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Gore spreads fight across 5 courts

By Ron Fournier
Associated Press

Al Gore sought a speedy hand recount of Florida's contested ballots Tuesday to ensure "no question, no cloud" hangs over the nation's 43rd president. A judge rejected his timetable. Democratic lawyers vowed to appeal and Republicans demanded, "It's time to wrap this up."

As the campaign played out in five separate courtrooms, the vice president sought to accelerate the proceedings to avoid further testing of the public's patience three weeks after Election Day.

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"Seven days, starting tomorrow, for a full and accurate count of all the votes," the vice president said shortly after his lawyers asked Circuit Judge N. Sanders Sauls to order the recount of 13,000 questionable ballots in two Democratic counties.

The judge instead scheduled a Saturday hearing and ordered the ballots — along with one or two voting machines — sent to Tallahassee in case he agrees that a recount is needed. Bush's lawyers objected to Gore's timetable, saying they needed time to prepare their case against him.

Gore's advisers were disappointed by the ruling, believing Gore needs good news from the courts in the next two or three days to keep public opinion from turning heavily against him. According

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AP Photo

AT LEFT: Thomas Denk, 4, from Bricktown, N.J., yawns as he attends a rally in support of Texas Gov. George W. Bush outside the Statehouse in Trenton, N.J., Tuesday. About 50 people attended the rally to call on Vice President Al Gore to concede the race to Bush. BELOW: United States Marine Corps helicopters, such as the Sikorsky VH-3D Sea King, become Marine One when the president of the United States is on board. Presidential helicopters in the U.S. Marine Corps Executive Flight Detachment take on fuel at Midland International Airport in cross country flights to meet Air Force One.

Presidential helicopters take on fuel at Midland's airport

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

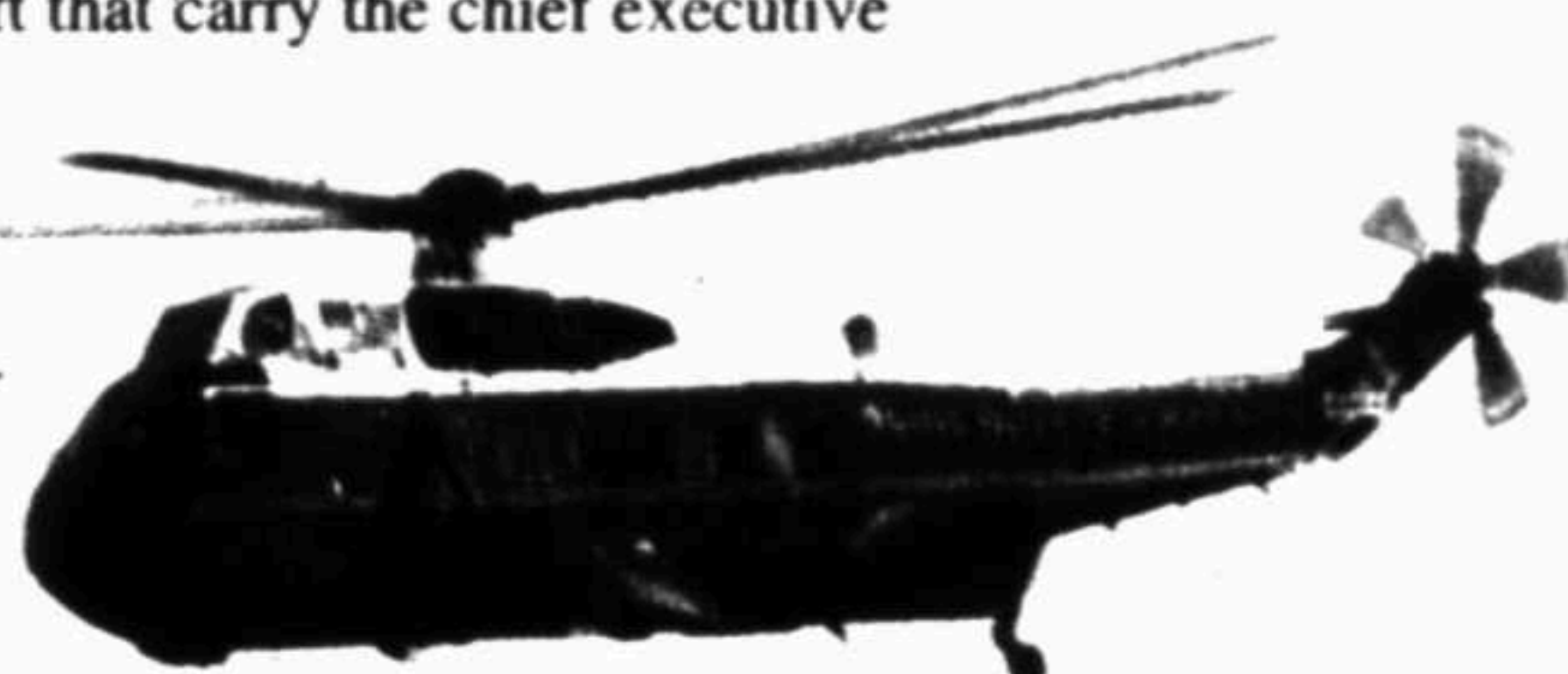
Regardless of the outcome of the 2000 presidential election, some of the aircraft that carry the chief executive occasionally make inconspicuous stopovers at Midland International Airport.

The U.S. Marine Corps helicopters that transport the president periodically refuel at Midland International Airport.

"When the presidential helicopters come in, they are under high security, and they have armed guards on board — Marine guards," said Charles R. Perry, president and chairman of the board of Avion Flight Centre, a fixed-base operation (FBO) at the airport.

The Marines "do not allow any of our personnel to even touch the aircraft," Perry said. "We drive our fuel truck up adjacent to it and hand the Marine the fuel nozzle, and he fills it. And he hands it back to him (flight-line serviceman). They test the fuel."

Perry said once he had walked toward the aircraft to talk to an Avion worker, and "they (the Marines) invited me to leave. 'The guy with the .45 suggested I didn't belong there.'" Perry said.



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Charles Perry, president and chairman of Avion Flight Centre, stands next to one of the military jets often seen at Midland International Airport.

New Abell principal, calendar discussion top MISD board agenda

By Danielle Belton
Staff Writer

It was just one big decision after another for the Midland Independent School District board of trustees Tuesday night. From discussing magnet schools to picking a principal, the board made several major decisions.

The first issue tackled was the selection of a new principal for Abell Junior High. The board voted 6-0 to accept the recommendation of MISD Superintendent Joseph Baretti Jr. to select Abell Junior High Assistant Principal Deborah Jordan.

Jordan is replacing David Adams who left Abell a month ago to become principal of Midland High.

Ms. Jordan's appointment was just the tip of the iceberg for the board. The school board also discussed the 2001-2002 school calendar, a new policy that may impact high school graduation and new the magnet schools —

Pease and Washington elementary schools.

MISD Executive Director of Administrative Services, Evaluation and Planning Joe Cummins presented some of the different calendar options he and his committee have been working on. Cummins is putting together recommendations for the school board regarding the new 2001-2002 calendar. He presented three different options.

One calendar was similar to the present school calendar with an extended Thanksgiving Holiday that lasts the entire week. The second calendar featured a mid-August start date and the last calendar featured an after Labor Day start date. Next year the Texas Legislature will be debating whether to institute a mandatory, statewide start date.

"The last time the Legislature talked about a uniform start date it was about starting after Labor Day," Cummins said.

The board was supposed to approve a recommendation for high school graduation at the meeting but decided to

hold the issue over after some debate as to whether the proposal fit in with the statewide student accountability program.

There was a recommendation to the board that listed the requirements a student must have in order to attend their high school graduation commencement ceremony. The debate began when MISD board member James Fuller pointed out there was no mention of passing the TAAS test as criteria for attending graduation.

Fuller said the board was only helping "perpetuate the big lie" if they did not make passing the TAAS test one of the qualifying factors for attending graduation. In the presented materials, to attend graduation a student had to, "fulfill all credit requirements and successfully complete all state-required exit-level examinations." One of the requirements included a statement that as long as certificate

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The MISD board voted 6-0 to select Abell Junior High Assistant Principal Deborah Jordan as Abell's new principal.

Cox customers to receive price increase, more channels

By Timothy V. Kreltz
MRT Correspondent

Starting in December, Midlanders who subscribe to Cox Communications analog cable services can expect some changes to their program packages, as well as to their monthly bill, according to the cable provider's Midland office.

Cox currently offers four different analog cable packages to its customers: Limited Basic (channels 2-19), Expanded Basic (channels 20-64), Cox Plus (channels 20-23), and Cox Select (channels 56, 57, 61-64).

On Dec. 4, the Cox Plus option, as well as the Cox Select option, will no longer be available as individual service selections. These two selections now will be included as part of the Expanded Basic service. As a result of the changes, a month's billing increase of up to \$3.02 will accompany the additional channels.

Cox also will be rearranging some of the channels within the analog basic service to make room for two new stations, KUPB-TV (Univision) and the Paxson Network. KUPB will be on channel 18, moving EWTN to channel 42. The Paxson Network will be placed on channel 14, moving the Fox Family Channel to 54. Cox also plans to take the opportunity to move the cable programming guide (TV Guide) to channel 8, moving CNBC to channel 45.

"Nobody likes it when we make changes," said Cox Communications Director of Operations Charlie Moore. "But our customers can

rest assured that we are making these changes in order to serve them better."

Moore added that having two levels of basic cable service instead of four is the current industry standard, and the changes will allow Cox to manage its operations more efficiently, as well as provide its clientele with more channels both now and in the future.

U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla, a Republican who represents a portion of Midland County, expressed concerns over cable programming changes last month, citing concerns that analog service might be phased out, forcing consumers to buy digital-ready televisions and components. Moore said Cox Communications will definitely be keeping the analog cable service, in addition to the 20-plus channel digital service it currently offers.

"We will most assuredly not be phasing out our analog service," Moore said. "We will continue to provide all the digital and analog services that are in place right now, and we even have future plans for expanding further." Moore explained that Cox is currently using only two thirds of its available bandwidth, so there is no need for it to eliminate any of its current programming options.

Alfredo Rodriguez, legislative assistant with Bonilla's office in Washington, said his organization has no opposition to Cox Communications offering digital programming, provided the analog service is left in place. "So long as consumers aren't being forced by cable companies and the FCC to buy digital components in order to

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Eric Eboil, right, holds his 15-year-old son Ahmad, who is suffering from the human form of mad cow disease, in their backyard pool in France. The disease has transformed the once-vibrant athletic teen into a person who now sleeps constantly, in the final stages of the illness./3A

Off the wire
Israel's parliament voted overwhelmingly Tuesday to hold new elections, after Prime Minister Ehud Barak reluctantly agreed to go to the people./11A

Bush considers Democrats for Cabinet, will get daily CIA briefings

By Tom Raum

Associated Press

AUSTIN — George W. Bush is "on track" in planning a new government, one that would include Democrats in key positions, aides suggested Tuesday. Still, continuing legal clouds subdued some of Bush's optimism.

"We are now in uncharted waters," said Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes. "We're in an unprecedented period where a presidential candidate is going to court essentially to try to contest and overturn the results of an election that has now been certified."

She told reporters during an afternoon briefing at campaign headquarters that Bush continues to insist he not be called "president elect" because of the current court challenges by Democratic rival Al Gore.

"The governor has asked us all to be humble and to be gracious," she said.

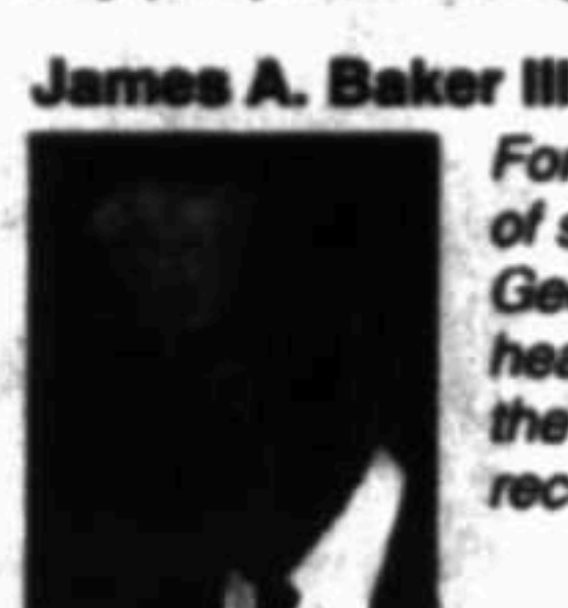
"We are mindful of the fact that the vice president...a little more than an hour ago reiterated that he is continuing in court to challenge the legitimate outcome of the election," she said after Gore discussed his continuing battle in a nationally televised appearance.

Bush also visited the headquarters Tuesday but steered clear of a roomful of reporters who came to attend the Hughes briefing. Instead, he greeted campaign staff members and volunteers.

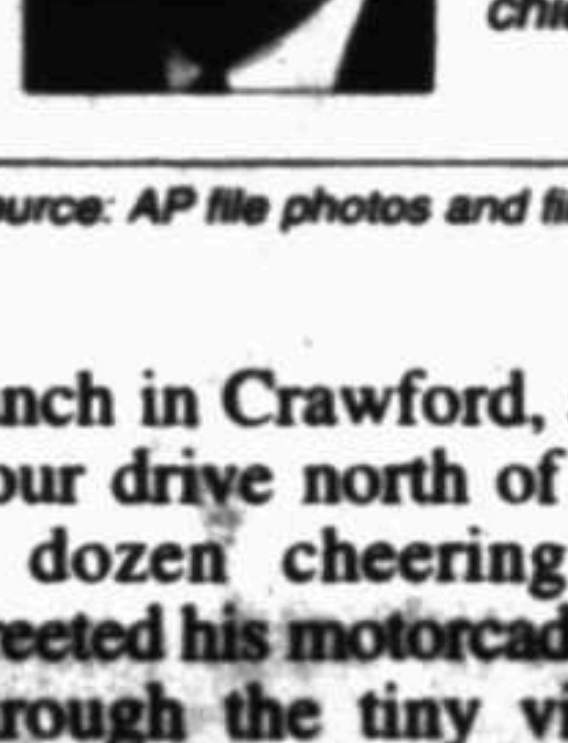
Bush then left Austin for his

Look familiar?

Presidential hopeful George W. Bush is assembling a potential Cabinet that is similar to his father's. Here are former officials from President Bush's administration who are now key people to George W. Bush.



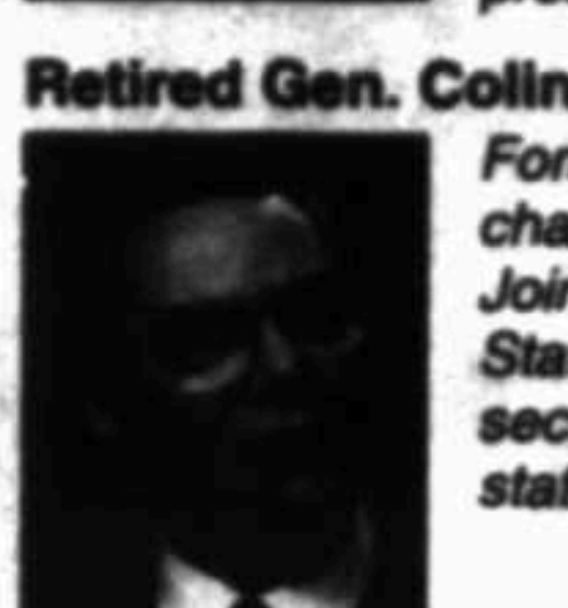
James A. Baker III
Former secretary of state; currently George W. Bush's head legal aide in the presidential recount.



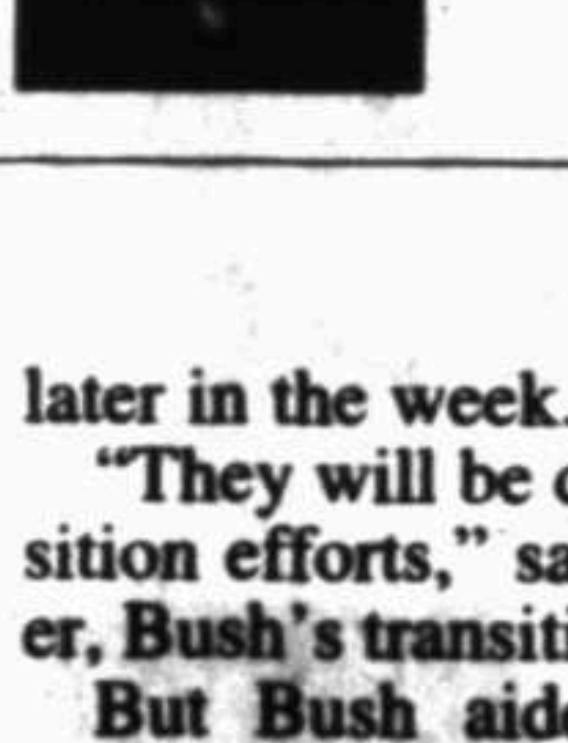
Andrew H. Card Jr.
Former secretary of transportation and White House deputy chief of staff; potential chief of staff.

Dick Cheney

Former White House chief of staff under Gerald Ford; former secretary of defense under George Bush; currently the vice presidential hopeful.



Retired Gen. Colin Powell
Former chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff; potential secretary of state.



Condoleezza Rice
National Security Council top aide; potential National Security Council director.

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ranch in Crawford, about a two-hour drive north of here. About a dozen cheering supporters greeted his motorcade as it passed through the tiny village. Since Election Day, Bush has divided his time between the governor's mansion here and the secluded 1,500-acre ranch. Aides said that Bush will spend most of his time there in the coming week, barring a court ruling.

Running mate Dick Cheney, who is overseeing transition planning, was to join in at the ranch

later in the week.

"They will be discussing transition efforts," said Ari Fleischer, Bush's transition spokesman.

But Bush aides said that it appears unlikely that Bush will name any prospective Cabinet appointments before the Supreme Court has a chance to hear the case Friday.

Colin Powell, Bush's known choice to be secretary of state, was reluctant to participate in any such announcement while so many legal issues remain to be resolved,

aides said.

Cheney told CNN's "Larry King Live" Tuesday night that the Bush team was busy interviewing prospective members of a Bush administration. "We are actively involved in the process," he said. Still, he said that those being talked to were told, "Don't give up your day job yet," given the legal uncertainties.

Still, Bush pressed ahead in planning behind the scenes for a transition to power, meeting on Tuesday first at his residence and later at his state capitol office with Andrew Card, his prospective White House chief of staff.

Card later told reporters that the two discussed prospective appointments — and that some candidates for top Bush jobs might be brought to Texas later this week.

Asked about whether Bush could meet a Jan. 4 timetable suggested by Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott to begin confirmation hearings, Card said, "Obviously, we want to have names presented such that they can be considered by the Senate. We're on track."

Card said that Bush clearly intends to reach out to Democrats in forming a government because of the closeness of the election. But he refused to respond to a question on whether former Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., was among those Democrats being considered.

Nunn, former chairman of the Senate Armed Services Com-

mittee, was viewed as a possible Bush choice for defense secretary.

"He had Democrats serving in his administration in Texas, as well as Republicans," Card earlier told CNN. "And I think you can expect him to do the same in leading the country."

Cheney said much the same thing earlier Tuesday when he appeared on NBC's "Today" Show.

"The governor has given me instructions to look in those areas," he said. "We clearly will."

The Texas governor, meanwhile, picked up one of the trappings of the presidency: a promise from the Clinton White House for daily national security briefings.

Such CIA briefings, with Gore currently gets as vice president, were promised in a Monday evening phone call between Card and the man he would replace: White House chief of staff John Podesta.

Podesta said he and Card "discussed how we could move forward."

White House press secretary Jake Siewert said Podesta and Card had a "cordial" conversation.

"John offered to meet with him and offered to meet with him either with the vice president's transition staff or separately,"

Siewert said. "We'll be happy to arrange such a meeting to give them an overview of where we are in the transition."

While supporting the federal General Services Administration's decision against releasing funds or office space to Bush for a transition, Siewert said the White House was waiting for the Justice Department to complete a formal written opinion on the Presidential Transition Act.

Siewert said the transition coordinating council, which the president created by executive order, was expected to meet today to help the next president ease into office. He also said that national security adviser Sandy Berger would follow up with the Bush team to arrange Bush's daily national security briefings.

The Secret Service, like the GSA, was not ready to acknowledge any winner. Officials said the Secret Service was proceeding with "parallel" transition operations — giving both the Democratic and Republican tickets the same training sessions, briefings, and help securing personal property for the move into the White House or vice presidential residence at the Naval Observatory.

Bush also placed a call to incoming Mexican president Vicente Fox on Tuesday to congratulate him in advance of his Dec. 1 inauguration, aides said.

Democrats may control Senate briefly

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thanks to the voters and a constitutional quirk, Democrats will probably have a Senate majority for 17 days next January. But bowing to political reality, they said Tuesday they won't try controlling the chamber during that period.

"I don't anticipate forcing issues that would polarize the Senate right off the bat," Senate Minority leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said in an interview.

"We're not going to do anything" like that, said Sen. Harry Reid of Nevada, the Senate's No. 2 Democratic leader. "I don't think it's fair, I don't think it's the right thing to do."

Top Senate Democrats will continue to press for parity — or something close to it — when it comes to permanently organizing committees and setting the Senate's agenda during the two years of the incoming 107th Congress.

That will be settled over the next few weeks in negotiations with Republican leaders. Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said earlier this month that he was open to discussing how committee memberships would be divided between the parties and "working with them on the agenda" of the Senate, but added, "I don't think they can expect to run the place."

Even so, Democrats say they won't try muscling anything through during their brief period in the majority.

The Constitution calls for the new Congress to convene on Jan. 3. When it does, it will be split 50-50 between Republicans and Democrats, assuming that a recount confirms that Democrat Maria Cantwell narrowly ousted GOP Sen. Slade Gorton in Washington state.

But under the Constitution, the next president is not sworn in until Jan. 20. That would leave Democrats with an edge during the intervening period because Democrat Al Gore will be vice president until Jan. 20 and will have the constitutional authority to break tie votes in the Senate.

Thanks to that advantage, Senate parliamentarians say Daschle would be recognized as the majority leader during debate, said Daschle spokeswoman Rani Schmelzer. While that ordinarily gives the majority leader enormous power in setting the agenda, Daschle said he would not use that authority to ram anything through the chamber.

Even if they wanted to, Senate Democrats would be limited in their ability to use their muscle during that period.

A Democratic effort to control the Senate for 17 days would plainly contradict their oft-stated calls for bipartisanship in the new

Congress. That would weaken their attempt to appear conciliatory in the narrowly divided Congress, something they are loath to do.

In addition, Republicans could filibuster any Democratic attempt during the 17 days to set up committees, forcing Democrats to garner 60 votes that they do not have.

"The one thing it's easy to do

in the Senate is slow things down. The Senate is 100 human brake pads," said Sen. Byron Dorgan of North Dakota, another member of the Senate Democratic leadership.

Also, once the 17 days expire, Republicans will control the Senate, barring any new vacancies. That means the GOP could retaliate by undoing anything the Democrats might have achieved.



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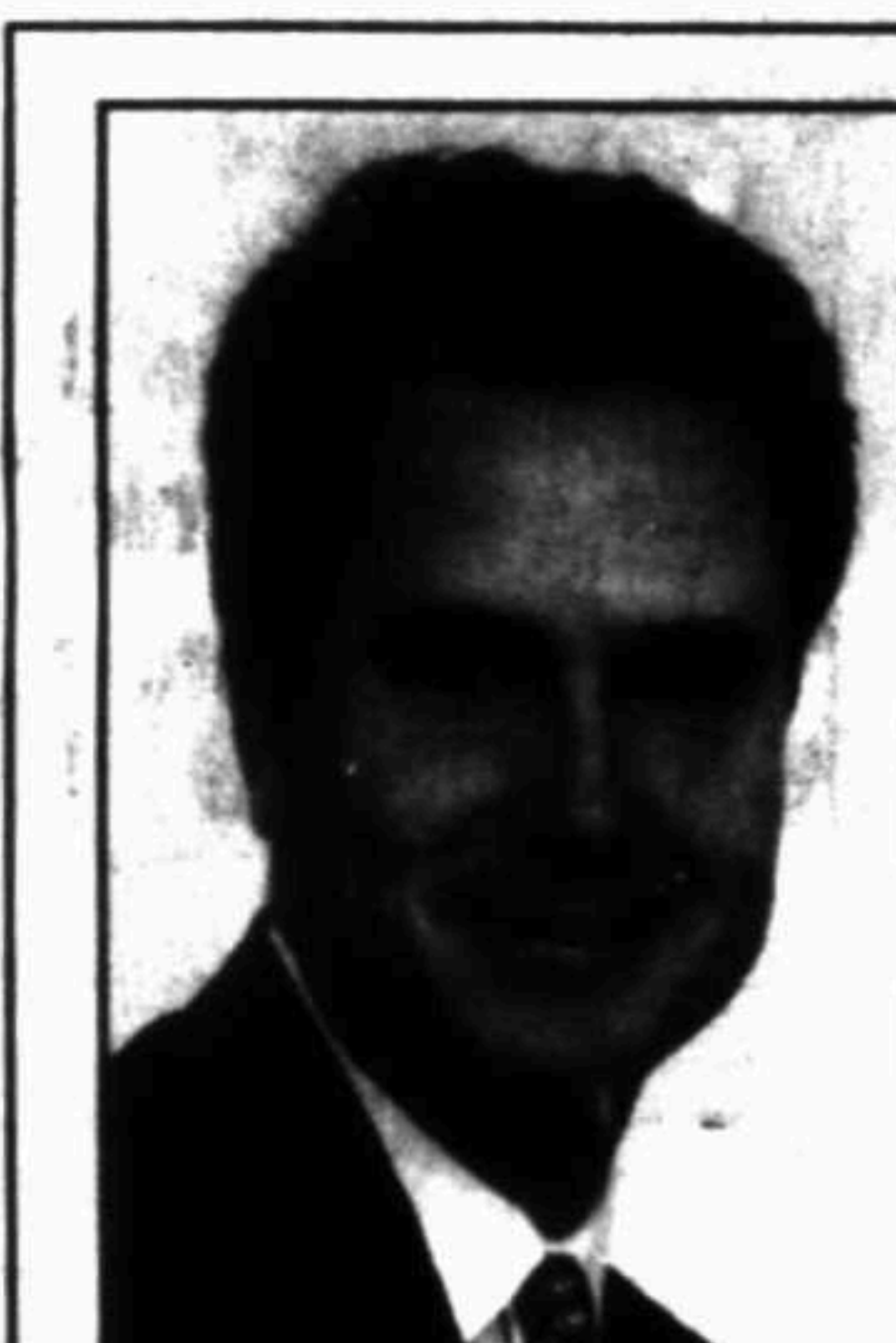
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Brain damage possible cause for sick veterans, researchers say

WASHINGTON (AP) — Researchers attempting to explain the mysterious ailments afflicting thousands of Gulf War veterans say new findings support their contention that brain abnormalities could be the cause.

A team led by Dr. Robert Haley of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas say magnetic imaging scans suggest specific abnormalities in the brains of some victims.

Last year at a meeting of the Radiological Society of North America, the researchers presented evidence from 22 sick veterans showing lower-than-usual levels of the chemical N-acetyl-aspartate in their brain

stems and basal ganglia.

At this year's meeting in Chicago on Monday, the same team showed that 12 of these veterans with the worst symptoms had the lowest levels of the chemical.

The researchers said that damage to the right-side basal ganglia appeared to cause memory lapses, impaired sense of direction, and depression, while damage to the left basal ganglia seemed to cause general confusion, including difficulties understanding instructions, reading, solving problems and making decisions. Damage to the brain stem accounts in part for vertigo attacks and loss of balance.

The said they believed the

damage was caused by exposure to combinations of low-level nerve gas, anti-nerve gas tablets, pesticides and DEET-containing insect repellents. However, they acknowledged there was no conclusive link.

Defense Department officials had no immediate comment on the research, but the Pentagon had previously criticized Haley's research, saying the study was too small and has not been replicated.

"We're the first ones to point out that our study only concerns one battalion of troops," Haley said. "In this one battalion we think we've shown very strongly what the problem is. The big remaining question is, is it true of all sick Gulf War veterans?"

The Pentagon says an estimated 90,000 troops who served in the Gulf War complain of maladies including memory loss, anxiety, nausea, balance problems and chronic muscle and joint pain. But despite spending hundreds of millions of dollars on scores of studies, officials say they've found no scientific explanation for the illnesses.

The Institute of Medicine, which was asked by Congress to look into various studies of Gulf War illnesses, reported in September it could not find enough evidence to link the illnesses to any single cause.

Pentagon studies have looked into pesticides, stress, depleted uranium, the toxic nerve agent

sarin and vaccines the troops were given as possible contributors.

Dr. James Fleckenstein, a radiologist and member of the research team, believes psychotropic drugs, such as anti-depressants, could be used to treat the veterans because the symptoms overlap with psychiatric illnesses. Anti-epileptic drugs or those used for Parkinson's disease also could work, he said.

Testing of treatments could begin immediately, but the researchers have run out of money, he said.

"We can't do any more at this

point," Fleckenstein said.

Haley and his team, who have received about \$2 million from Ross Perot, have asked Congress for \$16 million to expand their research and attempt to replicate the findings.

On the Net:

University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas' Gulf War illness site:

[http://www.swmed.edu/home-pages/epidemi/gws/Defense Department's Gulf War illness site:](http://www.swmed.edu/home-pages/epidemi/gws/Defense%20Department's%20Gulf%20War%20illness%20site)

California researchers defend use of humans in toxic water pollutant study

By Tom Verdin
Associated Press

LOMA LINDA, Calif. — Doctors doing a study of a toxic water pollutant defended feeding it to human participants, saying the potential medical benefit outweighed the risk.

The Loma Linda University Medical Center researchers held a news conference Tuesday to respond to media reports raising concerns about people being given doses of perchlorate, a chemical used in rocket fuel that has contaminated ground water in parts of Southern California.

The hospital's institutional review board, which oversees clinical trials, concluded that participants would face minimal risk. Researchers said the perchlorate doses being given in the study are about 100 times lower than those given to people who are prescribed perchlorate for thyroid illnesses.

Dr. Anthony Firek, the study's principal investigator, said the dosages are also lower than those given in a study published earlier this year by Harvard University. Nine men received 10 milligrams of perchlorate daily in that study.

Loma Linda researchers are giving participants doses ranging from a half-milligram to three milligrams. Half of the participants get placebos.

But the daily doses in the Loma Linda study are still up to 83 times higher than drinking-water limits for perchlorate recommended by California's Department of Health Services.

Dr. William Saukel, chairman of Loma Linda's review board, said the study likely will produce information beneficial to the population as a whole.

So far, just eight people have enrolled in the study, which began in early October. Researchers hope to eventually enroll 100 people who each will be paid \$1,000 for seven months of participation.

Participants are informed of the risks of the research, which include bone marrow suppression, lessening of white and red blood cell counts and thyroid problems.

Lockheed Martin — which faces hundreds of lawsuits accusing it of creating perchlorate pollution and threatening the health of San Bernardino and Riverside counties' residents — is paying for the study. The aerospace company's officials have said the study will help determine the health risk of perchlorate.

Barry Taylor, Loma Linda's vice president for research affairs, said university officials discussed the company's possible motivations. "But on the other hand," he said, "people on the committee recognized that they could see medical use coming out of this."

The idea for the study came from medical researchers, not Lockheed, researchers said.

Firek said the study is being conducted to determine how best to diagnose and treat any illnesses caused by perchlorate in drinking water.

Perchlorate has been used as a rocket-fuel oxidizer since the 1940s, and is thought to have contaminated water supplies in parts of Riverside and San Bernardino counties, as well as the San Gabriel Valley east of Los Angeles.

In large doses, it can slow down the thyroid, which produces the hormone that controls infants' brain development and growth in older children. In adults, the thyroid regulates such things as temperature and blood cholesterol. Some people with thyroid illnesses are prescribed perchlorate to help treat their conditions.

Firek indicated that doctors treating such patients are seeing some problems they think could be related to perchlorate. A clinical trial is the only way to determine whether that is the case, he said.

On the Net:

Perchlorate information:

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Loma Linda Medical Center: <http://www.llu.edu/llumc/>

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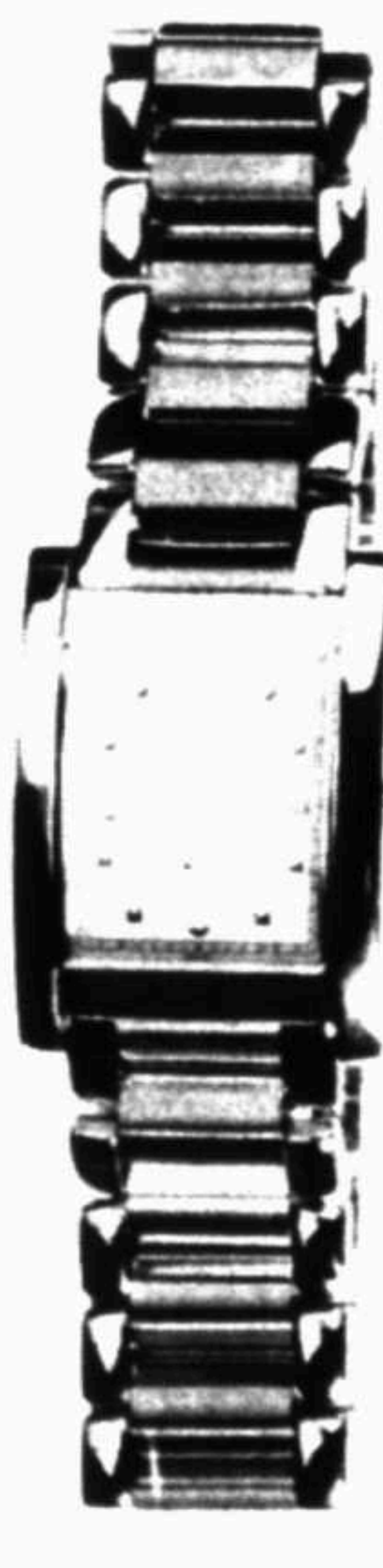
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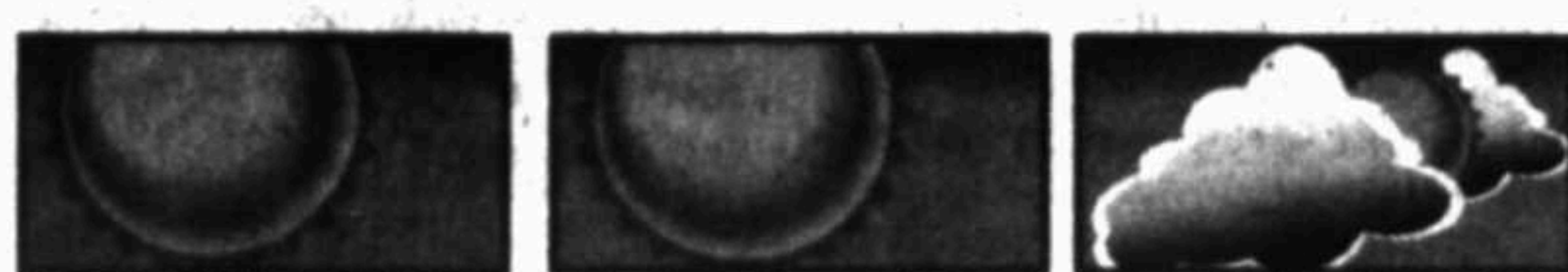
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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today	Thursday	Friday
Sunny	Sunny	Partly cloudy
High 59	High 68	High 64
Low 32	Low 34	Low 36

Today's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with a high in the upper 50s and easterly to northeasterly winds at 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear skies with a low in the lower 30s.

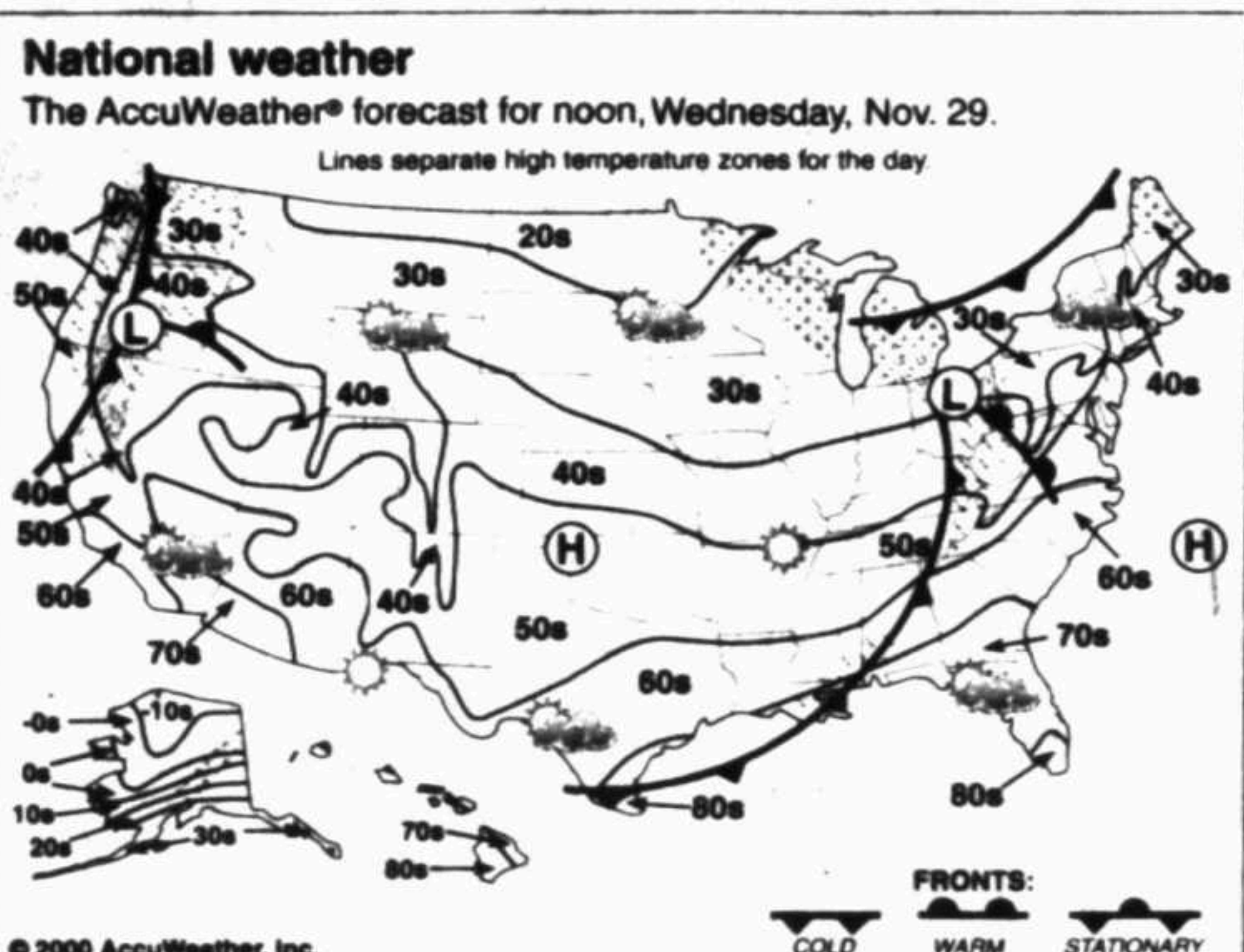
Thursday's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with a high in the upper 60s.

Thursday night's forecast calls for mostly clear skies with a low in the mid-30s.

After a low of 36, Tuesday's high was 74, compared to the record high of 85 in 1949. The record low of 16 was set in 1976.

Yesterday's precipitation	Yesterday's temperatures
Rainfall Monday .00 in.	High74
Rainfall Tuesday .00 in.	Low36
Total for month .088 in.	Normal high62
Total for year .932 in.	Normal low35
Normal total (year to date) .1436 in.	Sunrise . . . 7:29 a.m.
	Sunset . . . 5:44 p.m.

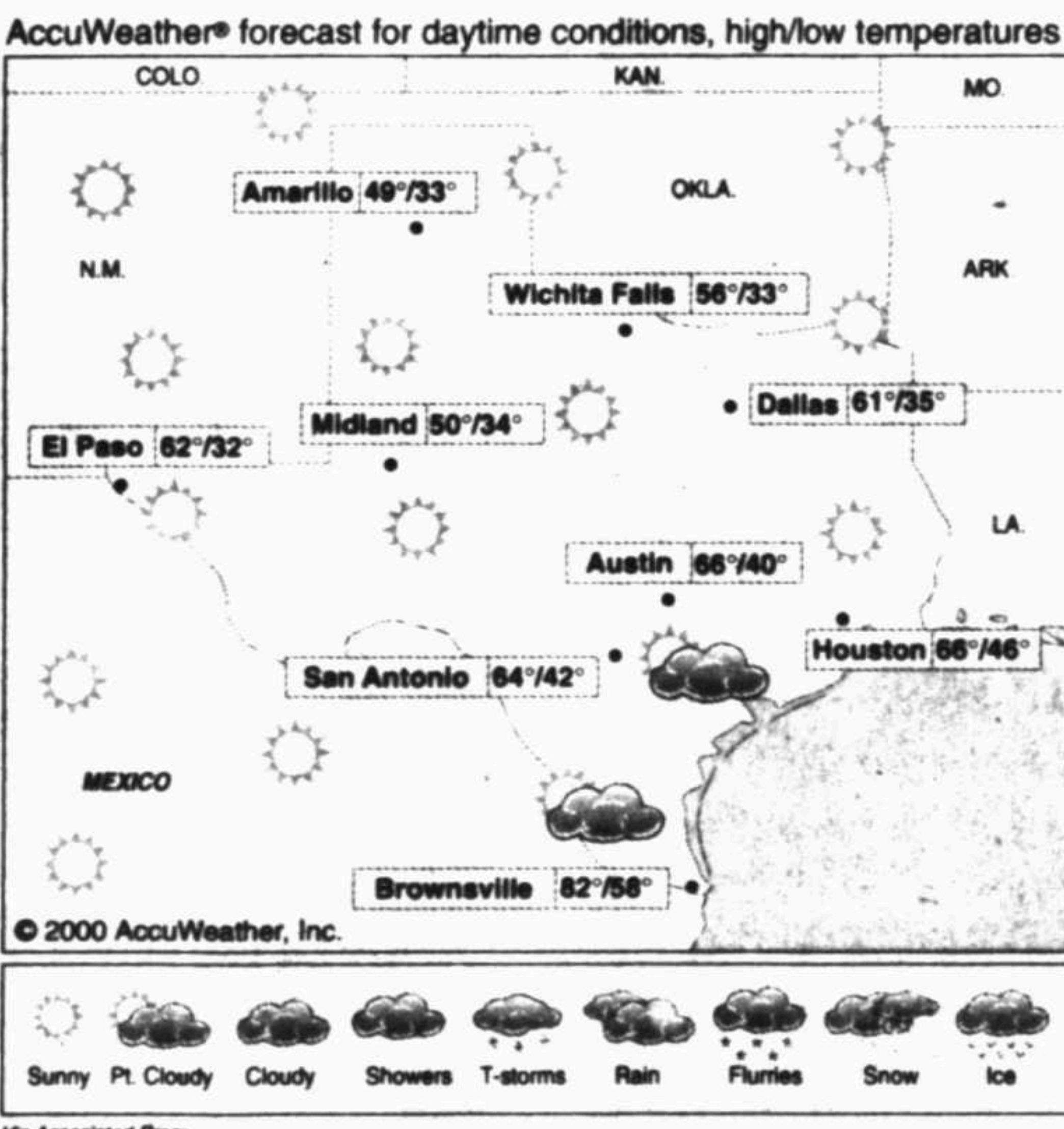
National forecast



United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate Tuesday's high and overnight low to 8 p.m. Eastern Time		
Albany, N.Y.	45	40 cdy
Albuquerque	57	33 cdy
Anchorage	41	20 cdy
Ashville	57	28 cdy
Atlanta	61	36 cdy
Atlanta City	55	36 cdy
Baltimore	57	34 cdy
Bilbao	40	30 cdy
Birmingham	64	34 cdy
Blacksburg	35	23 cdy
Bolton	41	25 m
Boston	40	30 cdy
Buffalo	40	36 cdy
Burlington, Vt.	42	36 cdy
Casper	32	24 cdy
Charleston, S.C.	68	38 cdy
Charleston, W. Va.	47	33 m
Charlotte, N.C.	61	28 cdy
Cheyenne	32	23 cdy
Chicago	40	30 cdy
Cincinnati	46	30 m
Cleveland	38	32 cdy
Columbia, S.C.	66	31 cdy
Columbus, Ohio	43	32 m
Concord, N.H.	47	33 cdy
Dayton	46	31 m
Denver	38	29 cdy
Des Moines	40	23 cdy
Detroit	38	32 cdy
Duluth	30	26 cdy
Evansville	48	27 cdy
Fargo	30	13 cdy
Flagstaff	59	26 cdy
Grand Rapids	37	33 cdy
Great Falls	30	22 cdy
Greensboro, N.C.	60	32 cdy
Hartford, Conn.	48	39 cdy
Helena	35	25 cdy
Honolulu	83	76 cdy
Indianapolis	46	35 cdy
Jackson, Miss.	67	35 cdy
Jacksonville	67	39 cdy
Juneau	40	35 cdy
Kansas City	59	35 cdy
Las Vegas	65	44 cdy
Little Rock	59	37 cdy
Los Angeles	76	50 cdy
Louisville	51	29 cdy
Memphis	66	39 cdy
Miami Beach	77	60 cdy
Milwaukee	39	29 cdy
Minneapolis	32	20 cdy
Nashville	61	34 cdy
New Orleans	66	44 cdy
New York City	53	46 cdy
Norfolk, Va.	60	40 cdy
North Platte	42	24 cdy
Oakland	59	33 cdy
Oklahoma City	59	33 cdy
Omaha	51	24 cdy
Orlando	72	49 cdy
Pendleton	44	28 cdy
Philadelphia	54	43 cdy
Phoenix	74	49 cdy
Pittsburgh	37	37 m
Portland, Maine	46	32 cdy
Portland, Ore.	50	33 cdy
Providence	52	41 cdy
Raleigh-Durham	63	32 cdy
Rapid City	41	34 cdy
Reno	60	29 cdy
Richmond	59	31 cdy
Sacramento	49	43 cdy
St. Louis	56	32 cdy
Salt Lake City	43	31 cdy
San Diego	65	50 cdy
San Francisco	56	46 m
San Juan, P.R.	83	74 cdy
Santa Fe	50	27 cdy
St. Louis	56	32 cdy
St. Paul	47	31 cdy
Seattle	47	32 cdy
Shreveport	70	47 cdy
Sioux Falls	37	13 cdy
Spokane	31	17 cdy
Syracuse	43	39 cdy
Tampa-St. Petersburg	72	49 cdy
Topeka	50	31 cdy
Tucson	74	43 cdy
Tulsa	63	28 cdy
Washington, D.C.	56	36 cdy
Wichita	60	35 cdy
Wilmington	45	40 cdy
Wilmington, Del.	54	41 cdy

State forecast



Texas temperatures

Highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours at 6 p.m.		
Abilene	79	40
Alice	79	60
Amarillo	59	28
Arlington	71	44
Austin	77	56
Beaumont	73	51
Brownsville	81	67
Burnet	73	51
Childress	59	33
College Station	78	58
Conroe	74	49
Corpus Christi	80	65
Corpus Christi	71	51
Cotulla	79	60
Del Rio	58	40
Del Rio	70	47
Del Rio	71	47
Denton	68	36
Dryden	75	38
El Paso	68	37
Fort Stockton	74	44
Fort Worth	70	41
Gilbert	72	61
Guadalupe Pass	75	50
Haltom City	66	41
Haltom City	64	65
Hondo	70	52
Houston	74	52
Huntsville	75	56
Junction	79	43
Killebrew	79	63
Laredo	75	63
Longview	72	48
Lubbock	65	33
Lufkin	72	48
Marfa	68	30
McAllen	85	66
McKinney	68	37
Midland	74	36
Mineral Wells	70	37
Navy Corps	77	68
New Braunfels	77	55
Odenia	75	59
Palacios	75	63
Paris	68	41
Rockport	77	64
San Antonio	73	38
San Antonio	77	58
San Marcos	77	55
Taylor	69	43
Tyler	70	50
Victoria	77	68
Waco	71	48
Wichita Falls	61	35

RECOUNT: Public relations campaign roars onward

(From 1A)

to senior legal advisers, Gore lawyers were looking "at all legal options" to find the quickest way to get a favorable court ruling.

Sauls is working against a Dec. 12 deadline for states to assign presidential electors. "We could count until everybody is slapping, but if no one is on the same page, I don't know what's being accomplished," Sauls said, explaining why he wanted one broad-ranging hearing before considering Gore's recount request.

The political morass stretched to the U.S. Supreme Court, with Bush's lawyers asking the nine justices to bring "legal finality" to the election by overturning Florida's top court and ending any further recounts. The case has the "potential to change the outcome of the presidential election in Florida, and thus the nation," Bush lawyers said in legal papers.

Gore's legal team argued in its high court brief that the issue "does not belong in federal court." They want the justices to back the Florida Supreme Court, a Democratic-leaning body that extended the deadline for recounts. U.S. Supreme Court oral arguments are set for Friday.

The vice president made his case for the second day in a row for further recounts, announcing the shift in legal strategy during a brief exchange with reporters in Washington.

"What is wrong with counting the votes?" Gore asked.

Bush's team quickly noted that the southern Florida ballots had already been tabulated by machine. "He proposes yet another count and another deadline," Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes said in Austin, Texas. "Common sense does not allow it."

GOP vice presidential candidate Dick Cheney, appearing on NBC, said he believes "that it's time to wrap this up. That we've had the election, we've had the count, we've had the recount. Now we've had the certification of George W. Bush as winner in Florida, and therefore, the winner of the presidential election. And to stretch it out, as Vice President Gore is doing... is really unprecedented and it's going to create some problems."

Secretary of State Katherine Harris certified the Texas governor's 537-vote victory Sunday. If the totals stand, Bush would be awarded the state's 25 electoral votes, putting him a single vote over the 270 electoral votes

required to win the presidency.

With their presidential dreams at stake, the fierce public relations campaign roared onward: Democrats scoured the courts for a quick legal victory to bolster Gore's sagging public opinion polls; Republicans tried to shut down the far-flung legal machinations while Bush was still ahead.

An NBC poll showed the country divided. With a fraction of those polled having watched Gore's Monday night plea for patience, half said he should concede and half said he should fight. The country was equally split on who should be the next president.

Though Democratic leaders remained firmly in Gore's corner, there was talk that the election needed to be settled. "The time has come for this to come to a close," Rep. Bud Cramer, D-Ala., said in a statement that mentioned neither Bush nor Gore. An aide, Grace Robinson, later said Cramer "does not think that Gore should concede at this point."

A number of Gore advisers privately expressed fears that the public will soon grow weary of the political drama unless an end is in sight. Gore's speedy hearing proposal was designed to buy his lawyers time.

"We're very mindful of what's good for the country and we certainly don't want this to go on for very long," Democratic vice presidential nominee Joseph Lieberman told CBS.

A bare majority of those polled by NBC said Bush jumped the gun by declaring victory and plunging into his presidential transition, but that didn't stop the Texan from moving ahead.

He was heading to his ranch late Tuesday, where aides said he was likely to meet in seclusion with some candidates for the presumptive Bush cabinet. Cheney was joining him Thursday or Friday.

President Clinton's staff offered to organize daily security briefings for Bush so he'll be ready to serve if Gore's protests fail. The Secret Service also proceeded with "parallel" transition operations — giving both the Democratic and Republican tickets the same training sessions, briefings, and help securing personal property for the move into the White House or vice presidential residence at the Naval Observatory.

In other action: Democrats accused Republicans of tampering with 4,700 absentee ballot applications in Seminole County, near Orlando, in a law-

suit heard before a Tallahassee judge. She refused to consolidate the case with Gore's election contest and set up a fast-paced schedule to begin Wednesday.

Lawyers filed state Supreme Court briefs in a lawsuit over Palm Beach County's "butterfly ballot." Democrats said the ballot was so confusing that Gore voters mistakenly backed Reform Party candidate Pat Buchanan.

The Florida Democratic Party filed a motion Tuesday asking the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta to dismiss Bush's appeal seeking to disqualify manual recounts in Florida.

Judicial Watch, a conservative law firm that has filed several suits against the Clinton administration, won access to thousands of contested presidential ballots in Palm Beach County after threatening legal action. Democrats angrily objected, saying the ballots are evidence in Gore's case.

A few blocks from the courthouse where Gore was pressing his case, the state's GOP-dominated legislature opened hearings into the possibility of selecting its own slate of presidential electors favoring Bush. Senate Democratic Leader Tom Rossin suggested the action was part of Bush's "back-up plan" in case Gore wins his legal cases.

Bush's point man in Florida, former secretary of state James A. Baker III, called a news conference early Tuesday to argue it was "wrong, simply wrong" for Gore and Lieberman to claim that thousands of votes have never been counted in Florida.

Gore is targeting ballots that did not register a vote for president during machine recounts, a tactic that Republicans say erroneously assumes that every voter intended to support the top of ticket. "They've been counted just like all of the other nonvotes, not only in other counties in Florida, but across the United States of America have been counted. They've been counted, and they've been recounted by machines," Baker said.

With five lawyers lined up behind him, Baker said, "This is an extraordinary procedure and we are entering new, uncertain and controversial territory."

That is an understated synopsis of a case that has the fate of the presidency ricocheting between state and federal courts, two warring political factions scrapping for votes and a public engorged by every twist and turn.

COPTERS: Aircraft come through about once a month

(From 1A)

The aircraft, termed Marine One when the president is aboard, are "probably through here at least once a month," Perry noted. "Anytime the president is anywhere on the West Coast, they usually ferry at least two of these helicopters out to the West Coast."

The helicopters are available to fly the president from wherever Air Force One lands to his appointments.

"Whatever helicopter the president is on is designated 'Marine One,'" Perry said. "And if the vice president happens to be flying, the aircraft will be designated 'Marine Two.'"

And when the president's Air Force One returns to the nation's East Coast capital, the Marine Helicopter Squadron One helicopters may take on fuel at Midland en route to their home base at Quantico, Va.

"They've got spares because they do break down," Perry said of the presidential aircraft.

About 10 days ago, on Nov. 18, two presidential helicopters en route from the West Coast to Washington, D.C., landed at Midland to take on fuel. One of the aircraft, the Sikorsky CH-53E

Super Stallion that serves as Marine One, was grounded for emergency repairs.

A Marine aircrew member said "something about a cracked rotor blade," Perry recalled. "He said it weighed 500 pounds."

Perry's Avion assisted by getting the Marines a crane to help in the repairs. "Of course, in oil-field country, pulling a crane out on a weekend is nothing," Perry said. "We do that all the time."

A new rotor blade was flown to Midland in a four-engine C-141 Starlifter, Perry said.

For his help, Perry received a letter of appreciation from A.M. Reynolds Jr., commander of Marine Helicopter Squadron One, for his and his staff's "outstanding support and selfless service to the crew of Nighthawk 64" the CH-53E Super Stallion.

"Your staff's efforts... helped the crew quickly get to the task of repairing their aircraft," Reynolds said. Perry's staff also assisted the crew in billeting for the weekend during the repairs and made "other significant gestures of kindness and support," Reynolds noted.

Perry said, "What is amazing is that we can get as much done on a weekend around here."

Carroll Thomas, the airport's economic-development manager, said it is "important for the military to know that they can work on their aircraft (at Midland) when they break down."

"And they invariably have breakdowns," Thomas said. "And that's one of the great things about Avion and their service is that they do help them (the military) and provide the best environment for their repair work — providing free hangars, helping them make arrangements, getting any equipment that they need."

"That encourages the military to use this air field," Thomas said. "The airport and Avion work together as a team because, basically, what's good for the airport is also good for Avion and vice versa. What's good for Avion is beneficial to the airport."

Though he was not permitted to tour the presidential helicopters, Perry said, "I appreciate it (the Marines' discipline and seriousness)."

"If they are going to take care of the president, whoever he may be, they need to (be serious)," Perry said.

Perry said the Marines, including the pilots, mechanics and

guards, were all wearing their fatigues.

"But when they are hauling the president, that Marine standing at the door is in dress uniform," Perry said. "He salutes the president."

"Marine One has never landed here with the president," Perry said. "Unless Air Force One brought him in here for some reason, we probably would not see Marine One here carrying the president."

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New York plans for an ambitious new waterfront museum

By Timothy Williams
Associated Press

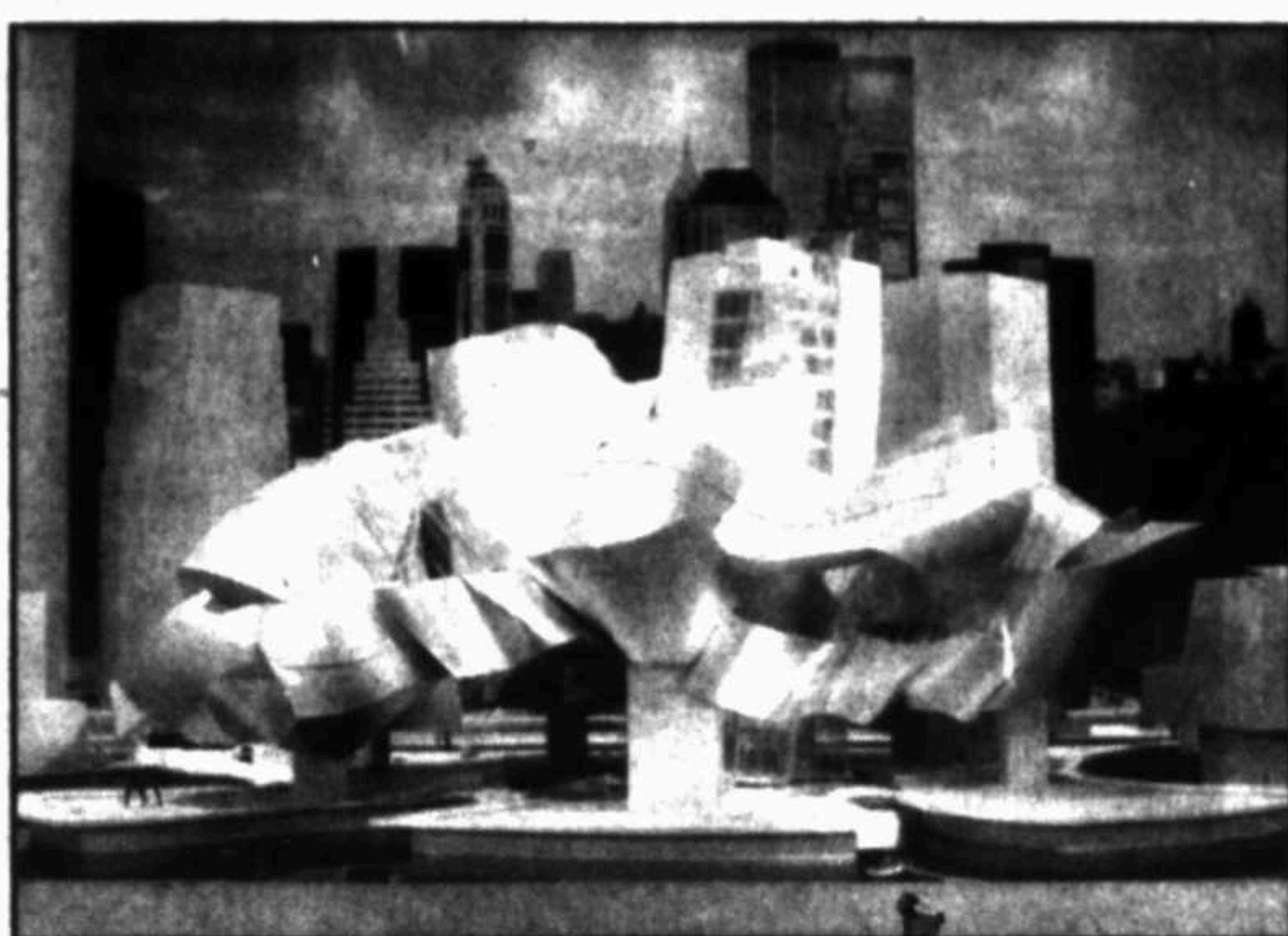
NEW YORK — The Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum announced plans Tuesday for an ambitious new project — a curvy, 40-story "cloudlike" museum that would reshape New York's downtown waterfront.

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani pledged three city piers and \$32.8 million to help build the landmark museum designed to showcase the Guggenheim's modern art collection and one day serve as its headquarters.

The structure — with an estimated \$800 million price tag — is the work of Los Angeles architect Frank Gehry, who seemed taken aback Tuesday at the possibility of building it.

"This is awesome and exciting and a bit overwhelming at this point," Gehry said at a news conference.

The Guggenheim's collection is currently housed in a landmark white spiral structure designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, along Museum Mile on Manhattan's Upper East Side.



AP Photo
The Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, with financial backing and land from New York City, plans to build a new headquarters, as seen in this scale model photographed in New York Tuesday, jutting into the East River and creating what city officials are calling a Museum Mile like the one along Central Park. The new 40-story museum is designed by Frank O. Gehry.

That facility, which would continue to house some of the Guggenheim's collection, is one of the city's best-loved architectural gems. A 10-story wing was added to Wright's design in 1992, the same year the

Guggenheim opened a small branch in Soho.

The scale of Gehry's proposed update to Wright's masterpiece is titanic — twice the size of the rambling, free-form museum Gehry built for the Guggenheim

in Bilbao, Spain, three years ago. Gehry's museum would rise the equivalent of 40 to 45 stories on three city-owned piers at the end of Wall Street. The site is just below the South Street Seaport Museum, and not far from the Holocaust Museum and other cultural and historic sites.

The current plan would have the 575,000-square foot museum sitting atop huge stilts sunk into the river bottom. The building itself would somewhat resemble the wispy, twisting structure of the Bilbao museum, with titanium and glass predominating.

The facility would include a large public plaza, a sculpture garden, 900-seat and 400-seat theaters and an outdoor ice skating rink.

Gehry called the proposed design "cloudlike," but said the model is likely to change before the museum is built.

And in words rarely spoken by a world-renowned architect, Gehry said he values collaboration and looks forward to working with the city on the project.

"It will only become great if there is a lot of participation

from the city," he said. "I'm not a prima donna."

Giuliani said the city would give the Guggenheim its share of construction costs over five years, as well as lease the museum land, valued at about \$35 million.

Most of the rest of the money — a staggering \$730 million — would have to be raised privately, though Giuliani said the city would appeal to the state and federal governments for support as well.

Giuliani said the city hopes a Gehry museum in New York will attract 2.5 million visitors each year.

The museum, however, is likely to engender opposition from environmental groups and community organizations con-

cerned about traffic and parking. Additionally, the plan must be approved by the city's Planning Commission, City Council and perhaps various state and federal agencies.

City Councilmember Kathryn Freed said she is skeptical given the size of the project, but supports the project generally.

"The scale of it is huge, massive, totally dominating," she said. "We need to look at some way to scale it back."

Even the museum's staunchest proponents acknowledge that no shovel will likely be turned for at least five years.

"This is the beginning of a long and complicated process," said Thomas Krens, director of the Guggenheim Foundation.

More canisters containing nerve gas found at arsenal, Army says

DENVER (AP) — Two more canisters containing deadly nerve gas have been found at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal, the Army said Tuesday.

Two top officers planned to meet with Gov. Bill Owens on Friday to discuss disposal methods, the Army said.

The Army has found six aluminum, grapefruit-sized bombs at the arsenal since Oct. 16. Three have been confirmed to contain sarin, while the other three are still being tested, arsenal spokeswoman Ruth Mecham said.

Sarin was used in the Japanese terrorist attack on the Tokyo subway in 1995 and killed 12 people. The chemical paralyzes nerves, shutting down the lungs and other vital organs.

The state and the Army have been at odds about the handling of the canisters.

In a letter to Defense Secretary William Cohen this week, Owens gave the Army until today to indicate how it has complied with a state order to search the area where the canisters were found, or face prosecution. He also said he wanted the Army to present a plan for disposing of the canisters for state approval by Monday.

"The intent was to get the Army to focus on the situation," said Owens' press secretary, Dick Wadhams. "We don't think legal action will be necessary."

Gen. John Coburn, commander of the Army Material Command, and Maj. Gen. John Does-

burg, commander of the Soldier Biological Chemical Command, will be sent to Denver to meet with the governor, the Army's public affairs office said.

The Army has been working with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

on disposal options for the canisters.

State health officials have suggested using a "Donovan chamber," a detonation device that would be enveloped in a structure designed to contain vapors that might escape.

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FBI continues search of Los Alamos landfill in Lee case

By Chaka Ferguson
Associated Press

LOS ALAMOS, N.M. — Federal agents searched a county landfill Tuesday amid a report that data tapes downloaded by former Los Alamos National Laboratory scientist Wen Ho Lee might be buried in the rubble.

Albuquerque television station KOAT reported Tuesday that agents were looking for tapes Lee threw in the trash at the lab. Lee has said the tapes he downloaded were destroyed.

"The FBI is conducting a search at the Los Alamos landfill in furtherance of an ongoing investigation," agent Doug Beldon said in Albuquerque.

Neither Beldon nor Justice Department officials contacted by The Associated Press in Albuquerque and Washington, D.C., would elaborate. But a source with knowledge of the case, insisting on anonymity, confirmed the search does relate to the Lee investigation.

After spending nine months in custody, Lee was freed Sept. 13, when he pleaded guilty to one count of illegally downloading restricted data to an insecure tape. Fifty-eight other counts were dropped.

Lee swore he never passed any secrets to any unauthorized person and that he destroyed the tapes when his security clearance was revoked last year.

Stacy Cohen, a Los Angeles spokeswoman for the Lee family and legal team, said she could not comment on the Los Alamos County landfill search, but added: "Wen Ho continues to cooperate with the government."

Lee attorney John Cline said he didn't know about a search until reporters called him. Assistant U.S. Attorney George Stamboulidis declined comment.

Beldon said landfill officials gave permission for the search, so no warrant was needed. He said the agents were examining "a relatively small portion of the landfill." Late Tuesday, agents erected a large floodlight on the hillside landfill, which overlooks the laboratory.

Former U.S. Attorney John Kelly, who began the prosecution of Lee last year, first mentioned the landfill the day before Lee was freed.

Lee has been undergoing a debriefing in which he agreed, as a condition of his plea agreement, to answer agents' questions about what happened to the data tapes.

N.C. high court stays execution in sabotaged appeal

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — The North Carolina Supreme Court issued a stay of execution Tuesday for a death row inmate whose lawyer admitted sabotaging his appeal after deciding his client "should be executed for his crimes."

In a unanimous decision, the high court sent the case of Russell Tucker back to Forsyth County Superior Court for a new hearing and ordered the court to appoint new lawyers for Tucker.

Tucker had been scheduled to die Dec. 7 for the 1994 murder of Kmart security guard Maurice Travone Williams.

The ruling came after his attorney, David Smith, confessed that he let his co-counsel miss a deadline for filing an appeal, a move he hoped would lead to Tucker's death.

"I did what I had to do to rectify the situation I created," Smith said earlier this month. "I had to put out the truth."

Smith, a 52-year-old former assistant U.S. attorney with a reputation as a tough drug prosecutor, said in a court affidavit that he began to suffer from depression and insomnia after being assigned to represent Tucker on appeal in 1998.

He said he had disliked Tucker as soon as he met him in prison, and after reading trial transcripts he decided Tucker "should be executed for his crimes."

With a deadline approaching for filing an appeal with the state's highest court, Smith said he was "passively sabotaging" Tucker's chances.

Prosecutors have said they will not oppose postponing Tucker's execution, which is likely to be delayed anyway because federal courts have yet to hear the case.

State bar officials wouldn't say Smith would face disciplinary action.

"This is an example of serious problems in the system that an attorney wanted to kill his client, and the state Supreme Court recognized there were problems," said Ken Rose, director of the state Center for Death Penalty Litigation, which assists lawyers in capital cases.

Because of that, Kelly had said: "We're going to know whether those tapes are in Taiwan or in a bank-deposit box at Bank of America or in the Los Alamos County landfill."

If something were thrown into the trash at the laboratory, the landfill is one place it could end up, lab spokesman James Rickman said.

Agents had said their concern over seven data tapes led them to oppose bail for Lee during nine months of pretrial wrangling. Agents found three data tapes ear-

ly on and demanded to know what happened to the other tapes.

After he was released, Lee told investigators for the first time that he had made copies of all 10 tapes and had destroyed the copies as well, FBI and Justice Department officials reported in September.

On the Net:
Department of Energy:
<http://www.energy.gov/>
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Federal agents move dirt at the Los Alamos landfill Tuesday, in Los Alamos, N.M. Federal agents searched the county landfill Tuesday amid indications that data tapes downloaded by former Los Alamos National Laboratory scientist Wen Ho Lee might be buried in the rubble. Lee has said the tapes he downloaded were destroyed.
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Golfer

By Randolph E. ...
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Cabin pressure and fatigue incapacitated golfer Payne Stewart in the crash last week that killed all six aboard the jet.

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Popular bowel drug banned after links to women's deaths

By Loran Neergaard
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The maker of a popular new treatment for women's irritable bowel syndrome pulled the drug Lotronex off the market Tuesday after it was linked to a growing number of deaths and hospitalizations.

The withdrawal comes just nine months after Lotronex began selling with great fanfare — and it becomes the seventh banned drug the increasingly embattled Food and Drug Administration has had to deal with in 2 1/2 years.

The problem: Lotronex can cause severe side effects, including a life-threatening intestinal inflammation called ischemic colitis, and constipation so severe that some patients needed parts of their intestines surgically removed.

A review of FDA's records by The Associated Press indicates the agency knows of at least eight women who died with intestinal side effects while taking Lotronex, a prescription drug. The agency also has 124 reports of Lotronex patients experiencing hospitalizations,

disabilities or urgent medical treatments, and so far has classified 70 of those 124 cases as probably caused by the drug. Two-thirds of those women were sick enough to be hospitalized, the FDA says.

Manufacturer Glaxo Wellcome Inc. contends Lotronex is safe when used by the right patient, and calls it no more risky than some other big-selling medicines. But, saying it was under orders from FDA, the company announced Tuesday that it would cease distribution of Lotronex immediately and recall the drug from pharmacies. About 150,000 people use Lotronex, and those who have supplies remaining can contact Glaxo about a refund at 1-888-825-5249.

The FDA says it offered Glaxo an alternative to yanking the drug from the market, but the company rejected that proposal.

Lotronex initially was welcomed as the first new therapy in decades for irritable bowel syndrome, a mysterious disorder that affects up to 15 percent of Americans, mostly women. IBS is not life threatening but can cause misery. It involves chron-

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ic or recurrent abdominal pain, the sudden and urgent need to go to the bathroom and either frequent diarrhea, constipation or both.

In studies, Lotronex offered only modest relief to women whose main IBS symptom was diarrhea. It did not work for men, and was declared downright dangerous for anyone with constipation.

The FDA warned the day it approved Lotronex last February that it might cause serious side effects because four women in clinical trials suffered ischemic colitis. But the agency approved the drug anyway, saying the mild cases healed once the women stopped taking Lotronex and that IBS sufferers needed a new option.

But within months, the FDA

was receiving numerous reports of increasingly serious reactions. By August, it ordered Glaxo to attach special safety warnings to every bottle of Lotronex sold, urging doctors not to prescribe it to patients with constipation or other risk factors and telling women to stop using it at the first sign of trouble.

But just weeks later, FDA learned of the first death.

Still, however, FDA was reluctant to ban Lotronex because some doctors and patients insisted the drug greatly helped them. And Glaxo argued Lotronex could be used safely by the right patient: Among the first five deaths, for instance, four were women over age 65, suggesting that it should not be prescribed to older

women, said Dr. Richard Kent, Glaxo's chief medical officer.

Critics counter, however, that many women hospitalized were in their 30s and 40s.

Tuesday morning, FDA told Glaxo the agency wanted to keep Lotronex on the market but restrict sales to just a few women with severe IBS who are treated by specialists, said FDA's Dr. Victor Raczowski. Such restricted sales are used with the drugs thalidomide and Accutane, notorious for causing birth defects.

Kent called the option unworkable and said FDA's response was then was to order Lotronex banned. Raczowski denies that, calling the withdrawal of the drug Glaxo's own decision.

Regardless, FDA should never have let Lotronex be sold,

contends Dr. Sidney Wolfe of the consumer advocacy group Public Citizen, which had urged the drug's ban for months. Lotronex is not very effective, and FDA ignored early warning signs of trouble, first in clinical trials and then when hospitalizations began last spring, he said.

"Hopefully the FDA will learn something from this," Wolfe said. "They're saying, 'Let's bend over backwards and give the drug a chance.' They wind up causing deaths and injuries that clearly would have been prevented" by stopping sales.

On the Net:
National Library of Medicine info on IBS:
<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/irritablebowelsyn-drome.html>

Hunters warned of using elevated platforms

By James Prichard
Associated Press

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — John Robinette is careful not to make any potentially deadly mistakes when hunting for white-tailed deer from the tree-tops of his family's western Michigan apple orchard.

Six hunters have been shot to death during the state's 16-day firearm deer season, two killed by self-inflicted gunshot wounds while climbing or atop elevated hunting platforms. The firearm season ends Thursday.

The platforms, which often rise 20 feet above ground, have been legal only since 1998 for Michigan hunters who use guns, though they have been in use about 20 years by archers, said Lt. Suzanne Koppelo, a safety administrator with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Now officials are studying how to better get the word out: Don't climb a tree while holding a loaded gun.

"We've been pointing out the (safety) issues since hunting with firearms from elevated stands was legalized in '98," Koppelo said Tuesday.

The department cautions hunters to use safety harnesses or belts to help prevent them from falling out of tree stands. To lessen the likelihood of their weapons being accidentally discharged, hunters are warned not to carry loaded weapons while climbing or descending the platforms.

On Nov. 15, the first day of gun season, a 35-year-old man shot and killed himself while on a platform in western Michigan's Barry County. Five days later, a 17-year-old boy was killed in Oceana County, along Lake Michigan, when his gun went off while he was climbing a tree stand.

In 1998, a hunter on the ground was killed by another hunter shooting from a platform. No other deaths during a firearm season have involved the use of tree stands, Koppelo said.

In addition, three archers have died this year in falls from platforms. The bow-hunting season resumes Friday and continues through Jan. 1. In 1998, six archers died in falls.

"Obviously, any fatality is one too many, any injury is one too many," Koppelo said. "Although there are almost three-quarters of a million hunters afield ... those are low



AP Photo
John Robinette of Grand Rapids, Mich., sits in his tree stand Tuesday, demonstrating how he positioned himself in early October as he shot a five-point buck with his bow and arrow. Robinette hasn't had any luck bagging a deer from his makeshift tree stand during gun season. But he has safely gotten up and down the stand. Two of the six hunters who have been shot to death during the state's 16-day firearm deer season were killed by self-inflicted gunshot wounds while climbing or atop elevated hunting platforms.

numbers, but nevertheless hunters were expected to fan out they're still unacceptable." About 722,000 licensed hunters were expected to fan out across the state during firearm season and take an estimated

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Human victims of mad cow disease struggle with brain-wasting ailment

By Jocelyn Gecker
Associated Press

PARIS — When 17-year-old Arnaud Eboli began smashing chairs and dishes in fits of rage two years ago, doctors told his parents it was only adolescent frustration.

The hysteria and mood swings subsided a year later. But then, Arnaud lost the ability to walk and speak. Today, the once-vibrant teen lies paralyzed, barely conscious and kept alive through a feeding tube.

Doctors say he suffers from a variant of Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, the human version of mad cow disease. The ailment caused panic across France when it became known last month that potentially contaminated beef had reached supermarket shelves. The fear was fueled by a television special that graphically showed the deterioration of human victims, notably Arnaud.

Creutzfeldt-Jakob is commonly described as a "brain-wasting" illness. Families of two victims told The Associated Press the frightening reality of what that means.

In Arnaud's case, the disease transformed a soft-spoken, handsome athlete who excelled at skiing and martial arts into a limp bag of bones. It started in September 1998 with hysteria.

"We couldn't control him, he would break things all over the house. He fought with us all the time," said his mother, Dominique.

Anger, agitation and depression lasted nearly a year — symptoms doctors identified as "normal adolescent behavior," said Mrs. Eboli, 43. "I knew that was wrong."

By September 1999, Arnaud stumbled when he walked, his memory was impaired and speaking took great effort.

"It was as if his mouth was full of food and he couldn't push the words out," his mother said. Arnaud could no longer bath or feed himself. Sometimes his eyes bulged; sometimes one eye stayed shut.

New doctors called it "irreversible and premature dementia," his mother recalled.

A month later, Arnaud was hospitalized for tests.

Doctors delivered their diagnosis last Christmas Eve, after a biopsy of Arnaud's tonsil detected traces of an infectious protein, prion, often found in people with variant CJD. The disease can only be confirmed by a brain biopsy, usually after death, but studies have shown the illness can be detected in tonsil samples.

"They told us there was no treatment. No medicine. They told us he had 18 months," his mother said.

The Eboli family ate supermarket-bought beef once a week and said they never ate offal — an animal's entrails, considered gourmet fare in France. Arnaud ate fast-food



AP File Photo
Eric Eboli, right, holds his 19-year-old son Arnaud, who is suffering from variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, CJD, in their backyard pool in France, recently. The disease has transformed the once-vibrant athletic teen into a person who now sleeps constantly, in the final stages of the illness. The Eboli family filed a lawsuit in November accusing France, Britain and the European Union of not acting fast enough to stamp out mad cow disease.

hamburgers roughly twice a week.

To calm public fears, France has pulled T-bone steaks and other potentially risky cuts of beef from the nation's markets. The marrow of infected animals can transmit the malady to humans and other animals.

France also banned the use of animal feed containing meat and bone meal from ground-up cow carcasses — a suspected source of mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy.

Photographs of Arnaud taken this year show his dramatic decline.

In a snapshot taken in February he is frail, sitting knock-kneed in a wheelchair.

By summer, he had trouble holding his head up. Walking and talking were almost impossible.

"That's June," Arnaud's father, Eric, said softly of a picture of the two in the family's swimming pool. Arnaud, now 19, is curled up like a baby in his father's arms.

"He could only speak a few words, but do you remember what he said to you?" Mrs. Eboli whispered to her husband. "When we put him in the water, he liked it so much. He said, 'Thank you dad. Thank you mom.'"

In the final stages of the illness, Arnaud sleeps constantly, though he is not clinically comatose. His once 165-pound frame has shriveled by half.

Not all victims have identical symptoms.

Laurence Duhamel died in February at age 36 after battling variant CJD for just over a year. She initially was sullen, her brother Jean recalled, then reclusive — not wanting to leave the house she shared with her mother and sister

in a Paris suburb.

She became paranoid, cried constantly and begged for her mother's help with bathing and other personal chores. But on other days she allowed no one to touch her. Then came the delusions.

"She thought she was pregnant. She told me she'd traveled to India, when I knew she had never left Paris," her brother said.

In May 1999, Duhamel's family admitted her to a psychiatric hospital. Three months later, after she lost control of her limbs, she was transferred to a general hospital, where doctors tested for brain disorders.

Duhamel stopped speaking and could no longer move. Suspecting variant CJD, doctors took a brain biopsy.

"In the last few months, I don't think there was any suffering," her brother said. "It was as if her body had already left her — or her brain had already left her body." She died Feb. 4.

The families of both victims filed a lawsuit this month, accusing France, Britain and the European Union of not acting fast enough to stamp out mad cow disease. The family of France's only other known CJD fatality, who died in 1997, intends to join the lawsuit.

Duhamel never knew her diagnosis, but her brother said she suspected. "In the hospital, her hands would creep up her body until they reached her head. She would hold her head," Duhamel's brother recalled.

Arnaud, his mother said, had a premonition — shortly after 1996, when the tainted beef scare first alarmed Europe.

"He said to me, 'Mom, we're all going to die of this one day.'"

Strikes disrupt Paris Opera's holiday program

PARIS (AP) — A festive opera and dance season was under a cloud Tuesday, with technicians at the Paris Opera threatening to disrupt a sold-out holiday program in a dispute over pay and working conditions.

The labor dispute began Monday night, with audiences at the Palais Garnier getting a pared-down version of Mozart's "The Magic Flute," performed in direct, bright lighting and with no set changes.

At the Bastille Opera, Donizetti's "Lucia di Lammermoor" was performed in concert version.

If the technicians' demands are not met, up to 41 performances could be disrupted through Jan. 21.

A spokeswoman at the Palais Garnier said it was not known which performances would be affected the rest of this week. "The Nutcracker Suite" was due to be performed at the Bastille on Tuesday, but it was not known whether it would go ahead as planned.

About 100,000 spectators are expected to flock to the prestigious holiday programs, which bring in some \$6.9 million in ticket sales.

Paris' two opera houses, which are subsidized by the state, together put on 380 performances a year, compared to just 80 in the mid-1990s, and most are sold out.

The labor dispute concerns the application of a new law reducing the French work week to 35 hours from 39. Technicians object to the way their hours are defined and how their week is organized under the new law.

They are also angry that they have received no pay increases despite their increasingly heavy work load. They are demanding a 10 percent wage increase over three years, but management has said it would have to reduce the number of performances to offset the cost of such a raise.

Paris Opera's top administrator, Hughes Gall, has called on

the French government to "assume its responsibilities" and help fund higher salaries.

"If the state refuses all or any of their demands, we would have to envisage a drastic reduction of our activities," Gall said.

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On the campaign trail over the past year, Bush has repeated a theme for which he is already famous in Texas. George W. Bush is a uniter not a divider.

Bush has reached out to Andy Card, a former transportation secretary who has enjoyed tremendous bipartisan support in years past, as his chief of staff.

Card was not on the campaign trail with Bush and is not identified with any possible campaign bitterness. Card's ready to lead a fresh, friendly transition. And as we have suspected for quite some time, Colin Powell is likely to take over as Secretary of State. Powell has been bold enough to lead us and to battle, caring enough to lead huge volunteer efforts and strong enough to criticize his own party when he has felt it has erred.

The nation needs unity and George W. Bush is ready to push forward with that notion.

Meanwhile, Gore continues to practice the politics of division. While Bush emphasized a theme of national unity on Monday, Gore was busy making a show of shoring up Democratic warhorses Dick Gephardt and Tom Daschle.

Now we look toward Friday when the U.S. Supreme Court is scheduled to address this issue.

But we are forced to wonder that if the highest court in the land rules against Gore, will he find another reason not to accept his political fate?

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 29, the 334th day of 2000. There are 32 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On Nov. 29, 1952, President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower kept his campaign promise to visit Korea to assess the ongoing conflict.

On this date:

In 1864, a Colorado militia killed at least 150 peaceful Cheyenne Indians in the Sand Creek Massacre.

In 1890, the first Army-Navy football game was played, at West Point, N.Y. Navy defeated Army by a score of 24-0.

In 1924, Italian composer Giacomo Puccini died in Brussels before he could complete his opera "Turandot." (It was finished by Franco Alfano.)

In 1929, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Richard E. Byrd radioed that he'd made the first airplane flight over the South Pole.

In 1947, the U.N. General Assembly passed a resolution calling for the partitioning of Palestine between Arabs and Jews.

In 1961, "Eos" the chimp was launched from Cape Canaveral aboard the Mercury-Atlas 5 spacecraft, which orbited Earth twice before returning.

In 1963, President Lyndon Johnson named a commission headed by Earl Warren to investigate the assassination of President Kennedy.

In 1967, Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara announced he was leaving the Johnson administration to become president of the World Bank.

In 1981, actress Natalie Wood drowned in a boating accident off Santa Catalina Island, Calif., at age 43.

In 1986, actor Cary Grant died in Davenport, Iowa, at age 82.

Ten years ago: The U.N. Security Council, led by the United States, voted 12-2 to authorize military action if Iraq did not withdraw its troops from Kuwait and release all foreign hostages by Jan. 15, 1991.

Five years ago: President Clinton opened a five-day European trip in London, where he met with Prime Minister John Major and addressed the British Parliament.

One year ago: Protestant and Catholic adversaries formed an extraordinary Northern Ireland government designed to bring together every branch of opinion within the bitterly divided society.

GEORGE WILL

'Self-government' is indeed the key to integrity

WASHINGTON — In September 1945, as bejeweled dancers swirled at one of London's first postwar high society balls, a gentleman murmured contentedly, "This is what we fought the war for." A droll lady, gesturing to the dancers, responded, "Oh, do you mean they are all Poles?" Few in 1945 remembered that the world conflagration began over Poland, and few today remember that Al Gore began sowing chaos in Florida by challenging Palm Beach County's butterfly ballot.

Perhaps George W. Bush, with his tin-eared remarks Sunday night (an inappropriate moment to reprise campaign rhetoric about prescription drugs), hoped to begin peeling Democrats away from Gore. Certainly Gore's interests and those of congressional Democrats diverge. Even if there were a reservoir of affection for him among them, which there is not, Democrats, weary of minority status, crave committee and subcommittee chairmanships, which are most apt to come to them if they do not hold the presidency in 2002.

In Joseph Lieberman, a natural vice president, Gore has a gentrified Spiro Agnew to rally Democrats by saying demagogic things, such as his Sunday night assertion that "the integrity of our self-government" will be lost unless there is a "complete and accurate vote count." Well. Two Sundays ago on four interview programs he said something patently untrue — that he and Gore would never "authorize," "tolerate," "countenance" or

"approve" efforts to invalidate absentee military ballots. Gore-Lieberman lawyers had been doing just that for days.

Sunday evening Lieberman said he and Gore "have no choice" but to keep on suing. People often claim to "have no choice" when they choose an intellectually indefensible course of action, such as the opportunistic pursuit of what is obviously a chimera — complete "accuracy" in Florida's vote counting. The chimera leads to courtrooms.

Especially since the school desegregation decision 46 years ago, courts, and particularly the U.S. Supreme Court, have enjoyed vast moral prestige, and deference. But too much deference can intoxicate courts, convincing them they have unlimited authority and competencies.

Florida's is not the first Supreme Court to become impatient with the political branches of government and to decide to settle protracted disputes by judicial fiat. The U.S. Supreme Court did so 143 years ago, regarding slavery, and 27 years ago regarding abortion. The Dred Scott case preaged civil war; the embitterment of American politics by *Roe vs. Wade* continues.

The U.S. Supreme Court will consider whether Florida's Supreme Court rewrote election law when it moved the reporting deadline to facilitate selective recounts under shifting standards in Democratic strongholds. If so, it violated the 1887 federal law that states must resolve controversies relating to the appointment of presidential electors under "laws enacted prior to" Election Day. During the 1887 congressional debate, Ohio Rep. William Craig Cooper, opposing retroactive rulemaking to resolve electoral disputes, exclaimed: "To what anarchy, to what confusion, to what riot, if you please, Mr. Speaker, might such a course of procedure lead?" Now we know.



Will

The Supreme Court also will decide whether the Florida court's improvisation of election rules violates the U.S. Constitution's stipulation that electors shall be appointed in each state "in such manner as the legislature thereof may direct." Gore's position — of course — is that it depends on what the meaning of "legislature" is. Gore says it does not mean *only* the legislature, but also the legislature's decisions as construed by courts. But Florida's court did much more than construe when it denounced as "unnecessary" the legal framework for reaching finality in elections.

Four justices must agree on the court taking such a case. Berkeley law professor John C. Yoo, who clerked for Justice Clarence Thomas, thinks it unlikely that four would have done so unless they doubted the legality of what Florida has done, and thought they could find a fifth vote to prevent their doubts from being rejected.

However, perhaps the court took the case only as an act of institutional comity owed any presidential candidate. But if the court rules for Bush, this will be judicial intervention in defense of the prerogatives of the two political branches of Florida's government — the prerogatives of the executive branch (the secretary of state) also have been attacked — against Florida's rogue Supreme Court. This would be an appropriate end to an election in which the most important policy difference between the candidates concerned the kind of judges they would nominate. The final manic flurry of Gore-Lieberman lawsuits underscores how little Lieberman understands how right he is in saying that what is at issue in Florida is indeed the integrity of self-government.

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DAVE MCNEELY

Sibley: If I'm promoted, I'll push Texas forward into next 20 years

WACO — Should his colleagues choose him as lieutenant governor if Rick Perry becomes governor, state Sen. David Sibley wants to see Texas move into higher gear.

Sibley said he thinks several major state problems — education, pollution, jobs, transportation, water — can be solved if people from different regions and groups view them as challenges and opportunities instead of impossible obstacles.

Republican Sibley, Waco's mayor before winning his Senate seat in a 1991 special election, has been openly courting his colleagues for the job Perry will leave if Gov. George W. Bush becomes president.

In a thoughtful monologue in his office on the 10th floor of the Raleigh building here, Sibley sounded almost like a preacher outlining his dreams for Texas in the 21st century. He would aim to:

- Create four more top-ranked, flagship "research one, doctoral one" universities to join the University of Texas and Texas A&M University — including one on the Texas-Mexico border.

- Take steps toward an adequate supply of good water.

- Get cleaner air, "with a partnership between business, environmental groups and labor."

- Recognize the Texas-Mexico border as "the front door of our state. We've got a billion people living in Central and South America that ought to be trading partners. I think that somebody who doesn't speak Spanish in the state of Texas 20 years from now will be looked at as ignorant."

- Increase mobility: "We have some great cities in this state. But if you're sitting in a traffic jam for an hour and a half in the morning and an hour and a half at night, that's not fun. It ruins your life."

"The quality of life you're experiencing in these cities — if the air is dirty, if you're tied up in traffic, if you can't have a ... great university in your vicinity — the

quality of life is ruined.

"I'm enthusiastic about Texas. I really do believe there are things we can do to try to help move this state forward. And I would hope to get a chance to do that."

So, why haven't more of these things happened during his decade in the Senate — most of it with powerful Democrat Bob Bullock as lieutenant governor and Republican Bush as governor?

"We've been fighting fires," Sibley said. "For the last eight years, we've had lawsuits on the prisons, lawsuits on MHMR (Mental Health and Mental Retardation), lawsuits on public education financing. I mean, I call it 'the tyranny of the urgent.' When the first floor of the house is on fire, you don't worry about painting the upstairs den."

"Now, with those lawsuits behind, it's time to think ahead and view the problems of regions of Texas as Texas problems."

"The people in Waco and Lubbock have a stake in things going well in Dallas and Houston, and vice versa. We all have a stake in the people on the border prospering. We're all in this together."

"I see it very clearly, the opportunities we have in this state. And I believe we can move this state forward."

OK, how do you pay for all those things — particularly with probably little or no budget surplus to meet growing needs, and Texas teachers clamoring to be in the state employee health insurance plan?

"I think it's going to be difficult," Sibley said. "But until we have an idea of how much money we're going to have, it's kind of hard to start dividing it up or say we can't do something or the other. There's no question that teacher insurance is going to have a first lien on anything we might do."

What if additional money is needed for existing programs, much less new spending? Any ideas where it should come from?

"No," said the senator.

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CHARLEY REESE

British sea captain could teach our leaders a few things

Do you like sea stories? If so, let me recommend some, in case you've already read your way through the Horatio Hornblower and the Jack Aubrey series.

I'm a firm believer that all aesthetics are purely subjective and that literary critics are essentially parasites who can't write but are clever enough to earn a living by obfuscating.

To me, it's simple: Do you like it or not? If you like it, that's all you need to know about it. The original series of sea adventures were the novels about Horatio Hornblower, and most of the later series have followed that formula — starting with a young officer who gradually climbs through the ranks after many battles and adventures.

The current series that has the critics crowing is a group of historical novels by Patrick O'Brian, whose heroes are Jack Aubrey, a British naval officer, and a surgeon and intelligence officer named Stephen Maturin. O'Brian died recently, so his series has come to an end.

However, Alexander Kent, another British writer, has a series going, also set during the Napoleonic wars, and Maine sailor James L. Nelson has two series going — one set during the American Revolution and the other set during the Colonial period. Both of these men know how to tell a good story.

It's odd that I love these sea stories so much because I have no desire whatsoever to go to sea. I've twice crossed the North Atlantic by ship, and it seems perfectly clear to me that the sea is an alien environment as far as folks are concerned. The idea that a thin, steel hull is between me and 6,000 feet of cold, dark water is not especially pleasant. You either have to adopt a religious-like faith in your ship and crew, or you have an anxious voyage. I preferred to sail with blind faith but nevertheless was always happy to dock.

I even grew up in a Navy town, but when Uncle Sam came calling, I said, "Give me a rifle, some boots and a shovel, and I'm your man." I am a strong believer that in the natural order of things, the natural habitat of man is dry land. I love old Mother Earth, and I'll leave the sea and the sky to other folks.

At the same time, a good adventure story is a good adventure story. Those men who sailed the wooden ships and fought them were one tough breed. They had, of course, neither radar nor radio and were at sea for months entirely on their own.

When they fought, they fired broadsides into each other, usually followed by boarding and hand-to-hand fighting with pistols, pikes, and sabers. Then, if they were still afloat, they had to repair their own damage.

In this age of missiles and submarines and airplanes, the face of naval battles has changed, but many of the Navy traditions have not. The captain at sea is still God. The crew must still work together as a unit to fight their ship.

And unlike a ground-pounder, a sailor at sea cannot retreat if his ship is badly damaged. Sailors either keep her afloat or go down with her. In one sense, a warship is like a floating Alamo.

The hell of battle described in these novels is not unlike the hell the men of the USS Cole went through as they fought to keep their ship afloat in the blazing heat of Aden.

The Clinton-Gore administration is certainly eating away at Navy traditions like termites. They have put women on ships at sea and, some Navy officers claim, are now teaching situational ethics at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

Too bad those two guys never served under a stern British sea captain.

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Reese

Israeli parliament overwhelmingly approves early elections

By Mark Lavin
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel's parliament voted overwhelmingly Tuesday to hold new elections, after Prime Minister Ehud Barak — his government shaken by two months of violent conflict with the Palestinians — reluctantly agreed to go to the people.

Polls have shown elections would be a risky proposition for Barak, as his minority government has been steadily losing support from many Israelis who perceive him as ineffective.

However, a vote would probably not be held before spring, giving Barak time for a last-ditch effort to forge a peace agreement with the Palestinians. Elections could serve as a referendum on the agreement.

The 120-member legislature voted separately on five bills calling for early elections. Four of the bills were approved by more than 70 members of the house. Only three legislators were opposed, and the rest abstained.

The date for elections will be set in the coming days by party leaders. Barak said the vote could be held as late as nine months from now, while several opposition lawmakers said they



Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak greets the crowd during a gathering in the northern Israeli town of Hatzor Hagalilit, Tuesday. Israel's hard-line opposition on Tuesday rebuffed a final appeal by Prime Minister Ehud Barak that it join a national emergency government, and said it was determined to force early elections with a crucial vote in the Knesset, Israel's parliament.

expected elections in May, two years after Barak took office.

Parliament had settled into a long debate on the five bills Tuesday evening when Barak

made an unexpected appearance before the lawmakers. In a speech, Barak announced that he would no longer resist the opposition push for elections.

"I do not flinch from elections. I say if you want elections, let there be elections for prime minister and for the Knesset," Barak told parliament.

Throughout the day, Barak saw the opposition gain more and more votes, until it became clear that more than half the members would vote against him.

In his speech, Barak blamed opposition leader Ariel Sharon for rejecting his offer to create a unity government. However, in a later TV interview, Barak also acknowledged that he had "made mistakes."

Recent polls have indicated that if elections were held now, Barak would be defeated by any opposition candidate, including Sharon and former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The parliament session was closely watched by the Palestinians.

Nabil Shaath, a Palestinian negotiator, said he was still hopeful a peace accord can be reached before the elections.

"Barak still has six months until the coming elections, and if he wants, he can stop his aggression and adopt a new policy that will enable him to go to his people with progress in the peace process," Shaath said.

Palestinian officials have said privately that they believe it is possible to negotiate a peace agreement with Barak, despite his tough stance toward them during the past two months, when Israel

launched several airstrikes against Palestinian targets, responding to Palestinian attacks.

Barak told parliament that peace agreements with Israel's neighbors remained his top priority. However, in an apparent warning to the Palestinians that even though his political future now rides on reaching an accord with them, he will "not make peace at any price."

Amid the political turmoil, Israeli-Palestinian fighting persisted, though with less intensity than in previous weeks. A 17-year-old Palestinian was killed by Israeli fire in a clash at the Karni crossing between Israel and the Gaza Strip, and earlier in the day, a 15-year-old Palestinian died of wounds suffered Saturday.

More than 280 people, most of them Palestinians, have been killed since fighting broke out Sept. 28 following a visit by Sharon to a contested Jerusalem shrine.

There have been growing signals in recent days that Israel and the Palestinians are making a new effort to end the violence. Several days ago, both sides agreed to renew security coordination, and Israel has eased some of its travel and trade restrictions on the Palestinians.

Egypt: Engineer spied for Israel, lured by cash and love

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — In a move further straining ties with Israel, Egypt on Tuesday announced the arrest of a 35-year-old engineer it says spied for Israel after being recruited by a Jewish German woman with whom he fell in love.

Officials at the prosecutor general's office said Shereef Fawzi Mohammed el-Falali provided Israel's foreign intelligence agency Mossad with information on Egypt's arms industry and military and major tourism and agricultural projects.

He will be tried before a state security court on charges of supplying Israel with "political, economic and military information that harmed national interest," officials said, citing an indictment sheet. No date for the trial has been set.

Israel denied any role. Prime Minister Ehud Barak's office said in a statement that Israel had no "involvement in the alleged spying event" and "no connection with the people or particulars" cited by Egypt in the case.

Along with el-Falali, who officials said was arrested Sept. 27, a Russian citizen who allegedly recruited him in Europe was also charged but remains at large. He will be tried in absentia, said the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

El-Falali's case is certain to worsen relations between Israel and Egypt, whose ties have long been cool despite signing a 1979 peace treaty. Egypt last week recalled its ambassador to Israel in protest against what it sees as the Jewish state's excessive use of force against Palestinians in clashes.

The case also is likely to fan anti-Israeli sentiments in the Middle East, which have been running high since the start of the Israeli-Palestinian clashes in September. More than 270 people, mostly Palestinians, have so far been killed in the clashes.

The Egyptian government has made public some espionage cases involving the Jewish state, but is known to have kept others

under wraps for security reasons.

The last person convicted in Egypt of spying for Israel was Israeli Arab Azzam Azzam. He was sentenced in 1997 to 15 years in jail. Israel denies that he is a spy, and its repeated attempts to win a pardon for him from President Hosni Mubarak have failed.

El-Falali was arrested at his home in the Cairo suburb of Heliopolis. The Egyptian officials said "equipment used for intelligence purposes" was found, including computers containing some of the information he allegedly passed to Israel.

It was not immediately clear whether a lawyer has been appointed to defend el-Falali. He can only enter a plea when his trial begins.

The officials said el-Falali graduated with a civil engineering degree from Cairo University in 1990. He left for Germany when he could not find work in Egypt. While in Ger-

many, he met and fell in love with a Jewish German woman, they said.

Identified only as "Irini," she introduced el-Falali to a man claiming to be the head of the Middle East section in a major company who asked him to learn Hebrew, said the officials. El-Falali later traveled to Spain where he met the Russian, who posed as an arms trader but was in reality a Mossad agent, they added.

The Russian later introduced him to two Mossad officers who trained him in intelligence work and commissioned him to photograph Egyptian military installations, the officials said.

El-Falali also traveled to several European nations, meeting with other Mossad agents and receiving cash for the information he provided. He visited Egypt several times, but returned to settle only in 1998, the officials said.

It was not immediately clear whether he was employed at the time of his arrest.

Canada wants to deport key figure in corruption case

TORONTO (AP) — A key figure in China's biggest corruption scandal should be kept in a Canadian jail until he and his wife can be deported, an immigration official said Tuesday.

Jim Murray, an attorney for Canada's immigration department, told a hearing on last week's detention of Lai Changxing and his wife, Tsang Mingna, that the government had been shadowing the pair since they arrived in the country in August 1999.

He said Canada intended to send them back to China because of their alleged involvement in what China says is a multibillion-dollar smuggling ring and links to criminal organizations in China.

Lai has been seeking refugee status in Canada because he may face the death penalty if he returns home, his lawyer said.

"Mr. Lai and Ms. Tsang have committed non-political crimes in China punishable by sentences of more than 10 years," Murray said at the hearing in Vancouver.

Murray said the immigration agency already had issued a removal order for Lai and Tsang. He said the agency would argue for Lai's deportation on Lai's application for refugee status.

The couple failed to mention that they were being sought by Chinese authorities when they submitted their refugee claims, Murray said.

Lai's lawyer, Alastair Boulton, has said Lai was fleeing unfair charges and would face the death penalty if returned to China. He

said China and Canada may be working on a deal in which China would accept the return of illegal Chinese immigrants in Canada if Canada also deported Lai.

Chinese officials have said they wanted Lai to return to face charges, and a spokesman for the Chinese Embassy in Ottawa said Tuesday the government was following Lai's case. The spokesman, Cai Wei, refused to comment on any possible deal like the one Boulton mentioned.

Chinese prosecutors accuse Lai of running a ring that smuggled \$6.4 billion in cars, oil, cigarettes and other products through the port of Xiamen in China's Fujian province, avoiding \$3.6 billion in import taxes. Authorities also accuse Lai of buying offi-

cial protection in a corruption scheme that reached the top of the ruling communist party.

Following a 15-month investigation, courts in Xiamen and four other cities in Fujian province earlier this month sentenced 11 people to death, including police and government officials. In all, 84 people were convicted in the first round of trials involving the smuggling ring.

Boulton said Lai has not been charged in China. He said the Chinese government had threatened to execute Lai's brothers if Lai didn't return to China. Lai denies wrongdoing in China and left to escape being arrested, Boulton said, adding: "We believe that this is largely politically motivated."



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Ex-spy chief kept secret escape hatch under the tub

By Rick Vecchio
Associated Press

LIMA, Peru — For a peek into the clandestine world of Peru's fugitive ex-spy chief, Vladimiro Montesinos, one need go no farther than the secret tunnel leading to an escape hatch under his pink bathtub.

Peru's Panamericana Television broadcast images Tuesday of the spymaster's luxury beach house, hidden behind high windowless walls topped with electrified wires in a resort town just south of Lima.

The home, raided earlier this month by police searching for Montesinos, was amply equipped with escape routes.

One lay under the bathtub, which when lifted reveals a tunnel leading to a secret hatch under a plant bed located in the garage of a neighboring house. Another secret hatch leading to the underground tunnel was discovered by the indoor pool.

Such personal touches hinted at the life of a man who built up a covert network of power while allegedly bribing politicians, directing death squads and torture

and laundering money from drug trafficking and arms deals.

Montesinos remains missing since his return last month from a failed asylum bid in Panama. Former President Alberto Fujimori personally led a spectacular — many say staged — manhunt for his once-closest aide. That was before his 10-year authoritarian rule crumbled under the weight of scandals over Montesinos.

Congress ousted Fujimori from office last week, declaring him morally unfit for the presidency and ignoring the resignation he offered from self-imposed exile in Japan.

Now the job of catching the spymaster goes to Montesinos' old rival, newly appointed Interior Minister Antonio Ketin Vidal.

A retired police general, Vidal is considered a national hero for directing the 1992 operation that captured Abimael Guzman, founder of the Shining Path rebel movement.

Vidal is also famous for standing up to Montesinos by refusing to immediately turn Guzman over to the spy chief's intelligence

agency, which reportedly had orders to assassinate the rebel leader.

The dusty treeless streets outside Montesinos' beach house belied an opulent setting, replete with wood panel doors reinforced with armor plating, a portable satellite phone in the master bedroom, and hidden cameras in the guest suites and inside a stereo speaker by the indoor pool.

Retired police Gen. Maximo Rivera said the house demonstrated "an abnormal personality" of a man "conscious that he was living outside of the law."

Before going into hiding, Montesinos reportedly made copies of some 2,500 video and audio recordings that presumably incriminate politicians, military leaders and businessmen.

Rumors abound that he has already left Peru and is in hiding in Bolivia or Paraguay.

But Francisco Loayza, a former intelligence agent who has written a book about Montesinos called "The Dark Face of Power," said Monday he believes the ex-spy chief is in Peru.

Armed with documents to use

for blackmail and coercion, "he is probably in the process of moving from house to house," Loayza said.

Montesinos was forced underground after the broadcast in September of a videotape showing him in the apparent act of bribing a congressman.

Allegations followed that he had stashed more than \$58 million in bank accounts in Switzerland, New York, Uruguay, Luxembourg, and the Cayman Islands.

Swiss authorities said Tuesday that the accounts linked to Montesinos came from commissions on arms deals between Peru and Russia. The accounts are frozen.

In a statement from the Zurich district attorney's office, officials also said they had found — and frozen — accounts with another \$22 million from the arms deals. They did not explicitly link the funds to Montesinos, but to the deals.

Chinese fire three editors for reporting explosion

BEIJING (AP) — Three editors at a state-run Chinese newspaper were fired for reporting on the explosion of an army truck, an official said Tuesday, a blast that killed 67 people and embarrassed the country's politically powerful military.

An official of the Lanzhou Daily said the three were dismissed because of the paper's coverage of the Sept. 8 blast, which was also reported by China's official Xinhua News Agency. The official gave no details and would only give his surname, Hu.

A Hong Kong-based rights group said the three were fired after authorities said the paper violated rules governing China's media by publishing detailed reports about the explosion.

The truck, thought to belong to a military reserve unit, was carrying junked artillery shells that detonated as the vehicle bumped along a rutted road in Urumqi,

capital of the western Chinese region of Xinjiang.

The Lanzhou Daily, based in neighboring Gansu province, published detailed reports about the blast and casualties and reported that the truck violated regulations prohibiting military vehicles from transporting explosives through busy city areas, the Hong Kong-based Information Center for Human Rights and Democracy said.

The reports, quickly reprinted by newspapers elsewhere in China, angered military officials, the group said. Last week, Communist Party and government press authorities in Gansu ruled that the newspaper violated media regulations and ordered the editors' dismissals, it said.

Chinese authorities maintain tight controls over the nation's wholly state-run media, which in the past often reported major accidents days late with few details, or not at all.

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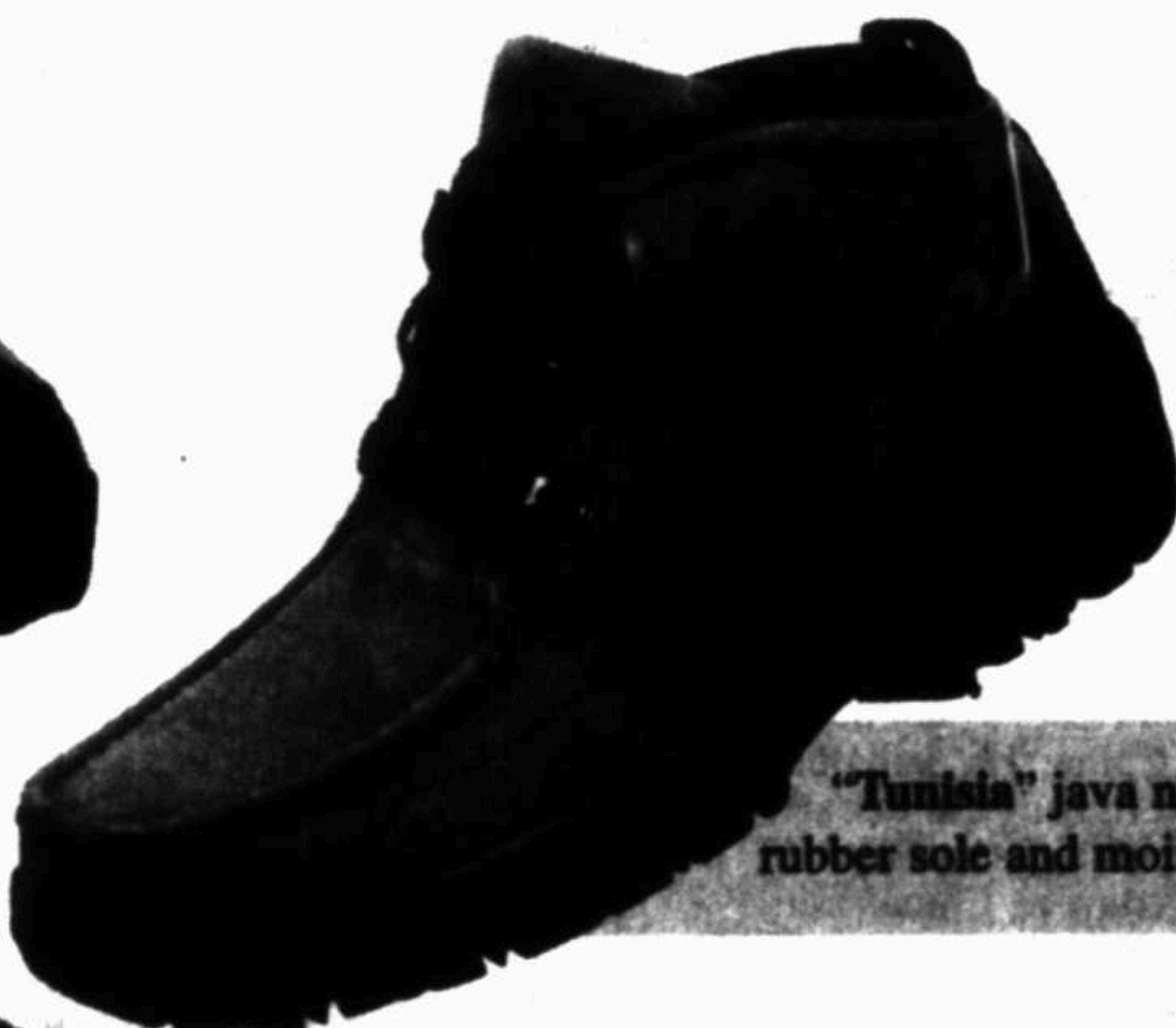
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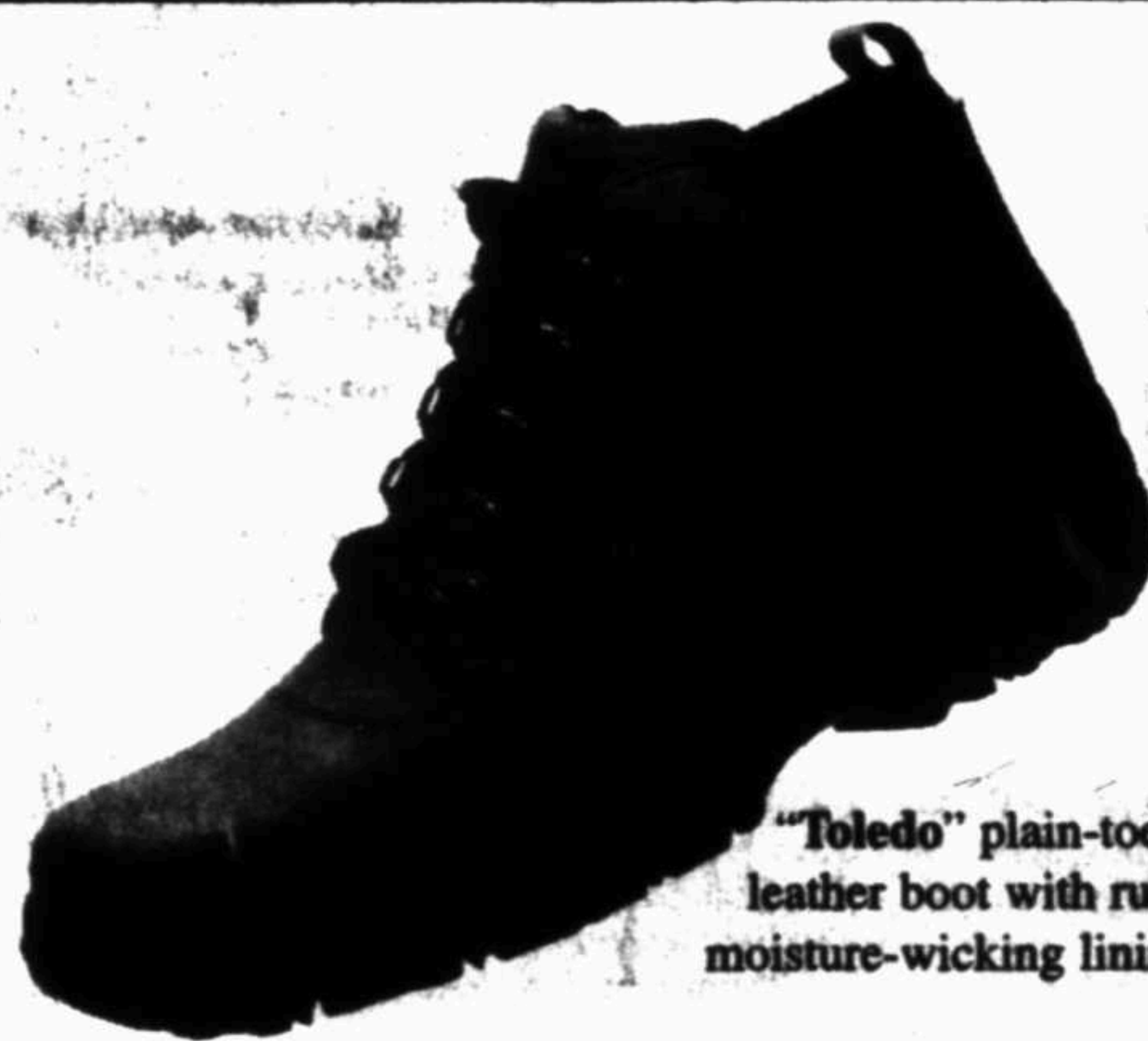
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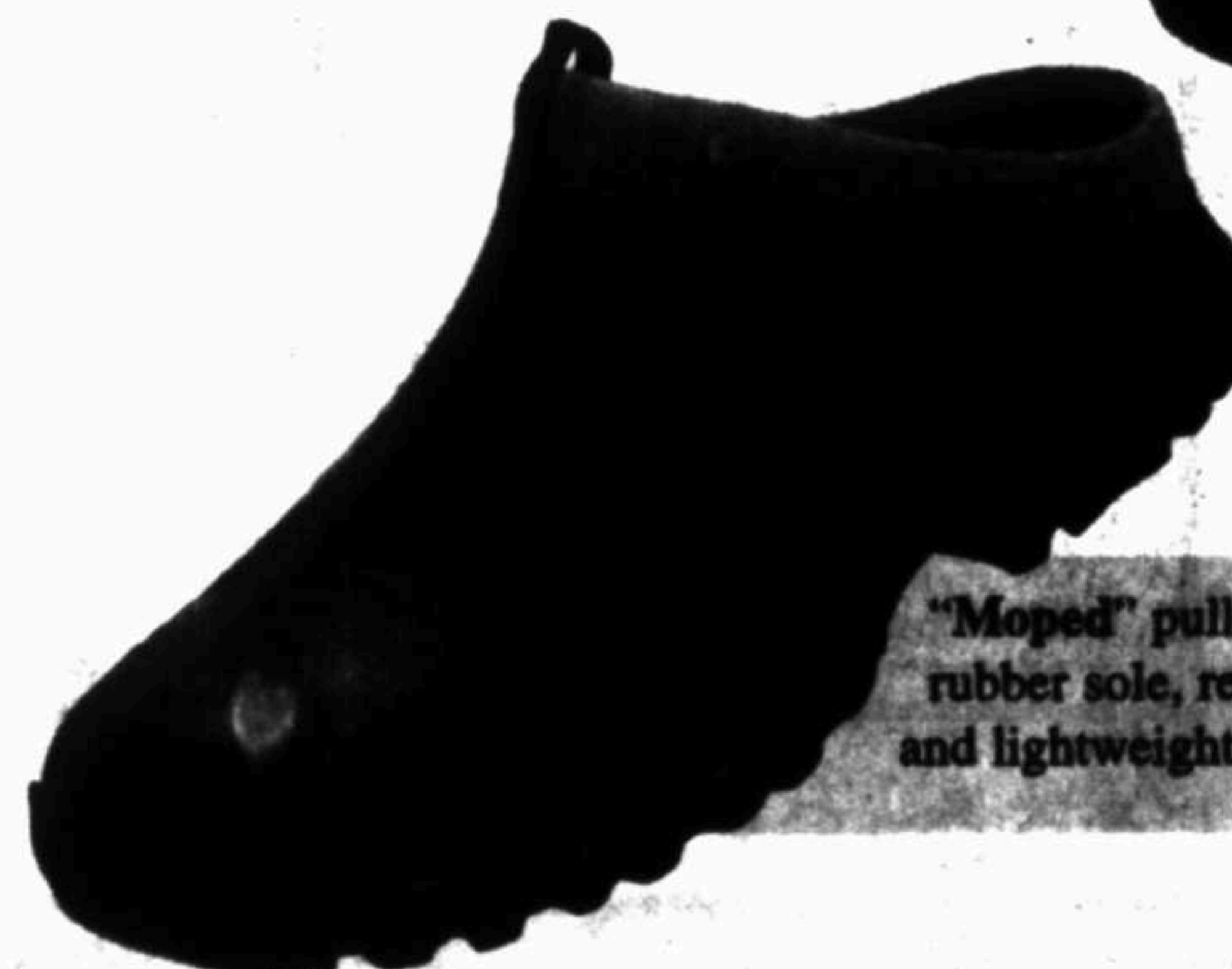
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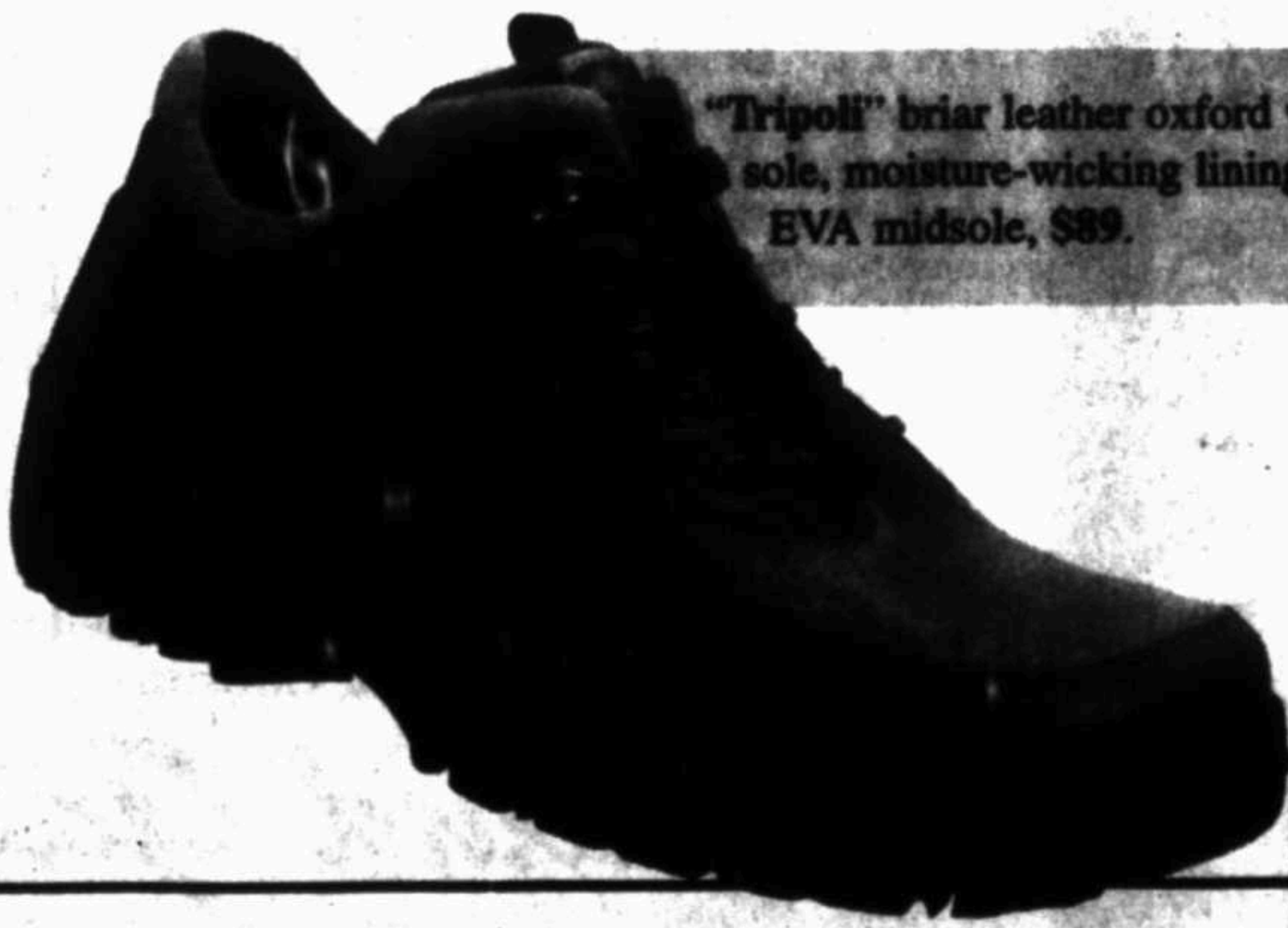
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Yellow Rose gets temporary reprieve

From Staff Reports

The resolution wasn't easy to come by, but after more than 45 minutes of discussion the Midland City Council made a decision that will temporarily quell a zoning conflict between an assisted living facility and its neighbors.

In 1992, Henry and Joleen Patke applied for a special use permit (SUP) to operate an assisted living facility out of a duplex in a residential neighborhood on Haynes Avenue in north Midland. But, the city's Planning and Zoning Commission denied that request. And the Patkes never appealed to the City Council, the body that has the final say in zoning matters.

The Patkes then proceeded to operate the facility, The Yellow Rose, and have done so ever since. The facility once had three residents and now has seven. It is licensed by the state to accommodate eight. City zoning laws, as mandated by the state Legislature in 1997, allow for such a facility to have

six patients in a residential area. In Midland, an assisted living facility can house more than six patients if it has been granted an SUP.

This past summer another family attempted to open a similar facility in the same neighborhood. It was then that council was made aware that The Yellow Rose was licensed by the state for eight patients and had been housing as many despite not having an SUP. The Patkes were then informed by City Hall that they needed to apply for an SUP.

But on Tuesday, as in 1992, there was strong opposition from neighbors of the Yellow Rose. According to Cameron Walker, director of planning, 51 percent of the neighbors were opposed to the zone change. City zoning laws state if at least 20 percent of the neighbors oppose the SUP, then only two council member votes against the SUP request would effectively kill the issue.

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Bond issuance questions arise

From Staff Reports

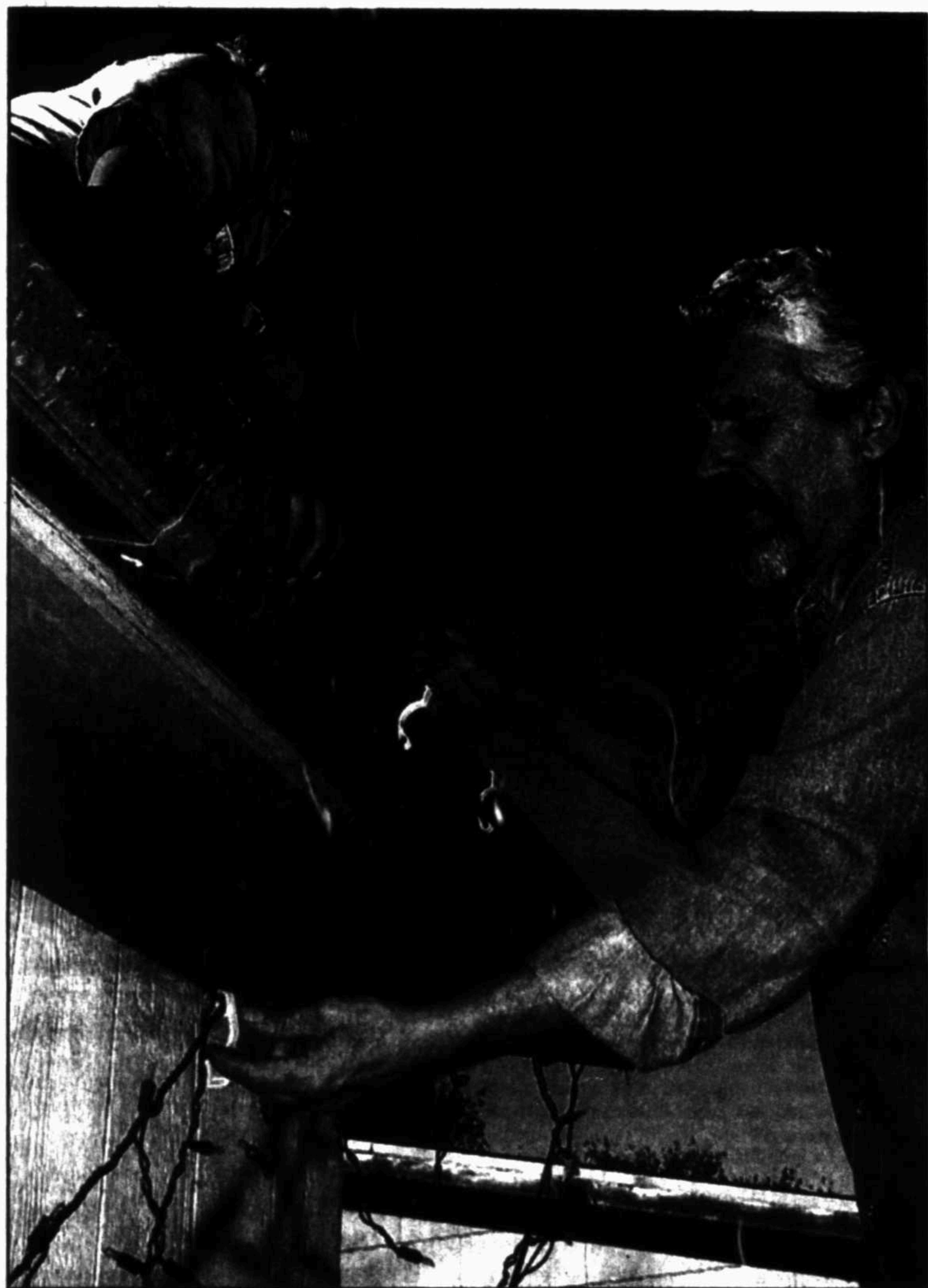
An additional bond issuance for streets that will lead into the Scharbauer Sports Complex sparked a discussion by council members at Tuesday's Midland City Council meeting.

Every two years the city of Midland sells bonds, or certificates of obligation, to help fund infrastructure improvement projects that include street and park maintenance, among other things. In 2001, the city will consider issuing \$7 million in bonds. And while a majority of the money will be divided among

various infrastructure improvements, \$2.5 million will be invested in street construction that will lead into the sports complex.

Slated for completion in 2002, the Scharbauer Sports Complex will comprise a football/soccer stadium and baseball stadium. The \$2.5 million is included in the estimated overall \$42 million in costs for the facility. In May, the city sold \$35.9 million in bonds to pay for on-site construction costs of the complex. The \$2.5 million will pay for

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John Jobe, on roof, helps his uncle, John Self, string Christmas lights on Jobe's mother's home in Midland Tuesday afternoon.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Ramirez vows to continue projects Valencia started

By Ed Todd

Staff Writer

Josie Ramirez said she is adopting the public service agenda promoted by Midland County Commissioner Louisa Valencia.

As commissioner-elect of Precinct 3, the 58-year-old Mrs. Ramirez said she plans to follow through with projects started by Mrs. Valencia, whom she is to succeed early into 2001.

Those projects include bringing water lines and Midland city water into the colonia area immediately southwest of Midland.

"I certainly am" going to further

investigate living conditions in that sector, Mrs. Ramirez said.

"That is one of my projects — to continue this work that is absolutely very essential for the life of these people and especially the young children," Mrs. Ramirez said. "I intend to continue with whatever projects she (Mrs. Valencia) is working on."

"Those are my intentions," she said, and "to see what their needs are."

Mrs. Valencia, a Democrat who at age 68 is retiring, said Mrs. Ramirez "is sincere . . .

"Let's face it: That's our job — to improve the living conditions of people in our precincts," Mrs. Valencia said of the commissioners' roles in county government. "It is a must, especially when we are eligible to apply for those colonia funds that don't cost the county anything — no matching funds. Also,

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Helping Hands volunteers get 'warm, fuzzy feeling' helping those in need

By Isela Agundis

MRT Correspondent

Helping Hands of Midland, with the help of the Midland Home Depot, will be conducting a holiday drive to benefit families with children, the elderly and the disabled. The Home Depot will be collecting nonperishable food, clothing and unused toys in barrels in front of its 4009 N. Midland Dr. location for distribution by Helping Hands volunteers. The drive will be held Dec. 1 through Dec. 22. Donations may be dropped off between 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Helping Hands of Midland is made up of volunteers who put in many hours. Cindy Daughtrey, president of the Midland operation, puts in about 60 hours a week and says "president is just a title. I'm just a volunteer like everyone else."

The organization is "100 percent volunteers" said Ms. Daughtrey "and we

are very proud of that."

The nonprofit organization collects all year to provide assistance to those in need. Last year, for example, it provided Christmas to more than 400 pre-registered families and more than 800 children. In addition, clothing was given to almost 300 kids.

From January through November, the organization has assisted more than 1,500 families with food, clothing, furniture, rent, utilities, medical expenses, motels, transportation and miscellaneous expenses. In addition, year-round financial assistance, a full-time food pantry and clothes closet are available.

The volunteers at Helping Hands are unique in that they are trained as caseworkers and sent on home visits to target specific needs of individuals and families. Some people request assistance with rent. The caseworker might arrive at the scene and discover there is no furniture or food in the home. At

Please see HELP/2B

Cell phone transmissions are easily intercepted

By Timothy V. Krelltz

MRT Correspondent

Most people who own or regularly operate cell phones rarely hesitate to use them for the discussion of confidences and other sensitive subject matter. Whether for business or personal use, cell phones have become a regular part of the average person's daily routine. However, few people seem to realize, in most cases, those transmissions can be easily intercepted with readily obtainable electronics equipment.

In 1997, then-Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich fell into scandal when a conversation he was having made its way onto the airwaves during a conference call. One of the persons Gingrich was speaking with was on a cell phone, and a Florida couple intercepted and recorded the conversation using a police scanner. Despite the fact that it is a federal offense to monitor and record cell phone transmissions, the risk of being heard is greater than ever.

A typical police scanner, available from most electronics stores, can easily tune in and monitor analog cell phone transmissions, and it is happening every day.

According to Southwestern Bell Mobile Systems Manager Shae Graham, anyone who is still using analog cell service is at risk. "Unless you have digital service, your transmissions are not encrypted and are open for interception," she explained. "There is simply no way for us to protect standard analog conversations."

Ms. Graham said newer technology digital cell services offer full encryption and privacy protection, but it is still not a fool-proof mode of communication. "If a digital phone jumps to an extremely busy cell site, it may have to be pushed onto an analog channel temporarily," she said. "During that time, the digital phone becomes just as vulnerable as an analog phone."

Being pushed onto an analog cell channel is more likely to happen in rural areas than in metropolitan areas.

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Southwestern Bell Wireless sales rep. Austin Cleland of Midland makes a call on his cell phone. Cell phone transmissions, especially those made from older analog phones, can be picked up over police scanners, ham radios, PCs and even older TVs.

U. Frank Williams Jr.
Reporter-Telegram

MATT JOSEFY

Want to be where the action is? Try the press box at a college football game

All right, I'll admit it. I was a little nervous. It was a huge date, so I had arrived plenty early. That wasn't the problem.

This was a problem of age: at least 15 years, if not 20. I wasn't absolutely sure.

I even had dressed appropriately for the occasion. Slightly dressy, but not too much.

I'd forgotten the flowers, but I figured I would be OK. I'd spent a little time briefing myself and reading up to be prepared for anything.

Despite all of my preparation, intimidation was knocking on my door as I walked up to the entrance — the press entrance at Kyle Field, home of the Fighting Texas Aggies. It was my privilege this season to cover the A&M-Tech and the A&M-Texas football games. Here I was at age 18 in the presence of professional sports writers who have been watching games through the glass for upwards of dozens of years. They have perfected their craft and are most definitely weary of change.



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I'll never forget my first chance to cover a college football game. Flashing my credentials at the appropriate points, I made my way up to the press box where I found my assigned seat. Using one hand to hold my mouth closed as I gaped at the representatives of major magazines and papers across the country, I used the other to carry my bag that contained a pencil, a pad, my laptop, an extra pad, an extra pencil and another extra pencil.

I'd double and quadruple checked to make sure my laptop battery was fully charged. I calmly and quietly took my place, after picking up handouts, pamphlets, and books of information about each team. Feeling almost like the odd man out, I observed a reunion of sorts, as the writers converged into one location for the first time in a week, a month or a year, depending on where they were from. They exchanged news of consolidations, new bosses, new hires and then moved to a more relevant subject: football. And they talk and they talk.

While I'll admit they possess a wealth of knowledge, I laugh to myself as I mentally call their bluffs and exaggerations on the games that have occurred in the past five years, wondering only the validity of their tall tales concerning games of old.

Fortunately, I was not the only green reporter in

the box that day. In fact, they'd put us side by side. Surely I was not as obvious as the recent college graduate who ended up seated beside me.

By the time he arrived, I had already relaxed — thanks to an older gentleman who sat, or tried to sit, two chairs down from me. He came in with a laptop from the dinosaur age and fumbled around for a plug. They were in fact hidden beneath the counter top, but it took him a couple tries and lots of looking around with bewilderment to find it. When he finally had, he went to sit with a look of self-satisfaction. His hefty frame tumbled to the floor, much to his embarrassment and mine. All attention was turned to our corner. With nothing to show but a bruised tailbone and a wounded ego, he brushed off both himself and the concerned crowd.

But the upstart from back East missed all of this, considering he did not arrive until after the game had started. He was actually a recent hire of a fellow West Texas town, so in between downs I heard a little bit of his story. He seemed a little out of place, mainly because baseball was his sport so his football knowledge was a little rusty. But he had enthusiasm, since he'd only been on the job a month or so.

In contrast, to my right sat the host of a sports talk radio show in East Texas. Granted, that was not the same

caliber as West Texas football but he knew the language of the sport as well as he knew English.

I don't know what was more enjoyable, fielding the questions of the poor Yankee on my left or hearing the boasts of the self-declared genius to my right.

Perhaps the most difficult part of my job that afternoon was shifting my status as an A&M student to that of an impartial, unbiased student of journalism. There were several times I wanted to scream with excitement, and other times I wanted to groan with disgust en route to our, excuse me, THE Texas A&M victory.

There were several experiences that made the sacrifice worth it. The first was the incredible feeling of being in the press box as it swayed back and forth in the cadence of the Aggie fight song. The other was the free meals. I know, I know, somebody somewhere paid for it. But all I had to do was get up and get it.

It started out as a pretty decent breakfast buffet, before shifting to barbecue and fried chicken. It was almost as much of a feast as A&M had on Tech that particular afternoon.

A few weeks later when I covered the game in Austin, with my Kyle Field experiences in College

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OBITUARIES



Norbon Sikes Jr.

Norbon P. Sikes Jr., 76, passed away Monday, November 26, 2000, at a local hospital. He was born October 4, 1924 in Rowden, Texas, to Norbon P. Sikes, Sr. and Emma Antha (Gibbs) Sikes. Norbon graduated from Portales High School in 1943, and then served in the U.S. Army from January 4, 1945 to November 14, 1946. He served in the Pacific Theater during WWII with the 8th Army in the Philippines and Yokohama, Japan, attaining the rank of Corporal.

After the war, Mr. Sikes went on to attend college and graduated from Texas Tech College in 1952, earning a degree in Civil Engineering. He was employed with Gulf/Chevron Oil Corp. as a Petroleum Engineer and served as the Chief Production and Design Engineer for the Western Division prior to retiring in 1986

after 34 years of service. In retirement, Norbon was a member of the Fairmont Park Church of Christ, and was a volunteer with the Santa Rita Club of the Petroleum Museum. He married Dorothea Mae Lane on February 26, 1960 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The family resided in Oklahoma City, Monahans, Texas, and Hobbs, N.M., before moving to Midland in 1980. While in Monahans, Texas, Norbon served as a city councilman and as a member of the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission.

Norbon will be remembered as a devout Christian, and loving and supportive father and husband. He was preceded in death by a sister, Joy; and a brother, Noble C. Sikes. He is survived by Dorothea Lane Sikes, his wife of 40 years; and two sons, John Norbon Sikes and Dr. James Lane Sikes of Midland, Texas. Surviving siblings are Jack Sikes (Robbie) of York, Neb.; Bob Sikes (Janet) of Valley Center, Calif.; Barry Sikes (Ruth) of Portales, N.M.; Don Sikes (Bessie) of Hawley, Texas; Wilma Pierce (Ulys) of Hereford, Texas; Belinda Blue (Clay) of Portales, N.M.; Billie Tabor (Leon) of Liberal, Kan.; Moy Dudley of Portland, Ore.; Kathryn Cox (Jim) of Elephant Butte, N.M.; and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

Funeral services for Mr. Sikes will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, November 30, at Fairmont Park Church of Christ, with Steve Bailey officiating. Graveside services will be held at Resthaven Memo-

rial Park immediately following the service. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

If desired, memorials may be sent to the New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 1356 New Mexico 236, Portales, N.M. 88130-9411.

Charles Easley Sr.

Charles Edward Easley Sr. died at his residence on Monday, November 20, 2000.

Services were held on Saturday, November 25, 2000, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church with Pastor Phil Konz officiating. Charles Edward Easley Sr. was born July 8, 1914 in Toronto, Kansas, to Jones B. and Effie Belle Easley.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Jeannette K. Easley; and his stepson, Glen Schauer. He is survived by his son, Charles E. Easley Jr. and his wife, Anna, of Clovis, N.M.; his two daughters, Mae Bell Lynn and Charlene Stephens and her husband, Billy, of Midland; his four stepchildren, Wesley Schauer, Donald Schauer, Robert Schauer, and Betty Peyton; his two adopted children, Aurora Hansel and George Easley; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

For the past two years, his grandson, Bryan Stephens, was his caregiver.



Frances Overby

Frances Cardosa Overby died in a local hospital on Saturday, November 25, 2000.

A Rosary was held on Monday, November 27, 2000. Funeral services have been scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 28, 2000, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Ray Wilhelm officiating. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Frances Overby was born October 4, 1923 in El Paso, Texas to Antonio and Jovita (Gonzales) Valencia. She was reared and educated in Roswell, N.M. In 1936, she married Filomeno Cardosa in Roswell, N.M., who died in 1980. On June 16, 1986, she married Rufus Overby in Midland, Texas. She was employed by Career Girl in Midland for 34 years. Mrs. Over-

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.

by was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

Mrs. Overby was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband, Rufus Overby of Midland; and her five daughters, Mary Jane Harper, of Houston, Texas; Lucy Bodoh, of Phoenix, Ariz.; Lillie Espinosa, of Plano, Texas; Alice Woodworth, of Houston, Texas; Francis Sullenger, of Herrin, Ill.; and stepchildren, Ginger McQuiston, Shirley Maguire, and Kenneth Overby, all of Denver, Colo.; 14 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers will be Tim Terrazas, Richard Terrazas, John David Espinosa, Albert Espinosa, Chris Granado, and Rick Flores.

Lillie Shuffield

Lillie Shuffield died in a

Wichita Falls nursing home on Sunday, November 26, 2000.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 1 p.m. Wednesday, November 29, 2000, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home in Midland, Texas.

Lillie Shuffield was born December 13, 1917 in Dodge, Texas, to Robert and Julia Crabb. On March 21, 1934, she married Harmon Wilson Shuffield in Maysfield, Texas.

Lillie was preceded in death by her parents, her husband; and a daughter, Glenda Sue Brown. She is survived by her son, Wayne Shuffield of La Veta, Colo.; her two daughters, Dorothy Tate of Wichita Falls, Texas, and Joyce Williams of Caddo Mills, Texas; her 13 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

DEATH NOTICES

Cecil Williams

Cecil A. Williams, 55, died Tuesday, Nov. 28, at his residence.

Funeral services will be 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

He was born Aug. 12, 1945 in Midland to Holly J. and Effie Williams.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Billy Williams.

Survivors include a son, Cecil Williams Jr. of Fort Worth; four daughters, Theresa Ellis and Charlotte Solis, both of Fort Worth, Melissa Hamilton of Odessa, and Stefani Storey of Midland; four brothers, Leland Williams and Don Williams, both of Midland, Holly Williams of Magnolia, and Robert Williams of Andrews; and seven grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Home Hospice, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, TX 79702.

Freda Lesueur

FORSAN — Freda Louise Cate Lesueur, 58, died Monday, Nov. 27, at her residence.

Private services will be held at a lat-

er date, under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Big Spring.

She was born Dec. 27, 1941 in Eagle, Colo.

She lived in Forsan for 21 years. She worked for Sara Lee for 28 years, retiring as district sales manager. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Stanton.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph Lesueur of Forsan; two daughters, Sandra Spears of Big Spring and Barbara Lesueur of Kyle; two sons, Keith Lesueur of Castle Rock, Colo. and Eric Lesueur of Nashville, Tenn.; two brothers, Earl Cate of Longmont, Colo. and Rollie Cate of Las Vegas, Nev.; a sister, Julie Jansen of Meager, Colo.; and three grandchildren.

Emory Altman

HEMET, Calif. — Former Midlander Emory Altman, 55, died Monday, Nov. 20, at a Moreno Valley, Calif. hospital. Graveside services were Friday, Nov. 24, at Harmony Baptist Church Cemetery in Unadilla, Ga.

He was born Jan. 3, 1945 in Unadilla.

He managed Colonial Self Storage on Andrews Highway in Midland for five years; and in Coppell for two years,

before moving to Hemet in September 2000.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Ann Altman of Hemet; a son, Gregory Altman of Midland; two daughters, Vicki Altman of 29 Palms, Calif. and Lois Schwieler of Chester, Ill.; a brother, B. Earl Altman of Fort Valley, Ga.; and seven grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Ruth Altman, 260 N. Lyon Ave. #140, Hemet, CA 92343.

J.W. Padgett

ODESSA — J.W. Padgett, 66, died Sunday, Nov. 26, at a Lubbock hospital. Memorial services will be 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 1, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 3625 W. 11th Street, Odessa, with Pete Klein officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home of Lubbock.

He was born July 15, 1934 in Colorado City to Jay and Odell Padgett.

He worked for Texas Electric from 1954-92, before retiring. He was a member of the North Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Ann Hale Padgett of Odessa; a daughter, Pam Recker of Odessa; a brother, Tollie Padgett of El Paso; six sisters, Lillie Jo Boring of Dallas, Charla Iglehart of Fort

Worth, and Meredith Edwards, Honey Tarter, and Marsha Drummond, all of Colorado City, and Sandra Bamfield of Lewisville; and two grandchildren.

Nellie Brown

SAN ANTONIO — Former Midlander Nellie Mae Brown, 90, died Saturday, Nov. 25, in San Antonio.

Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa. Visitation will begin at 9 a.m. Wednesday in the Carmichael-Whately Funeral Home at 600 N. Ward in Pampa.

She was a member of MacArthur Park Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by six children.

Survivors include nine children, Ray Brown, William Brown, Nellie Ingram, Byron Brown, Leonard Brown, Darla Morgan, Howard Brown, Earlene Massie, and Betty Byron of Midland; three brothers, Ed Howard, Bert Howard, and Nadie Howard; 45 grandchildren, 80 great-grandchildren, 14 great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Harold Hooker

FRITCH — Harold Oliver Hooker, 65,

formerly of Crane and Rankin, died Monday, Nov. 27, in Amarillo.

Services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at Fritch Church of Christ with Richard Kasko and Howard Sweeney officiating. Graveside services will be 4 p.m. Thursday in the Garden of Cross at Memorial Park Cemetery in Amarillo under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Fritch.

He was born July 31, 1935 in Mobetie.

He lived in the Fritch area for 18 years. He was a coach, teacher and administrator in Texas Public Schools for 38 years, serving three times in the Sanford-Fritch system, and taught in Sanford, Booker, Pringle, Pampa, McLean, Lefors, Dumas, Dalhart, Denver City, Rankin, and Port Aransas. He was a member of Fritch Church of Christ. He was a member of Lions Club.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Hooker of Fritch; two sons, Shannon of Sweeny and Koby of Amarillo; a daughter, Karmyn of Richmond, Va.; a brother, Jim Hooker of Pampa; and four grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to High Plains Children's Home, P.O. Box 7448, Amarillo, TX 79114-7448; or to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176.

HELP: Organization part of cross check network

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that time, the volunteer can offer assistance in those areas.

The organization also takes part in "cross check," which shares lists of area families in need with other benevolent organizations.

"It doesn't matter what charity persons choose to give to, but the people of Midland should know if the organization partic-

ipates in cross check," Ms. Daughtrey said. "There are a lot of families that aren't going to have Christmas if it weren't for these agencies."

Midland's Home Depot employees offered to help Midland Helping Hands with the Christmas drive. They help with numerous fund-raisers and work with youths at risk throughout the year.

"Customers actually see us out

in the community helping," said Brian Bristow, a company employee in the Midland office.

"It gives us a warm, fuzzy feel-

ing to see the faces of people

when we help."

Tree of Memories

Those who have lost a loved one this year are invited to place a ribbon on the Tree of Memories in the chapel of Ellis Funeral Home 801 Andrews Highway.

The public is invited to attend the Third Annual Tree of Memories Memorial Service Monday, December 4, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.

Tree ribbons are provided at no charge by Ellis Funeral Home & Resthaven Memorial Park. The Tree of Memories, donated by Blooming Rose, will remain on display until January 1, 2001.

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Sweet Angel Talina

Sweet Angel Talina
I look to the stars
And see your glowing face.
Watching over us
In so many ways
So much heartache so much pain
Somehow we manage to get through each day
Wishing you were here
And weren't so far away

Sweet Angel Talina
You've brought smiles to my face
The memories of you I'll cherish
As you journey off to another place.
We miss your smiles and your voice
We know you are singing with the angels
But you're in paradise.

Sweet Angel Talina
Rest now sweetie there is no pain
You are never alone
I know you are with the guiding angels
In your peaceful home.
I will come with you someday
Only now is not my time.
Then we will be together again
And you will be mine.

Sweet Angel Talina
You are greatly missed
Our days are gray
But when I look at the stars
I know everything is okay
Because you and the angels are celebrating your Birthday.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TINA
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By: Amanda Segovia

Love, Mom, Dad, Family & Friends

Truck carrying ammunition in wreck; one dead

DALLAS (AP) — A tractor-trailer carrying military ammunition slammed into a car Tuesday, killing the car's driver, but leaving its shipment mostly intact, authorities said.

The tractor-trailer rig loaded with about 9,000 pounds of ammunition — including 2,000 pounds of flares — was en route from McAlester, Okla., to Fort Hood when it collided with the car at about 2 a.m.

The 27-year-old woman driver was killed.

TODAY'S FUNERALS

LILLIE SHUFFIELD
1 p.m. — Ellis Chapel

Attend the Third Annual Tree of Memories Memorial Service in our chapel at 801 Andrews Hwy. December 4th at 7:00 p.m.

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according to Ms. Graham. She also said although her company offers the latest in digital services, the majority of her customers currently use analog phones.

But even while new technologies for protecting privacy are being developed by the cell phone industry, the advent of technologies for hacking it is rarely far behind. In December 1999, Israeli researchers discovered a reliable way to decrypt digital cell phone transmissions using a personal computer. The industry fears that PC programs for digital cell decryption will soon be readily available on the Internet.

Manufacturers of radio scanning

equipment are mandated by law to omit certain frequencies from the scanning ranges of their products. For instance, most over the counter police scanners will not cover the frequency band between 869 megahertz and 894 megahertz, which are assigned to most cellular transmissions by the Federal Communications Commission.

However, a radio wave phenomenon called "ghosting" sometimes places resonant images of the transmissions on adjacent frequencies the scanner can monitor. Also, the Internet offers many bootleg instructions for modifying scanners to receive frequencies that have been blocked out.

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ily they can be overheard," said Midland Amateur Radio Club president Pete Stull. "Many times, you don't even need a good scanner to monitor the cell frequencies. There are other ways to do it." Stull said most older model televisions equipped with rotary tuners can easily pick up cell transmissions. "Hook a good

antenna up to an old TV and it will pick up cell phones in the frequency range around channel 83," he said. "The average person probably doesn't have a clue that his cell phone is nothing more than fancy a two-way radio, and will usually have a naive expectation of privacy when using it."

Stull also said older generation scanners are a hot item on the collectors market, because they were manufactured long before the cell phone revolution, and have open channels for monitoring the cell bands.

Ultimately, Stull believes cell phone transmissions may never be completely uncrackable. "While half the world struggles to improve cell phone privacy, the other half is struggling to find ways to violate it," he said. "So be careful what you talk about."

RAMIREZ: Official hopes to improve living conditions in southwest Midland

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we are creating more jobs for people here in the area."

Mrs. Valencia said she and engineer Gary Harris soon will be giving Mrs. Ramirez a tour of the colonia area.

Ramirez, a Democrat, is retiring as a public school library assistant at the end of the year before taking on the commissioner's job.

"I'm going to show her the ropes," Mrs. Valencia said, "and let her have it. I'm confident her heart is in this project to give better service to the people."

Mrs. Valencia's work as commissioner in the past 12 years included "improving the living conditions" of people through governmental grants and county projects. She brought in the colonia project that put in sewer lines in a Cotton Flat Road-Francis Avenue area in south Midland that earlier had water piped in by private business in compensating for pollution of underground water sources.

Additionally, Mrs. Valencia launched the studies to improve living conditions in the water-poor area just southwest of Midland. She is laying the groundwork for water lines and sewer lines that Mrs. Ramirez is to help bring to fruition.

And she is at the forefront in getting the 1960s-built Midland County Exhibit Building re-roofed. She had sought renovation and expansion of the building.

Early into her political career, Mrs. Valencia's "big challenge" was completing a window-pane project in southeast Midland. "I inherited that when I took office (in 1989)" and helped develop "water and sewer lines and streets and alleys and trash pick-up. They had open cesspools" in that window-pane area.

POLICE REPORTS

Possession of marijuana

ODESSA — Two Odessa men were arrested on felony possession of marijuana charges 9 p.m. Monday.

Saul Hernandez, 19 and Octavio Hernandez, 25, were arrested in connection with the bust.

Odessa police said they executed a search warrant at 2905 Dawn in Odessa where they found between 160 and 180 pounds of marijuana packaged in kilogram-size bricks and packed in two large bags.

The arrest was a joint effort between Drug Enforcement Administration Agency and Odessa police.

Both men are being held in the Midland Detention Center awaiting Federal Prosecution.

Vandalism

Midland Police received more than 20 calls of vehicle damage all along the northwest side of Midland. Police officials say the damage ranges from slashed tires to paint damage.

Hutchison says Bush has right to move forward with plans

ARLINGTON (AP) — U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison said Tuesday that she supports giving Gov. George W. Bush \$5.3 million in federal money to move forward with his presidential transition plans.

"I have spent several days in Florida in West Palm Beach watching the situation," Hutchison said. "I think that everything has been done. I think President Bush is doing the right thing in going forward with his administration. It was a tough election and a tight election, and I understand the emotions involved, but it is over."

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Oprah to interview Jean Carnahan for December show

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Talk show host Oprah Winfrey will interview Jean Carnahan, the widow of Gov. Mel Carnahan who is set to be appointed to the U.S. Senate, for a show set to air in December.

"One of the premises of the show is to highlight people who have overcome loss and have showed great personal strength in very difficult times," said Carnahan spokesman Tom Wyche.

Mrs. Carnahan's husband died in a plane crash Oct. 16 while running for the U.S. Senate. Also killed were their son, Roger, and longtime aide Chris Sifford.

Carnahan, a Democrat, posthumously won a Senate seat in the Nov. 7 election and Missouri's new governor, Roger Wilson, pledged to appoint Mrs. Carnahan to the seat.

Mrs. Carnahan, 66, has said she will accept the appointment and plans to travel to Washington to attend Senate orientation and find a home.

The interview is set to take place Thursday.

Since her husband's death, Mrs. Carnahan has appeared on ABC's "This Week With Sam Donaldson and Cokie Roberts" to speak of her tragedy. She also has been interviewed by several media outlets in Missouri.

NEW YORK — CNN analyst Jeff Greenfield, one of many in the media to prematurely call George W. Bush the next president, is taking his embarrassment all the way to the bank.

The publisher Putnam confirmed Tuesday that Greenfield will write "Oh, Waiter! One Order of Crow!": Inside the Strangest Presidential Election Finish in American History."

The book is scheduled to come out in May.

Greenfield is the second television analyst in recent days to get an election-related deal. Last week, Random House announced a deal with ABC analyst and New Yorker correspondent Jeffrey Toobin to publish a book, currently untitled, on the still-disputed race between Bush and Vice President Al Gore.

Toobin's book is expected next fall.

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — The inspiration for the late cartoonist Jeff MacNelly's "Shoe" comic strip is battling cancer.

Jim Shumaker, a journalism professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, is receiving radiation at UNC Hospitals for cancer of the brain. He also has cancer in his liver, lungs, shoulder blade and thighbone, said his son, Karl.

Shumaker checked into the hospital more than a week ago after complaining of pain in his arm.

"It could be worse," Karl Shumaker said. "He could be eaten up with this stuff and no treatment would be available."

The younger Shumaker said his father is in pain, but medication seemed to help. "He gets ornery with me, but that's a good sign," he said. "I'm his son."

Shumaker, 77, was the inspiration for MacNelly's P. Martin Shoemaker, the gruff-talking, cigar-chomping, sneaker-wearing bird who edited the Treetops Tattler-Tribune. MacNelly died of cancer in June at age 52.

HYDE PARK, N.Y. — Own a piece of history for less than \$600,000.

An 18-room mansion overlooking the Hudson River that once belonged to President Franklin Delano Roosevelt is up for sale. The nearby homes known as Springwood, where FDR was born, and Val-Kill, which was Eleanor Roosevelt's retreat, are preserved as historic sites by the National Park Service.

But the park service cannot afford the \$599,500 asking price, said Sarah Olson, park superintendent for the Roosevelt National Historic Site.

Preservation groups have had little time to raise the money to buy the mansion, according to The New York Times, which reported on the pending sale Tuesday.

Originally painted dark red and known as the Red House, the 1833 mansion reflects the privileged life of the Roosevelt family.

It was acquired by James Roosevelt, the president's father, in 1866 and given to James Roosevelt Roosevelt, his son from his first marriage. The son, nicknamed Rosy, died in 1927 and left the Red House to his only sibling — his half brother, Franklin.

KINSHASA, Congo — Two decades after being jailed for assaulting a young woman, pop star Papa Wemba was back in Congo's Makala prison — but this time it was for a concert.

Wearing a blue inmate's uniform, the Congolese singer and his band of male musicians and female dancers held a concert for about 3,000 inmates crowded into the dingy jail.

Wemba reflected on the five days he spent in the jail in the mid-1970's after being charged with sexually abusing an 18-year-

old woman.

"Prison was not nice," he said.

Wemba is one of Africa's most well-known musicians, whose distinctive blend of traditional Congolese sounds, fusion and pop rhythms has attracted a strong following in Europe. In the United States, his album "Emotion" made Billboard's world music album charts in 1995.

Compiled from Associated Press wire reports.

TV TONIGHT

WEDNESDAY EVENING

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2000:

You are unusually creative and dynamic when considering your professional life and your financial security. Though you might not always be comfortable with what you have to do, you eye your long-term goals. You succeed as a result. If you are single, you draw many toward you because of your charisma and magnetism. This birthday year presents possibilities. If you are attached, you both gain by taking special downtime together. CAPRICORN helps you make money.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** Say what you need to say with authority, but also with kindness. Others respond to your style as long as you aren't tart. Communication flourishes at work as well as with a partner. Feedback strengthens your ideas. Work as a team, but know that you're commander in chief! Tonight: Work late.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Do your research. Make calls and find an expert. Be careful about how long you stay on the phone with a friend or loved one. Don't think a boss isn't watching. If working for yourself, you could lose your focus. Remember priorities. Tonight: Take in a movie.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Deal with a partner who is loving and caring. This person goes out of his way for you. Do a better job of listening, especially if the topic is finances. Work as a team, emphasizing efficiency and abilities. You clear out backlogged work. Tonight: Togetherness.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Defer to associates. It is important to others to know that you trust their work. Do nothing halfway, and understand another's limits. Your sense of humor lightens the day. Add a more convivial atmosphere to your work. Others seek you out for input. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Try to understand those you work with. Your ability to touch base with others takes you in a new direction. Talk with a family member about expectations. It would be a mistake not to listen to this person. Make an extra effort to add niceties to your day. Tonight: Off to the gym.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** You add zing to another's day. Express your feelings, and refuse to be intimidated by anyone. You could be delighted by what you hear. Stay in touch with your long-term objectives. How you see another could change substantially. Tonight: Enjoy a mid-week break.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Events force you to get down to basics. Feel grateful for a loved one and how he comes through for you. Discussions need to be creative and dynamic. You opt to build security and enhance your financial stability if you make the correct choice. Brainstorm with someone in the know. Tonight: A cozy night at home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Speak your mind, and others will listen. Express your feelings, and another will respond! You make a strong decision for yourself. Present your ideas in a way so that another can accept what you are saying. Your

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

word choice could have everything to do with the results. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** The world of wheeling and dealing reveals itself. You have some choices to make. Don't worry so much about the results. Your ability to enhance your lifestyle and comfort draws others. Only share so much. Your intuition works overtime. Tonight: Your treat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Develop a stronger sense of direction through a key conversation with an associate or friend in the know. Your sensibilities come out with others. You know what to do to make another happy. Please do not hesitate. Zero in on what you want and desire. Tonight: Where your friends are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Assume a low profile. Also understand that you could be overly sensitive or touchy. Review what you want, with an eye to the future. Discussions with bosses and higher-ups take you in a new direction. Don't let yourself interfere with your work. Tonight: Take a night off from the grind.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** Let your presence be known in a meeting. You see a situation far differently than others do. Examine your long-term directions. Dig into what is possible, even if it means taking a course or two. Go for what you ultimately want. Tonight: Where your friends are.

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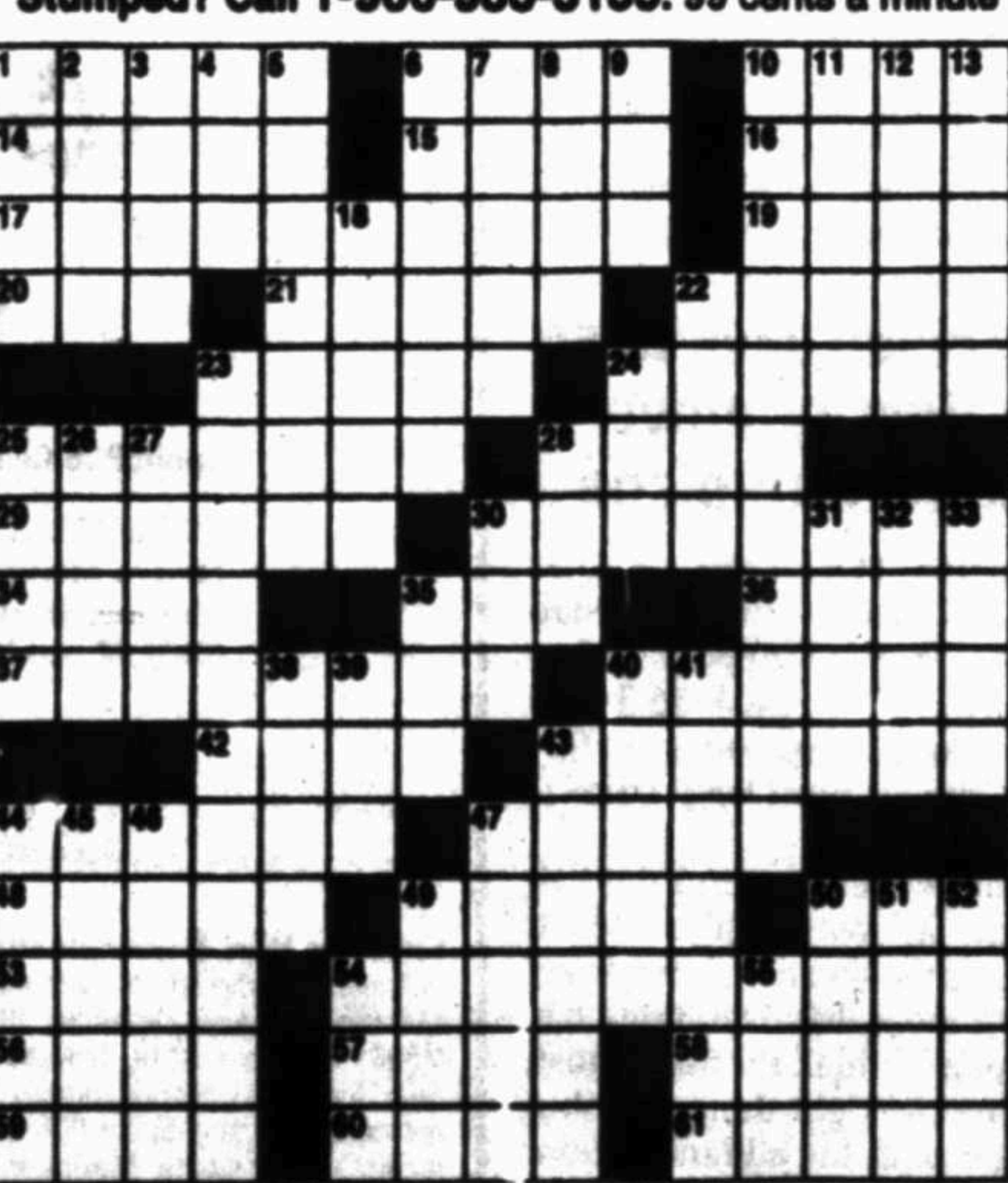
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Opening lead: Five of ♠

Good defense does not require you to do something brilliant. Often enough, a routine play is sufficient to lure declarer into a fatal line.

The bidding was right out of Bridge 101. With two balanced minimum opening bids facing each other and no 4-4 major fit, there is no reason to look for any other final contract than three no-trump.

West led a low heart to the six and queen and, when declarer held up by following with the four, East returned the 10 to dummy's ace. The jack of clubs was taken with the ace, and the king of hearts was forced out. Declarer took two more club tricks to eliminate that suit from the defenders' hands. West discarding a diamond, then led the queen of diamonds, running it when West fol-

lowed low. When the jack of diamonds was run next, East, former world champion Lorenzo Lauria of Italy, grabbed the king and returned a diamond.

There were only eight tricks, so declarer had to try for a ninth by leading a spade toward the queen. Lauria shot up with the king and cashed the long diamond for a one-trick set.

Good as the defense was, declarer missed a clue. West would not have ducked the second round of diamonds holding the king, so instead of running the jack, declarer should have risen with the ace and exited with a diamond. East could win with the king and cash a long diamond, but would then be forced to lead away from the king of spades, giving declarer the fulfilling trick.

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Christmas fete

Antiques Etc., 2101 W. Wadley Ave., will be open to celebrate Christmas from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday. Refreshments will be served. The celebration will continue through Sunday during regular hours.

Sundial demo

Architects of Midland's

Today's Agenda

Permian Basin Small Business Association, 7 a.m., 405 N. Marientfeld, third floor conference room.
Arco Articulators, 11:30 a.m., ARCO Building, 688-5760.

Uptown Chapter of Business and Professional Women, luncheon program, Petroleum Club, Lynne Clark, 682-0291.

Daybreak Rotary Club, 7 a.m., Hilton Midland and Towers. For more information, call Bob Rice at 563-1000.

Al-Anon, Wednesday night Step Study, 8 p.m., 2103 W. Louisiana.

Helping Hands, board meeting, 6:30-7:30 p.m., at 1301 Brinson (former Eagles Building, behind Rogers Ford). Anyone interested in volunteering as a caseworker or to work

first sundial will be giving a demonstration on how it works at 2:30 p.m. Sunday between the Museum of the Southwest and Marian Blake-more Planetarium. Senior Girl Scout Katherine Curry and Laura Atkinson constructed the sundial. "Star of Bethlehem: A Mystery Revealed" will follow the demonstration at 3 p.m.

in the thrift store, is invited to attend. Call 520-8900 for more information.

Tall City Toastmasters Club, 11:30 a.m., Permian Basin Graduate Center, 688-3193 (Bob Clohessey).

Company D, 403rd MP BN, Company D, Texas State Guard, 7:30 p.m., Texas National Guard Armory.

Midland Apartment Association, board of directors, noon, Clusters Club room.

Seniors Over 50 Dance, 7:30 p.m., American Legion, 501 Air Park Road, 682-5511.

Midland County Child Welfare Board, noon, Department of Human Services, 901 W. Wall St.
Tall City VFW 7208 Post & Auxiliary, 8 p.m., 1306 E. Taylor.

JOSEFY: Reporters drive 'get me to where I need to go' automobiles

(From 1B)

Station behind me, I walked with purpose, all the way around the stadium to find the press entrance. It takes a special sort of person to be a sports writer, I observed in the short distance from media parking to Memorial Stadium in downtown Austin. There was not a Lexus, BMW or fancy sports car in sight — just an ensemble of family cars, trucks, even vans, but the most popular choices were those that are classified as "get me to where I need to go" vehicles.

This time around I was in hostile territory — having to subject my eyes to a sea of orange on my way up to the booth. Once again I enjoyed a free meal (fajitas) and watched enough people to nearly fill the city of Midland file in.

Personally, I was seated on the 45-yard line and sheltered from the chilly breeze and threatening rain-

storms. There were a couple of familiar faces from the previous game, as well as the businesslike stares of those who were present to select a team for their respective bowl games.

Just to my right on the ledge below my window stood the commentators for ABC television and immediately below me sat the men in charge of graphics and statistics.

Wide-eyed, I watched their programs automatically tally the official stats. This time I even knew enough to find the secret stash of Cokes and water.

Together we watched the conclusion of the Colorado-Nebraska game, amidst speculation as to who would go to what bowl game. Only time will tell how much expertise the experts really have in that guessing game.

Though "my" team lost that day, it was a total thrill to find myself on the field at the end of

the game, right in the midst of the athletes. From there, our herd followed them to the locker rooms where we waited impatiently for them to change and return for the press conference and interview times.

Phil Simms, Super Bowl quarterback, was in the hallway, and I got his autograph as I walked by. I also directed questions at the

major players in the game.

Maybe I did my best to act like the grown men that surrounded me, but as I covered those two games, I was a kid at heart — getting to be right where the action was.

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COUNCIL: Neighbors express concern about property values

(From 1B)

John Sims, attorney for the Patkes, warned council that if the Patkes were denied, he wouldn't be above filing a federal lawsuit against the city of Midland claiming violations of the American Disabilities Act and Fair Housing Act.

Patke and a handful of relatives of those staying at The Yellow Rose also spoke in favor of the SUP.

Then, numerous opponents of the SUP took the podium. Neighbors of The Yellow Rose expressed concern that a zoning change to allow a business in their neighborhood could adversely affect their property values.

The main contention of the neighbors wasn't that elderly folks were living next door, it was that a piece of property in their neighborhood would be now zoned as a business and thus an invitation for more businesses to enter the neighborhood. Most of the opponents to the SUP spoke in favor of the existence of assisted living facilities in residential neighborhoods but added they should exist within occupancy guidelines mandated by the city.

Bill Hill, whose back yard faces that of The Yellow Rose, voiced his concerns on various aspects of the issue. First, Hill said, it was unfair for the council to consider granting the Patkes an SUP after they had consciously violated city zoning laws since 1992. Second, he said property values would indeed be threatened by the presence of a zoned business. Hill said he spoke previously with four appraisers and two realtors, all

of who said property values in the neighborhood would be adversely affected by an SUP. "We have a right to invest in a home and see it rise in value without having to worry about Special Use Permits," Hill argued.

Before the final vote was taken, Council member Lee Wood tore into Sims for threatening a lawsuit if the SUP were denied.

"The people said they didn't want an SUP on this house," Wood said. "Mr. Sims, your comment on how you will go to court if you don't get the answer you want... I'm sick and tired of people saying they'll sue if they don't get what they want. I'll vote against this."

Wood's reaction drew resounding applause from SUP opponents.

But, in the end, council voted 6-1 to grant the SUP — albeit with conditions. The SUP isn't permanent; it expires July 1, 2001. Until then, council resolved to consider rewriting the city's rules regarding the maximum number of patients allowed in an assisted living facility without an SUP. That process could take three to four months, Walker said.

In order to protect residential neighborhoods throughout the city, council in the coming weeks will consider passing a six-month moratorium on SUP requests similar to those of The Yellow Rose. If the zoning code regarding assisted living facilities is changed, then it is possible that more than six patients will one day be allowed to reside at The Yellow Rose without an SUP.

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Starbucks in the Forbidden City has some Chinese aghast

By Martin Fackler
Associated Press

BEIJING — To weary visitors, Starbucks' tiny store amid the sprawling majesty of the imperial-era Forbidden City in Beijing is a welcome chance to rest with a frothy latte.

For some Chinese, however, the U.S. chain's opening two months ago in the ancient home of China's emperors is an act of American economic and cultural domination in one of their proudest national monuments — and on Tuesday they said they wanted the Yankees to go home.

"Tell some Chinese about the coffee shop and they react as if shaken to their soul. 'God!' they exclaim, 'Not the Forbidden City!'" the official China Consumer Journal grouched.

Growing controversy about the Starbucks outlet prompted employees to remove its trademark round green signs from outside the shop Tuesday, making it virtually impossible to distinguish from the dozens of gift shops dotting the massive complex of palaces and courtyards where China's emperors once lived.

Administrators in charge of the 600-year-old palace were meeting to consider additional steps, which could include



Tourists walk past a Starbucks cafe in Beijing's Forbidden City recently. Starbucks employees were ordered to remove Starbucks signs from outside the cafe Tuesday following criticism in the local media about its location inside China's former Imperial Palace.

revoking Starbucks' one-year lease, said the manager of a neighboring store, who refused to be identified by name.

Such action wouldn't be com-

pletely without precedent. In April, city authorities ordered Kentucky Fried Chicken to close its store in Beihai Park, a scenic imperial garden near the For-

bidden City, when its lease expires in 2002.

The hoopla underscores the mixed emotions many Chinese have toward the sweeping

changes. Western influences and commercialism brought by two decades of market reforms.

On Internet chat rooms, where criticism first surfaced after the coffee shop opened Sept. 27, users lamented officials' approval of the store, saying it reflected a get-rich-quick mentality. Most Internet chat room comment Tuesday was negative.

Supporters, however, said it was unfair to single out Starbucks, noting that the Forbidden City was already awash in commercialism.

A stroll through the palace reveals outdoor stands advertising Fuji Film and, in summer, Coca-Cola. Even large map boards that aid tourists in navigating the alleyways and great halls bear the logo of a sponsor, American Express.

The president of Starbucks Coffee Asia Pacific Ltd., Pedro Man, defended the Forbidden City shop, saying it was designed with local sensitivities in mind.

"Starbucks strives to respect the local cultural heritage in every country where it does business," said Man. "With regard to the Forbidden City store, it was a landmark location and we worked closely with the Forbidden City Museum authorities in respecting the historical

relevance of the site."

Judging by the more than 100 people who purchase drinks at the coffee shop everyday, plenty are happy with the Forbidden City's newest addition, said David Sun, president of Beijing Meida Coffee Co., which runs all of Seattle-based Starbucks' outlets in the Chinese capital.

"We're there purely to provide a quality drink. It's a simple proposition," Sun said.

The shop that triggered the furor is modest, located in a small traditional red-walled building near the towering Hall of Preserving Harmony, where emperors once celebrated Chinese New Year with feasts.

There's barely room to sip a frappuccino between the shop's espresso machine and its two wooden tables and six chairs. But the store's two employees were kept busy Tuesday serving a steady stream of sightseers, most foreign, who stepped in out of the winter cold for a warm drink.

"We welcome the coffee shop," said Wen Junhua, who works at a gift shop that shares the building with Starbucks.

"It draws in foreigners, who prefer coffee over our Chinese tea. And while they drink, they wander over to our displays and buy. Everyone benefits."

Inheriting strong Mexican economy, Fox promises even more growth

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Used to be, not so long ago, everyone worried about an economic collapse when a new Mexican president took office.

But with the election of business-friendly Vicente Fox, who has big plans to improve what is already being touted as the healthiest, most stable Mexican economy in decades, fears this time are that the economy is growing too fast and could overheat, causing runaway inflation.

Fox, who will be sworn in as president on Friday, has promised to create 1 million jobs a year, increase tax collection and social spending, and promote private investment in Mexico — all while helping the economy continue to grow at a controlled, sustainable rate.

If he accomplishes that, it would be a sharp contrast to the past four elections, which were followed by soaring inflation and unemployment that forced each new president to spend the majority of his six-year term trying to get out of the hole he started off in.

Many Mexicans are still trying to recover from the last crisis six years ago, when President Ernesto Zedillo was forced to devalue the peso and interest rates soared to more than 100 percent. Criticized for his handling of the crisis, Zedillo appears to have made good on his pledge to hand over a healthy economy to the next president.

Fox, for his part, has promised not to mess it up.

"Under no circumstances do we want to fall into a deep hole," Fox promised. "That is not going to happen this time because we are going to have a lot of communication with everyone — with investors,

with markets."

The first opposition presidential candidate to defeat a member of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party since 1929, Fox faces the challenge of helping the economy grow enough to fulfill his promises to create jobs and raise salaries while keeping it from overheating.

After the former Coca-Cola executive's election July 2, businesses and investors were giddy with excitement. The peso strengthened 4.2 percent against the dollar in three months, and it seemed Mexico's economy could do no wrong.

Yet by October, nervous investors complained that his economic team was sending conflicting messages amid concern that the economy was going too strong.

Trying to calm market fears, Fox's economic team announced conservative economic targets for next year, projecting that Mexico's economy will grow by up to 4.5 percent. That was a sharp drop from the more than 7 percent growth expected this year — and which Fox had earlier pledged to continue. Fox, has said, however he will achieve 7 percent growth by the middle of his term.

But Fox has more than just investors to worry about. His plans to allow more private investment in the energy sectors have already met strong opposition, as have many of his tax proposals. He also doesn't have a majority in either house of Congress.

In addition, he faces the problem of Mexico's widespread poverty.

Sitting on a washed-out dirt road in Guanajuato state, where Fox recently served as governor,

Cristina Saldana said she didn't vote for Fox and didn't believe he would help her family of five — which barely survives on \$31.90 a week.

"He didn't accomplish anything," she said bitterly. "He's not doing anything for the poor. Everything is so expensive."

The poor aren't the only ones looking for change. Fox was elected largely by votes from Mexico's middle class, which was hit hard when the 1994 crisis dried up bank loans and sent inflation soaring. Since then, only the super-wealthy have had access to credit, making it difficult for many to buy houses or cars, or expand small businesses.

Fox has pledged to strengthen an antimonopoly commission and help small businesses flourish in a country where big business rules.

But Fox's ideas may be too late for people like Armando Salazar, a former accountant from northern Mexico who moved to Texas after the 1994 crisis.

Encouraged by the success of the North American Free Trade Agreement, which has created thousands of jobs and brought millions of dollars in foreign investment, Fox wants to work toward expanding the trade pact to allow the free movement of workers across borders. But first, he wants to increase salaries in Mexico to make them competitive with those in the United States.

That's welcome news to Salazar, although he says it will take a lot before he would move back home.

"I want a salary that will support my family, allow me to live without constant stress," he says.

Chechens reel from destruction of Grozny market

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Weeping merchants dug through the ruins of the central market in the capital of rebel Chechnya on Tuesday, trying to salvage something after Russian military vehicles smashed the stalls into the ground.

Russian authorities had no immediate comment on the decision to destroy the market, a key source of scarce food and supplies in the war-shattered city that also provides income for thousands of traders trying to struggle their way out of poverty.

"I had goods there worth about \$1,500 — for me that is a lot," said trader Zharadat Agayeva. "I don't know how I am going to pay my debts."

Rebel attacks in the capital and elsewhere in Chechnya have been on the rise, with at least 10 soldiers being killed in the past day, and pro-Russian Chechen officials had warned that bigger actions were being planned for the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, which began Monday.

Russian troops sealed off the Grozny market on Sunday, apparently fearing that its presence in the tense capital could assist the rebels in their attacks.

According to market workers,

the soldiers drove people out of the area, but told the traders their food, clothes and other goods would be protected once they were placed in the market storerooms.

"But when I locked everything, they started to shoot the locks off with machine guns. Soldiers rushed inside and pilfered the shelves: sausages, butter, cheese," said Musa Akhmatov, owner of a storeroom.

On Monday, armored personnel carriers and other military vehicles drove into the market and smashed down the rows of makeshift kiosks and stalls. No injuries were reported, although traders said soldiers hit some of them with rifle butts.

The market's director, Ali Gantamirov, is the brother of Grozny mayor Bislan Gantamirov, a controversial figure who had been jailed in Russia on charges of siphoning off money for Grozny's reconstruction after the 1994-96 war.

Bislan Gantamirov has openly feuded with the Kremlin's top official in Chechnya, Akhmad Kadyrov. Kadyrov himself has recently criticized Russia's operations in Chechnya.

President Vladimir Putin, in an indication of possible frustration over intractability of the Kremlin's

appointees in the republic, on Tuesday created a new government post to coordinate Chechnya's social and economic development.

Russia has claimed for months that the mainly Muslim separatist insurgents are on the verge of defeat, but the rebels mount small daily attacks that bloody the Russian forces.

As the war heads into its second winter, speculation is re-emerging that Russia is seeking a negotiated settlement. Viktor Kazantsev, a presidential envoy in southern Russia, said last week that his aides were in talks with one of the most influential rebel commanders.

However, other Russian officials have dismissed the possibility of talks.

Rebels won de facto independence from Russia in a 1994-96 war, but federal forces returned in September 1999 after rebels raided a neighboring Russian region and after a series of bombings in three Russian cities that were blamed on the rebels.

Defense asks for dismissal for a defendant in bombing

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — A Libyan on trial for conspiracy and murder asked judges to dismiss the case against him Tuesday, arguing that no evidence ties him to the bombing 12 years ago of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland.

The defense attorney for Lamen Khalifa Fhimah said the prosecution had failed to present evidence linking his client to any of the events leading to the explosion, which killed 270 people.

A court spokesman said a decision on the motion for dismissal was likely on Wednesday.

The motion was not a surprise, since the prosecution admitted it had no direct evidence of Fhimah's involvement.

But the prosecution, which concluded its case last week after five months of hearings, argues that it has a convincing body of circumstantial evidence against Fhimah and co-defendant Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi.

Defense lawyer Richard Keen said Fhimah had not known of any plot to blow up the airliner. If the court believed he played a part in putting the bomb on board the plane, he did so unwittingly, Keen said.

The prosecution says the two defendants, who it alleges were Libyan intelligence agents, placed a bomb-laden suitcase on board a flight departing from Malta, tagged for transfer at Frankfurt airport for the Pan American flight.

Responding to the motion, prosecutor Alastair Campbell said Fhimah worked as station manager for Libyan Arab Airlines at Luqa, and kept his security pass

even though he stopped working there shortly before the bombing on Dec. 21, 1988. It said the airline job was a cover for his intelligence activities.

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Afghan refugees huddle at sealed Pakistani border

By Amir Shah
Associated Press

TORKHAM, Afghanistan — Huddled in dirt-caked woolen blankets, children cough and cry while their parents keep vigil at the gates that separate Afghanistan and Pakistan.

But the black steel gates remained closed to all but those with passports and visas.

In mid-November two people died, one of them a small child, trampled beneath a mob of thousands who stormed the gates when they were briefly opened to let in travelers with visas, witnesses said. Pakistani border guards beat them back.

The crowds at the Afghan border post at Torkham are the latest in a torrent of refugees who have poured out of Afghanistan in the past 20 years, starting with the Soviet invasion, through the civil warfare of the 1990s to the drought, poverty and fighting that still blight the mountainous central Asian country.

"I am a farmer, but there is no water, no food in my village. I have nothing. I am here for the last four days with my family," said Faqir Mohammed, slumped in front of the gates.

Mohammed had fled his home in northern Kunduz province, traveling first to the capital, Kab-

ul, before deciding to go to Pakistan in search of work.

He made it only as far as the border.

"All night all you hear are children coughing and crying. It is cold. We have nothing," he said.

Impoverished Pakistan has more than 2 million Afghan refugees in camps and cities throughout the country. It gets no outside help to feed and house them, and says it can't take any more.

Torkham's gates were padlocked on Nov. 11 after more than 30,000 Afghans swarmed across the border into Pakistan in a single month.

The United Nations issued an emergency appeal. It got some money, but says it will only last four months.

It also anticipates tens of thousands will head for Pakistan in the coming months.

The newest refugees come mostly from northern Afghanistan and are minority ethnic Uzbeks, Tajiks and Shiite Muslims, say U.N. officials.

Sometimes hundreds gather at the gate, sometimes thousands. The largest crowds are seen on Friday, the Muslim day of rest, when guards on the Afghan side have the day off.

"We are especially concerned about Afghan minorities, who

may be denied their right to asylum as a result of this border closure," said Erick de Mul, U.N. coordinator for humanitarian aid to Afghanistan.

With central Asia's borders also sealed, people of every ethnic group, even majority Pashtuns from whom Afghanistan's ruling Taliban draws its strength, are stranded at Torkham, witnesses said.

"Most of the newcomers are economic migrants and left their homes in utter desperation," said Niaz Ahmed, a U.N. official at Shamshatoo Camp in Pakistan, where the newest arrivals live.

The vast majority in the camp, located in rugged Northwest Frontier province on the Afghan border, are ethnic Tajiks and Uzbeks.

Some are refugees from the fighting between the Taliban, which controls 95 percent of Afghanistan, and opposition forces holed up in the north of the country.

"We were forced to flee because of fighting. We were being pressed by both sides to join the war," said Abdul Rasul, 45.

The farmer, his wife and four children walked, rode horses and hitchhiked on the back of a truck in their six-day journey to Pakistan. He said his entire village, in Narang district in Baghlan



Hundreds of Afghan refugees wait to enter Pakistan at Afghanistan's border post Torkham, recently. The Pakistani government closed the Pakistan-Afghanistan border to stop the influx of new refugees after the Afghan population climbed to more than 2.1 million.

province, has migrated to Pakistan.

Taliban officials have sought to stem the exodus by housing the refugees in an abandoned camp, but say they need help to feed and shelter them. They are angry at

Pakistan, their close ally, for closing the border.

"The people of Afghanistan are in very bad condition. Look at them. We have no food to give them. Every night the weather is getting colder," said Bhadr Shah

Khan, a Taliban security officer at the Torkham border post.

"What will happen to the children? They will die," he said. "No help is coming from anyone. No help from the United Nations. Nothing."

Carlos the Jackal testifies on 1975 OPEC attack

PARIS (AP) — International terrorist Carlos the Jackal went back to court Tuesday — as a witness in the trial of a German leftist accused of taking part in a bold attack on an OPEC oil ministers conference 25 years ago.

The Venezuelan-born Carlos, well-dressed and smiling, testified that he plotted the Dec. 21, 1975, attack on the meeting in Vienna that left three people dead.

"I know the operation like the back of my hand," Carlos, whose real name is Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, told the court. "I planned it."

The OPEC operation took shape in October 1975, the 51-year-old Ramirez said, hinting at Libyan involvement.

Ramirez launched into lengthy remarks about his action for the Palestinian resistance. When the court president asked him to speed up his testimony, he replied that time was of no interest to him.

"I can spend three days standing up with no water and no sleep," Ramirez said.

The German judge then asked whether he knew a Hans-Joachim Klein, an alleged accomplice. Ramirez replied that he was "very disappointed."

"I thought you wanted to know the reasons behind the operation," he told the court.

Ramirez was testifying in Paris as part of the trial of Klein in Germany. French authorities refused to transfer Ramirez to Germany for security reasons. Klein, 52, is charged with three counts of murder and three of attempted murder in the OPEC attack. He denies shooting any of those slain — an OPEC employee, an Iraqi bodyguard and an Austrian policeman.

But Ramirez, who is serving a life term in France for murdering three people, told the court that Klein shot the Iraqi. In the OPEC attack, the ter-

rorists took 70 hostages, negotiated with Austrian authorities and fled to Algeria with 35 of the hostages, where they were released.

Klein, who was shot in the stomach in the OPEC raid, and Ramirez then disappeared, reportedly taking refuge in the Middle East.

Klein was arrested Sept. 8, 1998, in a village in the Normandy region of France, where he had lived under an assumed name for five years.

Klein was a prominent radical in Frankfurt, Germany in the 1970s in a group that once included European lawmaker Daniel Cohn-Bendit and Joscha Fischer, now Germany's foreign minister.

Ramirez says he killed 83 people. He has also been linked to the 1976 hijacking of an Air France jet to Entebbe, Uganda. He was captured in Khartoum, Sudan, on Aug. 14, 1994, and taken to Paris by French agents.

Iranian hard-liners criticize Khatami on warning

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iranian hard-liners harshly criticized moderate President Mohammad Khatami for accusing them of constitutional violations, saying it was part of a ploy to win re-election next year, newspapers reported Tuesday.

On Sunday, Khatami said hard-line opponents of his pro-democracy reforms, including the judiciary, were violating the constitution and he was powerless to stop them. He said the closed-door, no-jury courts that are used to try journalists and political activists were an example of how the constitution was being trampled.

The hard-line head of the judiciary, Ayatollah Mahmoud Hashemi Shahroudi, warned the constitution should not be misused for political purposes.

"The constitution should not be employed as a political instru-

ment for factional and party objectives. I call on the president to take new and serious steps to implement articles of the constitution not implemented so far," the conservative daily Entekhab quoted Shahroudi as saying.

Shahroudi said he was setting up a panel to look into possible constitutional violations.

In a related development, a moderately reformist newspaper, Iran-e Javan, was banned Tuesday, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

Entekhab also written commentary accusing Khatami of seeking to cover up his deficiencies and attract votes in presidential polls, which most likely will be held next May. Earlier this year, Khatami said he would run for re-election, but this month he said he was undecided.

"Prior to the presidential elec-

tion, Khatami has launched an early election campaign to blame the weak performance of his administration on his opponents," the daily said.

The official Iranian news agency reported that Iran-e Javan, or Young Iran, a small circulation weekly, had been closed. The report did not say who issued the order to ban it, but the move was presumed to come from the judiciary.

The judiciary, which is controlled by hard-liners, has closed 30 publications — all but one of them pro-reform newspapers — since it began a press crackdown in April in a bid to roll back social and political reforms.

Yugoslav general tours southern Serbia

By Aleksandar Vasovic
Associated Press

BUJANOVAC, Yugoslavia — A top Yugoslav army commander claimed Tuesday that Kosovo Albanian militants launched more incursions into Serbia, but said the military would not intervene unless provoked.

Yugoslavia's new president Vojislav Kostunica has demanded that NATO live up to its commitment to stop ethnic Albanian attacks in southern Serbia that have killed at least five people.

"There are conditions for this (crisis) to be solved by peaceful means," said Gen. Nebojsa Pavkovic, a Yugoslav army commander who visited his troops on the edge of a contested buffer zone between Kosovo and the rest of Serbia.

Pavkovic alleged that an additional 200 "terrorists" infiltrated into the buffer zone — where Serb police are allowed to patrol with only light arms — from Kosovo in the last few days.

"We won't allow any provocations against the army, and the army has the right to respond to any attack or provocation against it," Pavkovic said.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher expressed concern about the incursions and said the NATO-led Kosovo force has been discussing the issue with Albanian and Yugoslav leaders in hopes of easing tensions.

He said Secretary of State Madeleine Albright raised the issue with a number of European foreign ministers, including Yugoslavia's, during her visit to Austria that ended on Monday.

"Everybody is concerned about it (the violence) and wants to do everything possible to stop it," he said.

Boucher said the NATO-led Kosovo Force has closed one crossing point in the area and conducted extensive border searches of vehicles and individuals at

crossing sites away from the confrontation areas.

"They have detained suspected Albanian militants, and they have increased patrols and the overall surveillance of the ground security zone," he said.

NATO-led peacekeepers moved into Kosovo after the alliance bombed Yugoslavia to force former President Slobodan Milosevic to stop a crackdown on ethnic Albanians. The peace deal that ended the war created the three-mile buffer zone between the Kosovo boundary and Serbia proper.

The area on the Serb side of the frontier has a large ethnic Albanian population and militants demanding to join Kosovo — who Belgrade says work out of the province — have been attacking Serb forces.

Last week, violence escalated as ethnic Albanians militants launched attacks into the buffer zone, capturing several strategic points in Serbia proper.

The alliance said it had helped negotiations between the militants and the Serb police. Flight Lt. Mark A. Whitty, a spokesman for NATO-led peacekeepers in Kosovo said Tuesday that "both parties have agreed to an indefinite ceasefire."

"We facilitated the discussion between the two groups," he said.

A key official in Yugoslavia's new leadership, however, denied that the government negotiated a ceasefire with either NATO or the militants. "There have been no such talks," said Nebojsa Covic, a deputy prime minister in Serbia's

government. "Such information is not true."

The reason for the discrepancy was not clear.

Meanwhile, NATO took measures to prevent ethnic Albanians from crossing into the buffer zone, searching every person and car traveling in the area.

The incidents on Kosovo's border cast doubt on NATO's ability to control Kosovo and also present a major crisis to Kostunica. He must defend the area without provoking the same international condemnation that accompanied Milosevic's crackdown.

"It is not going to come to a war because we are fighting for peace," Kostunica said Monday as he toured the contested region. "We respect all international documents on Kosovo."

But he said it was imperative that NATO block all ethnic Albanian extremists from penetrating the buffer zone. And the government continued bringing in reinforcements, including special anti-terrorist units, in case diplomacy fails.

More than 2,500 people, mostly ethnic Albanians, have trickled out of the troubled region since the crisis started.

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Dutch parliament passes bill to legalize euthanasia

By Anthony Deutch
Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — The Dutch parliament approved a bill Tuesday to allow euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide, which would make Holland the first country to formally legalize the practice.

The bill passed by a vote of 104-40. It still needs the approval of the Senate, which is considered a formality, and is expected to enter into force next year.

Advocates say the law puts the Dutch in the vanguard of patient rights, while opponents say it will replace caring with killing.

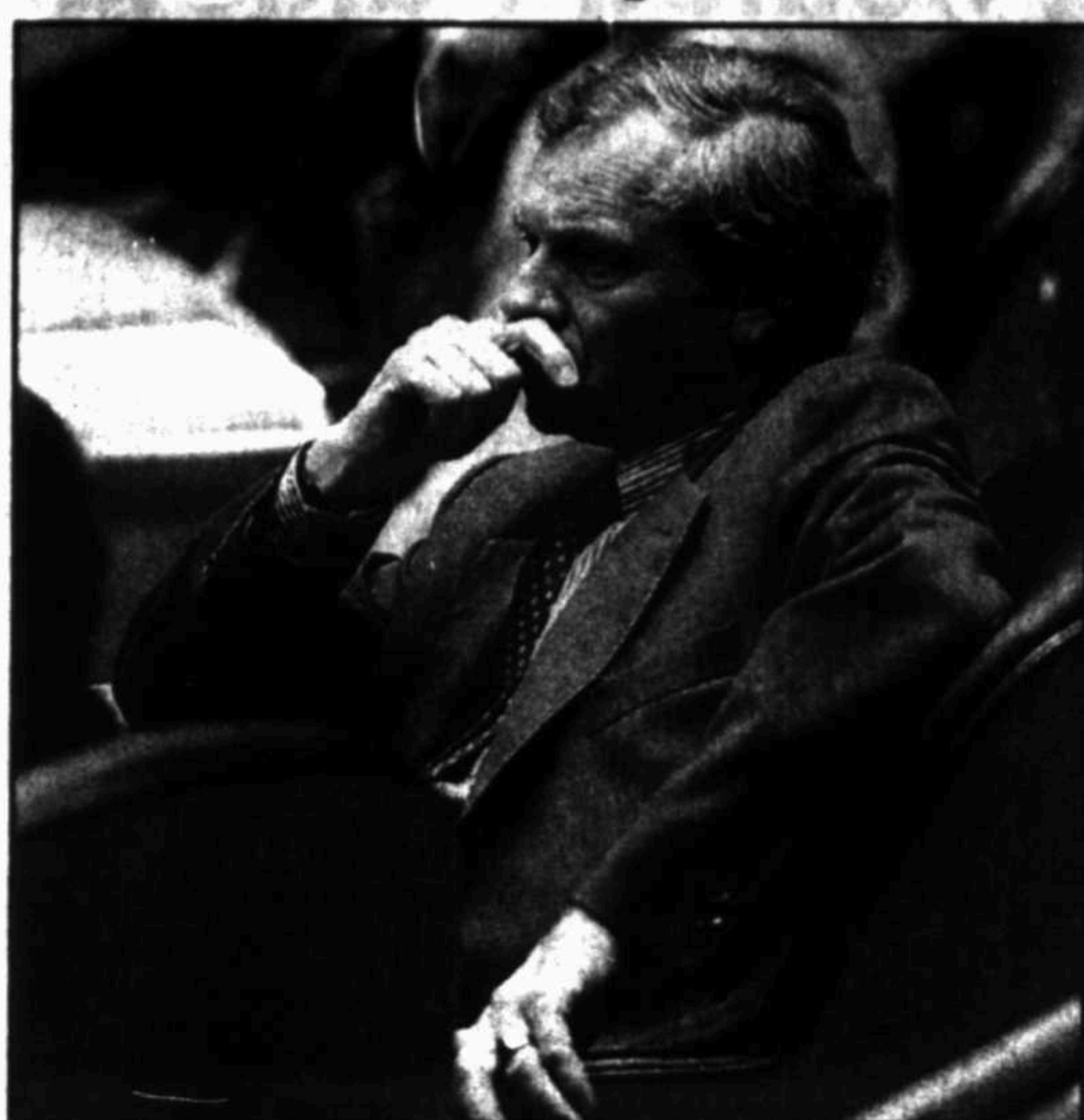
"Doctors should not be treated as criminals. This will create security for doctors and patients alike," said Health Minister Els Borst, who drafted the bill.

"Something as serious as ending one's life deserves openness," she told The Associated Press after the vote.

The legislation mandates strict criteria that require doctor and patient have a long-term relationship, making it unavailable to foreigners who want to travel to the Netherlands to end their lives, a government spokesman said.

"There is no possibility for foreigners to come here for euthanasia," said Wijnand Stevens of the Justice Ministry.

The bill adopts guidelines that parliament approved in 1993, establishing the Netherlands'



AP Photo
Jaap de Hoop Scheffer, head of the leading opposition Christian Democratic Alliance party, sits in parliament during the debate on the legalization of euthanasia, in The Hague, Netherlands Tuesday. The Dutch parliament approved a bill Tuesday to allow euthanasia and physician assisted suicide.

semiofficial tolerance of euthanasia. Under that policy it was understood that doctors who followed the guidelines would not be prosecuted, though euthanasia remained a crime punishable by up to 12 years in prison.

Under the guidelines, a patient must be undergoing irremediable and unbearable suffering, be

aware of all other medical options and have sought a second professional opinion. The request must be made voluntarily, persistently and independently while the patient is of sound mind. Doctors are not supposed to suggest it as an option.

The new law also allows patients to leave a written request for euthanasia, giving doctors the right to use their own discretion when patients become too physically or mentally ill to decide for themselves.

No other country has attempted to legalize euthanasia, health officials and legal experts said, though it is tolerated in Switzerland, Colombia and Belgium. Australia's Northern Territory approved euthanasia in September 1996, but the federal Parliament revoked the law in March 1997.

In Oregon, voters approved doctor-assisted suicide for the terminally ill in 1994. Since the law took effect in 1997, 43 people have died in Oregon in assisted suicides. The House of Representatives passed a bill in October that would restrict the practice, but President Clinton has threatened to veto the bill.

Euthanasia remains illegal in the United States. In doctor-assisted suicides, the patient

administers a lethal dose to himself or herself. Under the new Dutch law, a doctor can also do so directly.

All 100 seats in the public gallery were full for Tuesday's vote — conducted by roll call on request of a small Christian party opposed to the measure. The date of the Senate vote has not yet been set.

"It's a bad thing," said Jan Veldhuizen, a spectator in the gallery who said he supports the Christian Democratic Alliance party.

Rita Marker, executive director of the International Anti-Euthanasia Task Force, said the law will send a dangerous signal "telling people that if it's legal, it's right."

"It will be like giving the household seal of approval. What is currently a crime will be transformed into medical treatment," Marker told The Associated Press.

The Vatican assailed the bill's approval, saying being the first nation to allow euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide is "a sad record for Holland." Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said the law "violates human dignity."

Doctors honor about one-third of assisted suicide requests in the Netherlands each year, according to government estimates. In 1999, 2,216 cases were recorded, but there also were believed to be a larger number of unregistered cases.

North Korean to send star-studded cast to Seoul for family reunions

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Kim Kyu-hoi's graying head is crowded with memories of his long-lost brother. This week, for the first time in half a century, he will meet his brother from North Korea, where hundreds of thousands have died of hunger in recent years.

But the 67-year-old Kim doesn't worry about whether his brother, Bong-Hoi, is getting enough to eat; Bong-Hoi is a faculty dean at an engineering college in Pyongyang and is well cared for as a member of the elite.

"I never thought my brother was doing so well in the North. It's a surprise but a great relief," said Kim, a retired jeweler.

In a gesture as much political as humanitarian, North Korea will send mostly state-decorated luminaries and other politically loyal citizens to see relatives in Seoul.

The North is dispatching 100 relatives to the three-day reunions that begin Thursday, and 100 South Koreans will travel north to see loved ones they have been separated from since the 1950-53 Korean War.

A round of reunions also was held in August in a symbol of thawing relations between the two Koreas. The reunions were agreed on at an unprecedented summit in June of the leaders of the two states, who pledged to pursue a policy of reconciliation.

Kim's brother, Bong Hoi, was 18 when he disappeared in Seoul in the early weeks of the Korean War. Kim ran through the chaotic streets, searching for his brother, only to be told by a neighbor that Bong Hoi had joined the invading North Korean army. It's unknown whether he volunteered or was forced to fight.

Another separated family member awaiting a reunion in Seoul is Yoo Soon-hee. She had been married only six months and was three months pregnant when her husband, Kim Chung Hyun, then 19, told her that he was going to war on the North Korean side.

"He told me he would come back in three years, but he hasn't shown up for 50 years. I thought he died during the war without knowing that I was pregnant," said Yoo, 71.

Yoo never remarried, raising her only son, now a 50-year-old father with two children. Her husband married and had three children in the North.

"I still can't believe that this is finally happening. I am not even sure whether my husband will recognize my face," Yoo said.

Despite the personal tragedies, the reunions carry reminders of the ideological divide between the democratic South and the communist North.

South Korea held a computerized lottery to choose 100 finalists from more than 90,000 people who applied for the reunions with relatives in the North. They include no notables.

But North Korea's list includes three noted college professors, managers of state-run textile and lumber trading firms and researchers at state-run language and agricultural institutes.

"These are people who are loyal and can advertise the North's political system," said Jeong Joon-hee, a North Korea expert at Seoul's Ministry of National Unification.

Affluent South Koreans' long-in for their Northern kin has a more urgent with the slide in Korea's economy, which

forced Pyongyang to appeal in 1995 for outside aid to feed its people. By U.S. government estimates, famine in the 1990s killed as many as 2 million North Koreans.

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Bulldogs conquer Big Spring to move to 2-3

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

The Midland High boys basketball team made sure it took care of work so it could have a little fun Tuesday night.

In their first game of the season at Chaparral Center, the Bulldogs got out in front of Big Spring early as everybody was able to get in on the action in a 92-39 rout. While the Steers couldn't have possibly enjoyed their second trip of the young season to Midland, it might have been the first time this year that the Bulldogs had fun from start to finish.

MHS coach Jack Stephenson used all 20 players on his roster, 16 of whom scored, as the depth the Bulldogs (2-3) ran at

the Steers almost seemed unfair.

"It's always fun when everybody plays," said Stephenson. "In fairness to Big Spring, I know they have a bunch of kids still out from football, so they had trouble staying with us."

Midland High never trailed, and the closest the Steers (0-4) came to taking the lead came in the first quarter after Brandon Greathouse made a pair of free throws to cut the MHS lead to 12-11. Midway through the second quarter, the Bulldogs embarked on a 14-2 run which began when Lucquente White hit a 3-pointer and ended when John Alcala hit another trey to give the Bulldogs a 39-19 lead.

Stephenson was almost able to empty his bench in the first half, as 17 players saw action

before halftime.

"I've got some players down on the bench who when they get in there can play," said Stephenson. "I tried to get them all in in the first half but I couldn't get them up there fast enough."

Midland High could have coasted with a 45-23 halftime lead, but instead put the game away with a 32-7 run in the third quarter. White scored 10 points in the quarter while 6-foot-7 Blake Huggins dominated the offensive boards for three put-back baskets which ended all hopes Big Spring had of making it a competitive game.

It's a testimony to Midland High's depth on the night that White and Huggins were the only two Bulldogs in double Please see MHS/2C



U. Frank Williams Jr./Reporter-Telegram
Roget King (4) drives through the lane for a layup past the outstretched arm of Big Spring's Gary Harris Tuesday night.

Lady Rebels drub Kermit

Staff Report

After the long trip to San Antonio over the weekend, the Midland Lee girls basketball team must have been glad to be back home. The Lady Rebels celebrated by blowing out Kermit, 82-39, Tuesday night in the Lee gym.

"We got to play at home," Lee coach Elise Kail said, citing the benefits of the game, which was arranged only in the past couple of days.

"We got some playing time for some kids that hadn't gotten to play much, and we worked on some new things on defense that we'd been working on," she said. "After losing that game Saturday, it was good for us to get this game in."

The Lady Rebels lost a close one, 57-50, to San Antonio Jay in their final game in the Northeast ISD Tournament in San Antonio on Saturday. They took it out on Kermit, winning by 43 points. Shandi Neatherlin and Please see LEE/2C



Neatherlin

Permian football player starts full rehab program

Associated Press

ODESSA — An Odessa Permian high school football player left paralyzed from the neck down after tackling a teammate during practice has been transferred to a Houston rehabilitation center to undergo therapy.



Beene

Hudgins said Tuesday. "It is a pretty high level injury. We are doing as much as we can for him."

Hudgins said Beene's transfer to the rehab facility is a step in the right direction.

However, Beene's uncle, Terry Swann, told the Odessa-American in Tuesday's editions that it doesn't necessarily

Please see INJURY/4C

Jackalopes fall to Amarillo, 4-3

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

ODESSA — With a chance to move into a first place tie in the Western Professional League's West division, the Odessa Jackalopes failed to take advantage in what head coach Don McKee called, "a disgraceful performance."



"Our defense made three or four critical mistakes that cost us the hockey game," said McKee after his Jacks dropped a 4-3 decision at the Ector County Coliseum Tuesday night. "We talked about playing defense first against this team, and we turned around and played poor defensively."

The Jacks had a chance in the game in the third period when Mike Sanderson scored his second goal off assists from Jason Disner and Matt Hoffman with a little more than eight minutes left in the contest, and the Jacks pulled to within 3-2 of the Rattlers.

The Rattlers, however, didn't take long to respond as Bill Newson took the puck from the Rattlers' side of the ice, then by using his speed, got ahead of the Jacks defense, beat defenseman Adam Doyle one-on-one and then punched in the game-winner past goalie Grant Sjerven. Newson's second goal of the evening came just 50 seconds after Sanderson's score.

"You can't play one-on-one against these guys," said McKee.

Please see JACKS/2C

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

Defense never rests



U. Frank Williams Jr./Reporter-Telegram
K.C. White of Andrews (right) pounds El Paso Parkland quarterback Melvin Lucas (22) just after Lucas pitches on an option play during the Mustangs' area win over the Matadors this past weekend. Following the play is Andrews' Jayme Jackson (84). The defense has been a big reason for the Mustangs' co-district title and postseason success so far this year.

Mustangs' D plays big part in success

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

ANDREWS — It's rare to look around Texas after two rounds of the high school football playoffs and see a team which hasn't played excellent defense this season, and that's something of which Andrews head coach Mike Leiby is well aware.

Before the season, Leiby said that his team's defensive front seven had a chance to be as good as any he'd had in his seven years as Andrews coach. It needed to come through since the Mustangs were playing their first season in a rugged District 4-4A, which featured a variety of explosive offenses with top-notch skill players.

As it turned out, the Mustangs lived up to the hype. Andrews allowed the fewest points

of any defense in 4-4A and tied No. 9 Wolf-Forth Frenship for the district championship. So it's little surprise that the Mustangs are getting ready to play another game this week against Southlake Carroll at 2 p.m. Saturday in Coppell in the Class 4A Small School playoffs.

Having survived to record a 9-3 record and their deepest penetration into the playoffs in three years, the Mustang defenders have earned a lofty reputation in Leiby's eyes.

"It ranks up there with one of the best groups we've ever had here," said Leiby. "We talk about where the defense is when it starts the season and that if we don't play well there it's going to be very hard to win."

Andrews found it hard to win during its first four games of the season, going 1-3 against quality opposition. The Mustangs opened the season with a 35-21 loss to Lubbock Mon-

terey, a Class 5A playoff team, a loss which would tie the total for most points given up by Andrews this season, including a 36-35 overtime win over Frenship.

However, it was in the third game of the season, a 17-0 loss to Carlsbad, N.M. (another playoff team) that Andrews defensive coordinator Blaine Springston felt the unit bottomed out.

"We lost a lot of confidence in that Carlsbad game and for whatever reason we didn't have it that night," said Springston. "We knew we could come on strong after that. What we needed to do was create turnovers."

Andrews got a bye after the Carlsbad game, and opened district by losing 21-13 to Big Spring, another playoff team, but the unit started to turn the corner. The next two games,

Please see ANDREWS/5C

TERRY WILLIAMSON

Another set of Panthers stand in the way of Midland Lee

There is nothing like the nickname of Panthers to get blood flowing for the Midland Lee Rebels.

After all, it was the Panthers, 20 miles down the road that got the Rebels' playoff blood boiling some 17 years ago. Ever since 1983, when Lee defeated some prowling Panthers from Odessa Permian twice in the same season, the Rebels' blood has simmered on occasion, but rarely stopped flowing.

Lee has been in the state playoffs in 17 of the last 18 seasons. And the Rebs are currently at the height of their glory, having won Back-2-Back state titles and shooting for Back-3-Back.

In a way, Lee has those Panthers down the road to thank for all of this. It came about back when Spike Dykes took over at Lee.

Of course, it was no great secret then or now, but Dykes figured that if Lee was ever to have any great football success, they had to be able, not to just play with Panthers, but beat them. He did it twice in the same season in 1983.

Not only did that create a great rivalry, but it was a springboard

for what Lee is today. Once they showed they could beat Panthers, the state could one day be at their feet.

Lee coach Jon Parchman has given Lee the state — twice. Expectations are now greater than the 4-5A Panthers.

Now, in the quest for Back-3-Back, another set of Panthers stand in the way. Just ask the Lee baseball team. They've had problems in the past getting past the Duncanville Panthers.

In 1998, Lee won the Small School state football championship. Duncanville was the Big School winner that year as a third place team from its district. Finally, the two meet on the same field of play.

Since Duncanville owns that state championship in 1998, most think the Panthers are a playoff power in the state. After all, they were ranked No. 6 in the state in the final Associated Press Poll this season. They have won seven games in a row in the state playoffs and 10 of their last 11. Lee has won 13 playoff games in a row.

But actually, Duncanville is just recently entering the brotherhood of the state's dominant teams. In fact, Duncanville was 8-2 last year and didn't make the playoffs. That helped keep their playoff streak alive since it wasn't put to a test.

However, Duncanville, prior to 1997, had won just one playoff game in its history. Prior to 1994, Duncanville had never won a

state playoff game.

While Duncanville is on the rise as a state power in football, Lee's playoff history is much more impressive with 39 playoff victories, two state titles, three state championship appearances and a winning percentage of .711.

Duncanville has owned District 4-5A, however. The Panthers are 4-0 against 4-5A. They beat Abilene High twice in a two-game set in 1988-89 and they defeated both Odessa High (1997) and those other Panthers (1998) in the playoffs.

That leads us back to the old Texas Stadium jinx, where Lee and Duncanville will meet at 4 p.m. Saturday. Duncanville beat both OHS and those other Panthers in Texas Stadium, meaning they have never lost a coin flip to a 4-5A team, never having to travel out West.

Lee had never won at Texas Stadium until 1998 when the Rebels, under Parchman, destroyed the Texas Stadium jinx with two wins in the same year.

So a third consecutive win at the stadium with the hole in the roof could be the launching pad for a third consecutive state championship. It seems that Lee's football fate lies in threes.

Terry Williamson is sports editor of the Reporter-Telegram



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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

Class 5A

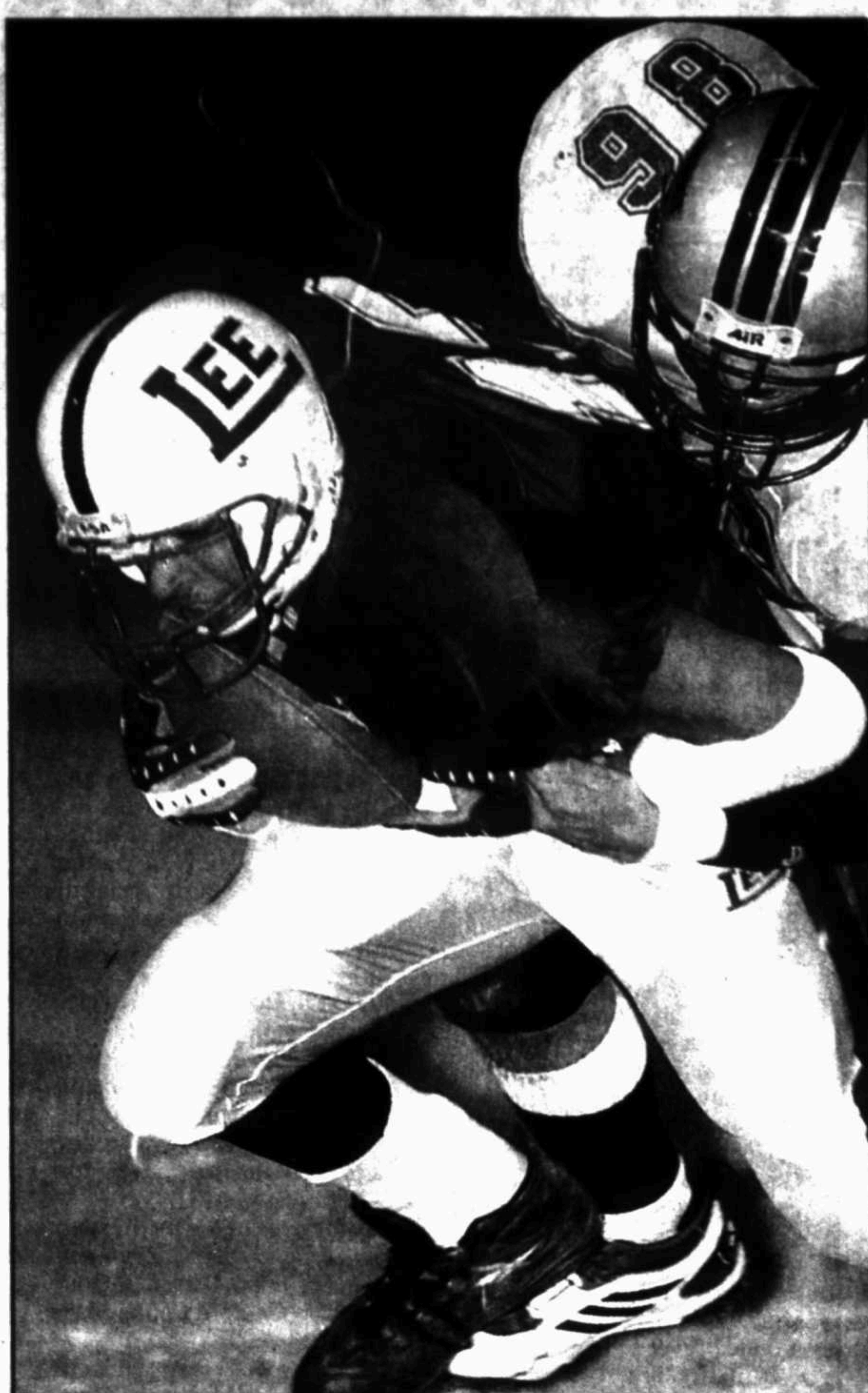
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Region I
Area Round
 Midland Lee 45, EP Franklin 14
 Duncansville 24, Lewisville 14
State Quarterfinals
 Midland Lee (11-1), 4 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium Irving
Region II
Area Round
 North Mesquite 16, Tyler Lee 10, OT
 The Woodlands 13, Copperton Cove 7
State Quarterfinals
 North Mesquite (9-3) vs. The Woodlands (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Waco ISD Stadium
Region III
Area Round
 Alief Hastings 31, Houston Lamar 14
 Aldine Eisenhower 45, Pearland 14
State Quarterfinals
 Alief Hastings (10-2) vs. Aldine Eisenhower (12-0), 5 p.m. Saturday, Astro Dome
Region IV
Area Round
 Austin Westlake 42, SA Holmes 28
 CC Carroll 7, Donna 6
State Quarterfinals
 Austin Westlake (12-0) vs. CC Carroll (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Marcos

Small School
Region I
Area Round
 Lubbock Monterey 49, EP Andrews 23
 Arlington Lamar 24, Keller Fossil Ridge 21
 Abilene Cooper 44, Del Valle 22
 Coppell 31, DeSoto 28
Region Round
 Lubbock Monterey (11-1) vs. Arlington Lamar (8-4), 2 p.m. Saturday, Lubbock
 Abilene Cooper (9-3) vs. Coppell (7-5), 7 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving
Region II
Area Round
 Tyler John Tyler 21, Plano 13
 Round Rock 14, Houston Langham Creek 10
 Lufkin 43, Allen 16
 Waco 21, Cypress Falls 3
Region Round
 Tyler John Tyler (8-3) vs. Round Rock (8-4), 3 p.m. Saturday at Waco ISD Stadium
 Lufkin (9-3) vs. Waco (7-5), 2 p.m. Saturday, Bryan HS
Region III
Area Round
 Katy 50, Houston Madison 19
 Aldine Elisk 27, Baytown Lee 6
 Alief Elisk 22, Houston Washington 12
 Galena Park North Shore 38, Aldine Nimitz 14
Region Round
 Katy (12-0) vs. Aldine (10-2), 8 p.m. Friday, Astro Dome
 Alief Elisk (8-4) vs. Galena Park North Shore (11-1), 8 p.m. Saturday, Astro Dome
Region IV
Area Round
 SA Marshall 24, SA Churchill 3
 McAllen 28, Laredo Nixon 14
 SA MacArthur 37, SA Harlandale 12
 Edinburg 20, Harlingen 16
Region Round
 SA Marshall (12-0) vs. McAllen (11-1), 3 p.m. Saturday, McAllen
 SA MacArthur (10-2) vs. Edinburg (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Buccaneer Stadium, Corpus Christi

Class 4A

Big School
Region I
Area Round
 Frisshipp 61, EP Yuleta 10
 FW Wyatt 18, WF Rider 10
State Quarterfinals
 Frisshipp (10-2) vs. FW Wyatt (7-4), 1 p.m. Saturday, Dick Bivens Stadium, Amarillo
Region II
Area Round
 Denton Ryan 10, Dallas White 6
 Corsicana 16, Greenville 9
State Quarterfinals
 Denton Ryan (11-1) vs. Dangierfield (12-0), 2 p.m. Saturday at Garland's Homer B. Johnson Stadium
Region III
Area Round
 Bay City 43, Houston Forest Brook 6
State Quarterfinals
 Bay City (11-1) vs. Bay City (11-1), 5 p.m. Friday, Astro Dome
Region IV
Area Round
 Smithson Valley 42, San Marcos 34
 SA Roosevelt 47, Alice 0
State Quarterfinals
 Smithson Valley (11-1) vs. SA Roosevelt (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Alamo Stadium, San Antonio

Small School
Region I
Area Round



U. Frank Williams Jr./Reporter-Telegram
 Midland Lee defensive back J.R. Bown is tackled by El Paso Franklin's Joe Diaz after Bown intercepted a pass in the Rebels area round victory over El Paso Franklin last Friday.

Big Spring 45, El Paso Riverside 12
 Wichita Falls 34, Brownwood 7
 McAllen 28, EP Parkland 26
 Southlake Carroll 16, Stephenville 7

Region Round
 Big Spring (8-4) vs. Wichita Falls (12-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene
 Southlake Carroll (8-4) vs. Coppell HS (8-4), 2 p.m. Saturday, Coppell HS

Region II
Area Round
 Waco University 23, Dallas Lincoln 20 (OT)
 Jacksonville 34, Mesquite Potest 31 (3 OT)
 Ennis 46, South Oak Cliff 12
 Lancaster 35, Terrell 13
Region Round
 Waco University (6-6) vs. Jacksonville (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Bowers Stadium, Huntsville
 Ennis (10-2) vs. Lancaster (8-4), 1 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving

Region III
Area Round
 Harker Heights 29, Beaumont Ozon 28
 La Marque 19, Willis 14
 West Orange-Stark 36, Magnolia 0
Region Round
 Harker Heights (10-2) vs. La Marque (9-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Kyle Field, West Orange-Stark (12-0) vs. Friendswood (9-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Memorial Stadium, Pasadena

Region IV
Area Round
 Kerrville 11, LBJ 8
 CC Calallen 19, Floresville 0
 New Braunfels 28, Lake Travis 25
 Rockport-Fulton 42, CC Flour Bluff 21
Region Round
 Kerrville (11-1) vs. CC Calallen (11-1), 8 p.m. Friday, Alamo Heights Stadium, San Antonio
 New Braunfels (8-4) vs. Rockport-Fulton (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, North East Stadium, San Antonio

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 Greenwood 24, Sanford-Fritch 13
 Lake Worth 29, Sweetwater 10
 Muleshoe 26, Denver City 8
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 Muleshoe (12-0) vs. Ferris (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

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Area Round
 Commerce 27, Gainesville 14
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 Forney 41, W-Hutchins 8
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Region III
Area Round
 Arp 26, Elysian Fields 8
 San Augustine 34, Centerville 0
State Quarterfinals
 Arp (12-0) vs. San Augustine (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Stephen F. Austin's Homer Bryce stadium, Nacogdoches

Region IV
Area Round
 Blanco 56, Brookshire Royal 0
 Poth 21, Karnes City 10

Small School
Region I
Area Round

State Quarterfinals
 Blanco (8-4) vs. Poth (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Antonio East Central

Small School
Region I
Area Round
 Stanton 40, Ozona 18
 Hamlin 28, Spearman 13
 New Deal 20, Eldorado 7
 Albany 34, Canadian 27
Region Round
 Stanton (10-2) vs. Hamlin (9-3), 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Wolfe Stadium, Colorado City
 New Deal (11-1) vs. Albany (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Mustang Bowl, Sweetwater

Region II
Area Round
 Hico 3, Henrietta 0
 Whitewright 40, Grandview 20
 Celina 38, Goldthwaite 7
 Cooper 28, Rio Vista 17
Region Round
 Hico (7-5) vs. Whitewright (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Bedford's Pennington Field
 Cooper (10-2) vs. Celina (12-0), 7 p.m. Saturday at Bedford's Pennington Field

Region III
Area Round
 Lone Oak 46, Omaha Paul Hewitt 7
 Mart 56, Hemphill 12
 Tramp 26, West Rusk 8
 Comptchen 20, Garrison 0
Region Round
 Lone Oak (12-0) vs. Mart (12-0), 1 p.m. Saturday, Maverick Stadium, Texas Arlington
 Tramp (10) vs. Comptchen-Garrison (9-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Homer Bryce Stadium, Nacogdoches

Region IV
Area Round
 Jarrell 16, Brazos 0
 Rogers 20, Ganado 6
 Three Rivers 21, Banquete 13
Region Round
 Jarrell (11-1) vs. Brazos (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Alamo Heights Stadium, San Antonio
 Rogers (11-1) vs. Three Rivers (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Wimberley

Class A
Region I
Area Round
 Springlake 23, Wheeler 21
 Iraan 56, Petersburg 27
 Stratford 46, Sudan 7
 Rankin 15, Paducah 13
Region Round
 Springlake (9-2) vs. Iraan (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Seminole HS
 Stratford (12-0) vs. Rankin (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lowrey Field, Lubbock

Region II
Area Round
 Roscoe 29, Cross Plains 0
 Celeste 55, Fretola 34
 Rotan 41, Baird 14
 Colville 34, Tolar 7
Region Round
 Roscoe (12-0) vs. Celeste (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Stephenville's Taron Memorial Stadium
 Rotan (10-2) vs. Colville (9-2), 2 p.m. Saturday at Birdville Fine Arts Complex

Region III
Area Round
 La Grange 28, La Vernia 27
 Yoakum 13, Falfurrias 6
 Hondo 35, Wimberley 14
 Mathis 40, Chan Grove 21
Region Round
 La Grange (10-2) vs. Yoakum (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Memorial Stadium, Victoria
 Hondo (11-1) vs. Mathis (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Texas A&M-Kingsville

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Class 2A
Big School
Region I
Area Round
 Sonora 42, Idalou 16
 Olney 29, Frona 7
State Quarterfinals
 Sonora (12-0) vs. Olney (12-0), 6 p.m. Saturday, Brownwood

Region II
Area Round
 Pilot Point 13, Comanche 0
 Farmersville 45, Godley 14
State Quarterfinals
 Pilot Point (10-2) vs. Farmersville (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, FAAC

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Sooners' Stoops earns top coach

By Owen Canfield
 AP Sports Writer

Bob Stoops needed just one season to make Oklahoma respectable in the conference. In his second season, the Sooners are more than respectable — they're No. 1 in the country, and Stoops is the overwhelming choice as Associated Press Big 12 Coach of the Year.

Stoops received 17 of 20 votes in balloting by sportswriters throughout the conference. Dan McCarney, who led Iowa State to an 8-3 season and its first bowl game since 1978, received the other three votes.

"That's an award that to me is given to the entire coaching staff," Stoops said Tuesday. "I'm appreciative and honored. I'm fortunate to work with the guys I work with every day. These coaches are excellent. We've got a great rapport in our office and our day-to-day working environment. I think every one of us can't wait to get to work."

When Stoops took over as Oklahoma's coach in December 1998, he inherited a team that had won just 12 games in the previous three years. What he found were players who lacked confidence and had poor work habits, and he quickly went about changing that. "There are three factors that I think have made him successful

here," offensive coordinator Mark Mangino said. "The first one is his positive attitude, that type of can-do attitude. The second thing is that he doesn't accept excuses for anything. If you fail at something or don't get it done, then you didn't get it done."

"The third thing is he came in here and embraced the tradition and high expectations of OU. He didn't come in and say 'We're going to have to wait a while until we recruit our own players.'"

The most important recruit of all proved to be quarterback Josh Heupel, who was discovered at a junior college in Utah. Heupel threw for 3,460 yards last year, and has had another great year in 2000, leading Oklahoma to its first 11-0 season since 1987.

Oklahoma has done plenty of winning this year. After starting out with four victories at home, the Sooners faced a rugged October — games against No. 11 Texas in Dallas, at No. 2 Kansas State, and home against No. 1 Nebraska.

The Sooners swept all three to move to No. 1, where they have stayed.

Now Oklahoma has moved to within two victories of its seventh national championship. The school administration recently rewarded Stoops by extending his contract and doubling his salary, to about \$1.4 million per year.

ALL-WAC TEAM

The complete all-WAC selections as follows:

Individual Awards
Offensive Player of the Year
 LaDarian Tomlinson, Sr., RB, TCU
Defensive Player of the Year
 Aaron Schobel, Sr., DE, TCU
Freshman of the Year
 Timmy Chang, QB, Hawaii
Coach of the Year
 Gary Nord, UTEP

First Team Offense:
 — WR Lee Mayer, UTEP, 6-3, 190 lbs.
 — WR Donald Shoals, Tulsa, 5-10, 175 lbs.
 — TE Brian Nafkin, UTEP, 6-3, 245 lbs.
 — OL Kylan Fomey, Hawaii, 6-3, 284 lbs.
 — OL Chris Fesago, San Jose State, 6-3, 324 lbs.
 — OL David Bobo, TCU, 6-5, 287 lbs.
 — OL Mike Keathley, TCU, 6-4, 300 lbs.
 — OL Jeff Millican, TCU, 6-5, 295 lbs.
 — QB Rocky Perez, UTEP, 6-0, 205 lbs.
 — RB Deonice Whitaker, San Jose State, 5-6, 175 lbs.
 — LaDarian Tomlinson, TCU, 5-11, 217 lbs.
Defense:
 — DL Alan Harper, Fresno State, 6-2, 285 lbs.
 — DL Aaron Schobel, TCU, 6-4, 255 lbs.
 — DL Shawn Fowles, TCU, 6-2, 304 lbs.
 — DL Manson Holloway, UTEP, 6-2, 270 lbs.
 — LB Orlando Huff, Fresno State, 6-3, 240 lbs.
 — LB Shannon Brazzell, TCU, 5-11, 228 lbs.
 — LB Trey Merkins, UTEP, 6-1, 245 lbs.
 — DB Vernon Fox, Fresno State, 5-10, 200 lbs.
 — DB Curtis Fuller, TCU, 5-10, 187 lbs.
 — DB Greg Walls, TCU, 6-1, 187 lbs.
 — DB Crance Clemmons, UTEP, 5-10, 160 lbs.

Specialists:
 — PK Chris Kaylak, TCU, 6-0, 194 lbs.
 — P Glen Beard, UTEP, 6-2, 230 lbs.
 — DL Donald Shoals, Tulsa, 5-10, 175 lbs.
Second Team Offense:
 — WR Bernard Bernas, So. Fresno State, WR Ashley Lelie, So. Hawaii, TE Sean Brewer, Sr., San Jose State, OL Kevin Jordan, Sr., Fresno State, OL Rod Beavan, Sr., Rice, OL Jeremy Dominguez, San Jose State, OL Corey Clayton, Jr., UTEP, OL Jeff Seaton, Sr., UTEP, QB David Carr, Jr., Fresno State, RB Kris Briggs, Jr., SMU, RB James Fenderson, Sr., Hawaii

Second Team Defense:
 — DL Thabit Lockhart, Sr., Fresno State

Others receiving votes:
Offense:
 — WR Chris Smith, Jr., Fresno State, Chris Stutzman, Jr., Hawaii, Nate Burleson, So. Nevada, Rashad Davis, Jr., San Jose State, Edell Shepherd, Jr., San Jose State, TE Jeremy Johnson, Jr., Fresno State, John Hampton, So. SMU, OL Joe Schevy, So. Fresno State, Vince Manuwal, So. Hawaii, Clark Rosenadell, Jr., Nevada, Heath Fowler, Jr., Rice, Jeff Exelbren, Sr., SMU, James McCarthy, Jr., SMU, Steve Wiedower, Sr., Tulsa, QB-Timmy Chang, Fr., Hawaii, David Neill, Jr., Nevada, Marcus Arroyo, So. San Jose State, Casey Printers, So. TCU, RB-Jamie Tyler, Jr., Rice
Defense:
 — DL-Nick Burley, So. Fresno State, Chris Brown, So. Hawaii, Larry Brown, Jr., Rice, Brandon Green, So. Rice, Jake Jackson, Sr., Rice, Kevin Aldridge, Jr., SMU, Wayne Brndwell, So. SMU, LB-Giacchino Chiaramonte, Sr., Fresno State, Rinda Brooks, Sr., Hawaii, Robert Kemfort, Sr., Hawaii, Josh Smith, Sr., Nevada, Ron Ockmeier, Sr., San Jose State, Chad Bayer, Jr., TCU, Ashton Farley, Jr., Tulsa, DB Bryce McGill, Fr., Fresno State, Terre Sams, Jr., Fresno State, Ronnie Hardman, Jr., Nevada, Travis Seaton, Sr., San Jose State, AJ Sheppard, Sr., UTEP, C.J. Scott, Fr., Tulsa

Special Teams:
 — PK-Derek Crabtree, Jr., Rice, Chris Earnest, Jr., Tulsa, P-Colin Vadheim, Sr., SMU, ST-Bernard Bernas, So. Fresno State, Jamal Garland, Sr., Hawaii, Jamar Julien, Jr., San Jose State

Texas gets invite to Holiday Bowl

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Texas is expected to be invited to play in the Holiday Bowl on Dec. 29, against either Oregon State or Oregon.

Holiday Bowl officials scheduled a news conference for Wednesday morning to announce which Big 12 team they've selected, but refused further comment. However, a football source, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press the invitation is expected to go to the No. 12 Longhorns (9-2).

In Austin, Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds wouldn't confirm or deny the invitation.

This will be the first trip to San Diego for Texas, which is believed to covet a Holiday Bowl berth because of the recruiting exposure the Longhorns will receive in California.</

WEST TEXAS SPORTS

Booster Clubs...

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 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.

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.

The Lee High Boys and Girls Basketball Booster Club will meet the first and third Mondays of each month in the Lee cafeteria at 7 p.m. All Runnin' Rebel and Lady Rebel basketball supporters are urged to attend.

The Midland Lee Soccer Booster Club will meet in the library at 7 p.m. on Dec. 4, Jan. 8, Jan. 22, Feb. 5, Feb. 19, March 5, March 19, April 2 and May 7. For more information, call Darrell at 915-687-1127.

Volleyball...

The University of Texas at the Permian Basin will hold an open tryout for volleyball players on Dec. 3. Any interested players should contact coach Steve Alcineza at 552-2675, or fax him at 552-3675.

Needs games...

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

Andrews is looking for a team from any classification for the Gym Bice Memorial Basketball Tournament Nov. 30-Dec. 2. If interested call coach Schiffner at 1-915-523-3640.

Basketball...

The Winter Slam Classic men's open tournament will be played Dec. 2-3 in San Angelo. The entry fee for the double elimination tourney is \$90 per team (with a 10-player limit), and the deadline is today. To enter or get more information, call Chris at (915) 223-1309 or 374-6583.

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.

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.

Baseball...

The Midland Winter Camp will be held Dec. 27-29 at Zachry Field. The cost is \$40 per day or \$100 for all three days. Sessions for players aged 7-12 will be held from 9:30 a.m.-noon,

and sessions for players 13-18 will be held from 1:30-4 p.m. For more information, call coach Barry Russell at 689-1337, 689-1100 or 570-6681.

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 Dörner at (281) 469-6721.

Red Raider Holiday Camps for baseball players from age six up through high school seniors are scheduled for December at Texas Tech. A session for players 6-13 is scheduled for Dec. 16 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. with registration at 8:30 a.m. at the athletic training center. Sessions for players 14 and up are scheduled for Dec. 29-30. A pitchers and catchers camp will be the 29th and a hitters camp will be the 30th. For more information, call Greg Evans at (806) 742-3355.

Softball...

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 University of Oregon Duck Softball Camp comes to Midland for players 12-under on Dec. 16 and for players 13-up on Dec. 17. Oregon softball coach Rick Gamez and his staff will run the camp. There is a \$50 fee. Call Freddie Ezell at 694-5508 for more information.

Fast-pitch umpires are needed to work high school softball games in West Texas. Towns include Alpine, Andrews, Big Spring, Coahoma, Colorado City, Fort Stockton, Greenwood, Hermleigh, Kermit, Lamesa, Midland, Monahans, Odessa, Pecos and Snyder. For more information, call Mack and (915) 520-5961 or Freddie at (915) 694-5508.

Tennis...

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 Wasem at 697-6391. Web site is www.pbrrc.com.

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., 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Classes on Saturdays begin at 8:15 a.m. All classes are open to the public and swimming skills are not necessary. COM provides all necessary equipment. Cost is \$45 per month, \$65 for a couple. For information, call Jeni Wood 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. Membership dues are \$25 or \$30 for a family. Call Peyton's Bikes at 699-1718 for more information.

Soccer...

West Texas ODP tryouts are for 1988 and 1987 boys and girls is at Beryl Huffman Complex in Lubbock on Dec. 2 at noon for 1988 and 4 p.m. for 1987. Registration fee is \$20. For more information, call Danny Kiser at 1-915-942-7069.

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Baddeley comes of age, winning Australian Open

By Doug Ferguson
AP Golf Writer

The course was different, and so were the players he beat.

But the biggest change Aaron Baddeley noticed after winning a second straight Australian Open was not the check he cashed as a professional, but the price he paid as an amateur.

A year ago, the 19-year-old Aussie turned down instant riches from his surprising victory at Royal Sydney for a crash course playing the PGA Tour.

It proved to be a real eye-opener.

He made the cut in his first tournament on American soil, the Honda Classic, but never saw another Saturday tee time. He played his only two rounds in the Masters with Tiger Woods. He practiced with Phil Mickelson, David Duval and Jack Nicklaus, trying to soak up various aspects of their games.

But with every missed cut, the wunderkind began to look more like a one-hit wonder.

No worries.

"It was a big learning year," Baddeley said in a telephone interview Tuesday upon arrival at Brisbane for the Australian PGA Championship. "My all-around game is strong and I'm mentally stronger. I learned to be patient, to always believe in yourself and to keep working hard, because you know it's going to turn around."

It finally turned around in the tournament where it all started.

On Sunday, in his second event as a professional, Baddeley joined Nicklaus, Gary Player and Greg Norman as the only back-to-back winners of the Australian Open. He was solid from start to finish at Kingston Heath and defeated Robert Allenby, a two-time win-

ner on the PGA Tour this year.

A year ago, Baddeley became the youngest champion in the Australian Open's 95-year history when he coolly delivered a knockout punch to Norman and Colin Montgomerie, two of the most revered names in international golf.

Baddeley could have turned that instant and collected the \$115,000 first prize. He also easily could have cashed in from endorsements by saying, "Hello, World," or even something less dramatic like, "I'm turning pro."

He elected to remain an amateur, however. He had a long-term plan in mind.

Not long after his grandmother got him hooked on golf when he was 12, Baddeley matter-of-factly told his father that his dream was to play golf in America. Ron Baddeley, a former mechanic for Mario Andretti, mapped out a unique curriculum for his son.

With a budget of about \$30,000, Baddeley traveled America with his caddy. He learned new courses, where to stay and eat, and how to handle failure.

Even during the low times, however, Baddeley never lost sight of his purpose.

"In the eyes of the media, they were quick to discount his performance," said Paul Galli, his agent from Gaylord Sports Management.

"The perspective was all lost," he said. "If you were to say to any 18-year-old, 'You're going to go over to America for a year as an amateur, play seven PGA Tour events and two majors, be paired with Tiger for one of the majors, and on top of that throw in practice rounds with Duval and Mickelson, then come back and see

where you are in a year's time' ... any young amateur would grab that with both hands."

Baddeley came back a better player.

He learned the importance of keeping the ball in the short grass, especially on American courses where the rough is dense and unforgiving. He knows that putting is everything. He is mentally tougher from having his confidence tested like never before.

And he proved at Kingston Heath that he is no fluke, that there was a reason Gary Player compared him favorably to a young Nicklaus, and why five-time British Open champion Peter Thomson said his swing was fundamentally better at his age than Woods.

"It was great to be able to throw away any doubt," Baddeley said. "I'm not a one-hit wonder. I'm here to stay, I'm looking forward to getting back over to America."

He will not get an invitation to the Masters or an exemption to the U.S. Open, but Baddeley can still play at least seven PGA Tour events with hopes of making enough money to earn his card for the 2001 season.

Everyone will wonder about his potential until he can win in the United States against the stiffest test that the PGA Tour provides.

"We understand he has to come back over," Galli said.

"We know he's got to do it on the toughest tour in the world, and that's what he wants to be on. We're climbing a big mountain, and we're going to continue to climb."

Winning the Australian Open was a good start. And this time, Baddeley had a \$117,000 check to show for it.

"That goes down pretty well, too," he said.

Sampras falls, Agassi wins at Masters Cup

Associated Press

LISBON, Portugal — Pete Sampras, playing his first match in more than two months, lost 7-5, 6-0 to Lleyton Hewitt on Tuesday in the opening round of the Masters Cup.

Andre Agassi, coming off a three-week break because of a hip injury, was more successful, beating Gustavo Kuerten 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Marat Safin, seeking to become the youngest player ever to finish the year as No. 1, also won his round-robin match Tuesday, rallying past Alex Colvretja 6-7 (6), 7-5, 6-3.

Safin's victory means Sampras no longer holds even a mathematical chance of finishing the year at No. 1, a feat he accomplished a record six straight times from 1993-98. Safin increased his lead over Kuerten to 95 points.

An appearance in the final of the \$3.7 million event will secure the No. 1 spot for the 20-year-old Russian no matter what Kuerten does.

Sampras, a five-time champion in the season-ending tournament, had not played a match since losing to Safin in the final of the U.S. Open in early September. He used the break to get married and promised to get into better shape.

Lindros saga takes one more twist — who will he play for?

Associated Press

VOORHEES, N.J. — Eric Lindros might be better off if an arbitrator decides his future one more time.

Lindros, who came to the Philadelphia Flyers in a trade in 1992 after a ruling by arbitrator Larry Bertuzzi, has been cleared to resume playing nearly six months after his sixth concussion.

The problem this time is finding him a team. Eight years ago, Lindros had plenty of suitors and Bertuzzi had to rule whether the Flyers or New York Rangers had acquired him first in a trade with the Quebec Nordiques.

The 27-year-old restricted free agent said Tuesday he wants to play for the Toronto Maple Leafs. Flyers general manager Bob Clarke responded by saying he hasn't spoken to any team about Lindros.

But Toronto general manager Pat Quinn later said he had discussions with the Flyers as recently as Saturday regarding a deal for the star center. Hockey's most compelling soap opera continues.

"We haven't had any offers at all from any team for Eric," Clarke said from the team's practice facility. "We're certainly not going to try and stop Eric from playing in the National Hockey League, but we are going to make the best deal with any club that we can for the Flyers."

Lindros rejected an \$8.5 million qualifying offer

from the Flyers last summer, recently declined to meet with Clarke to discuss his future and made it clear he will not return to Philadelphia because of a contentious relationship with the general manager.

"I'd really like to play in Toronto," Lindros said after an on-ice workout at York University in Toronto. "It's a great organization, a great city and being from here, it just seems to be a good fit."

Clarke doesn't appear in any hurry to find a new team for his former captain.

"Eric may want to play in Toronto, but that may not happen," Clarke said. "First of all, Toronto has to say they want him, and they have to give us compensation for him, and they have to be able to sign him."

"If someone comes along whether it's the Rangers or somebody else and offers us more than what somebody else has offered, we'll go with the best deal for the club."

Lindros said Clarke told him "to go find a deal." But Clarke denied even speaking to Lindros. "He's a free agent. I certainly wouldn't let him put a deal together," Clarke said. "I wouldn't let anybody put a deal together for our team. He can talk to any team he wants, but he's not putting a deal together for us."

Lindros hasn't played since May 26, when a check by New Jersey's Scott Stevens gave him his sixth concussion in slightly more than two years.

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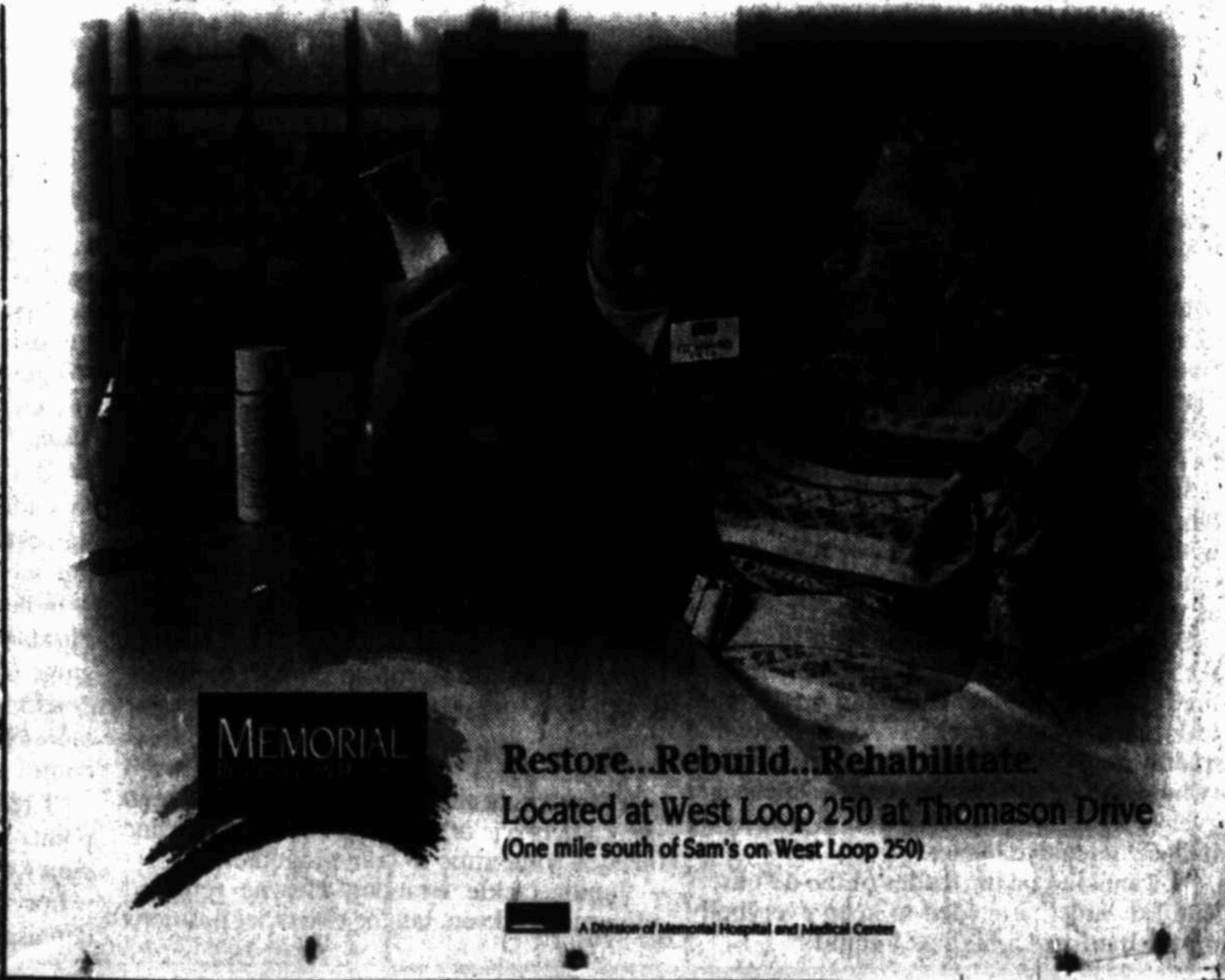
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BUSINESS BRIEFING

OIL PRICES	
Tuesday	\$34.22
Previous	\$36.38
POSTED	
Tuesday	\$31.25
Previous	\$32.50

NATURAL GAS

Tuesday	\$6.016
Previous	\$6.368

Gas plummets

New York — Natural gas futures settled down 35.2 cents at \$6.016 per MMBtu amid forecasts for milder-than-expected weather early next week and fund liquidation as Dec. futures expired at the close.

Although forecasts call for cold weather in the north half of the U.S. Midwest and the Northeast Thursday and into the weekend, the National Weather Service's latest report calls for milder-than-expected weather after Sunday.

The forecasts are partly responsible for a massive sell-off early in the session as forecasts that originally called for temperatures to be 10 degrees below normal are now forecasting unchanged to 5 degrees below normal.

"It's mainly a weather deal—these forecasts shifted quite a bit over the holiday weekend," said analyst Jim Rittenbusch of Rittenbusch Associates.

Meanwhile, funds were also liquidating positions ahead of the expiration of the Dec contract. "It's liquidation of the length and a little disappointment in the moderate weather for the first week of December," said Salomon Smith Barney analyst Kyle Cooper.

The market should find some support Wednesday ahead of the American Gas Association storage report. AGA is expected to report that U.S. natural gas storage levels decreased by about 100 to 125 bcf, according to a BridgeNews survey of brokers and analysts.

Dollar lower

LONDON (AP) — The U.S. dollar fell against most other major currencies in European trading Tuesday. Gold prices were unchanged.

The euro was quoted at 85.60 cents in late European trading, up from 84.85 cents Monday. Later, in midday trading in New York, the euro traded at 85.62 cents.

Other dollar rates in Europe, compared with late Monday, included 110.16 Japanese yen, down from 110.66; 1.7626 Swiss francs, down from 1.7825; 1.5364 Canadian dollars, up from 1.5344.

The British pound was quoted at \$1.4187, up from \$1.4172. In midday trading in New York, the dollar bought 110.12 yen, and the pound was worth \$1.4178.

Based on euro rates, the dollar is worth 2.2840 German marks, down from 2.3040; 7.6604 French francs, down from 7.6602; 2.5735 Dutch guilders, down from 2.5960; 2.261.21 Italian lire, down from 2.280.92.

Gold steady

Gold closed in London at \$269.30 bid per troy ounce, unchanged from Monday. In Zurich the bid price was \$268.35, unchanged. Gold rose \$3.40 in Hong Kong to close at \$269.65.

Silver closed in London at \$4.67 bid per troy ounce, up from \$4.66.

New orders suffer sharp decline

By Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Orders to American factories for big-ticket manufactured goods fell a sharp 5.5 percent in October as demand for primary metals including steel dropped by the largest amount in nearly two years.

The Commerce Department said Tuesday that last month's decline in orders for durable goods, items expected to last three or more years, was the first since a 13.2 percent decrease last July. Orders had risen by 2.4 percent in September.

The \$12.1 billion decrease pushed total durable-goods orders down to \$209 billion for the month and represented the latest evidence that economic activity is still slowing in reaction to a string of interest rate increases by the Federal Reserve.

The central bank has been pushing

rates higher since July 1999 in an effort to dampen growth and keep inflation under control.

Meantime, consumer confidence fell in November to its lowest level in more than a year, the Conference Board reported Tuesday. The organization's index, based on a survey of 5,000 U.S. households, dropped to 133.5 from 135.8 the month before. The record high of 144.7 was in May.

Consumers account for two-thirds of economic activity. Consumer confidence is measured from a base of 100 in 1985. The index still is 3 points higher than in October 1999.

Wall Street investors were showing a lack of confidence Tuesday. By late morning the Nasdaq index had lost 85 points and the Dow Jones industrial average was down 21 points.

The overall economy, which was speeding along at an annual growth rate

of 5.6 percent in the spring, slowed to just 2.7 percent growth in the summer.

The slowdown has taken its toll on Wall Street, where soaring stock prices have lost altitude with investors worrying about the impact weaker economic growth will have on corporate profits.

The 5.5 percent decline in durable-goods orders last month was more than double the 2.1 percent drop that private economists had been expecting.

It was led by a sharp 15.8 percent decline in orders for transportation equipment, which fell \$8.4 billion to \$44.9 billion, reflecting cuts in demand for aircraft and parts.

Demand for primary metals, including steel, fell by 3.2 percent to \$15.3 billion, the biggest decrease since December 1998. Steel companies have complained that the Clinton administration has not done enough to offset bankruptcies and layoffs in an industry that has been hurt

by a flood of cheaper imported steel.

Orders for electronic equipment fell by 9.9 percent to \$39.1 billion in October, mainly reflecting a drop in demand for electronic components.

Slightly offsetting the overall weakness was a 1.8 percent rise in demand for industrial machinery, which pushed demand in this category to \$44.2 billion. This category had suffered a 4.8 percent decline in September.

Excluding the weakness in transportation, orders would have still been down but by a smaller 2.2 percent.

Military orders, which are highly volatile, rose a sharp 13.1 percent in October following a 17.5 percent September decline.

Demand for nondefense capital goods, considered a good barometer of business investment plans, fell 11.3 percent in October after a 5.4 percent increase in September.

Nation's largest insurer cuts rates for 'safer' big vehicles

By Dave Carpenter
Associated Press

CHICAGO — State Farm, the nation's largest automobile insurer, plans to scrap its across-the-board discount for all vehicles with air bags and instead offer staggered rate cuts for vehicles it says are the safest — including big cars, pickup trucks and some sport utility vehicles.

The change would result in no more than a \$50-a-year difference in insurance costs, State Farm said.

Consumer safety experts immediately criticized State Farm's move Tuesday, saying it will penalize drivers of smaller vehicles who may not be able to afford large ones and are more likely to be hurt in a crash.

But the Bloomington-based insurer said its new pricing program, which discounts the medical portion of coverage by up to 40 percent, accurately reflects its safety data. It will cut rates for vehicles that generate the fewest injury claims for occupants. The medical portion of coverage accounts for only 10 percent to 20 percent of the average policyholder's total premium, State Farm said.

"This is not about big cars and little cars, it's about safer cars," company spokesman Dick Luedke said. "Cars that produce the fewest injuries are the type of car you shouldn't pay as much to insure."

Along with some larger models, including SUVs and pickup trucks, big autos such as some Acuras, BMWs, Mercedes-Benzes and Jaguars also fall under that category. The Ford Explorer, Nissan Pathfinder, Jeep Cherokee and Chevy Blazer do not.

State Farm has for years given discounts of up to 30 percent for vehicles with both driver and passenger air bags. The discount is offered to owners on the portion of their premium covering personal injuries to occupants.

Since all new cars now have air bags, the insurer decided to base the rate discount on which makes and models generated the fewest injury claims from accidents. The biggest discount, 40 percent, will go to drivers of such vehicles. Those with air bags that offer the least protection to occupants will receive 20 percent discounts. These vehicles tend to be smaller, like the Ford Contour, Chevrolet Cavalier and many popular Japanese models.

Vehicles that generate injury claims in the mid-range will receive a 30 per-



AP Photo
John Dawson of Chicago looks at a Ford F250 pickup at Lynch Ford on Chicago's northwest side, Tuesday. State Farm, the nation's largest automobile insurer, plans to scrap its across-the-board discount for all vehicles with air bags and instead offer staggered rate cuts for vehicles it says are the safest, including big cars, trucks and some sport utility vehicles.

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cent discount.

J. Robert Hunter, director of insurance for the Consumer Federation of America, called the new pricing plan unfair to most drivers.

"If I have a tank, I'll get the biggest discount," he told The New York Times. "But I'll be smashing into people, killing and maiming them at a much higher rate than if I were in a smaller car."

Research has shown that light trucks, including SUVs and pickups, are more likely than cars to kill the other driver in a crash. Trucks tend to weigh more, have higher hoods and stiffer frames than cars.

State Farm says its database shows that large vehicles are involved in fewer crashes.

"While it is generally true that when a big car hits a little car it is going to

inflict more damage, what we have found is that accidents involving bigger cars tend to be less frequent," Luedke said. "So the increased severity is offset by the decreased frequency."

The discounts, which will go into effect Jan. 1, will be applied to about half the 37 million cars insured by State Farm — 1994 and later models, according to Luedke. The air bag discount will be phased out for 1988 to 1993 models.

BUSINESS SCENE

California oilfield software firm opens Midland office

By Mella McEwen

A California oilfield company is expanding into the Permian Basin, opening a Midland office at 112 S. Lorraine St. Ken Fairchild will serve as Midland Division Manager.

THETA ENTERPRISES provides rod pumping optimization software — diagnostic, design, pumping unit balancing and dynamometer data measurement software for oil producers, service companies and rod pumping equipment suppliers. The company also offers training courses and consulting services.

Theta was founded in 1989 by John G. Svinos, formerly a senior research engineer with Chevron Oil Field Research Co., now Chevron Petroleum Technology Co. Prior to joining Chevron, he worked for Gulf Oil Corp., also in artificial lift.



McEwen

Just opened in Fairmont Park Shopping Center, 3323 N. Midland Drive, is BEAR HUGS.

Marcy Neatherlin, who owns the store with her mother, Linda Pruitt, said the store, located next to Cookie Bouquet, carries scrapbooking supplies.

"We carry tools, markers, scissors — we have 30 different styles of Fiskar scissors — and we have unique items like die cuts, overalls, frames, stickers, paper," she said.

The store carries sorority and fraternity and twins stickers, animal prints and stickers and a variety of scrapbooks that include leather, childrens and holiday styles. There is also a workroom available for \$2 an hour, and Ms. Neatherlin said scrapbooking classes will be offered beginning in January.

The store offers free gift wrap and gift certificates. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Through December, the store will be open Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. except for Christmas Eve.

COMMUNITY PROFESSION-

AL SALES & SERVICE, 705 E. Florida, has added U-Haul truck and trailer rentals to the services it offers.

Mark and Armando Tamez opened the business in October and now offer a wide selection of equipment for moving household furnishings, from 10 foot to 26 foot moving vans to trailers ranging in size from 4 feet by 6 feet to 6 feet by 12 feet, car top carriers and trailer hitches.

Also available are furniture pads, appliance and furniture dollies and side-view mirrors, boxes, tape, rope, protective wrapping, locks and even mattress covers.

MIDLAND GALLERY, in the Courtyard at Midland Park Shopping Center, Midkiff and Loop 250, will host a trunk show with Tom Welch of Herbert Arnot on Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 5 p.m.

Included in the trunk show will be oil paintings from all over the world, including well-known American and European artists, all available to view and purchase.

MISS CAYCE'S CHRISTMAS STORE in the Fairmont Park Shop-

ping Center, 3323 N. Midland Drive, will hold an open house with Santa and Mrs. Claus on Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

The public is invited to take free photos with Santa. Free photo holders will be available and refreshments and door prizes will be offered. Ornaments from the store will be personalized free of charge.

Beginning December 4, POSTNET POSTAL & BUSINESS SERVICES in Plaza Oaks Shopping Center, 2101 W. Wadley, will expand its hours to help pack and ship holiday packages.

From December 4 through December 22, the store, owned by Diane Browne, will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday. Packing materials and packing service will be offered, and worldwide shipping via Federal Express, United Parcel Service, the U.S. Postal Service and other carriers will be available through the store.

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AROUND TOWN

Midland County Public Library Children's Dept will have Storytime from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today in the Kaleidoscope Room. The theme will be "Going to Texas."

The Midland Archaeology Society will meet at Sibley Learning Center, 1307 E. Wadley, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 30. The program will be on Earliest Hunters and Inhabitants in the New World given by Denny Carley, artist and anthropologist. Membership is open to all persons interested in archaeology.

Architects of Midland's first Sundial will be giving a demonstration on how it works at 2:30 p.m. Dec. 3 between the Museum of the Southwest and Marian Blakemore Planetarium. Katherine Curry, senior girl scout, wanted to give something special to the community and at the same time earn the "Gold Award." She and Laura Atkinson constructed the sundial. "Star of Bethlehem: A Mystery Revealed" will follow the demonstration at 3 p.m.

Midland County Young Republicans will hold a luncheon/meeting at 11:45 a.m. today. Denise McNamara, Republican National Committeewoman from Texas will be the guest speaker. The cost is \$12. Please call 684-6149 by Nov. 27 to RSVP or for more information.

Van-Serving the visually impaired women's support group will meet today and will be making Christmas stockings. Lunch will be provided. All interested visually impaired are invited to attend. For more information call 694-2648.

Midland Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is sponsoring the 42nd annual Sepia Fashion Revue, Fashion Jubilee 2000, at 8 p.m. Nov. 30 at the Yucca Theatre. The event will feature Vogue-Esquire Models of Chicago and benefits the Scholarship Fundraiser. Tickets are \$12.50 in advance and \$15 at the door. For information call 520-2803 or 684-4843.

Midland Country Club Ladies' Association will hold a luncheon starting with social hour at 11:15 and lunch at 11:50 a.m. Dec. 1. Julian Gold will provide informal modeling during the social hour and Satin Strings will play Christmas music during the luncheon.

West Texas Writers will meet in the upstairs meeting room of the Midland county Public Library, 301 W. Missouri at 2 p.m. Dec. 2. Four writers from the group will read from their original work and tell where the ideas came from and how the work developed. Refreshments will be served. The following meeting will be Jan. 6.

Big Spring State Hospital volunteer Services Council is taking donations for patients Christmas gifts in the form of grooming supplies, card games, house shoes and monetary donations to buy jogging suits for them. Volunteers are needed for the gift-wrapping session from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 4, or helping patients with gift selections on their annual trip to The Dollar Store, prepare foods for the patient Christmas parties to be held Dec. 14 and men and women to sing in the annual Christmas caroling at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 4. For more information call 915-268-7535 or 268-7533.

Midland Christian Women's Club will hold a Holiday Fashion Luncheon at Green Tree Country Club from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 5. The program will include a style show by Dunlap's and Karen Fisher, member of Alliance singing group will perform. A free nursery is provided at a local church and mothers are asked to bring a sack lunch for their child. The club is non-denominational and has no membership or dues. The cost of the luncheon is \$11. Please call 682-5851 or 684-5213 for reservations.

Hospice of Midland's Remembering Our Children support group for grieving parents will hold its next meeting at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 4 at the Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas. Meetings are held the first Monday of each month or the second Monday if the first is a holiday.

Mixing it up for the holidays makes gift giving a snap

By Ann Heller
Cox News Service

A reader looking to be generous with Christmas gifts but facing a tight budget spotted layered cookie mixes and hot chocolate mixes in fancy jars at a chain store. She figured she could make them in multiples rather than buying them and save a few pennies.

She sent an e-mail in search for recipes.

That one was easy, because several were in hand.

Layered bean soup mixes, which look so pretty in a jar, are an old favorite. Rice adds another dimension to the soup. Oatmeal cookie mix in quart-sized canning jars also has eye appeal. We've also included a waffle and pancake mix, plus a rice mix.

These are easy projects for holiday gift-giving that can include the children. The only skills needed are the ability to use a measuring cup and spoons.

A couple of hints to make the project go more smoothly and economically:

Go to a health food store that sells items such as beans and rice in bulk.

Check your jars on hand and supply of decorating items such as swatches of fabric, ribbons and Christmas trinkets. Wide-mouthed quart canning jars are the easiest to fill. For two-cup mixes, the fancy French canning jars sold with jelly are ideal to recycle into these gifts.

Set up a mini assembly line of the ingredients and have jars cleaned and dried before starting.

If there's an extra pair of hands in the house, set them to work penning the recipe instructions to be attached to each jar.

Then, on another day, tackle decorating the jars for Christmas giving.

For this mix you need four quart jars.

OATMEAL COOKIE MIX

Makes 4 mixes
2 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon baking soda
2 cups firmly packed brown sugar

1 cup granulated sugar
2 cups vegetable shortening
1 18-ounce container oats
4 cups "add-ins": Add-ins, 1 cup per jar, can be dried fruit such as raisins, or a half-and-half mix of dried cherries and chocolate chips, or a half-and-half mixture of chocolate chips and nuts.

For cookie mix, stir together the flour, salt and baking soda in a very large bowl. Add sugars and mix well. If necessary, separate into two bowls for ease of working, then cut in shortening with a pastry blender or two knives until the mixture is crumbly. Stir in oats.

Layer mix and add-ins in quart jars as follows: 1 1/3 cups cookie mix, 1/2 cup add-ins, 1 cup cookie mix, 1/2 cup add ins, 1 cup cookie mix. Place lid on jar and seal tightly. Repeat filling other three jars.

Add gift tags with preparation instructions.

OATMEAL COOKIES

Makes 3 dozen

1 egg
1/4 cup water
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 quart jar oatmeal cookie mix

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly spray cookie sheets with cooking spray.

In a large bowl combine egg, water and vanilla; mix well. Add entire contents of 1 jar of cookie mix. Stir with fork until all dry ingredients are moistened and a stiff dough forms.

Drop by rounded tablespoons onto cookie sheets.

Bake 14 to 16 minutes until

light golden brown. Cool 1 minute on cookie sheets; remove to wire cooling racks. Cool completely.

Use four quart glass jars for this mix. Small zip-top plastic bags should be used for the spices and rice.

BEAN SOUP MIX

Makes 4 soup mixes
6 cups dried pinto beans
2 2/3 cups dried lentils
1 1/3 cups dried white navy beans

1 1/3 cups yellow split peas
1/4 cup dried crushed basil
1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
4 teaspoons cumin powder
2 teaspoons garlic powder
2 teaspoons ground ginger
4 bay leaves
8 dried red pepper (For a smoky "ham" flavor, use dried chipotle chiles.)

4 cups uncooked brown rice
In each jar layer the following: 1 1/2 cups pinto beans, 2/3 cup lentils, 1/3 cup navy beans, 1/3 cup split peas. In each of four small plastic bags place the following: 1 tablespoon basil, 1 teaspoon black pepper, 1 teaspoon cumin, 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder, 1/2 teaspoon ginger and 1 bay leaf and 2 red peppers. Place 1 spice-filled plastic bag in each jar on top of the beans. Place 1 cup rice in each of 4 small plastic bags, then place in jars on top of spices. Cover with jar lids.

BEAN AND RICE SOUP

Makes 8 servings

Remove rice and spices from jar. Wash beans and combine with 9 cups water in Dutch oven. Bring to a boil; cook 5 minutes. Remove from heat; let stand 30 minutes. Drain.

In the Dutch oven cook 1/2 cup minced onion in 1 tablespoon olive oil until softened. Return beans to pan and add rice, along with 10 cups chick-

en broth and spices. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 45 minutes to 1 hour or until beans and rice are tender. Garnish with sliced green onions if desired.

Depending on saltiness of broth used, you may need to add salt to taste.

This recipe is from Food for Friends, Homemade Gifts for Every Season by Sally Pasley Vargas (TenSpeed, \$19.95). The author says that the rice flour is essential for crisp waffles.

The recipe makes five mixes containing three cups each.

FIVE-GRAIN PANCAKE AND WAFFLE MIX

Makes 5 mixes

5 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
2 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
1 cup rye flour
1 cup corn flour
1 cup white or brown rice flour
1 cup cornmeal
1 cup powdered buttermilk
3/4 cup firmly packed dark brown sugar
1/4 cup baking powder
2 tablespoons salt
4 teaspoons baking soda
1 cup toasted wheat germ
1 cup oat bran

Measure all the ingredients except the wheat germ and oat bran into a large bowl and mix thoroughly with your hands. Sift the flour mixture, then add the wheat germ and oat bran. Mix again.

Divide into 5 portions of 3 cups each.

FIVE-GRAIN WAFFLES

Makes 4 to 5 waffles

In a bowl beat together 2 eggs and 1 cup milk, 2 tablespoons melted butter and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Stir in 1 1/2 cups of mix. Thin with up to an additional half-cup milk if needed.

Five-Grain Pancakes
Makes 10 to 12 four-inch pan-

cakes
In a bowl beat together 1 egg for pancakes, 2 tablespoons melted butter and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Stir in 1 1/2 cups of mix. Thin with up to an additional half-cup milk if needed.

Cook on a lightly oiled griddle or waffle iron until browned on both sides.

For this mix use 2-cup containers.

CURRIED RICE MIX

Makes 4 mixes

4 cups uncooked long grain white rice
1 1/3 cups raisins
1 1/3 cups chopped dried apples
1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon curry powder, hot or mild

Combine ingredients in a large bowl and mix well. Place 2 cups mix in each of 4 airtight containers.

Recipe instructions:

CURRIED RICE

Makes 6 servings.

Saute 1/4 cup diced onion in 1 tablespoon butter until softened. Add 1 rice mix and stir to coat rice. Stir in 3 cups chicken broth and bring to a simmer. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 15 minutes, until the rice is tender and liquid is absorbed. Fluff with a fork.

Use four two-cup containers for this hot chocolate mix.

HOT CHOCOLATE MIX

Makes 4 mixes

3 cups powdered sugar
1 cup unsweetened cocoa
1 cup coffee creamer
1 teaspoon salt
5 1/3 cups nonfat dry milk
2 cups miniature marshmallows, optional

Combine all the ingredients in a large bowl and mix well. Divide in four containers.

Recipe instructions:

HOT CHOCOLATE

Spoon 1/3 cup of the hot chocolate mixture into a coffee mug and add boiling water.

DEAR ABBY

Woman in the company of men does her gender an injustice

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: The other day, a female co-worker and I were talking about friendship. She informed me that she prefers the company of men. When I asked her why, she said that women were small-minded and boring.

It saddened me to realize she has so little insight into human nature. The characteristics she shuns are individual personality traits, not qualities of gender.

Abby, I am profoundly pleased that during the past 50 years so many things have changed for the better for women. Nevertheless, when I consider how in the past mankind lost the contributions of an untold number of brilliant and wise women, it fills me with regret.

Who knows what advances could have been made in this world of ours if half of the population hadn't been left out of the process?

My workmate's perception of her own gender may be understandable, given how few women have had the chance to contribute much outside their own homes — but I caution her and others who share her opinion to realize how small-minded these perceptions sound to those who have the wisdom to know better. — TENNESSEE (MALE) FEMINIST

DEAR FEMINIST: From the tone of your co-worker's comments, she must be living in the 1950s. Women who make blanket accusations about their own gender to men in this day and age often do it to be manipulative. Watch out for that one.

DEAR ABBY: This is an unusual "how we met" story. If you think it's worth printing, it would be a wonderful anniversary surprise for Marie and Ed.

Several years after my father died, my mother, Marie, invited my two sisters and me, and our husbands, on a seven-day cruise with her — her treat.

One night, we met a group of lovely young women from

Minneapolis, my Mom's hometown. A few days later, one of the women, Debbie, noticed that Mom was attractive and fun-loving — but alone. She said her husband's grandfather, Ed, was a widower, and she thought Ed and Marie would enjoy each other. She asked Mom if it would be OK to give Ed her phone number. Mom agreed.

When Debbie returned home, she gave Ed Mom's phone number and a snapshot of her that had been taken on the cruise.

He called Mom, and they spoke on the phone for more than an hour. Among other things, they discovered they had both been happily married for more than 50 years.

After that, they talked almost daily for the next couple of weeks.

They met in person on April Fool's three years ago. During the months that followed, they fell deeply in love.

On Labor Day, Ed proposed, and he and Mom were married Thanksgiving weekend. She was 76 and he was 79.

Mom and Ed will celebrate their third anniversary on Nov. 29. His family and ours are thrilled they are so happy.

They're beautiful together. —

DELIGHTED DAUGHTERS
DEAR DELIGHTED: Your family indeed has much to be

thankful for.

Congratulations, Ed and Marie, and many more years of happiness.

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Cooking With Olive Oil 1-2-3

Rozanne Gold, renowned chef and author of the widely acclaimed Recipes 1-2-3 series, has redefined quick and easy cooking with her 1-2-3 approach to creating memorable and mouthwatering meals in minutes.

Recognizing that most of us have little time to spend shopping for ingredients and preparing meals, Gold maintains that you need no more than three items to make a great dish.

Instead of trekking to the store in search of hard-to-find spices or unusual vegetables, keep your kitchen stocked with high quality basics that, together, can form the basis of an ever-changing menu of memorable meals.

When it comes to choosing those ingredients, Gold says that quality is what matters most.

Because each ingredient plays a critical role, its quality, versatility and flavor are extremely important.

According to Gold, olive oil is a great example of a "must have" ingredient that can add new dimensions of flavor and versatility to your daily fare.

You'll see that olive oil plays a starring role in the following recipes that elevate "quick and easy" to a new level of distinctive flavor with family-wide appeal.

They're some of Gold's favorites... and they're sure to become your favorites too.

Cooking as Easy as 1-2-3

These cooking tips take advantage of the great versatility of olive oil:

- Marinate fish in olive oil. It yields succulent and delicious results and is simple yet sophisticated.

- Rub the outside of chicken and turkey with extra virgin olive oil before cooking. The result? A mouthwatering, crisp-skinned bird that's healthier for you.

- Marinate your favorite meats in olive oil before grilling to produce a meltingly tender texture and exciting flavor.

- Slow-cook summer vegetables in olive oil for a lovely, soft texture and golden color.

- Pair Parmesan cheese and extra virgin olive oil to complement your favorite salad.

- Whisk olive oil — instead of margarine or butter — into mashed potatoes to create a creamy and luscious accompaniment for virtually any main course.

A Healthy Alternative

Boasting a higher percentage of monounsaturated fat than any other pourable oil, olive oil adds more than just flavor to your food. Research shows that when monounsaturated fats such as olive oil replace saturated fat in the diet "bad" cholesterol declines and the percentage of "good" cholesterol improves. And the health attributes don't end there.

According to a study in the Archives of Internal Medicine, women with a higher level of monounsaturated fat in their diets were less likely to develop breast cancer.

A World of Olive Oil to Choose From

There's an olive oil to suit everyone. Just as wine has its varieties of color and bouquet, so too does olive oil.

The color can vary from translucent gold to soft green.

The taste can range from fruity and intense to mild and light. To see for yourself, try dipping bread into different kinds of olive oil. You'll soon become an olive oil connoisseur.

Keep in mind that olive oil comes in three basic varieties:

- Extra Virgin Olive Oil is derived solely from the cold pressing of select olives without any refining and meets exacting taste and aroma standards.

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For more information on olive oil, call the Olive Oil toll-free hotline: 1-800-332-6548.



Ultimate garlic mashed potatoes and basil-stuffed swordfish



Roasted asparagus and parmesan salad



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BASIL-STUFFED SWORDFISH

This simple olive oil marinade turns swordfish into a delectable and elegant main dish.

4 8-ounce, 1-inch thick swordfish steaks
1 large bunch fresh basil
1 cup olive oil

Using a small, sharp knife, make a 3 1/2-inch slit down the center of each fish fillet. Separate slightly with your fingers to make a channel.

Wash basil and dry well. Divide into four stacks, one for each steak, and roll each stack tightly. Place stack in channel of steak until stack is packed.

Place steaks in a shallow casserole. Pour 1-cup olive oil over fish. Sprinkle lightly with kosher salt and coarsely ground pepper. Marinate 1 hour at room temperature.

Remove fish from marinade and place in 12 inch non-stick skillet. Add 6 tablespoons of the olive oil marinade. Cook over low heat for 2 minutes. Cover pan and continue cooking for 5 minutes. Carefully turn fish over, using a spatula, and cook, covered, 5 to 6 minutes or until fish is cooked through.

Remove fish from pan; arrange so basil is showing. Serve with pan juices and an extra drizzle of olive oil, if desired. Garnish with fresh basil sprigs.

Serves 8.

Per Serving: 229 calories; 16g fat; 21g protein; .5g carbohydrate; .5g dietary fiber; 39mg cholesterol; 98mg sodium

ULTIMATE GARLIC MASHED POTATOES

The added flavor of olive oil and garlic makes these a crowd-pleaser. The velvety potatoes deliciously complement meat, poultry or fish.

2 pounds Yukon gold potatoes
10 large cloves garlic, divided
1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil, divided

Peel potatoes and garlic. Put potatoes and 8 cloves garlic in 4-quart pot with cover. Add cold water to cover potatoes. Add 1 teaspoon salt and bring to a boil. Lower heat to medium-high and place cover askew. Cook until tender, about 35 minutes.

Meanwhile, heat 1 tablespoon olive oil in small non-stick skillet. Slice remaining garlic cloves paper-thin and add to skillet. Cook over low heat until very soft but not brown, about 5 minutes. Set aside.

When potatoes are cooked, drain in colander, saving 1 1/4 cups cooking water. Push potatoes and garlic through a ricer or place in a large bowl, and, using a potato masher, mash thoroughly. Add 3 tablespoons remaining olive oil, the cooked, sliced garlic with its oil and enough cooking water, mixing constantly, to make a smooth, creamy consistency. Add salt and white pepper to taste. Serve hot. Drizzle with extra oil, if desired.

Serves 6 to 8 (makes 4 cups)

Per Serving: 151 calories; 7g fat; 2g protein; 21g carbohydrate; 2g dietary fiber; 0mg cholesterol; 6mg sodium

ROASTED ASPARAGUS AND PARMESAN SALAD

Roasting asparagus at an unusually high temperature caramelizes natural sugars and intensifies flavors.

2 1/4 pounds fresh thick asparagus
3 tablespoons olive oil
3 ounce chunk imported Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 500 degrees.

Snap off woody bottoms of asparagus and discard. Using a vegetable peeler, gently peel asparagus. Cut each asparagus stalk into 4 pieces on the diagonal. Place cut asparagus in large bowl with olive oil, 1/2 teaspoon salt and freshly ground black pepper. Mix well and let sit 10 minutes.

Transfer asparagus to baking sheets making one layer. Roast 10 to 12 minutes, shaking several times to prevent sticking.

Transfer asparagus with any oil back to bowl. Add pinch of salt and pepper to taste. Let cool 5 minutes. Arrange on large plates. Slice cheese paper-thin and scatter on top and around asparagus. Drizzle with additional olive oil if desired.

Serves 4 or more.

Per Serving: 232 calories; 16g fat; 13g protein; 12g carbohydrate; 5g dietary fiber; 14mg cholesterol; 346mg sodium

PERFECT LEMON ROAST CHICKEN

This recipe is the essence of simplicity, resulting in a crisp-skinned bird and a lemon-kissed sauce.

1 4-pound chicken
3 medium thin-skinned lemons
3 tablespoons olive oil

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Remove giblets from chicken. Place giblets, except liver, in small saucepan with 1 cup water. Bring to a boil. Lower heat and simmer 25 minutes. Remove from heat and strain broth through fine-mesh sieve. Set aside.

Wash chicken and dry well.

Using small sharp knife, make a dozen deep slits in each of two lemons and place in cavity of chicken. Truss chicken with string and place in shallow roasting pan. In small bowl, mix olive oil with 1/2 teaspoon salt until dissolved. Pour over chicken and, using your hands, rub mixture over top and bottom of chicken. Roast 1 hour and 20 minutes, basting frequently.

Transfer chicken to cutting board. Pour off most of fat from pan. Scrape up all brown bits from pan and add to saucepan with reserved broth. Add squeeze of fresh lemon, salt and pepper to taste and bring to a boil. Strain sauce and serve with chicken, carved as desired. Garnish with lemons from cavity; cut into wedges.

Serves 6

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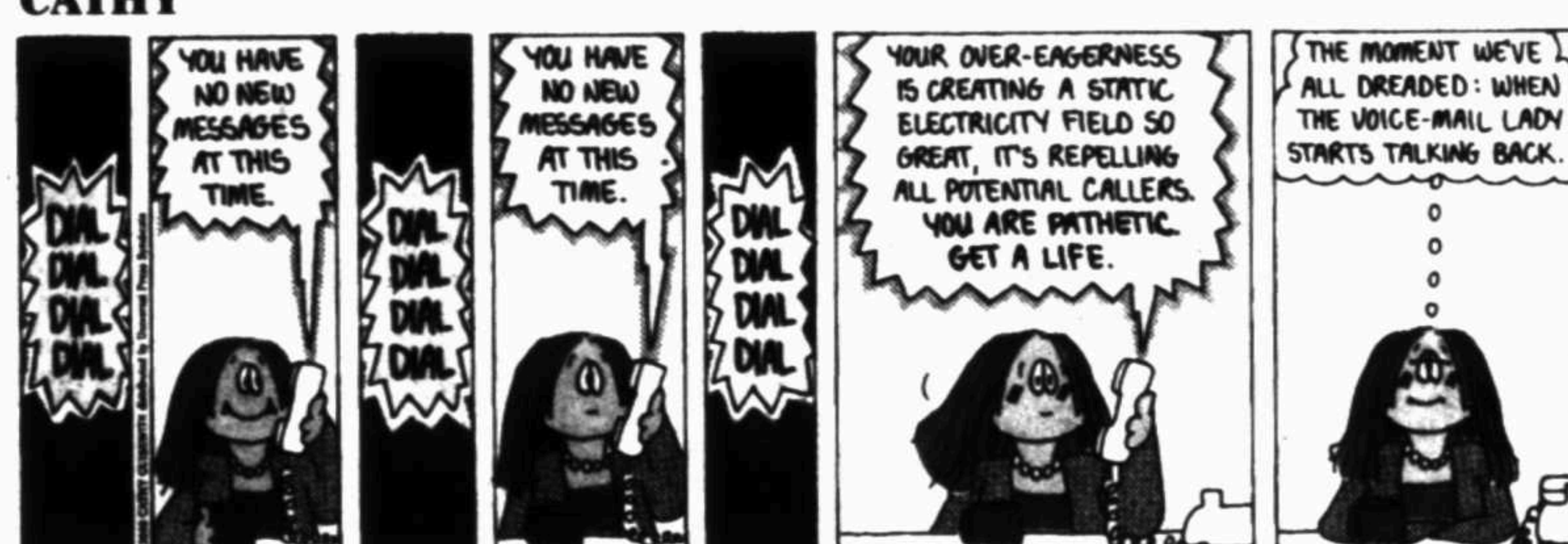
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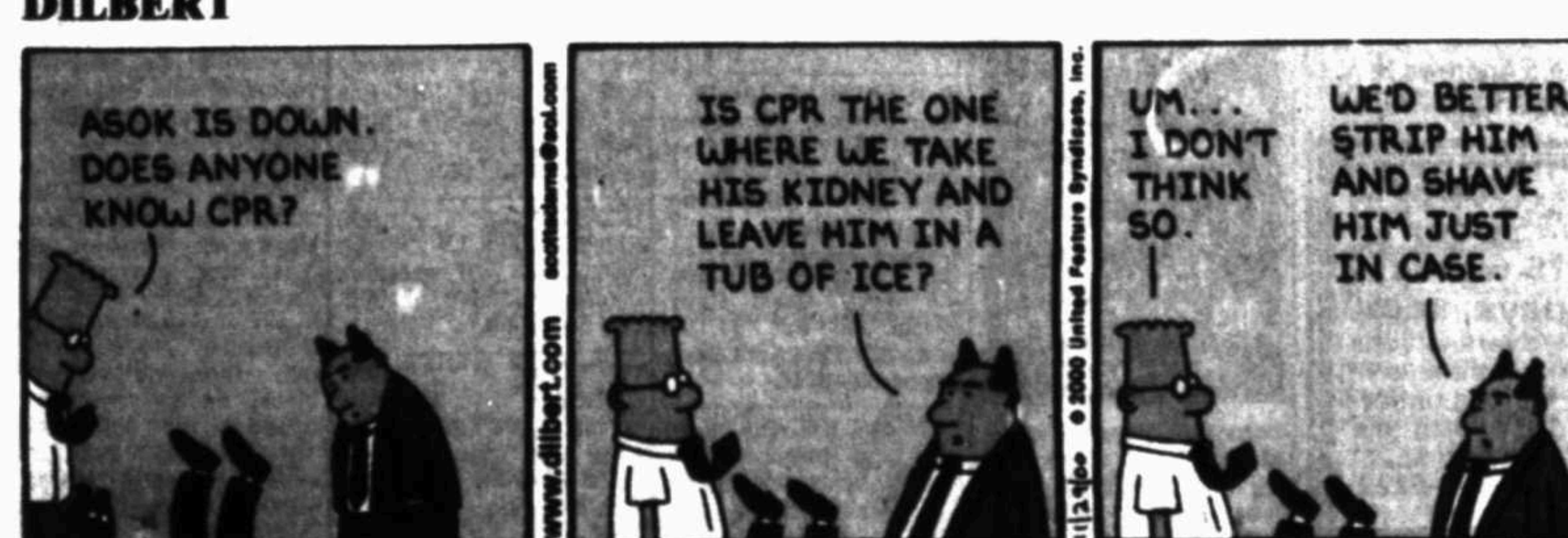
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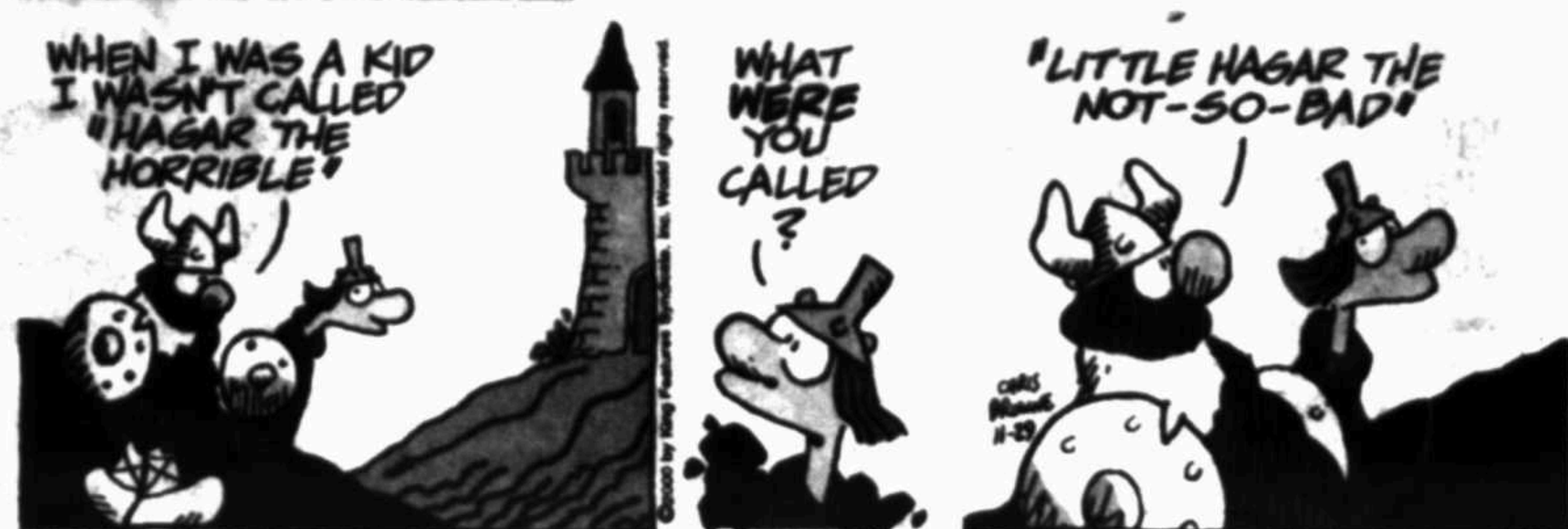
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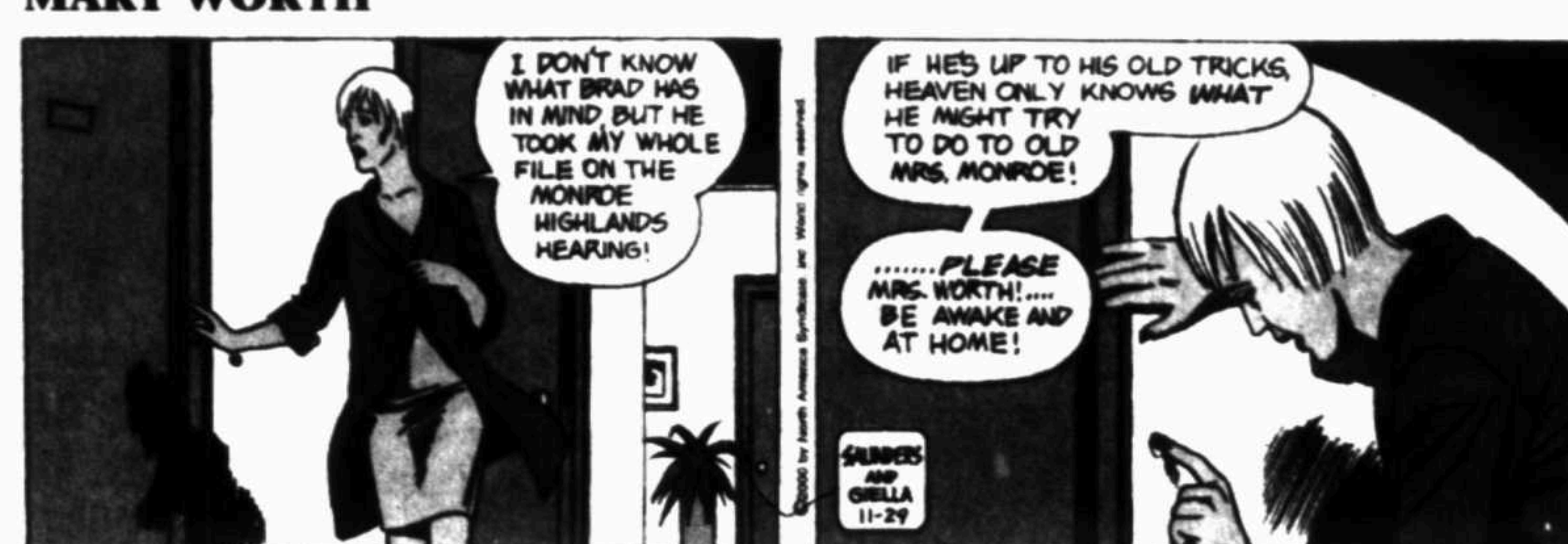
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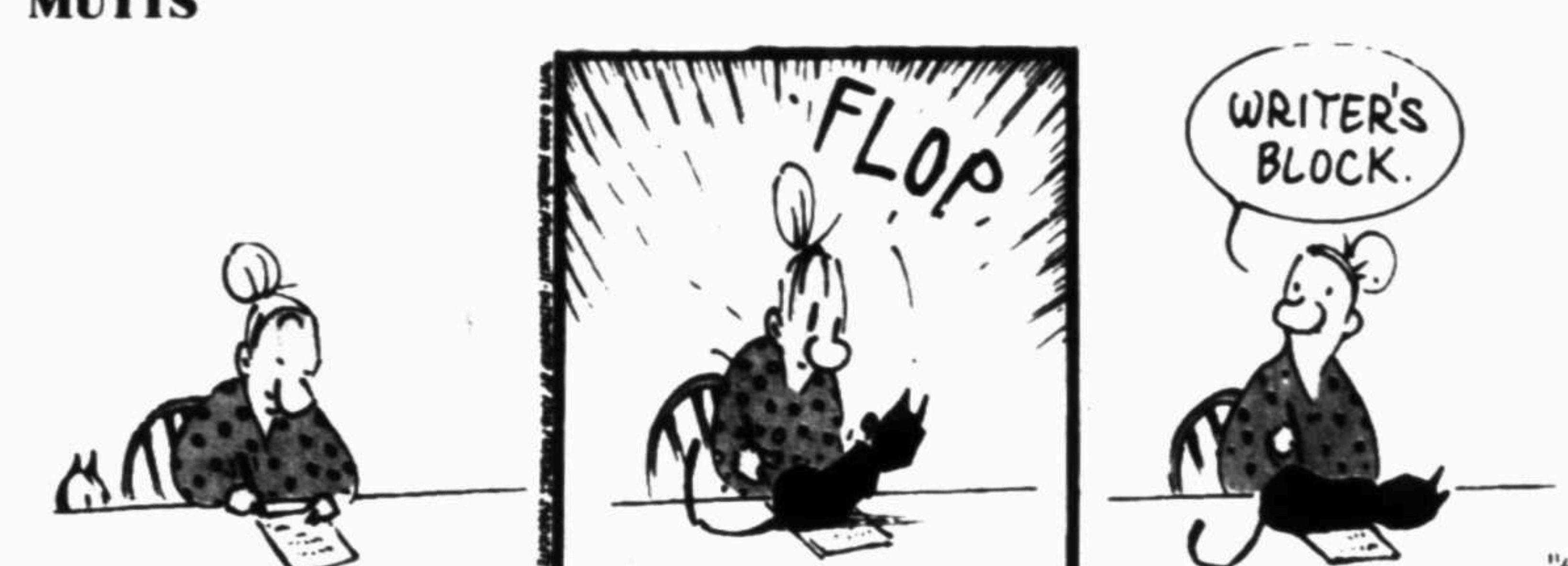
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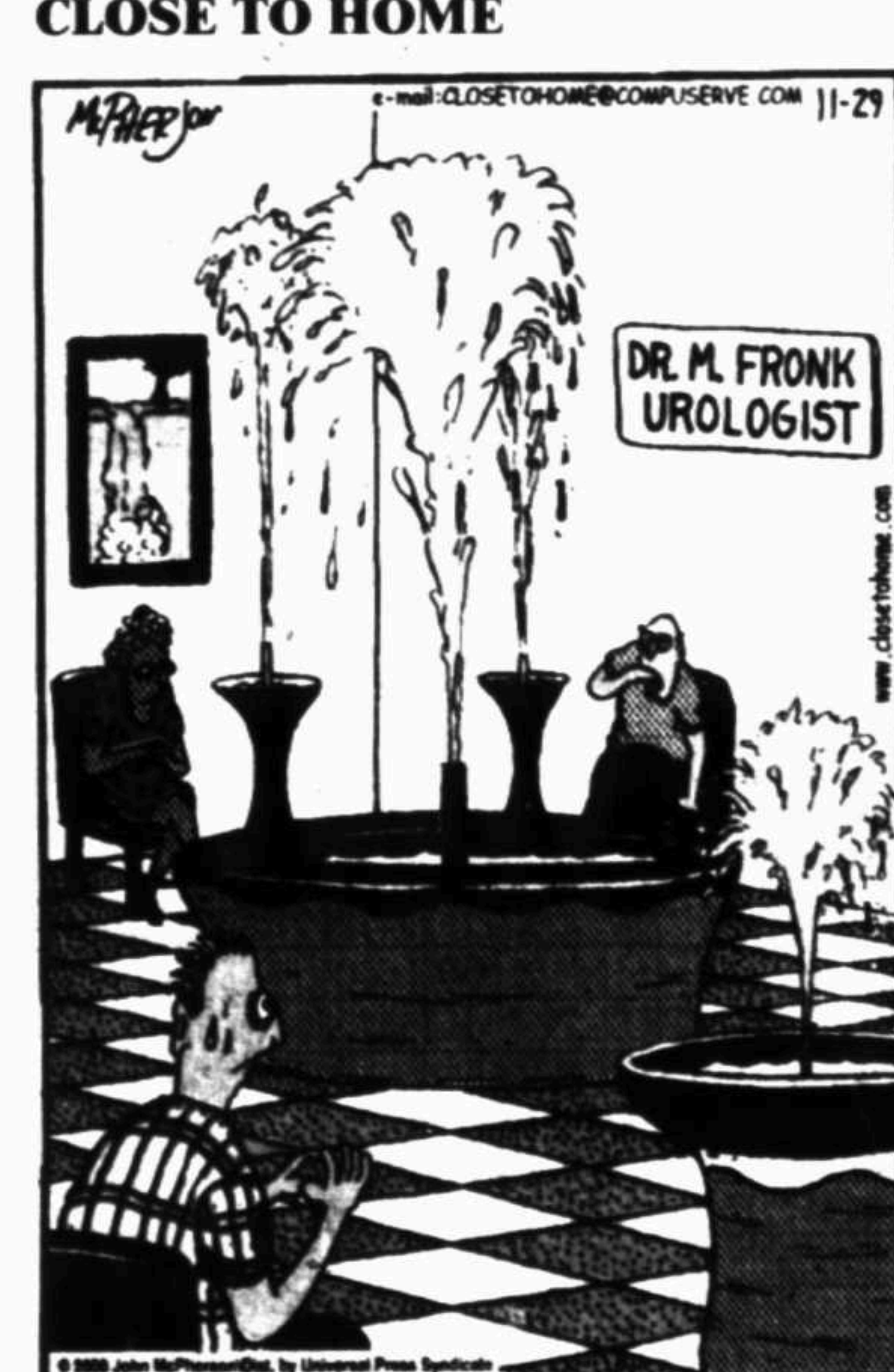
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MARTY'S MARKETPLACE

Leading you to the best bargains in Midland and the area!

Do you need to get rid of some of your extra goodies around the house?

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410 Miscellaneous Sales

500 GALLON Propane Tank with wet line, \$350. New bass guitar & amp, \$400. 563-5538.

NEW TODAY

SANTA'S SURPRISE - 5 to 6 person spa/hot-tub, still only \$59 a month. Limited supply, redwood cabinets, 915-563-3108.

LIKE NEW Electric Wheelchair & lift. Installed in July used 6 items. \$5,000 negotiable. 520-3892.

NEW TODAY

FOR SALE 4 1/2 X 10 drill pipe yellow band, 145 JTS, 4495 feet, tested by Tuboscope, have papers, \$450 per foot. Call 267-3126 ask for Mike Evans.

NEW TODAY

10x16 workshop storage buildings \$41.00 a month. Delivery/financing 915-563-3108.

NICE CONSOLE PIANO \$600. Good shape! Must see! Please call 682-8818.

MOVING BOXES, enough for a four bedroom home. Like new - \$100. 683-1515.

SOLD

RIDER/POWER exercise bike, good condition. \$35. Please call xxx-xxxx.

BICYCLE for \$35. Please call for information at 563-0452.

RAINBOW Water filter vacuum cleaner. The original "bagless" like new, \$195. 520-6464.

LOSE 40 LBS in 2 months, natural and guaranteed. Doctor recommended. Toll free 1-888-252-1750. or www.adfzine4life.com.

NEW TODAY

PANASONIC EXERCISE bicycle. Good condition \$40. Please call for more information 684-5806.

NEW TODAY

ANNUAL PERMIT for Moss Creek Lake. Immediate family get in free for 1 year. For information call 915-393-5246.

RAINBOW WATER filter vacuum cleaner. The original "bagless" like new, \$195. 520-6464.

410 Miscellaneous Sales

WEIDER Home Gym - 7 stations, like new - \$250. Weight bench, exercise bike, Reebok Basketball shoes (10 1/2), 556-8418.

NORITAKE CHINA: Reine pattern (White raised work with platinum trim) Includes 20 place settings & accessory pieces, 23 place tea set, 17 piece demitasse set, 17 piece snack set. Entire set, \$1,195. 687-3567.

70 PIECE Franciscanware Desert Rose dishes \$300 or offer. 683-3006.

1/2 HP CHAMBERLAIN garage door opener remote plus track \$25. Please call 570-8347.

NEW TODAY

SLIGHT DAMAGE - 12x24 garage/storage building will deliver. 915-563-3108.

AIRFARE BARGAINS anywhere Southwest flies! Unrestricted! 800-616-0846.

413 Jewelry & Furs

NEW TODAY

JUST IN TIME for Christmas - 76 carat, pear shaped loose diamond. Can be seen at Houck's Jewelry, 684-4851.

415 Miscellaneous Sales

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

NEW TODAY

WANTED Bottom deck of a Murray grass catcher or part for the Riding Lawnmower. 570-8347.

420 Good Things To Eat

GARDENALE PECAN Baking and shellings pecans. FM 554 Gardendale 550-7809.

PECANS, NEW Crop-Freshly shelled, 3 lbs/\$18. Unshelled \$12.25 per lb. Orchard grown - irrigated trees. 397-2286.

432 Household Furniture

SOLD

DINING ROOM set county style table with 6 chairs. Oak. \$650. Brand new Bakers rack \$50. 4 Bar stools \$5 each. Please call xxx-xxxx.

TABLE AND 6 chairs in good condition, \$75 o.b.o. Call 689-2484.

DARK BLUE couch, multicolored threading, southwest style, good condition, \$150. Call 520-5817 after 5pm.

SECRETARY CHAIR and 2 arm chairs, very good condition, \$75. Call 699-0963.

435 Household Appliances

FULL SIZE Serta bed and frame \$100. Call Jon after 6:30 620-0093.

NEW TODAY

KENMORE Electric stove \$75. Magnavox 25" TV, \$100. Pioneer home stereo, \$100. Smoked glass table with 4 chairs, \$100. 686-7545.

FREE REMOVAL - Of unwanted Appliances. Evaporative Coolers. Will pick-up 45 minutes or less. 313-3920 anytime.

RECONDITIONED APPLIANCES - Washers, dryers, refrigerators, stoves. Warranty and delivery available. Removal of old appliances. 683-7040.

FREE REMOVAL OF appliances 550-6540. Sale - washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezer. \$75 up. Free delivery 90 day warranty.

440 Firewood

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.

Let Classified Work For You! Call 682-6222

450 Sporting Goods

BRAND NEW Kona Mountain bike. Front & rear derailleurs, free wheel, inSync fork, \$500 firm, 520-3625.

3 (GI) HOLLYWOOD Bunk Beds, fair condition, would be great for a hunting camp. \$150 per set. 687-0801.

GREEN TREE Membership - \$500. Call 689-2313 after 5pm.

INVENTORY REDUCTION Sale, all golf shirts 50% off original price. mens and womens. Nueva Vista Golf Club, 6101 West Wadley.

8' POOL Table with a slatton bed, drop pockets, asking \$700. Call 684-8132.

JIM'S GOLF CLUBS "Tight" Lie woods \$80 each. "Hawk" Eye irons, \$194/ set. (clones). Reshaft. Reg. low prices 3115 Haynes 694-1334.

460 Antiques & Arts

INDIVIDUAL WILL pay fair prices for your antiques and collectibles. No furniture please. 571-3222/694-7508.

ANTIQUE ENGLISH Drawing table \$250. 7 assorted antique chairs. \$50 each. Call 694-5385.

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

JUDY JACKSON'S Estate Sales An experienced professional working for you! 689-3536. 682-6147.

ANTIQUES GIFTS & Collectibles - Texaco, Barbie, Coca-Cola memorabilia. 1605 West Industrial Ave. 686-9090. Ask for Finders Keepers.

THE CATS MEOW - 4000 sq. ft. of fine merchandise - buy & sell antiques. 915-B N Midway Highway (915) 687-2004.

NEW TODAY

2 PENNIE ANNE Cross signed and numbered prints. WE ARE 55/96 artist proof. THE GIFT PART 2 255/475 685-3331.

470 Musical Instruments

DRUM SET: Yamaha stage custom trap set, black with 18" crash, 14" Zyn high hats, stands & seat. immaculate condition. \$750. 687-5318.

GREAT BEGINNER Guitar - Ibanez EX series, metallic green, six string electric/gig bag \$250. 694-9735.

NEW TODAY

RUDOLPH WURLITZER Nice wood finish. Good condition. \$650. Day phone 664-5864 and evenings 682-5650.

GREAT BEGINNER Electric guitar with Charvel amp. \$200 obo. Call 684-9077, leave message.

LARGE UPRIGHT Weaver Piano - Good condition! \$600 obo. Please call 683-3873 for more details.

YAMAHA U3 UPRIGHT Piano - Polished ebony. Excellent condition! \$5,275. Call 687-3567.

485 Electronics

ADVENT Wireless stereo speakers, brand new. \$175. 553-3594.

490 Computers/Accessories

SERVICE AFTER THE SALE Computers - New and used, upgrade and repair. Night Owl Computers, 10am-6pm, 1015-B N Midway. 520-5817. 686-8635.

495 FOR FREE

CUTE Brother and Sister kittens, 11 weeks old, litter box trained. Must go as pair with accessories. 699-0963.

3 MONTH OLD FEMALE Puppies good with kids. 682-1185.

TWO FULL Blooded Boxers, to a good home with papers. Must go together. 520-5157.

WEIMARANER FREE to good home with large yard. Call 687-2967 for more details.

FREE MIX Puppies - 6 weeks old. Call 570-6631 after 5pm.

495 FOR FREE

BUNNIES HOLLAND - Lop to give away. Cage included. Call 684-7750.

PICKED UP

FIREWOOD - soft wood, cut and stacked. 686-1828.

FREE SATELLITE System Big dish, receiver, instructions, you remove from yard. 520-5045.

500 Pets and Supplies

NEW TODAY

AKC WIRE Fox terrier pups. Champion bloodline, 3 males, \$450 each. Ready week of December 18th. 915-656-6171.

BOXER Puppies, AKC registered, pedigreed, males, females \$400. Ready to go now. Call (505) 624-1387.

QUALITY VISZLA puppies - Ready for Christmas! Visit www.vizsla.net (505) 624-1387.

2 GOATS one male, one loving female \$50 Each. Call 561-8970.

AKC RETRIEVERS, eight weeks old, one male, two females. Call 1-806-763-9671 after 6:30 pm or leave message.

AKC, YELLOW Labs just in time for Christmas \$250 each. Please call 620-0250.

AKC LAB Puppies - Black & Yellows First Shots. Call 684-9662.

RAT TERRIER puppy, beautifully marked, very playful. \$75. 570-8696.

505 Livestock & Poultry

PEACOCKS - INDIAN blues, \$30 & \$40. Call 687-4619.

NEW TODAY

4X5 BALES OF HAY AVERAGE WEIGHT 900 POUNDS. Bermuda and Dallas grass. \$35 a roll. 687-2717.

1990 AQHA RED Dun gelding. Well broke. \$4,000 obo. Call 699-1780.

510 Office Furniture & Misc.

NEW TODAY

PHOTO COPIERS - Konica 1999, remanufactured. 1999, lease \$216.34/monthly - 23 months. Konica 7150 new digital copier lease \$417.79/monthly - 24 months. Buy out available. Nina 686-8801.

550 Portable Buildings

FOR SALE or Trade 14x26 portable office or playhouse with restroom, heat, a/c. Heavy duty built, \$12,000. Call 694-7603.

NEW TODAY

8X10 MORGAN Building \$1,000. Call 697-5484 for information.

We move, buy, sell and rent portable buildings. MORGAN (915) 563-1860.

560 Machinery/Tools

FOR SALE 2300 DITCHWITCH TRENCHER 6-12 inch trenching in excellent condition asking \$6,000. 0200 Call Greg 570-0675.

Oil Field Equip & Supplies

PUMPJACKS, ETC. Bargains, reconditioned, all types, warranty, delivered, set, service, trucking, maintenance. 686-0397.

NEW TODAY

TWO 503 Fairbanks-Morse gas engines, with electronic ignition. 694-0326.

NEW TODAY

PIPE YARD for sale or lease. 2.68 Acres. Call 684-6590 or 694-4052 for details.

Let "Sure Sell" Work For You! Call 682-6222

311 Medical Help Wanted

Midland Surgical Associates, P.A. is seeking qualified applicants for the following positions:

Medical Secretary/Transcriptionist
Position requires medical terminology and typing proficiency, computer and communication skills, and familiarity with all types of insurance, PPO's and HMO's.

Vascular Tech
Position requires sonography and doppler proficiency in the performance of carotid and lower extremity evaluations, segmental pressures and PVR's. Computer, communication and people skills a must.

Office Hours Monday - Friday, 8:30 - 5:30. Excellent benefits which include health insurance, vacation and sick pay, retirement plan. Send resume to: Box J-5008, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

312 Professional Help Wanted

Engineer V/Project Manager

TNRCC is accepting applications for an Engineer V/Project Manager position in the Agency's Superfund Program. Posting #01040, Monthly Salary \$3518 - 4116, Open Until Filled. Minimum Qualifications: Texas Professional Engineer's license plus six years of full-time general engineering experience or five years of full-time environmental engineering experience. A master's degree in engineering, basic science, mathematics, environmental science or related fields from an accredited college or university (COPY OF OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT ATTACHED TO APPLICATION REQUIRED) may be substituted for one year of the general engineering experience. A doctorate degree in engineering, basic science, mathematics, environmental science or related fields from an accredited college or university (COPY OF OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT ATTACHED TO APPLICATION REQUIRED) may be substituted for two years of the general engineering experience. OR One year of full-time experience at TNRCC as an Engineer IV. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of a completed application. The employment history section of the application must be completed. Mailed applications must be sent to Human Resources Division, MC 116, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. State of Texas application forms and additional information are available at the TNRCC Human Resources Division located at 12100 Park 35 Circle, Bldg. A, (512) 239-0102. Fax (512) 239-0111. EEO/AA/ADA/Employer.

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Training... 2 week initial training and ongoing training.

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\$6,000 PER MONTH + potential for management trainee for the world's largest manufacturer home corporation. Must be highly motivated, self starter with a strong desire to succeed. Apply in person Monday thru Friday only at A-1 Homes, 7206 W. Hwy 80, Midland, TX. Drug Test required.

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At SEWELL PRE-OWNED CARS and TRUCKS of MIDLAND we are have brought 65 years worth of experience, tradition, integrity, and customer service in the Permian Basin to Midland. The Sewell family of dealerships has been serving Texas since 1911, and has been serving Odessa since 1935. Our new dealership in Midland has continued this legacy of success built on customer service. We are adding sales professionals to expand our market penetration and to help service our extremely loyal customer base.

If you are serious about a career choice where you will be compensated by performance and not limited to a wage or salaried pay scale, apply today. Automotive experience is not necessary, however professionalism is. If you are ready for a career change in an exciting industry with one of the most respected companies in the country - apply today. Call 498-0200 to set up a time to apply. Please have resume and references.

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Stanton & Big Spring Area

Do you have what it takes to sell? The Midland Reporter-Telegram is seeking neat & dependable individuals to work evenings and weekends offering subscriptions to non-subscribers. Great source for extra income. Unlimited potential. What are you waiting for? Apply today!!

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Home Hospice

Home Hospice has openings for the following position:

• Full Time R.N.

Preference will be given to RN's with hospice, oncology, and/or med-surg experience. E.O.E. Excellent salary and benefits.

Fax Resume to: 570-0866 OR Apply At: 1802 West Wall

312 Professional Help Wanted

Saulsbury Engineering & Construction

Is looking to recruit a qualified Mechanical Engineer to lead the Mechanical Engineering and Design Group. The successful candidate will have a minimum of 15 years experience in the petrochemical industry, with experience in the control of staff, discipline estimates, vessels, rotating equipment and piping. Knowledge of materials would be an advantage. The successful candidate will be expected to take full charge of the Mechanical department, which includes responsibility for all piping work in addition to both static and rotating equipment.

Contact Saulsbury Engineering at 915-366-3686 Or fax Resume to 915-366-6952.

316 Sales Help Wanted

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10 Salespersons are needed NOW to sell subscriptions to the Midland Reporter-Telegram. Sales Season is here. Enhance your income for the holidays! Unlimited earning potential.

MATT BROWN
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LICENSED AGENTS Needed \$75,000 + per year 915-522-1218.

ATTENTION: PUBLIC NOTICE

Jack Sherman Chevrolet-Mazda Has An Immediate Opening For An Automotive Retail Sales Position.

"Requirements"

- Self Motivated
- Great Outgoing Personality
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- Self Confidence With A Desire To Help Customers & Earn A Great Living!

"Benefits"

- Top Pay Based On Performance, Up To 40% Commission
- Free Gas
- Paid Vacations
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- 401 K Plan

Please Call For Appointment Interview 694-9601 or 520-0156 Ask For Darrell Dixon

Jack Sherman
WE'LL BE THERE

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

FIELD SERVICE MECHANIC

Harover Energy Services - West TX area is seeking experienced field mechanics. These individuals must have the ability to perform all types of industrial engine/compressor overhauls, troubleshooting and operation with little day to day guidance. Must be willing to work out of the Midland office.

The desired candidates should be customer focused with strong interpersonal skills. The Harover Company offers excellent benefit packages and competitive salaries determined by work experience and skills.

Qualified candidates should apply to The Harover Company 9704 W-20 Midland, TX 79706 915-567-1050 Attn: Jeff Walkey

312 Medical Help Wanted

Medical Technologist wanted for busy office lab. Benefits. Send resume to: PO Box 4186, Midland, TX 79704.

NEED IMMEDIATELY Licensed PTA. Call Chiropractic Center at 697-1643 to set up an interview.

NOW HIRING E.M.T.'s all levels. Call Texas West Ambulance 570-4892 or fax resume to 520-2501.

NEW TODAY

SADDLERIDGE LODGE Assisted Living, a gracious retirement residence for active seniors in Midland, is seeking a Certified Med-Aide and CNA's for Full and Part time positions. If you are courteous, attentive and enjoy being part of a team, please stop by and fill out an application, or mail or fax your resume to: Jenny Beene Saddlebridge Lodge 1808 W. Loop 250 N., Midland, Texas 79705 Fax: 915-687-0355 EOE.

314 Clerical Help Wanted

KELLY IS YOUR JOB Connection. To Quality Jobs! Call Kelly Services 689-9801

NEED IMMEDIATELY: Administrative assistant for extremely fast paced money manager. Full time, Monday through Friday 8 am to 5 pm. Individual must be very reliable, well organized, able to handle multiple tasks efficiently and work independently. Professional attitude and appearance a must. Need to be proficient in Microsoft word and excel, salary DOE with potential bonuses based on productivity. Please send resume with salary requirements and references to: Sales Assistant, P.O. Box 50038, Midland, TX 79710.

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