South Salem Principal Kris Olsen and the Salem-Keizer School District are accused of arranging the session following complaints that Hispanic boys had bothered non-Hispanic girls in the hallway. It was also after a highly-publicized rape at the school.

After the assembly, parent Tammy Johnson asked the principal why Hispanic males had been targeted and if he knew it was illegal. Olsen allegedly admitted the assembly was a "screw-up."

The lawsuit also alleges that Rubin Cota, a consultant on

migrant worker issues, had volunteered to discuss "the problem of Hispanic male students touching Caucasian girls."

He warned audience members not to sexually harass "Americans" or they'd get kicked out of school, the lawsuit claims.

The assembled students said that if the school's purpose was to teach about sexual harassment, then all male students — regardless of heritage — should have been forced to attend, the papers said.

Superintendent Kay Baker said the district has not yet seen a copy of the lawsuit.

"We really want all students in the district to have positive experiences, and we take any complaint very seriously," she said.

DEAR ABBY

Main objection to foul words gets double dose of 'air rage'

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: After many hours of delays and waiting, my parents and I finally got on a plane to return home. When the flight landed, we sat on the runway for almost an hour waiting for a gate to open up. A man in the row behind us turned on his cell phone and called someone explaining the situation, using the "F" word in between just about every word he said. He was standing in the aisle and his voice was loud.

Van Buren

My father turned and said, "Excuse me, but there are women and children on this plane. Would you mind watching your language, please?" The man became belligerent and said, "No one could hear me!" Then my mother piped up, "I could hear you." Someone traveling with this foul-mouthed person turned to my father and said, "You don't know who you are messing with!"

Next thing I knew, another person involved himself, verbally abusing and threatening my father. The flight attendant just stood there and watched the entire episode without saying a word. Abby, the exchange left me

feeling that there is no common decency left in this world. Instead of saying, "Oh, I'm sorry, I didn't realize I was talking so loud," or, "I apologize for using that language in front of your wife and daughter," he looked for an excuse. Whatever happened to having respect for those around you when you're in public? Are we supposed to tolerate anything and everything that comes our way, and refrain from standing up for what is right, for fear of an altercation? Was my father wrong to turn and say what was on his mind? — SICK OF DISRESPECT IN DALLAS

DEAR SICK: Your father wasn't wrong to speak up. However, he did take a chance of sparking an altercation. The man behind him may have been drunk as well as belligerent. The seat companion who pointed out that your father "didn't know who he was messing with," was right. The man could have had serious mental problems or a record of violent crime as long as your father's arm.

In years past, people followed certain rules of behavior in public. In the last few years, we have become aware of violent outbursts on aircraft. In response, strict penalties have been put into effect for passengers who cannot control their behavior. Perhaps the rules should be broadened to include people who turn the air around them blue with profanity.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating a wonderful guy for almost three months. We fell madly in love almost immediately, and have been having a great time ever since. He recently gave me a "promise ring" — a promise that he will ask me to marry him. I love the idea, but I have one problem. It fits my ring finger, but I don't know which hand to wear it on. Do you have any suggestions?

I don't want to commit a faux pas by wearing it on the wrong hand, yet I would like it to be obvious that I am spoken for. — JANELLE IN SOLANA BEACH, CALIF.

DEAR JANELLE: If you want to communicate the idea that you are spoken for, I can't think of a better way to communicate that fact than by wearing the promise ring on the third finger of your left hand.

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DEAD: 'Day of the Dead' just around the corner

(From 1D)

I recently spotted and swiftly purchased a statue of two female skeletons, staggering drunk and gesturing wildly in inebriated bliss as they clutched their shawls around their bony shoulders.

Another treasure is thoroughly modern. It's a woman skeleton hunched over a computer terminal, her skull cocked at a contemplative angle as she concentrates on her prose.

For my husband, a fan of the great sculpture Auguste Rodin, I was delighted to have found a skeleton Thinker. An exact replica of the famous statue, the skeleton rests the chin of his skull on a bony fist, which in turn rests on a bony knee.

The most traditional muertos you see everywhere are the "Catrina" and "Catrin," a rich, elegant couple circa 1900. Apparently the couple's money failed to save them from the great equalizer, which must be satisfying in a country of such

extreme poverty and wealth.

The Catrina's skeletal frame is usually poised in a haughty attitude, sporting a fancy long dress, a broad-brimmed hat, parasol, cigarette and boa feather. The Catrin is in tails with a top hat and cane.

"We Mexicans are very sarcastic. We make jokes out of everything. And this is a sarcastic way of accepting death," explained Armando Martinez, who makes exquisite "muertos" out of paper, wire and cloth and decorates them with tiny guitars, flowers and bottles of tequila.

"Rich or poor," he said, "we all end up going to our tombs one day."

"Day of the Dead" coincides with All Souls Day, which was introduced to Mexico by the Spanish as they converted the Indians to Catholicism. But the roots go back to indigenous customs requiring tribute to the dead, who were considered links to God and the world beyond.

"The Spanish came and evangelized, but we Mexicans didn't give up our past," Martinez said as he fluffed the clothes hanging on the bones of a skeleton bride and groom, a skeleton flower vender and a skeleton playing marbles.

These days, Halloween threatens to intrude on "Day of the Dead." Children dress up as witches and vampires and go trick-or-treating. But many of the traditions of "Day of the Dead" appear to be as strong as ever.

Another dollmaker, Aurora Garcia, told me that the holiday is just too "alegre," or too happy, to give up.

"I told my children that when I die, they should please build me an altar every year, just like I've done for my family members who have passed on," she said. "That's how I want to be remembered."

¿Qué Pasa?



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Tyson works out in gym where Louis used to train

Associated Press

DETROIT — At the gym where the great Joe Louis once trained, Mike Tyson held his final workout Wednesday for his fight against Andrew Golota.

The scene was one that would have bedazzled Louis, who fought in the pre-television era. The Brewster-Wheeler Recreation Center was jammed with television cameramen, still photographers and reporters with notebooks, tape recorders and microphones.

"I am happy to be here (in Detroit)," said Tyson, who also held an open workout in the center on Monday. "I am happy to be anywhere where Joe Louis has been."

Louis began his career in Detroit and made two of his 25 successful title defenses here. He became an American hero when he knocked out Max Schmeling, portrayed as representing Hitler's Nazi Germany, in the first round June 22, 1938.

Louis, of course, didn't escape prejudice, and he had severe financial problems that forced him into pro wrestling, when it was still a nickel-and-dime game, and eventually led him to become a greeter at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas. Louis' stature, however, remains heroic.

Tyson is seen by many people as an anti-hero, a celebrity in a society in which pro wrestling has turned into a billion-dollar financial empire.

People involved with the promotion cringe at media descriptions of the Tyson-Golota bout Friday night in the Palace at Auburn Hills as one between two men intent on breaking the rules in order to commit mayhem. Rather, the promoters say, will be a tough fight between seasoned pros.

There is no doubt, however, that the dirty tactics practiced by both fighters in some past bouts have added to the pay-per-view match the kind of spice that should attract people only casually interested in boxing.

"This is the kind of fight programmers dream of," Jay Larkin, head of boxing for Showtime, had said after the fight was announced. "It certainly is the kind cable operators look forward to."

One onlooker at the Brewster on Wednesday carried a sign: "Welcome Mike Tyson; We Love You; Detroit's Newest Bad Boy."

"I enjoy being a bad guy," Tyson said in a brief session with reporters.

When he was asked about calling a questioner who irritated him

at Tuesday's news conference "a white boy," Tyson said the man didn't mind because he made him a celebrity. An anonymous celebrity, it should be noted.

"His family loves it, his wife loves it, his children love it — 'Daddy got called a white boy,'" Tyson said.

Tyson then turned to the person who asked him about his comment and called him "a black instigator."

Just before he dismissed the media, the 34-year-old Tyson said, "This is perhaps my last fight. I'm tired. I don't need this. I'm going to go chill with my kids."

It's not the first time Tyson, who has marital problems, has talked about quitting boxing. Talk is cheap, however, when you're getting \$10 million, as Tyson is for fighting Golota, and when bigger purses are in prospect as long as he keeps winning.

The pay-per-view show will begin at 9 p.m. EDT, with the Tyson-Golota fight expected to start between 11-11:30 p.m.

In another championship bout on the telecast, Zab Judah of Brooklyn, N.Y., will defend the IBF junior welterweight title against Hector Quiroz of South Gate, Calif.

Coaches pick Kansas, Iowa State in Big 12 hoops races

Associated Press

DALLAS — Kansas, which returns all five starters and four other lettermen from last year's 24-10 team, is the unanimous pick of the Big 12 basketball coaches as the favorite to win the 2000-01 conference title.

While each coach was not allowed to vote his own team, the Jayhawks received all 11 possible first-place votes in the preseason poll released Wednesday.

Oklahoma was tabbed by the coaches to finish second, followed by Missouri and defending Big 12 champion Iowa State. In order, the rest of the picks, were Texas, Oklahoma State, Colorado, Nebraska, Texas Tech, Texas A&M, Baylor and Kansas State.

Coach Roy Williams is entering his 13th season at Kansas, which finished fifth in the Big 12 with an 11-5 league record. While failing to win the Big 12 tournament after winning the first three, the Jayhawks still made their 11th straight appearance in the NCAA tournament.

Iowa State senior Jamaal Tinsley was selected by the coaches as the preseason player of the year. The 6-foot-3 guard averaged 11 points and 5.1 rebounds a game last season as the Cyclones had a 32-5 record and advanced to the quarterfinals of the NCAA tournament.

Joining Tinsley on the coaches preseason Big 12 team were Nebraska senior center Kimani Ffriend

(12.0 ppg, 8.8 rpg) and three sophomore forwards, Drew Gooden (10.6 ppg, 7.5 rpg) and Nick Collison (10.5 ppg, 6.9 rpg) of Kansas and Kareem Bush (14.7 ppg, 4.3 rpg) of Missouri.

Iowa State women picked in expected tight Big 12 race

DALLAS — Women's basketball coaches in the Big 12 Conference have named Iowa State as the team to beat during the 2000-01 season that is expected to produce another tight race.

In a poll of the league's 12 head coaches released Wednesday, Iowa State received five of 11 first-place votes and 113 poll points. Oklahoma got three first-place votes and 109 points, followed by Texas Tech with four first-place votes and 104 points.

Iowa State, Oklahoma and Texas Tech tied for the 2000 Big 12 women's title with 13-3 conference records.

The rest of the preseason picks, in order, were Texas, Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas State, Baylor, Oklahoma State and Texas A&M.

Iowa State's Angie Welle, a 6-foot-4 junior center, was selected by the coaches as the preseason player of the year. Welle led the league in scoring (15.4 ppg) and rebounding (8.6 rpg) last season. Joining Welle on the preseason All-Big 12 team were teammate Megan Taylor; Oklahoma's Stacey Dales; Texas Tech's Penelope Pierson; and Missouri's Amanda Lassiter.

Man who killed Sealy in crash sentenced to 4 years in prison

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The driver who killed Minnesota Timberwolves swingman Malik Sealy in a wrong-way car crash was sentenced Wednesday to four years in prison.

Prosecutors asked for the four-year term for Souksangouane Phengsene, 44, who told Judge Andrew Danielson at the hearing in Hennepin County District Court that he was sorry for causing the accident. Phengsene's blood-alcohol content was almost twice the legal limit at the time of the crash.

Lisa Sealy, the player's widow, also asked Danielson to impose the four-year sentence. She said Sealy's death deprived her and their 3-year-old son of a husband and father.

"I implore you to give him the maximum, but four years still isn't enough," she said.

Turning to Phengsene, she said, "And I want to say to you, no matter what happens here today, God is going to give you your punishment."

Phengsene was legally drunk when his pickup truck smashed head-on into Sealy's sport-utility vehicle on May 20. Authorities said Phengsene, who pleaded guilty to criminal vehicular homicide in September, had a blood-alcohol level of 0.19, nearly twice the legal limit in Minnesota.

"When the defendant made the decision to drink and drive, he made a decision that resulted in the death of Malik Sealy," County Attorney Amy Klobuchar said after the hearing. "This was a homicide."

Defense attorneys asked for no prison time for Phengsene, arguing that he was remorseful and that the accident occurred near a

construction zone. He will have to serve at least 32 months.

"My client has a difficult time going to sleep. Knowing what he did wakes him up in the morning, early," said defense attorney Trudell Guere. "He feels very bad about it, he feels very guilty about it. Who wouldn't?"

In pleading guilty, Phengsene admitted that he had been drinking at a friend's home before the crash. He was driving the wrong way down Highway 100 in St. Louis Park, a Minneapolis suburb, when he crashed into Sealy. Sealy, 30, was returning home from a birthday party for teammate Kevin Garnett.

Phengsene, of Minneapolis, was convicted of misdemeanor drunken driving in Des Moines, Iowa, three years ago.

Lisa Sealy is suing Phengsene over the crash.

Rookie leads Stars past Sharks

Associated Press

DALLAS — The Dallas Stars are still a team dominated by veterans. Some talented youngsters, however, are starting to make their mark.

Rookie Tyler Bouck scored his first NHL goal early in the third period and the Stars hung on for their third straight victory, 2-1 over the San Jose Sharks on Wednesday night.

Bouck went airborne to knock in the rebound of Mike Keane's shot with 18:21 left to extend Dallas' lead to 2-0.

"I didn't even know I scored until Mike Keane went and got the puck (out of the net)," said the 20-year-old Bouck. "I skated hard to the net and batted it."

Second-year forward Brenden Morrow got the Stars' first goal early in the second period.

"A lot of people say we're too old and have too many new faces," Keane said. "I've always said that for the team to be successful, we've got to get scoring from the third and fourth lines. This wasn't a great game, but we beat a pretty good team tonight."

During the three-game winning streak, the Stars have returned to the stifling defensive style that got

them into the Stanley Cup finals the past two seasons and helped them win the Cup in 1999. Dallas has allowed two goals in the last three games.

"It's definitely great to get the shots down and our defensive game back," said goalie Ed Belfour, who had to make only 12 saves as the Stars improved to 4-2-1.

Stars coach Ken Hitchcock emphasized the game because it was his team's first this season against a Pacific Division rival.

"We play this team six times and it's always a four-point game," Stars defenseman Derian Hatcher said. "I don't know if this is a message, but it's nice to win."

Jeff Friesen ended Belfour's bid for his 51st career shutout with 13:49 left on a power-play rebound that made it 2-1.

Evgeni Nabokov stopped 23 shots for the Sharks, who are 2-2-0.

Dallas held a 13-4 shots advantage in a scoreless first period, then got the game's first goal from Morrow 1:43 into the second.

Morrow notched his third of the season from the slot on a setup by Joe Nieuwendyk.

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Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available at reproduction companies in Austin, Texas at the expense of the contractor.

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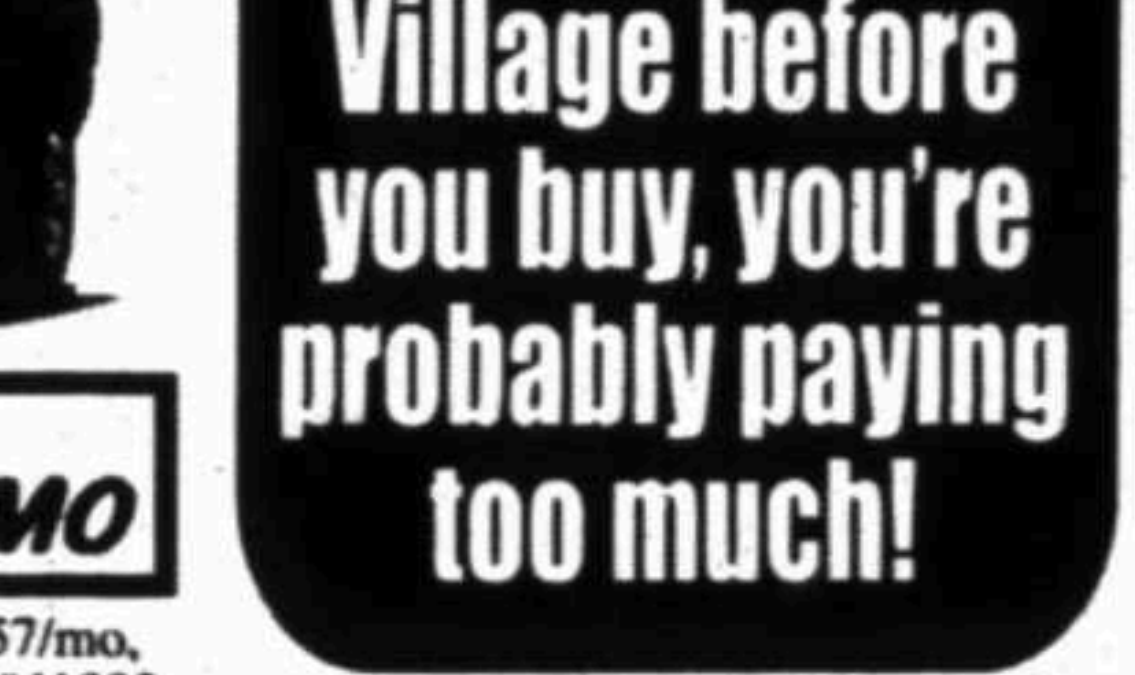
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310 General Help Wanted

EQUIPMENT OPERATORS
Family owned Logging Company seeking Experienced Equipment Operators who are interested in being home most nights and most weekends. Great benefits include: Uniforms, Insurance, 401K, Paid Holidays and one week Paid Vacation with overtime earned every six months. Class "A" CDL required. Must pass drug test and have clean driving record. Offsite experience preferred. Salary DOE.

Apply @ Triple N Services
@ 1110 W. CR #114
in Midland
570-0029.

Temporary
Full Time Days for Special Sports Ticket Promotion (Approximately 3 months work.)
Now Paying \$7 to \$9 per hour!
Apply in person only to:
10601 W. County Rd 127
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Career Opportunities for Goal Oriented Achievers to train in Business Development as Customer Sales Professionals.
High School Diplomas- No experience- Good writing- speaking- listening skills.
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Outsource Resources
10601 W. County Road 127W
(off 1788)

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted
Mudloggers
 with Gulf Coast and/or Offshore experience needed.
TOP PAY!!!! SIGN ON BONUS!!!!
 (for experienced loggers only)
 1-800-346-4815
 or fax resume to 936-372-5504

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted
DOT CONTRACTOR
 seeks a Pipeline crew Foreman and a permanent full-time time and Billing Clerk in Midland Office. Field supervisor and equipment operation plus. Will train on in-house computer program. If interested, please call (800) 582-7031 or send resume to P.O. Box 357, Post Texas 79356.

ENGINEER/Operator
 Sales Self starter, CDL, or ability to obtain, salary DOE, 561-5202.

EXPERIENCED TRANSPORT DRIVERS
 needed to haul disposal and fresh water. Must have CDL License, DOT physical card, drug free environment. Apply in person at C&W Transports, 1612 E. Co. Rd. 115, 570-7355.

GROWING SERVICE
 Company looking for isolation tool technicians. Excellent wages and benefits. Contact Doug at (915)664-0372 or (915)332-9775.

320 Skilled Trades
 EXPERIENCED MAINTENANCE Person needed, HVAC experience required, certification preferred. General maintenance electrical and plumbing good communication skills required. Bring resume to 115 W. Industrial, Midland County Detention, from 8:00am-5:00pm Monday thru Friday. Benefits EOE.

EXPERIENCED ONLY
 Garage door installer needed. Please call 699-3084 or 528-8600.

IMMEDIATE AUTOMOTIVE
 Tech position open. Must be experienced. Tools required. Apply 600 N. Weatherford, Midland, 685-1076.

MACHINIST NEEDED
 Must have 3-5 years experience with engines lathes/manual mills. API connection a plus. Apply in person DODWCO, 8001 E. Business 20, Odessa, 563-1729.

NEW TODAY
TRANSMISSION REBUILDER Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm. Call 337-6711 for interview. Must have own tools. Salary depends on you.

WANTED INDUSTRIAL
 Electrician. Send resume to P.O. Box 60480 Midland TX 79711 or fax to 915-563-1729.

MAIL BOXES ETC.
 Franchises for sale. 877-MBE-SALE www.mbe.com

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Garage Sales
 Hidden treasures? Junk? Recycle your unwanted items! Call 682-6222 today. A friendly Classified Consultant will help you create an ad that gets results!

79701
Midland County Extension Education Clubs' Annual Bazaar!!!
 2445 E. BUSINESS Loop 20 (W. of County Exhibit Building)
 Hand made items, bake sale. Serving stew, beans & cornbread & homemade desserts. Raffle for Treasure chest of goodies & handmade quilt.
 Friday 10 am - 5 pm,
 Saturday 10 am - 2 pm

79703
 3805 A & B STOREY Friday and Saturday 8:00 am-3:00 pm. 2 family moving sale! Potpourri crystals and oils, decorative items, bed spreads, stereo, videos, computer games, bicycles, roller blades, boys clothes (8-10), women's (8-12), and lots of nice items.

79705
 5107 E. COUNTY RD. 60- Furniture, men's, women's and children's clothing, matching comforter sets, toys and miscellaneous. Friday & Saturday 8am.

1627 E. SCHARBAUER Friday- Saturday 8:00am. Some furniture, clothing, toys and more!

ESTATE SALE
 By Joseph McCollum & Hoyt (behind 3001 Neely)
 9 am Thursday, Friday & Saturday
 Antiques to new, cherry wood gate leg table, drop front secretary, kerosene light fixture, 60 pieces of Flo Blue, wood burning stove, brass tea cart, 7 sets of china, 15 lamps, linens, furs, jewelry, miscellaneous glassware.
 Lots & Lots of Miscellaneous!

ESTATE SALE
 2606 W. Dengar
 Thursday-Saturday 8:30-5:00
 Handled by Floy Maberry
 Couches, maple twin beds, chests, book cases, antique school desk/chair, antique game table/4 chairs, sideboard, buffet, chairs, conference table, linens, paintings, prints, lamps, books, stereo, desk, glassware, crystal, pottery, etc. Electric stove, refrigerator, washer, many kitchen items, set of golf irons, old ranch and mining relics, tools, exercise equipment, relic Japanese sword, firewood, hunting, fishing & reloading equipment. Garage Full House for Sale- as is - by Owner!

4419 HUMBLE FRIDAY, October 20, 8am. Clown collection, antique trifold mirror, crystal, cook books, dolls, paper dolls, crafts, Hallmark Holiday Barbie ornaments at original prices, records, and lots of miscellaneous and other collectibles.

4601 GULF Friday 9:00am-5:00pm. Huge garage sale! No early birds!

Garage Sale Services
DON'T MISS OUT!
 The deadline for a Saturday Garage Sale ad is Friday at Noon.
 Please be sure to call 682-6222, before noon, to ensure your ad will be in Saturday's paper.

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 BRICK, THREE Bedroom, two bath, refrigerated air, single garage, block fence, and bright, new white ceramic tile throughout. \$535 monthly. \$500 deposit. 4415 Versailles for viewing. 520-4585.

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 NICE 2 BEDROOM, 1 bath duplex. Available October 1st. Refrigerator, washer and dryer, dishwasher, range, disposal, ceiling fans, fireplace, fenced yard, storage, carpet, on cul-de-sac. See at 4802 8th Country Club. \$440/month. \$500 Deposit. 683-5683.

625 Houses Unfurnished
 1603 HOLLOWAY - 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2 story, 3,300 square feet, \$980 monthly, water paid. \$900 deposit. 559-2394 or 683-5738.

625 Houses Unfurnished
 EXTRA NICE, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 living areas, fireplace, garage, fenced yard, storage, carpet, on cul-de-sac. See at 4802 8th Country Club. \$440/month. \$500 Deposit. 683-5683.

625 Houses Unfurnished
 DUPLEX, 104 Cottonwood (next to Rockwood Manor on North Main), 2 bedroom, 1 bath, fireplace, Available October 15th, \$375/\$300, 683-5130.

625 Houses Unfurnished
 NICE TWO bedroom, one bath duplex, appliances/water furnished, \$385/\$200. No pets. 206-B Mitchell. 570-7465.

625 Houses Unfurnished
 VERY CLEAN 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage duplex, central heat & air, \$620 monthly, \$500 Deposit. 520-2643.

625 Houses Unfurnished
 1, 2 & 3 BEDROOM Duplexes & houses. \$295-\$650/month. Williams & Assoc., 694-9663.

625 Houses Unfurnished
 3 BEDROOM 2 BATH, Fireplace, 2 car garage, new carpet, \$875/monthly, 570-6418 or 687-3387.

625 Houses Unfurnished
 CUTE Small 2 bedroom house, October rent free! \$300/\$150 deposit. No pets. References. 694-2047.

625 Houses Unfurnished
 2505 ELIZABETH - 3 bedroom, house, fresh paint, stove, refrigerator, \$350 monthly \$100 deposit. For more information Call 694-3503.

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 6.99% FIXED RATE - Low Payments! 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1178 square feet, as low as \$198/month! Only at USA Homes in Midland! 520-2177, 10% down, 6.99%, \$300 months with approved credit. 520-2177.

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 1,700 SQUARE FOOT Duplex - Three bedroom, two bath, near Goddard and Emerson. No Pet! 2605 A. Haynes. \$700 monthly. 682-6453.

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 NICEST DUPLEXES in town. 2400 - 2600 West Wadley, 2 and 3 Bedroom 1,530 square feet and up. Garage, \$650 security deposits, fireplace, covered parking or garage. \$650 (water paid) to \$725/month. Call 688-6126.

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410 Miscellaneous Sales

RESTHAVEN: GARDEN of Resurrection (sold out), lot #89. \$800. Call (214) 520-1312.

DAMAGED 10'x20' workshop/ storage. Will deliver. 915-563-3108.

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

COWBOY TICKETS. 2 options with gold parking, \$11,000 firm. 41 yard line, Section 10, Row 41, Lower Level, near aisle, usually shady. Great neighbors. 2000 Season tickets available at cost. Call 570-6515.

THREE PERSON SPA/ hot tub. Must sell 2 years old, blue, good condition. 520-5635, 5pm.

3 PERSON SPA/ hot tub. \$53.00 a month. Delivery financing 915-563-3108.

410 Miscellaneous Sales

CABINET 40' high glass door and top. Ricks or coasters. \$25. Please call 697-5033.

NEW BRIDAL GOWN: Size 12, long sleeves. 694-2833 after 5pm.

NEW SOFT spa. \$2,500. Pool table, \$750. Nordic Track, \$200. Two computers with stands and chairs, \$200 each. 522-2520.

ATTENTION CRAFTERS: Lots of various size cedar wood. \$100/ all 699-0963. 915-468-6571.

1/2 HP CHAMBERLAIN garage door opener. Remote plus track. \$45. Please call 570-8347.

RECESS MOUNT 3 Bulb fluorescent fixtures with 277 volt ballast. \$25 obo. Call 697-8376 anytime.

410 Miscellaneous Sales

1999 MODEL ELECTRIC Wheel Chair. Jazz 1103 Mini Power Chair, barely used. Paid \$5,350, asking \$3,500. Can be seen by appointment only. Friday between 8 & 5. Call 915-563-3108.

5 TO 6 person spa/ hot tub, \$59.00 a month. Delivery/ financing available 915-563-3108.

CRIB BEDDING: Classic Posh bumper pad, good condition! \$50. 570-4804.

1 LEFT! 12x24 workshop/ garage, slight damage, excellent condition! \$150. 570-4804.

LARGE CAMEL back sofa, floor and stripe designer fabric, on ivory back ground. Excellent condition. Paid \$1,000, asking \$500. Dark wood and brass square coffee table with glass insert. \$100. Nordic Track Pro, paid \$500, asking \$250. Excellent condition! 699-5916.

410 Miscellaneous Sales

BIG SCREEN 52" RCA Television. \$900. Rare antique blue 1962 grand piano. \$5,275. O.B.O. Call 682-7751.

SPECIAL PURCHASE: 8'x10' and 8'x12' storage buildings \$25.00 a month. Delivery/ financing available. 915-563-3108.

415 Miscellaneous Wanted

GINGERBREAD HOUSE: Makers Wanted for the Museum of the Southwest Christmas at the Mansion contest. Win a cash prize of \$300 or more! For information call 683-2882, ask for Cindy.

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

420 Good Things To Eat

BRADEN SHRIMP Farms: Imperial, Texas. Farm raised fresh shrimp. We are harvesting! \$6/b with heads, \$9/b processed. Call (915) 563-2552.

432 Household Furniture

EXERCISE BIKE: \$50, kiosk size Oak mirror and lighted headboard with attached night stands. \$200. Call 697-5435.

OVERSTUFFED SOFA: Loveseat. Hunter green, \$250. Call 694-8138.

LARGE COUCH with two matching chairs and ottoman. (Cream with pastels) Good condition! \$400. 687-5536.

SOFA, Love seat, coffee table, 2 end tables, 2 chairs, 2 mirrors. Call 330-3716.

435 Household Appliances

USED REFRIGERATOR, almost, frost free works good, drops a little water on pan. \$50. 683-9478.

DISHWASHER: MAYTAG, 2 years old, needs pump. \$150 obo. Call 684-7686.

432 Household Furniture

FOR SALE 21 Cubic Foot GE side-by-side refrigerator/ freezer, water/ ice in door. \$150. xxx-xxxx.

NEW TODAY: NEW WHITE Metal day bed with bedding. \$100. Two bar stools, \$25 each. 699-5551.

SOFA SLEEPER: And Love seat. \$150/ set. Dark colors, southwest style. 687-1370.

HENREDON Five piece bedroom suite, black lacquer and walnut, queen size bed, dresser, two night stands and table. \$1,000. 520-6107.

SLEEPER SECTIONAL: large, good condition, \$800. Glass and metal coffee table, \$175. Large barber area rug, \$100. Oak entertainment center, \$150. Health rider, \$250. 687-4744.

SECTIONAL: SOFA. Recliners both ends. Oatmeal, mauve, lilac geometric pattern. Good condition! \$500. Call 694-5636.

27 SONY TV \$300. Oak Entertainment center \$200. Hotpoint dryer \$200. 697-8901.

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FREE REMOVAL OF: appliances 550-8540. Sale, washers, refrigerators, freezers, \$75- up. Free delivery 90 day warranty.

440 Firewood

MIXED FIREWOOD: \$100 a cord, delivered and stacked. Call 570-9617.

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

FIREWOOD MIXED: \$55. Large stack, \$15 delivery. 697-5768.

SKIP'S ROCKY Mountain Fire Wood: Pinon Pine, oak and mixed hard woods. 684-8325, call 425-3875.

GREEN TREE: MEMBERSHIP for sale. Call 684-7127 or 683-3110.

WESLO: CADENCE Trailmaster, 1.25 HP, 0-6 MPH, adjustable incline, accurate fitness monitor. \$150 O.B.O. 683-1316.

JIM'S GOLF CLUBS: "Tight" 1/2 woods, \$60 each. "Hawk Eye" irons, \$184/ set (clones). Reshaft, Regain, 694-1334.

THE CATS MEOW: 4000 sq. ft. of fine merchandise, buy & sell antiques. 688-4888, Highway (915) 687-2004.

460 Antiques & Arts

JUDY JACKSON'S Estate: Sales. An experienced professional working for you! 689-3536, 682-6147.

ATTENTION OIL SHOW: Guest- See a wonderful collection of paintings by Robert Daughters, Warren Taylor, Dawn Sahli, Peter Max, Dan Haller, Eleanor Robertson, etc. at "Ten Square Gallery" at Antique's Etc. 2101 West Wadley Suite #9 (Wadley & Garfield next to McKay's) 10% off on paintings. 20% on antiques.

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

INDIVIDUAL: Will pay fair prices for your antiques and collectibles. No furniture please. 571-3222/ 694-7508.

465 Collectibles

I AM LOOKING for other people who collect Harmony Kingdom or someone wanting to sell their pieces. 520-8999.

470 Musical Instruments

USED PIANOS: For sale good condition \$1000 each. Contact James 694-7787.

PEARL CYMBALS: 18" ride, 14" HH pair, 4 months old. New \$140, asking \$95. 689-3140.

FOR SALE: Drum cymbal set, excellent condition, TAMA, black/ chrome with full accessories. Reduced \$1,350. Call 366-1372.

5 PIECE RED TKO drum set with zudjian palette and 20" snare drum. \$500. \$500-3931 after 6pm.

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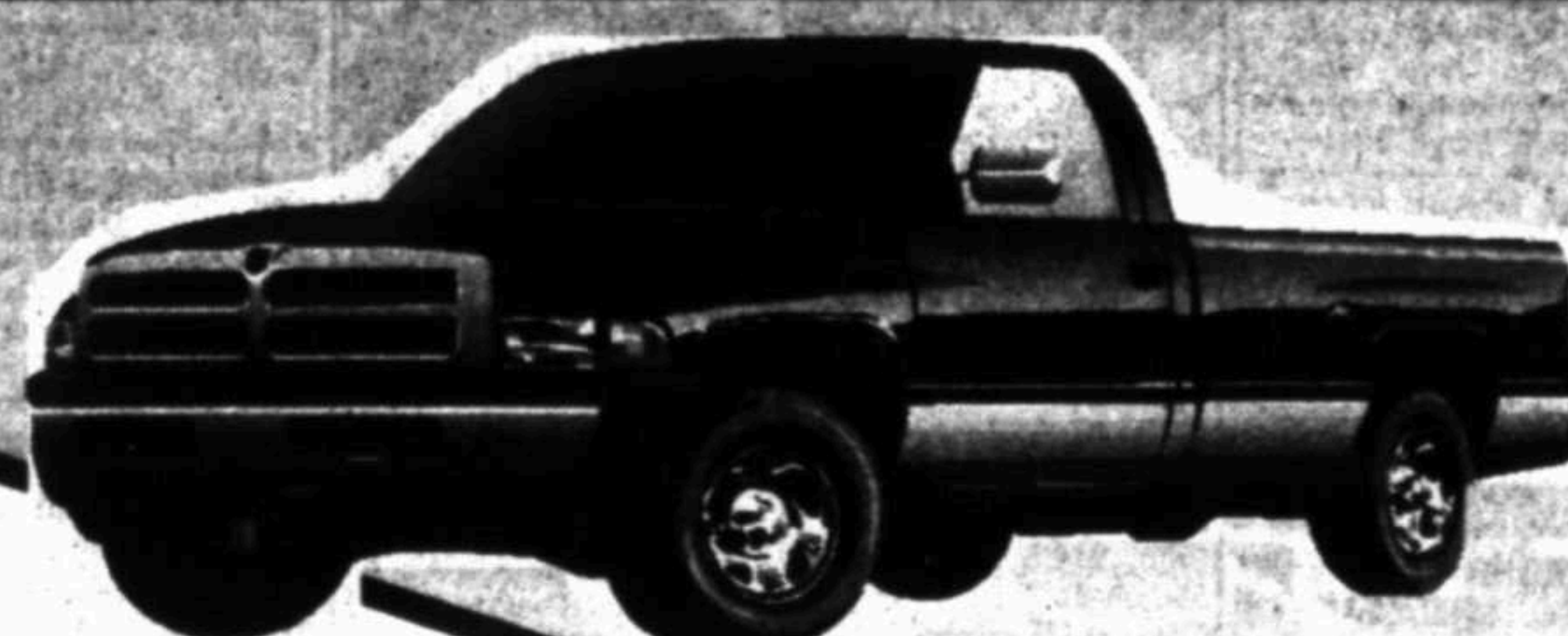
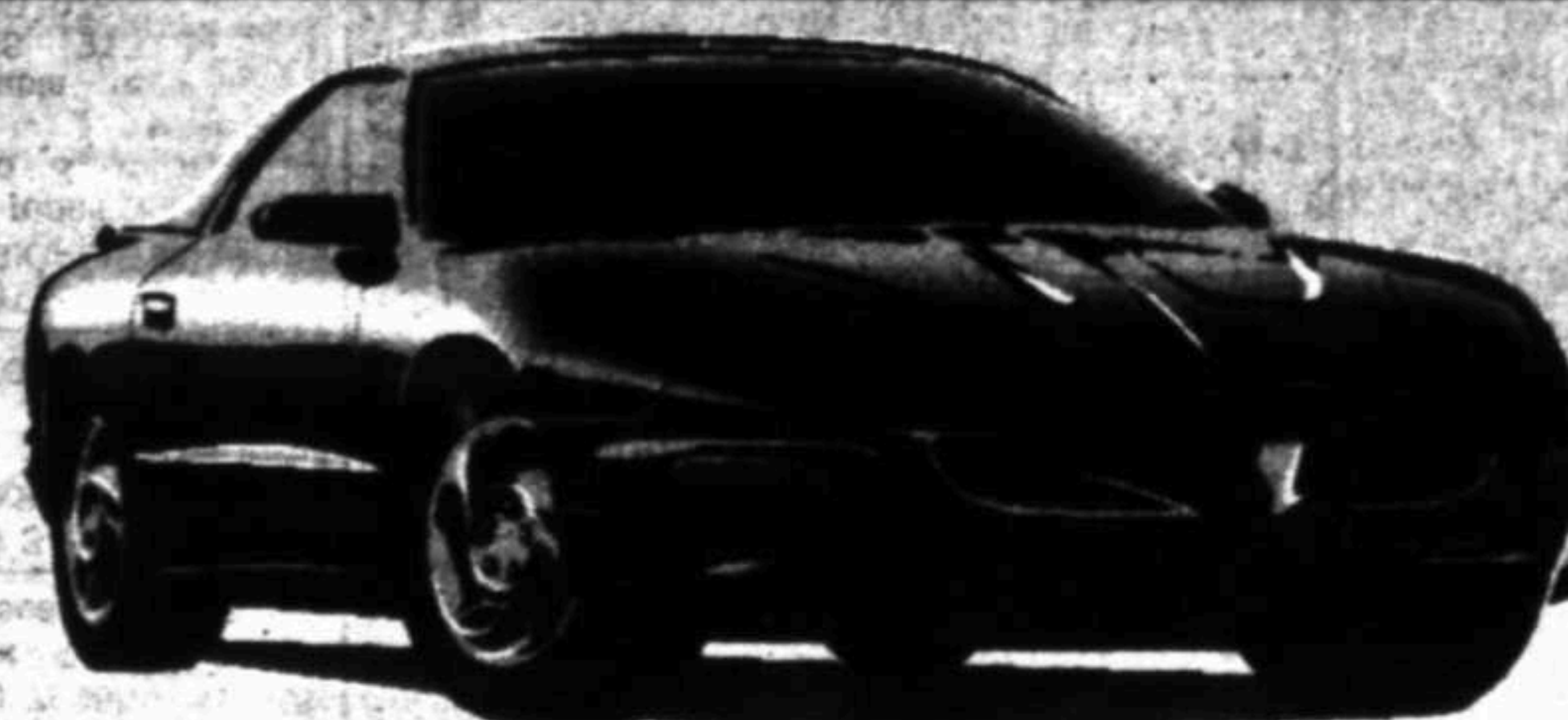
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