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MISD eyes September bond vote

By Hillary S. Condon
Staff Writer

Midland Independent School District Superintendent Robert Nicks announced plans for a September facilities bond election — but this time, he said, things will be different.

The district has failed at two out of its past three bond elections, Nicks said, because the district told the community what was needed. This time, the community will tell the district what it wants.

"I can honestly say that the basis for those decisions will come from the community," Nicks said. "The school board will not attempt to tell the community where a new high school should be — we'll take our ideas from them."

Nicks and the rest of the school board will begin to hear input from the community in January, starting with visits to the high schools and conferences with parents, staff and students. Then they will proceed to gather information from the community at large. And despite low turnouts at recent school events regarding budget and redistricting, Nicks said he anticipates a large community response.

"I think we're going to have a significant response," he said. "I think the community is ready. I've had many people ask me when we're going to act. (The community) recognizes a need for improvements to the facilities, but they're not going to accept anything that rolls out from the district — they want to be consulted first."

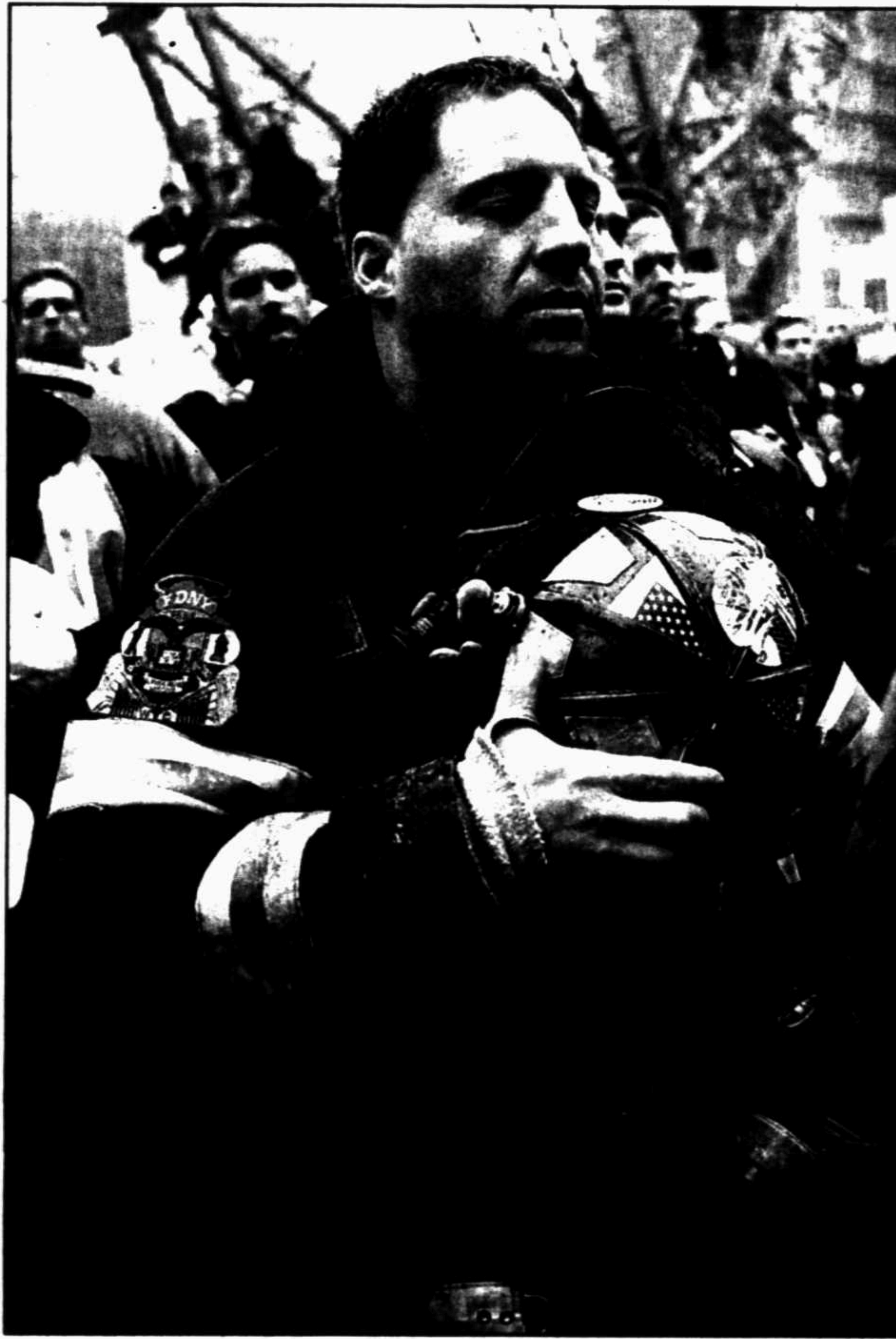
After the information has been gathered from the community, the district will sponsor the formation of advisory groups to recommend specific amounts and priorities for the referendum. Nicks anticipates having an election no later than September.

"September has been identified as a very probable target date for a bond referendum," Nicks said. "Certainly, no later than September."

The announcement came after the board heard a report from First Southwest Company, a Dallas-based financial advisory firm.

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In Remembrance



TOP: A New York City firefighter pauses for a prayer as he stands with other firefighters, police and workers beneath the wreckage of the World Trade Center at ground zero in New York, Tuesday, at a ceremony marking the three month anniversary of the attack on the World Trade Center. RIGHT: Kathleen Olivo of Stroudsburg, Pa., who lost her sister on Sept. 11, looks at a memorial wall in front of St. Paul's Chapel in New York.

AP Photos

Al-Qaida on run, but much remains to be done three months after terrorist attacks

By Ron Kampeas
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The haven Osama bin Laden found in Taliban-ruled Afghanistan has collapsed and he and his one-time host, Mullah Mohammed Omar, are on the run. Not everything has progressed so rapidly in the three months since Sept. 11.

At home, the pall the attacks cast over the economy threatens to darken the holiday season, and investigations into the attacks and into the deadly anthrax mailings that followed them remain inconclusive.

But three months to the day after the attacks, officials on Tuesday disclosed the first U.S. indictment related directly to the events of Sept. 11.

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THE WAR:

Local fighters backed by U.S. firepower rooted the Taliban out of its last stronghold last week, forcing the core still loyal to bin Laden into the hills. Omar is nowhere to be found.

Officials warned that although the war is on a different footing, it is far from over.

"It remains the case that large numbers of al-Qaida terrorists, including senior leaders as well as senior leaders of the Taliban, are still at large in Afghanistan," Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said. "It's going to be a very long and difficult job to find them, to root them out."

Marines mobilized near the fallen Taliban stronghold of Kandahar on Monday to cut off escape routes for Taliban leaders and fighters from bin Laden's terror network.

In 66 days since the bombing began Oct. 7, coalition forces have shredded the Taliban as a political and military force. Al-Qaida terrorist training camps have been destroyed and B-52s are dropping heavy bombs on a network of caves in eastern Afghanistan. On Monday in Kabul, Americans reclaimed the U.S. Embassy 12 years after it was abandoned.

Nine U.S. personnel have died, and the numbers of Afghan casualties — while difficult to assess — are likely in the thousands.

Even as its soldiers keep fighting, U.S. diplomats are pressing the case for a stable postwar Afghanistan, working closely with the United Nations to set up the provisional government.

Four Afghan factions have agreed to a six-month interim government and named a leader, Hamid Karzai, who

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Council picks 11 finalists for 4A board out of list of 70 applicants

By Stewart Doreen
Staff Writer

The list of finalists for the Midland Development Corporation was compiled during Tuesday's lengthy City Council meeting.

The 11-person short list — from which the five-person board will be selected and announced in January — is composed of:

■ Grant Billingsley, manager of public affairs for Wagner and Brown.

■ Pat Ennis, electric power aggregator and consultant.

■ John L. Foster, vice president and general manager of Newswest 9 and Telemundo.

■ Jack F. Harper, director of finance and investor relations for Pure Resources Inc.

■ Stephens T. Harper, president of First National Bank of Midland.

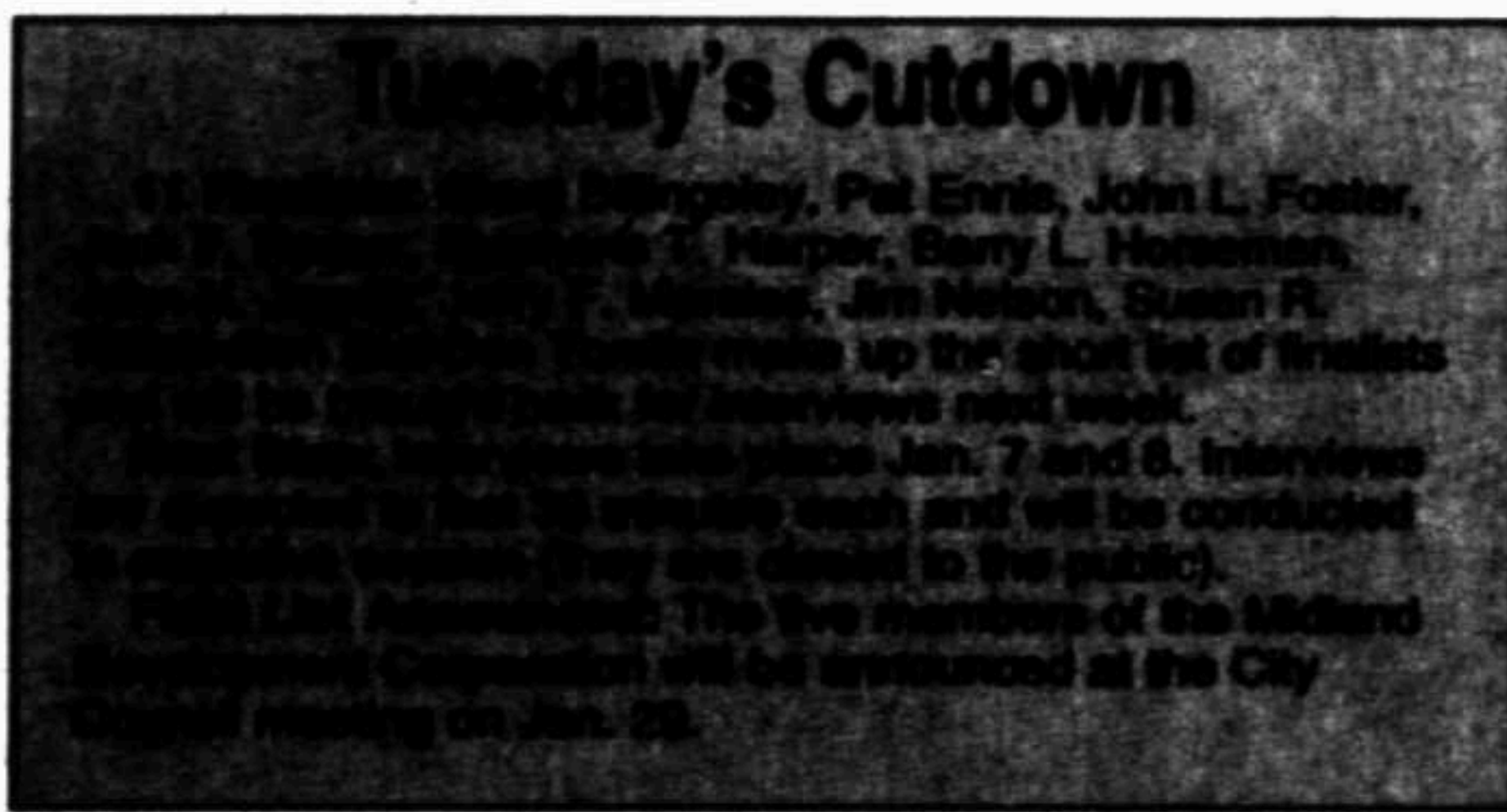
■ Barry L. Horsemann, director of work force training for Midland College.

■ John H. James, CEO for Tomcat USA, Inc.

■ Jerry F. Morales, owner of Gerardo's Casita restaurant.

■ Jim Nelson, dealer principal for West Texas Caterpillar.

■ Susan R. Richardson, attorney/shareholder for Cotton, Bledsoe, Tighe and Dawson.



help us engage in the process of diversification." The 11 will go through 30-minute, closed-door interviews on Jan. 7 and 8 after which the Council will select five to make up Midland's first 4A board. The board will be announced on Jan. 29.

■ Don Tomlin, president of Big D Companies.

"Different ones bring different qualifications to the table," Midland Mayor Mike Canon said.

"They represent a reasonable cross-section of folks from the community who can

help us engage in the process of diversification."

The 11 will go through 30-minute, closed-door interviews on Jan. 7 and 8 after which the Council will select five to make up Midland's first 4A

board. The board will be announced on Jan. 29.

The MDC will be responsible for developing an investment policy and will review and consider all requests for economic development funds from the quarter-cent sales tax approved by the city's voters on Nov. 6.

It is expected the quarter-cent increase in the sales tax will raise \$3 million in ED sales tax funds annually.

As it turned out, the list of 70 applicants for the five spots made things easy and tough at the same time.

"It felt like going in we had so many good applicants that even had we drawn them out of a hat, we still would have ended up with strong applicants," District 4 Councilman Berry Simpson said.

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Firefighters seek to learn from Hawthorne House blaze

By D. Lance Lunsford
Staff Writer

Following any fire fought by Midland firefighters, department administrators take an in-depth look at positive and negative strategies used to combat the blaze.

Recently, officials sat down with crews to evaluate the fire that occurred at the Hawthorne House apartment complex on Nov. 28.

City of Midland Fire Chief Andy Mehl said the critique can be most helpful.

"It's to find out what went well ... and to prepare for the next fire," Mehl said. "After a major fire, it's common to have a critique."

Although city fire administrators believe the fire was out of control before emergency crews arrived, firefighters believe there was more they could have done to knock out the fire before it destroyed about 16 units in the complex, said Assistant Fire Chief Eddie Klatt.

"The guys kind of beat themselves up like they always do," Klatt said. "I told the guys that actually they did a lot of things right."

Klatt said one major success was their ability to keep the fire from spreading to other buildings.

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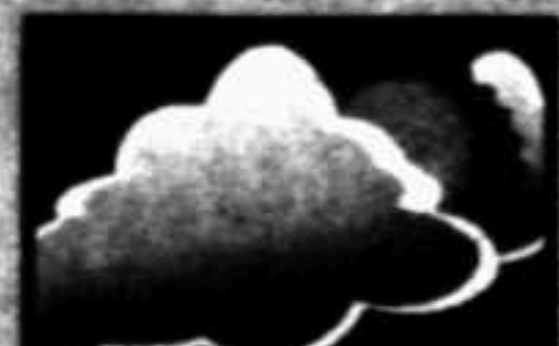


Cleanup has not begun on the burned out remains of an apartment building at the Hawthorne House Apartments. Firefighters are still looking into what could have caused the blaze.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

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Ceremonies held in remembrance of Sept. 11 attacks

By David Crary
Associated Press

At the White House and in outer space, on a factory picket line, at statehouses and far-flung embassies, Americans and their allies paused Tuesday to commemorate the instant three months earlier when the first hijacked jetliner struck the World Trade Center.

Drums rolled, guns fired in somber salute, the national anthem was played or sung. But many of the ceremonies centered on a moment of silence.

"Just the silence, I think, was better than words," said Lt. Gov. Gary Sherrer of Kansas after a ceremony at the Statehouse in Topeka. "It spoke for itself."

The White House commemoration began with a drum roll at 8:46 a.m. EDT, followed by "The Star-Spangled Banner."

"Every one of the innocents who died on September the 11th was the most important person on earth to somebody," President Bush said. "Every death extinguished a world."

Elsewhere around Washington, ceremonies took place at the Capitol, the Justice Department, the Transportation Department and the Pentagon. Education Secretary Rod Paige, visiting Washington's Duke Ellington School of the Arts, urged students to cherish their freedom to express themselves.

In New York City, firefighters, police officers and construction workers at the World Trade Center site interrupted search and cleanup operations for an interfaith prayer service. A lone trumpeter played a slow, mournful "Star-Spangled Banner."

As generators hummed in the background, Muslim, Jewish and Catholic leaders recited prayers for the dead and the survivors.

"They took down those structures, but they will not take away the spirit," said Rabbi Joseph Potasnik, a Fire Department chaplain.

Astronauts aboard space shuttle Endeavour and the international space station joined the commemoration, listening to the U.S. and Russian national anthems.

Frank Culbertson, completing his stint as space station commander, said the attacks have given crew members greater resolve to promote international cooperation in space.

Many of the ceremonies across America took place at statehouses; in Portland, Ore., a lone bagpiper in a downtown square played "Amazing Grace" in the pre-dawn dark.

Some events were held at military bases that have sent units to Afghanistan.

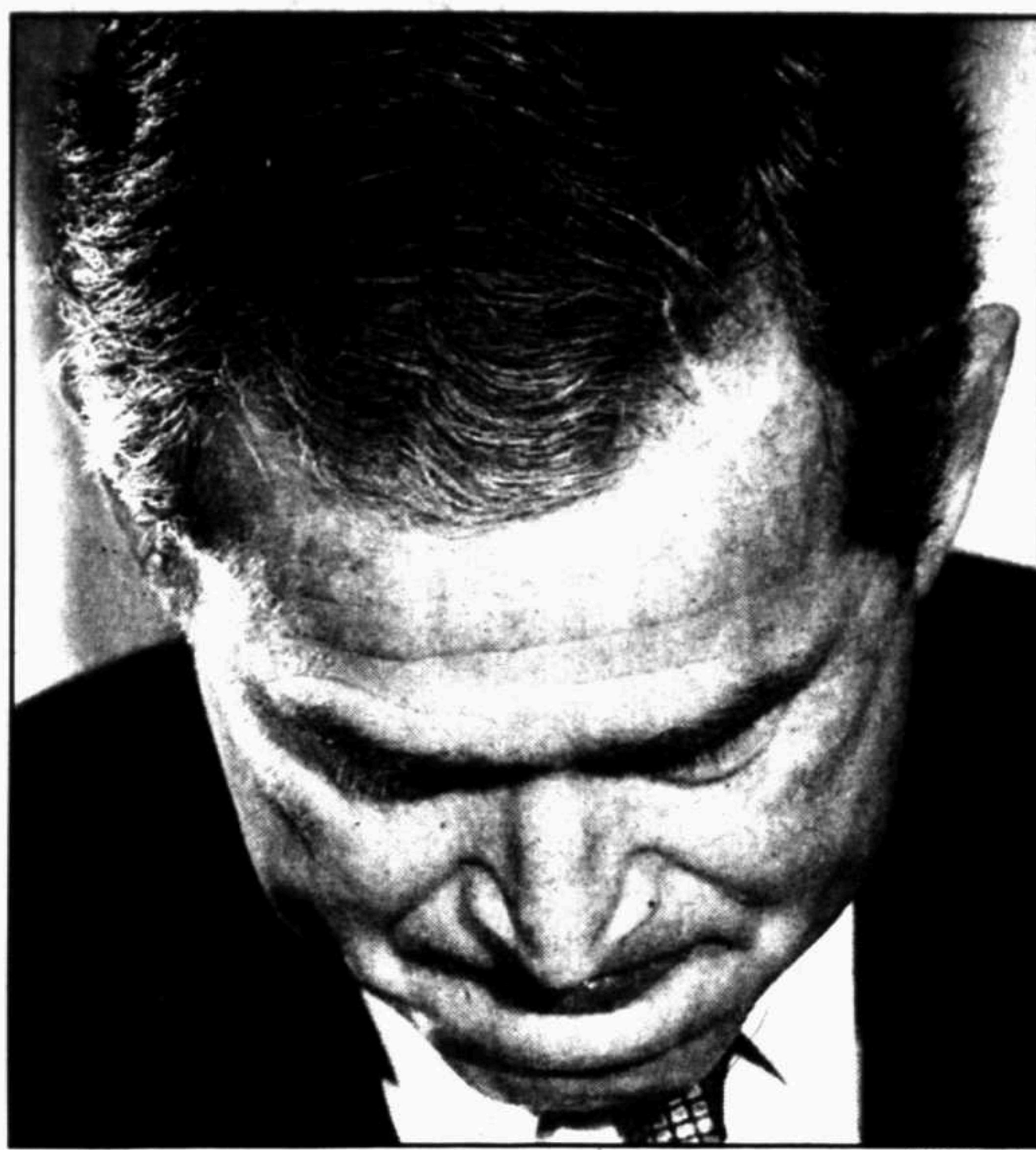
"Knowing the American people are behind us — it makes us feel better about what we're doing," said Tech. Sgt. Anthony Davis after a chilly flag-raising ceremony at Grand Forks Air Force Base in North Dakota.

Fifth-graders rang a replica of the Liberty Bell at Rhode Island's Capitol, fraternity brothers lit candles at the University of New Mexico, and an 84-year-old Pearl Harbor veteran attended a ceremony at the Illinois Statehouse.

"What we saw, you don't want anyone to ever see it again," said Tom Proctor, who served in an anti-aircraft unit. "But you learn to expect the unexpected."

At Boston's Logan Airport, United Airlines employees held hands in front of an American flag and sang the national anthem. The two hijacked planes that crashed into the World Trade Center had taken off from Logan.

In East Hartford, Conn., striking workers at jet-engine maker Pratt & Whitney stopped their



AP Photo
President Bush bows his head as he participates in a ceremony marking the three month anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks in the East Room of the White House, Tuesday.

picketing to observe a moment of silence. Strikers formed two lines, took off their hats and bowed their heads.

"It's to honor those people.

They lost a hell of a lot more than we're losing," said Ron Wilson, a pipefitter from Manchester, Conn.

In Philadelphia, relatives of vic-

tims of the attacks helped raise the flag at Independence Hall in a cold, light rain.

"It's nice of Pennsylvania to acknowledge the wound," said Gil Ortale, whose brother, Peter, was killed at the World Trade Center.

Ceremonies also were held in dozens of foreign countries, many of which lost citizens in the Sept. 11 attacks.

Britain's Prime Minister Tony Blair, a staunch American ally in the war on terrorism, was joined by Secretary of State Colin Powell for commemorations in London. Musicians from the American School of London played both countries' anthems.

Capt. Jason Amerine, accidentally wounded last week in Afghanistan by a U.S. bomb that killed three of his men, spoke defiantly at a ceremony in the military hospital at Landstuhl, Germany, where he is being treated.

"Our fallen will not be forgotten," he said. "Sept. 11 will not be forgotten."

In the United States, some governors chose not to hold any official ceremonies, and many events that did occur were small and low-key. In South Dakota, about 20 state workers sang the national anthem in the Statehouse rotunda. An aide said Gov. Bill Janklow, who ordered the ceremony, was unable to attend because of a meeting nearby.

At Wisconsin's Capitol, fewer than a dozen people gathered around a Christmas tree as the national anthem played over loudspeakers.

Judy Dahler, 49, of Madison, listened with bowed head.

"As time goes by, we tend to forget things," she said, "and this is something we should never forget."

Schools get more money nationwide

By Greg Toppo
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House and Senate negotiators agreed to spend \$26.5 billion next year on education, removing the final stumbling block to a compromise on wide-reaching education reform.

A vote was scheduled for later Tuesday in the House-Senate conference committee. The legislation would give schools more money but require them to test millions of students annually in reading and math.

Lawmakers said they agreed to authorize \$26.5 billion next year for K-12 education, about \$8 billion more than this year.

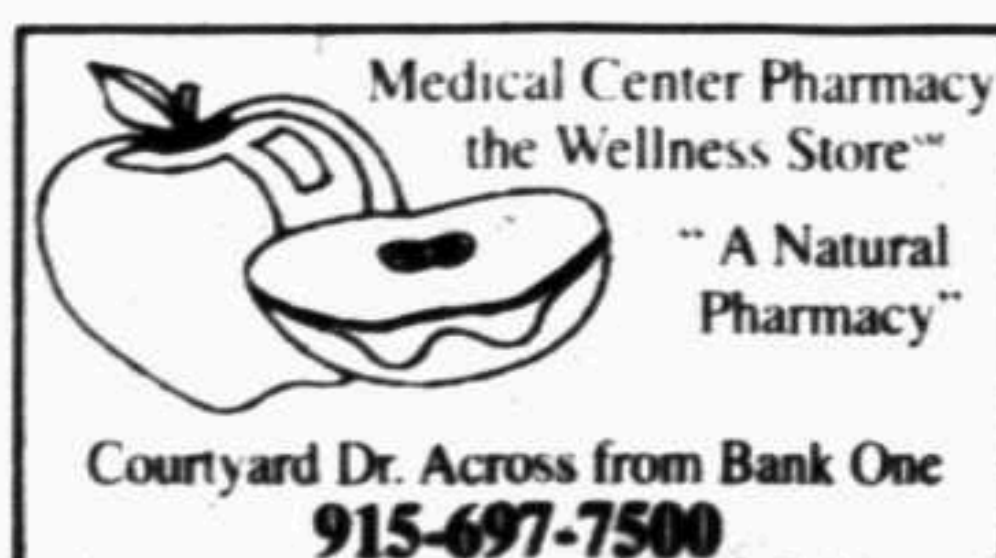
The bill requires annual math and reading tests for all students in grades three through eight, requiring schools with persistently low test scores to give some of their federal aid to students for tutoring or transportation to another public school.

The federal government would give more aid to schools whose scores don't improve for two years in a row, but if scores don't improve afterward, a school could be restaffed. The bill also gives states and school districts more freedom over how they spend federal dollars, allowing them to shift money between programs, with some limitations.

The bill also includes Bush's signature reading program, which gives schools nearly \$1-billion per year for the next five years in hopes that every student will be able to read by third grade.

Sens. James Jeffords, I-Vt., and Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., vowed to reject the measure, saying Republicans' refusal to include mandatory funding for disabled students made the bill incomplete.

House Republicans earlier Tuesday rejected the special education funding measure, the second time in a week that such a measure was defeated.



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By Scott Lind
Associated Press

CHARLESTON — President Bush called for sweeping intelligence-gathering readiness to combat that campaign "moral necessity."

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Bush calls for military improvements in speech at the Citadel

By Scott Lindlaw
Associated Press

CHARLESTON, S.C. — President Bush called Tuesday for sweeping improvements in intelligence-gathering and military readiness to combat terror, calling that campaign "the military and moral necessity of our time."

Bush returned to the site of a speech he gave here at the Citadel,

the state military college, in September 1999. In that speech, he had warned against the threat of terror, among other things.

"I said here at the Citadel ... America was entering a period of consequences that would be defined by the threat of terrorism, and we faced the challenge of military transformation," Bush told some 2,000 cadets and campus

officials. "That threat has now revealed itself, and that challenge is now the military and moral necessity of our time."

At the White House earlier, Bush oversaw a solemn ceremony marking the precise moment when the first jetliner slammed into one of the twin towers.

Bush said America does not need monuments and memorials to grieve the deaths of more than 3,000 people in suicide hijackings over New York, Washington and Pennsylvania. "For those of us who lived through these events, the only marker we'll ever need is the tick of a clock on the 46th minute on the 8th hour of the 11th day. We'll remember where we were and how we felt. We'll remember the dead and what we owe them. We'll remember what we lost and what we found."

At the Citadel, Bush said the attacks of Sept. 11 shattered "an illusion of immunity."

"We will fight terror and those who sponsor it to save our children from a future of fear," Bush said.

Bush said he detected a political shift taking shape around the globe as nations joined the United States to fight terrorism.

"The vast majority of countries



Three months to the day after terrorists crashed jets into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, President Bush speaks to the Corps of Cadets at the historic military college The Citadel in Charleston, S.C., Tuesday. Bush outlined his plans for the role of the American military in 21st century.

are now on the same side of a moral and ideological divide," he said.

"Staring across this divide are bands of murderers supported by outlaw regimes," Bush said.

Such people hate "progress and freedom and change and culture and music and laughter and women and Christians and Jews and all Muslims who reject their distorted doctrines," Bush said. "They love only one thing, they love power, and when they have it they use it without mercy."

The president said new weapons

will carry the day against terrorism. He cited as an example, the unmanned spy plane which can fly at high altitudes and carry missiles.

As Congress debates defense spending in coming days, he warned against lawmakers "micro-managing the Defense Department." And, he said, every service branch "must be willing to sacrifice some of their pet projects."

Bush also gave an impassioned call for the shield he envisions against nuclear missiles, saying the terrorist attacks made it more essential than ever.

"Suppose the Taliban and the terrorists had been able to strike America or important allies with a ballistic missile," Bush said. "Our coalition would have become fragile."

"We must protect America and our friends against all forms of terrorism including the terrorism that could arrive on a missile," Bush said.

And, he said, "The United States must rebuild our network of human intelligence."

At the Pentagon, where a hijacked plane struck an hour after the New York crashes, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld led a memorial ceremony.

The terrorists want to extinguish the memory of those who died in the attack, he said. "We will remember ... until freedom triumphs over fear, over repression and long beyond."

In New York City, firefighters and construction workers stopped work and shut down their heavy machinery to observe a moment of silence at 8:46 a.m. at ground zero.

As a light drizzle fell, prayers were offered by Christian, Muslim and Jewish clergy. "They took down those structures, but they will not take away the spirit," said Rabbi Joseph Potasnik, a Fire Department chaplain.

From New York's ground zero to the Pentagon to the Ukraine, commemorations began at the same moment.

The astronauts aboard space shuttle Endeavour and the international space station joined the commemoration. In Houston, flight director Wayne Hale said: "In stark contrast to the international cooperation and unity in our efforts to take mankind literally to the stars, we're reminded of our loss and sorrow due to the acts of violence and terror in an unprecedented attack on freedom, democracy and civilization itself."

The international commemorations are meant in part to remind the world that people from more than 80 countries died in the attacks on the twin towers and the Pentagon and the crash in Pennsylvania — and to reinforce Bush's global anti-terror coalition.

Russian medical student killed in auto accident

By Masha Herbst

Associated Press

WATERBURY, Conn. — A 24-year-old Russian surgeon studying in Connecticut was fatally struck by a car as he fled a store with three stolen rolls of film, police said.

Doctors who worked with Roman Kuzmin at Waterbury Hospital said they were stunned to hear of his death Sunday evening and many couldn't believe the circumstances.

"I think that's rubbish," said Ted Kennon, a Yale physician who worked closely with Kuzmin. "I'd be very surprised if there was anything to that."

According to police, Kuzmin was carrying the film when he walked out of BJ's Wholesale Club in Waterbury and security guards chased him across a parking lot after an alarm sounded.

By the time two police officers arrived, Kuzmin had fled into a ravine that runs along Interstate 84, Capt. Paul Bruce said. When the officers' flashlights came upon Kuzmin, he scrambled up the embankment and onto the highway.

"The officers warned him to stop, not to go into the highway," Bruce said.

Kuzmin left Vladivostok in September to study orthopedic surgical techniques at Waterbury Hospital under a Keggi Orthopedic Foundation program. Dr. Kristaps Keggi, who organized the program, said Kuzmin was "very able, very bright — a superb student and a superb individual."

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Sept. 11 attack raises questions of nuclear industry security

By David Gram
Associated Press

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. — Diana Sidebotham attended her first public hearing as a critic of nuclear power when the Vermont Yankee plant's license application was pending in 1971.

Some 30 years and scores of such forums later, Sidebotham went to yet another one last week at a Brattleboro high school and encountered the biggest crowd she had ever seen at such an event — more than 500 people.

Worries about nuclear power — in particular, fears of a terrorist attack on a plant — have taken on new urgency since Sept. 11. "Now that a major disaster has occurred, people are beginning to understand we are vulnerable," Sidebotham said.

The new fear is terrorists will crash a jetliner into a nuclear plant, scattering radiation in a Chernobyl-like disaster. Around the country since Sept. 11:

■ The Federal Aviation Administration ordered no-fly zones around the nation's nuclear plants for two weeks in October. When a student pilot flew a

small plane into airspace near a former nuclear plant in Colorado, two F-16s were scrambled and escorted the aircraft to a landing.

■ National Guardsmen were posted in recent weeks at nuclear plants in several states, and many installations have added private security guards.

■ Governors are clamoring for the federal government to open a long-delayed high-level waste disposal site and take spent fuel now stored in pools considered more vulnerable to attacks than the reactors themselves.

■ Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton is co-sponsoring legislation, which would make nuclear plant security a federal responsibility.

■ A panel that advises Connecticut Gov. John G. Rowland recommended the nation consider arming nuclear plants with air defense systems.

■ Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, a doctor, reversed his earlier position and said he wants the state to stockpile potassium iodide, a drug that can protect against one form of radiation.

Defenders of nuclear power have given assurances about security at the nation's 103 reactors.

"There has been no credible

threat against any nuclear facility in this country, and if there was, we would be equipped to deal with it," Nils Diaz, a member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, said last month in Florida.

A 1982 Argonne National Laboratory study said it would be possible for a large jetliner to breach a reactor containment vessel and spread radiation. There are also fears that a jet hitting the open-topped pools of highly radioactive waste could also cause a major release of radiation.

At last week's meeting in Brattleboro, Hubert Miller, an NRC regional administrator, said nuclear plants were not designed with an attack by a large passenger jet in mind. But he said the containment vessels that surround reactors are among the strongest buildings in the country.

He repeatedly told the crowd security at Vermont Yankee is "robust."

Some in the audience were skeptical because just the week before, preliminary results were released from a drill Aug. 23 at Vermont Yankee in which the plant failed to repel a mock terrorist attack. Vermont Yankee received the lowest grade in the

industry. Improvements have been made since then, officials assured the audience, but they would not give specifics.

In a measure of how jittery people are, a Brattleboro newspaper photographer was detained by Vermont police last month under a 1917 treason law for taking pictures of Vermont Yankee. Prosecutors declined to press charges.

The new wave of concern about nuclear power comes just as the industry's fortunes appeared to be improving. No new U.S. nuclear plant has been ordered since before the accident at Three Mile Island in 1979.

But in the couple of years before Sept. 11, several utilities had won license extensions. Nuclear plants are being sold in the newly deregulated electric market are fetching higher prices. And nuclear power has some supporters in the Bush administration, chief among them Vice President

Dick Cheney.

However, the call for a new round of nuclear plant construction has been muted since the September attacks. Instead, the discussion has focused on how to protect reactors and how effective emergency evacuation plans would be in a disaster.

"In Vermont and throughout this country now there is very increased concern about the vulnerability of nuclear power plants to terrorist attacks and the huge consequences an attack could bring forth," said Rep. Bernard Sanders, a Vermont independent who organized the Brattleboro meeting and was amazed by the turnout in the town of 12,000.

Sidebotham recalled when she and other nuclear opponents went before the NRC's predecessor, the Atomic Energy Commission, in 1971. "Concerns were raised about the possibility of sabotage at a nuclear plant. It was very much pooh-poohed."

But Sept. 11, Sidebotham said, "made the incredible credible."

On the Web:

Nuclear Regulatory Commission: www.nrc.gov
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Judge rejects statute of limitations in Kennedy case

By John Christoffersen
Associated Press

STAMFORD, Conn. — A judge refused to throw out murder charges against Kennedy cousin Michael Skakel on Tuesday, rejecting defense claims a statute of limitations was in effect at the time of the 1975 slaying.

Defense lawyer Michael Sherman said he was not surprised by the decision and an appeal was unlikely.

"I think it's time to go to trial,"

he said. "I've always felt the most appropriate was to resolve this case is a trial, by a jury."

Skakel, 41, a nephew of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, is charged with killing Martha Moxley, a neighbor who was beaten to death with a golf club. Skakel and Moxley were 15 at the time.

The defense had argued under laws in effect in 1975, a five-year statute of limitations applied to murder cases, except when those cases could result in the death penalty. Skakel is not charged with a capital crime.

Prosecutor Jonathan Benedict said Connecticut law was never intended to limit the prosecution of murder. State law was changed

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American kids are getting fatter at alarming rate, study says

By Lindsey Tanner
Associated Press

CHICAGO — American children are getting fatter at an alarming rate, with the percentage of significantly overweight black and Hispanic youngsters more than doubling over 12 years and climbing 50 percent among whites, a study shows.

By 1998, nearly 22 percent of black children ages 4 to 12 were overweight, as were 22 percent of Hispanic youngsters and 12 percent of whites, according to researchers who analyzed data from a national survey.

In 1986, the same survey showed that about 8 percent of black children, 10 percent of

Hispanic youngsters and 8 percent of whites were significantly overweight.

"Prior studies show it took 30 years for the overweight prevalence to double in American children," said Dr. Richard Strauss, a pediatrician at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. This study should be "a call to action," said Strauss, who conducted the research with Harold Pollack of the University of Michigan.

Among the reasons given for the increase: Children are spending much more time watching television, using computers and playing video games, and busy parents are relying more on fast

Overweight was defined as having a body-mass index higher than 95 percent of youngsters of the same age and sex, based on growth charts from the 1960s to 1980s.

food to feed their families.

Also, black and Hispanic youngsters are more likely to live in poor neighborhoods where outdoor exercise may be unsafe and where the quickest, easiest foods may not be the most nutritious, Strauss said.

The study was based on data from the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, which followed a nationally representative

sample of 8,270 youngsters from 1986 to 1998. The findings appear in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

Overweight was defined as having a body-mass index higher than 95 percent of youngsters of the same age and sex, based on growth charts from the 1960s to 1980s. By some criteria, that would be considered obese.

Body-mass index is a measurement of weight relative to height.

Disturbing trends also were seen in the number of children who had a body-mass index higher than 85 percent of their peers. In 1986, about 20 percent of blacks, Hispanics and whites alike were in that category. By 1998, those figures had risen to about 38 percent of blacks and Hispanics alike and nearly 29 percent of whites.

"These trends carry enormous public health implications, because of the known effects of excess body weight on the risk for type 2 diabetes, heart disease and other complications," said Dr. David Ludwig, director of the

obesity program at Children's Hospital in Boston.

Dr. Rebecca Unger, a pediatrician and nutrition specialist at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago, said small changes in children's diets can make a big difference.

"If we can catch a 3-year-old who's still on a bottle, drinks tons and tons of juice, and goes to McDonald's five times a week, we can stop the bottle, cut out the juice, eat at McDonald's only two times a week — and you will see a tremendous difference in growth pattern," Unger said.

On the Net:
JAMA: <http://jama.ama-assn.org>

Saratoga hears barbarians at racetrack gates: video gambling

By Michael Hill
Associated Press

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. — Rich people in seersucker suits and floral dresses still come here to watch the thoroughbreds, evoking the Gilded Age glamour that the Vanderbilts and the Whitneys brought to Saratoga Race Course more than a century ago.

But now there are worries that a far less genteel style of gambling is coming to this resort town: video poker and video slot machines.

"That's a major concern — that we bring in a totally different element here to Saratoga Springs and change the atmosphere, change the mix that has been so successful," Mayor Ken Klotz said.

A state law approved in October authorizes video gambling terminals at several New York horse tracks. It allows Saratoga County officials to decide if they want to bring the machines to Saratoga Spring's harness track, Saratoga Equine Sports Center. A vote could come in January.

Skip Carlson, general manager of the harness track, said the games will bring more visitors and boost business there.

Locals want to help the ailing harness track but fear upsetting the storied thoroughbred track that has enriched the town for nearly 140 years.

Saratoga gained a reputation during the 19th century as a playground for the rich. It still attracts those of wealth and breeding, but the upper crust now represents a smaller segment of those playing the horses.

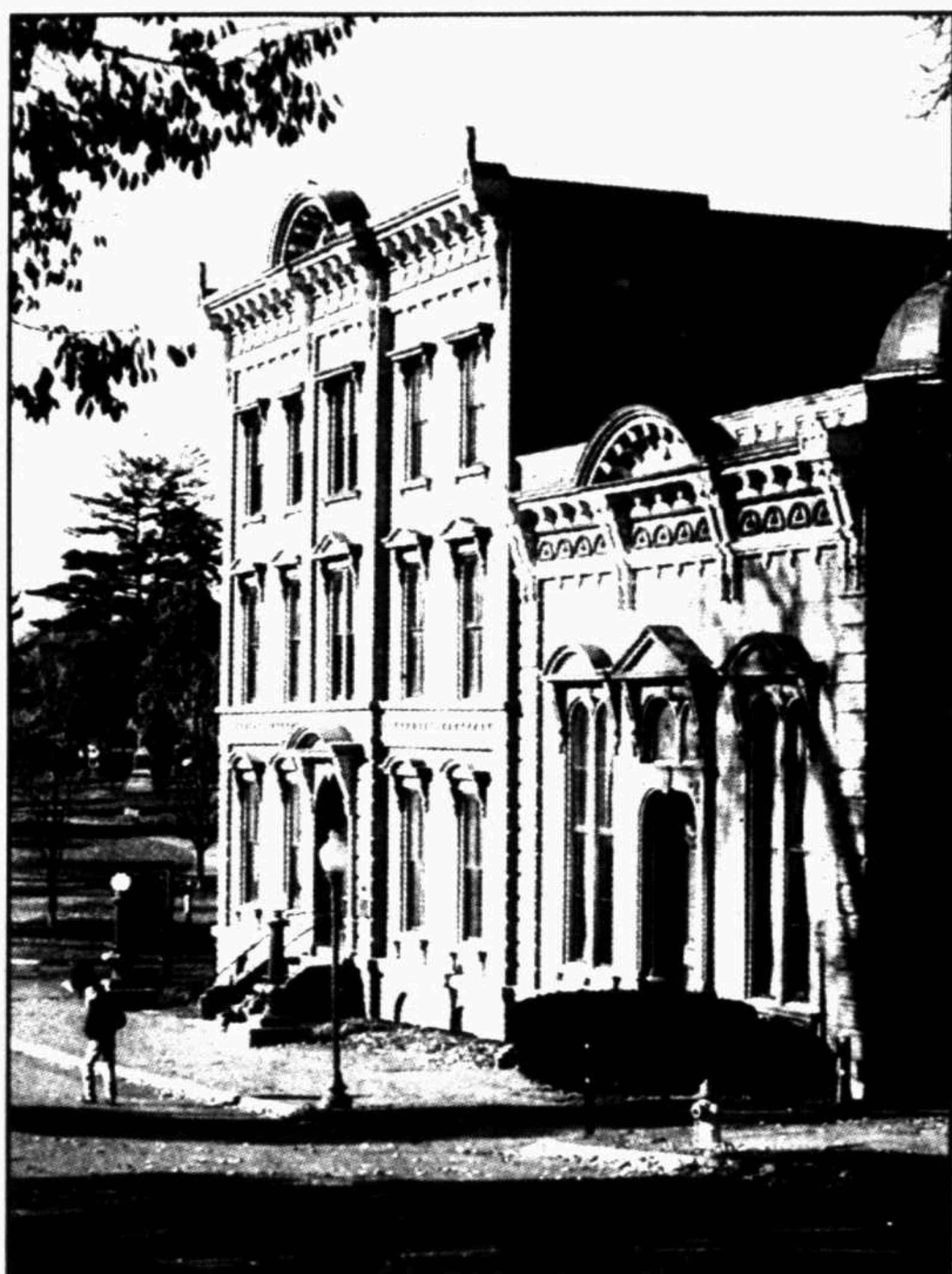
At the thoroughbred track, with its twin-steeped grandstand, the six-week meet that starts in late July is a boom time for business.

While shorts and jeans are common, many visitors still dress up in a manner evoking the track's moneyed past. Women wearing floral dresses and big straw hats sip champagne at the clubhouse, where jackets for men are required. The social highlight of the season is a black tie gala.

Patrons also frequent Saratoga's quaint Victorian-style Broadway for dinner, drinks and shopping.

The thoroughbred track took in \$116.4 million worth of bets on racing last year, versus \$6.5 million for the harness track.

Barry Schwartz, chairman of the association that runs the thoroughbred track, said he does not



AP File Photo
A pedestrian walks past a former casino in downtown Saratoga Springs, N.Y., in this Nov. 13, 2001 file photo. It was built by John Morrissey in 1870, and enlarged by Richard Canfield, who offered world class cuisine until he was forced by anti-gambling reformers to close in 1907. The building was sold to the city. Now New Yorkers are debating expansion of Indian-owned casinos in more areas of the state.

at the track. "I think if you walk through the crowds at the Saratoga Race Course, you'll see people watching. They're not gambling. It's a social event," said Marianne Barker, who owns a souvenir shop and a cafe.

Historically, Saratoga has had no objection to gambling of the

non-equine variety. Saratoga, beginning in the 19th century, had a half-dozen ritzy illegal casinos before they were shut down by in the early 1950s. Legendary figures like Diamond Jim Brady and the barbed-wire baron John W. "Bet-a-Million" Gates won and lost fortunes at Saratoga's card tables.

But video gambling, some say, is not likely to bring high rollers of that sort.

Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce president Joseph Dalton said video gambling will take the money of those who can least afford it, drawing mostly local people, many of them elderly or on fixed incomes.

"The person who drives a

Cañillac or a Mercedes is not going to be there," Dalton said. "It's going to be the person driving the 5-year-old Honda."

On the Net:

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Israeli helicopter attack kills three Palestinians

By Beth Gardiner
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israeli helicopters hit Palestinian targets in a Gaza refugee camp Tuesday night, killing three and wounding 20, witnesses said. The attack came hours after a U.S. mediator opened a new round of cease-fire talks.

European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana, meanwhile, joined the U.S. diplomatic effort, meeting Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon in Jerusalem and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat in the West Bank town of Ramallah.

A day earlier the EU toughened its stance on Palestinian militants, branding the radical groups Hamas and Islamic Jihad "terrorist networks" and demanding that Arafat dismantle them. A series of Hamas suicide bombings last week killed 26 people.

U.S. peace envoy Anthony Zinni hosted the third meeting of Israeli and Palestinian security officials since the bombings with both sides giving opposing views of the outcome.

A Palestinian official said there was no real progress in the Zinni talks and complained that Israel's continuing attacks were sabotaging international peace efforts. The official said Solana promised to do all he could to stop the reprisals.

In a statement, Sharon's office said Israel would continue targeted killings of suspected Palestinian militants, while other Israeli officials described the Zinni meeting as positive.

The Israelis also said Zinni would remain in the region at the request of both sides. He had threatened to end his mission if there was not serious progress toward a cease-fire.

The helicopter attack Tuesday night was the second in Gaza in a day. Witnesses said the helicopters hit twice, targeting buildings in the Khan Younis refugee camp. One was used by the radical Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. The other was a police facility.

The PFLP claimed responsibility for the assassination of Israeli Cabinet Minister Rehavam Zeevi in October and said the attack was retaliation for Israel's killing of PFLP leader Mustafa Zibri.

The Israeli military said the attack targeted Palestinians who were firing at an Israeli army base.

Earlier Tuesday, Israeli helicopters fired four rockets at a post of the elite Palestinian security unit Force 17. Israel also fired two surface-to-surface missiles at the building, causing considerable damage, Palestinian security officials said.

Arafat adviser Nabil Abu Rdenah said Israel's strike — along with its botched attempt in Hebron Monday to kill Islamic Jihad activist Mohammed Ayoub Sidr — was a dangerous escalation aimed at sabotaging Zinni's peace mission.

The attempted killing, carried out with missiles fired from

Violence continues

In the latest round of violence, Israeli helicopters fired rockets at a Palestinian police post in Gaza City early Tuesday.



SOURCES: Associated Press, ESRI AP

helicopters, wounded Ayoub and killed two Palestinian children, ages 3 and 13. Seven other bystanders were injured.

About 3,000 Palestinians

joined the youngsters' funeral Tuesday. For the first time in months, no gunmen participated in the procession, in apparent compliance with Arafat's orders that only Palestinian security forces are to appear in public carrying weapons.

There was more violence Tuesday in the West Bank, where Israeli troops opened fire on a Palestinian car, killing the driver and a passenger, the Israeli military said.

The car had refused to stop at a military checkpoint near the village of Shweika, on the outskirts of the town of Tulkarem, the army said. Palestinian officials said the two were laborers working in Israel without permits.

As talks ground on, Israeli and international pressure on Arafat continued, with officials urging him to do more to stop terrorism. The Palestinian leader says he has arrested more than 180 militants, but Israel dismisses the sweep as a mostly a sham.

"If he will do today what he did in 1996, I think he will serve his own people," Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said dur-

ing a visit to Italy, referring to a crackdown by Arafat that drastically ended a spate of terror attacks on Israel. "If he will not show that he is in charge, Hamas will bring him down, and the (Islamic) Jihad will bring him down, in the eyes of the whole world."

The EU statement on Hamas and Islamic Jihad marked a hardening of its stance.

After meeting Arafat, Solana said, "All this violence has to stop."

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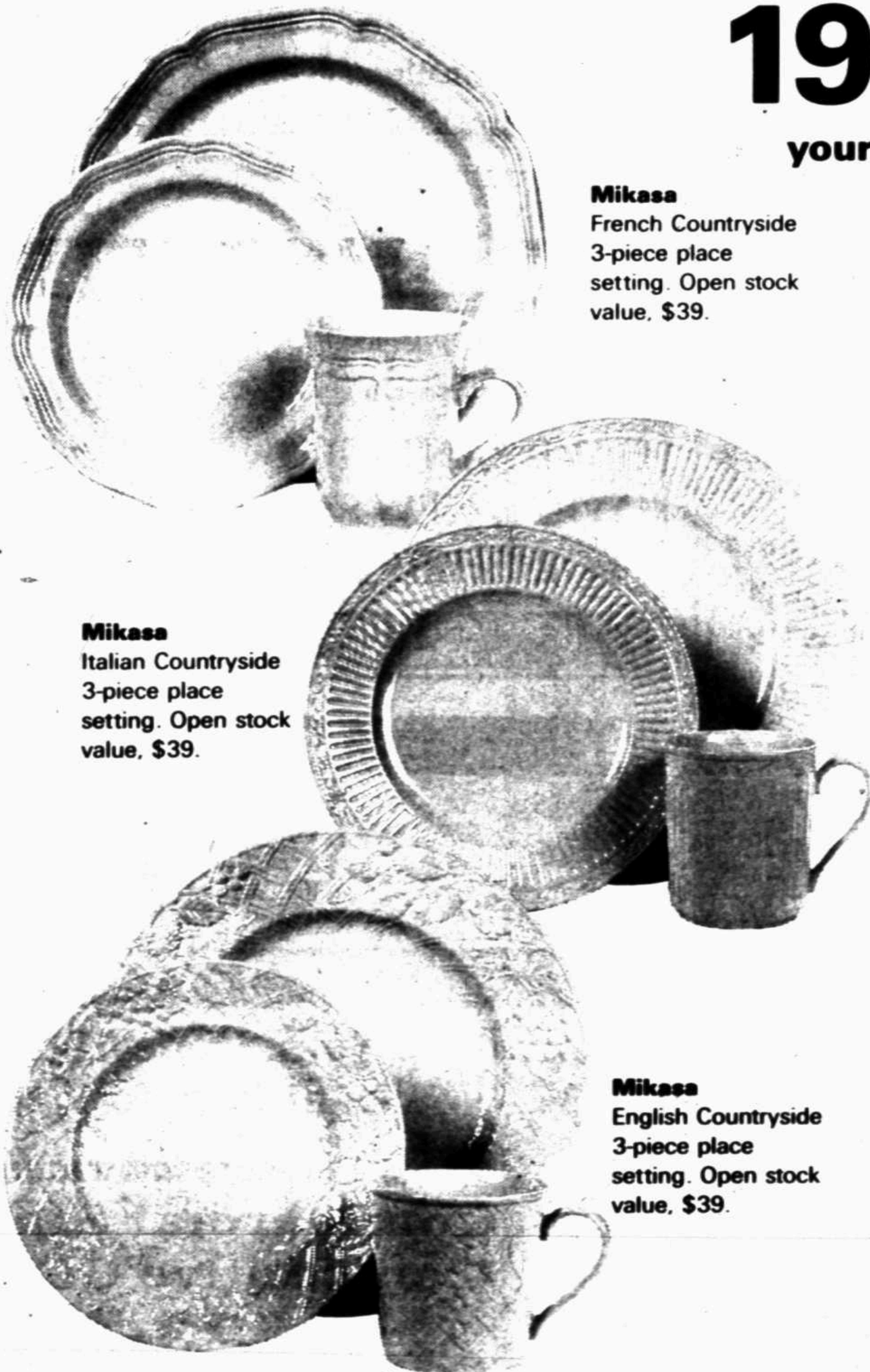
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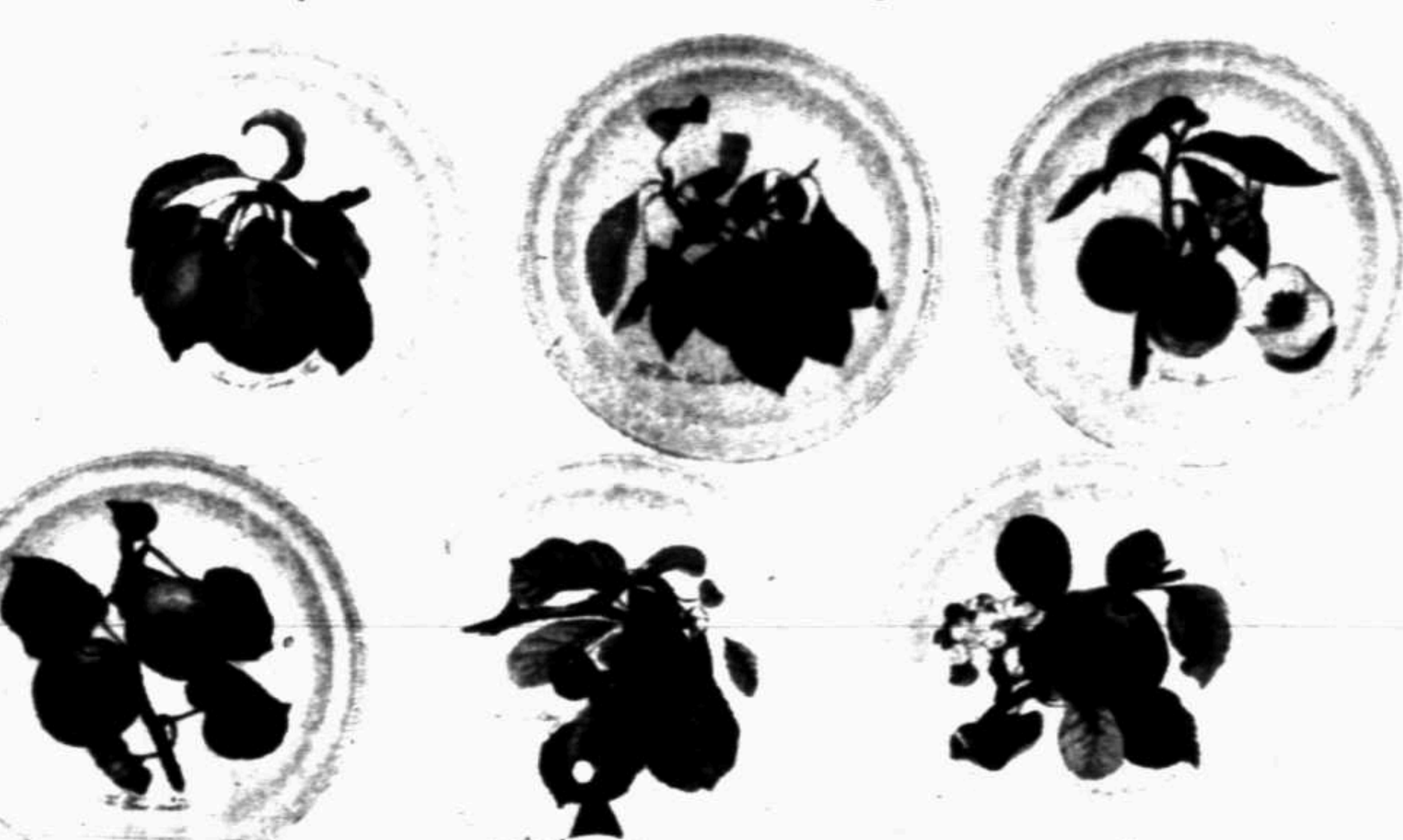
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Eastern alliance overruns al-Qaida caves, demands fighters surrender

By Chris Tomlinson
Associated Press

TORA BORA, Afghanistan — Alliance fighters overran a series of caves and tunnels in Osama bin Laden's suspected mountain refuge Tuesday, trapping hundreds of his al-Qaida supporters in a rocky canyon and giving them a Wednesday morning deadline to surrender or face a thunderous assault.

There was no word whether bin Laden was among the foreign fighters who were stranded in the canyon after devastating U.S. airstrikes, which included 15,000-pound "daisy cutters" bombs, flattened hillsides and scattered debris over the barren, wind-swept hills.

Some of the foreign al-Qaida supporters contacted tribal commanders by radio and pleaded for the chance to give up.

Mohammed Zaman, defense chief for the tribal eastern alliance, gave al-Qaida until 8 a.m. today (10:30 p.m. EST Tuesday) to surrender or face a new attack.

Zaman agreed to a pause in the fighting after a radio conversation with al-Qaida fighters in the Pash-tun language, monitored in part by an interpreter working for The Associated Press.

Afterward, he met some al-Qaida commanders whom he said begged him: "Please don't fight us, we want to surrender." Still, Zaman said he was skeptical all fighters would give up peacefully.

Pentagon officials said the war against terrorism was far from over and that some al-Qaida members might be hiding in the underground network of caves and tunnels. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld warned that there might be holdouts willing to fight, saying, "a wounded animal can be dangerous."

Gen. Richard B. Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said in Washington that there were "literally thousands" of caves in the Tora Bora area. He said American troops entered some caves, but he did not know if they had been used by al-Qaida.

Myers described Tora Bora, located in the towering White Mountains of eastern Afghanistan along the border with Pakistan, as "the last effective al-Qaida stronghold."

Meanwhile, in southern Afghanistan, U.S. Marines patrolled roads leading from the fallen Taliban city of Kandahar, searching for Taliban and al-Qaida fugitives. Marine spokesman Capt. David Romley said low-ranking Taliban soldiers from Afghanistan who surrender their arms will be allowed to go free, but those who refuse will be killed.

The whereabouts of bin Laden, who U.S. officials suspected was in Tora Bora, remained unclear. One tribal commander claimed scouts spotted the Saudi exile with al-Qaida troops in the area Monday.

Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said the best indications point to bin Laden's presence in



AP Photo
Afghan anti-Taliban fighters advance through the rubble of a former al-Qaida training facility that was bombed by U.S. warplanes in the Milawa Valley of the White Mountains of north eastern Afghanistan Tuesday. On the ground in front is a rifle target printed for America's National Rifle Association.

the area, but he admitted the reports are "not very reliable."

Tuesday's advance on Tora Bora occurred three months after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, which the United States blames on bin Laden. President Bush launched airstrikes on Afghanistan on Oct. 7 after the former ruling Taliban refused to hand over bin Laden.

In other developments:

■ U.N. special envoy Lakhdar Brahimi met leaders of rival Afghan factions in the Afghan cap-

ital, Kabul, and said an interim administration under Pashtun tribal leader Hamid Karzai was on track for its planned Dec. 22 inauguration.

■ Secretary of State Colin Powell said Britain will take the lead role in overseeing the peacekeeping force for Afghanistan. A British official said, however, London still wanted to see details of the plan. "Britain is ready and willing to play a leading role in the peacekeeping force, but the details are still being worked out," For-

eign Secretary Jack Straw told Channel 4 News. "Until they are, we are not ready to make a formal announcement."

■ A U.S. federal grand jury issued the first indictment directly related to the Sept. 11 attacks. Zacarias Moussaoui, a French Moroccan who is in custody, was charged with six counts, four punishable by death.

■ The Red Cross said Tuesday it was investigating reports that dozens of Taliban captives suffocated in shipping containers while being taken to prison in northern Afghanistan.

■ The new governor of Kandahar, Gul Agha, said his militia-men would begin scouring the countryside for Taliban as soon as he restores order in the city, which the Taliban fled Friday.

At Tora Bora, Afghan fighters cautiously peered into the caves that had been abandoned by al-Qaida and entered some only as far as sunlight extended, fearing booby traps or hidden enemy fighters.

It was unclear how much of the cave complex at Tora Bora had been captured.

Hazrat Ali, a senior commander with the eastern alliance, said fleeing al-Qaida troops had been trying to head south to escape into Pakistan, where intelligence officials said 4,000 troops had blocked all possible escape routes along a 25-mile stretch of border in the White Mountains.

Eastern alliance forces launched a three-pronged assault Monday against al-Qaida defenders at Tora Bora.

Shelling and machine-gun fire echoed across the valleys as B-52s and U.S. surveillance aircraft circled above. Afghan troops said dozens of heavily armed U.S. soldiers were seen headed to the front late Monday. After a night of

heavy gunfire, the Americans returned before dawn Tuesday to a camp in the nearby village of Pacir.

Gen. Tommy Franks, the U.S. commander of the war, sent at least several Air Force AC-130 gunships to the Tora Bora area to team with Predator unmanned surveillance planes, U.S. officials said. Predators can feed live pictures of ground activity to the gunships, which are capable of unleashing devastating attacks on ground targets with their 40mm cannon, 105mm howitzer, and 25mm Gatling gun.

Reporters who followed the fighters saw evidence of the devastation caused by the bombing. A sniper nest on top of a ridge contained three dead al-Qaida fighters, their bodies shredded by heavy machine gun fire.

Outside an al-Qaida firing

range, paper targets from the National Rifle Association littered the ground complete with names of the trainees and their scores written in Arabic.

The al-Qaida hide-outs at Tora Bora are a vast complex of natural caves fortified by concrete and steel, which could be difficult for bombs dropped by air to destroy, according to Jack Shroder, a professor of geology at the University of Nebraska and an expert on Afghan caves.

The bunkers were originally built by Afghans, with help by Americans, during the war against Soviet troops and more recently were fortified by al-Qaida, Shroder said Tuesday.

The caves also have numerous exits and entrances that could be camouflaged. "I bet there are a lot of those and we don't know where they are," he said.

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Wounded Special Forces officer recounts team's valor, battle to save Afghan town

LANDSTUHL, Germany (AP) — Capt. Jason Amerine's mission was a dangerous and delicate one — travel deep into enemy territory with his elite team, link up with Afghan opposition fighters, win their trust and help them defeat the Taliban.

This his band of Green Berets accomplished, punishing the enemy with thunderous airstrikes and incinerating a Taliban force intent on massacring residents of an Afghan town who had defied their rule.

Along the way, Amerine had to drink a lot of green tea — with Hamid Karzai, the guerrilla commander who has become the country's interim leader, a man he describes as a friend.

"I actually developed a pretty good taste for the stuff," Amerine said in an interview Tuesday at the military hospital where he is recovering from a shrapnel wound. "We needed to count on the soldiers we were fighting with."

Amerine's account sheds light on the mix of tasks — from diplomacy to combat — carried out by U.S. Army special operations forces.

The 30-year-old West Point graduate from Honolulu told of the bond built with the Afghan fighters, their ferocious and chaotic fight to save the town of Tarin Kot, and his grief for comrades killed and injured by a stray U.S. bomb that ended their work, suddenly and violently, last week.

The deaths — of Master Sgt. Jefferson Davis and Sgt. 1st Class Dan Pettithory, two members of his team, and Staff Sgt. Cody Pross-

er, a member of another U.S. team — have turned his world "to gray," Amerine said. He decided to talk to reporters — an unusual move by secretive special forces personnel — because he wanted to put the record straight.

"I do not want my men remembered as a detachment that was taken out by an errant bomb," he said. "They cannot be remembered that way. They are the best that America has to offer."

Their finest hour in Afghanistan came on Nov. 16, about 60 miles north of the Taliban stronghold of Kandahar — a battle that cemented the bond between the Americans and the Afghans.

"We had to prove ourselves to them," Amerine said at the U.S. military hospital in Landstuhl. "You need to develop trust, you need to develop the bonds of brotherhood that soldiers have known since the beginning of time."

The moment of truth came when the inhabitants of Tarin Kot, a provincial capital, ousted the local Taliban administration and declared themselves for the opposition. Soon, Karzai's sources alerted him that about 500 Taliban fighters from Kandahar were bearing down on the town intent on revenge.

Amerine and his 10 men rounded up what Afghan fighters were close by and raced to the ridge overlooking the town just before dawn, six hours ahead of the Taliban, and set up their defenses. The Taliban fighters — mostly Arabs and other non-Afghans, he said — rolled into the valley in a motley column of trucks equipped

with anti-aircraft guns and passenger vehicles.

"It was a tense situation," he said. "We had about 80 vehicles headed our way ... When you see SUVs instead of tanks, you kind of do a double-take. But then you see they're loaded up with rocket-propelled grenades."

They called in an airstrike, but the anti-Taliban fighters still decided to retreat, taking the protesting Americans back with them in their vehicles. Amerine said he and his crew then simply helped themselves to four vehicles, and "told them to catch up with us as soon as they got organized."

As U.S. planes pounded the approaching Taliban, the Afghan opposition fighters rallied and repulsed a Taliban attack on their flank.

"They kept coming into the valley, and we kept bombing them," Amerine said. Soon the valley was littered with burning vehicles. Eventually, the Taliban had had

enough and retreated.

Then came Dec. 5. As they were perched atop a hill directing airstrikes against a Taliban position about two miles away, a misdirected U.S. bomb landed next to their position. Three U.S. men were killed and 20 injured. Amerine suffered a shrapnel wound to the thigh. One eardrum was punctured and another completely blown out, damage that will take surgery to repair.

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Democrats put political twist on anti-terrorism bill

This week, emotional ceremonies marked the three-month anniversary of the brutal terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

The damage to property has been staggering. The human toll is one from which we may never fully recover.

The confidence of the American people is the crucial element holding our nation together.

Before Sept. 11, it was the confidence and optimism of the American consumer that was keeping our nation's economy afloat. Today, it is the confidence of the American people, standing staunchly behind the men and women serving in uniform that is providing the strength and foundation on which an American victory is being built.

President Bush has done everything humanly possible to hold our nation together, begin to heal our wounds and sound the call to move forward. We are proud of what he has been able to do for our nation in the past three months.

Unfortunately, a man as optimistic, caring and unselfish as President Bush is going to continue to face obstacles, even at this crucial time.

The Bush administration has pushed hard to secure funds to shore up our nation's defenses against possible future terrorist attacks. The administration had sought \$35 billion in funding to ensure the future security of our nation and the protection of the American people.

Unfortunately, stubborn Democrats fought the president on his anti-terrorism legislation, whittling it down to \$20 billion.

The Bush plan had devoted more money to defense, ensuring our men and women in the battlefield would be equipped with the best weapons and highest level of technology. The men and women who place themselves in harm's way and are willing to lay down their lives for this nation deserve our utmost support.

However, the Democrats have insisted on putting a political twist on the money. They want it spent domestically in efforts such as shoring up Amtrak and feel-good programs.

The old Democratic warhorse of the Senate, Robert Byrd of West Virginia, proclaimed, the emphasis of spending money here at home on these types of programs "at least does something for the cities and rural areas of this country."

It would seem Byrd and his colleagues are intent on spending the money in an effort to win voters in specific election districts — not in an effort to meet the broader goal of ensuring the long-term security of our nation.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has been understandably enraged.

He said cutting the \$7.3 billion Bush had wanted for the Pentagon would "reduce our ability to sustain the operational intensity we will need in the effort to defeat terrorism" and would "send the wrong signal to our armed forces and our adversaries."

At this moment in history, our nation is being tested.

In the wake of Sept. 11, many of us have looked deep inside ourselves to determine what truly matters.

But for too many Beltway politicians, it's business as usual.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 12, the 346th day of 2001. There are 19 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

One year ago, on Dec. 12, 2000, a divided U.S. Supreme Court reversed a state court decision for recounts in Florida's contested election, effectively transforming George W. Bush into the president-elect. (The high court agreed, 7-to-2, to reverse the Florida court's order of a state recount and voted 5-to-4 that there was no acceptable procedure by which a timely new recount could take place.)

On this date:

In 1787, Pennsylvania became the second state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1870, Joseph H. Rainey of South Carolina became the first black lawmaker sworn in to the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 1901, 100 years ago, the first radio signal to cross the Atlantic was picked up near St. John's, Newfoundland, by inventor Guglielmo Marconi. (The signal was transmitted from a point some 2,000 miles away.)

In 1913, authorities in Florence, Italy announced that the "Mona Lisa," stolen from the Louvre Museum in Paris in 1911, had been recovered.

In 1917, Father Edward Flanagan founded Boys Town outside Omaha, Neb.

CAL THOMAS

'Religious Right' learns politics not answer

The resignation of religious broadcaster Pat Robertson as president and board member of the Christian Coalition pulls the plug on a comatose religious political body that effectively died more than a decade ago. The meltdown marks the second time in a century (the first being Prohibition) when an attempted marriage between church and state failed both institutions.

Religious politics failed the church because believers were told they could improve the morals of a nation through legislation and politics. It failed the state because time that might have been spent preaching a gospel of redemption — that would have had the collateral benefit of elevating culture — was wasted in a futile attempt to reform the unconverted.

It wasn't that the so-called "Religious Right's" diagnosis of societal decline was wrong. The voices and beliefs of conservative Christians are urgently needed in a nation fixated on pleasure and making money. Sept. 11 changed some attitudes and priorities, but absent a changed heart, most people will revert to their old selves when security and prosperity return.

Some leaders of the religious-political movement say things would have been worse without the (mostly Republican) political activism of conservative Christians. But the counter-argument might be even truer: Things might have been better if, instead of sending money to the national

headquarters of religious leaders and pledging allegiance to their preferred politicians, conservative Christians had been busy feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting those in prison, caring for widows and orphans and — most notably absent from the movement — loving their enemies.

The decline of the Christian Coalition and other religious-political groups does not mean that people who worship an authority higher than the state should return to the political catacombs. They should vote intelligently, take an active role in the party of their choice, even run for office. Robertson and others have done a good job awakening Christians to their civic opportunities and privileges. But Christians should realize that while political power is limited, and often disappoints, the power of God is unlimited and ultimately pleases the one who taps into it.

In re-directing their energies, conservative Christians would do well to re-read the Bible and stop relying on the "spin" others put on it for their own temporal purposes. There is no biblical mandate, or expectation, for reforming the world through government. Government can, and usually does, reflect the moral attitudes of its people. However, government cannot heal broken marriages (the primary cause of most social ills), nor can it force parents to invest the time necessary to properly rear a child. These things are personal, not political.

There never has been a "coalition" of Christians, because Christians don't agree on all things, especially politics. Neither was there ever a majority of Americans who were "moral" ("All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," writes

Paul in Romans 3:23).

Where should the legions of people go who are disappointed, even disenchanted, with politics' inability to redeem the country from its collective sins?

In our 1999 book, "Blinded By Might," Dr. Edward Dobson and I quote former Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga.: "The human inclination to seek political solutions for problems of the heart is nothing new. It is natural. Two thousand years ago, another society found itself in deeper trouble than our own. An oppressive empire strangled liberties. Violence and corruption were pervasive. Many of the people of the day hoped for the triumphant coming of a political savior, a long-expected king to establish a new, righteous government."

Instead, God sent his Son, a baby, born in a stable. Jesus grew up to become a peasant carpenter in a backwater town called Nazareth. He condemned sin but made it clear that he loved the sinner. He befriended beggars, prostitutes and even tax collectors while condemning the hypocrisy of those in power. He treated every individual with love and dignity and taught that we should do the same. He also put the role of government in proper perspective when he said, "Render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's and unto God that which is God's."

The time is ripe for conservative Christians to spend less time trying to influence Caesar, to consider what it means to render unto God, and to start rendering.

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CHARLEY REESE

America's faith in government unjustified

Since the Sept. 11 attacks, Americans have been consenting to government gaining more power and spending more money. That just proves Americans have a difficult time learning from experience.

The Sept. 11 attacks were a failure of government. No country in the world — probably no five countries in the world — spends as much on intelligence as the United States. But did this nearly \$40 billion string of intelligence agencies protect the people in the twin towers? No. It failed completely to detect the coming attack. Did our \$268 billion defense budget protect us? No.

Why then do people think that if you give them more money and more power, they will succeed? It's exactly the same process we see in government education. Year after year, government education fails to educate. Year after year, it is given more money. Year after year, the extra money seems to have no effect at all.

When the children of the world's "last remaining superpower" rank 14th among industrial nations in general cultural literacy, then something is obviously wrong. When increasingly you see people holding important posts in government who are obviously first-generation immigrants, that should tell you too many Americans are avoiding the tough subjects like engineering and science in college.

Toward the end of the Roman Empire, slaves were doing practically all of the important work. We are beginning to resemble them. Instead of slaves, however, it is our immigrants who are doing all the hard work, whether it's meatpacking or earning advanced degrees in computer engineering. American Muslims, by the way, on a per capita basis hold more advanced degrees than any other group.

Look again at Sept. 11. Who were the heroes? The FBI? The CIA? The Defense Department? Congress? The president? No, the heroes were city cops

and city firefighters and private citizens, and the mayor and the governor. Local folks. Local officials. That's always where America's great strength has resided — in the people, not the federal government. And America's great strength has always been located in the states and cities and communities, not in Washington.

Remember that in New York City, police officers, firefighters, the mayor and private-citizen volunteers were running toward the danger, while in Washington, officials were running away from it.

It is not a case, as liberals often try to claim it is, of being for or against government. Government is a necessity. We cannot have a free society and orderly communities without government. It is simply a case that one must assess government realistically, recognizing its weaknesses as well as its strengths.

One of the primary duties of the federal government is to protect our borders. It failed. Not only regarding the terrorists, but also hundreds of thousands of other illegal immigrants who pour through every year. Another primary duty is conducting a foreign policy that will serve the interests of the American people.

Our foreign policy got nearly 4,000 Americans killed, and unless it is changed, it will result in many more American deaths.

George Washington likened government to fire. It was, he said, a useful servant but a fearful master. We should support our government when it does the right thing and criticize it when it goes astray. But we should never give it sheeplike blind faith.

Before you say, "Let the government do whatever it wants as long as it protects me," you'd better remember the dead at the twin towers. The government was doing whatever it wanted to do, but it was not effective in safeguarding American lives.

And now, as it always does, the government is overreacting to its own failure. It is jeopardizing our civil liberties, busting the budget and vastly expanding its ability to pry into private lives.

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JACK ANDERSON & DOUGLAS COHN

Look elsewhere for those honest scholar-athletes

WASHINGTON — The concept of the scholar-athlete, epitomized by the Heisman Trophy, is alive and well, but not at America's larger institutions of higher learning. We need to look elsewhere — to those universities and colleges that cannot compete with the "professional" teams fielded by their larger competitors. We must look at Harvard, Princeton, Yale and the other Ivy League schools. We also need to look at the Ivy League equivalents, such as the nation's military academies.

The recently-played annual Army-Navy game received national television coverage and the roar of a sold-out stadium. It did so despite their appalling records. Navy lost every game this year, and Army fared little better. Yet, the men who played fit the image of the scholar-athlete. In years past, coaches would come and go at the military academies, and they, like their civilian college counterparts, aggressively recruited players for their sports teams. But it was always a losing battle, and it still is. Picture a top high school athlete receiving an offer from West Point and comparing it to an offer from Notre Dame.

The West Point offer says he can receive a four-year scholarship plus a small monthly stipend — just like all the other cadets. While there, he must take and pass all of his courses — up to 22 credit-hours per semester. Additionally, he has mandatory drill and ceremony, mandatory athletics (fall, winter and spring) and tough regimentation. His summers are spent in extensive additional military training. Upon graduation, he must serve five years in the armed forces, where he will earn a second lieutenant's pay.

Notre Dame's offer also comes with a four-year ride, as well as extra benefits. While there, he can choose one of several not-so-hard majors and take as few as 12 credit-hours per semester. His free time is his. And upon graduation, he can look forward to a shot at the pros and a seven-figure salary.

In short, a graduating high school athlete who is not motivated to embark on a military career is rarely likely to opt for West Point over Notre Dame.

The solution lies in the Ivy League. When did Harvard ever win the national championship in football? No one expects it to do so. Yet, its football games draw large crowds. Two of the nation's oldest schools, Harvard and Yale, play in a rivalry not so well-known as Army vs. Navy, but the stadium fills up. And so it goes throughout the Ivy League. School spirit is high; participation is enthusiastic.

But most important of all is the character-building aspect of Ivy League athletics, so memorialized by the Duke of Wellington, who said, "The Battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton." For these reasons, is it not time for our military academies to acknowledge that they cannot and never will field "pro" teams? Is it not time for the service academies to join the organization that so clearly beckons them: the Ivy League?

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China prepares for economic fallout as WTO membership begins

By Christopher Bodeen
Associated Press

BEIJING — From her post behind a McDonald's cash register, Ms. Yang hears officials talk of opportunity and economic reform spurred by the World Trade Organization. But what she looked forward to on China's first day of WTO membership was simpler: new clothes.

"I want to see more fashions," Yang, 23, said Tuesday at a shopping mall in Shanghai, China's bustling business capital. "The Chinese-made fashions are getting better, but the best are from overseas," said Yang, who would only give her family name.

China formally joined global trade's rule-making body Tuesday, triggering changes that promise more choices for consumers, more opportunity for foreign investors and more challenges for Chinese farms and factories.

Beijing has promised to pry open its markets and industries to foreigners as the WTO's 143rd member. It hopes the influx of investment and competition will drive the overhaul of China's economy and raise living standards, even if it means short-term pain.

Private entrepreneurs stand to benefit from changes demanded by China's trading partners, including ending monopolies and special treatment for state firms. But farmers and state industry face an onslaught of cheaper imports.

Officials say the changes will be the most important since China launched capitalist-style economic reforms in 1979.

"For China it is a great day," the newspaper Economic Daily said on its front page.

But after 15 years of arduous negotiations and a steady flow of upbeat propaganda, many Chinese found Tuesday a little anticlimactic.

"For us ordinary folks, it's not much of an event," said Wang Dawei, a mobile-phone salesman in Beijing.

China still has to make sweeping legal changes to conform to WTO rules on opening its markets to foreign competitors. More than 1,000 laws and rules must be changed, said the People's Daily, the main Communist Party newspaper.

But just getting China into the WTO gives the world trading system a morale boost at a time of slowing economies and a rocky start to new talks on more liberalization.

"China's accession to the WTO is an important milestone for this organization and its member states," South Africa President Thabo Mbeki said Tuesday in a speech in the Chinese capital of Beijing.

China hopes increased competition will force state businesses to shape up, though that could wind up costing millions of jobs.

Even companies in relatively healthy sectors such as telecommunications are threatened. The government is encouraging companies to merge into conglomerates big and rich enough to compete.

"The challenges are real, but the advantages right now are still just potential," said Pan Qifang, a manager at the Jiangxi Copper Co. in Guixi in southern China.

Sun Min, chairman of Jiangling Motors in the southern city of Nanchang, said WTO membership would end encumbering government regulation.

"For the auto industry, it's a good thing, but we must face the reality that the competition is going to get fiercer," he wrote recently in the Economic Evening News.

The hardest-hit area will be the countryside, home to some 900 million Chinese. Millions are expected to be thrown out of work as inefficient farms face an influx of cheaper foreign food.

"The impact of competition from foreign products will be severe over the short term," said

Wang Zhenghe, an official of the Agriculture Bureau in the eastern grain-producing province of Shandong.

He said the industry badly needs more investment in technology and product quality.

Such problems seemed far off in Shanghai, where banners proclaiming "China enters WTO!" festooned light poles. Stores there offer everything from Japanese mobile phones and German leather jackets to Hawaiian coffee.

"Of course, cheaper is better. We've been hearing constantly about WTO, but I'm still wait-

ing for foreign products to get cheaper," said Chen Jie, 22, standing beside a sales display for Sweden's Volvo cars.

Expectations weren't high at Beijing's bustling Bainaohui electronics market.

"We're really not expecting to feel any changes in prices of products for another three years or so," said Mrs. Li, who declined to give her full name. Her tiny stall was packed with computer printers and fax machines.

"As far as our everyday life, it isn't something we expect will have a really big impact."



A Chinese man walks past a WTO sign with Chinese characters of "welcoming", left, and "challenge" on a Beijing street Tuesday. China Tuesday officially joined the World Trade Organization after negotiating for 15 years. China has promised to open its market to foreign goods and services. While that promises more business opportunities, inefficient Chinese companies and especially farmers are expected to be hit hard by foreign competition.

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Milosevic refuses to plead to genocide charges; war crimes trial scheduled

By Anthony Deutsch
Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — A United Nations tribunal ruled Tuesday that Slobodan Milosevic's trial for war crimes in Kosovo will begin in February and be followed by a trial for genocide in Bosnia and crimes against humanity in Croatia.

The ruling came after Milosevic refused to enter a plea to an indictment accusing him of committing every crime in the tribunal's statute, including genocide.

As in previous indictments, the judges entered a plea of innocent on his behalf.

Milosevic faces three separate indictments for crimes in Kosovo, Bosnia and Croatia dating from his 13 years in power in Yugoslavia, during which he is accused of instigating and conducting a decade of ethnic war.

Milosevic has been detained at a U.N. facility near The Hague since June 28. All 66 counts against him carry a maximum penalty of up to life in prison.

Judges rejected a prosecution request Tuesday to combine all three indictments into a single trial starting next summer.

The Bosnia indictment read Tuesday was the last of three to be issued and the first to charge Milosevic with genocide.

It charges that Milosevic "exercised effective control or substantial influence" over the political officials and military officers who committed "the widespread killing of thousands of Bosnian Muslims and Bosnian Croats" to create a larger Serb state.

Thousands were held in detention "calculated to bring about the partial physical destruction of those groups, namely through starvation, contaminated water, forced labor, inadequate medical care and constant physical and psychological assault," it said.

Prosecutors said they would call as many as 30 "high-level insiders" in Milosevic's regime to show he planned, or at least knew about, the systematic campaign.

During his fourth appearance before U.N. judges, Milosevic dismissed those charges, the most serious crimes in the court's statute, as misconstrued and absurd.

He sat indifferently, sometimes with his eyes closed, as a court clerk read in his native Serbian language 29 counts of Bosnian atrocities, including complicity to commit genocide, crimes against humanity, grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions and violations of the laws or customs of war.

The former Yugoslav president responded that the prosecution's case was built on "weak legs" and heading on "a collision course with the truth."

He also said allegations that he was responsible for the massacre of more than 8,000 non-Serbs were "monstrous."

"This miserable text is the ultimate absurdity. I should be given credit for peace in Bosnia, not war," Milosevic responded when asked if he were guilty or innocent.

"The responsibility for the war in Bosnia lies with the (Western) powers and their agents, not in Bosnia and not with Serbs, Serb people or Serb policy."

Milosevic may be confronted during his genocide trial by two prominent Bosnian Serb officials currently awaiting their own genocide trials at the tribunal.

Biljana Plavsic and Momcilo Krajisnik could provide key evidence against Milosevic, linking his policies to the deaths of Croat and Muslim civilians.

Beginning Feb. 12, Milosevic will be tried on five counts of war crimes in Kosovo. He is charged in the deaths of nearly 900 Kosovo Albanians, the deportations of

800,000 people and sexual assaults by Yugoslav army troops under his command.

Judge Richard May of England asked Milosevic if he wanted to appoint legal representation for the duration of his trial. As he has done at each previous hearing, the deposed Yugoslav leader declined.

World health team arrives to help contain Ebola outbreak

LIBREVILLE, Gabon (AP) — A World Health Organization team came to the Central African nation of Gabon on Tuesday to help contain an outbreak of the Ebola virus that has killed at least 10 people.

The five-member team — which includes experts from France and the United States — arrived in the capital, Libreville, in the morning and was expected to travel to the affected region in the remote northeastern province of Ogooue Ivindo, near the border with Republic of Congo.

The team will help local authorities isolate and treat victims, as well as distribute protective equipment like gloves and masks to prevent contact with the bodily fluids of patients, WHO officials said.

Gabon's government first reported it suspected an outbreak last Tuesday, after an unusual number of dead primates were found in the region at the same time that local villagers starting falling ill.

On Sunday, WHO officials confirmed the disease was Ebola, which has similar symptoms to other, less deadly hemorrhagic fevers.

Details of the outbreak remained sketchy Tuesday. The government said 10 people had died of the disease and two others were infected, including one in critical condition. WHO had previously reported 11 people had died.

Tests were still being conducted on those who have come into contact with the victims, said provincial health director Dr. Prosper Abessolo-Mengue. While a quarantine has not been imposed on the region, local authorities are monitoring movement to and from the area, he said.

Ogooue Ivindo is one of the

most thinly populated regions in Gabon, with isolated, tiny villages surrounded by dense jungle. Ebola last struck the region in 1996-97, killing 45 of the 60 people infected.

"People were very afraid because of what happened in 1997," Abessolo-Mengue said. "But now as we regularly speak to them, and we regularly tell them what we are doing ... the fear has subsided."

The current outbreak has been pinpointed to the villages of Leahonene and Endemba, he said. The dead include 10 members of an extended family and a nurse who treated at least one of them.

This is the first documented outbreak of Ebola since last year, when 224 people — including health workers — died from the virus in Uganda.

Ebola is one of the most virulent viral diseases known to humankind, causing death in 50 to 90 percent of all clinically ill cases. But it usually kills its victims faster than it can spread, burning out before it can reach too far.

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Incumbents file for 2002 county race

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Midland County's 14 Republican Party incumbents and the lone Democratic Party incumbent up for re-election in 2002 have filed for candidacy in the March 12, 2002, political party primary elections. The general election is set for Nov. 5, 2002.

So far, none of the candidates has drawn official opposition. However, there is speculation that opposing candidates may campaign from within the Republican Party and Democratic Party ranks or even as independent candidates, according to the political-party chairmen for Midland County.

"We have excellent candidates," said Midland County Republican Party Chairman Sue Brannon. "They have done a wonderful job, and they are continuing to serve our county."

Ms. Brannon said on Tuesday "some people have called and talked to us (about candidacy) but nobody has filed" other than the incumbents.

Justice of the Peace Michael Wallace, the county's sole Democrat up for re-election, last week filed for his party's nomination for Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace in the March 12 primary election, according to Midland County Democratic Party Chairman Norma Rowland.

Ms. Rowland, who was out of town on business Tuesday, earlier had said "there's a good possibility" that Wallace, 42, will draw an opponent for his \$42,000-salary job. He first took office in 1997.

Filing deadline for candidacy with the political-party chairmen is 6 p.m. on Jan. 2, 2002.

The 14 Midland County-based Republican officeholders who have filed for re-election in 2002, according to Ms. Brannon, are:

■ Bill Morrow, Midland County judge since 1999. Age: 66. Salary: \$73,530. Travel allowance per year: \$3,500.

■ Mike Bradford, Midland County Precinct 2 commissioner since 1999. Age 54. Salary: \$33,000. Travel allowance per year: \$3,000.

■ Randy Prude, Midland County Precinct 4 commissioner since 1999. Age: 49. Salary: \$33,000. Travel allowance per year: \$3,000.

■ Al Walvoord, Midland County Court-at-Law judge since 1991. Age: 63. Salary: \$107,700.

■ Marvin Moore, Midland County Court-at-Law judge since 1995.

Please see RACE/6B

City Council rejects company's request to drill within city limits

By Stewart Doreen
Staff Writer

The Midland City Council turned down a request by Endeavor Energy Resources to continue drilling an oil and gas well inside Midland city limits.

On Tuesday, an effort to obtain a permit to drill an oil and gas well in East Midland died after a lack of a second and realization of an illegal drill site.

According to city records, it was discovered in late October that Endeavor was participating in active drilling inside city limits (near Todd Road and Front Street) without necessary approval from the City Council.

Shortly after confirming the well belonged to Endeavor (approximately Oct. 29), a letter was sent to the Midland-based company to cease and desist drilling operations at that location. At the same time, a criminal complaint was filed on the company in the city of Midland municipal court.

Please see DRILL/7B

COM Aquatics sets up new endowment fund

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

COM Aquatics, which has helped Midland gain a national reputation as home to a premier swimming and diving facility, is working to ensure its financial future.

COM has established its permanent endowment fund with the Permian Basin Area Foundation with components of the fund to be used for utility expenses, capital and capital replacement expenses and to establish swimming and diving scholarships.

Brad Swendig, executive director of COM Aquatics, pointed out that the COM Maboe Aquatic Center, which opened in 1972, operates on a very tight budget and he believes the new endowment will give more confidence to Midlanders wanting to make gifts to COM.

"I'm not being dramatic in saying this is life and death for COM," said Swendig, stressing that COM is privately owned and not affiliated with the city of Midland government and receives no government support, though it has a contract to operate the city's Doug Russell, Washington and Midland Community Center public swimming pools.

Swendig said since adding water aerobics and aquatic therapy programs in the early 1990s, membership has grown at about 15 percent a year. He estimates that, though COM bills 1,100 members a month, approximately 2,000 people — members, school swimming program participants, swimming class stu-

dents and parents — walk through the doors each month.

Swendig said he hopes the new endowment will help generate a steady stream of revenue for the center and eventually fund a new 50-meter outdoor pool to the north of the building that will ease some of the demand on the facility's pools, especially at its busiest times in the summer.

The COM Aquatics Endowment Fund already has received initial gifts given in memory of John G. Seay and T. and Virginia Stall, longtime supporters of COM Aquatics.

T. Stall was a diver at the University of Texas in the 1930s, said Swendig, adding that Stall participated in aquatic therapy programs and was a frequent visitor to the center until his death. Stall's children have made a gift to the endowment to establish competitive swimming and competitive diving scholarships for children who want to undergo training at the center.

Jack Swallow, president of the Permian Basin Area Foundation, said his foundation is proud to oversee the endowment for COM. "COM provides an array of aquatics programs that are truly unique to our region, and we are honored to be named as stewards of the COM Endowment Fund. With the support of the community, this endowment has the potential to make a significant impact on the operation of COM's worthwhile programs," Swallow said.

Please see FUND/3B

Big Brothers-Big Sisters looking for a few good men

By Evan A. Pierce
MRT Correspondent

With 2001 quickly coming to an end, the Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Midland hope Midlanders will make giving back to the community a primary New Year's resolution.

"The program's doing good," Amber Schitoskey of Big Brothers-Big Sisters said. "We're getting a lot of kids but we need more volunteers."

The need for volunteers is made apparent by the long waiting list. There are currently more than 95 children in Midland waiting for adults who are willing to spare anywhere from four to eight hours of their time a month.

A lack of volunteers is not the only problem facing Big Brothers-Big Sisters. The organization tries to pair partners based on gender. In other words, Big Brothers-Big Sisters needs a few good men.

"We have a lot of female volunteers," Ms. Schi-

toskey said. "We don't have very many little sisters and we have a whole bunch of little brothers on our waiting list. We rarely get male volunteers."

Ms. Schitoskey said there are two choices of programs for prospective volunteers.

"School-based volunteering is the program in which the volunteer goes to the school. It's usually during lunch and they usually come and visit once a week," Ms. Schitoskey said. "Community-based volunteering is the program in which the volunteer spends six to eight hours a month with a little (brother or sister.) They just do fun activities in the community."

Rachel Williams of Midland has been a volunteer of the program for two years. She has participated in both programs and currently is mentoring a boy named Joseph.

"I really like it," she said.

Ms. Williams said not only is the experience rewarding for a child but it helps her relate to her own 20-year-old son.

East meets West Texas



ABOVE: Lui Jinlong eagerly addresses an interpreter. He's part of a group of five artisans from China who'll be building a pavilion in Beal Park. BELOW RIGHT: Artists sketched the proposed design of the pavilion for Beal Park.

Chinese artisans to join Midland project

By Kasey Kelly
and Saralee Huntsman
Staff Writers

They have flown thousands of miles to bring a piece of Chinese culture to Midland, and they hope to take back with them their American experience to share with family and friends.

"Before I got to America, I always wondered how it would be for East to meet West. I feel very honored and happy to be here," said Liu Kuan, who is the project manager and team leader.

Five Chinese artisans, Liu Kuan, Rao Jinrong, Liu Jinlong, Zhou Houyang and Wang Hong, have come to Midland to put together a decorative Chinese pavilion in Beal Park.

Among the group are two masonry workers, a carpenter and an artisan who will paint decorative Chinese patterns on the pavilion. The artisans were commissioned and the materials donated by residents of Dongying, China, Midland's sister city. However, most of the artisans are from Yangzhou, located in Southern China.

The artisans were selected for this project because their company, Yangzhou Classical Gardens Architecture Co., is the most famous architectural company in China that

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— Liu Kuan,
project manager

specializes in traditional architecture, said Bob Liu, who is volunteering as a translator during their stay.

The pavilion is only the third project to be built in the United States by this particular architectural company.

The men's first impressions of America were favorable. One man said his first impression was how good American life really is and how warm and welcoming the people were.

"I was very excited to come and represent



China in America and maintain good relations between us," said Lui Jinlong, who will do part of the masonry work on the pavilion. "We want this to be a beautiful pavilion."

Please see ARTISAN/3B

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas



Kevin Wilton strings lights along his house in central Midland Tuesday evening while perched on his roof.

Big Brothers-Big Sisters involvement statistics

- ▶ 46 percent less likely to start using drugs
- ▶ 23 percent less likely to start drinking
- ▶ 52 percent less likely to skip a day of school, and earned higher grades
- ▶ 33 percent less likely to hit someone
- ▶ Minority boys are 67 percent less likely to start using drugs
- ▶ Minority girls are 72 percent less likely to start using drugs

Source: Texas Association of Big Brothers Big Sisters

OBITUARIES

Carnell Lingo

Carnell Lee "C.L." Lingo, of Midland, Texas, formerly of Eureka, Kansas, died at his home in Midland on Friday, December 7, 2001 at the age of 72.

He was born June 15, 1929 at Sand Springs, Oklahoma to Clarence Elmer and Juanita June (Lutes) Lingo. C.L. was raised in the Sand Springs area and attended schools there. He then entered the United States Navy to serve his country during World War II. On September 25, 1948, C.L. was united in marriage to Emma Kathryn Bradley at Tulsa, Oklahoma. They made their home in the Tulsa area following his discharge from the Navy in 1953. He began his career of working for the Dowell Corporation as a diesel mechanic. With his job, C.L. and Kathryn resided in Great Bend, Kansas from 1959 to 1972. They then went to Perryton, Texas for a few years before settling in Midland, Texas where they lived for the past 23 years and C.L. completed 35 years of service to Dowell before retiring. He was a member of the First Christian Church of Midland and held membership in Fidelity Masonic Lodge #106 A.F. & F.M. in Eureka.

C.L. is survived by his wife Kathryn, at home in Midland, Texas; a son, Monty Lingo of Perryton, Texas; two daughters, Bonita Broyles of Eureka, Kansas and Tammy Lingo of Midland, Texas; his mother and step-father, Juanita June and Orville Smelser of New Mannford, Oklahoma; two brothers, Bob Lingo of Sand Springs, Oklahoma and Royce Lingo of Tulsa, Oklahoma; a sister, Patricia Wilkerson of Sapulpa, Oklahoma; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. His father, a sister, one grandchild and one great-grandchild preceded C.L. in death.

Funeral services will be today at 11:00 A.M. at the Campbell-Kelley Funeral Home in Eureka with Reverend Chris Anderson, pastor of the New Life Assembly of God Church of Eureka, officiating. Interment will follow in the Greenwood Cemetery at Eureka with military honors conducted by V.F.W. Post 2712 of Eureka. Arrangements are under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel in Midland and Campbell-Kelley Funeral Home in Eureka.

A memorial has been established in his name with Fidelity Lodge #106 A.F. & F.M. of Eureka. Contributions may be sent in care of the Campbell-Kelley Funeral Home, P.O. Box 595, Eureka, KS. 67045.



Reba Sloan Colley

Reba Sloan Colley, beloved mother, sister and friend, died on December 7, 2001 after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Reba S. Colley was born on December 8, 1932 in St. Jo, Texas (Montague County) to Lillie and Holland Sloan. She moved to Midland in 1952 from Spearman, Texas. She was employed by the Midland Independent School District from 1970-1977, and from 1984 to her death. For most of her employment with the MISD, she was a driver's education instructor who taught countless high school students to drive.

She is survived by two sons, Jeffrey and Justin Colley of Midland; and one daughter, Dana Colley Corsetto of Richmond, Va., a son-in-law, Andrew Corsetto of Richmond, Va.; a daughter-in-law, Cindy Colley of Midland.

TODAY'S FUNERALS

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and two grandchildren, Nicholas and Chelsea Binder, also of Midland.

She leaves behind four brothers, Troy Sloan of Breckenridge, TX, H.A. Sloan of Pampa, TX, H.C. Sloan of San Angelo, and H.L. Sloan of Midland. One brother, Hubert Sloan, precedes her in death.

She also leaves behind countless nieces, nephews, and friends who have loved her unconditionally.

The memorial service will be today, 11:00 A.M., at the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 1301 W. Louisiana, Midland.

Dr. Tommy Potter, senior minister, will officiate. Mrs. Colley's daughter, the Rev. Dana Corsetto, an Episcopal priest, will eulogize.

Arrangements are under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

A memorial scholarship fund has been established to aid a single working mother who wants to better her life with a college education. In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to: The Reba S. Colley Memorial Fund, Wells Fargo Bank Texas, N.A., 500 W. Texas Avenue, Midland, TX, 79701, Account #6586584770.



Douglas Lee Eccleston

Douglas Lee Eccleston, 35, passed away Friday, December 7, 2001, on mission off the coast of Bermuda.

A visitation will be held today, December 12, 2001 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Ellis Funeral Home. Funeral service will be conducted Thursday, December 13, 2001 starting at 10:00 AM at St. Ann's Catholic Church with Father James Bridges officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Doug was born September 10, 1966 in Butte, Montana. He spent a good part of his childhood in Montana, hunting and fishing at Georgetown Lake and climbing the hills of snow in Anaconda.

He moved with his family to Midland, Texas in 1976. He attended Sam Houston, San Jacinto and graduated from Midland High School in 1984. While attending Midland High he was a member of the band and was in the Rose Bowl parade.

After graduation, he moved to Cocoa Beach, Florida and within a short time he called his mother with the news that he had joined the Air Force. He is a veteran of several wars including Desert Storm where he was a part of combat control, a special unit of the forces.

After a small hiatus from the military he rejoined again, determined to serve his country. The new level of service he entered was the elite Pararescue Unit, PJ's as they are known. A group so supreme, very few make the cut. He was a member of the 920th rescue squad at Patrick Air Force base in Florida.

After a car wreck nearly took his life in 1993, he fought to regain full status and fulfill his dream to serve his country and save lives. He reached his goal a year and a half ago, and has been serving ever since.

He was on a rescue mission at sea, transporting an ill man from a Malaysian tanker Friday night, when the tragedy occurred. He was a patriot and a hero, and he passed doing what he loved.

His life changed forever in 1994 when he met his true soul mate, Stacie Hedrick. They married in August of 2000 and had just bought their first home. They had eight wonderful years together filled with incredible love and laughter. He was her super hero and she was his beautiful princess.

Doug is survived by his wife, Stacie Eccleston; his mother and father, Donna and David Eccleston; his older sister and husband, Dana & Stephan Mohr; his younger sister and husband, Dianna and Chris Colton and several nieces and nephews.

He was a beacon to the family, a light that was always in their hearts. And now, he will guard and keep them, as an angel, from above.

His maternal and paternal grandparents preceded him in death.

The motto of the PJ is "So that others may live". Doug touched many peoples lives and his memory will flourish in the hearts and minds of many friends, and loved ones.

He will be missed more than any words could ever express. His family cherished the short time they had with him on earth and he loved life as much as he was loved.

We love you and will forever miss you Dougie.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Doug Eccleston Memorial Fund c/o Space Coast Credit Union, Attention: Nancy Williamson, 1303 Edward H. White 11 St., Patrick AFB, FL 32925-3212.



Jose M. Perez

Funeral services for Jose M. Perez will be Wednesday at 1:00 pm at Our Lady of San Juan Catholic Church. Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park, under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

Born in Duval County, Texas on September 4, 1926, he died December 10, 2001.

An infant daughter, his parents, one brother, two sisters and a grandchild preceded him in death.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife of 57 years, Miquela Perez; his daughter, Margarita DeLoera of Midland;

and his sons, Antonio F. Perez and Juan F. Perez, both of Midland; ten grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren; his sisters, Silvestra Mendez of San Antonio, Guadalupe Bustamante of Pasadena, TX and Julia Silguero of Robstown, TX. Pallbearers will be Fernando DeLoera, Francisco DeLoera, Noe Perez, Armando Perez, Anthony Perez and David Marin.



Senaida Garcia

Senaida Garcia, 50, died Sunday, December 9 at her residence. She was born on February 14, 1951, to the late Eugenio and Julia Garcia in Chihuahua, Chihuahua, Mexico. At an early age, she moved to Pecos, Texas where she was raised and educated. Mrs. Garcia lived in various cities before settling in Midland. Mrs. Garcia had worked as a nurse in Pecos and in California. She later lived in El Paso where she worked as an Insurance Agent.

She was a mother and a father as she raised four children. She attended Assembly of God Faith in Jesus Christ in Pecos.

The funeral service will be held on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. at Reyes-Garcia Chapel.

Her parents, a sister, Maria Lopez, and two brothers, Manuel Garcia and Jesus Garcia, preceded her in death.

She is survived by two sons, Albert Garcia of Ontario, Calif. and Adolph Garcia of Midland; two daughters, Melissa Garcia Samaniego of Riverside, Calif. and Michelle Garcia Chavez of Midland; two brothers, Teofilo Garcia of Corona, Calif. and Jose Garcia of Ontario, Calif.; four sisters, Aurora Mira Montez of El Paso, Gloria Garcia Hamilton of Pecos, Ester Carrasco of Pecos and Patsy Prieto of El Paso; five grandsons, Albert Licon Jr. of Ontario, Calif., Jose Samaniego Jr. of Riverside, Calif., Edward Ward of Midland, Isaiah Ward of Midland and Adolph J. Garcia Jr. of Midland; three granddaughters, Valerie Ann Licon of Ontario, Calif., Maritza Ann Samaniego of Riverside, Calif. and Nevaeh Senaida Rivera of Midland; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Dorothy Salkeld Howerton

Dorothy Salkeld Howerton was born on July 27, 1905 in Pittsburgh, PA to the Reverend Edgar D. and Byrdie Salkeld. She passed from this life on Monday, December 10, 2001 in San Angelo.

She attended public schools in Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and Oklahoma. She graduated from Central High School in Oklahoma City and earned a Bachelor's and Master's Degree from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, having graduated Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa.

She married Lacy Howerton in 1928 in Abilene and moved to San Angelo in 1941. In 1948 she began teaching at Glenmore School, then a county school, and was appointed principal in 1950, a post she held until her retirement in 1971. For the next seven years she taught at Sacred Heart School. Her most memorable highlight as Glenmore's principal came in 1970 when she entered seven student scrapbooks on Americanism to the Freedom Foundation in Washington, D.C. Glenmore was selected nationwide as the outstanding elementary school, and she was chosen as the nation's outstanding principal. She was also the driving force in the early 1950's in seeing that women principals in San Angelo received the same salary as men principals.

Following retirement, she remained active in PTA, and the Retired Teachers Association. She was a member of the First Christian Church for 60 years. Her life's motto has been to "live everyday to its fullest so that when you lie down at night you will have known that you have contributed something worthwhile."

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while". Rustin once said, "The highest reward for a man's toil is not what he gets for it, but what he becomes by it".

Memorial services will be held 2:00 p.m. Friday, December 14, at the First Christian Church with Ben Hubert, and Karen Schmelteckoff officiating. A visitation will be held Thursday evening from 6:00 p.m. till 8:00 p.m. at Johnson's Funeral Home. Her seven grandchildren will serve as pallbearers. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be her seven great-grandchildren, Kevin and Megan Schniers, Eliza and Ethan Pattie, Emil and Alexandra Poss and Loren Wolfe.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1981; her parents; three brothers, Edgar, Dan and Phil Salkeld; and a sister, Margaret Peck.

Survivors include her son and his wife, Joel and Ann Howerton of San Angelo; daughter and her husband, Martha and Delnor Poss of Midland; seven grandchildren, Mark Poss of Vienna, VA, Nathan Poss of El Paso, Del Poss of Madison, WI, Katie Schniers of San Angelo, Martha Pattie of Houston, Lacy Wolfe of Cape Coral, FL and David Howerton of Plano; and seven great-grandchildren.

She wishes to thank all these relatives as well as her many friends for making her time on earth a satisfying time. The family would like to thank the nursing staff at Myrtle Woods Estate, and the Regency House for their kindness and help. It was Mrs. Howerton's request that those wishing to send a memorial might designate it to the First Christian Church to be used in a fund to replace the chimes in the steeple.



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DEATH

Fred W. Upton

Fred "Freddie" Upton, 100, died Monday, Dec. 10. Graveside services will be held at Resthaven Memorial Park at 3 p.m. Thursday. The family will receive friends at the direction of the funeral home.

He was born May 15, 1901 at Tahlequah, Okla. Upton graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1924 and worked for the U.S. Forest Service. He was a member of the U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Forest Service.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Lillie Mae Upton.

He is survived by his wife, Claudell Upton.

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COM offers aquatic fitness program, water aerobics, pool, and Lillie Mae Upton Foundation for the elderly.

Charles Koch, president and participating in the program, encouraged gifts to the endowment to believe people will.

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DEATH NOTICES

Fred W. Upton

Fred "Freddie" W. Upton died Monday, Dec. 10.

Graveside services will be conducted at Resthaven Memorial Park at 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born May 22, 1946 in Tahlequah, Okla. to Obie Upton Sr. and Lillie Mae Upton. Mr. Upton graduated from Carlsbad High School in 1964. He was an employee of Burn's International Security. He was formerly shop manager at Hirschfeld Steel in Midland and Duvall & Mississippi Salt Mines in Carlsbad. He served in the U.S. Army and in the Vietnam War.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Lillie Mae Upton and a brother, Obie Upton Jr.

He is survived by his wife, Claudell Upton of Midland; his

father, Obie Upton Sr. of Carlsbad, N.M.; daughters, Kristi Williams of Sherman Oaks, Calif. and Chanda Engle of Midland; sons, Tim Kelly and Gary Kelly, both of Midland; two granddaughters: sisters, Faye Thomas, Sarah Pierce and Mary Pierce, all of Carlsbad, N.M.; brothers Donald Upton and Gene Upton, both of Midland, Bill Upton of Madill, Okla. and Henry Upton of California; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Merlene Hearne

Services for Merlene Hearne, 77, will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, at the Ideal Baptist Church with the Revs. O.J. Archie and L.L. Patrick officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

She died Monday, Dec. 10, in a local hospital.

She was born June 1, 1924 in

Atlas to Allen Wallace and Addie Lee Thomas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one son and two brothers.

She is survived by three daughters, Dorothy Hearne and Esther Alexander, both of Midland, and Barbara Patrick of Pampa; three sons, Robert Gray of Mobile, Ala., James Gray of Midwest City, Okla. and G.M. Gray of Paris; 23 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Betty Brown

LUMBERTON — Betty Brown, 61, died Friday, Dec. 9 at her residence.

Services will be at 11 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 13, at Pecos Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Clark Ford officiating. Burial will be at Mount Evergreen Cemetery. She was born Jan. 24, 1940 in

Graham. She was a Baptist.

She is survived by her husband, Hal Brown of Lumberton; two sons, Jamie Wayne Brown of Odessa and John David Brown of Orange; one daughter, Julie Ann Edwards of Fairview, Okla.; her mother, Alma Opal Vick of Midland; and one sister, Joan Hamilton of Midland.

Geraldine Wingo

Geraldine (Jerry) B. Wingo, of Midland, died Sunday, Dec. 9, at Manor Park Mabee Center.

Graveside services have been

scheduled for 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, at Resthaven Memorial Park with the Rev. Myron Unruh officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born Oct. 27, 1910 in Midland, where she was raised. She married Tom Wingo in 1933 and worked in the farming industry as well as being a schoolteacher. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Midland and was active in Sunday school and other church organizations.

Her husband, a son, Lewis

Wingo; and a daughter, Polly Wingo Cochran, preceded her in death.

She is survived by a brother, Riley Brooks of Midland; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Ophelia Rhodes

STANTON — Ophelia Rhodes, 91, formerly of Stanton, died Monday, Dec. 10, in a Burnet nursing home.

Services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home.

FUND: COM offers many aquatic activities

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COM offers aquatics and physical fitness programs, including water aerobics, programs for children with special needs, and conditioning and rehabilitative therapy for the elderly.

Charles Koch, longtime supporter and participant in COM programs, encouraged others to make gifts to the endowment. "We truly believe people who have experienced the therapeutic, fitness and competitive programs recognize the importance of these programs, and we hope they will consider donations or planned giving avenues to help build the endowment. Their gifts will help sustain these programs for many future generations of youth and adults," Koch said.

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Wong Hong, the architectural painter for the project, joked about how he couldn't get away from bike riding even in America.

Although the men will tour the city, they want to complete their work first.

"We are very honored they want to take us around to show us Midland, but our first goal is to complete the pavilion and to do our most beautiful work," said Liu Kuan.

Despite the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on America, Liu Kuan said he and his men were not afraid to come to America.

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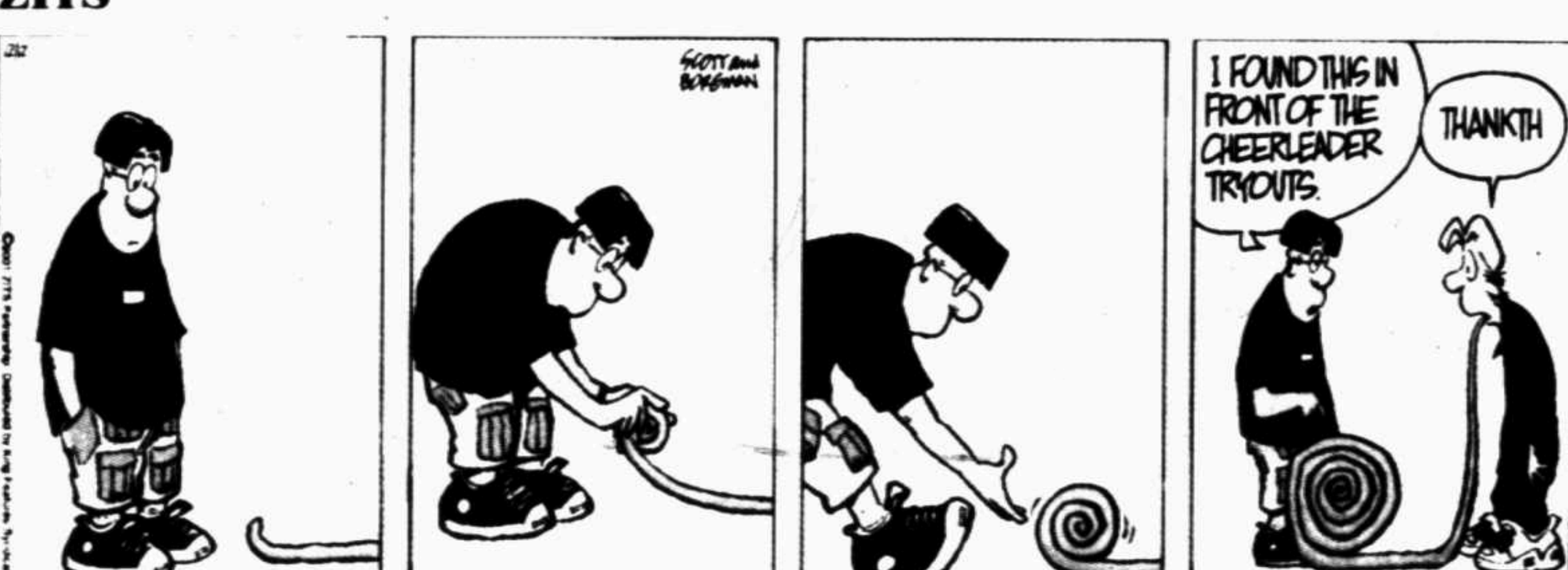
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PEOPLE

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MALIBU, Calif.—An investigation of the shooting that led to the complaint that **Bussey**, the **Oscar** winner of **"The Untouchables,"** was a **2**, said **Sgt. Tim** **f's Department.**

The **57-year-old** investigation of **Bussey's ex-wife** **"Deputies observed** **Youngerman said.**

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Gary Busey arrested, booked on investigation of spousal abuse

MALIBU, Calif. — Gary Busey was arrested and booked for investigation of spousal abuse after his ex-wife called deputies to complain the actor left her bruised, authorities said.

Busey, the Oscar-nominated star of 1978's "The Buddy Holly Story," was arrested at his Malibu home around 6 p.m. on Dec. 2, said Sgt. Tim Youngern of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

The 57-year-old actor was booked at the Lost Hills station for investigation of spousal abuse and was released a short time later on \$50,000 bond, the sergeant said Tuesday.

Busey's ex-wife, Tiani, called deputies to the home. "Deputies observed bruises and her statement led to his arrest," Youngern said. "We are investigating. The bruises many not have been inflicted by him."

Busey is no longer represented by manager Herb Nanas or attorney Arthur Soll, who handled the actor's divorce case and said Tuesday he didn't know how to reach the actor. Busey has no representation listed with the Screen Actors Guild.

Busey and Tiani were married Sept. 23, 1996, about a year after paramedics were called to Busey's Malibu home by his future bride, who said he had collapsed after using cocaine. Authorities filed drug charges, but they were dropped after he enrolled in a drug-rehabilitation program.

The couple divorced in June 2000. Busey's other films include 1992's "Under Siege" and 1993's "The Firm."

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — The theme song for Martha Stewart's television show has hit a sour note for a Redding man who claims he wrote the music but isn't getting credit for it.

Edward Dzubak, a three-time Emmy-winning composer, claims that Stewart's company and musician Kevin Moore violated U.S. copyright law by failing to give him credit for the music used on "Martha Stewart Living."

Dzubak is seeking a court injunction that would force her to stop using the music.

"A composer knows his music when he hears it," he said. The lawsuit was filed Nov. 2 in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

The domestic diva's company, Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia, has issued a statement denying the allegations.

"It's a meritless claim, and we intend to defend ourselves vigorously," the company said.

Dzubak maintains the theme was modified slightly from his composition, but is essentially his work.

Good Things Music Co., an affiliate of Omnimedia, holds the publishing and licensing rights to the music.

LONDON — David Soul won a libel case Tuesday against a journalist who called a soul Soul was in the worst he had ever seen — without having seen it.

The 58-year-old actor and singer, best known for portraying Detective Ken "Hutch" Hutchinson in 1970s television show "Starsky and Hutch," sued Matthew Wright of The Mirror newspaper over a review of the 1998 play "The Dead Monkey."

An article under Wright's byline called the play — in which Soul starred with his wife, Alexa Hamilton — the worst West End show the author had ever seen. It said that only 45 people attended a Monday evening performance, and that the audience laughed derisively at Soul.

Soul's lawyer, Graham Atkins, told High Court judge Sir Charles Gray that Wright had not attended the play, but had sent a free-lance journalist on his behalf. The play did not run on Mondays, and the Thursday performance the journalist saw had been more than half full.

Wright's lawyer, Mark Bateman, said his client apologized for the article's inaccuracies. But he said it was common practice for a columnist to write in the first person even when relying on information from a third party.

Soul was awarded \$29,000 in libel damages plus his legal costs, which the newspaper estimated at \$215,000.

OMAHA, Neb. — Ted Turner is buying 12,318 acres in Cherry County in north-central Nebraska, adding to the holdings for his bison ranches.

The purchase gives the CNN founder about 234,000 acres of ranch land in three counties in Nebraska's Sandhills.

His latest purchase is the Coble Newton Ranch north of Mullen, which the late Doris and Harry Coble owned, the Omaha World-

Herald reported Tuesday.

Turner, 63, also owns land in Sheridan and Garden counties. The manager of Turner's ranch properties in Nebraska, John Hansen, did not immediately return a telephone call The Associated Press made to his office seeking comment.

Turner is the largest private landowner in the United States with about 1.75 million acres in New Mexico, Montana, South Dakota and Nebraska. His ranch empire, based in Montana, raises bison.

LOS ANGELES — Writer-director Billy Wilder has been receiving treatment at a hospital for a urinary infection, his wife, Audrey, said Monday.

The infection was not believed to be serious and he was expected home soon.

Wilder, 95, is a three-time Oscar winner. Among his classic films are "The Lost Weekend," "Sunset Boulevard" and "The Apartment."

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POLICE REPORTS

Compiled from staff reports

Violation of probation: Doris Clubb, 23, of Banning, Calif. was arrested by Midland County Sheriff's deputies at 11:50 a.m. Sunday in Riverside, Calif. on a charge of violation of probation. No bond.

Violation of probation: Katherine Bassey, 42, of Odessa was arrested by Midland County Sheriff's deputies at the Midland County Probation office at 4:45 p.m. Monday on a charge of violation of probation. No bond.

Evading arrest, detention: Oscar Lerma, 22, of Midland was arrested by Midland County Sheriff's deputies at 3:50 p.m. Monday in the 400 block of South Main Street on a charge of evading arrest and detention. Bond: \$2,500.

Violation of probation: Beauford Mattox, 67, of Odessa was arrested by Midland County Sheriff's deputies at 2 p.m. Monday in the 200 block of North Main Street on a charge of violation of probation. No bond.

Possession of controlled substance: Oscar Vargas, 43, of Midland was arrested by Midland Police officers at 12:59 a.m. Monday in the 3100 block of Front Street on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. No bond.

Violation of probation: Abraham Villalobos, 19, of Midland was arrested by Midland County Sheriff's deputies at 12:35 p.m. Monday in the Midland County Jail on a charge of violation of probation. No bond.

State officials pause to remember Sept. 11 attack

By Natalie Gott
Associated Press

AUSTIN — As the sorrowful sounds of taps echoed in the Senate Chamber, Texans on Tuesday remembered the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Gov. Rick Perry said the ceremony marking the three-month anniversary of the attacks also served another purpose: "To tell the evil perpetrators of this act we will not forget and we will not rest until justice is done."

"We are also here to declare our defiance in the face of evil," Perry said. "Terrorist forces silenced the voices of thousands of innocent moms and dads, sons and daughters, sister and brothers, friends and colleagues who are no longer with us. But, the cause of freedom will not be silenced."

President Bush had called on every state to hold an event marking the anniversary of the attacks that left more than 3,000 people dead.

The Capitol ceremony was somber, with a bugler playing taps and bagpipes crying out "Amazing Grace." The Austin Lyric Opera sang the national anthem and "God Bless America."

Mohammed Malley, a spokesman with the Islamic Center of Greater Austin, gave the benediction, quoting from the Koran and reminding everyone about their responsibilities to the children whose parents died in the attack.

"Orphans are always the most innocent victims of any crime or tragedy," Malley said.

Jim White, director of the Harris County Emergency Management Services, told the crowd of his assignment in Albany, N.Y., after the attacks. One of his jobs allowed him to accompany military officials to New York City.

During his speech, he said he saw debris scattered across the ground. Smoke lingered in the air, he said. Then, he saw the Statue of Liberty.

"Cold chills went up and down my back," White said.

State lawmakers and other elected officials were among those who attended the ceremony. Also there were some members of the Texas Task Force I, an urban search-and-rescue team that spent six days at the World Trade Center searching for victims.

The task force was greeted with applause as Perry welcomed them as heroes.

"We weren't the heroes," said Joe Clark, a task force leader and rescue chief of the Houston Fire Department. "The heroes were the ones that didn't come out of the building."

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RACE: 15 incumbents file for re-election

(From 1B)

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■ Shauna Brown, Midland County Clerk since 1999. Age: 45. Salary: \$45,000.

■ Jo Ann Carr, Midland County treasurer since 2000. Age: 55. Salary: \$45,000.

■ Joe Matlock, Midland County Justice of the Peace for Precinct 1 since 1997. Age: 64. Salary: \$42,000.

■ David Cobos, Midland County Justice of the Peace for Precinct 2 since 1997. Age: 45. Salary: \$42,000.

■ George Zimmerman, Midland County Justice of the Peace for Precinct 4 since 1997. Age: 66. Salary: \$42,000.

■ John Hyde, judge of the Texas 238th Judicial District Court since 1990. Age: 59. Salary: \$108,700.

■ Dean Rucker, judge of the Texas 318th Judicial District Court since 1988. Age: 46. Salary: \$108,700.

■ Willie DuBose, judge of the 385th Texas Judicial District Court since 1995. Age: 62. Salary: \$108,700.

■ Vivian Wood, District Clerk since 1983. Age: 63. Salary: \$46,000.

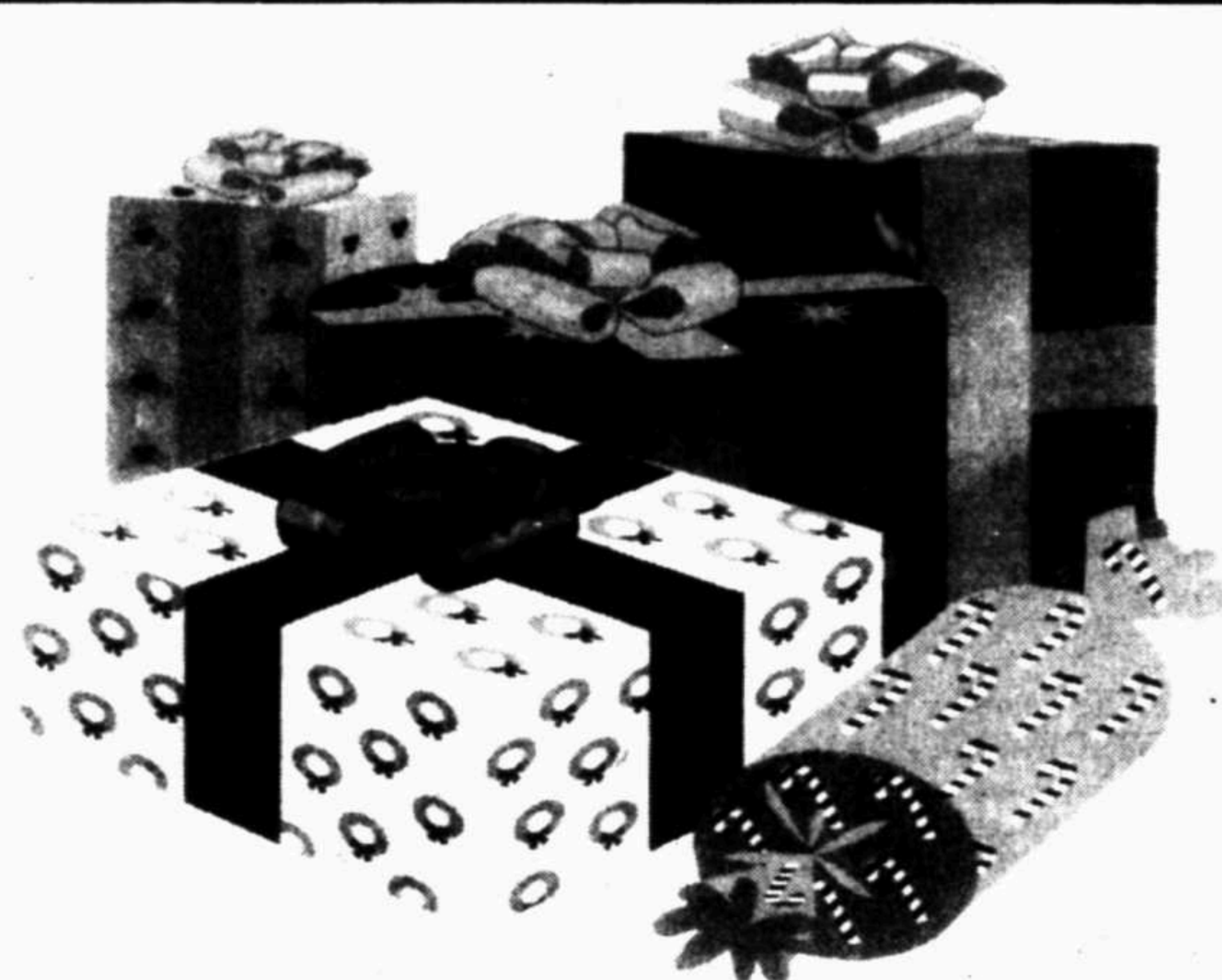
Republicans who wish to file for candidacy may contact Ms. Brannon at 682-7537, the telephone number Midland County Republican Party headquarters at 407 E. Illinois Ave.

The Midland County Democratic Party headquarters is at 601 S. Main St., and the telephone number is 685-3614.

Independent candidates have until Jan. 2, 2002, to file an intent-to-run declaration with the county judge, said Midland

County Elections Administrator Pat Eastup.

Following the March 12 primary elections, independent candidates may start collecting signatures for their candidacy petitions from voters who had not cast ballots in the political party primary elections, Ms. Eastup said. In addition, a person who had voted either primary election may sign an independent candidate's petition if the office the independent candidate seeks was not on the voter's primary ballot.



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DRILL: Simpson says company has defied city officials before

(From 1B)

Subsequent inspections revealed the drilling operations did not cease until approximately Nov. 14.

Endeavor officials had hoped the City Council would overlook the oversight. There were even hints of a potential lawsuit against the city should the Council not rule in Endeavor's favor.

"No decisions have been made (concerning the lawsuit). We will look at our options," said a "disappointed" Jim Boldrick, attorney for Endeavor.

However, according to Midland Mayor Mike Canon, an oil and gas attorney, the problem isn't with the city.

Endeavor drilled nearly one mile within the city limits. They did so in disregard for city requirements and without allowing residents around the drilling site to voice their opinions to the Council.

"I hope before they go to the courthouse they might undertake creative efforts to find a solution to the situation. I don't know what they might be, but I didn't drill the well," Canon said.

"I think the City Council did what they felt was appropriate concerning the situation," Canon added. "People in the area were being impacted. I don't think the Council had much of a choice."

District 4 Councilman Berry

Simpson stated in Council chambers he would vote against the motion and that Endeavor's past was a reason the item didn't pass. This, according to Simpson, was not the first time Endeavor drilled a well inside city limits without approval from the Council. This time, though, the Council wouldn't let the company off.

"If it had been the first time we had a problem, it might have been easier to believe that it was an oversight," Simpson said. "This is a company we have had problems with in the past. They should have been more aware of possible oversights than anyone else."

Simpson said he also hopes Endeavor can work with the city

to remedy the situation.

"I would encourage them to work with city staff on some kind of package and say 'we are willing to do this. We know we were wrong. Here is what we are willing to do.' It would probably pass if they came back to us. That is my gut feeling."

Interlocal agreement between city and county: The city of Midland and Midland County have a comprehensive document that outlines an exchange of services between the two entities.

The agreement covers the following areas: ambulance service, floodplain management services, dispatch services, municipal

court jury summonses, jail contract, health department, city elections, street maintenance, landfill, auction, firefighting, library and filing of documents.

The contract is for exchange of services and not a cash transaction. The agreement brings fees and services up-to-date and also consolidates several separate agreements that have been in place for many years.

Broad Band Plan: After listening to discussion regarding the new pay plan for civilian city employees during its briefing session, the Council approved a 4 percent pay progression on April 1, 2002, for all civilian employees who meet the criteria.

Sports Complex Addition: The Council heard discussion surrounding a \$1.2 million state-of-the-art batting facility to be located next to the baseball stadium at the Scharbauer Sports Complex.

The Rocket Baseball Academy would provide the funding for the project. Already, Rocket has raised \$300,000 through private funding for the purchase of equipment. The facility would require the relocation of infrastructure at a cost of \$38,000 (included in the \$1.2 million estimate).



Wal-Mart employees look on from the parking lot after a shooting at the store in Tyler on Tuesday. A Wal-Mart employee was shot to death near the layaway desk of the Wal-Mart store Tuesday afternoon, police said. Investigators were searching for the shooter, who was believed to be a woman.

AP Photo

Woman killed at Tyler store; victim's sister later found dead

TYLER (AP) — A woman was shot to death at her job in a Wal-Mart discount store Tuesday and her sister was found dead of an apparent suicide a few hours later, police said. They are trying to determine if the deaths are connected.

Police Lt. Tom Giorgio said Terry Hunter, 39, was shot to death in the store in Tyler. He said the body of Hunter's sister was found later in Big Sandy and that the woman matched the description of the person who opened fire at the store.

The name of the woman found dead in Big Sandy had not been released Tuesday evening. Big Sandy is about 20 miles northeast of Tyler.

Wal-Mart spokesman Tom Williams said from company headquarters in Bentonville, Ark., that Hunter was shot while working in the layaway area in the back of the store.

He said the shooter ran out a back door near the tire and lube center.

"We're just so saddened by the death of one of our employees, especially during this holiday season," Williams said.

A Wal-Mart employee, who gave her first name as "Bea", said in a story in today's Tyler Morning

Telegraph that she was standing near Hunter's work area when she heard shots.

"I saw there was a lady shot in the layaway (department)," she said through teary eyes. "I turned around when I heard the shots. There were two. I saw her fall, and the other woman leaving. She didn't do anything. She just fell."

Another Wal-Mart employee, Leon Sumpter, said he was working in the automotive department when the suspect sprinted past him and fled in a rental car with Louisiana plates.

"She had a gun in her hand," he said, shaking. "She just came running out the back, jumped in a car and drove away."

Police haven't yet determined

what caused the shootings.

Also, police said a vehicle that was carjacked earlier Tuesday in Tyler — allegedly by the shooter — was found outside a Tyler

home.

The sister found dead in Big Sandy was in a different vehicle, but police believe the carjacking is related to the case.



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By Richard Ro
AP Football Writer

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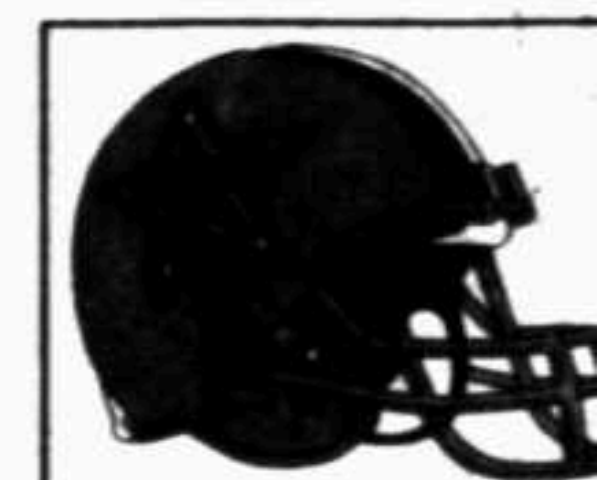
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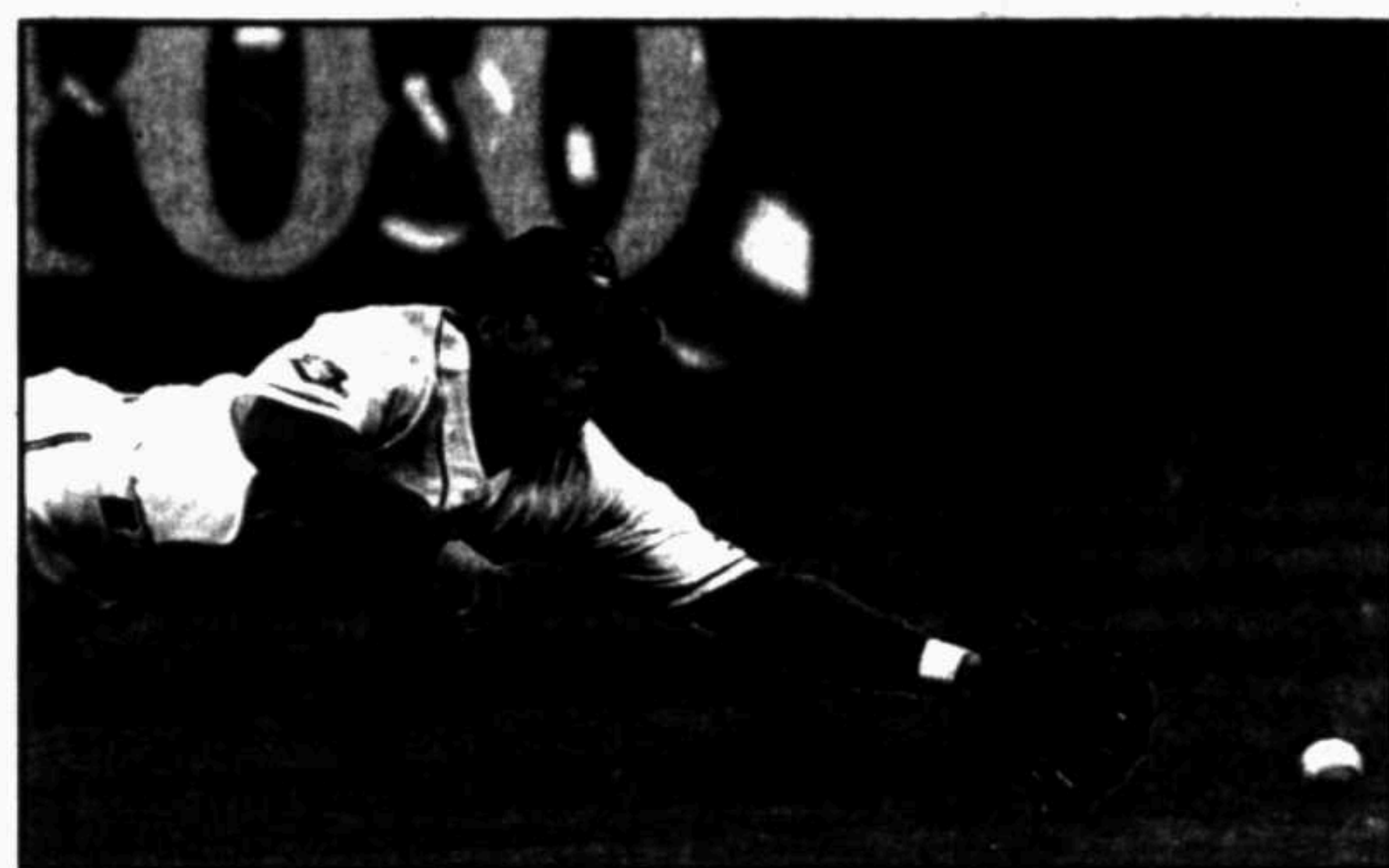
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Roberto Alomar, arguably the best second baseman in baseball, was traded on Tuesday by the Cleveland Indians to the New York Mets as part of an eight-player trade.

Indians send Alomar to Mets

By Ronald Blum
AP Sports Writer

BOSTON — A big, old-fashioned blockbuster brought baseball's winter meetings to life Tuesday, with the New York Mets acquiring second baseman Roberto Alomar from Cleveland in an eight-player trade.

While there was just one trade and no free-agent signings in the first two days of the five-day session, activity intensified Tuesday, with four deals involving 19 players and the first free-agent agreement at the meetings — a \$9 million, three-year contract between pitcher Jay Powell and Texas.

Alomar, also involved in the big Joe Carter trade at the 1990 winter meetings, was by far the most prominent player dealt. The 12-time All-Star was sent to New York with left-hander Mike Bacsik and outfielder Danny Peoples for outfielders Matt Lawton and Alex

Escobar, right-hander Jerrod Riggan and two players to be named. One of the players to be named is lefty Billy Traber, New York's first-round pick in 2000, according to a team official who spoke on condition he not be identified.

"Even as late as midafternoon yesterday, I thought it was a long shot," Mets general manager Steve Phillips said.

Cleveland, which has won six of the last seven AL Central titles, is looking to retool and wanted to get younger.

"I know this trade won't be immediately embraced," new general manager Mark Shapiro said after making his first deal. "I think I'll need a flak jacket when I get off the plane, probably."

It was the second major move in the last week for the Mets, who dealt third baseman Robin Ventura to the Yankees on Friday for outfielder David Justice.

Alomar, a 10-time Gold Glove winner, will join with shortstop Please see **BASEBALL/2C**

Grossman, Crouch earn All-America team spots

By Richard Rosenblatt
AP Football Writer

Quarterbacks Eric Crouch and Rex Grossman added a new twist to the AP All-America team — the Heisman Trophy winner and runner-up are both on it.

■ AP All-America Football Team/2C

Crouch, Nebraska's option whiz, was selected as the all-purpose player, while Grossman, Florida's sensational passer, won the quarterback spot on the team announced Tuesday.

Miami's Ken Dorsey was the second-team quarterback and Fresno State's David Carr made third team.

Crouch directed the Huskers to an 11-1 record and into the BCS' national title game against Miami in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 3. He was the choice in a category that replaced return specialist 10 years ago. The change was made to recognize college football's more versatile players.

Crouch ran for 1,115 yards and 18 TDs; passed for 1,510 yards and seven scores and also caught a 63-yard TD pass. Indiana quarterback Antwaan Randle El was the second-team all-purpose pick.

Grossman, who topped the nation in passing with 3,896 yards and 34 touchdowns, led four Florida players — the most of any school — chosen for the 26-player AP team. He guided the Gators to a 9-2 record, an Orange Bowl berth, and was selected AP player of the year last week.

Wide receiver Jabar Gaffney, offensive tackle Mike Pearson and defensive end Alex Brown are the other Gators on the team. It also includes two players from No. 1 Miami — Outland Trophy winning offensive tackle Bryant McKinnie and free safety Edward Reed, one of three repeat All-Americans.

BYU's Luke Staley and Tennessee's Travis Stephens are the running backs, with LSU's Josh Reed joining Gaffney at wide receiver.

Staley, the Doak Walker Award winner who ran for 1,673 yards, led the nation in scoring with 28 touchdowns. Stephens ran for 1,464 yards and 10 TDs.

Josh Reed caught 94 passes for 1,740 yards and seven TDs in helping LSU win the Southeastern Conference title and a spot in the Sugar Bowl. Gaffney had 67 catches for 1,191 yards and 13 TDs.

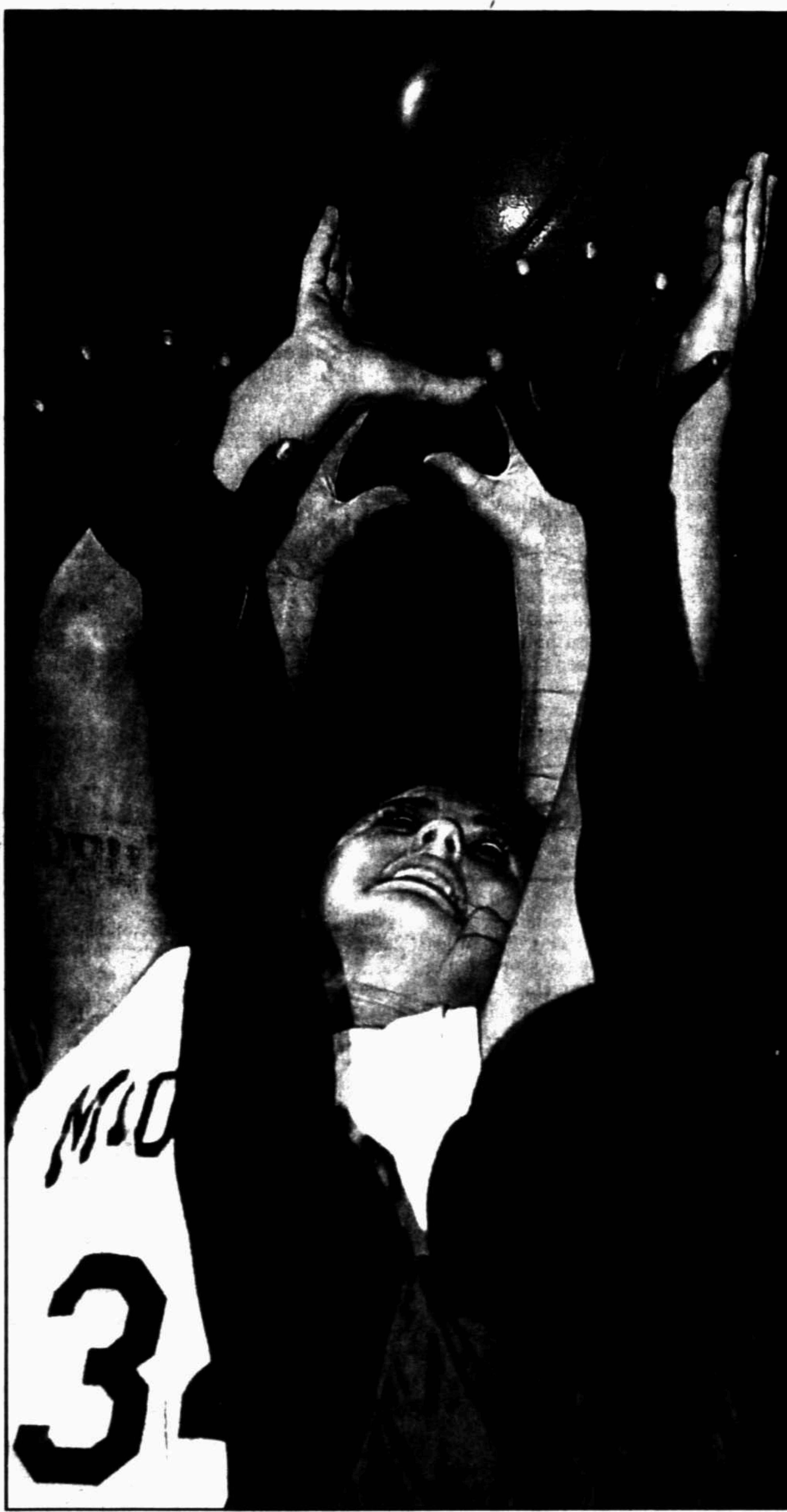
Along the defensive line are four standout ends — North Carolina's Julius Peppers, Syracuse's Dwight Freeney, Tennessee's John Henderson and Brown.

Peppers had 9 1/2 sacks and returned one of his three interceptions for a TD; Freeney led the nation with 17 1/2 sacks and forced eight fumbles; Henderson, injured early in the season, finished strong

Please see **TEAM/2C**

GIRLS OPEN DISTRICT 4-5A PLAY

New Season, Same Results



Lady Dawgs open district with close victory over OHS

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

A new basketball season may be here for the District 4-5A girls, but Tuesday night at Chaparral Center showed that things haven't changed that much since the end of last season.

Defending district champion Midland High hosted Odessa High in a game which could be seen as a microcosm of the recent history of the rivalry, which turned out to be good news for the Lady Dawgs. Midland High clung to a narrow lead in the final minute to pull out a 42-39 victory in the district opener, giving the Lady Dawgs their 13th straight district win.

Although MHS (9-4 overall, 1-0 in district) went unbeaten in district last year, many of its wins were hard-fought contests, and it always seems to be that way against Odessa High (1-9, 0-1) regardless of who comes out on top.

"What you saw tonight was a typical Midland High-Odessa High game as far as it being low scoring and teams changing defensive looks constantly," said MHS coach Terry Gray. "These are two teams who are really young and were really scrapping for that first district win."

It looked as if the Lady Dawgs were going to cruise to that first district win midway through the fourth quarter, as they led 41-29 and Odessa High was struggling to find the range from the floor. But the Lady Bronchos went on a 10-0 run, and when Kayla Sutherland scored on a three-point play with 38 seconds remaining, Odessa High trailed 41-39 and was in position to force overtime.

This actually might have been playing into Midland High's game plan, though. In the first and third quarters, the Lady Dawgs had let the air out of the ball, holding it for almost two minutes on one possession before taking a shot. Holding

Please see **MHS/4C**

District 4-5A Standings

Overall		District	
W	L	W	L
Midland High	9	4	1
Abilene High	8	5	1
Midland Lee	4	7	1
Cooper	7	5	0
San Angelo	10	4	0
Permian	3	8	0
Odessa High	1	11	0

Tuesday's Games

Midland High 42, Odessa High 39; Midland Lee 48, Odessa Permian 34; Abilene High 51, San Angelo Central 36. Abilene Cooper was open.

Friday's Games

Midland Lee vs. Abilene Cooper, 6 p.m., Chaparral Center; Midland High at Abilene High, 7:30 p.m.; Odessa Permian at San Angelo Central, 6 p.m. Odessa High is open.

Cowboys find no success outside of own division

By Stephen Hawkins
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — The Dallas Cowboys are about to leave the comforts of the NFC East. And that usually means a loss.

All four Dallas wins this season and seven of its nine the past two years are against fellow teams in the NFC East, the weakest division in the NFL.



Since the end of the 1996 season, the last time the Cowboys won a postseason game, they have won 33 games — 23 of them (70 percent) against their own division.

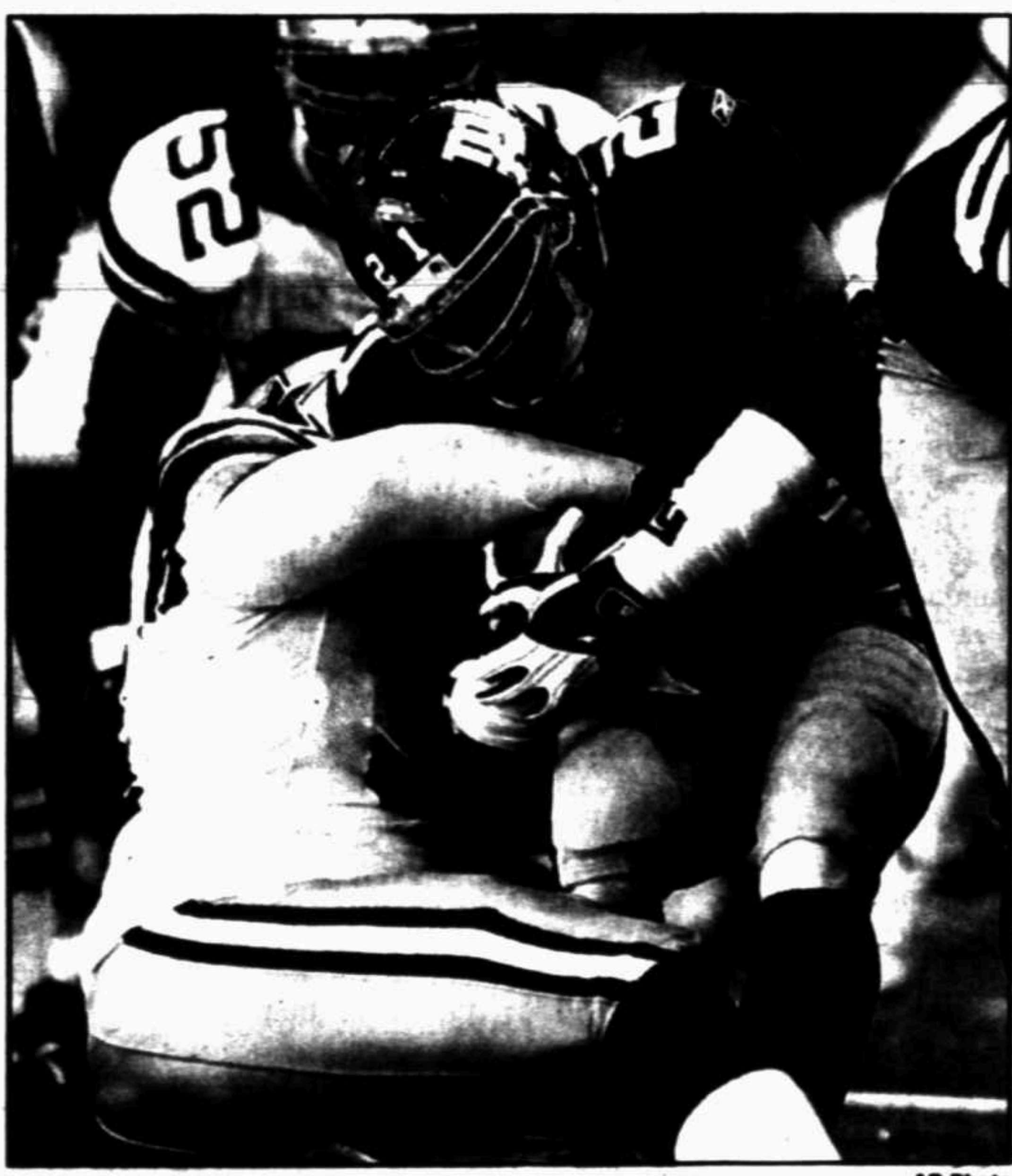
They are 0-5 outside the NFC East this year, and 10-27 the past five seasons.

"Obviously we've been pretty successful in the division over the years. We've been able to put things together there for some reason," said Cowboys coach Dave Campo. "We need to win. It doesn't matter whether it's the division or not."

Things have been even worse when the Cowboys (4-8) play on the road against AFC teams, such as this week when they go to Seattle. The Cowboys have lost eight straight against AFC teams on the road since a 37-7 win at Pittsburgh in the 1997 season opener.

The Cowboys are hoping to build on a two-game winning streak — against Washington and the New York Giants — and possibly avoid consecutive losing seasons for the first time since 1986-90. But to do that, they have to win three games against outside teams (Seattle, San Francisco and Detroit) and beat Arizona for the second time.

"We need to win on the road, we need to win at home, we just need to win," Campo said. "That's why I put so much stock in us



Dallas defensive tackle Michael Myers stops Giants running back Tiki Barber during the Cowboys' 20-13 win Sunday in Irving. All four of the Cowboys' wins this season have come against NFC East opponents.

trying to finish strong. If we finish strong, the attitude will carry over, the enthusiasm will carry over.

"Most of the teams that make the big turnaround going into the next year finish strong."

Dallas has played the Seahawks on the road only twice, in 1976 and 1983. The two teams have played only four other times, all at

Please see **COWBOYS/2C**

Dallas may take training camp back to Austin

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Dallas Cowboys are interested in bringing training camp back to Austin, provided the city grants the team's extensive — and expensive — wish list.

"I truly feel like the sky is the limit for both us if we do this the right way," Cowboys Director of Sales and Marketing John Hickman wrote new Austin Mayor Gus Garcia last week.

"Nothing would please us more than to return to Austin, 'the second home' of the Dallas Cowboys," Hickman wrote.

But for the city, sealing the deal comes with a price: provide two new football fields, training facilities, and up to \$500,000 to cover team expenses.

Garcia's chief aide, Paul Saldana, told the Austin American-Statesman that the city's budget for 2001 and 2002 is "rather tight and the forecast for the next year doesn't look any better."

Garcia has asked City Council member Will Wynn to organize a group to study the Cowboys' offer.

The Cowboys held training camp at St. Edward's University in Austin from 1990 to 1997. The only problem came on the last day of camp in 1997, when the university said players caused up to \$10,000 in damage to a residence hall, ripping security cameras installed by team owner Jerry Jones from the walls, damaging ceiling tiles and leaving a stench of urine in the halls. The Cowboys paid for the damage.

Although Wichita Falls, where the Cowboys have trained for the past four summers, greeted the team enthusiastically when it arrived

Please see **CAMP/2C**

NBA Results

Standings				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
New York	13	7	650	
Boston	13	7	650	
New York	11	10	524	2 1/2
Orlando	11	11	500	3
Washington	8	12	400	4
Philadelphia	13	9	591	5 1/2
Miami	4	15	211	8 1/2
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
San Antonio	13	7	650	
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WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
San Antonio	13	7	650	
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Pacific Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
San Antonio	13	7	650	
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Tuesday's Games				
Boston	102	New York	93	OT
Atlanta	89	Philadelphia	87	
Washington	91	Memphis	81	
Minnesota	107	Golden State	86	
New Jersey	107	Chicago	93	
Cleveland	107	Houston	102	
Dallas	105	Portland	103	
Charlotte	at Denver	late		
Orlando	at Sacramento	late		
Seattle	at L.A. Lakers	late		

Wednesday's Games				
Miami	at Washington	7 p.m.		
Orlando	at San Antonio	7 p.m.		
San Antonio	at Phoenix	8 p.m.		
Seattle	at L.A. Clippers	9:30 p.m.		
Mavericks 105				
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NFL Standings

East						
	W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Miami	9	3	0	750	276	228
New England	8	5	0	815	301	244
N.Y. Jets	7	5	0	583	231	217
Indianapolis	10	0	0	333	298	378
Buffalo	2	10	0	167	205	332
Central						
	W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Pittsburgh	10	2	0	833	228	214
Baltimore	8	4	0	667	237	244
Cleveland	6	6	0	500	220	208
Tennessee	5	7	0	417	238	294
Cincinnati	4	8	0	333	163	234
Jacksonville	4	8	0	333	207	210
West						
	W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Oakland	9	3	0	750	337	261
Denver	7	6	0	539	284	281
Seattle	6	6	0	500	202	254
San Diego	5	8	0	385	287	263
Kansas City	3	9	0	250	226	257

NATIONAL CONFERENCE					
	East				
	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	8	4	0	667	279 155
Washington	6	6	0	500	175 236
Arizona	5	7	0	417	218 289
N.Y. Giants	5	7	0	417	204 226
Dallas	4	8	0	333	196 256
	Central				
	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	9	3	0	750	234 172
Green Bay	9	3	0	750	282 195
Tampa Bay	7	5	0	583	238 205
Minnesota	5	7	0	417	247 287
Detroit	0	12	0	000	214 319
	West				
	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
St. Louis	10	2	0	833	358 190
San Francisco	9	3	0	750	316 252
New Orleans	7	5	0	583	281 249

Atlanta	6	6	0	500	204	254
Carolina	1	12	0	077	208	304
Saturday's Games						
Arizona at N.Y. Giants	12	30	p	m		
Oakland at San Diego	4	p	m			
Sunday, Dec. 16						
Atlanta at Indianapolis	noon					
Denver at Kansas City	noon					
Cincinnati at N.Y. Jets	noon					
Tampa Bay at Chicago	noon					
Minnesota at Detroit	noon					
New England at Buffalo	noon					
Jacksonville at Cleveland	noon					
Miami at San Francisco	3:05	p	m			
Dallas at Seattle	3:15	p	m			
Philadelphia at Washington	3:15	p	m			
Green Bay at Tennessee	3:15	p	m			
Pittsburgh at Baltimore	7:30	p	m			
Open: Carolina						

Saturday's Games				
Atlanta	at N.Y. Giants	12:30 p.m.		
Oakland	at San Diego	1:00 p.m.		
Baltimore	at Tennessee	1:00 p.m.		
Tennessee	at Indianapolis	1:00 p.m.		
San Diego	at Cincinnati	1:00 p.m.		

Sunday, Dec. 16				
Atlanta	at Indianapolis	noon		
Denver	at Kansas City	noon		
Cincinnati	at N.Y. Jets	noon		
Tampa Bay	at Chicago	noon		
Minnesota	at Detroit	noon		

Tulsa at Fort Worth
Bossier-Shreveport at Indianapolis

Harrah's Odds

NCAA Football
New Orleans Bowl

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG
Colorado St	12 1/2	North Texas

Wednesday, Dec. 19
GMAC Bowl

E Carolina	Pk	Marshall
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Thursday, Dec. 20
Tangerine Bowl

Pittsburgh	Pk	N C State
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Tuesday, Dec. 25
Blue-Ray All-Star Classic

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All-Stars		
Las Vegas Bowl		
Southern Cal	3	Utah
Thursday, Dec. 27		
Seattle Bowl		
Stanford	3	Georgia Tech
Independence Bowl		
Alabama	6	Iowa St
Friday, Dec. 28		
Gaillardifurniture.com Bowl		
Texas A&M	7	TCU
Music City Bowl		
Georgia	4	Boston College
Holiday Bowl		
Texas	12	Washington
Saturday, Dec. 29		
Motor City Bowl		
Toledo	4	Cincinnati

Texas Tech			1 1/2	Iowa
Insight.com Bowl				
Kansas St			5 1/2	Syracuse
Monday, Dec. 31				
Humanitarian Bowl				
Clemson			6 1/2	Louisiana Tech
Sun Bowl				
Washington St			8 1/2	Purdue
Silicon Valley Classic				
Fresno St			5 1/2	Michigan St.
Liberty Bowl				
Louisville			2 1/2	BYU
Peach Bowl				
North Carolina			2 1/2	Auburn
Tuesday, Jan. 1				
Cotton Bowl				
Oklahoma			13 1/2	Arkansas
Outback Bowl				

South Carolina	2 1/2	Ohio St.
Gator Bowl		
Virginia Tech	1 1/2	Florida St.
Citrus Bowl		
Tennessee	4	Michigan
Fiesta Bowl		
Colorado	3	Oregon
Sugar Bowl		
SU	3	Illinois
Wednesday, Jan. 2		
Orange Bowl		
Florida	16	Maryland
Thursday, Jan. 3		
Rose Bowl		
Miami	10	Nebraska
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FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG
N.Y. Giants	5 1/2	Arizona

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LOCAL SPORTS

GHS girls blast Crane

GREENWOOD — The Greenwood girls basketball team blasted Crane Tuesday, 57-33.

The Rangerettes took control of this game from the first quarter and had a 35-15 lead at the half. Morgan Crawford led Greenwood (8-2) with 16 points and Katie Voss chipped in with 13.

Greenwood next plays at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Sweetwater.

Greenwood 57, Crane 33
Crane: Schul 5, Martin 7, Frymyre 7, Clark 5, Nelson 5, Garcia 3. Totals: 33.
Greenwood: (8-2) Meredith Vestal 2, Alicia Scott 4, Morgan Crawford 16, Adrian Kyle 2, Megan Chase 6, Meagan Hatley 8, Lindsey Lankford 6, Katie Voss 13. Totals: 57.
3-point goals: C. (Garcia 1), G. (Crawford 2). Total Fouls: C 12, G 17. Fouled Out: None.

Stanton girls fall to DC

STANTON — Denver City beat Stanton, 45-38, in girls basketball action on Tuesday.

Kristi Bridges was the only player in double figures for Stanton (5-7) with 12 points.

Kylie Carter led Denver City with 14 points.

Stanton will next play at Midland Christian on Friday.

Denver City 45, Stanton 38
Denver City: Jennifer Beal 9, Paige Littlefield 3, Kylie Carter 14, Amy Galvan 6, Natalie Webb 1, Shaonta Griffin 12. Totals: 45.
Stanton: (5-7) Micki Villa 2, Kristi Bridges 12, Shelby Harp 2, Kenzie Williams 8, Heather Washington 4, Cayla Cook 3, Megan Kidd 4, Ashley Newell 3. Totals: 38.
Denver City: (9-11) 9 11 13 12 —45
Stanton: (5-7) 9 7 16 —38
3-point goals: DC 4 (Littlefield 1, Beal 2), S 2 (Williams 2, Newell 1). Total Fouls: DC 19, S 25. Fouled Out: None.

Lady Chargers fall to RC

Reagan County proved to be a little too strong against the Trinity Lady Chargers as the Owls won, 83-43, on Tuesday.

Kelly Griffin had 14 points and Christina Leibrock added 12 to lead the Lady Chargers (4-4).

Trinity is back in action on Friday at Fort Davis.

Reagan County 83, Trinity 43
Reagan County: Furr 9, Fisher 9, Jenkins 9, Dane 2, Strube 4, Owens 8, Schneemann 6, Lee 10, Noland 6. Totals: 83.
Trinity: (4-4) Susan Stasney 5, Jennifer Rouse 2, Catherine Privratsky 1, K.C. Beal 5, Christina Leibrock 12, Kelly Griffin 14, Mary McLaughlin 0, Aton Bailey 4. Totals: 43.
Reagan County: (22-24) 22 24 20 17 —83
Trinity: (4-4) 16 7 12 9 —43
3-point goals: RC 2 (Furr 1, Jenkins 1), T 1 (Stasney 1, Beal 1, Leibrock 2). Total Fouls: RC 20, T 15. Fouled Out: Griffin.

Lady 'Kats beat Bronte

GARDEN CITY — The Garden City girls basketball team held Bronte to only six points total in the second and third quarters and came away with a 38-27 win Tuesday night.

The Lady 'Kats scored only four points themselves in the first quarter, but they overcame that by ratcheting up the defense in the next two quarters. Collene Cox and Jessica Hoch each scored seven points to lead Garden City (7-6).

Garden City hosts Forsan at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

Garden City 38, Bronte 27
Bronte: McCutchen 2, Monsey 2, Coalson 2, Williams 7, Springer 6, Richer 6.
Garden City: (7-6) Collene Cox 7, Leslie Jansa 5, Morgan Knight 3, Jessica Hoch 7, Amanda Henderson 6, Anna Flores 2, Lori Hoelscher 2, Megan VanHues 6.
Garden City: (10-2) 10 2 4 11 —27
Bronte: (4-10) 4 10 11 13 —38
3-point goals: Bronte 1 (Cox 1, Hoch 1). Total Fouls: Bronte 15, GC 12. Fouled out: none.

MCA sweeps Cornerstone

SAN ANGELO — The Midland Classical Academy basketball teams both earned victories Tuesday night over San Angelo Cornerstone.

The MCA boys improved to 10-2 with their 81-53 win. John Nelson led the way, with 18 points. David Dunn scored 16, and three players each scored 12: Matt Tower, Lee Irons and Dustin Barker.

The MCA girls routed Cornerstone, 56-13 to improve to 8-2. Kendal Doan scored 12 points for MCA and Rachel Tuck added 10.

Both MCA teams go to El Paso this weekend for district games against El Paso Jesus Chapel on Friday and Saturday.

Boys
Midland Classical Academy 81, San Angelo Cornerstone 53.
MCA: (10-2) John Nelson 18, David Dunn 16, Matt Tower 12, Lee Irons 12, Dustin Barker 12, Robbie Rigney 5, Kyle Doan 4, Bo Ritchie 2.
Girls
Midland Classical Academy 56, San Angelo Cornerstone 13.
MCA: (8-2) Kendal Doan 14, Rachel Tuck 10, Ann Gilbert 8, Ruth Steele 8, Kasey Barker 4, Hilary Posey 4, Allison Stewart 3, Crystal Blakeney 3, Megan McLane 2.

Estacado beats Lady Steers

BIG SPRING — Lubbock Estacado downed Big Spring, 59-49, Tuesday in the District 4-4A girls basketball opener.

Estacado (10-2 overall, 1-0 in district) jumped out to a 17-8 advantage in the first quarter and never looked back.

Big Spring (8-5, 0-1) was led by Brittany Bryant with 16 points, including five 3-pointers. Leina Braxton added 14 and Krystle Long had 12 for the Lady Steers.

Lubbock Estacado 59, Big Spring 49
Lubbock Estacado: (10-2) K. Curry 9, E. Shepard 2, Henderson 24, Green 2, J. Lang 5, T. Boyd 6, T. Nelms 11. Totals: 59.
Big Spring: (8-5) 0-11. Brittany Bryant 16, Krystle Long 12, Jessica Woodward 3, Leina Braxton 14, Ashley Smith 4. Totals: 49.
Lubbock Estacado: (17-14) 17 14 12 16 —59
Big Spring: (8-5) 8 12 14 15 —49
3-point goals: LE 11 (Curry 1, Boyd 1, Shepard 1, Henderson 1, Nelms 1), BS 1 (Bryant 1). Total Fouls: LE 12, BS 16. Fouled Out: Nelms.

Monahans beats MCS boys

The Monahans boys basketball team defeated Midland Christian, 58-53, on Tuesday.

Midland Christian (4-5) was led by Zac Schwarz with 17 points and Jordan Froesch with 13.

Mark Covington led Monahans with 19 points. Ronnie Robledo had 12 and Daniel Gaddis added 10 in the win.

Midland Christian will next host Stanton this Friday at 8 p.m.

Monahans 58, Midland Christian 53
Monahans: Noel Mies 9, Mitch Barron 3, Joseph Jurek 2, Mark Covington 19, Daniel Gaddis 10, Ronnie Robledo 12, Nathan Gaddis 3. Totals: 58.
Midland Christian: (4-5) Jordan Froesch 13, B.J. Williams 9, Zac Schwarz 17, Tony Joseph 4, Kyle Vaughn 7, Shane Wright 3. Totals: 53.
Monahans: (14-17) 14 17 10 17 —58
Midland Christian: (4-5) 8 18 9 18 —53
3-point goals: M 10 (D. Gaddis 2, Robledo 1), MC 3 (Schwarz 1). Total Fouls: M 20, MC 14. Fouled Out: None.

Denver City crushes Stanton

STANTON — The Denver City Mustangs jumped out to a 42-13 halftime lead en route to crushing Stanton 74-26 on Tuesday.

Denver City had a 63-16 lead going into the fourth quarter before finally calling off the dogs.

Ryan O'Donnell led Stanton (4-7) with eight points as no Buffalo was in double figures. Chris Prather had 11 to lead three players in double figures for Monahans (8-1).

Stanton hopes to regroup when it plays Midland Christian on Friday.

Denver City 74, Stanton 26
Denver City: (8-1) Chris Prather 11, Mike Gonzales 10, Jacody Huckaby 10, Ryan Ochlesky 8, Adam Bayer 7, Kelly Hinson 7, Armando Galvan 6, Sam Griffin 5, G. Loya 4, J.J. Williams 4, Nicholas Lozano 2.
Stanton: (4-7) Ryan O'Donnell 8, Michael Harris 5, Ruston Pardue 4, Paul Chandler 3, Chris Ramos 3, T.J. Savage 2, Jared Hale 1, Tullie Louder 0. Totals: 26.
Denver City: (21-21) 21 21 11 —74
Stanton: (4-7) 8 5 3 10 —26
3-point goals: DC 3 (Hinson 1, Prather 1, Huckabee 1), S 1 (Ramos). Total Fouls: DC 16, S 12. Fouled Out: Tullie Louder.

Bronte beats GC boys

GARDEN CITY — Bronte escaped Garden City with a 46-40 win in non-district basketball action on Tuesday.

Garden City had a 20-18 halftime lead but a 10-5 run in the third quarter gave Bronte a 28-25 lead it would hold.

Boyd Batla led Garden City (4-9) with nine points.

Garden City next plays host to Forsan on Friday.

Bronte 46, Garden City 40
Bronte: Hall 8, Lee 1, Webb 9, Baker 2, P. Graves 9, Snyder 2, Betts 15. Totals: 46.
Garden City: (4-9) Brandon Bedner 8, Boyd Batla 9, Sam Griffin 5, G. Loya 4, J.J. Williams 4, Nicholas Lozano 2, Kendall Goodwin 6, Matthew Smerke 3. Totals: 40.
Bronte: (10-8) 10 8 10 18 —46
Garden City: (4-9) 10 10 9 15 —40
3-point goals: B 3 (Hall, Graves, Betts), GC 5 (Bedner 2, Batla 2, Goodwin 1). Total Fouls: GC 22, B 14. Fouled Out: Bedner.

Rangers beat Golden Cranes

CRANE — The Greenwood boys basketball team improved to 10-2 on the season with a 62-54 victory over the Crane Golden Cranes on Tuesday.

Greenwood built a 35-22 halftime lead and held on for the victory.

Nathan Pinkerton had a game-high 22 points for Greenwood. John Mark Hopper added 16 and Shane McNeely added 10 for the Rangers.

Greenwood next hosts Fort Stockton on Monday.

Greenwood 62, Crane 54
Greenwood: (10-2) Chris Hatley 8, Shane Moody 4, John Mark Hopper 16, Nathan Pinkerton 22, Ky Smith 2, Shane McNeely 10. Totals: 62.
Crane: Collins 5, Boydston 9, Blackwood 7, Seanoir 8, Jeffery 4, Lohmeyer 15.
Greenwood: (20-15) 20 15 11 18 —62
Crane: (10-2) 14 8 17 15 —54
3-point goals: G 10 (Hopper 2, Hatley 1, C 3 (Boydston 2, Blackwell 1). Total Fouls: G 19, C 17. Fouled Out: Smith, Seanoir, Blackwood.

Basketball

Junior Varsity Girls
Odessa Permian 36, Midland Lee 24. For Lee: Jenna Rountree 6, Colleen Kimbro 6.
Garden City 39, Bronte 22. For Garden City: Amanda Hirt 12.
Greenwood 44, Crane 29
Midland Christian 70, Monahans 67. For MCS: Chris Rhyum 15, Chance O'Donnell 23, Thomas Hopper 10.
Greenwood 66, Crane 22. For GHS: Archie Williams 15, Mason Wroe 14.
8th Grade Boys
Midland Christian 85, Jai, N.M. 66. For MCS: (8-0) Matt Phillips 10, London Hammer 10, Evan Frost 37.
7th Grade Boys
Midland Christian 47, Jai, N.M. 19. For MCS: (7-1) Grant Davis 20.

Hot start propels Lady Rebels to win in District 4-5A opener

Staff Report

ODESSA — The Midland Lee Lady Rebels jumped out to a 15-2 lead in the first quarter and just coasted to a 48-34 win over Odessa Permian in the District 4-5A opener for both teams.

"Permian turned the ball over numerous times in the first quarter. We had (the lead) up to 20 at one point," said Lee's first-year coach Dan Simmons. "It was good to get a win in our first district ballgame with such a young club. I think the early games prepared us for the district run."

"It was a big win because it was a road win. This will also

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give us momentum to play Cooper on Friday."

The Lady Rebels (4-7 overall, 1-0 in district) got balanced scoring but were led by Lauren Hinsley and T. Howard with 11 points apiece.

"We played a well-balanced game on our part," Simmons said. "I see improvement, slowly but surely. It's just another step."

Azhia Smith had 11 to lead OHS (3-8, 0-1).

The Lady Rebels return home

at 7:30 p.m. Friday to host Abilene Cooper at Chaparral Center.

Midland Lee 48, Odessa Permian 34
Midland Lee: (1-0, 4-7) Lauren Hinsley 4, 2-3 11, Christi Rasmussen 3, 0-0 8, Twymela Howard 5, 0-0 11, Neisha Washington 2-2 6, Mary Griffin 2-0 4, Resha Johnson 0-0 0, Megan Rhoads 1-0 0 2, Ashley Riggs 1-0 2, Wykia Wallace 2-2 8. Totals: 20 6-48.
Odessa Permian: (0-1, 3-8) Fay Esparza 1-0 2, Azhia Smith 5-0 11, Tay Tay Bledsoe 2-0 4, Shanna Mudd 1-0 1 2, Amanda Dugan 0-0 0, Kristi Duckworth 3-1 2 9, Roshell Caulfield 0-0 0, Prima Guyton 1-0 0 2, Deshonna Hill 0-0 0, Brittany Watkins 0-2 2 2, Lee Forrest 1-0 2, Katie McMinn 0-0 0 0. Totals: 14 3-34.
Midland Lee: (15-13) 15 13 10 10 —48
Odessa Permian: (0-1) 2 11 6 —34
3-point goals: Lee 2 (Hinsley 1, Howard 1), OP 3 (Duckworth 2, Smith 1). Total Fouls: Lee 13, OP 13. Fouled Out: None.

Mavs' Nash scores 39 points to lead team past Portland

Associated Press

DALLAS — Steve Nash scored a career-high 39 points, including 17 in the final 6:23, as the Dallas Mavericks ended their season-high three-game losing streak with a 105-103 victory over the Portland Trail Blazers on Tuesday night.

Michael Finley shot only 7-for-26 from the field but finished with 20 points for the Mavericks, who were without top scorer Dirk Nowitzki in the second half. Nowitzki injured his left ankle in the second quarter.

Bonzi Wells had 21 points and 13 rebounds for the Trail Blazers, who had won four of their previous six. Rasheed Wallace and Ruben Patterson had 16 points each, and Damon Stoudamire added 15 points and 12 assists for Portland.

Nash kept the Mavericks ahead down the stretch of a tight game after Tim Hardaway's 3-pointer with 7:48 remaining gave Dallas the lead for good at 81-78.

Nash scored six straight points, capped by two free throws with 3:04 left, to extend the Mavericks' lead 91-86.

With 1:18 left, Nash hit a 3-pointer to increase the lead to 96-87, but he missed three of his team's next six free throws to allow the Trail Blazers to stay close.

Nash's two free throws with 3.9 seconds left gave Dallas a 105-100 lead before Derek Anderson hit

a 3-pointer at the final buzzer for Portland.

The Mavericks, who lost at Utah on Monday night, were playing their third game in four nights.

Nowitzki, averaging 24.5 points per game, finished with 10. He sprained the ankle when he stepped on the foot of teammate Juwan Howard with 9:04 left in the second quarter after a move to the basket. Nowitzki was fouled on the play by Zach Randolph, hit 1-of-2 free throws, and did not return.

Cavaliers 107, Rockets 102

HOUSTON — Zydrunas Ilgauskas scored a season-high 22 points, including 13 in the fourth quarter, as the Cleveland Cavaliers beat Houston 107-102 on Tuesday night — the Rockets' 11th straight loss.

Lamond Murray scored 20 points, and Jumaine Jones added 16 points and 11 rebounds as the Cavaliers improved to 4-1 in the month of December.

Cuttino Mobley had 33 points, including 14 in the fourth quarter to help Houston close the gap to one point after trailing by as many as 20. Oscar Torres added a career-high 28 for Houston, which has its longest losing streak since the 1977-78 team dropped 13 straight from Feb. 27 to March 22.

Cavaliers point guard Andre Miller, the NBA's assists leader, left the game with 5:30 to play with a dislocated right shoulder. The team said Miller will be re-evaluated Wednesday to determine the severity of the injury, but he will miss at least Thursday's game at Dallas.

MHS: Lady Dawgs start off well

(From 1C)

a narrow lead, Midland High had gotten used to running time off the clock.

"Due to our matchups on the floor I wanted to shorten the game and avoid foul trouble," said Gray of his team's unusually deliberate style.

To boot, Odessa High still had two fouls to give before the Bulldogs would get in the bonus and go to the free throw line, which happened with 17 seconds left when Amy Schantz was fouled. Schantz missed the front end of the one-and-one, but Claire Thagard, who had just entered the game in the fourth quarter, grabbed the rebound for MHS. Although the ball was knocked away from Thagard, the Lady Dawgs maintained possession.

With nine seconds left, LaQuon Harris was fouled, mak-

ing the front end of the one-and-one. Harris missed the second free throw, but a 3-point attempt by Odessa High's Krissy Williamson appeared to be deflected and fell well short of the basket.

It's appropriate that Harris helped seal the game for the Lady Dawgs, since she's a three-year starter at point guard. The 5-foot-3 senior, a returning all-district selection, has become an expert at carrying out Gray's game plans.

"I understood what (Gray) was talking about when he said we had to slow it down," said Harris, who had 12 points, and despite her lack of size, pulled down a game-high 10 rebounds. "We're still a young team, trying to get a feel for each other."

It was another three-year letter-winner, Schantz, who got the Lady Dawgs started on offense. Schantz, a junior, opened the

game by hitting a pair of 3-pointers and hit four from beyond the arc for the game, finishing with a career-high 16 points.

"I know the coaches have encouraged me to come in and take a lot more of the open shots that teams were going to give me," said Schantz. "I knew (the Lady Bronchos) were going to be playing zone so I was ready for a lot of open looks."

Sutherland led Odessa High with 13 points.

Midland High 42, Odessa High 39
Odessa High: (0-1, 1-9) Tyki Shorts 3-6 9, Kayla Sutherland 4-6 13, Christina Mendoza 3-0 2, Krissy Williamson 3-0 6, Rhea Jasso 3-4 9. Totals: 34 10-16 39.
Midland High: (1-0, 9-4) LaQuon Harris 4-3 12, Lindsey Moore 2-0 4, Lauren Lucas 4-0 8, Amy Schantz 6-0 1-16, Jessica Markins 1-0 2, Ray Alexander 0-0 0 0, Georgia Foster 0-0 0, Claire Thagard 0-0 0. Totals: 17 3-5 42.
Odessa High: (0-1) 8 12 2 17 —39
Midland High: (1-0) 10 13 8 11 —42
3-point goals: OHS 1 (Sutherland), MHS 5 (Harris 1, Schantz 4). Rebounds: OHS 18 (Mendoza 5, Jasso 5), MHS 21 (Harris 10). Turnovers: OHS 4, MHS 12. Total Fouls: OHS 8, MHS 11. Fouled Out: None. Technical Fouls: None.

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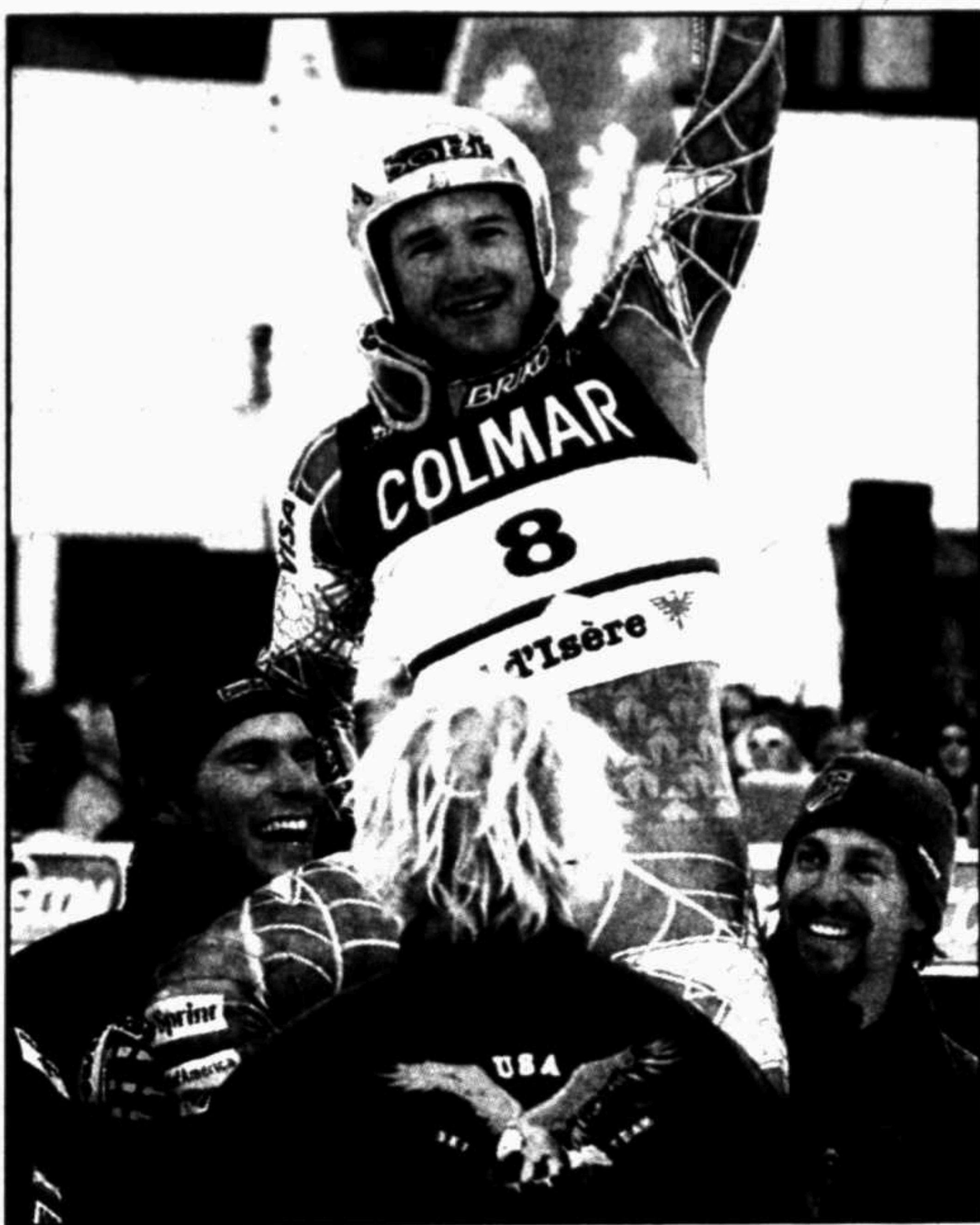
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American Bode Miller celebrates after winning the men's Alpine Ski World Cup giant slalom race Sunday in Val d'Isere, France.

Miller's win puts pressure on him

Associated Press

MADONNA DI CAMPAGLIO, Italy (AP) — Bode Miller understands the stakes: Success on the World Cup circuit only heightens the pressure for the Olympics.

But with the Salt Lake City Games less than two months away, the 24-year-old American wouldn't want it any other way.

"The World Cup isn't followed as much in the States," said Miller, who just erased 18-year American droughts in the World Cup slalom and giant slalom. "But with wins, people start to notice."

The skier from Franconia, N.H., has been getting a lot of wins lately. He became the first American man to win a World Cup slalom since Steve Mahre in 1983. On Tuesday night, in a race that does not count toward the World Cup, he won a slalom exhibition for his third victory in three days.

But for all his success in Europe, the Winter Games are altogether different.

"It's going to be huge," he said. "To have it in your own country — the excitement, the expectations, the attention. I love it. I love it more than anything."

Blond, friendly and always ready to praise opponents and teammates, Miller takes a no-holds-barred approach to skiing. And when he is in a groove, he can be overpowering.

Miller's win in the slalom came just one day after he won the World Cup giant slalom in

Val d'Isere, France, the first American victory in that discipline since a win by Phil Mahre, Steve's twin, in Furano, Japan, in 1983.

It is also the first back-to-back winning performance by anyone in gate competition in more than a year on the World Cup circuit.

U.S. slalom and giant slalom coach Jesse Hunt has been working on getting his young talent to take his attacking style down a notch — particularly in the slalom — to avoid race-ending mistakes.

The win at Madonna, which put him in first in the slalom standings, was the first race in which Hunt said he wasn't worried about Miller crashing.

"Bode's skiing with such confidence now," Hunt said. "We're making history. It's pretty exciting."

And it's all the more impressive considering he blew out his knee at last year's world championships and recovered without major surgery.

Miller finished second in November in a slalom at Aspen, Colo., his final proof that he had fully recovered. But the victories are another sensation.

"Those shivers that go from your toes to the top of your head," he said.

And Miller is tantalized by what could await Salt Lake.

"The Olympics have such a mystique in the U.S. maybe even more than in Europe," he said. "I'm going to go there and ski my heart out."

Golf may need to implement DL

By Doug Ferguson
AP Golf Writer

Golf is finally starting to look like other sports.

It's not the money. While the PGA Tour had 16 players earn at least \$2 million this season, golf is still lagging behind salaries in team sports. TV ratings are at all-time high and growing every year, although they still aren't close to NFL levels.

No, the reason golf can claim to be a real sport is because of injuries.

Any more, the PGA needs a DL.

At the season-ending Tour Championship in Houston, Mark Calcavecchia was asked how many players in the elite 29-man field had made it through the year injury-free. His face went blank, and he started to turn around and look down the practice range.

No peeking. "I don't think I can name one," he said.

This was the tournament where Tiger Woods had to squat just to stick a tee in the ground because he injured his back while getting worked on in the fitness trailer. Sergio Garcia complained of a sore back for the first time in his career. He's 21.

PGA champion David Toms played with tape wrapped tightly around his wrist. And Calcavecchia, suffering from a foot injury, has been sleeping with a

large boot on his right foot to keep his calf and heel flexible.

"It's hard to play with this," he said. "All you've got to do is look at the first four months of the year when it was fine, and what's happened since."

Every week, the PGA Tour puts out a money list, world ranking and updated statistics.

All that's missing is an injury report.

"You're going to see more and more of it," said Davis Love III, who has been plagued by back and neck injuries all season. "I think you're going to see more and more guys whose careers don't last as long."

Golf is starting to sound like other sports. Ask a player for his outlook on the season, and more often than not he'll say, "If I can stay healthy ..."

At least 11 players at the Tour Championship were nicked up at some point this year, some more severely than others.

David Duval, flat on his back for 10 weeks last summer, was pounding balls on the range in March when he felt a sharp sting in his wrist. He missed the next three weeks, including The Players Championship.

Love took two months off heading into the U.S. Open because of back and neck injuries. By the end of the year, he wasn't hitting more than about 30 balls on the range to try

to save his swing for when it counted.

Scott Hoch has taken more cortisone shots in his hand than he cares to remember. Hal Sutton had a tear in the soft tissue in his lower back during the Match Play Championship in Australia. He had four tiny bruises after a physical therapist got done working him over.

Ernie Els had to withdraw from the Scottish Open and nearly bailed on the British Open because of a bad back. Jim Furyk played with an injured wrist the early part of the year. Joe Durant won consecutive starts, injured his neck and missed the cut in nine of his last 12 events. That includes the Tour Championship, which has no cut.

And then there's Tiger.

He got tripped up by an auto-graph hound at Pebble and hyperextended his right knee. He was suffering from an Achilles injury at the U.S. Open that he still doesn't talk about. And his back injury in Houston was the biggest scare of all.

"This is a first," Woods said that day. "I don't see how it cannot concern me."

Why so many injuries?

Some of it is bad luck, like Tom Lehman hurting his shoulder at an amusement park in England in 1997, or Brad Faxon falling off a ladder last year. No

sport is immune from that.

The fitness craze could be partially responsible. More players are spending more time in the gym, when the twist motion of the golf swing is taxing enough.

Besides, how many fat guys get hurt playing golf?

"There's always nagging things," said Mike Weir, who said he had a "little neck thing" the past few years. "You're hitting so many balls. Your body wasn't meant to torque that much. You always come up with little knee and shoulder things. You always see guys in the trailer."

Love sees a bigger problem.

Golf has become a power game, with players trying to get bigger and swing harder to make the ball go farther.

"Guys are just not going to last as long because they're pushing themselves to do things their bodies weren't meant to do," Love said. "We've always said golfing is not good for your back. Well, if you think hitting it 280 is not good for your back, try hitting it 320."

Then again, taking care of the body isn't always enough in golf. Take it from Jesper Parnevik, who has battled shoulder problems and had hip surgery last year.

"My shoulder is fine. My hip is fine," he said. "My brain, I'm not so sure about."

Porter gets tour card — and a daughter

Associated Press

It was his most important tournament of the year, and one of the most pressure-packed events in golf. If that wasn't enough, his wife was having contractions and the doctor said the baby could come any minute. The plan was for him to leave as soon as he got the call.

Phil Mickelson at the 1999 U.S. Open? Nope.

Lee Porter at the final stage of the PGA Tour qualifying tournament.

"She had all the telephone numbers and

could reach me pretty easily," Porter said. "Would I have come home? You never know until you're in that situation."

His wife, Michelle, was not due until Dec. 13, but she started having contractions about the time Porter left Greensboro, N.C., for Q-school in West Palm Beach, Fla., his last chance to get his PGA Tour card.

"It was definitely on my mind when I wasn't on the course," he said. "On the golf course, I had enough to think about. I didn't hit the ball very well, and that made me work

extra hard at it."

Porter went into the last round one shot below the cut line, then closed with a 4-under, 68 and earned his card with two strokes to spare.

A daughter, Claiborne Ann, was born four days later.

"I'm glad she made it through the end of the week," he said.

Like Mickelson at Pinehurst, Porter says he would have withdrawn from Q-school if his wife had gone into labor.

Malone doesn't want to run just any old leg of Olympic torch relay

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah Jazz forward Karl Malone said he would be an Olympic torchbearer if he is assigned a prime place to carry the torch.

"If we can work it out, I look forward to doing it," said Malone, a member with Jazz teammate John Stockton on the 1992 and 1996 U.S. basketball teams that won gold medals.

Malone's agent, Dwight Manley, said last week that Stockton and Malone would take part in the flame-lighting relay during the games' opening ceremony in early February.

"I think Coach Sloan, myself and Stockton have been involved in the Olympics," Malone said. "And you've got them in your back yard and they have yet to use us to do anything."

"I don't know what I'm missing here."

Malone, however, is interested only in the right opportunity.

"If it's the right situation," he said. "I don't really have the desire of running it across the desert somewhere for a tenth of a mile. Running into the Olympic stadium, now that means something."

Utah students vacate Olympic Village dorms

SALT LAKE CITY — For 1,500 University of Utah students, finals week is also moving week as they make way for the Olympics.

Most of the students in the Heritage Commons housing are transferring to the university's old Austin, Ballif and Van Cott dormitories, while their former quar-

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ters are turned into the Olympic Village for the Winter Games in February.

The Olympic athletes won't begin moving in until Jan. 29. In addition to housing 3,500 athletes, coaches and officials, the 70-acre village will offer 24-hour dining, entertainment and recreation services.

Though the old dorms will be a step down for some, the university has spruced them up and rewired them for Internet access. All told, the move is costing the university \$800,000.

Salt Lake organizers provided \$28 million of Heritage Commons' \$164 million cost.

IOC eyes possibility of 2004 Afghan Olympic team

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — The IOC thinks it is too early to say if Afghanistan will be able to send a team to the 2004 Athens Olympics.

Afghanistan is the only country barred from the Olympics by the International Olympic Committee. The Afghan Olympic committee was suspended several years ago, partly because of the Taliban's policy of banning women from sports competition.

But with the regime removed from power, Olympic officials hope Afghanistan can be reinstated and field a team — including women — in time for the Summer Games in Athens.

The IOC has ruled out any Afghan participation at the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City in February.

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The Lee High School Soccer Booster Club will host a Meet the Players Day on Dec. 13. The event, which starts at 7 p.m. in the Lee cafeteria, will introduce the players and coaches of the boys' and girls' teams. Out-back Steakhouse will provide hamburgers. Contact any player for tickets, or call Trey Shepherd at 688-6929 or 697-2504, or Darcy Knight at 699-0550, or Lori Fultz at 689-4205...

Basketball...

Signups for the Boys and Girls Club Basketball League will continue through Dec. 12 for kids in grades K-6. Girls and boys will play in separate leagues. Cost is \$3 for memberships and \$10 for basketball. Also, if there is anyone interested in coaching there are openings. For more information call David Jones at 683-0050...

There is a Men's Basketball League being started at the Boys and Girls Club of Midland. Cost is \$100 per team. The league will play games at the Taylor Park Boys and Girls Club facility. There are 10 games plus a tournament game. For more information call David Jones at 683-0050...

Registration has started for the YMCA Winter League, which starts play on Jan. 15. The league is for boys and girls in kindergarten through eighth grade. Fees are \$25 for YMCA members and \$38 for non-members. Registration ends Dec. 16. For more information, call the YMCA at 682-2551...

A Men's Christmas Basketball Tournament is going to be held Dec. 21-22 at the Boys & Girls Club of Odessa. It is a double

elimination tournament and the entry fee is \$110 for teams with an eight-man roster. Roster deadline is Dec. 17. For more information call Dr. Wright at 352-4101 or 550-6103 (home) or 332-7891 (work)...

Softball...

The Texas Tech coaching staff will conduct softball clinics Dec. 15 at the MUGS Complex in Midland. Two sessions will be offered: a hitting clinic from 9-11:30 a.m., and a pitching clinic from 1-3 p.m. Fees for the sessions are \$40 for either session or \$65 for both. The sessions are limited to the first 40 players who sign up, and registration begins 30 minutes before the 9 a.m. session. No phone number is available for more information...

XL88, a girls' 16 and under competitive fastpitch softball team, is looking for players for the 2002 season. If interested, please call Don Manuz 520-8595 or 634-5151...

Umpires who are interested in working high school fastpitch softball games should meet at the MUGS Umpire Building at 7 p.m. Dec. 12. For more information, call Mack at 520-5961 or Al at 684-8481...

Baseball...

The University of Texas will host two baseball camps in December, both at Disch-Falk Field in Austin. The first will be a specialty camp Dec. 21-23 for ages 7-18. The second will be an advanced specialty camp held Dec. 28-30 for ages 14-18. Each camp will have three individual sessions, for hitting, defense and pitchers/catchers. Overnight accommodations are available for each camp. For more information, call (512) 471-3309 or e-mail howardh@mail.utexas.edu...

Umpires are needed to officiate high school baseball games. For more information, call Danny Garcia at 697-8409...

The Midland Junior Baseball Association will hold sign-ups for spring baseball on Jan. 26 and Feb. 2 at the Midland Community Center, located at 2300 Butternut Lane (off

Scharbauer Drive by Lee Freshman). Sign-ups will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Sign-ups can also be made at Stadium Sports. Call Robert Thomas at 688-3422 with any questions...

The Midland Winter Baseball Camp will be Dec. 26-28 at Zachery Field on the east side of Memorial Stadium. Cost is \$100 for all three days or \$40 a day. The camp is for players ages 7-12. Midland High's state championship coach Barry Russell will instruct ages 7-12 while Danny Jordan of the Rocky Baseball Academy will instruct ages 13-18. Players from Southwestern, Rice, UT-Arlington, Oklahoma and Texas Tech will be at the camp. Call Russell at 570-6681 or 689-1337 or Jordan at 520-2821 or 352-3138 for more information...

Tennis...

After-school tennis programs are being conducted by Luis Valdez on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the Kimber Lea Swim and Tennis Club. The times for different ages and skill levels are as follows: third-sixth grade beginners, 4:30-5:30 p.m.; third-sixth grade intermediate and advanced players, 5:30-6:30 p.m.; seventh-ninth grade intermediate and advanced players, 6:30-7:30 p.m. A session for elite players is also planned for Tuesdays. For more information, call 580-8929 or 570-6245...

Pot Luck tennis matches will be held on Saturday mornings for adults of all skill levels at the Midland College Tennis Complex. Pairings will be made at 9:30 a.m., but players can come earlier to sign up or warm up. Cost is \$1 for balls, plus \$2 court fee for those who are not members of the Midland Tennis Club. Players don't have to call — they can just show up — but to get more information, call the Center at 687-4046 or Betty Lewis at 570-6511...

Midland Tennis Club is accepting membership dues. Members are allowed to participate in MTC tournaments and use the Midland College Tennis Center year round. MTC dues are as follows: adults \$50, juniors (18 or younger as of Jan. 1, 2001) \$30, family \$125...

Soccer...

Midland Soccer Association is having spring sign-ups through Jan. 27 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Midland Soccer Association Office at 4400 N. Big Spring, Suite C-41. Cost is \$45 per player for up to two players from the same household. There are family discounts for households which have three or more players registering at the same time. Players must be 4 years old on or by Dec. 31, 2001. First time players or those players who have skipped seasons must provide MSA a copy of their birth certificate at registration. For more information call MSA at 684-KICK (684-5425)...

Running...

The Permian Basin Road Runners Club is a non-profit, educational organization for runners living in West Texas and southeastern 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; joggers or walkers, regardless of experience. The club sponsors monthly fun runs, specialized training, group runs and runs for charity. For information, call Penny Wasem at 697-6391. Web site is www.stormpages.com/pbrrc...

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 offering water aerobics classes Monday through Saturday at Mabec Aquatic Center. Morning, afternoon and evening classes are available. Swimming skills are

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not required. All classes are open to the public. COM provides all equipment. Cost is \$47.50 per month for single membership, or \$70 for a couple. For more 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 swimming lessons for children and adults. Private lessons are available upon request. For more information, call Leaf Faller at 682-2551...

The Midland YMCA is offering water aerobic classes. Early morning, morning and evening classes are available. No swimming ability is necessary to participate in these classes. For more information please call Leaf Faller at 682-2551...

The Central YMCA is offering arthritis water exercise classes. Classes are on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at varying times during the day. For more information call Leaf Faller at 682-2551...

The Midland YMCA, 800 North Big Spring, is offering

swimming lessons for children and adults. All swimmers are grouped according to ages and ability. Private lessons are available upon request. Safety skills are taught to all swimmers at all levels. For more information, call Leaf Faller at 682-2551...

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...

Walking...

Midland Walkabout AVA Club is a new club to Midland and meets every fourth Monday of the month at the Midland Public Library in the upstairs meeting room at 7 p.m. AVA is the American Volkssport Association and is a walking club for all ages and levels of walking. The club will have the opportunity to take sanctioned walks all over Texas. Jack Rogers is the president and can be contacted at 570-0869...

Flag Football...

The Midland YMCA needs referees for YMCA Youth Flag Football. Call 682-2551 or come by the central YMCA for more information...

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Stocks mixed

NEW YORK — The stock market struggled to find a direction Tuesday despite the Federal Reserve's 11th interest rate cut of the year and a bullish forecast from Nokia.

Tech stocks managed a small gain, but the broader market fell back when a disappointing outlook from Merck late in the session reminded investors the timing of an economic turnaround is still uncertain. Analysts said the Fed's decision to lower rates, while welcome, was widely expected and failed to inspire sustained buying.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 33.08 or 0.3 percent, at 9,888.37. It was the fourth straight decline for the index, which had risen as much as 93 points on news of the Fed cut.

Broader stock indicators were mixed. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 3.17, or 0.3 percent, to 1,136.76. The technology-focused Nasdaq composite index rose 9.81, or 0.5 percent, to 2,001.93.

In its statement issued announcing the rate cut, the Federal Reserve indicated it saw some signs of "preliminary and tentative" stabilization, but said it remained focused on the risk of more economic problems. Although rates are a 40-year low, the statement's tone suggested that more reductions are possible.

Crude falls

NEW YORK — Crude oil and petroleum products futures fell slightly at the New York Mercantile Exchange Tuesday amid uncertainty over OPEC plans to cut output and expectations of an increase in U.S. crude oil inventories.

After markets closed, data released by the American Petroleum Institute showed a gain in American inventories of gasoline, crude oil and distillate fuels, which includes heating oil and diesel fuel.

January crude oil futures fell 29 cents to close at \$18.08 a barrel.

"We think OPEC will look the other way and cut anyhow, but this will certainly limit the effectiveness of the plan," said Tim Evans, an analyst at IFR Pegasus in New York.

Cocoa up

Bulls returned to the cocoa market Tuesday after a six-session absence, putting futures on an ascent again at the Coffee, Sugar & Cocoa Exchange.

The move wasn't the result of fresh news, but stemmed from solid buying by commercial participants such as chocolate manufacturers and trade houses on the London International Financial Futures & Options Exchange, and a lack of hedge selling by producers.

After hitting an intraday peak of \$1,295 a metric ton, the leading March contract settled \$69 up at \$1,290 a ton.

Soybean falls

Soybean futures fell, mostly pressured by aggressive commercial and fund selling, with a monthly report from the Agriculture Department largely ignored.

The January contract dropped 5.50 cents to \$4.3750 a bushel. Floor traders said speculative funds sold roughly 5,000-5,500 contracts of soybeans.

FTC OKs Purina, Nestle merger

By David Ho
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal regulators approved the \$10.3 billion purchase of Ralston Purina by Swiss food giant Nestle S.A., clearing the way for a pet-food empire with such brands as Alpo, Purina, and Friskies.

To win approval the companies agreed to sell two of Ralston's dry cat food brands — Meow Mix and Alley Cat — the Federal Trade Commission said Tuesday. The decision ends an 11-month antitrust approval process.

Peter Brabeck-Letmathe, Nestle's chief executive, said the FTC's decision "ensures even more competitiveness in the world's most important pet-care market."

Nestle now holds 32 percent of the U.S. cat food market, while St. Louis-based Ralston has 26 percent. Nestle also adds Ralston's 28 percent share of the dog food market to the 10 percent it already has.

Nestle has agreed to sell the two dry cat food brands to the Boston-based investment firm J.W. Childs Equi-

ty Partners II LP, which owns the pet supply company Hartz Mountain, the FTC said. Nestle will also have to give up international trademarks for Meow Mix and Alley Cat and help Childs take over the brands.

"Without the terms provided by this consent order, Nestle would acquire, among other things, Meow Mix, the best-selling dry cat food brand in the country, and as a result would have nearly a 45 percent share of the U.S. dry cat food market," said Joe Simons, director of the FTC's Bureau of Competition.

The FTC voted 4-0 to approve the deal with Chairman Timothy Muris not voting.

John McMillin, an analyst with Prudential Securities Inc., said Nestle was big in the canned pet food market, but the deal makes them a major player in the fast-growing area of dry pet food.

"It makes Nestle a better pet-food company," McMillin said. He said that because of Nestle's international reach the purchase also will "allow Ralston to be more of a global pet-food company."

By selling the two brands, Nestle gives up 10 percent of the dry cat food market but remains "an extra-

ordinarily dominant pet-food company," McMillin said.

Last week, Senate Judiciary Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., suggested that the FTC extend its investigation of the merger because of potential antitrust issues. He cited concerns from consumer and farm groups that the deal would lead to higher pet food prices and give Nestle an unfair advantage on store shelves.

Arthur Jaeger, associate director of the Consumer Federation of America, said the deal also limits consumers' choices.

"By lessening competition, there's less incentive to come up with newer and better products," he said.

The Nestle's current pet food business has annual sales of about \$3.7 billion. Last year, Ralston had sales \$2.25 billion in the United States and \$450 million internationally.

In the deal announced in January, Nestle agreed to pay \$33.50 in cash per Ralston share and to assume \$1.2 billion in debt, though this was to be partially offset by gains of \$900 million from existing investments.

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AP Photo
Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan waves during a hearing on Capitol Hill in this file photo. With a recessionary economy shedding jobs at the fastest rate in more than two decades, the Federal Reserve cut interest rates for the 11th time this year.

Fed cuts key interest rate by quarter-point

By Jeannine Aversa
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve cut a key interest rate Tuesday for the 11th time this year in an attempt to keep the economy from sinking further into recession. The quarter-point reduction was less than the half-point cuts the central bank had been making since the Sept. 11 attacks.

The Fed's cut is aimed at bolstering the economy, which has been in recession since March and was dealt another severe blow by the terrorist attacks. In their aftermath, consumer confidence has plunged, layoffs have rocketed and unemployment soared, hitting 5.7 percent in November.

Economists hope that lowering borrowing costs will persuade consumers and businesses to spend and invest.

On Tuesday after their last scheduled meeting of the year, Federal

Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues announced they were cutting the target for the federal funds rates, the interest banks charge each other on overnight loans, to 1.75 percent, the lowest since July 1961.

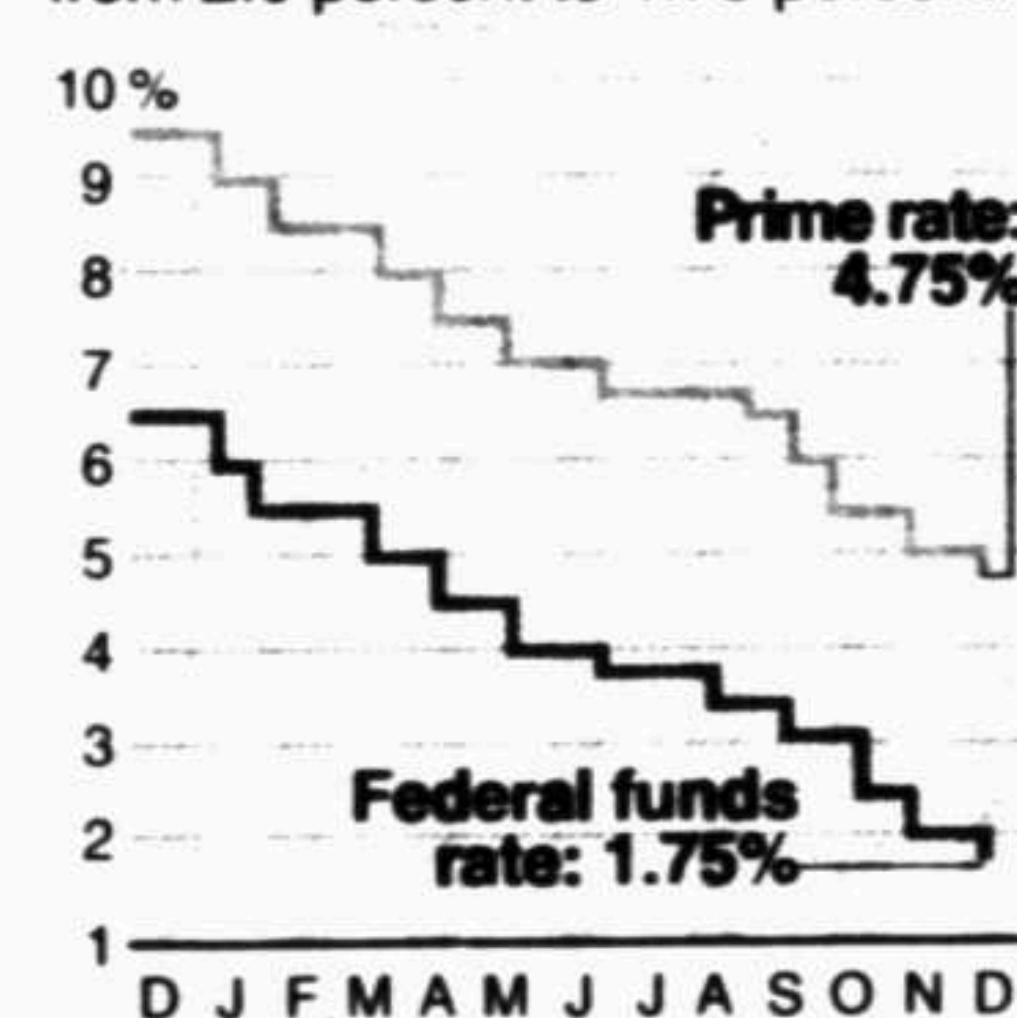
The Fed, in explaining its rate cut said: "To be sure weakness in demand shows signs of abating, but those signs are preliminary and tentative."

In response, commercial banks were expected to reduce their prime lending rates, the benchmark for millions of consumer and business loans, by a similar quarter-point to 4.75 percent, the lowest since November 1965.

Tuesday's quarter-point cut in the federal funds rate marked the fourth reduction since the terror attacks, but the three previous cuts were each by a bigger half-point. The last rate cut came Nov. 6.

Fed trims rate to 1.75 percent

In an attempt to keep the economy from sinking further into recession, the Federal Reserve cut the federal funds rate Tuesday from 2.0 percent to 1.75 percent.



NOTE: Commercial banks were expected to reduce their prime rates to 4.75 percent.

SOURCE: Federal Reserve AP

Enron officials won't appear at House hearing

By Marcy Gordon
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Enron Corp., whose stunning collapse is being investigated by federal regulators and Congress, is declining to send any officials to a hearing today by two House panels.

"I don't think they want to, or are not prepared to answer some very pointed questions about what went wrong," Rep. Michael Oxley, R-Ohio, chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, said Tuesday in a telephone interview.

The hearing is being conducted by two subcommittees of the panel. Joseph Berardino, chief executive of Big Five accounting firm Arthur Andersen LLP, which was Enron's longtime auditor, and Robert Herdman, chief accountant of the Securities and Exchange Commission, are appearing as requested by the lawmakers.

Asked whether the committee planned to issue a subpoena to Enron officials to compel an appearance, Oxley said that would not happen immediately. However, he added, "We can certainly contemplate that at a later date." Additional hearings are planned on the subject.

Today's inquiry is designed to help Congress and the public "understand as best we can what structurally went wrong, what mistakes were made and what mistakes were not noticed," Oxley said.

Subjects to be examined include accounting practices by the company and Andersen, and potential securities law violations, and Enron's handling of its employees' 401(k) retirement investment plans, he noted.

At Enron's headquarters in Houston, spokeswoman Karen Denne said neither Chairman and Chief Executive Kenneth Lay, who was invited by the lawmakers, nor any other Enron representatives will testify Wednesday.

"We don't believe we would be able to adequately serve the interest of the committee while at the same time trying to serve the interest of our credit shareholders and our current and former employees," Denne said.

The SEC is examining Enron's use of questionable partnerships that allowed the energy-trading company to keep half a billion dollars in debt off its books, and has issued subpoenas to Andersen related to its auditing of Enron's accounts. The company, which only months ago was the nation's seventh-biggest in revenue, has acknowledged that it overstated profits for four years.

Enron filed for bankruptcy protection from creditors on Dec. 2, following a six-week downward spiral.

BUSINESS SCENE

Tergerson's Fine Foods founder resumes operation of company

By Mella McEwen

Longtime Midlander Don Tergerson has resumed ownership and operation of TERGERSON'S FINE FOODS, the food service company he founded in 1950.

He returns to the company he sold in 1995 so he could retire and has renamed it Phoenix Fine Foods, doing business as Tergerson's Fine Foods, because "we're going to rise from the dust and fire to soar to new heights."

He and his seven employees deliver foods to restaurants, schools, hospitals and nursing homes in Midland and in communities within a 150-mile radius of the Tall City, including Jal, Eunice and Hobbs, N.M. and Pecos and Fort Stockton in Texas.

Tergerson, the father of four and approaching his 54th wedding anniversary, came to Midland in 1949 with the Piggly Wiggly grocery store chain and started Tergerson's in 1950, selling eggs he bought from family and friends in Central Texas, where he was raised. Gradually, he added ice-packed chicken fryers and then frozen foods, expanding the business to the full-service food supplier it is today.



McEwen

He said it is a lot of work but he is enjoying taking up the reigns of the company again.

Odessa-based AY PAPAPOSITOS has opened a second location, in Midland at 4400 N. Big Spring in Mission Square Shopping Center.

Owned by Junior Loera, Ay Papositos offers Tex-Mex fare like fajitas, enchiladas, quesadillas and burritos and American fare like t-bone steaks and seafood. Different dishes are featured daily.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday.

MIDLAND POWERSPORTS, 5900 W. Highway 80, has been named the new West Texas dealer for Bombardier all-terrain vehicles manufactured by Bombardier Recreational Products, a division of Bombardier Inc.

Bombardier Inc. not only manufactures business jets and regional jets and rail transportation equipment but its line of recreational products include Ski-Doo snowmobiles and Sea-Doo watercraft.

Midland Powersports is now the authorized dealer of Bombardier, Honda, Kawasaki, Suzuki and Polaris ATVs and for Honda, Kawasaki and Suzuki motorcycles and Kawasaki and Polaris personal watercraft.

MIDLAND PARK MALL will play host to sev-

eral notables this weekend.

New York Yankees' infielder Randy Velarde, a Midland Lee graduate and resident, will sign autographs in Center Court Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. Autographed photos will cost \$5 and autographed balls \$10, with all funds raised donated to Crestview Baptist Church in care of the victims of the fire at the Hawthorne House apartments. Velarde will match dollar-for-dollar all the funds raised by the autograph session.

Noted author Elmer Kelton will autograph his book "Way of the Coyote" and Midland romance author Eileen Wilks will sign her trilogy printed under the Silhouette Desire imprint in an autograph session sponsored by WALDENBOOKS and held in J.C. PENNEY Court from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

Santa Claus will have cookies and milk with children and their parents in Sears Court Saturday from 9 to 10 a.m. The treats are on Santa.

On Sunday, Santa will be available from 9 to 10 a.m. and 7 to 8 p.m. for photos with pets. Small pets — on leash — should be brought through the south entrance between SEARS and BEALLS.

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Sweet holiday traditions

It's that magical holiday season again. And, as we all settle in for the shorter days and festive nights, we are often reminded of holidays past and traditions that are passed down from generation to generation. As we hear the familiar strains of a favorite tune or unpack the decorations that belonged to a well-loved grandparent, memories sweep over us.

And some of the best of those memories involve the delicious holiday treats that we all love. Here are some scrumptious recipes that capture the traditional spirit, as well as some new ideas for creating special holiday traditions of your own!

This Perfect Pumpkin Pie is a rich and creamy version that is a sure crowd-pleaser for your Christmas feast. Bite into a Decadent Chocolate Truffle for a mouthwatering chocolate rush. These truffles are an elegant accompaniment to after-dinner coffee and make ideal gift-giving treasures. Decorate them as you please for a variety of different tastes and textures.

Cherry Swirled Cheesecake is the perfect centerpiece for your holiday buffet or potluck dinner. This red and white swirled dessert looks impressive but is quite easy to make.

Nothing evokes holiday feelings like the smell of freshly baked cookies like these Lemony Cheesecake Bars. The tangy lemon cheesecake filling and the graham cracker and pecan crust make for a delicious combination.

Try pairing these treats with Hearthside Cider. Nothing's better to take the chill off a cold winter's night!



LEMONY CHEESECAKE BARS

Servings: 24 bars
Preparation Time: 25 minutes
Bake Time: 35 minutes

- 1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
 - 1/3 cup finely chopped pecans
 - 1/3 cup sugar
 - 1/3 cup margarine or butter, melted
 - 2 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
 - 1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk (not evaporated milk)
 - 2 eggs
 - 1/2 cup lemon juice from concentrate
1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees. In medium mixing bowl, combine crumbs, pecans, sugar and melted margarine; mix well. Reserve 1/3 cup; press remaining mixture into a 13-by-9-by-2-inch baking pan. Bake 6 minutes. Remove and cool on wire rack.
 2. Meanwhile, in large mixer bowl, beat cream cheese until fluffy. Gradually beat in milk. Add eggs; beat until just combined. Stir in lemon juice. Carefully spoon mixture atop crust in pan. Spoon reserved crumb mixture to make diagonal stripes on top of cream cheese mixture or sprinkle to cover.
 3. Bake about 30 minutes or until knife inserted near center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack 1 hour. Store in refrigerator. Cut into bars to serve.



TOP: Perfect Pumpkin Pie; ABOVE: Lemony Cheesecake Bars; BELOW: Cherry Swirled Cheesecake; BOTTOM: Decadent Chocolate Truffles

CHERRY SWIRLED CHEESECAKE

Servings: 1 9-inch cheesecake
Preparation Time: 20 minutes
Bake Time: 50-55 minutes

- 1 1/4 cups chocolate cookie crumbs
 - 1/4 cup sugar
 - 1/3 cup margarine or butter, melted
 - 1 (21-ounce) can cherry pie filling or topping
 - 1 teaspoon grated orange rind
 - 2 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
 - 1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk (not evaporated milk)
 - 3 eggs
 - 1/3 cup lemon juice from concentrate
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1. Preheat oven to 300 degrees.
 2. Combine crumbs, sugar and margarine; press firmly on bottom of 9-inch springform pan.
 3. In blender container, purée pie filling until smooth; add orange rind.
 4. In mixer bowl, beat cream cheese until fluffy. Gradually beat in milk until smooth. Add eggs, lemon juice and vanilla; mix well.
 5. Pour half of batter into pan; top with 1/2 cup purée. Repeat layering. With knife, swirl purée into cream cheese mixture.
 6. Bake 50 to 55 minutes or until center is set. Cool. Chill. Serve with remaining purée. Refrigerate leftovers.



DECADENT CHOCOLATE TRUFFLES

Servings: 6 dozen 1-inch round candy truffles
Preparation Time: 20 minutes
Chilling Time: 3-4 hours

- 3 cups (18 ounces) semi-sweet chocolate chips
 - 1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk (not evaporated milk)
 - 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- Coatings (optional): Finely chopped toasted nuts, flaked coconut, chocolate sprinkles, colored sprinkles, unsweetened cocoa powder, confectioners' sugar or colored sugars
1. In large saucepan, melt chips with sweetened condensed milk. Remove from heat; stir in vanilla. Pour into medium-sized bowl. Cover and chill 2 to 3 hours

- or until firm.
2. Shape into 1-inch balls; roll in any of the listed coatings.
3. Chill 1 hour or until firm. Store tightly covered.

Ideas:

- Place individual chocolate truffles into gold/silver foil candy wrappers and arrange on a tray for a decadent dessert tray.
- Serve with a cup of after-dinner coffee as a "mini" chocolate treat.
- Truffles make a great homemade gift at the holidays. Say "thank you" to a friend or coworker with a box of truffles. Arrange several truffles in a pretty silver box or tin; decorate inside of box with colorful waxed paper. Wrap with bow. Reusable tins are a nice keepsake, too.

PERFECT PUMPKIN PIE

Servings: 1 9-inch pie
Preparation Time: 20 minutes
Bake Time: 50-55 minutes

- 1 (15-ounce) can pumpkin (2 cups)
 - 1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk (not evaporated milk)
 - 2 eggs
 - 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1 (9-inch) unbaked pie crust
- Topping (recipes follow, optional)
1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees.
 2. With wire whisk or mixer, beat all ingredients except pie crust.
 3. Pour into prepared pie crust. Bake 15 minutes.
 4. Reduce oven heat to 350 degrees. Continue baking 35-40 minutes, or as directed for topping, or until knife inserted 1 inch from edge comes out clean. Cool. Garnish as desired. Store covered in refrigerator.

Toppings

Sour cream: In medium bowl, combine 1 1/2 cups sour cream, 2 tablespoons sugar and 1 teaspoon vanilla extract. After pie has baked 30 minutes at 350 degrees, spread evenly over top; bake 10 minutes longer.

Streusel: In medium bowl, combine 1/2 cup packed light brown sugar and 1/2 cup unsifted flour; cut in 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) cold butter or margarine until crumbly. Stir in 1/4 cup chopped nuts. After pie has baked 30 minutes at 350 degrees, sprinkle evenly over top; bake 10 minutes longer.

Chocolate Glaze: In small saucepan over low heat, melt 1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips and 1 teaspoon solid shortening. Drizzle or spread over top of baked pie.

Hearthside Cider

Servings: About 2 1/2 quarts (12 servings)
Preparation Time: 10 minutes
Standing Time: 10 minutes

- 1 (32-ounce) bottle cran-raspberry juice cocktail
 - 1 (32-ounce) bottle apple cider or apple juice
 - 2 cups water
 - 6 whole allspice
 - 2 whole cinnamon sticks
 - 6 apple-cinnamon or orange-spice herbal tea bags
 - 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
 - 1/2 cup lemon juice from concentrate
1. In large saucepan, combine juice, cider, water, allspice and cinnamon sticks; bring to a boil. Remove from heat. Add tea bags; cover, let stand 10 minutes.
 2. Remove tea bags and spices. Add sugar and lemon juice from concentrate; stir until sugar dissolves. Serve warm.



AROUND TOWN

■ The Midland Alpha Delta Pi Alumnae Association is having a Mother-Daughter tea from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 16 at #9 Belfield Court. For more information, contact Susan at 685-4125.

■ Midland Walkabouts will meet at 8 a.m. Dec. 15 at Windlands Park to walk and pick up trash. There will also be a meeting on Dec. 17 for a Christmas get-together at the home of Mary Morgan, 1105 Delmar. For more information, contact Jack Rogers, president, at 570-0869.

■ Midland Aggie Moms Club will hold a fund-raiser at Barnes and Noble on Dec. 15. The club will receive a percentage of profits from all items purchased in the name of Midland Aggie Moms Club that day. Proceeds will be used to fund the club's projects for Texas A&M students.

■ A mother-daughter brunch for Zeta Tau Alpha alumnae and collegians will be held from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Dec. 19 at 6 Lakes Drive in Saddle Club Lakes. For reservations, please call 682-8332 before Dec. 17.

■ The Petroleum Museum is sponsoring an evening of Christmas Caroling at 7 p.m. on Dec. 18. Mrs. Claus will be a special guest. The museum will furnish sheet music and refreshments. For more information call 683-4403.

■ The Petroleum Museum is sponsoring a Canned Food Admission Day today. Anyone bringing two cans of food will get free admission to the museum. The food drive will benefit the soup kitchen. For more information, call 683-4403.

■ The Permian Aimees will hold its Christmas cheer luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 18 at the home of Lexeen Weaver at 2810 Durant. For more information, call 694-7994 or 686-7937.

■ The Delta Delta Delta Alumnae are having their Mother/Daughter Christmas Tea at 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Dec. 18 at 2009 Winfield. All area alumnae and collegians are invited.

■ ODESSA — Permian High School Orchestra's Satin Strings will perform at the MCC Ladies Association luncheon on Dec. 14. There will also be a holiday fashion show presented by Julian Gold.

■ The Midland Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club will hold its annual "Gathering of Angels" Christmas tea from 4 to 6 p.m. Dec. 18 at the home of Anne Johnson, 2755 Racquet Club Drive. Alumnae are invited to bring their mothers, daughters and granddaughters. For more information, call 683-7308.

■ The Lion Tamers will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Dec. 19 at the Ranchland Hills Country Club. A Christmas musical program by Tawny Clardy will be presented and there will be a Christmas ornament exchange. For more information, call 694-1187.

■ The Newcomers Club will combine its December Coffee and luncheon with their annual potluck coffee/luncheon and will have a Christmas ornament gift exchange at 11 a.m. on Dec. 13. Each member should bring a table-ready main dish casserole, side dish or salad. The ornament exchange is voluntary. For more information, call Cindy at 522-1478.

To have your event included in this column, mail the information to Around Town, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, Texas, 79702; fax it to 570-7650; or e-mail it to dpuliam@mrt.com.

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Spicy Beef and Vegetables combine basic ingredients with Asian style

By The Associated Press

Thirty-minute meals sound like a great plan for today's fast-moving cooks. The trick is to come up with dishes that have the fresh, home-cooked flavor that quickly prepared convenience foods, canned or frozen, sometimes lack.

The following recipe for spicy beef and vegetables, a combination of basic ingredients enlivened with Asian-style seasoning, comes from "Pillsbury 30-Minute Meals" (Clarkson Potter, \$25.95), a collection of 230 such practical recipes.

The recipes are for main dishes, with suggestions for the rest of the menu. Grouped in chapters that include beef, pork and lamb, chicken, turkey, fish and shellfish, not forgetting vegetarians, the recipes offer ideas for using both fresh and pantry-shelf items in enterprising ways.

For this recipe, the headnotes point out, additional time can be saved by buying meat precut at the grocery for stir-fries. The menu could include Asian cabbage salad from the deli, fresh orange slices, and vanilla pudding with almond flavor — and fortune cookies.

SPICY BEEF AND VEGETABLES
4 ounces uncooked vermicelli
For the sauce:
2 tablespoons soy sauce
2 tablespoons hoisin sauce
1 tablespoon honey

1 teaspoon cornstarch
1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
For the stir-fry:

3/4 pound boneless beef sirloin steak, cut into thin bite-sized strips
1 medium onion, cut into thin wedges
2 medium zucchini, cut into 2-by-1/4-by-1/4-inch strips
1 small red bell pepper, cut into thin strips

1 garlic clove, minced
14-ounce can baby corn nuggets, drained, rinsed, if desired
Cook vermicelli to desired doneness as directed on package. Drain; cover to keep warm.

Meanwhile, in small bowl, combine all sauce ingredients; blend well. Set aside. Spray large nonstick skillet with nonstick cooking spray. Heat over medium-high heat until hot. Add beef and onion; cook and stir 3 to 5 minutes or until beef is no longer pink and onion is crisp-tender.

Add zucchini, bell pepper and garlic; cook and stir 2 to 4 minutes or until vegetables are crisp-tender. Stir sauce well. Add sauce and corn to skillet; cook 2 to 4 minutes or until sauce is bubbly and thickened, stirring frequently. Serve beef mixture over vermicelli.

Makes 4 servings.
Nutrition information per serving: 290 cal., 5 g total fat (2 g saturated fat), 45 mg chol., 720 mg sodium, 39 g carbo., 4 g dietary fiber, 22 g pro.



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Spicy Beef and Vegetables is a combination of basic ingredients enlivened with Asian-style seasoning from "Pillsbury 30-Minute Meals".

Cheese straws, spinach dip and dolmades prove good cheer can be low-fat

By The Associated Press

The toothsome morsels you make or sample over the festive season are often disaster for low-fat diets. Bear in mind, however, that it's easy to cook up good cheer and good taste without paying a high-fat price.

Try these tasty suggestions:

PARMESAN CHEESE STRAWS
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
2 teaspoons chili powder
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
Three 12-by-17-inch sheets phyllo dough, at room temperature

Preheat oven to 400; spray a large nonstick baking sheet with nonstick cooking spray.

In a small bowl, mix the cheese, chili powder and cumin. Place the sheets of phyllo on a work surface and cover them with a damp towel. Remove the first sheet and place it with short side toward you.

Coat with nonstick cooking spray (butter-flavored is nice), then sprinkle with about 2 teaspoons of the cheese mixture; fold the phyllo in half to form a 12-by-8 1/2-inch rectangle. Spray the phyllo again and sprinkle with 2 more teaspoons of cheese mixture; fold in half again to form a 6-by-4 1/4-inch rectangle. Spray again and sprinkle with just a bit of the cheese mixture; with a serrated knife, cut into 8 short strips.

Transfer the strips to the baking sheet, placing them about 1/2 inch apart. Repeat the process two more times to make 24

cheese straws. Bake until the cheese straws are crisp and golden, 8 to 10 minutes. Cool on wire racks.

Makes 8 servings of 3 cheese straws each.

Nutrition information per serving: 47 cal., 2 g total fat (1 g saturated fat), 4 mg chol., 134 mg sodium, 4 g carb., 0 g dietary fiber, 3 g pro.

(Recipe from Weight Watchers International, Inc., by arrangement with Hungry Minds, Inc.)

SPINACH-AVOCADO DIP
2 cups packed spinach leaves, cleaned

1/4 cup low-fat buttermilk
1/2 red onion, finely chopped
1 tablespoon canned chopped green chilies, drained

1 teaspoon fresh lime juice
1/4 medium avocado, peeled and sliced

2 plum tomatoes, chopped
1/4 cup chopped cilantro
Cook the spinach in a pot of boiling water for 1 minute. Drain, rinse under cold water, drain again, and squeeze dry.

Place the spinach, buttermilk, half the onion, the chilies and the lime juice in a food processor and pulse until the spinach is finely chopped and the mixture is well combined (do not overblend).

Mash the avocado in a bowl. Stir in the spinach mixture, the tomatoes, cilantro and the remaining onion.

Makes 1 to 1 1/2 cups, about 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 44 cal., 2 g total fat (0 g saturated fat), 1 mg chol., 57 mg

sodium, 5 g carbo., 3 g dietary fiber, 2 g pro.

(Recipe from Weight Watchers International, Inc., by arrangement with Hungry Minds, Inc.)

DOLMADES (STUFFED GRAPE LEAVES)

1 teaspoon olive oil
1/4 minced carrot
1 garlic clove, minced
4 scallions, thinly sliced
1 1/4 cups chicken broth
1/3 cup long-grain white rice
3 tablespoons chopped dill
1/4 teaspoon grated lemon zest
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

12 bottled large grape leaves, drained, soaked and rinsed several times

8 large dill springs
1/4 cup plain nonfat yogurt
In a medium nonstick saucepan, heat the oil. Sauté the carrot and garlic until softened, about 4 minutes.

Stir in the scallions and 1/4 cup of the broth; cook, stirring occasionally, until most of the liquid has evaporated, about 5 minutes. Stir in the remaining cup of broth, the rice, dill, lemon zest and lemon juice.

Reduce the heat and simmer, covered, until the rice is tender and the broth is absorbed, about 17 minutes.

On a clean work surface, arrange the grape leaves in a single layer. Spoon rice mixture onto the stem end of each leaf; fold the stem end over. Fold the sides of the leaves over the filling to enclose.

From the stem end, roll up the



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Parmesan Cheese Straws are an appetizer that will not be a disaster for low-fat diets. They prove it is possible to cook up good cheer and good taste without paying a high-fat price.

leaves, jelly-roll style. Place the dolmades seam side down in a large skillet. Place 4 of the dill sprigs over the dolmades. Pour 1/2 cup water into the skillet; bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer, covered, about 30 minutes. Let cool to room temperature.

To serve, arrange 3 dolmades and 1 tablespoon of the yogurt on each of 4 plates; garnish each with a remaining dill sprig.

Makes 4 servings of 3 dolmades each.
Nutrition information per serving: 94 cal., 2 g total fat, (0 g saturated fat), 0 mg chol., 329 mg sodium, 16 g carbo., 1 g dietary fiber, 4 g pro.

(Recipe from Weight Watchers International, Inc. by arrangement with Hungry Minds, Inc.)

DEAR ABBY

Neighbor celebrates Christmas like the one she always wanted

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are in serious debt — college tuition payments, property tax, car repairs, etc. I would like to tell my husband's grown children and grandchildren we can't afford to give them gifts this year. My husband says we HAVE to buy them gifts. (I am usually stuck doing all the gift shopping alone.)

Throughout the year, I am included in all family gatherings, but when the grandchildren's pictures are sent, the note is addressed only to my husband. I have never received a birthday or Mother's Day card from any of them. I don't think it's because they consider it disloyal to their own mother. She's happily remarried, and we get along great.

Abby, I don't know why I must get "another day older and deeper in debt" for people who would walk right over me if I happened to fall in their path.

Am I being selfish or is there a point where you can "just say no" to Christmas gift giving? — **DEPRESSED THIS DECEMBER**

DEAR DEPRESSED: If your husband insists on going deeper into debt, tell him that this year HE is in charge of gift buying — as well as managing the bills when they arrive in January.

You are "Depressed" because you are overwhelmed by your financial situation and feel unappreciated by your husband's children. You and your husband would benefit from some sessions with a marriage counselor. It would give each of you an opportunity in an emotionally supportive setting to express what you expect from each other and what you want for yourselves. Ask your physician for a referral. It will be

the best Christmas gift you have given yourselves in years.

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Clothespin Connie on Long Island," whose husband won't shower before bed.



Pauline and Jeanne Phillips

When my sons were old enough to date, I taught them that old men shave and

show in the morning, while young men shave and shower at night. It's based on the old adage, "You can catch more flies with honey than you can with vinegar."

I still shave and shower at night — and I'm 79 years young.

— **CHET IN SAN DIEGO**

DEAR CHET: With an emphasis on the "young"! Perhaps that saying should be amended to,

"You can catch more HONEYES with honey than you can with vinegar."

DEAR ABBY: For the past few years, our elderly neighbor has come over to our house on Christmas morning. We are usually still in our pajamas watching our children opening their gifts.

Abby, I would prefer to enjoy this special morning with my immediate family ONLY. I don't want this neighbor intruding. How can I handle this delicate situation without hurting her feelings? — **FEELING LIKE THE GRINCH**

DEAR FEELING: Your family may remind her of her own — or the one she always wanted. However, your lonely neighbor won't stop coming for early morning festivities until you set limits.

A few days before Christmas, invite her to come to your home at a specific time — for example, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Christmas Day, or on Christmas Eve, if that is more convenient.

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Little League adopts stricter eligibility rules

Associated Press

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Teams in next year's Little League World Series will have to carry more detailed documentation of the eligibility of their players, including proof of age and residency.

The stricter guidelines were announced Tuesday, four months after the Rolando Paulino Little League team from the Bronx, N.Y., was stripped of its third-place finish when star pitcher Danny Almonte was found to be too old to play. "I must underscore that these new standards and procedures will still rely on the integrity and the honesty of the more than 1.25 million adult volunteers in our program," said Stephen D. Keener, president and chief executive officer of Little League Baseball Inc.

"We believe that the Bronx case is an isolated incident ... that the overwhelming majority of the volunteers in the Little League program are people of the highest integrity and honesty," he said.

Among the changes: ■ Player birth certificates must be filed with the government within 30 days of the stated date of birth. Players who can't meet the 30-day guideline can file supporting documents, such as school or hospital records, that verify their age.

■ Players competing in a country where they are not a citizen must have lived there for at least two years or must have a visa permitting them to live in the country for a year or more.

■ Applications for an eligibility waiver, to allow an otherwise ineligible player to compete, must be filed by June 1, about one month before the start of the international tournament that leads to the Little League World Series.

■ Teams will be required to carry player documentation throughout the international tournament, and documents will be rechecked at the regional level, the last step before the World Series.

In August, the Rolando Paulino Little League team was forced to forfeit all its district, state and regional championships and its third-place finish at the Series. That decision came less than two weeks after Almonte threw a perfect game — the first in 44 years at the series — against an Apopka, Fla., team that went on to a second-place finish.

The perfect game and all other Almonte records were erased, and league founder Rolando Paulino was banned for life for repeated violations of Little League rules. Almonte's father, Felipe de Jesus Almonte, who was charged in the Dominican Republic with forging Almonte's birth certificate, also was banned for life from Little League.

It was only the second time a team that reached the Little League World Series was forced to forfeit. In 1992, the team from Zamboanga City, Philippines, won the series, but was disqualified after officials determined the team had used players from outside its home district.

"Every year, we have games that are forfeited because of eligibility issues. The problem is you don't hear about them until it gets to the regional or World Series level, where the spotlight gets more sharply focused," Keener said. "This process, we believe, is going to help us eliminate a lot of the unfortunate circumstances of forfeited games and eligibility issues at the local level, which is where they need to be addressed."

Little League and Dominican government officials began looking into Almonte's age after a Sports Illustrated reporter found two birth records for the boy, the first showing him as 14 years old and, therefore, ineligible for Little League play, and the second — filed just months before the series — showing him as 12 years old.

The investigation also found that Almonte had come to the United States shortly before the international tournament began, meaning he had also violated the tournament's residency requirement.

To be eligible for the 2002 Little League World Series, players must be born after Aug. 1, 1989.

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Boston College tops Iowa State, stays unbeaten

Associated Press

BOSTON — Troy Bell scored a career-high 42 points Tuesday night and No. 11 Boston College remained unbeaten with an 86-81 victory over Iowa State.

Top 25 Roundup The junior guard, coming off his previous career-best of 34 in an 80-78 win over Massachusetts on Saturday, was 5-of-8 from 3-point range and 17-of-17 from the free throw line. He was 15-of-16 from the line against UMass.

The 42 were the most points scored by a player in Conte Forum, which opened in 1988.

Ryan Sidney, playing his second straight game with his jaw wired shut after breaking it in practice last Thursday, had 16 points and Uka Agbai added 11 for the Eagles (8-0). It was Boston College's 24th consecutive home win.

Tyran Pearson had 25 points and eight rebounds for Iowa State (5-5), the fifth straight game he led the Cyclones in scoring, while Jake Sullivan added 19 points.

The Eagles, who led by seven points at halftime, used a 12-3 run early in the second half to make it 60-45. Bell had a 3-pointer and two free throws in the spurt.

Iowa State closed the gap to 66-61 before Bell had two baskets 30 seconds apart to help BC regain control.

The Cyclones made one last charge, closing it to 77-74 on Marcus Jefferson's two free throws with 2:34 to play before Bell had a three-point play 25 seconds later.

Bell added four free throws over the final 49 seconds to seal it.

The Cyclones, who lost by 25 points at home Saturday to then-No. 12 Iowa, had trouble with BC's fullcourt pressure and turned the ball over in five of their first six possessions. They fell behind 9-2 in the opening 3 1/2 minutes before going on a 22-9 run to open a six-point lead.

No. 3 Maryland 91, Monmouth 55
COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Byron Mouton scored 17 points and sparked a 13-0 run at the start of the second half that carried No. 3 Maryland to its eighth straight victory, 91-55 over Monmouth on Tuesday night.

Juan Dixon had 18 points for the Terrapins (8-1), who outscored Monmouth 45-18 after halftime in extending the nation's longest non-conference home winning streak to 82 games.

It was the 250th victory at Maryland for coach Gary Williams, enjoying his third-best start in 13 seasons with the Terrapins.

Russ Anderson scored 12 points for the Hawks (4-4), who trailed by only nine at halftime before fading against the deeper, taller and more talented Terrapins.

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The post office address of the Independent Co-Executrixes for the purposes of filing claims is as follows:

Marilyn Pederson Hill
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Attorney for the Executrixes

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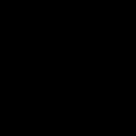
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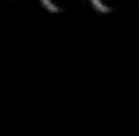
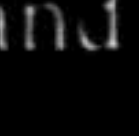
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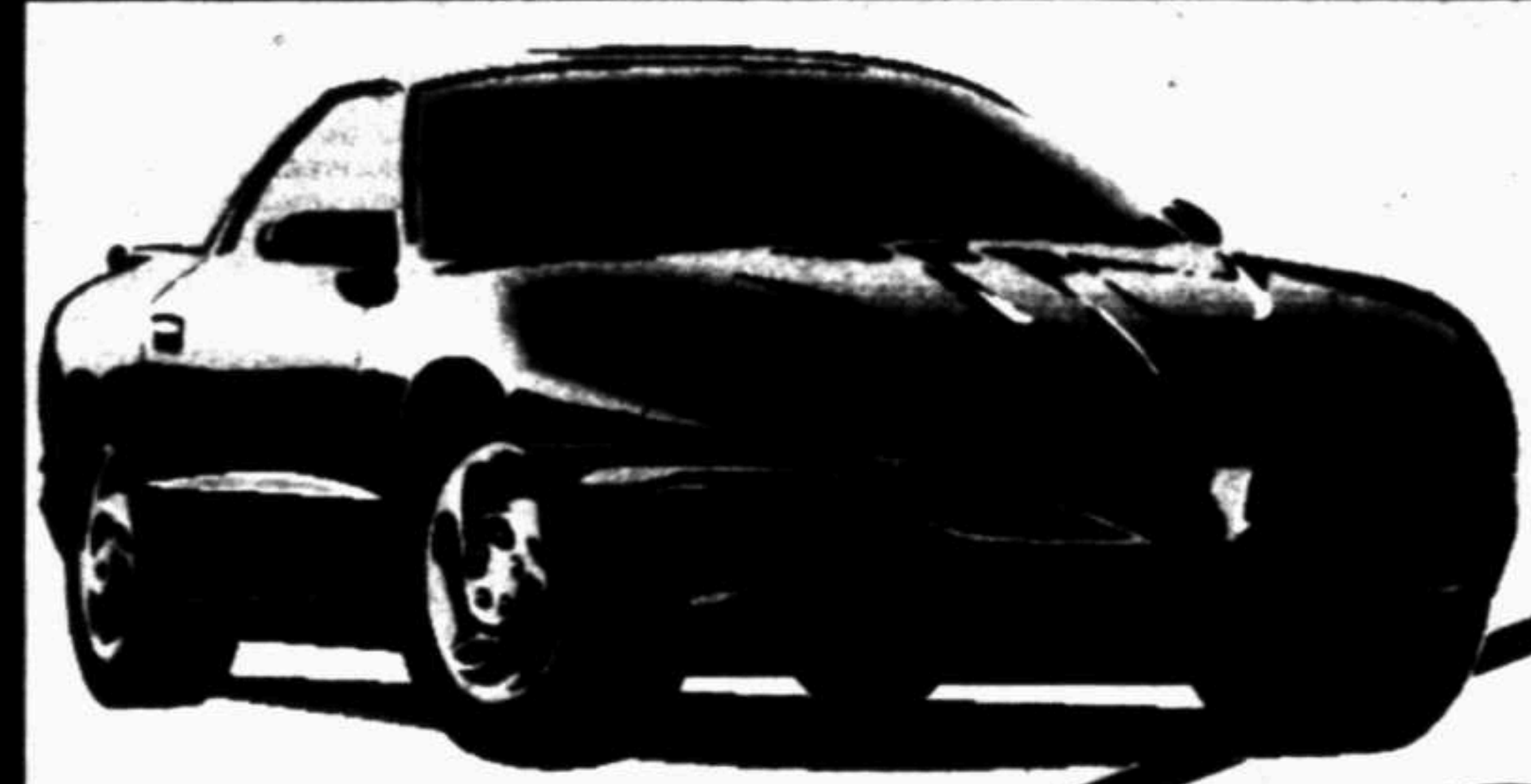
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