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Nation's trade deficit narrows sharply in October, as exports jump to a new record, reports say

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NEWS WATCH



Jesse Brown

Clinton names two

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — President-elect Clinton added ethnic and racial diversity to his Cabinet Thursday, naming former San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros to his top housing post and Jesse Brown, a black Vietnam veteran to lead the Department of Veterans Affairs. He said he was appointing men who "have lived the issues they will now address." / 10A, 1B

Shoplifting scandal

HOUSTON — Texas Southern University disbanded its Ocean of Soul Marching Band on Thursday in the wake of a shoplifting scandal involving at least a dozen band members during a trip to Japan. "That order is effective immediately, and TSU students have marched for the last time under that once proud name," William H. Harris, president of the Houston-based university, said in a prepared statement.

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Israel orders expulsions

Lebanese troops block Palestinian deportees

■ Jerusalem strikes back at mounting Muslim violence; move draws outcries from human-rights groups.

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Lebanese troops early today blocked a convoy of buses carrying Palestinians deported by Israel in a move to strike back at mounting violence by Muslim fundamentalists.

The deportations of about 400 Palestinians, which began Thursday, drew widespread condemnation and raised fears the fragile Middle East peace process could shatter.

The Lebanese army used earthen mounds to halt the first group of six buses and ordered them to return to Israel's self-declared "security zone" in south Lebanon about 3:15 a.m. (7:15 p.m. CST Thursday), said Lebanese security sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The Lebanese then reinforced the blockade with tanks and armored vehicles. It was not immediately

known if the Israeli-allied forces permitted the buses back into the zone.

Earlier, Israel radio reported that an additional 34 fundamentalists were taken from an Israeli detention center and flown to south Lebanon. The army refused to comment on the report.

Palestinians said the moves jeopardize the future of U.S.-brokered peace talks. But Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said swift retaliation was needed to protect the Arab-Israeli negotiations from the rise of Muslim funda-

Please see ISRAEL/4A

Somali moods sour; gunmen roam streets

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — The festive mood that greeted the arrival of U.S. forces is starting to sour over the failure of the foreign troops to disarm gunmen.

■ Roundup/6A

First pistols, and now AK-47 automatic rifles, have reappeared in the dust-choked streets of the capital within a few hundred yards of American positions.

U.S. and French soldiers have stopped searching cars for weapons at their checkpoints, a policy adopted as many U.S. troops moved inland to open the road for food convoys to Baidoa, where thousands face starvation.

In doing so, they have disappointed many Somalis who counted on the Marines to end the chaos that has paralyzed this society. In the eyes of some influential Somalis, the Marines are weakening their deterrent credibility.

"When the Marines arrived, the bandits either took to the bushes or buried their weapons," said Sheikh Ali Haj Yusuf, a Muslim religious leader and clan elder allied with the nation's top warlord, Gen. Mohamed Farrah Aidid.

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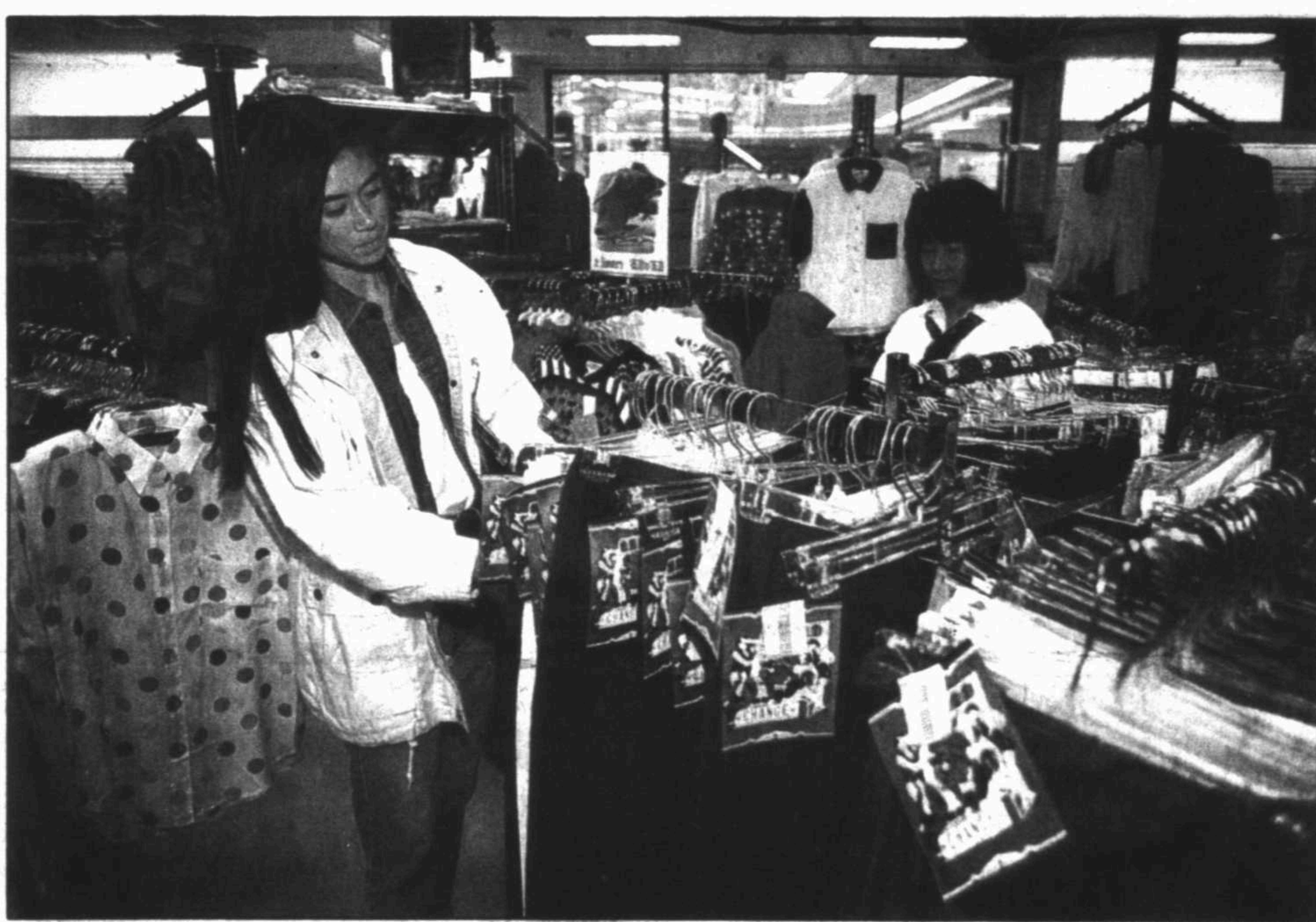
NATO threatens no-fly zone force

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — The United States and its 15 NATO allies threatened Thursday to use force to keep the skies over troubled Bosnia-Herzegovina free of Serbian warplanes.

Some NATO members, led by Britain, continued to resist measures that might escalate the violence in Bosnia, but Secretary of State Lawrence S. Eagleburger said, "We got everything we wanted."

Eagleburger carried the Bush adminis-

Please see NATO/4A



Milene Boyd checks the racks at Sears on Thursday.

Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Area retailers upbeat about holiday sales

By Chris Van Wagenen
Staff writer

Midland retailers are hearing more jingles from their cash registers this year than in the recent past, but many acknowledge that consumers probably are waiting until the last second to complete their Christmas purchases.

"I can't complain as long as it doesn't snow again," said Bill Bartlett, store manager of Dunlap's Department Store. "That was the only slow day we had."

With economic numbers improving, a new administration headed for the White House and more optimism on

the part of consumers, it appears 1992 will, indeed, be a good year for most area merchants.

"It's been especially brisk this week. People are doing a lot of last second buying. I think Christmas snuck up on a lot of them this year," said John Carroll, store manager of Kmart.

While no one item is selling better than others, Carroll said buyers are looking at things such as electronic lines, small appliances and bicycles. "It's a little bit of everything. We've sold a lot of Christmas decorations. I

know I've seen a lot more lights up (around town) than I've seen in a long time."

Like other retailers, Carroll said he believes consumer confidence is slowly starting to return. "I think the last seven days are going to go especially well. This has been everything we hoped for."

At Midland Park Mall, retail traffic there had improved 9 percent over the previous year, according to Mall Manager Patti Snodgrass.

"Right after Thanksgiving it really kicked off. The first weekend was fabulous." Please see SALES/4A

■ Related photos/1B



Eric Rogers, 13, performs a native American dance for students at Viola Coleman High School.

Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Students punch cultural-voyage tickets

By Myra Lee Salcedo
Staff writer

Even more novel than watching a native American dance performed, students at Coleman High School were surprised to see one of their peers take up feathers and skillfully step into the traditional dance.

High school student Chris Pearce said he was on familiar territory dancing with members of the West Texas Native American Association.

The WTNAA members presented a program, led by Bob Masters, discussing the cultural nuances and religious customs of American Indians.

Masters, an Alamo Junior High School teacher and coach, was celebrating his Comanche heritage Thursday

during CHS's Mid-Winter Multicultural Symposium.

"Indian dances taught kids how to go into combat, use a bow and arrow, and survive," Masters said, drawing a comparison to Coleman students learning the skills they need to survive in the work force.

Masters explained the significance of how feathers were worn using his 7-year-old son, Aaron, as a model. The Rusk first-grader — who competes in national native dance competitions, was dressed in a traditional beaded breast plate, animal skins and feathers.

Eric Rogers, 13, an eighth-grader at Bowie Junior High School in Odessa, was resplendent in an orange and yellow headdress. He wore one beaded earring prompting Masters to note that while native American males

Please see TICKETS/4A

Clinton to select Aspin, Riley for defense, education slots

WASHINGTON (NYT) — President-elect Bill Clinton has chosen Rep. Les Aspin of Wisconsin, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, as secretary of defense and Richard W. Riley, a former governor of South Carolina, as secretary of education, transition and congressional officials said Thursday.

Aspin flew to Little Rock,

■ Related stories/10A, 1B

Ark., Thursday to meet with Clinton. With the expected selections of Warren M. Christopher as secretary of state and Anthony Lake as national security adviser, Clinton hopes to conclude his major Cabinet announcements before he leaves for a post-Christmas vacation.

Please see CLINTON/4A



Richard Riley

AP Laserphoto

Film's cafe carries history of real-life deadly drama

By Doug McDonough
Associated Press writer

PLAINVIEW — When Steve Martin's character Jonas Nightengale visits the Quick Lunch Cafe in the motion picture "Leap of Faith," it won't be the first time the Plainview diner has been the scene of life-and-death drama.

Older residents recall a real-life tale that occurred at the same location more than half a

century ago. "Leap of Faith," Paramount's tale of a disheartened minister who regains his spirit, will be released nationally today.

Although set in Kansas, it was actually filmed last summer in Plainview, Groom and Dallas. The Depression-era diner was featured in numerous scenes.

But none more spellbinding than true life. It was 1:15 p.m.

Please see CAFE/4A

South Korea votes for first civilian president

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Voters turned out in freezing weather today to choose their first civilian president in 32 years in an election forecasters said was too close to call.

Balloting started at 7 a.m. (5 p.m. Thursday EST) at 15,346 voting stations around the country. Hundreds of people lined up at precincts in the capital before polls open, bundled in heavy coats.

Election officials predicted about 80 percent of the 29.4 million electorate would cast ballots.

The new president's five-year term will begin in February. President Roh Tae-woo, a retired general, cannot run for reelection.

Charges of vote rigging may erode support for front-runner Kim Young-sam, 65,

of the governing Democratic Liberal Party.

The two other leading candidates are Kim Dae-jung, 65, leader of the opposition Democratic Party, and billionaire Chung Ju-yung, 77, founder of the Hyundai conglomerate and a political novice.

Four other candidates were running, including the first woman to run for president.

"It's too close," analyst Kim Young-jak said, 12 hours before the polls opened. "The winner may have a margin of only 2 to 3 percent."

An election-week scandal in which the mayor and top police officials of Pusan, the nation's second largest city, were charged with conspiring to rig the election could hurt the Democratic Liberals, experts said.

Pusan is Kim Young-sam's hometown. He

claimed developments there Wednesday were a plot to discredit his campaign, but refused to elaborate.

Despite charges of corruption and vote-buying, the vote may prove to be a milestone in the development of a mature democracy in South Korea.

The campaign has been peaceful, in a country where every transition of power since 1948 has witnessed violence.

The military, which has run the country for most of the post-World War II period, has shown no signs of restlessness.

The strongest evidence of democracy is that the candidates have not discussed democracy, focusing instead on sagging exports, high interest rates and an economic growth rate that dipped to 3.9 percent, the

lowest in 11 years.

The winner will be South Korea's first civilian president since Gen. Park Chung Hee seized power in a 1961 coup.

Roh resigned from the governing party and ordered 800,000 civil servants and the nation's spy agency to stay out of politics. But the opposition charged government officials with widespread vote-buying.

Nearly all political leaders predict unification of the peninsula, divided into the Communist North and pro-West-South in 1945, by the end of the century.

A year ago the Koreans signed pacts for reconciliation, economic exchange and a nuclear weapons ban. The talks have bogged down because South Korea and the United States believe Pyongyang is trying to hide a nuclear arms program.

Hungary approves abortion bill

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — Hungary's parliament adopted a liberal abortion law on Thursday allowing pregnancies to be terminated in virtually all cases in the first three months.

The law, passed by a 193-39 vote, allows an abortion if the woman says the pregnancy has caused her a "crisis."

Until now, abortions required approval from a committee that could deny them to families with fewer than three children or if the woman was under 35, married and had a home.

The new law allows abortions until the 18th week if the woman was not previously aware of her pregnancy due to health reasons, and anytime during the pregnan-

cy if she is in danger or if the fetus is seriously impaired.

Some legislators from the governing party, the conservative Hungarian Democratic Forum, were uneasy over the measure.

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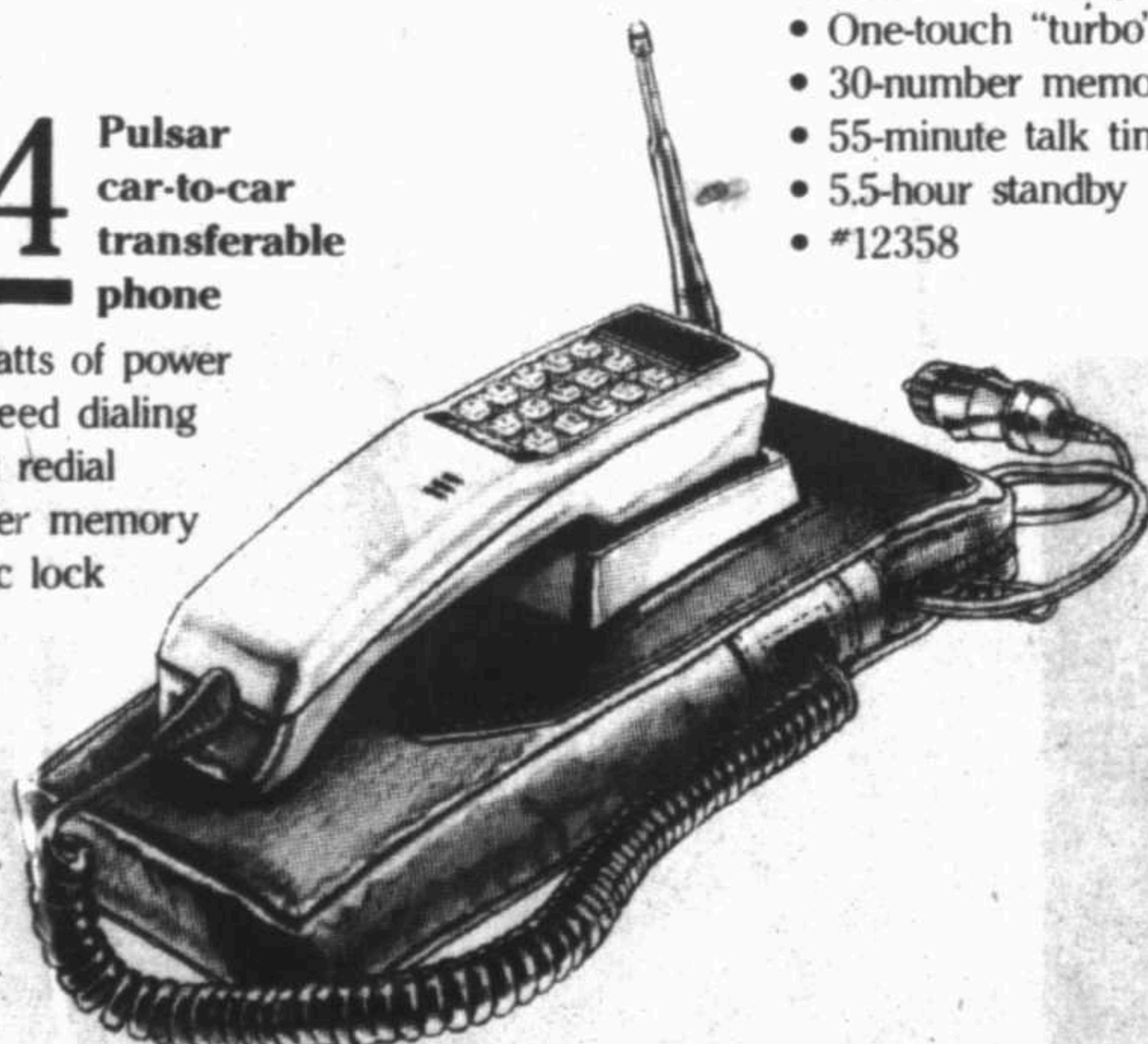
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Former premier demands to be put on trial in AIDS scandal

By Patrick McDowell
Associated Press Writer

PARIS — Former Premier Laurent Fabius demanded Thursday to be put on trial in the scandal over AIDS-tainted blood, hoping to improve his personal image and boost his flagging Socialist Party.

Fabius was cleared a week ago by the Senate.

His demand came less than 24 hours after Socialist deputies refused to allow two former ministers who served under Fabius to go before a special court as part of a national accounting for the 1985

scandal.

Opposition politicians and hemophiliacs denounced the assembly action as "cowardly" and "shameful."

France's state-run transfusion center provided blood products for transfusions known to be tainted with the HIV virus, contaminating 1,200 hemophiliacs. More than 300 have died.

Fabius, now Socialist Party leader, said he will ask that a resolution for a trial be filed Friday and voted on Sunday to seat the High Court of Justice. Composed of members of parliament, it is the only forum to judge government officials for

possible crimes in office.

He said, "So that no uncertainty remains... I will myself vote for the act of accusation against myself, since today that is the price of truth and honor."

Both the Senate and National Assembly must pass identical texts of accusation to convene the special court, which has not been seated since the start of the Fifth Republic in 1958.

The conservative-led Senate voted last week to try former Social Affairs Minister Georgina Dufoix and ex-Deputy Health Minister Edmond Herve for involuntary manslaughter. It spared Fabius because

of doubts he knew all the details of blood policy.

The assembly had been expected to bring lesser charges — failing to assist people in danger — against Dufoix and Herve.

Instead, all but one of the 266 Socialist deputies abstained from the vote late Wednesday, and the resolution fell 16 votes short of the 285 needed for adoption.

The maneuver failed to clear the two ex-ministers and promised to intensify public disgust with the scandal-ridden Socialists three months before parliamenta-

ry elections in March.

Fabius asked Socialist deputies to reconsider their vote.

Premier Pierre Bérégovoy sought to distance his Socialist Cabinet on Thursday from the parliamentary bloc's vote, saying he regretted it.

Michel Garretta, former director of the National Center for Blood Transfusions, was convicted with two other officials in October on other charges stemming from the scandal.

That increased pressure to bring ministers responsible for public health to trial.

Land mines damage 16 relief trucks

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — At least 16 trucks that delivered U.N. relief supplies for Kurds in northern Iraq were damaged by land mines, an Iraqi Kurdish spokesman said Thursday.

Serchil Kazzaz, the Ankara representative of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, blamed Iraqis for the late Wednesday attack near Faïda. It was not immediately known if any drivers were injured.

U.N. officials in Turkey were not immediately available for comment.

U.N. convoys carrying supplies must make a detour through Iraqi-held territory to bring winter supplies to the Kurdish area.

Iraqi authorities have denied responsibility for past bombings. About 600 Iraqi troops remaining in the Kurdish area, which gained limited autonomy since a failed uprising after the Persian Gulf War.

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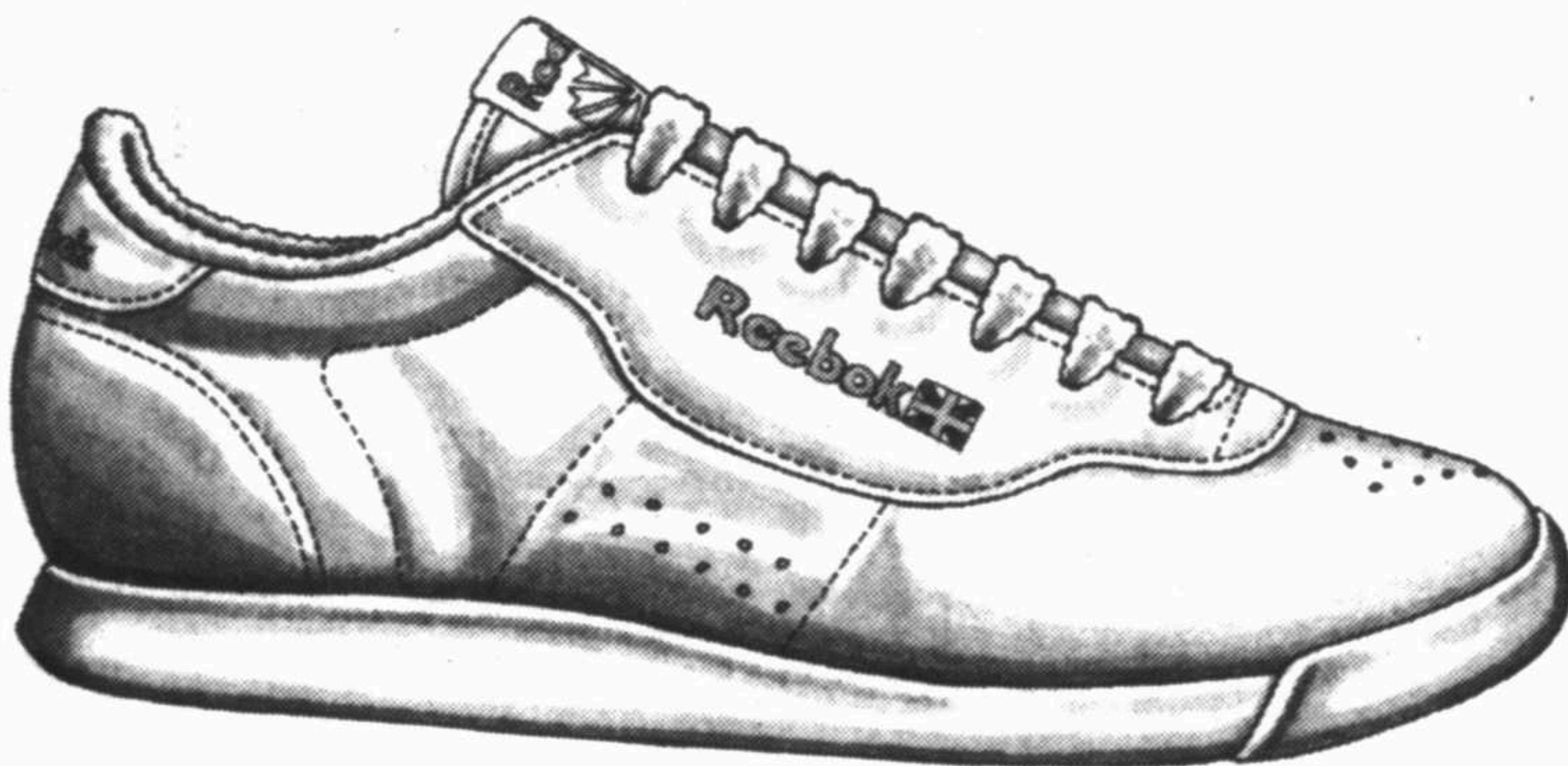
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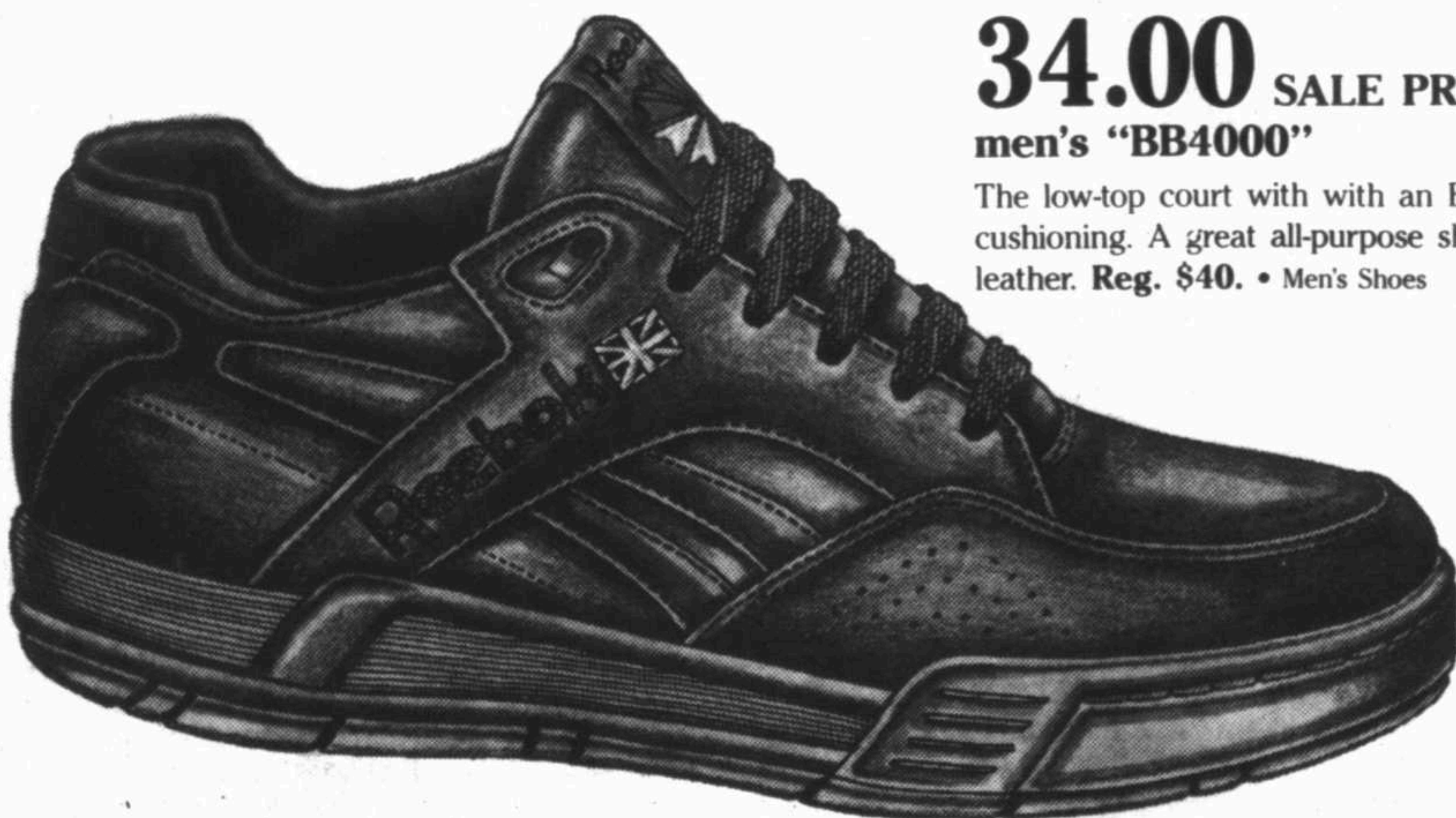
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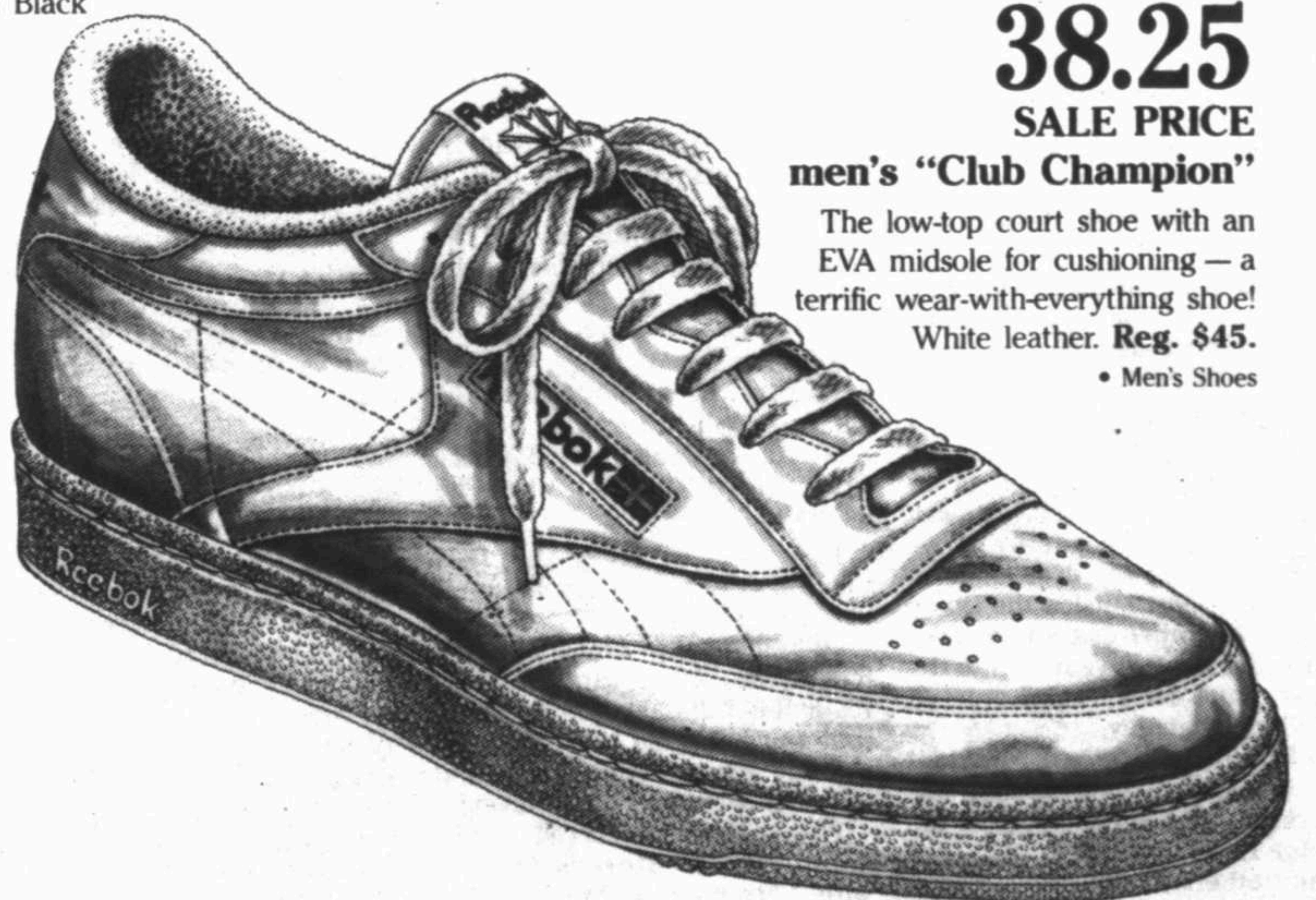


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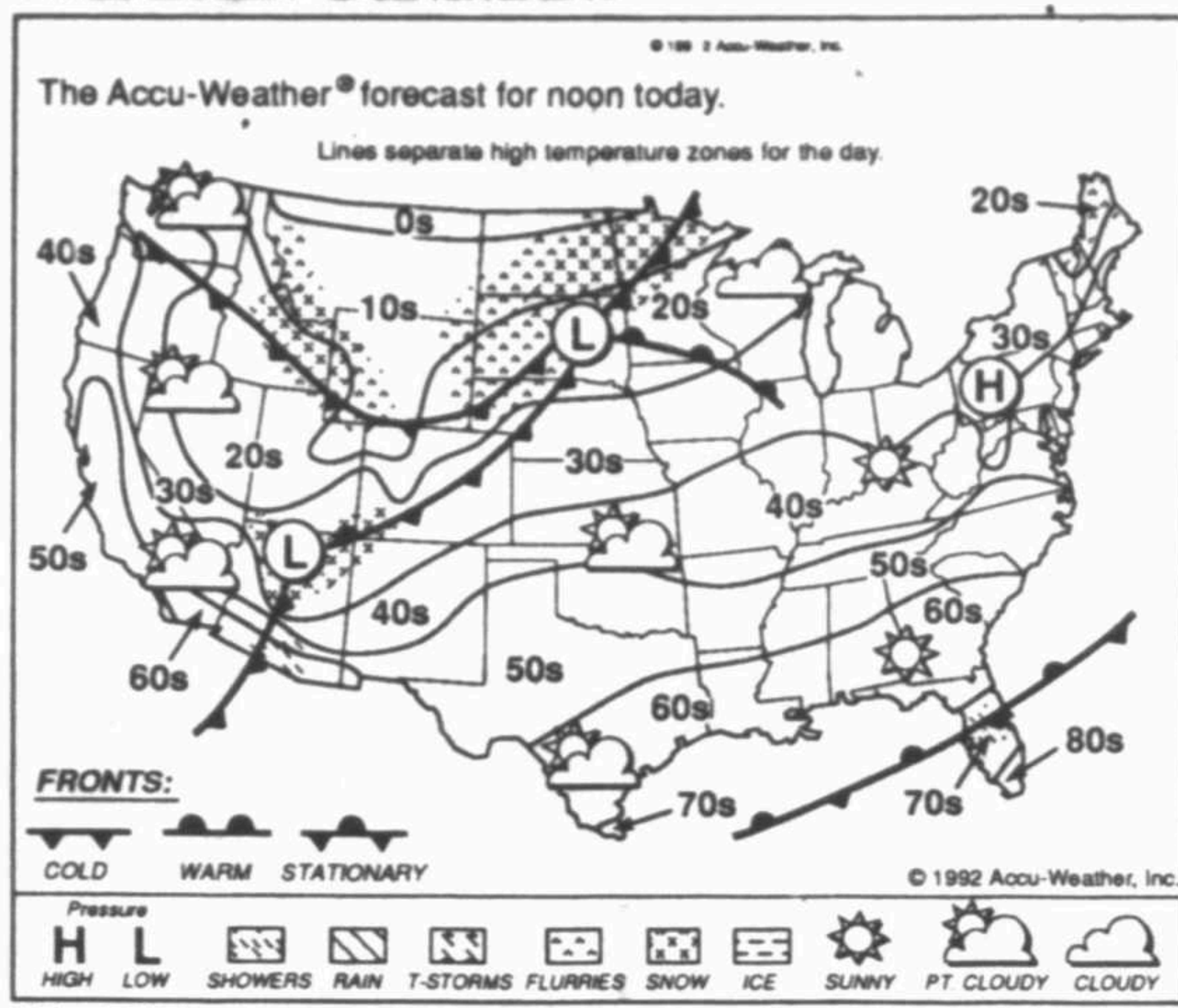
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Some clouds, low 60s on tap

Staff report

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high in the lower 60s with southwest winds at 15-25 mph. Tonight should be partly cloudy with a low in the mid-30s, according to the National Weather Service in Midland.

Saturday should be mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain and a high in the lower 60s.

After an overnight low of 22, Thursday's high reached 56, compared to the record high for that date of 77 set in 1962. The record low was 14 set in 1981.

Midland statistics

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NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS

Yesterday's High: 56 degrees

Overnight Low: 22 degrees

Sunset today: 5:48 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow: 7:45 a.m.

Precipitation: 0.00 inches

Last 24 hours: 0.04 inches

This month to date: 21.31 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

Time	Temp	Wind	Dir
6 a.m.	48	6 a.m.	25
7 p.m.	41	7 a.m.	25
8 p.m.	37	8 a.m.	23
9 p.m.	34	9 a.m.	23
10 p.m.	31	10 a.m.	29
11 p.m.	29	11 a.m.	43
midnight	29	noon	43
1 a.m.	28	1 p.m.	52
2 a.m.	26	2 p.m.	53
3 a.m.	24	3 p.m.	55
4 a.m.	25	4 p.m.	56
5 a.m.	22	5 p.m.	56
		6 p.m.	47

Weather elsewhere

City	Hi	Lo	Prc	Dir
Albuquerque	36	10	22p	cd
Atlanta	59	50	22p	cd
Baltimore	60	44	36	cl
Boston	58	42	49	cl
Chicago	53	28	28	cd
Cleveland	43	34	34	cd
Denver	28	-01	cd	cd
Detroit	39	36	36	cd
Flagstaff	34	02	cd	cd
Indianapolis	37	32	32	cd
Kansas City	31	29	cd	cd
Las Vegas	50	31	cd	cd
Los Angeles	60	47	cd	cd
Louisville	50	37	cd	cd
Memphis	45	40	cd	cd
Midland	56	22	cd	cd
Milwaukee	33	29	cd	cd

CLINTON: It's Aspin, aides say

(From 1A)

As expected, Clinton announced in Little Rock on Thursday that he had chosen Henry G. Cisneros, the former mayor of San Antonio, as secretary of housing and urban development, and Jesse Brown, the director of the Disabled Veterans of America, as secretary of veterans' affairs.

Although Aspin favors deeper cuts in the military budget than the Bush Administration has suggested, he is well regarded by Republicans as well as by advocates of homosexual rights who have asked Clinton to lift the ban on gay men and lesbians in the military.

Aspin's star apparently rose after Rep. Dave McCurdy, D-Okl., who advised Clinton on military affairs, campaigned too aggressively for the Pentagon post. McCurdy is considered a leading contender to head the CIA.

Riley, 59, was a freshman gover-

nor with Clinton and worked with him on education initiatives in the National Governors' Association. He currently heads the Clinton transition's personnel operation, with responsibility for choosing the hundreds of sub-Cabinet appointees to fill out the Clinton administration.

As governor of South Carolina from 1979 to 1987, Riley earned high marks for his attention to the state's education system. He pushed through a 1-cent increase in state sales tax, raising an additional \$240 million a year for the schools and increasing spending on public education by 56 percent. He has worked as a lawyer in South Carolina since leaving office.

Clinton said Thursday he is still trying to assemble a Cabinet that represented both sexes and all races, but some women's groups have begun complaining that Clinton has so far appointed only one woman to his Cabinet.

ISRAEL: Lebanese troops block convoy of buses

(From 1A)

Israel's surrogate militia, the South Lebanon Army, took charge of the red-and-white buses in Zommaraya, on the edge of the zone. Sources in Lebanon saw this as a bid by Israel to avoid confrontation with Lebanon's army.

The expulsions Thursday, the most sweeping since the early 1970s, were delayed for 15 hours by the Supreme Court, leaving the Palestinians in buses on the cold, rainy frontier, handcuffed, blind-

folded and pounding windows in frustration. Fundamentalists killed six Israeli troops this month in eight days, climaxing their actions this week by kidnapping and killing a border policeman.

Initially, Israel singled out 418 people for two-year periods of exile. Later the Defense Ministry said 35 were removed from the buses and sent back to prison. It was not known whether others re-

placed them, so an exact figure was not available.

Rabin apparently gambled that peace talks are entering a moratorium anyway until after the Clinton administration's Jan. 20 inauguration, and that tempers will have cooled by the time talks resume.

"I am convinced that with Clinton's accession to the presidency and the renewal of the peace talks, you will see them coming back" to the talks, Rabin said.

MOODS: Arms reappear in Mogadishu's streets

(From 1A)

"But when they realized that the Marines were not going to confront them, they have been digging up their guns. Now, no one dares to go in the streets after 5 p.m. for fear of being robbed by these bandits," he said.

Nods of agreement came from a half-dozen other elders of the Suleiman clan gathered in a one-room office with a shabby green rug. A straw prayer mat was

rolled up in the corner. The elders waved away swarms of flies that filled the morning air. In a country short of food, the usual glasses of sweet tea were missing.

"They don't fear the Marines and are starting to pass by them with guns and even technical vehicles," said Haji Mohammed Abdalle, referring to the battle chariots of the teen-age gunmen — pickups mounted with belt-fed machine guns.

The elders proposed that U.S. officials open offices and pay a "small sum" to people to turn in their weapons. They maintained that ordinary people would comply and the Marines could confiscate weapons from those who do not.

"I'm pushing the idea of food for guns," said Ian MacLeod, spokesman for the United Nations. "We should provide an incentive to give up guns and then if they don't come forward they would

face having their guns confiscated."

U.S. officials have said the only mission of the U.N.-mandated force is to assure delivery of food to the famine-stricken areas.

Robert Oakley, the U.S. envoy who has been trying to work out a political settlement between Aidid and his rival warlord Ali Mahdi Mohamed, has said the United States will try to disarm factions through negotiations and not by force.

NATO: Allies threaten to enforce no-fly zone

(From 1A)

tration's campaign to halt "ethnic cleansing" of Muslims to the NATO foreign ministers meeting and two international conferences earlier in the week.

He said military planners had begun to consider how NATO's "assets" would be used to implement an enforcement resolution the U.N. Security Council was expected to approve under the joint leadership of the United States and France.

It would challenge Bosnian Serbs to ground their planes or risk being shot down if they ventured into the "no-fly" zone established by the Council in October.

But the admonition adopted at the end of a year-end NATO strategy session bore the earmarks of a compromise between the tough-minded quartet that also included

the Netherlands and Turkey, and a larger, more cautious group led by Britain.

Douglas Hurd, the British foreign secretary, said the U.N. enforcement resolution would be adopted "reasonably soon," but that did not mean it would be implemented immediately.

And Eagleburger said there were unresolved differences over how the allies would implement a Security Council enforcement resolution. For instance, he said, a warning might be issued to the Serbs before military action was taken.

And, he said, relief efforts might have to be interrupted and allied peacekeepers withdrawn temporarily to shield them from Serbian retaliation.

Eagleburger told reporters the United States had proposed a

tougher approach than the compromise adopted, but provided no details.

Hundreds of thousands of Bosnians have been expelled from their homes and at least 17,000 killed during eight months of warfare. Since the Security Council banned military flights over the country, U.N. inspectors have detected at least 225 helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft — but no bombing raids.

Eagleburger, a former U.S. ambassador to Yugoslavia, was not sanguine that any international campaign would halt the fighting.

"In the end," he said, "if you are intent on killing each other there is only so much the rest of the world can do to prevent you from being insane."

In a separate statement, the NATO foreign ministers said inter-

ference with relief efforts in Bosnia-Herzegovina was "an international crime."

The communique called for an effective cease-fire in Nagorno-Karabakh, a disputed Armenian enclave in Azerbaijan, and said force anywhere in defiance of international law was "intolerable."

As NATO took up the conflict in Yugoslavia, a letter from Radovan Karadzic, the chief of Bosnia's Serbs, to British Prime Minister John Major and to the United Nations surfaced.

In it, according to the BBC, Karadzic warned he might declare U.N. forces delivering aid in Bosnia hostile if there was military action against Serbian planes.

Manfred Woerner, the NATO secretary-general, brushed off the letter, saying "this alliance is not influenced by threats."

TICKETS: Students eye native American dance

(From 1A)

wore two earrings, today's male teen-ager will only wear one.

Eric's mother, Teresa Rogers, said that her heritage is Scot-Irish, but she feels a spiritual connection with native Americans. "Their culture speaks to my heart," she said, noting that she never could crochet or knit, but when she took up beadwork, her fingers "just knew what to do."

The WTNAA members said they learn dances from other members, Boy Scout Explorer Posts, and other native Americans. "Those who

know share the knowledge, that is also part of the culture," Ms. Rogers said.

Coleman Principal Helen Lackey said the three-day symposium (Tuesday through Thursday) afforded students an opportunity to interview persons from South America, Asia, the Middle East, Russia and Poland.

"The students had a chance to ask questions, have conversations with people of different cultures and do a writing project," Ms. Lackey said, noting that another symposium is planned for the spring semester.

The principal said students were surprised to learn that education "is expensive and prized above all" in some cultures, causing people from other countries to migrate to the United States to afford their children an education.

The high school students also were taken aback to learn that some Cheyenne women sliced off the fingers of their warriors killed in battle.

"I'm not by any means recommending this," Masters said, garnering laughter from the audience. "But you can learn from other cultures and look for things that worked."

Students asked if native Americans practiced some form of divorce, how they courted and the significance of eagle feathers.

"An eagle feather is the embodiment of another warrior, another human and is almost an entity in itself, so it commands the respect that another human being would get," Ms. Rogers said, explaining that an eagle feather touching the ground during a dance would earn the dancer and his tribe dishonor.

Masters encouraged students to trace their family trees back to their ancestors. "Everyone has a heritage they can be proud of," he said.

SALES: Midland retailers hear more register rings

(From 1A)

ulous. A good percentage of our stores reported increases."

Although in recent days sales have leveled off, Ms. Snodgrass said she expects a run of buyers, many of whom are using cash instead of credit for purchases.

And that may well reflect how consumers viewed the economy earlier this year, when buyers stayed home and avoided what they believed were unnecessary expenditures.

A number of merchants interviewed said they believe there's a pent-up demand that may be reflected over the final shopping

days.

Gary Boyle, manager of JCPenney's, said sales at that store were going well. "Of course, we have those two extra (shopping) days, so that helps. We thought they (sales) would be flat or even down at this time, but they've held up and we feel good about that."

Boyle said it appeared the average purchase among shoppers was higher than the previous year. "So, obviously, they must feel better about the economy."

Among items selling well are cosmetics, casual sports wear and fine jewelry. "And athletic apparel... especially since the Dallas Cowboys have been doing so

well," he said jokingly.

Retailers also said they noticed in recent years that shoppers are making their purchases later and later into the holiday season... resulting in a mad rush during the final shopping days.

However, Morris Caffy, owner of Morris Caffy TV & Appliance, said that while he is optimistic about his final December sales figures, there is nothing specific to suggest any great signs of improvement.

While sales at the company's Odessa store have been up, Caffy said they've lagged in Midland, in part because of employment uncertainties. "Still, I think between

the 15th and the 25th, we're going to do a good business and I think we'll see that after it's over."

At Jenkins Jewelry & Luggage, co-owner Scooter Jenkins described that store's sales as fair. "A lot of people seem to be waiting until the last minute. When you have a piece of jewelry that costs hundreds or thousands of dollars, you tend to look two or three times. ... It's not an impulse item."

Jenkins said he hopes 1992 will surpass 1991 sale levels. "And most retailers open up right after Christmas. We do every bit as much (sales) after the holiday as we do before."

CAFE: Movie's Plainview diner carries history of real-life deadly drama

(From 1A)

Monday, Jan. 25, 1937, when a love triangle involving a husband, his wife, their three children and another married man erupted in gunfire that left one dead, another injured, a third jailed and vivid memories that have spanned the years.

"I was in junior high at (nearby) Ash School at the time," recalled one local businessman, who asked not to be identified.

"I had a dime in my pocket, so I was headed to the Quick Lunch for a large hamburger and an orange Nehi. I was half a block away when I heard the gunfire. I remember seeing the dead man on the ground just outside the Quick Lunch. The other man still had the gun in his hand. I went on into the diner, but I don't think I ordered anything that day."

J.B. Wheeler, retired president of Hale County State Bank, was working for Marvin Neely at the Hilton Hotel Cleaners in 1937. Like many others in downtown Plainview that day, he rushed over after the gunfire.

"The two things that stand out in my memory are that the dead

man was wearing a fancy pair of boots, and that I wasn't acquainted with either party."

Attorney Lucian Morehead had begun practicing law two years earlier, in 1935. He remembers that his partner, Meade Griffin (later Texas Supreme Court justice) represented the killer. The grand jury never returned an indictment, he recalled. They considered it self-defense.

Another put it more bluntly, noting that back then justice was handled a little differently. "It was a case of the grand jury deciding that the victim got what he deserved."

The account from the 1937 Plainview Evening Herald reads like a movie script: "While his two small children looked on, H. Bryant Stevens, Plainview filling station operator, shot and killed Ed L. Kenyon, 34-year-old farmer from Tulsa, and seriously wounded Mrs. Stevens."

The shooting occurred a few minutes after Stevens and his wife, accompanied by their two small children, drove into the alley on the east side of the diner.

Kenyon was standing beside his car and, when Kenyon tried to put

Stevens' 6-year-old daughter Vida Mae in his own car, the two men began arguing. Stevens pulled his .32-caliber automatic and fired seven shots.

Stevens surrendered to Police Chief Ote Martine when the officer arrived moments later.

Stevens told District Attorney Charles Dean that the fatal shooting was the climax of an affair between his wife and Kenyon, and that he fired in self defense.

Both Vida Mae and her 5-year-old brother Roy witnessed the shooting. Their older brother Elmer Glen was in school.

According to The Herald, Stevens and his wife had separated the month before and she had been living at Lefors with the two younger children.

A week prior to the shooting Stevens went to Lefors and returned with Vida Mae. Sometime during the following week Vida Mae told her father that Mrs. Stevens, Kenyon and the two children had just returned from a trip to California.

On the day of the shooting, Mrs. Stevens — her first name was never listed in news accounts — had Kenyon bring her and her young-

gest son to Plainview to gather some of their clothes and belongings at the family residence.

After Kenyon dropped his passengers at the Stevens home, he went to the diner for lunch. And that was where Mrs. Stevens asked to be taken after gathering her things.

When they arrived they were met outside by Kenyon who tried to put Vida Mae in his Ford coupe, but she protested, saying she wanted to "stay with Daddy." That's when the argument began.

"He kept his right hand in his trouser pocket and when he dug down, I knew that I had to shoot," Stevens said. "I tried to shoot him in the head but I guess some of the shots went wild." He hit Kenyon in the cheek, forehead, left eye, right thigh and the heart.

Stevens told police he shot his wife by accident. "After I shot Kenyon, she tried to take the gun from me." She was shot in the upper left arm and hospitalized for shock and blood loss.

"Leap of Faith" is set in the mythical community of Rustwater, Kan. Ironically, there's a Kansas connection to the 1937 shooting. Kenyon, who was mar-

ried and the father of three, was buried in Concordia, Kan., his former residence.

According to Ed Mitchell, who joined the Plainview police force in 1938, the Stevens marriage did not long survive the Quick Lunch incident.

"Stevens ended up leaving his

wife and family," Mitchell remembered. Stevens was encountered frequently by police after that, on vagrancy and alcohol-related charges.

"He got to where he was sleeping in boxcars," Mitchell said.

Correction

Midland police are warning residents to beware of a group of San Antonio con men who have been operating in the city for the past week.

The three men attempt to get \$10,000 out of their victims by pretending to be from South Africa. They show the victim a letter stating that they have just inherited money from a dead uncle, but they cannot take the money back to South Africa. Instead, they must donate it to a charitable organization. The suspects then ask the victim for \$10,000 in return for the \$25,000 that they claim they are carrying.

The report on the practice in Thursday's edition was garbled. The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

Yeltsin seeks stronger economic ties in China

BELJING (NYT) — President Boris N. Yeltsin of Russia arrived here on Thursday for a three-day visit that is intended to cement economic ties with China and reassert a working relationship that was thrown into doubt by the collapse of the Soviet Union and the abandonment of communism there.

"We have to open a new era in relations between Russia and China,"

Yeltsin told reporters after he and his entourage of 100 Russian officials stepped off three private jets at a Beijing airport this morning.

Yeltsin will meet with the Communist Party leader, Jiang Zemin, but he comes to China as an economic broker, not a political one, and as a head of state, not as a Communist Party leader. His task is to boost economic relations, beginning with plans to sign about 20 agreements that seal cooperation between Beijing and Moscow in a range of fields, from military matters and nuclear power pacts to cultural and scientific exchanges.

The last Russian leader to visit it was Mikhail S. Gorbachev, who arrived in May 1989 to mark the formal end of the three-decade-long Chinese-Soviet split, one of the most important rivalries in the latter part of this century. Gorbachev's visit was particularly significant because it came during the Tiananmen Square democracy movement, which welcomed him as a hero.

Indeed, Gorbachev's visit gave a new stimulus to the democracy movement at a time

when it was losing momentum. The Chinese army crackdown a few weeks later, and the rise of the hard-liners in Beijing, led to the resurgence of mutual suspicion between Moscow and Beijing. The Chinese leaders have been especially scathing — in private — about Yeltsin's role in the disintegration of Soviet communism.

On Thursday, however, Yeltsin does not represent a bubbling democracy for young Chinese intellectuals and students, in the way that Gorbachev did. While some Chinese admire him, others regard him as a symbol of the dangers of overthrowing a communist system. When they look at Russia today, they see not so much freedom and democracy as chaos and economic decline. This they find scary rather than inspiring.

For now, China is much more economically robust than Russia, and Yeltsin is likely to press Chinese officials for greater financial assistance, more weapons purchases, and ample supplies of meat, shoes, warm coats, and other consumer goods.

The nominal centerpiece of the visit is the signing of a joint declaration that will lay down the principles of the new friendship.

"It will be based on state-to-state relations of a new type," said a Chinese intellectual, echoing a phrase that Chinese leaders have reportedly used to characterize the new friendship. "No alliance, no confrontation."

Bosnian Serbs say no-fly policy won't work

By Dusan Stojanovic
Associated Press Writer

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — Any Western move to attack Serb aircraft over Bosnia would only deepen Serbian determination and provoke a backlash against U.N. peacekeepers on the ground, Bosnian Serb leaders say.

But officials in Sarajevo say a clampdown on the Serb flights would make a difference militarily and would represent a statement of world support for the Muslim-led Bosnian government.

The Serbs have flown about 300 sorties over Bosnia-Herzegovina in violation of an October U.N. Security Council ban, according to Western reports.

NATO this week debated whether military might should be used to stop the flights. On Thursday, NATO foreign ministers said they would be willing to enforce a ban. The United States has volunteered its jets.

The independent Belgrade daily Borba said this week that enforcing the ban on Serbian flights could play into the hands of hard-line President Slobodan Milosevic, who is running for reelection Sunday against Yugoslav Premier Milan Panic.

Milosevic has used Western threats of military force to back his claim that the world is ganging up on the Serbs to keep them from creating a united nation.

Opinions vary on whether U.S.

air patrols would hamper Bosnian Serbs' ability to fight.

A pilot in Serbia told The Associated Press that most of the flights since the ban was imposed in October had been helicopter sorties to evacuate the wounded.

Muslim and Croatian media, however, charge that Serb planes are bombing and strafing their positions.

Even helicopters flying in ammunition or evacuating wounded are "a great support system for the Serbian army," said Mustafa Hajrlahovic-Talijan, commander of the Bosnian Army's First Corps in Sarajevo.

If the ban were enforced, "at least the people would see that the world is doing something," said

Ejub Ganic, a member of the Bosnian presidency.

Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic, in a letter to British Prime Minister John Major and U.N. Secretary-General Boutros-Ghali, warned of a backlash against U.N. troops.

"U.N. troops on the whole territory of Bosnia would be proclaimed enemies. In that case the influence of my government would be limited. Some of the U.N. units could find themselves under attack," said the letter, quoted Thursday by the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug.

"Western saber-rattling" will not work, said Maj. Gen. Milan Gvero, second-in-command of the Bosnian Serb Army.

Germany deploys first troops since WWII

By Terrence Petty
Associated Press Writer

BONN, Germany (AP) — In a historic policy reversal, Germany announced Thursday it would send 1,500 troops to Somalia to help with the U.N.-sponsored relief operation.

German Chancellor Helmut Kohl said the troops would be sent in about two months, after the U.S.-led military mission has secured peace, and would help distribute food.

Germany has stayed out of past international military missions, including the Persian Gulf War, arguing its constitution bars deploying troops outside NATO territory. No German troops have been deployed outside NATO territory since World War II.

But in announcing the decision to send troops to Somalia, Kohl said Thursday: "This is hugely important for Germany's image in the world ... Germany cannot stand on the sidelines."

Germany was sharply criticized for not joining the U.S.-led allies in freeing Kuwait from Iraqi occupation. Earlier this week, a German magazine quoted H. Norman Schwarzkopf, the retired U.S. Army general who commanded Operation Desert Storm, as saying Germany should stop hiding behind its constitution.

The opposition Social Democrats said Thursday they might challenge Kohl's decision in German-

y's highest court.

"It is the first time since the end of World War II that German soldiers are to be sent to other parts of the world, and this is without a

clear legal basis," said Bjoern Engholm, national leader of the Social Democrats.

The constitution is far from clear on the issue.

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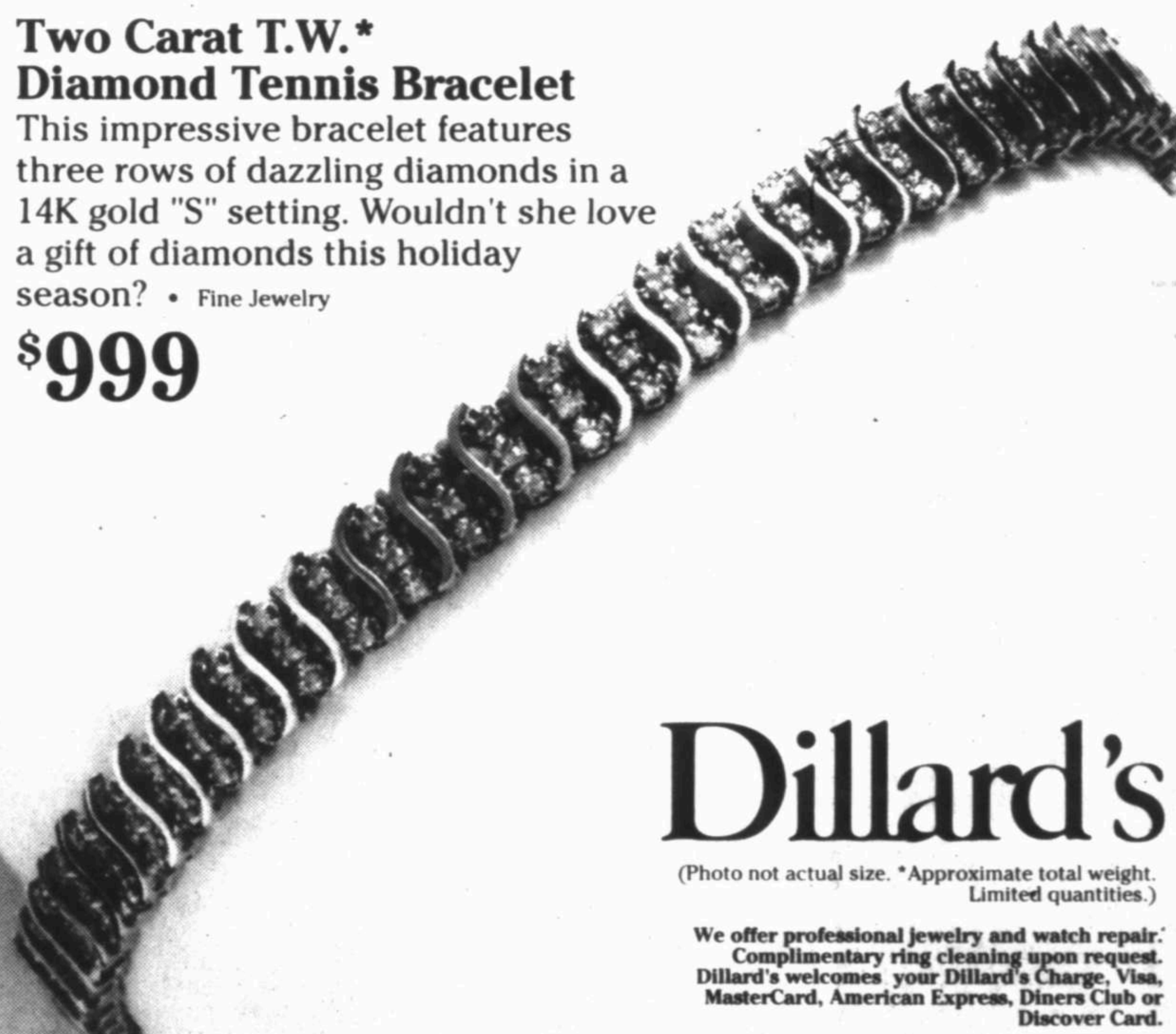


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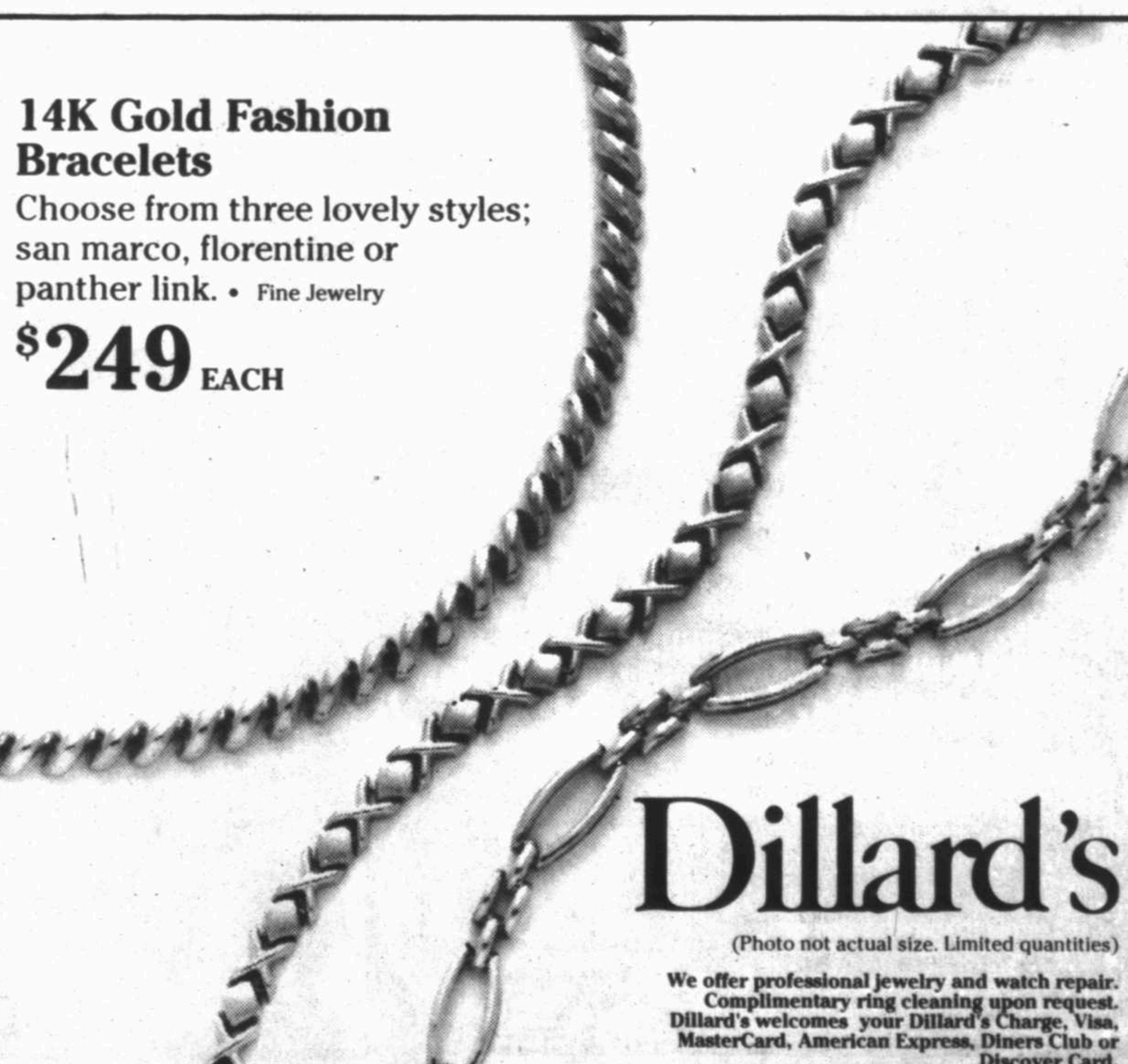
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Military mercy mission makes some headway in Somalia

Echo Company Marines battle high temperatures in Baidoa

By Donatella Lorch
N.Y. Times News Service

BAIDOA, Somalia — For the 30 Americans in flak jackets, helmets, and heavy gear, the biggest enemy on Thursday on the muddy, crowded streets of Baidoa was the heat.

At noon, as the temperature climbed above 110 degrees, the Marines of Echo Company waded two abreast through groping children and wary adults, pouring water on their heads and necks, and warning each other to slow down and drink often.

The foot patrol was the Marines' first through the bush town of Baidoa, and it was a chance for the soldiers to come into contact with the people they are here to help.

"I was kind of shocked," said Lance Cpl. William Waleske, 20, of the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit as he led the patrol through ankle-deep mud along narrow lanes of blasted and bullet-pocked adobe houses. "I've seen poverty like this on TV, but it's a lot different when you see it for real."

The Marines in Baidoa also took a major step in performing their main assignment on Thursday when they escorted 10 trucks carrying 100 tons of wheat to four villages in the Baidoa area. The food was distributed to feeding centers operated by CARE, the American-based relief agency.

With the protection of American light armored vehicles and Cobra helicopters, the operation went smoothly. The last time such a convoy went to the villages was on Dec. 3. Gunmen attacked it, killed five people, and stole 480 bags of food, James Fennell, a CARE spokesman, said.

The Baidoa the Marines saw on Thursday was markedly different from that of a few months ago. In September, more than 300 people

died of starvation and disease here every day; now the daily toll is down to about 60.

Since the arrival of more than 700 Marines on Wednesday, most of the guns have disappeared from the town, which has survived a year and a half of civil war as a ramshackle skeleton of huts, burned-out vehicles, and crumbling adobe storefronts.

"We're pushing the Marines out on the streets so that they can see why the food has to come out," said Capt. David Hall, an infantry company commander from Bellefonte, Pa. "But it's for the people of the town, too. We've closed off the airport, so now no one can see us. So we come out and they can see what we're here for."

Gaunt, barefoot children dressed in dusty burlap bags tried to fight their way through the more aggressive and burlier teenagers who hawked cigarettes to the Marines. As the patrol passed, men left the shade of outdoor tea stalls to smile warily at the sight.

Outwardly at least, the crowds on the streets seemed friendly enough. When a small boy gave Waleske three cigarettes, he returned the favor by letting him drink from one of his canteens.

"You're going to regret that, Waleske!" another Marine yelled. "Hey, come on!" Waleske replied. "He's my buddy!"

Echo Company has consistently been at the forefront of the American deployment in Somalia, arriving among the first units at the airport in Mogadishu, securing the U.S. Embassy there and the airstrip at Bell Dogle between the capital and Baidoa, and entering Baidoa on Wednesday morning.

For many in the group, the first 24 hours in Baidoa were the toughest so far. Torrential downpours on Wednesday night forced them out of waterlogged foxholes.

BAIDOA, Somalia (AP) — U.S. Marines pushed into Somalia's starving countryside Thursday, tossing chocolates to waving children along a muddy road while a Cobra attack helicopter provided air cover against marauding bands.

Many of the ragged and hungry appeared too weak to even greet the troops.

Even as Operation Restore Hope reached new areas and got new commitments of foreign troops, there were fears that when the Marines move on the looters will move in.

In the southern city of Bardera, which the Marines are scheduled to reach late in their mission, gunmen burst into a Red Cross center for severely malnourished famine victims late Monday and opened fire. Nine patients were wounded, including two children.

"What kind of evil is it that would produce this?" asked American Red Cross head Elizabeth Dole, who visited Bardera and Baidoa on Thursday.

New bloodshed also was reported in the southern port of Kisumu, and tension built in the capital, Mogadishu, which is divided between clan warlords.

In Baidoa, a Cobra helicopter provided air cover as armored personnel carriers, Humvees and tanks guided the relief convoy out of town and up the potholed path that passes for a road.

The Marines and French Legion-

naires escorted food to Bonkey and three other villages within 30 miles of Baidoa. It was the first CARE convoy to the villages since Dec. 3, when gunmen ambushed a convoy on the road and fled with 480 sacks of food.

But shortly after the Marines left Bonkey, men in a pickup truck stole 15 bags of food, CNN reported.

CARE spokesman James Fennell in Baidoa said he had not heard of the incident but added, "That sort of thing does happen."

Fennell said Marine officials met Thursday night and discussed the possibility of setting up Marine patrols to stay with the food a little while after it has been dropped off to scare away looters.

In the villages, many people appeared too weak to greet the troops. Dressed mostly in rags, they stood silently as the food was unloaded.

In Busley, a thin woman wrapped in a bright shawl squatted outside her hut and shunned reporters, saying she was too hungry to talk.

Another woman, Fatuma Mabile, said she was glad to get the relief food. "If we didn't get this food, I would go to sleep without eating," she said.

Ravaged by malnutrition, Mabile, 30, looked more like 60 and was blind in one eye.

"I've worked with refugees before, but this is a whole lot worse than I expected," said Marine

Staff Sgt. Marwan Binni of Ocean-side, Calif., before the convoy left Baidoa's airport. "It seems like Africa is condemned."

Civil war, famine and disease have combined to kill more than 350,000 Somalis since President Mohamed Siad Barre was ousted nearly two years ago. An estimated 2 million more are still at risk of starvation.

Law and order have disintegrated, and foreign troops are charged with helping restore order to secure food shipments to the hungry.

Operation Restore Hope is expected to balloon to 25,000 troops from 30 countries at its height.

Germany on Thursday reversed its historic policy of staying out of international military missions, and promised 1,500 troops for Somalia. No German troops have been deployed outside NATO territory since World War II.

India also said it would contribute 2,500 soldiers and two naval

vessels. Iraq, meanwhile, condemned the U.S.-led operation, according to Iraqi radio. The National Assembly of Iraq issued a statement Thursday saying the mission "will enable the United States to control the Horn of Africa."

In Bardera, 40 to 50 people die daily according to Red Cross figures compiled from gravediggers' accounts. Red Cross workers recently picked up dozens of people too weak to walk and piled them into wheelbarrows for treatment at the center that was attacked Monday night.

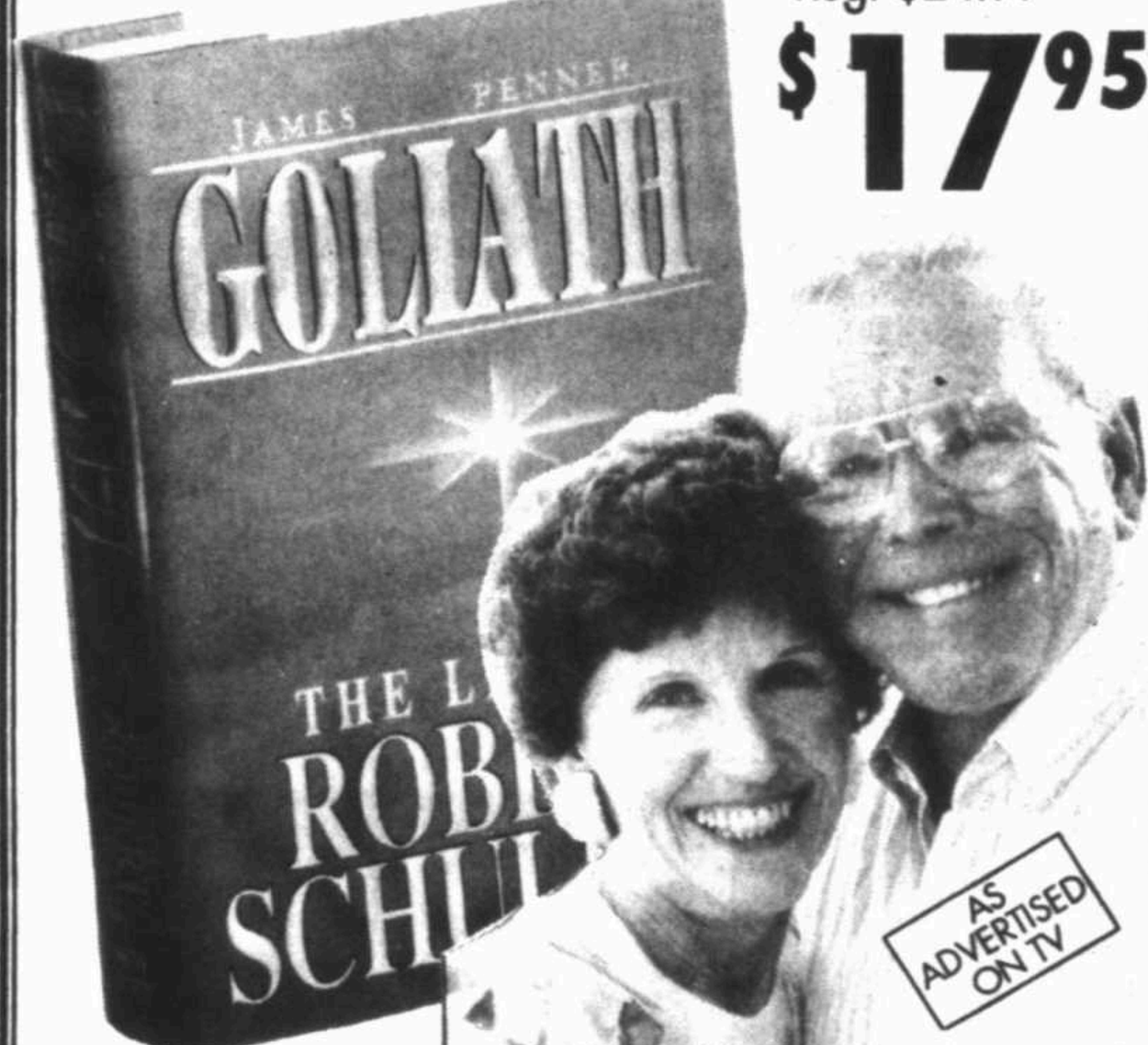
Conditions in Bardera are worse than in Baidoa, said Red Cross spokeswoman Nina Winkvist. In Baidoa, refugees are starting to move back to their villages, but in Bardera more people are coming than going.

Relief agencies pressed U.S. and French troops to move into Kisumu and Bardera, and also into the northern half of Mogadishu.

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Experimental vaccine protects monkeys against AIDS-like virus

BOSTON (NYT) — An experimental vaccine developed from a genetically altered virus has completely protected monkeys against an AIDS-like disease for more than three years, scientists said Thursday. They said the protection was the strongest and longest lasting of any AIDS-related vaccine.

Federal health officials who financed the experiments hailed the finding as "a significant advance" in the search for a human vaccine to protect against HIV, the virus that causes the acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

The new monkey vaccine contains live SIV, the virus that causes an AIDS-like disease in monkeys, from which a key gene was removed, the scientists are reporting Friday in the journal Science.

The research at the New England Regional Primate Research Center in Southborough, Mass., was led by Dr. Ronald C. Desrosiers. The findings seem certain to inject new life and controversy into the field of AIDS vaccines, which has undergone a roller-coaster wave of enthusiasm and dejection.

Although many other successful human vaccines are derived from live viruses that have been weakened, many scientists have shunned such an approach for

AIDS because of the potential dangers of injecting a highly lethal virus in uninfected individuals. Among these dangers are errors in production that would allow the vaccine virus to actually produce the illness, the possibility that the weakened virus could somehow change within the human to cause the disease and the theoretical possibility that it could lead to cancer.

Even experts in AIDS vaccines who said they were excited by the latest advance cautioned that many questions about the safety of an AIDS vaccine based on a live virus needed to be answered before one could become available for use, if it ever does.

The experts also said it was uncertain whether drug companies would underwrite the huge costs of developing an AIDS vaccine based on a live virus because of the liability risks if humans accidentally became infected from such a vaccine.

Nevertheless, "There is nothing like the smell of potential success to lure drug companies into a field," said Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, the head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, a federal agency.

Fauci said scientists at his institute were "extremely enthusiastic

about the possibilities" raised by Dr. Desrosiers's report.

The intended use of any such vaccine would be to protect uninfected individuals against the human immunodeficiency virus. Although there is no theoretical reason to suppose that such a vaccine would benefit individuals infected with the virus, Desrosiers and Fauci said ultimately that such tests will have to be carried out to determine the answer.

The new findings could lead to the first safety tests of such a vaccine on human volunteers in two years, Desrosiers said in an interview. Such initial studies are generally carried out in less than 50 volunteers.

Dr. Murray Gardner, an expert in AIDS vaccines and SIV at the University of California at Davis, said his team had begun experiments to confirm Desrosiers' findings.

Most AIDS vaccines developed so far have come from the use of newer laboratory techniques in which a portion of the AIDS virus is taken to try to stimulate the body to protect against the complete virus. But Gardner said scientists might be in danger of over-emphasizing this approach.

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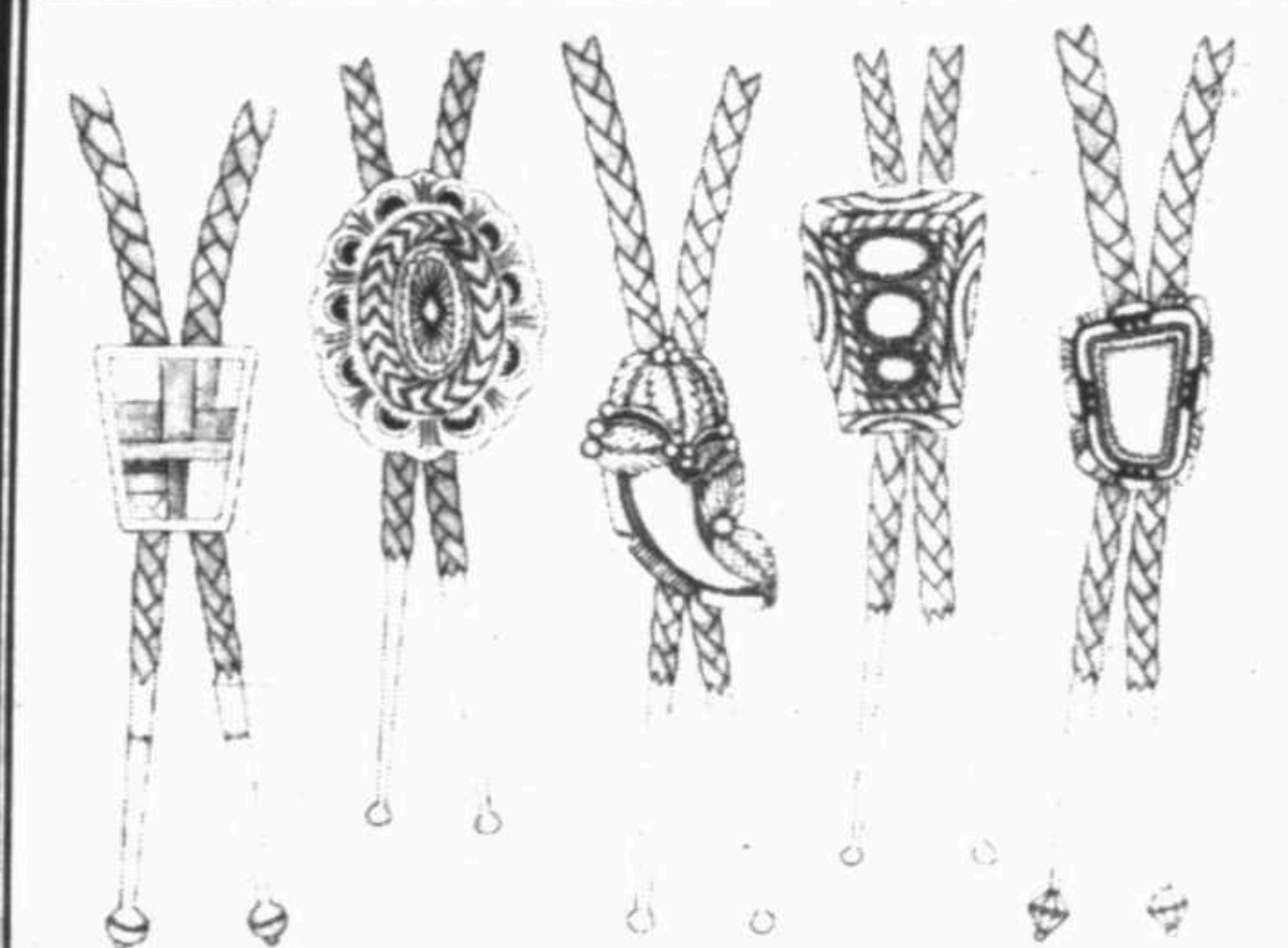
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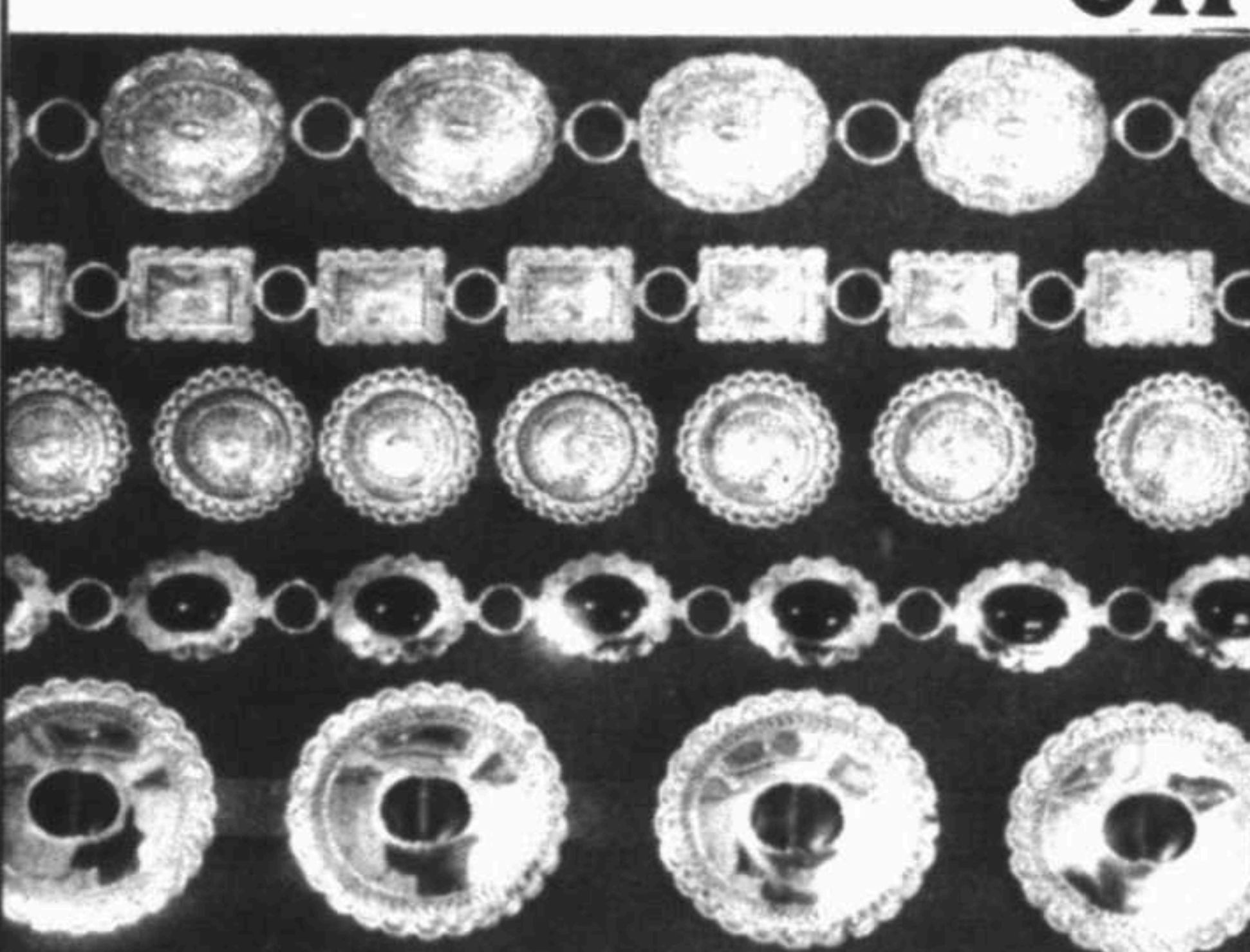
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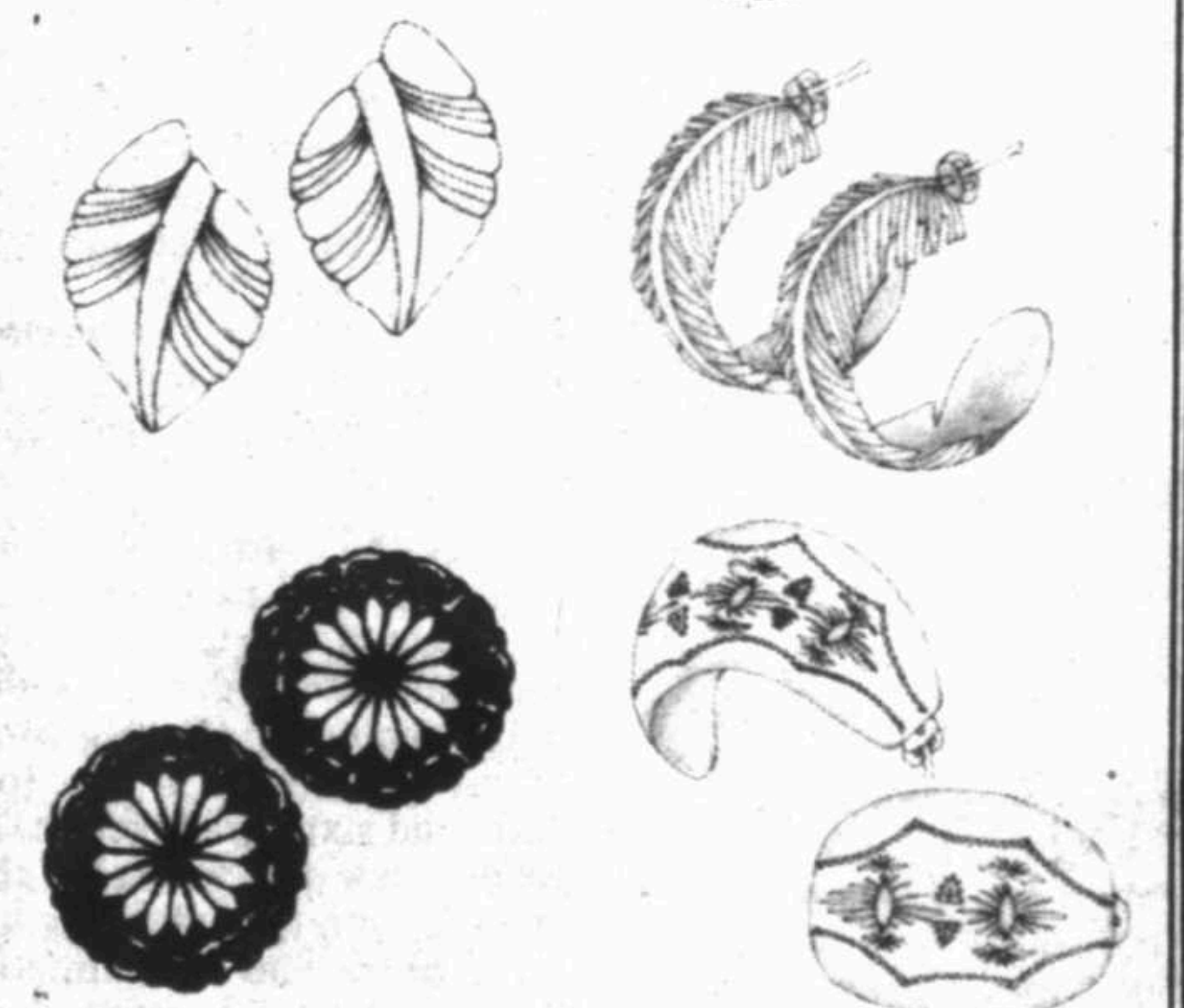
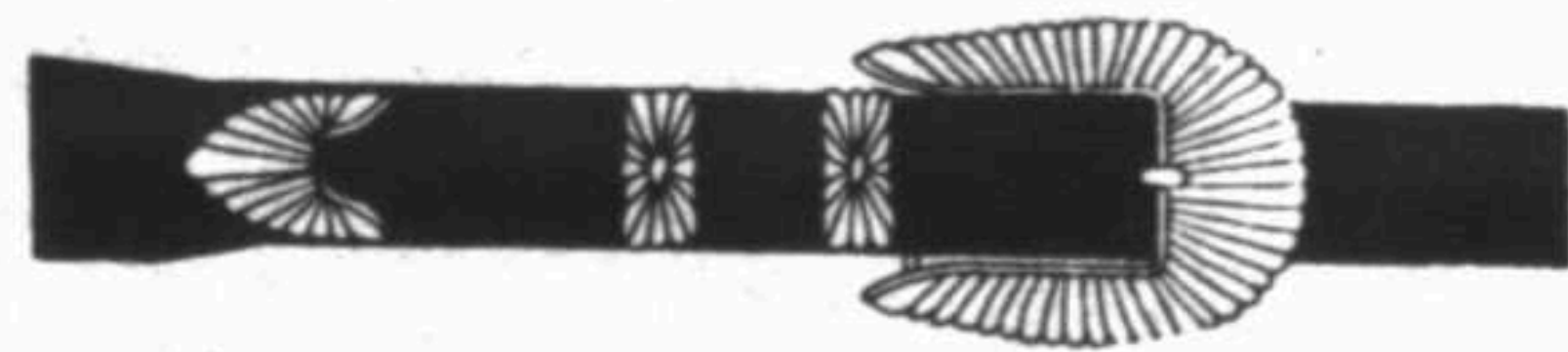
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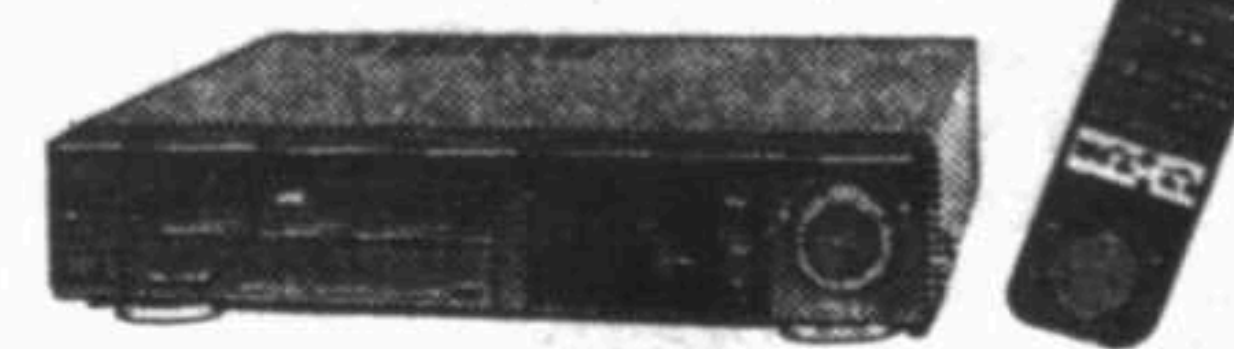
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Fund drive for vests rallies city support

Midland has long been known as a community strongly supportive of its law enforcement officers. That widespread support for the men and women who serve daily as protectors of the Midland populace will be underscored today when police officials announce that in excess of \$82,500 has been raised to equip police officers with bullet-proof vests.

At the same news conference, city officials are expected to announce that the city is contributing \$40,000 to a maintenance fund to pay for additional new vests to replace those that due to use or deterioration must be replaced, to refurbish vests that can then be used by another officer, and to refit used vests for officers.

Penny Angelo, who serves on the board of Neighbors Against Burglaries & Drugs (NAB'D), commented on the strong support shown during the "Invest in a Vest" drive for law enforcement officers. "I had no doubt at all that the community would do like they did. I can't tell you how easy it has been!"

Mrs. Angelo noted the participation of several schools in the program. St. Ann's School has already

collected enough for the purchase of one vest and has started collecting for a second vest. Other schools participating, although not the only ones that may be collecting, include Travis Elementary, Ben Milam Elementary and Quannah Parker Elementary.

The participation of the schools is particularly noteworthy since the vest program bonds law enforcement officers to the community and gets the community involved in working in the interests of law enforcement.

The drive for funds to buy bullet-proof vests doesn't end now although the goal for initial purchase of the vests has been reached, because additional money will be needed to boost the maintenance fund established by Midland City Council.

Support for the vest program has been particularly gratifying because of the special relationship it signifies between law enforcement officers and the community.

As sponsor of the "Invest in a Vest" fund drive, along with KTX-TV, Channel 9, The Reporter-Telegram was proud to have had a role in giving the community this chance to help protect those who protect us every day.

JACK ANDERSON

Iran continues to build its arms supply

WASHINGTON — While America's attention is elsewhere, Iran continues an arms buildup that includes the early stages of a nuclear weapons-making complex and the actual production of chemical and biological weapons.

We have been detailing the nuclear push of Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani for more than two years. Surprisingly, much of the world seems to take Iran at its word when it publicly denies such pursuits. They take their evidence from statements like the one by Deputy Foreign Minister Ali Mohammad Besharati on Iranian radio last November: "We have no need for nuclear weapons."

Careful review of selected statements suggests that Rafsanjani's regime has a far different goal in sight — to buy or make whatever weapons they feel they need to "defend" themselves, whether conventional, nuclear or chemical/biological.

As far back as 1989, Rafsanjani said: "Iran cannot overlook the reality of nuclear strength in the modern world."

More recently, in between secret visits to countries such as China in pursuit of more weapons of mass destruction, Rafsanjani referred somewhat more obliquely to the purpose of these missions on Aug. 11, 1992: "No doubt defense is impossible without the suitable weapons of the time."

This would only be bluster if we didn't also find, from our U.S., European and Iranian intelligence sources (including the Iranian resistance group, the People's Mojahedin) that Rafsanjani is spending billions of dollars to arm Iran, and his regime is actively pursuing advanced weapons systems.

Our associate Dale Van Atta has learned that

in addition to its nuclear buildup, Iran has also made dangerous advances in the chemical and biological weapons fields — with foreign assistance.

The fanatical Revolutionary Guard Corps has already produced large quantities of chemical weapons, as well as the capability to mount them on long-range Scud missiles. They've also produced an unknown quantity of biological weapons.

Though the Revolutionary Guard Corps is in charge of the mission, most of the credit belongs to experts imported from China, North Korea and Germany, who provided valuable help along the way.

Under the strictest secrecy, Iran has been expanding its chemical weapons sites this year. Only a small number of Iranian military

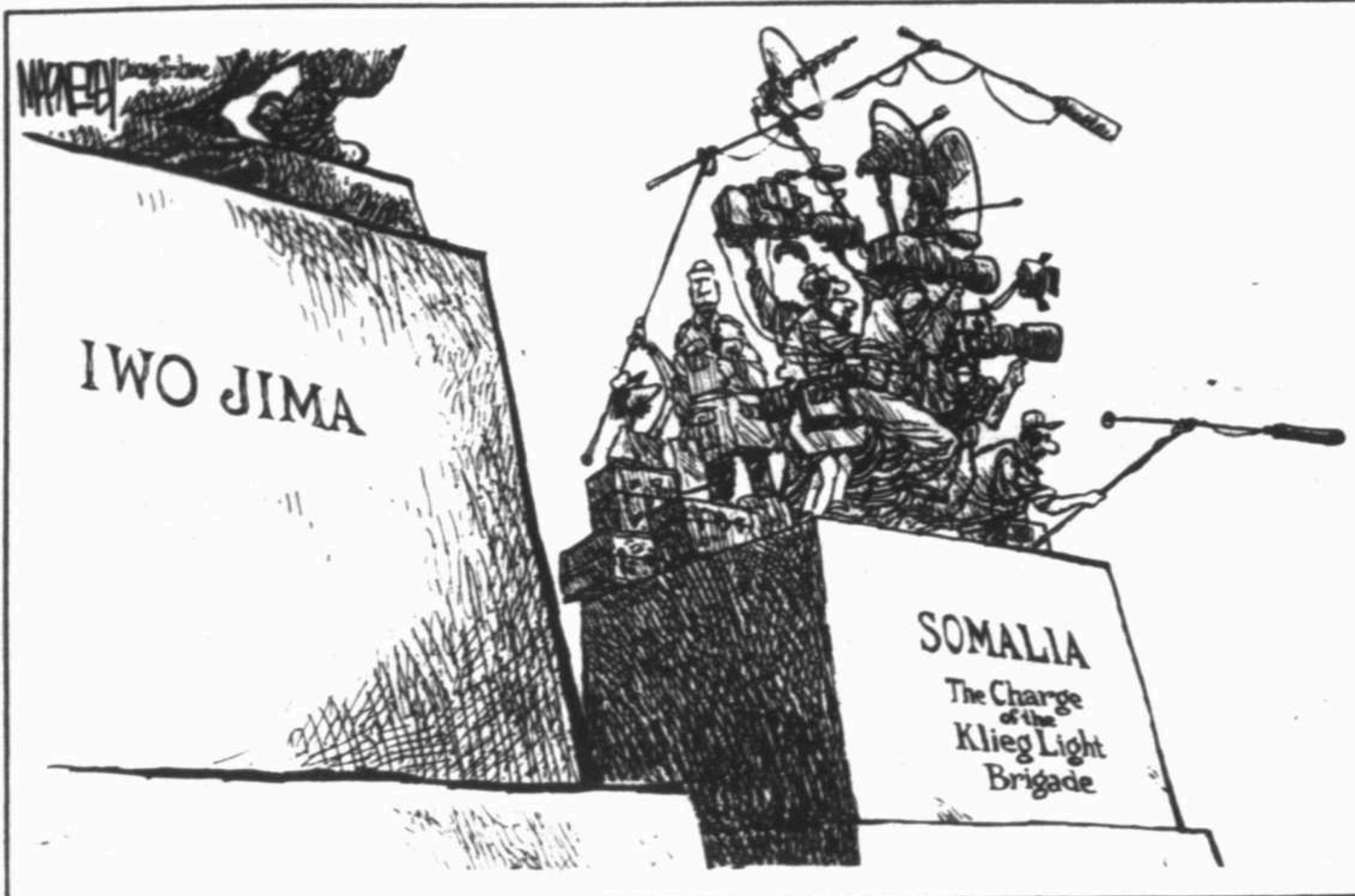
and civilian officials are aware of them.

Rafsanjani clearly intends to use whatever means necessary to stay in power, including armed conflict. The doctrine might have been best spelled out by one of his key deputies, Atta'ollah Mohajerani, on Oct. 23, 1991: "Regardless of the United Nation's effort to prevent nuclear proliferation, Muslims must continue to cooperate among themselves and produce their own nuclear bomb, because the enemy has nuclear facilities. Since the enemy has nuclear facilities, Islamic countries must be armed with the same capacity."

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Anderson



CHARLEY REESE

U.S. relief appears to have hidden agenda

I don't believe the decision to send U.S. forces to Somalia is based purely on humanitarian concerns, as the Bush administration claims.

There must be other reasons. We've watched too many thousands of people suffer and die — millions even — and never before felt it necessary to dispatch 30,000 or so troops. Why in Somalia?

Excuse me for sounding cynical, but I've just learned over the years there are usually hidden reasons for governments doing what they do. It's true that humanitarian aid cannot be carried out without military protection. It's true the U.S. forces can easily provide that protection. The food will get through. The people will be fed. Casualties, other than to disease and accident, ought to be light. The Somalia warlords are not fools.

But if that were all there were to it, we could easily have contributed logistical support to a U.N. force under U.N. command. But we didn't do that. George Bush initiated this adventure. He insisted, and the U.N. agreed, that the U.S. troops would be under U.S. command. Thus, this is not a U.N. operation. It is a U.S. operation blessed by the U.N.



Reese

So the question in my mind is why a lame duck president chose to mount such an operation in December. It could be that in the age of television, great powers run by small minds have their policy set by TV coverage. I would hate to think that is true.

It could also be that Mr. Bush, reportedly of a vindictive nature, decided to leave Bill Clinton, who wants to concentrate on the domestic agenda, a nice messy foreign policy problem. Clinton will be stuck with the problem of U.S. withdrawal from Somalia — a much more difficult task than putting the troops in. It won't be militarily difficult to withdraw — it will be politically difficult. The clamor will be that as soon as the U.S. leaves, the warlords will dig up their weapons and the situation will revert to its former chaos. The humanitarian outfits will pressure us to stay.

Once more, in the Bush style, Congress was a non-participant. Once more, in the style of Congress, the institution played lap dog. Once more, in the Bush style, this seems more an impulse than a part of a well-reasoned policy. Where else will we send troops? For what purpose? The only apparent answer is, whenever a president decides it is politically expedient. If we are such dedicated servants of the U.N., why don't we pay our bills to the international organization?

Whenever a major move is made there are always reasons. Humanitarian concern, I don't deny, is probably ONE of the reasons. I suspect another is that the military-industrial complex

is still desperately searching for new missions in a non-Cold War environment. Being bodyguards to social workers on this scale can consume millions of dollars. For example, it will cost \$15 million a month just to feed our own troops.

There is also the possibility that there is something of economic value in Somalia that we don't know about. There's some uranium there, but that's not in short supply. Perhaps it's oil.

Years ago, by the accident of having a friend in the Sudan, I learned of a big oil strike there that was not announced publicly for nearly two years. Knowing the oil was there helped explain U.S. concern for the Sudan, which at the time was otherwise inexplicable. Sudan then being run by a murderous dictator.

Finally, I am inclined to say that Americans, being free citizens of a republic whose Constitution limits the powers of government, ought to be upset that presidents act like Roman emperors and send troops off willy-nilly without so much as even consulting Congress. But I have learned that many Americans prefer an emperor and, as long as what the emperor does, doesn't personally inconvenience them, are only too happy to form mobs and shout, "Hail, Caesar... or George or Bill or whoever!"

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, Dec. 18, the 353rd day of 1992. There are 13 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history: On Dec. 18, 1865, the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, abolishing slavery, was declared in effect.

On this date:

In 1737, the most renowned violin-maker in history, Antonio Stradivari, died in Cremona, Italy.

In 1787, New Jersey became the third state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1813, the British took Fort Niagara in the War of 1812.

In 1892, 100 years ago, "The Nutcracker Suite," by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky, premiered in St. Petersburg, Russia.

In 1915, President Wilson, widowed the year before, married Edith Bolling Galt at her home in Washington.

In 1940, Adolf Hitler signed a secret directive ordering preparations for a Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union. (Operation Barbarossa, as it became known, was launched the following June.)

In 1956, Japan was admitted to the United Nations.

In 1957, "Bridge on the River Kwai," David Lean's film version of Pierre Boulle's World War II novel, premiered at the RKO Palace Theater in New York.

In 1969, Britain's Parliament abolished the death penalty.

In 1972, the United States began its heaviest bombing of North Vietnam to date during the Viet-

nam War. (The bombardment ended 12 days later.)

In 1979, the Vatican censured the Rev. Hans Kung, a leading liberal theologian, for what it called his "contempt" for church doctrine, saying his writings had "departed from the integral truth of Catholic faith."

In 1980, former Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin died at age 76 (his death was not announced officially for two days).

Ten years ago: Poland's parliament formally approved the plans of the country's military regime to suspend martial law, but also formalized many of the sweeping powers used by the military council to suppress the Solidarity labor movement.

Five years ago: Pakistani opposition leader Benazir Bhutto was married in a traditional Islamic ceremony to businessman Asif Ali Zardari — the man selected for her by her mother. Ivan F. Boesky was sentenced to three years in prison for plotting Wall Street's biggest insider trading scandal (he served about two years of his sentence).

One year ago: General Motors Corporation announced it would close 21 North American plants over the next four years and slash tens of thousands of jobs in a sweeping restructuring of the world's largest company.

Thought for Today: "Those who cannot live fully often become destroyers of life." — Anais Nin, American author (1903-1977).

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LETTERS

Reader warns of false hopes found in trolls

In regard to your picture and caption in the Sunday, Dec. 6, Midland Reporter-Telegram, I am responding.

"Among the trolls" was one of the cutest displays of the doll I have ever seen.

The little boy was surrounded by these wide eyes and wild haired dolls.

Yet let me remind you of the false hopes these wish trolls hold. A child will never get his wish or heart's desire or dream because he wishes upon an inanimate object such as these, but will only receive God's best for him when he prays to Him.

Troll as defined in Webster's College Edition Dictionary (1980 issue) and World Book Dictionary (1980 edition) state, "an ugly dwarf or giant in Scandinavian folklore with supernatural powers, living underground or in caves, Old Icelandic-troll giant, fiend, demon."

For the little ones growing up it is hard enough for parents to keep a child in truth and reality with the media (T.V., radio and the newspapers) encouraging the lies and supernatural powers of a piece of rubber and nylon.

The children's book "Three Billy Goats Gruff" says it quite clear. The troll was evil and there was death to all who crossed over the bridge and got caught.

Please, as a parent who cares for

all of our children, test the waters before you step out into the shark infested ocean of lies. You are going to get eaten on before you know it and become prey for the enemy who seeks to devour you.

Does nobody have a sense of accountability anymore?

Retailers who think that money is more important than people had better think again.

Tela Dawson
Midland

Citizen boycotts Levis to support Boy Scouts

In the October issue of "Citizen" magazine I read where the Levi Strauss and Co., the Wells Fargo Bank, the United Way of the Bay area and the Bank of America, all located in San Francisco, had pulled their funding to the Boy Scouts when an openly gay man lost his lawsuit to become a volunteer Scout leader.

To allow gays into any part of the Boy Scouts would put pressure on the Boy Scouts of America to lower the basic moral standards of the Boy Scout Oath and Law.

Due to public outrage of concerned citizens in California pulling millions of dollars out of their corporate and personal accounts at Bank of America San Francisco, as well as sending back cut-up credit cards from Bank of America, they have reinstated the funds to the Scouts of the Bay area. The others have not.

I checked with our local United

Way and Boy Scouts and was assured by both that our local Scouts are sponsored by the Midland United Way.

In all honesty, I do not know if other clothing manufacturers sponsor the Boy Scouts or not. I do know I won't be buying Dockers, Levi's or any other product made by Levi Strauss & Co.

I urge all concerned citizens in our area to buy from other manufacturers as well as return any Wells Fargo credit cards and show our support to the Boy Scouts of America in any way we can.

Charles Lytle
Midland

'Enrichment Program' limits basic education

Midland Independent School District (MISD) is thinking of implementing a program where a cluster of five or six elementary schools would offer one "Enrichment Program" per school. Third grade students would choose which class they want to study for the next three years. Based on racial balance, number of students in the school, and other factors, MISD will decide if your child gets his first, second, or third choice of class and school.

On Jan. 18th MISD will send representatives to New York and surrounding areas to study this program at a cost to Midland taxpayers of several thousand dollars.

MISD officials said they would

not retire buses as scheduled so new buses would not be an expense for this program. Did they forget the expense of fuel, maintenance, and insurance for these buses? Did they forget the cost of salary, insurance, and payroll taxes for the bus drivers and teachers? What about equipment and supplies for each classroom? MISD's answer is there is bond money out there.

There are not enough science, algebra, history, and other textbooks in our schools. Students share books in the classroom. Some schools will not let students check textbooks out overnight because there are so few books.

Using the cluster system as it is now with very minimum change, MISD could balance our schools. Enrichment Programs could be implemented by offering two programs per school at the fourth, fifth, and sixth grade levels. Third graders are too young to choose one program to study in depth for three years and this limits their learning skills. A student could choose one of two programs offered in his respective school each year. Teach computer classes at schools which already have computers purchased by PTA. This would allow students to increase their knowledge in several areas opposed to only one.

Let's concentrate on teaching the basics before experimentation. Peggy Bill
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Bush signs tri-country trade pact, challenges Clinton to expand it

By Bob Deans
Cox News Service

WASHINGTON — President Bush capped a four-year crusade to open global markets Thursday by signing a controversial treaty to turn the United States, Canada and Mexico into the world's largest free trade zone.

Bush said the pact would link the three countries "in a permanent partnership of growth," and he challenged his successor, President-elect Bill Clinton, to work to

ward broadening that partnership to include Latin America and the nations of the Caribbean.

Clinton supports the pact with reservations, while a broad coalition of labor, environmental and consumer groups plan to oppose its ratification by Congress.

"The NAFTA represents the first giant step towards fulfillment of a dream that has long inspired us all — the dream of a hemisphere united by economic cooperation and free competition," Bush said.

"I believe the time will soon come when trade is free from Alaska to Argentina, when every citizen of the Americas has the opportunity to share in new growth and expanding prosperity."

Bush underscored the point by hosting his NAFTA signing ceremony here at the headquarters of the Organization of American States (OAS), a regional coordinating body representing Mexico and 34 other nations across Central America, South America and the Caribbean.

OAS Secretary General Joao Clemente Baena Soares said the treaty has "the potential to become a fundamental link of a broader inter-American policy of cooperation among peoples."

NAFTA would phase out over 15 years most tariffs and other barriers to trade between Canada, the United States and Mexico, three nations with a combined population of 360 million people and total economic output approaching \$6.5 trillion a year.

The 2,000-page treaty was

agreed to in principle last August by Bush and his Mexican and Canadian counterparts, President Carlos Salinas de Gortari and Prime Minister Brian Mulroney. All three signed the agreement Thursday in their respective capitals.

The treaty's provisions won't take effect unless each country's legislature ratifies it.

In this country, the next step will be for Clinton to submit the treaty to Congress along with a package of implementing legisla-

tion intended to make NAFTA's provisions federal law.

Once the legislation is completed, Congress would have up to 90 days when lawmakers are actually in session to either approve the package or kill it.

Clinton has said he supports NAFTA. In Little Rock, Ark., on Thursday, he said three supplemental measures should be passed by Congress: environmental safeguards, protections for U.S. jobs and "special safeguards for unexpected surges in imports."

Outbreaks of influenza seem milder this year

ATLANTA (AP) — The flu hasn't hit Americans as early or as hard as last year, but federal health officials said Thursday it's still too early to tell if this will be a mild flu year.

"You just can't tell with flu when it's going to pop up," said Lynnette Brammer, a flu specialist for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Last year, the United States experienced a flu epidemic, with outbreaks that began around the country in October, two months before flu season usually hits. The winter bug was at its peak by Dec. 14, 1991, and the majority of patients were hit by Type A, the worst strain.

This year, the first U.S. outbreak was reported the week of Dec. 5 in a high school in Washington state. About 170 of the 1,450

students, or almost 12 percent, became ill.

Less than 25 flu cases have been reported in 10 other states and no other outbreaks have been reported yet, the CDC said. After Washington, Oregon appears to have the most flu cases so far, with nine patients identified, the agency said.

Almost all the cases, including those in Washington, are Type B, or Panama flu, a milder strain than the Type A Beijing flu that ravaged the nation last year.

But Americans aren't free from the threat of Type A. It is circulating in other countries, including France, Sweden and the Netherlands, although apparently at low levels.

Type B also is circulating worldwide.

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Barr arranges investigation of Clinton passport file search

WASHINGTON (NYT) — Attorney General William P. Barr has arranged the appointment of an independent prosecutor to conduct a criminal investigation of the State Department's search of Bill Clinton's passport files, lawyers and government officials following the case said Thursday.

It was not immediately clear who would be the primary subjects of the criminal inquiry by Joseph E. diGenova, a former U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia, who was appointed by a federal appeals court panel in a sealed court document that has not been made public.

James A. Baker 3rd, the White House chief of staff and former secretary of State, and two of his top aides have hired criminal lawyers to represent them in connection with the inquiry, although it was not known if Baker or either of the aides, Margaret D. Tutwiler, White House

director of communications, and Janet G. Mullins, the White House political director, was under scrutiny. A White House spokesman said Thursday that officials there were unaware of the appointment.

The appointment of the independent prosecutor was made just days before the expiration of a law that requires such action if criminal conduct is suspected of a specific group of senior political appointees. Thus, the inquiry for first time exposes high-ranking White House and State Department officials to potential criminal prosecution in the passport affair.

Although the State Department has conducted its own investigation and Congress is now reviewing the records search, Barr's move would force Bush administration officials to explain their activities to a prosecutor armed with subpoena power and the threat of criminal

indictments.

Barr's decision came as a shock to some of his conservative allies within and outside the government because as attorney general he has insistently criticized the law that authorizes the appointment of independent prosecutors, which expired Tuesday.

His decision also thrust President Bush's Justice Department into a case that deeply embarrassed the White House during the presidential campaign.

Neither Barr nor other Justice Department officials would comment on the matter Thursday. But it seemed most likely that the attorney general had felt compelled to seek the appointment of the prosecutor because the law that governs such appointments allows the attorney general little discretion in cases involving allegations against top political appointees.

Under the law, the attorney general must seek an outside counsel if he finds a credible allegation of wrongdoing against certain top administration officeholders, referred to by the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 as "covered officials," even if he does not suspect they broke the law.

In this case, the number of officials who fall into the "covered" category appear to be limited to a few senior White House aides in the executive office of the president, chiefly Baker and possibly Ms. Tutwiler and Ms. Mullins.

While the potential crimes under investigation remain uncertain, it is conceivable that the prosecutor will examine whether officials concealed their knowledge of the search or violated privacy laws that bar unauthorized disclosure of government records, including information gleaned from passport files.

DiGenova, the special prosecutor, a Re-

publican who was appointed as a U.S. attorney during the administration of Ronald Reagan, did not return a reporter's telephone calls Thursday.

Under the law, once the attorney general determines that an independent prosecutor is warranted, he has no further voice in the selection although he does determine the scope of inquiry. The special three-judge panel of the appeals court selects the prosecutor from a list it has compiled.

The latest turn in the case followed a report last month by the State Department's inspector general that depicted a group of political appointees at the White House and State Department who sought to spread derogatory information about Clinton to news organizations during the campaign, hoping to find an excuse to rummage through government records for documents that might embarrass the Democratic candidate.

VA appointee Jesse Brown defends veterans' rights

WASHINGTON (NYT) — Had Jesse Brown been a lawyer, he would have been a defense attorney, not a prosecutor. In the world of veterans' affairs, defenders of veterans' rights have survived and flourished; people raising questions about those rights have not.

Bill Clinton's choice of Jesse Brown, the executive director of the Disabled Veterans of America, to head the Department of Veterans Affairs serves to underscore that point.

Brown left the free-fire zones of Vietnam as a Marine with a Purple Heart and a partly paralyzed arm, and went to work helping other veterans make the case that they were eligible for the health, educational, job-training and disability

benefits that the agency — one of Washington's largest, with 220,000 employees — allocates among the nation's 27 million veterans.

"He was the consummate professional," said Joe Guido, who knew Brown when both were young national service officers helping veterans negotiate the maze of rules that determines if a veteran's disability is "service-connected."

These advocates for veterans, who receive professional certification in their specialty, help persuade skeptical rating boards that the shrapnel-scarred ankle or the ringing ears render their clients 20 percent disabled, or 40 percent, or 100 percent — and that the gov-

ernment must grant benefits commensurate with their injuries.

Guido, currently assistant supervisor in the Chicago office of the Disabled American Veterans, added that his longtime colleague "really knew the V.A. rating schedule," the arcane medical-legal compilation of injuries and their presumed effect on a person's activity. "He knew it very well. He applied that knowledge."

"For instance, you can get special monthly compensation in some cases," he said. "If you have bilateral amputations, you can be more than 100 percent disabled and get the compensation. Or a combination of hearing loss and visual impairment — those things together bring about disability lev-

els above 100 percent. He was very good at getting that status for people."

Guido added that he was also very good at establishing secondary disabilities, like proving that back injuries in a 55-year-old veteran resulted from 35 years of walking around on a leg shortened by a combat wound.

Brown's days in Chicago, where he worked as a service officer from 1967 through 1973, gave him his first impressions of what veterans were due and how the government should provide it.

His days in Washington, according to members of the Disabled American Veterans, the Veterans' Administration and some congressional observers, gave him polish

and command in a different arena, an "iron triangle" made up of the Veterans' Administration, the Veterans' chief lobbying groups, and the congressional committees specializing in veterans' affairs.

Prominent figures in that group, from the House Veterans' Affairs Committee chairman, G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery of Mississippi, to the Veterans of Foreign Wars commander-in-chief, John M. Carney, hailed him as one of their own.

Montgomery said in a statement: "We've known Jesse and worked with him for a number of years. He has an excellent grasp of the concerns of veterans and their families."

Hand over your guns: Omaha offers bounty for all firearms

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Four-year-old Che Olson wants a Ghostbuster gun for Christmas, but on Saturday, he'll hand over one from his small arsenal and get the \$1 bounty in a gun-amnesty program that includes toys.

Grown-ups turning in real guns will get \$50. The toy guns, like the real ones, will be destroyed.

The toy gun collection — a first in Omaha — is a symbolic gesture

to promote awareness among families of the hazards of guns and violence, Mayor P.J. Morgan said Thursday.

Che already knows. His mother told him about the shooting death of his cousin last year.

"They're dangerous," Che said this week as he arranged plastic blocks at his day-care center. "They're dangerous for little kids because they hurt yourself."

His mother, Michelle Olson, 23, and his grandmother talked to him about turning in one of his six toy guns.

"Some people say you shouldn't let little kids play with guns," Olson said. "But those who do should be taught the difference between a toy gun and a real one and encouraged to play with other toys as well."

"I think he knows the differ-

ence," she said.

The mayor, who devised the amnesty program, said he doesn't let his 6-year-old daughter play with toy guns, but he isn't telling other parents to follow suit.

"We don't consider it to be a slap against us at all," said Ken Tiarks, assistant manager at a Kay-Bee Toys in Omaha. "We do sell slots and lots of guns. It's the first aisle that kids go to."

Eddie Staton, a leader of Mad Dads, fathers opposed to drugs and gangs, believes there may be a link between toy guns and violence later in life.

"I know there will be psychologists who will say there is no correlation between kids who play with guns and violence. ... Let's don't take that chance," said Staton, whose group is helping to sponsor the amnesty program.



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Culp proposes to split lawsuit into two cases

By Ed Todd
Staff writer

A motion to simplify the convoluted lawsuit involving Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter, the Commissioners' Court, three sheriff's deputies, a former Monahans district attorney, his one-time investigator, and Texas Attorney General Dan Morales by classifying the issues and making two lawsuits out of one has been proposed by Vann Culp.

"It would be unfair to require the other parties to participate in a trial involving issues solely between the County and the Sheriff," Culp, who represents the Commissioners' Court, said in a motion for severance now before Judge Virgil Mulanax of Gilmer.

Painter, who is recovering from open-heart surgery, deferred to his Dallas lawyers, Marc Richman and Kenneth Mayfield, for comment. Neither was available Thursday for comment on Culp's proposal.

Mulanax has set scheduling for a trial or trials to settle the disputes for 1 p.m. Monday in the 238th Texas District Courtroom in the Midland County Courthouse. Culp, who is a former presiding judge of that court, has been succeeded by Judge John Hyde, who recused himself and asked that a visiting judge be appointed to hear the civil case.

"All parties involved in this suit will benefit by the severance now sought," Culp said, "because the trial in which each party is involved will be shorter and therefore less expensive."

The litigation involves disputes over the legal ownership of about \$1 million in drug money which was forfeited to Painter's office following reverse-sting operations; the propriety of the sheriff and his deputies taking \$449,950 in drug money seized in Midland in 1990 for forfeiture in Monahans in Ward County; and Commissioners' Court allegations that the sheriff has neglected official duties and violated budget law.

The Commissioners' Court alleges that Painter violates the

rules of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards by not assigning an "adequate number" of his work force to the county's two jails. The county's governing body is charging that the sheriff was neglectful in not furnishing the Commissioners' Court with names of deputies and other sheriff's employees whose positions, salaries, and duties were outlined by the Commissioners' Court. Further, the Commissioners' Court, which has budgeted \$90,000 for maintaining 40 vehicles for the sheriff, charges that the sheriff has an additional 20 automobiles which are "primarily perk vehicles for certain deputies."

In addition, the Commissioners' Court alleges that the sheriff allowed "budget overruns" and exceeded his budgeted appropriation in 1991-92 by "at least" \$276,344.52 and that the Commissioners' Court was "forced to make emergency amendments" to the budget.

"The county official entrusted by the taxpayers and citizens of Midland County is morally and legally obligated to adhere to each year's fiscal monetary appropriations as approved by the Midland County Commissioners' Court," Culp said in his motion to break the dispute into two cases.

Attorney General Morales claims the approximately \$1 million in forfeited drug money, which mostly has been spent by Painter for law-enforcement equipment and in paying off informants, belongs to the state if it was not seized under valid local agreements between the sheriff and the district attorney.

In his motion, Culp contends that the Commissioners' Court's "claims against the Sheriff for neglect of official duties and violations of budget law have nothing in common with the monetary claims" against Painter and his co-defendants and "nothing in common with the claims" of the Texas Attorney General to recover any drug money that may have been forfeited without benefit of local

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Christmas shopping

With one week to go until Christmas, Midlanders are hitting the local stores in large numbers, according to retailers. Laura Rodriguez, top left, and Connie Niblett examine miniature angels at The Lighthouse, 3001 W. Loop 250.



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Above, Rocky Martinez and her five-year-old daughter Lizza examine music boxes at Expressions, 3201 N. Big Spring. Right, Julia Gonzalez looks at a frame at The Carpenter Shop Art Gallery, 3324 N. Midkiff.



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Former Texas mayor to head HUD

By Kelley Shannon
Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO — Henry Cisneros, President-elect Clinton's choice to head the Department of Housing and Urban Development, rose to national prominence in the 1980s as the first Hispanic mayor of a large American city.

The 45-year-old Texas native served four terms as mayor of San Antonio, the nation's 10th largest city, from 1981-1989, and was elected president of the National League of Cities in 1985.

Cisneros resigned his seat on the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas in August to join the Clinton-Gore campaign, where he courted Hispanic voters with his "Adelante con Clinton" (Forward with Clinton) networks.

Since leaving public office in 1989, Cisneros has become chairman of an investment firm bearing his name that manages \$525 million in pension funds and other

assets.

He also established Cisneros Communications, which provides his commentaries to newspapers and radio and television outlets, and Cisneros MetroAir Service Inc., a small charter air service. He is a director of U.S. Long Distance Corp., a telecommunications company based in San Antonio.

Cisneros was born June 11, 1947, in San Antonio. The son of an Army colonel, he grew up in a middle-class family on the city's predominantly Hispanic west side. Cisneros attended Central Catholic High School in San Antonio. In 1969 he married his high school sweetheart, Mary Alice Perez.

Cisneros graduated from Texas A&M University and earned a master's in public administration from the John F. Kennedy School at Harvard. His doctorate in public administration is from George Washington University.

He taught college and served on the city council before becoming

the nation's first big-city Hispanic mayor in 1981.

President Reagan appointed Cisneros in 1983 to a bipartisan commission on Central America and Democratic presidential nominee Walter Mondale interviewed him as a potential running mate in 1984.

Robert Brischetto, executive director of the Southwest Voter Research Institute, an organization that deals with Hispanic voter issues, said Cisneros' appointment to HUD is significant for Hispanics.

"That is a very important spot for a Hispanic," Brischetto said. "He has certainly got the qualifications. I think there is no question of that."

As mayor, Cisneros is credited with fusing government and private-sector efforts to improve downtown tourism and convention business. He pushed for construction of a fashionable downtown river mall and successfully

campaigns for voter approval of a \$180-million domed stadium.

"Henry is a very innovative person," said former Mayor Lila Cockrell, who preceded and succeeded Cisneros as mayor. "It's a time when new approaches are needed to get the most benefit from tax dollars at all levels."

In 1988, Cisneros announced he would not seek re-election to a fifth term, citing a desire to enter private business and to attend to family concerns.

Then, weeks later, came revelations of an extramarital relationship with political fund-raiser Linda Medlar, who declared her love for Cisneros in a newspaper article. Cisneros also acknowledged the relationship.

In October 1991, Cisneros' wife of 21 years, Mary Alice Cisneros, filed for divorce. By that time, both Cisneros and Medlar said they no longer were involved romantically.



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Hospital Christmas

Midland High School sophomore Bill Galindo, 16, reads to Memorial Hospital and Medical Center patient Jacqueline Ramirez as fellow MHS sophomore Luis Arslago, 16, looks on. The sophomores wrote, illustrated and bound their own Christmas stories which they read to young patients Thursday.

Lee High School inducts students into National Honor Society

Staff report

Lee High School conducted its 1992 National Honor Society induction Thursday night.

Selection into the NHS encourages students to maintain the high standards of scholarship, service, leadership and character upon which they were selected to the prestigious organization.

The LHS singing group "Origin" performed at the event and Diann Whisman played piano selections. Thomas Fleming and Lyndal Stephens gave introductory remarks.

The candlelighting ceremony was conducted by NHS officers, Martin Lattibeaudiere, president; Paula King, vice president; Heather Johnson, secretary; and Carrie Zamora, treasurer.

LHS Principal and NHS officer Jack Fryar inducted new members.

Keynote speaker at the event was Chiwon Song. Lindsey Walker closed the ceremony.

Seniors inducted this year include Tiffanie Adams, Theresa Aleman, Dana Beck, Adrian Gomez, Aimee Henderson, Erika King, Jennifer Lammey, Cosette Lewis, Michael Masa, Carolyn Molina, Patricia Nativida and Daniel Salcedo.

Juniors inducted into NHS include Christopher Aduddell, Anurag Agrawal, Heather Albright, Brandy Allen, Audrey Armstrong, Christina Atkins, Kimberley Baggett, Claudia Becerra, Ahmed Belazi, Tawnya Bentley, Katherine Bishop, Heather Blair, Shauna Bolton, Clifton Bowden, Tanner Boyd, Yoland Boyd, Cesar Brannon, Jennifer Brockett, Deanna Brown, Nathanael Brown, Norma Brown, Stacy Brown, Caroline Bryant, Stacie Butler, Theresa Burgess, Bryan Bustamante, Michael Carrasco, Jason Carroll, Amanda Cartwright, Matthew Clements, Melanie Clinton, Shannon Conkey, Mariesa Cooke, Brandi Crawford, Ashlee Davidson, Jennifer Davis, Joanna Davis, Wesley Davis, Megan Delmonago, Jennifer Dickson, Julie

Douglas, and Kylabe Easley.

Other juniors inducted include Jennifer Engel, Amy Erdwurm, Kelly Eri, Stephanie Faulk, Kayla Fiesler, Kelley Finley, David Finney, Michelle Finzel, Kimberly Fisher, Jonathan Frazier, Kaimi Fuller, Jean Garay, Heath Garner, Rachel Gaulden, Joseph Gault, Jeffrey Gaunt, Devin Gilbert, Christopher Godbold, Theresa Gomez, Justin Goodman, Valeria Gravitt, Michael Green, Todd Green, Kelly Grimes, Danielle Grubb, Tiffany Hadden, Ernest Hale, Tyron Hammon, Elizabeth Harris, Kimberly Hawkins, Serena Hayes, Deanna Headrick, Becki Heinze, Stacey Hendricks, Erica Hillman, Amy Hooker, and Shanika Hopes.

Other junior honorees are Melissa Hopper, Jonathan Howell, Jennifer Huckby, Heather Huff, David Irvin, Brian Jeffreys, Tammy Keel, Kelly Kiowski, Melissa Klein, Jami Lewis, Karlyn Lewis, Samuel Lewis, April Lovell, Michael Lovell, Steven Lybrand, Carlos Madrid, Jose Malacara, Tera Mander, Misty Marshall, Shannon Mar-

tin, Lisa Martinez, Vanessa Matthews, Candice Maynard, Scott McLeod, Kara McNeely, Anna McQuery, Billy Medina, Diane Montoya, James Morris, Steven Mullins, Marci Negri, Robert Noble, Matthew Nobles, Sean O'Hara, Brendan Peterson and Angela Phillips.

Other inductees include Brian Porter, Lucy Powell, Robert Powers, Jennifer Prince, Brian Quinonez, Natalie Reed, Nathan Reed, Michelle Reilly, Taffy Richardson, Amber Rothwell, Anna Rowland, Rebecca Ruda, Staci Sailer, Mary Lou Salgado, Eudardo Sanchez, Stacy Sawyer, Deborah Scarborough, Rachelle Scurlock, Susan Seay, Jonelle Segobia, Joseph Severino, William Shaw, Alicia Siruta, Joel Skaggs, Jennifer Speck, Jeff Stallings, Andrew Stanco, Scott Stapleton, David Stark, Susan Starnes, Ya-Tu Tang, Angela Tart, Andrea Tayrien, Jason Thibau, Joni Thomas, Lucas Thomas, Christopher Torres, Erica



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DEATHS

Hubert Vick

Services for Hubert W. Vick, 65, are pending with James Dennis Funeral Home in McCamey. Local arrangements are being by handled Grace Chapel Funeral Home. Vick died Wednesday at a Midland hospital.

Leonora Ramos

Rosary for Leonora Ramos, 63, will be recited at 7:30 p.m. today at the Thomas Funeral Home Chapel. Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

Mrs. Ramos died Thursday at a local hospital.

Lanetta Rogers

Services for Lanetta Rogers of Midland will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Jim Fields of Cotton Flat Baptist Church officiating. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. at Gail Cemetery in Gail. Services are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Rogers died Tuesday at a local hospital.

Doris Minnix

Services for Doris Minnix, 58, of Midland are set for 3 p.m. Saturday at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Allen Whitman of Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity officiating. Services are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Minnix died Wednesday at a local hospital.

She was born Oct. 28, 1934, in Love County, Okla., and attended Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls.

She married William C. Burton on Aug. 14, 1954. He preceded her in death in 1973. She moved to Dallas in 1963 and to Midland in 1962.

She married Leroy K. Minnix on April 28, 1968. She was a former co-owner of Parties, Etc., and managed Robbie Casey's.

Survivors include her husband, Leroy K. Minnix of Midland; one son, Dan Edward Burton of San Diego; two daughters, Amy Cecile Burto of Ada, Okla., and Leslie Burton McCabe of Midland; her mother, Lilly Mae Turner of Lone Grove, Okla.; two brothers, Harold Turner of Walnut Creek, Calif., and Jimmy Turner of Mustang, Okla.; two sisters, Fern Marable of Mancos, Colo., and Jane Duncan of Lone Grove; and two grandchildren.

Memorials should be directed to McCall Chapel School, RFD 7, Box 232, Ada, Okla., 74820, Hospice of Midland or the American Cancer Society.

Jackie Buffaloe

AUSTIN — Services for former Midlander Jackie Galbraith Buffaloe, 41, of Austin are set for 3 p.m. today at Harrell Funeral Home Chapel in Austin with the Rev. Jim Cloninger officiating. Graveside services are set for 2 p.m. Saturday at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland. Services are under the direction of Harrell Funeral Home.

Ms. Buffaloe died Thursday. She moved to Austin in 1980. She was a volunteer with the American Diabetes Association and the Austin Diagnostic Clinic.

Survivors include one daughter, Alexa Bohanan of Abilene; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar C. Littlefield of Austin and Mrs. June Galbraith Sutherland of Midland; one brother, Joe Michael Galbraith of Midland; her grandparents, Mrs. Tommy Edwards of Pampa and Mrs. Ethel Banister of Midland; two grandchildren, one niece and one nephew.

Memorials should be directed to the American Diabetes Association or the Kidney Foundation.

Annie Pennington

Services for Annie Abel Pennington, 88, of Midland are set for 1 p.m. Saturday at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Jarrell Sharp officiating. Graveside services are set for 11 a.m. Monday in the Turnersville Cemetery in Turnersville. Services are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Pennington died Thursday at a local hospital.

She was born Sept. 28, 1904, in

Turnersville. She attended school in Turnersville and Clifton. She married William C. Abel on Nov. 8, 1923, in Altus, Okla. Abel preceded her in death in 1967. She returned to Clifton and married O.C. Pennington in 1971. He preceded her in death in 1991, when she moved to Midland.

Survivors include two sons, Wayne Abel of Odessa and Malcolm Abel of Midland; one daughter, Billie (Mrs. Sam) Hollis of Midland; two brothers, Charlie Powell of Long Beach, Calif., and Leo Powell of Greenville; 10 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. Memorials should be directed to St. Luke's United Methodist Church.

Lynn Carter-Hart

Graveside services for Lynn Kern Carter-Hart, infant son of Toby Hart and Tawnya Carter of Midland, are set for 3 p.m. today in Fairview Cemetery with Jay Bowden of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints officiating. Services are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

He died Wednesday at a local hospital.

Sid Story

Services for Sid Story of Midland are set for 1 p.m. today at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery with military honors. Services are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Story died Wednesday at a local hospital.

Pallbearers will be members of the Odessa American Legion.

Fount Goynes

Graveside services for Fount H. Goynes, 92, of Midland are set for 10 a.m. Monday at Resthaven Memorial Park Cemetery with Charlie Elliott of First Baptist Church officiating. Services are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Goynes died Tuesday at a local nursing home.

He was born Dec. 7, 1900, in Gober, where he grew up. He married Vera McClure on June 8, 1921, in Fannin County. He moved to Plainview in 1926 where he worked as a plumber. He later moved to Clayton, N.M., in 1936, and to Roswell, N.M., in 1961. In 1976, he moved to Midland. He was a deacon of the First Baptist churches in Clayton, Roswell and Midland.

Survivors include his wife, Vera Goynes of Midland; two daughters, Louise Cope of Midland and Betty Miller of Belleville, Ill.; five sisters, Hazel Brent and Mayme Jo Miller-Bonham, both of Burleson, Ruby Bowen of Sherman, Nadyne Moore and Margaret Duncan, both of Greenville; four grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; one niece and four nephews.

Memorials should be directed to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, c/o Bellview Baptist Church or Terrace West Nursing Center.

Lester Irvin

Services for Lester Irvin are set for 11 a.m. today at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Jim Fields of Cotton Flat Baptist Church, and the Rev. Ross Payne officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Irvin died Tuesday at his Midland residence.

Pallbearers are Bill Beasley, T.C. Tubbs, G.H. Lawless, Wilburn Hendry, Troy Jones and Cleon Brown.

Paul Parker

Services for Paul Parker, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Andrew Parker of Midland, are set for 4 p.m. Monday at Midland Bible Church with the Rev. Fred R. Lybran officiating. Services are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

SEARS

correction notice

Sears would like to clarify an ad running on the front cover of the December 18th Sears newspaper insert, as well as in the December Sears best customer bonus savings day direct-mail piece which you may have received. It should be understood that: Only the "10% Off Coupon" can be applied to any regular-priced funtronics items including Nintendo and Sega. We apologize for any inconvenience or misunderstanding this may have caused.

He died Wednesday at a local hospital.

Earl Chapman

Services for Earl Chapman are set for 10 a.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. J.B. Stewart officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Chapman died Thursday at his Midland residence.

Ruby Shaw

Services for Ruby Mae Shaw, 32, will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Greater Ideal Baptist Church with the Rev. George Garnett officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Grace Chapel Funeral Home.

Ms. Shaw died Monday at her Midland residence. She was born May 8, 1960, in Midland, where she attended school and graduated from Midland High. She was a member of Greater Ideal Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Spacio Shaw.

Survivors include her mother, Betty Jean Banks of Midland; her father, Oscar Lewis Jr. of Midland; two sisters, Iris Jean Shaw and Fretna Rene Banks, both of Midland; five brothers, Oscar Lewis, Brad Lewis and Tony Lewis, all of Midland, Audrea Shaw of Palestine and Franklin Shaw of Beaville.

Pallbearers are James R. Brown, Mickey Wright, James L. Brown, B.J. Jones, Tanza Rice and R.B. Webster.

David Breedlove

CLOVIS, N.M. — David Breedlove, 56, a former Midland resident, died Wednesday in Albuquerque, N.M.

A private graveside service was held in Estancia, N.M., with the Rev. Forest Mason officiating. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Kingswood United Methodist Church in Clovis, with the Rev. Ross Dunn officiating. French Mortuary will be in charge of arrangements.

Breedlove was born in Pampa and was raised in Midland. He had lived in Clovis for 26 years and was a member of Kingswood United Methodist Church. He owned and operated a farm implement company and a chain of K-Bob Restaurants.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon Breedlove of Clovis; his mother, Evelyn V. Breedlove of Midland; two daughters, Celeste Carlton of Fairfax, Va., and Darla Dietz of Clovis; one son, David Breedlove of Clovis; three sisters, Virginia Daniel of Fort Davis, Nancy Singleton of Midlothian and Mary Ann Holdrege of Mankato, N.M.; four grandchildren; and nine nieces and nephews.

SHERIFF: Attorney proposes splitting lawsuit into 2 cases

(From 1B)

agreements as required by law.

In seeking recovery of the \$449,950 seized in Midland and forfeited 50 miles away in Monahans in Ward County, the Commissioners' Court last October filed a complaint against Painter, and co-defendants Sheriff's Capt. Clayton McKinney, undercover deputies Ed Krevit and Jose Primera, former Ward County District Attorney Hal Rhea Upchurch, and Upchurch's former investigator, Ronald Ray Tucker.

The legal dispute originated in August 1991 after Painter sued the Commissioners' Court for trying to curtail his out-of-county reverse-drug stings and restricting his official movements outside of Midland County. Mufanax resolved that conflict in court last Feb. 26 when he ruled against the sheriff and upheld the Commissioners' Court's policy.

The Commissioners' Court's intent was to curtail the sheriff's out-of-county and out-of-state drug-sting operations that could place the county in serious liabil-

ity risks. Other than that, the Commissioners' Court maintained that the sheriff's commitment was to Midland County and its citizenry and not to other counties and states.

In other rulings, however, Mufanax ordered the Commissioners' Court to stop "interfering in the day-to-day operations of the Sheriff's Department, including the placement of personnel," and not to withdraw "previously-approved Vehicle Maintenance Funds" from the sheriff's budget.

HONOR: NHS inducts top students

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NHS sponsors are Ben Cason, Teresa Kerley, Lois McCarty, Connie Mendez and Alan Pitkin. The LHS Parent Teacher Association and Senior NHS parents, under the direction of Mrs. Autry Ste-

phens, hosted a reception following the ceremony.

NHS projects committee members include James Faircloth, Darren Grubb, Kauli Halbert, Julie Heintz, Rebecca Meeks, Debbie Rowland, Murray Van Eman, Shannan Wood, and Andrew Welle.

Richards appoints 11 new members

Reporter-Telegram Austin bureau

AUSTIN — Gov. Ann Richards has appointed 11 new members to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, including two who will replace members from Midland and Odessa.

Linda Odom Abernathy of El

Paso will succeed Margaret Purvis of Midland, whose term has expired. Also, Christine H. Aubrey of Austin will succeed Bob Max Hollander of Odessa.

The new appointments are form terms ending Sept. 1, 1994, and are not subject to Senate confirmation.

Other new council members are Nick Ullman Curry of Fort Worth, Glenda Cook of Lubbock, John E. Castillo of Houston, Jose Garces of Dallas, Treina Wilson of Houston, Dana S. Fitzsimmons of Houston, DeSaussure M. Trevino of Pharr, Satish G. Jhingran of Sugar Land, and Ronald B. Rea of Houston.

LOCAL/AREA REPORTS

Life threats

A Midland County Jail inmate was indicted by a federal grand jury Thursday for making threats on the life of U.S. District Court Judge Lucius D. Bunton.

Gerald Benjamin Kelly, 21, was indicted on two counts of making threats against the judge, according to a news release from the El Paso Federal Bureau of Investigation. The indictment was a result of an investigation conducted by the U.S. Marshal's office and the Midland office of the FBI. Kelly will be given an appearance before a U.S. Magistrate today.

Kelly is currently being held without bond on a charge of capital murder in an unrelated matter.

Cocaine

ODESSA — An Odessa woman was free on bond Thursday after she was arrested Wednesday on cocaine charges.

Vivian Ferguson, 49, was charged with possession of cocaine and bond was set at \$7,500 by Justice of the Peace Manuel Vallez.

According to a police report, Municipal Court Judge Jud Weatherly issued a search war-

rant for the residence at 1011 Lindberg. The warrant was executed at 5:50 p.m. Wednesday by Odessa police. Four packets of cocaine and two rocks of crack cocaine, with a total estimated value of \$250, were found, police said.

Others present at the residence at the time of the arrest were released with no charges filed, police said.

Bomb scares

Midland and Odessa police officials are seeking information related to a recent rash of bomb threats in the two cities.

The six incidents have been reported by the McDonald's restaurant at 1347 W. University Ave. — twice; Country Burger at 1537 E. 8th St.; Subway Sandwich Shop at

3834 Andrews Highway; and Rosa's Cafe at 4945 E. 42nd St. In Midland, a threat was called in to the McDonalds at 1111 Andrews Highway.

In all the cases, an unknown caller has either personally threatened the employee or threatened to blow up the business with bomb if the employee didn't place money outside the business for the caller to pick up later.

At the incident in Midland and the one at Rosa's Cafe, non-explosive devices were found.

The cases are being investigated by the Midland and Odessa police departments and the Midland Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Anyone with any information on the incidents should call one of the departments.

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Officials sign plan ending Matagorda Island dispute

HOUSTON (AP) — A new plan has been approved by Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan for joint state-federal management of Matagorda Island, a winter home for endangered whooping cranes.

Under the agreement, federal officials would manage wildlife and habitat over the entire island, while state officials would manage all public-use programs, including hunting, camping and day visits.

Brent Giezantner, manager of the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge, confirmed that Lujan had signed the agreement Monday. The interior secretary's office did not publicly announce the action, which opens the way for congressional ratification and final approval by state officials.

Federal and Texas officials finished negotiating the agreement

in late 1989, and public hearings were held in 1990.

The state and federal governments own different parts of the largely undeveloped island, which provides habitat for 19 species that federal or Texas agencies list as "endangered" or "threatened," as well as several game species.

Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro said the accord will provide more public access, improve management of natural resources and give state officials equal standing with the federal government for the first time on the island.

Mauro also described the operating plan as "a real victory for Texas," and said he would be very surprised if Gov. Ann Richards and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission decline to join him in ap-

proving it.

In signing the agreement, Lujan also apparently let stand a decision by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to remove cattle from the island. The agency had concluded grazing was not compatible with federal efforts to preserve and manage the whooping crane's habitat.

Lujan agreed to reconsider the cattle's eviction in October 1991 after an appeal by a Calhoun County rancher whose family owned part of the island from 1840 until World War II and grazed cattle there under lease until June 1991.

A special Interior Department review team recommended in March that Lujan approve the new operating agreement for the island and not overturn the cattle removal.

Rare photo of Texas hero to go on display in museum

HOUSTON (AP) — A rare photograph of legendary Texas hero Sam Houston that was once considered lost will go on display today at the Museum of Fine Arts.

Houston reportedly had the full-plate daguerreotype made in New York City in 1851 because he was considering running for president of the United States. The photograph was delivered to a Connecticut lithographic company for reproduction in 1852.

However, the photograph was considered lost for more than 100 years and was only

known from an 1852 lithograph. The photo was discovered in 1991 by a photography dealer at an estate sale in Connecticut.

The Houston law offices of Vinson & Elkins purchased it as a gift to the Museum of Fine Arts.

"It is through the preservation of valuable works of art like this that the legacy of Texas lives on," said Peter C. Marzio, the museum's director.

The image, said to be in pristine condition, shows the 6-foot-2 Houston standing with his arms folded across his chest. Only seven other photographs

plates of Houston are known to exist, and those are smaller-sized bust portraits.

Daguerreotypes had no negative, meaning each photograph was a one-of-a-kind image. The plates sometimes were used as a model for engravings and lithographs used in newspapers and other periodicals.

Houston came to Texas in 1832 after serving as a congressman and governor of Tennessee. He was commander-in-chief of the Texas army when the rebelling Texans defeated Mexico's forces at the Battle of San Jacinto in 1836.

Official: Misunderstanding causes uproar

McALLEN (AP) — Poor communication and misinformation are responsible for the uproar surrounding the implementation of new Mexican import limits, a Mexican customs official says.

The new measure, which strengthened an existing law, dropped the amount of duty-free U.S. goods that citizens from Mexico's interior can import from \$300 to \$50.

The change has touched off protests from U.S. border retailers, who say their sales are dropping drastically and that the restrictions could strangle the region's economy.

But Jose Luis Buitron Sanchez, assistant director of Mexican customs in Reynosa, said the hysteria

results from poor communication and misinformation, not the law itself.

"People usually begin to react before finding out all the details," he said. "There are several goods that are specifically identified as being exempted."

The exemptions, which apply only to citizens from the interior, include: a "reasonable quantity" of clothing, footwear and other apparel for personal use; one camera per person; and one piece of athletic equipment per person.

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City council votes to ban travel to Colorado

AUSTIN — The Austin City Council has voted unanimously to ban employee travel to Colorado, where voters passed an anti-gay-rights law in November.

The city council's vote was taken Thursday after listening to some public testimony.

"I am very proud of you today. I hope this adoption is unanimous and that we send a message to the people of this country that bigotry is not OK," state Rep. Glenn Maxey, D-Austin, who is openly gay, said during public statements. "I hope that you join with me in lobbying our Congress for a federal civil rights bill."

The measure also bans employee travel to Springfield, Ore., and Concord, Calif. Those two cities have laws similar to Colorado's.

Travel to those places only would be allowed if city business could not be accomplished anywhere else.

Austin Mayor Bruce Todd said he generally supports the ban, but expressed concerns that it could hurt areas of the state — such as Denver, Aspen and Boulder — which are challenging the legality of the amendment.

FBI arrests sheriff in Crockett for perjury

CROCKETT — Claudie Kendrick, sheriff of Houston County, was arrested Thursday by the FBI and narcotics officers from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Oliver "Buck" Revell, special agent in charge of the Dallas office of the FBI, said Kendrick was arrested shortly before noon at his office in Crockett following a sealed indictment returned by a grand jury in Tyler.

Kendrick was taken to Tyler for arraignment before U.S. Magistrate Harry W. McKee, Revell said.

J.B. Sallas, attorney for Kendrick, said the indictment alleged three counts of perjury. Sallas said Kendrick would return to Crockett following his arraignment.

Officials declined to elaborate on the charges against Kendrick.

Bill would prohibit race as adoption factor

AUSTIN — A state lawmaker has filed a bill to prohibit the consideration of race as a primary factor in adoptions and foster care placements.

Rep. Karyne Jones Conley said Thursday she filed the measure because of state policies allowing children to be removed from a home on the basis of racial differences and denying parents the opportunity to adopt a child of another race.

"Although Texas courts are now beginning to rule in favor of transracial adoptions and foster care placement, I want to solve this problem by changing the law," said Ms. Conley, D-San Antonio.

A state district judge in Abilene this week approved a settlement allowing a white foster family to adopt a black child who had lived with them for three years.

Last month in San Antonio, a judge awarded custody of an Hispanic child to a white family who had cared for her.

At issue in both cases was one of several guidelines used when caseworkers consider placing children with adoptive families. It lists "preservation of (the child's) racial or ethnic heritage."

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

Officials try to close park cafe again

By Suzanne Gamboa
Associated Press Writer

EL PASO — Federal officials on Thursday announced they were closing a 61-year-old cafe in Guadalupe Mountains National Park, re-awakening a dispute that has flared to national controversy twice in the past decade.

It's the fourth time the National Park Service has tried to close Pine Springs Cafe founded by Walter and Bertha Glover. The agency bought it in 1966 and condemned it when the park was formed in 1966.

As recently as 1986, after Glover's daughter, Mary Hinson, was ordered to leave the property, Secretary of the Interior Donald Hodel intervened and allowed the cafe to stay open.

Former Secretary of the Interior James Watt did the same for Ms. Hinson in 1982, after the dispute drew national attention and a plea on her behalf from Sen. Lloyd Bentsen.

Parks officials said the latest action was triggered by safety concerns.

"We have concluded that the many health

and safety deficiencies, a hazardous gasoline storage and dispensing system, as well as the deteriorated condition of the buildings can no longer be tolerated, nor can the federal government assume such liability," said Ernest Ortega, associate regional director of park operations for the Southwest Region.

Ms. Hinson, who lives in El Paso, said she has been told to have all her property removed by Jan. 17. Her attorney was out of town and could not be reached for comment.

"I would love to keep it because it is a source of income and I still have the ranch around it," she said.

But Ms. Hinson, a 77-year-old who recently suffered a stroke, isn't sure she has the strength to wage another battle against the park service and interior department.

Her father settled in Pine Springs in the early 1900s and welcomed many a truck driver who passed over dirt roads and stopped there to cool off. Hikers still come into the nine-stool cafe for a beer and snacks, Ms. Hinson said.

In 1928, Standard Oil started a pipeline

across the mountains and the Glovers built cabins for the workers and a filling station. The cafe and station now standing were built in 1931.

The government tried to buy out Ms. Hinson's father for \$35,000 when it created the park, but he refused to budge. He sued and won a \$55,000 settlement and the right for him and his wife to operate the cafe until they died.

Walter Glover died in 1973 at the age of 94. The dispute got into full swing in 1982, when Mrs. Glover died.

And it's taken intervention by Watt and Hodel to keep Ms. Hinson on the property this long.

"It has been a situation where an old-timer came and settled a place and thought it was going to be his forever and the park service came and decided it wanted the whole mountain and the (cafe) too," Ms. Hinson said.

Park officials on Thursday distributed photos of the cafe that showed the buildings are deteriorating.

Donor gives \$1 million to United Way

DALLAS (AP) — United Way of Dallas has received a \$1 million donation that erased a big portion of the agency's fund shortage, officials say. The gift is the largest in the agency's history.

The agency still is more than \$2 million short of its 1992 fund-raising goal, but Ruth Collins Altschuler said she hopes her donation will inspire other individuals and foundations to make more contributions before the end of the year.

United Way of Dallas an-

nounced last week that its 106 member agencies would suffer funding cuts of about 10 percent each next year. Mrs. Altschuler's gift will reduce the damage to each agency, Dallas United Way president Ed McDunn said.

McDunn said the \$1 million gift from Mrs. Altschuler and her Carr P. Collins Foundation brings the amount raised this year to more than \$41.2 million. The goal for the campaign, which officially ended Nov. 11, was \$43.5 million.

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Study: 1 of 4 Texas children live in poverty

AUSTIN (AP) — One in every four Texas children is born into poverty, the state health commissioner said Thursday, calling for investment in youngsters' well-being.

Health Commissioner David Smith cited statistics that were part of an annual report by the Children's Defense Fund. The fund's report said that nationally, one of every five children lives in poverty.

"Our state's record in child health is deplorable. This report again drives home the plight of all American children — and proves once again that Texas children are among those in greatest jeopardy," Smith said.

Smith said that for black and Hispanic children, the number born into poverty is one out of two. One in every four Texas children has no medical insurance, he said.

Citing figures from other recent studies, Smith said that Texas ranks last nationally in the percentage of preschool children who are appropriately immunized against childhood diseases. Thirty percent of Texas' 2-year-olds are fully immunized, compared to a national average of 60 percent.

In addition, Texas ranked 40th in 1989 in the number of births to teen-agers who are 15 to 17. Smith said health and economic problems are related to teen-age pregnancy.

"In Texas, we've got a disproportionately bad problem which we are selectively ignoring. And our children aren't the only losers," he said. "We deny them access to basic health care, yet we expect them to be the generation to boost our state back into prosperity."

Smith said he agreed with Children's Defense Fund recommendations for better access to health care and comprehensive health and human services.

He challenged the state to invest in Texas children's health.

Childhood immunizations should be free and available to all Texas children, Smith said.

That would cost about \$50 million a year in state and federal funds — \$15 million more in state money than the Texas Department of Health's current budget for vaccine and immunizations, according to the agency.

Smith also urged funding to establish school-based health care services for children, and touted the need for community-based clinics offering preventive care and basic treatment to medically needy families.

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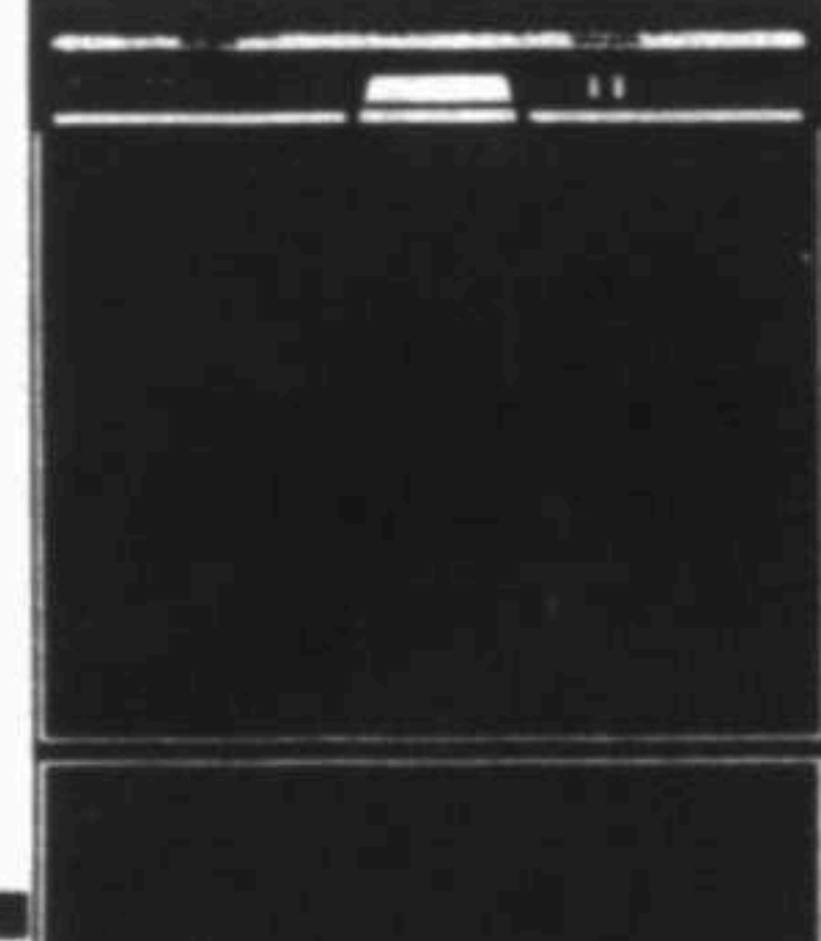


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Good Christmas vibrations

Instructor Alan Ripp holds Leah Howell, 7, who is blind and mostly deaf, so that she can feel the reverberations created by the Harwood Junior High School tuba player during a rendition of "Jingle Bells." The suburban Dallas junior high

school band hosted groups of handicapped children at its campus in Bedford on Tuesday and performed a concert of traditional Christmas music selections.

AP Laserphoto

Texas woman takes part in military exhibit

By Katherine Gilbert
Associated Press Writer

TYLER — Dorothy Rhoades says the most fulfilling time during her 20-year career as a Navy nurse was helping men wounded in the battles of three wars.

"I felt I really made a contribution when I was taking care of casualties..." she said.

That's why, she says, she was pleased to be a contributor to a special World War II photographic exhibit honoring women in the military. "Quiet Shadows: Women in the Pacific War," is on view through Dec. 31 at the Admiral Nimitz Museum in Fredericksburg, before traveling to other sites.

The exhibit focuses on women of the Army, Navy, Red Cross, USO, and press corps who served during World War II, including some who were prisoners of war.

Among the photos are portraits of former San Antonio Mayor Lila Cockrell, who was a WAVE stationed in Washington, D.C., and Susan Tate King, America's answer to Tokyo Rose, host of the radio talk show "Reveille Roundup."

Mrs. Rhoades loaned several photographs to the temporary exhibit and donated to the museum's permanent collection a Christmas 1993 pictorial booklet of staff and patients at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Alsea Heights, Honolulu, where she served for two years. It was the largest military hospital outside the continental U.S., covering 600 acres and at one point holding 7,000 patients.

She recalls caring for casualties arriving from Guadalcanal with ailments such as dysentery, skin fungus, malaria, and filariasis, a parasitic disease.

"All of them were combat veterans and many of them still had combat-related nightmares... we never bent over to shake them awake as they had learned to react, by instinct, with lightning speed to any movement around them at night. Too many of their buddies had been killed when they dozed off and the Japanese slithered into their foxholes," she wrote in a memoir for the Nimitz exhibit.

Mrs. Rhoades says even the

scars of war did not overwhelm the natural beauty of Honolulu.

"Despite the partially sunken ships in the harbor (Pearl Harbor) and other visible reminders of the infamous bombing, I was totally overcome by the beauty of the islands," she said.

"Our leisure time was great. I loved the islands with their exotic fruits, fragrant flowers and palm trees. Waikiki Beach was wide then with great surf... we picnicked at the Ala Moana Park along the Canal. Everything was open and spacious and the high rise was a thing of the future."

"We even had our own baseball team composed of major and minor league players such as Pee Wee Reese of the Brooklyn Dodgers, George Dickey, Chicago White Sox; Vern Olson, Chicago Cubs. They were assigned to Special Services and played other similar teams around the island bases," she wrote for the exhibit.

"We played hard and worked very hard," Mrs. Rhoades said.

Mrs. Rhoades was a student when Pearl Harbor was attacked. She reported for duty the next October after finishing coursework and passing licensing exams to become a registered nurse.

She decided on the Navy after hearing Army friends' stories of living in tents, she says.

After World War II she continued as a reservist and saw active duty on the hospital ship USS Repose in the Korean War. She accepted a regular Navy commission after Korea, and eventually retired at the rank of commander. Near the end of her career she cared for Vietnam War casualties at a U.S. military hospital.

Mrs. Rhoades says the job she liked least in the Navy was a two-year tour as a Navy recruiter.

"I was like a fish out of water," she said. "I was never interested in being a salesman — that's what you were."

On an assignment in San Diego, she met her husband, Frank Rhoades, a newspaper columnist for the San Diego Union. They lived there for 25 years.

After her husband's death, Mrs. Rhoades, who grew up in Rusk, decided to move to Tyler.

Air Force base welcomes planes at time of cutbacks

By David Tarrant
Hearst News Service

SAN ANTONIO — Not everyone is singing the military cutback blues.

Randolph Air Force Base welcomed its first T-43 trainer aircraft Tuesday, part of a new navigator training school that eventually will bring more than 400 jobs and construction projects totaling about \$40 million to the post.

In addition, Randolph expects to gain about 100 jobs after it receives 17 of the Air Force's new T-1A Jayhawks in May.

The Jayhawks will be used to train navigators in tanker and transport aircraft, said spokeswoman Amy Ervin.

The new jobs come when the military is cutting back by more than 25 percent by 1995.

"The future of Randolph is bright and busy," said Brig. Gen. Donald L. Peterson, commander of the

12th Flying Training Wing. "San Antonio is fortunate that in an age of drawdown, Randolph is not only maintaining, but in fact growing some."

The 558th Flying Training Squadron, the first of three such squadrons that will make up the new Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training mission, was officially activated on Tuesday. It is moving to Randolph from Mather Air Force Base, Calif.

The mission is part of the Air Training Command, headquartered at Randolph.

In a ceremonial flourish, the 558th's commander, Lt. Col. John M. Weston, flew the unit's first T-43 to Randolph from Mather in time for an afternoon welcome by Randolph's top brass.

"It's the first visible sign of the movement of navigator training to Randolph," Peterson said at the ceremony. "We look forward to a long and cherished history of performance here at Randolph."

Weston said, "It's great to be in a city known for its strong support of the military."

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Court criticizes biblical references to death sentence

By Bob Egelko
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — It's wrong for a prosecutor to suggest to jurors that the Bible condones capital punishment because it might make jurors feel less responsible for their verdict, the state Supreme Court says.

But it's apparently not wrong enough to prompt the court to overturn a death sentence.

Three times in the last month, the court has upheld death sentences in which a prosecutor suggested to jurors that the Bible supported capital punishment. On Monday, the court unanimously concluded that such an argument was improper, but, with little explanation, ruled 6-1 that it couldn't have affected a Los Angeles man's

death sentence.

The rulings contrast with a decision last year by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court that a prosecutor's biblical argument would always require reversal of a death sentence, even if the trial judge later told jurors to disregard it.

"We believe that such an argument is a deliberate attempt to destroy the objectivity and impartiality of the jury," said the Pennsylvania court in its 6-1 ruling.

Of the two courts, Pennsylvania's is much more liberal — it has six Democrats, while California's has six Republican appointees.

The Pennsylvania ruling was described as extreme by Gerald Uelman, dean of the Santa Clara University School of Law. He said in a newspaper column that jurors

were "intelligent enough to give the Bible the weight it deserves."

But Uelman also criticized the California court, saying it was too willing to excuse misstatements of law by prosecutors in death penalty trials.

"The court is making some really monumental judgments with very little rational explanation," he said in an interview Tuesday. The California rulings have pleased prosecutors, who contended the former liberal court headed by Chief Justice Rose Bird often overturned death sentences because of minor errors.

Bird and two colleagues were voted out of office in 1986. Her court reversed 94 percent of the death sentences it considered; the current court has upheld 28 out of 30 death sentences this year, the third straight year with an affirmation rate over 90 percent.

Monday's case, upholding the death sentence of Alfred Sandoval for one of four 1984 murders, was the latest of several recent high court rulings to find prosecutors' comments improper but harmless.

Responding to a defense lawyer's attack on the concept of "an eye for an eye," Deputy District Attorney David Milton read a passage taken from the New Testament that described government as a "minister of God" bringing "wrath upon one who practices evil."

He told jurors that God would "destroy the body to save the soul," and that by sentencing Sandoval to death, "you are doing what God says."

The opinion by Justice Edward Panelli said the argument was improper because the jury is supposed to base its sentencing decision on factors specified by state

law. But Panelli dismissed it in one paragraph.

On Nov. 23, the court rejected the appeal of a Santa Barbara murderer, ruling unanimously that the prosecutor's brief biblical reference was cured by the judge's jury instructions.

Four days earlier, in another unanimous ruling, the court said an Oakland murderer could not challenge a prosecutor's statement that the Bible supported the death penalty.

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Inaugural archivist guides planners with traditions

By Nita Lelyveld
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The inauguration of a new president is an event rich in history, tradition and ceremony. It's the closest America gets to a royal coronation. But most inaugural planners come to the job with little knowledge of inaugurations past.

That's where Philip Brooks comes in.

A National Archives historian who's an expert on inaugural lore, Brooks is on loan to the Presidential Inaugural Committee. His job is to answer questions about past ceremonies and preserve inaugural records for the future.

Planners turn to him when they need to find out anything from the text of George Washington's first inaugural address to the food served at George Bush's inaugural dinners.

Brooks worked on Richard Nixon's inauguration in 1969, and on Bush's in 1989. He calls himself "the resident old fool."

In reality, he's an indispensable reference.

He can tell you, for instance, all about Washington's famous trip from his home in Mount Vernon, Va., to New York City, where he was sworn in for the first time in 1789.

The road conditions weren't bad, but the trip took seven days. "It probably would have been a lot faster, but everyone wanted to have a party or a dinner," Brooks said. "He made his first stop in Alexandria, Va., not long after he got started, and he only got as far as Baltimore the first night."

Some accounts describe how Washington rode in a carriage. Others say he made the trip on horseback. But Clinton certainly will be the first president to start his inaugural journey on a bus, Brooks said.

While Clinton's trip from Monticello, Thomas Jefferson's home in Virginia, will follow a route that Jefferson once took, it won't be the route Jefferson traveled to his inauguration, Brooks said.

Jefferson actually arrived in Washington in November 1800, five months before he took office. On Inauguration Day, he simply walked two blocks from the boarding house where he stayed to the Capitol, Brooks said.

After the ceremony, Jefferson returned to the boarding house, where he had dinner as usual with his fellow residents. He even re-

fused to sit at the head of the table, Brooks said.

Inaugural history is a passion for Brooks and he knows much of it by heart. He also has four tall file cabinets filled with the records of modern inaugurations from Richard Nixon on.

Planning an inaugural is a tricky balancing act, Brooks said. You have to preserve tradition even while you put the new president's stamp on the events.

"You can't go too far in the direction of informality without getting people upset," he said.

That's why some have criticized Jimmy Carter's 1977 inauguration.

"The Carters wanted it to be very much away from power and pomp, from the idea of the imperial presidency," Brooks said. "They organized lots of cultural events. They had parties with cookouts. Their invitations weren't engraved."

"A lot of it was very nice, but the overall impression was not quite as formal as people expected."

Every president tries to strike the perfect balance, Brooks said.



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Anthropologist discovers magic frog of Amazon

By Dexter Waugh
Hearst News Service

BERKELEY, Calif. — Indiana Jones may have discovered the Lost Ark, but Katherine Milton found the Magic Frog of the Amazon.

As a result, the University of California-Berkeley anthropologist's discovery in a remote village of Mayoruna Indians may one day lead to new synthetic pharmaceuticals to combat depression, stroke, seizures and possibly Alzheimer's disease.

And all because Milton watched the Mayorunas capture a small green frog and begin poking it with a stick, inducing it to secrete a mucus-like substance, which they collected and dried. Later, in a "hunting magic" ritual, they would turn this dried frog mucus into paste by adding their own saliva, then rub it into fresh, self-inflicted wound on their arms and chest.

Introduced into their bloodstream, the frog goop produced unpleasant results: the Mayorunas would "vomit and stagger" around for half an hour or so, then flop into a hammock and sleep the rest of the day.

But the next day, the ill effects gone, the Mayorunas would feel all-powerful. "They say they don't get tired, and their arrows never miss the mark," Milton said. "The stimulus can take them through a full day of hunting."

Milton calls the hunting magic ritual "taking frog."

Researchers at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md., who spent four years studying a sample stick of frog goop brought back by Milton, say the possibilities for medical applications are such that someday lots of people may be "taking frog."

Dr. John Daly, chief of the bioorganic chemistry lab at NIH, led the research team that isolated a new class of peptides, or amino acids, present in the frog mucus. These peptides, said Daly, interact with the adenosine system, which is involved in protecting the body against seizures and strokes, and possibly Alzheimer's.

"It's many years down the

line before it might have applications, but we're excited about the possibilities either to give us further insights into those diseases, or in the case of stroke or seizures, that might prove to be beneficial," he said.

Daly and Milton reported their findings in the November issue of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Daly said the skin secretion from Milton's Amazonian frog, called a *Phyllomedusa bicolor*, is much different than the hallucinogen-like substance called bufonin, excreted by the Sonoran Desert toad and occasionally sampled by the adventurous through toad-licking.

The secretion from Milton's frog acts as a depressant, said Daly, who injected it into mice. Why it would drive the Mayorunas into exuberant hunting sprees the day after lying around in a stupor isn't really known, said Daly.

He speculated that the day-after feeling may be more subjective—similar to the sense of well-being that people sometimes feel when recovering from an illness.

Daly said an amateur anthropologist and writer, Peter Gorman, who spent some time with Brazilian Indians experimenting with tribal psychedelic compounds, also tried the frog goop. He reported recently feeling ill at first and then, when he came out of it, "godlike."

Milton, who lived with the Mayorunas for a total of two months during two separate visits in 1986 and 1987, has been studying the dietary ecology of forest-living Amazonian Indians since 1981.

The Mayorunas performed the "hunting magic" ritual for her so she could observe and record their reactions to the frog drug. The Indians' behavior provided clues Daly's research team could follow in isolating the chemical makeup of the goop-on-a-stick—which Milton also brought back.

She also took detailed photographs of the frog to aid in its identification by specialists. Colored "brilliant green with yellow spots on its legs," Milton calls it "the most handsome frog on earth. It's a dazzler."

Publication of scrolls wraps many in debate

NEW YORK (AP) — The heady days of liberating the Dead Sea Scrolls from the hands of a few are over, but a new debate—one balancing academic freedom and professional ethics—has begun over how they will be published and when.

The claims of a new book translating 50 fragments of the 2,000-year-old scrolls are being criticized by 19 leading scholars as "laughable and manifestly dishonest."

Two of the critics are so upset they are boycotting an international conference beginning Monday because one of the book's authors was an organizer.

Defenders of the book, "The Dead Sea Scrolls Uncovered," view the criticism as an attempt to continue exercising control over the unpublished texts, and prevent new interpretations challenging traditional views of the origins of Christianity and rabbinic Judaism.

"This is the last gasp of a dying establishment," said Robert Eisenman, one of the book's authors. But the critics, some of whom fought to have the unpublished scrolls released, said the book represents what one called his worst-case scenario that granting general access to the scrolls would lead to poor scholarship and the uncredited use of others' work.

"For our work to progress, the usual standards of academic integrity must be maintained. We cannot allow the appropriation of the work of others and the wholesale misrepresentations with which this book is replete," said the scholars' statement.

Access to the scrolls, which were discovered in caves near the Dead Sea in the late 1940s and the 1950s, had been tightly guarded by a small group of scholars until fall 1991.

Much of the unpublished text was brought out in book form by the Biblical Archaeological Society. The Huntington Library in

San Marino, Calif., made photographic records available.

The current controversy stems from the publication this fall of "The Dead Sea Scrolls Uncovered: The First Complete Translation and Interpretation of 50 Key Documents Withheld for Over 35 Years" by Eisenman and Michael Wise.

Eisenman, chairman of the Religious Studies Department at California State University, Long Beach, supports his controversial theory that the documents describe a messianic movement that in its later stages was virtually indistinguishable from the rise of Christianity.

The alleged Christianization of the scroll material "constitutes wholesale theft from the Jewish people," says Lawrence H. Schiffman of the Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies at New York University.

Last month in San Francisco, Schiffman advised scholars of the Society of Biblical Literature to warn the public of the book's "ludicrous interpretations."

No one on a panel on Qumran studies defended Eisenman's work.

This week's conference sponsored by The New York Academy of Sciences and The Oriental Institute of The University of Chicago was designed to promote a dialogue among scholars with differing views, said Norman Golb, a Jewish history professor at the University of Chicago.

But even after the conference hastily scheduled a seminar on the ethics of scroll publication, it has served as a focal point in the controversy because Wise was one of the organizers.

Two Israeli scholars, Shemaryahu Talmon of Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Elisha Qimron of Ben-Gurion University, have decided not to come, Golb said.

Telescope spots possible forming planets

By Paul Recer
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Embryonic solar systems, churning with dust and the promise of new planets, have been spotted around distant stars by the Hubble space telescope, boosting the idea that there may be other worlds like Earth, orbiting other stars like the sun.

"We have found a place where it is very possible that there will be planets within the next few million years," Edward J. Weiler, program scientist for the space telescope, said Wednesday at a NASA news conference. "This takes us closer to the final proof that there are other planets where there could be life."

C. Robert O'Dell, a Rice University astronomer, said that photos taken by the telescope of a small section of the Orion Nebulae detected at least 15 stars surrounded by protoplanetary disks, or bands of dust of the type thought to form planets.

The disks, he said, resemble what the Earth and its solar system neighbors may have looked like when they were forming about the sun 4.6 billion to 5 billion years ago. The number of disks within the 1 light-year field viewed by the Hubble suggests that planetary formation may not be rare.

"We now have direct evidence that material that can make planets exists around about half of the stars like our sun," O'Dell said. "It's much more common than we thought before."

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—Edward J. Weiler
program scientist

The astronomers said there are billions upon billions of stars in the universe about which planetary disks could have formed.

Orion is known as an area of intense star formation and astronomers study it to gain clues about the evolution of stellar bodies in the universe. The constellation is about 1,500 light years from Earth—very close in astronomical terms—and is part of the Milky Way Galaxy, which includes the sun.

Stephen E. Strom, a University of Massachusetts astronomer who specializes in the study of star formation, said the Hubble photos confirm the long-held belief by many astronomers that a disk of dust from which planets can

evolve exists around most stars as they form.

"This provides the first real visual demonstration that these inferences are correct," Strom said. "I regard this as dramatic proof."

The pictures, he said, "show enough material for the formation of planetary systems like that orbiting our sun. You've got all the ingredients there to make a solar system."

The scientists said that the Hubble photos show disks at a very early stage in planetary formation and that it could take one to 10 million years for planets to actually form within the disks. What's actually seen are dust bands illuminated by hot, bright stars elsewhere in the Orion Nebula. Some of the disks form silhouettes against the bright Orion background.

O'Dell said each of the protoplanetary disks, also called prodisks, consists of gas and dust that are in the orbit of the forming star and are moving rapidly to be brought into the star's center.

Strom said the theory is that over time individual grains in the dust disks clump together. These clumps join others, forming boulders, which, in turn collide with other boulders, forming larger and larger bodies and taking more and more material from the disk. Eventually, the disk material forms into individual planets, each with its own orbit about the star.

O'Dell said the Hubble pictures confirmed at least 15 planetary disks in the small part of Orion photographed.

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Fergie's grief

TULSA, Okla. — When Fergu-
son Jenkins was inducted into ba-
seball's Hall of Fame, he re-
flected on a 19-year career and
the recent death of his 31-year-
old wife. And he decided baseball
had been fairly easy."Life," Jenkins said last year,
"is hard."It isn't getting easier.
The 49-year-old Jenkins was
dealt another dose of tragedy this
week when his 3-year-old
daughter and his girlfriend were
found dead in their car of car-
bon monoxide poisoning on an oil-
lease road, about 30 miles
north of Jenkins' farm in Guthrie in
central Oklahoma.The Noble County sheriff's of-
fice said Cynthia Takieddine, 44,
drove to the road Tuesday af-
ternoon, then ran a vacuum sweep-
er hose from the exhaust pipe
into the car and locked the doors.The deaths came nearly two
years after his wife, Maryanne,
died of complications from inju-
ries in a car accident. She died a
few days after Jenkins learned of
his election to the Hall of Fame.That wasn't the only time Jen-
kins' accomplishments were tem-
pered with grief. He won the Cy
Young Award in 1971, a year after
his mother died of a cancer. De-
lores Jenkins had been blind since
giving birth to Jenkins in 1943,
and he recalled at his Hall of Fame
induction that her influence
steered him to baseball.

Pro Bowl

NEW YORK — The NFL and
the state of Hawaii have reached
agreement to keep the Pro Bowl
in Honolulu through at least 1998,
commissioner Paul Tagliabue
said Thursday.The five-year commitment ex-
tends a contract that was due to
expire after this season's game
was played on Feb. 7, 1993. The
game has been played at Aloha
Stadium since 1980.As part of the extended
agreement, the league and the
state plan to add new events to
the Pro Bowl week festivities.

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Prep cagers return to action today

By Bill Price
Staff writer■ MHS boys advance in
Temple, Local Sports/2CBoth Midland High's and Midland
Lee's girls basketball teams will be in
District 4-5A action tonight, while the
Lee and MHS boys continue their non-
district schedule on the road.In the only local game of the night, the
MHS girls are set to host Abilene High at
8 p.m. in an early shootout of top playoff
contenders at the MHS gymnasium.
Lee's girls open league play with a trip to

Abilene Cooper.

The Lee boys will play at Lubbock Es-
cadado at 7 p.m. today, while the MHS
boys continue play in the Temple Tour-
nament after taking a 73-63 win over Se-
guin in the tourney's first round Thurs-
day. The Bulldogs play Killeen Ellison at
10:30 a.m. today, then will play a later
game against an opponent yet to be

determined.

For the MHS girls (11-2, 1-0 in district),
tonight's game could be an indicator of
just who the top team in the league is.
The Lady Bulldogs defeated San Angelo
64-51 Tuesday while the Lady Eagles (10-
5, 1-0) downed Odessa High 50-42."We're treating it just like another dis-
trict ball game. It's not going to make or
break us. We've got a lot of games left no
matter what," said MHS head coach Jim
Raughton.

According to Raughton, ever-tough

AHS depends on its quickness to stop the
opponents."Their half-court defense is one of the
best things they do, their defensive pres-
sure can hurt you. It's certainly one of
their strengths."Sophomore wing Amy Alcala leads the
Lady Bulldogs in scoring with a 17.3
point-a-game average, while junior
guard Julie Chancellor adds 12.2 points
an outing. Add MHS' penchant for full-

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Permian
lands three
All-Staters■ Midland gets shut out of the AP All-State
team, as Odessa Permian and Dallas Kimball
place three first-teamers.

Associated Press

DALLAS — Temple, which this weekend seeks its first state
title since 1979, Odessa Permian and Dallas Kimball each
placed three players on The Associated Press Sports Editors'
Class 5A All-State team announced Thursday.

Kimball, Temple and Permian finished the year ranked 1-2-3

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in the AP poll. Temple (14-1) plays Houston Yates (13-1-1) on
Saturday for the Division II title.Kimball, which lost 3-0 to Richardson in the area finals, had
the defensive player of the year in linebacker Allen Wilbon.

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Junior Odessa Permian running back John
Williams, here in last year's quarterfinal
match against Midland Lee, made the All-State first team by setting a new school
record for rushing in a single season with
1,579 yards in nine games.Auburn gets
younger
Bowden

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Now Flori-
da State coach Bobby Bowden has two
sons coaching at Auburn, once one of
the Seminoles' top
rivals.Terry Bowden
was named Thurs-
day as head coach
at Auburn, where
Tommy Bowden is
the offensive coordi-
nator. The elder
Bowden said he
hopes his two sons
stay with the
Tigers."My sons all have the same am-
bition I had — that's to be a I-A major
college coach," Bobby Bowden said.
"Terry got the first opportunity, and
he worked hard for that. He got there
the firstest with the mostest.""I would think Tommy would have
an opportunity to stay right where he
is," he added.Another son, Jeff, is an assistant
coach at Southern Mississippi.For years, Florida State played Au-
burn regularly, but the series ended
following the 1990 meeting. The Tig-
ers hold a 13-4-1 advantage.Bobby Bowden said he has absolute-
ly no desire to schedule Auburn
again, sons or no sons."They might want to play their old
man, but I don't want to play them,"
he said. "We've got all we can handle.
I don't want a doggone Auburn."But given the proximity of the two
schools, it's likely father and sons will
be competing for the same recruits."It's a question of whether they
want to play for a granddaddy or a
little ol' runt daddy," Bowden
quipped.Like the elder Bowden, the spring-
board for Terry Bowden into the ma-
jor college ranks was Samford Uni-
versity in Birmingham, Ala. Bobby
Bowden coached there from 1959-62,
compiling a 31-6 record before leaving
for West Virginia.Both of Bowden's sons favor the
wide-open, gambling style of play the
Florida State coach has made his
trademark."All my sons mirror me very much.
We talk and exchange ideas all the
time," he said. "Shoot, Samford was
using the shotgun offense three years
ago."Bowden, an Alabama native, said he
once dreamed of coaching in that
state.

Terry Bowden

Future bleak for Mavericks

■ No. 1 draft busts lead to
2-17 start of 1992 season for
Dallas.By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports WriterDALLAS — Rolando Blackman is
gone, Jim Jackson hasn't shown up and
the joke around town is the Dallas Ma-
vericks might not win as many games as
the Dallas Cowboys.Add it up and you get the worst team
in the NBA. The Mavericks have lost 15
of 17 games, even after a victory
Wednesday night over the Los Angeles
Lakers, and they could get worse before
they get better.Blackman, the team's most reliable
player, was traded to the New York
Knicks before the season. Holdout No. 1
draft pick Jackson now says he won't
play for the Mavericks.The dismal sum is one legitimate NBA
player, Derek Harper, and a slew of rook-
ies and minor league refugees."We are a young team without confi-
dence," Mavs coach Richie Adubato said
after the rare 102-95 win. "You have to
have success to have confidence. A game
like this gives us new energy, lifts our
spirits. It's something we had to have.
We needed this game."What they really need is a lot of luck,
something that has run dry in recent
years, especially with high draft picks.Their first-round pick in 1989, forward
Randy White, has been an NBA bust.
He's averaging 14.5 minutes and 5.6
points per game this year.And 1991 No. 1 pick Doug Smith, aver-
aging 14 points and 4.5 rebounds, has
been a disappointment since reporting
late and overweight last year.Jackson, holding out for a six-year con-
tract that owner Donald Carter has re-

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Dallas Mavericks like forward Doug Smith, above battling Los Angeles
Laker Tony Smith for the ball Wednesday at Reunion Arena, have had little
to celebrate in a two-win season.

Winfield goes to Twins, Glavine signs

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Dave Winfield finally
is going home.The former baseball and basketball
star for the University of Minnesota,
agreed Thursday to a two-year contract
with the Twins, a deal that will be for-
mally announced Friday.The 41-year-old outfielder and desig-
nated hitter hit .290 with 26 homers and
108 RBIs for Toronto last season as the
Blue Jays won the World Series. While
Jack Morris helped the Twins, his home-
town team, win the World Series in 1991
and then left for Toronto, Winfield
helped the Blue Jays win the World Se-
ries before going back home.

In Thursday's biggest deal, 1991 NL Cy

Young Award winner Tom Glavine and
the Atlanta Braves completed a \$20.5 mil-
lion, four-year contract with a club op-
tion that could make the deal worth \$25
million.Glavine, who earned \$2,975,000 last se-
ason, gets a \$1 million signing bonus, \$4.5
million in each of the next three seasons
and \$5 million in 1996. The Braves have
an option for 1997 at \$5 million with a \$1
million buyout."The signing of Tom Glavine to this
contract is a demonstration of the Bra-
ves' commitment to winning now and in
the future," said Braves general man-
ager John Schuerholz, who last week
signed Greg Maddux to a \$28 million,
five-year deal. "Tom has been a key per-
former in our two previous champion-ship seasons, and we're pleased that he
will remain a Brave for years to come."Maddux's brother, Mike, was traded by
the cost-cutting San Diego Padres to the
New York Mets on Thursday for pitcher
Roger Mason and minor-league pitcher
Mike Freitas."It's going to be fun to come to a ball-
club that is really committed to win-
ning," Mike Maddux said. "It's nice to
come to somewhere where they're will-
ing to spend that one more dollar to win
that extra game."Ron Darling, meanwhile, re-signed
with the Oakland Athletics, agreeing to a
three-year contract.

Please see FREE AGENTS/3C

Spotlight turns from Key

By Jack Curry

N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — The day was supposed to be about Jimmy Key, about how thrilled one of the marquee free agents was to have signed a four-year contract worth \$17 million to pitch for the New York Yankees, how excited the former Blue Jays left-hander was to be in New York and how puzzled he was that other free agents did not share his enthusiasm.

But the planned main attraction of the news conference Thursday turned into a preliminary event at Yankee Stadium because the emphasis quickly shifted to the latest controversy within the Yankee organization: Who is responsible for pursuing free agents and making the team's baseball decisions?

Is it banished owner George Steinbrenner?

Is it managing partner Joseph Molloy?

Could it possibly be General Manager Gene Michael, the executive who is supposed to handle these tasks?

If Key wanted a glimpse of Yankee chaos, he received it when Molloy and Michael were cornered and peppered with questions about the power distribution in the club's hierarchy.

Molloy played down any organizational confusion by saying that rifts did not exist. He insisted the Yankees were unified, conceded that he had had to "bite his tongue" to avoid the temptation of

seeking advice from Steinbrenner, his father-in-law, and asserted that Michael has been involved in each off-season transaction the club has made.

"We're one unit," said Molloy. "We operate that way."

In attempting to eliminate doubt about who is making the baseball decisions, an area Molloy once pledged to leave to the "experts," he said: "When there is a difference of opinion, the final decision is mine and I'll take responsibility for that."

Although the Yankees have made significant strides to improve by signing such free agents as Key, third baseman Wade Boggs and shortstop Spike Owen, plus obtaining pitcher Jim Abbott from California in a trade, there remains a belief that the organization is divided. There has been speculation that Steinbrenner has filtered his feelings to Molloy, with Michael's role being reduced.

Molloy said he had had no conversations with Steinbrenner, who is not expected to be reinstated as an active Yankee owner until March 1.

But the pursuit and signing of Boggs to a three-year, \$11 million contract seemed to indicate a split somewhere because Michael and Manager Buck Showalter had previously voiced their disapproval of the move, while Molloy and Steinbrenner wanted the .338 career hitter.

Michael, who said Thursday that

he favored signing Boggs, was absent from negotiations for Boggs and Owen and from the final stages of nailing down a contract with Key.

Still, Molloy stressed that Michael's power had not been usurped and that there was constant communication during negotiations. Molloy referred to Michael on Thursday as "an excellent general manager."

Seconds later, with Key wondering what all the fuss was about, Molloy was asked if he would guarantee that Michael would be general manager for the final year of his contract, in 1993.

Molloy declined comment before saying, "As long as I'm the general partner, Gene should feel confident in his job as the general manager."

It was a convenient escape for Molloy because when Steinbrenner is reinstated, Steinbrenner would then be responsible for possibly firing Michael. "I don't worry; I've been through the wars," said Michael, who has been a player, coach, manager, scout and front-office executive with the Yankees during the Steinbrenner years.

Oddly, after Molloy had skirted the question about Michael's job security, he added, "That's not to say if I get upset with Gene, I won't fire him either."

Only in New York. Only with the Yankees. Was that Key scratching his head?

Bowe agrees to six-fight TV package

NEW YORK (AP) — In the battle of the network checkbooks, HBO and its pay-per-view partner, TVKO, knocked out Fox Network to win heavyweight champion Riddick Bowe.

And it might cost them only \$100 million or so of Time Warner's petty cash.

Bowe agreed to a six-fight package with HBO and TVKO on Thursday that Seth Abraham, president of Time Warner Sports, said carries "a nine-figure potential."

The first fight is scheduled for Feb. 6 on HBO after Bowe and his manager, Rock Newman, decided to pass on Fox's \$3 million offer to fight as part of the network's alternative programming at half-time of the Jan. 31 Super Bowl.

Newman listed a number of potential challengers including Alex Garcia, Michael Dokes, Alex Stewart and Francesco Damiani for Bowe's first defense and said it

might be held in New York's Madison Square Garden.

"Every champ wants to fight in his home town," said Bowe, who grew up in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Would he accept less to fight there than elsewhere?

"Maybe," Bowe said.

He can afford to be charitable with the package HBO and TVKO put together for him. The deal calls for two fights on the cable outlet and four on pay-per-view. "It can't be worth less than \$50 million," Abraham said.

Abraham said it would be difficult to put an exact dollar amount on the value of the whole package because that would depend on the response to the pay-per-view bouts. However, he added, 900,000 homes bought the Bowe-Evander Holyfield title fight, making it the fifth highest grossing pay-per-view bout in history.

"We know it's the biggest boxing deal in TV history," he said.

HBO and TVKO began intensive negotiations with Newman two weeks ago after Fox's Super Bowl halftime bid became known. The deal started as a two-fight package, one on cable the other on pay-per-view, and expanded from there. It's total worth dwarfs the \$26.8 million, eight-fight contract HBO had with former champion Mike Tyson. Only one of those eight bouts was on pay-per-view.

Newman said Bowe's first pay-per-view defense would probably come in the spring against Ray Mercer. "Riddick said he wanted to fight," the manager said. "He's got nothing else to do. It was gracious of HBO to accommodate us on their schedule. It was not in their plans."

What is in HBO-TVKO plans is Lennox Lewis, who was awarded the WBC heavyweight title this week after Bowe cavalierly dropped that ruling body's belt in a London garbage can.

ALL-STATE: Montgomery first-team QB

(From 1C)

Offensive honors went to running back Jerod Douglas, who led Converse Judson to the Division I title and set a state-record with 2,966 yards rushing for the regular-season and playoffs.

Dallas Carter and Arlington each had two players chosen.

The APSE All-State team was chosen by sports writers and editors from across the state on the basis of statistics from regular-season play.

Perman was represented by running back John Williams and defensive standouts Sam Brooks, a lineman, and linebacker Micheal Comer.

Brooks averaged five tackles per game and Comer, a second-team selection last year, averaged seven.

Williams, a junior, scored 16 touchdowns and set a school record by gaining 1,573 yards in nine games.

"We're looking for a big senior year from John," said Panthers coach Tam Hollingshead, whose defending "small school" champion lost 10-7 to Amarillo in the quarterfinals.

Perman receiver Kendrick Parrett received honorable mention.

Among other District 4-5A players recognized were San Angelo Central's Ben Montgomery as first-team quarterback (2,300 passing yards, 840 rushing), and Bobcat offensive lineman Greg Hayes and end Ryan King (second team). Central defensive lineman Michael Baker earned honorable mention.

Also, Abilene Cooper offensive lineman Mike Patterson (C-2, 220, Sr.) was named to the second team, while Cooper's Eric Gibson (linebacker) and Mike Rose (running back) received honorable mention.

Temple filled two of the four offensive line spots with 6-6, 290-pound Russell Dolgener and 6-foot, 250-pound Mark Biers.

The Wildcats' third selection was Ypres Thomas, who tied for a first-team linebacker spot. He had 128 tackles and seven sacks.

"They're part of the big machine," said Temple coach Bob McQueen. "They're the guys that have added so much."

Although Wilbon was named the state's outstanding defender, Kimball coach James Jones said he shared starring honors on the

Knights' defense with fellow first-teamers Tomell Hurd and LaJohn Martin.

"Those kids played a great part in our success," Jones said. "I hope we can get another group that plays like them."

Wilbon, a 6-2, 220-pound senior, had 126 tackles and seven sacks, caused six fumbles and recovered three. He was a second-team selection last year.

"He did everything," Jones said. "He didn't lead by talking — he led by doing."

Jones said he expects to see Martin playing one day in the NFL because he already has grown to 6-5, 285 pounds, and has a good feel for the game. He had 88 tackles and five sacks, caused four fumbles and recovered four.

Hurd had 50 tackles and four interceptions.

The state's most-talked about runner was Douglas, a junior who burst upon the scene by breaking former Judson star Chris Pryor's 1983 state record of 2,800 yards in a season.

Douglas ran for 37 touchdowns and caught passes for two more.

The third first-team running back was El Paso Irvin's Patrick Norris, who rushed for 2,005 yards to lead 5A in the regular season.

Nassar Ayyad of Arlington and Tyler Lee's Fred Coleman were selected as ends.

Montgomery, who replaced last year's second-team quarterback Shea Morenz, completed 127 of 284 passes for 2,303 yards and 27 touchdowns. He rushed for 840 yards and seven touchdowns.

Coleman had 61 catches for

1,244 yards and 14 touchdowns and Ayyad caught 79 passes for 927 yards and 14 touchdowns.

Rounding out the first-team offense are linemen Frank Middleton of Beaumont West Brook and Joe Tamayo of Harlingen; center Sal Rodriguez of EP Eastwood; and place kicker Jeff McCord of Mesquite.

McCord made 28 of 29 extra-point attempts and nine of 13 field goal tries, including a 52-yarder. Six of his field goals were from more than 40 yards.

Dallas Carter stars Brandon Ashley and William Carr join Brooks and Martin on the defensive line. Ashley had 100 tackles and eight sacks, and Carr had 104 tackles and six sacks. They caused a combined total of 10 fumbles.

Arlington's Jay Davern, who had 131 tackles and five sacks, was chosen as linebacker.

The rest of the defensive backs include Kerry Cooks of Irving Nimitz, Andrew Gonzalez of Weslaco and Donovan Greer of Alief Elsik.

Cooks, also a top running back, had nine interceptions and 74 tackles. Gonzalez had 85 tackles and eight interceptions, and Greer had six interceptions and 51 tackles.

Philip Dawson of Richardson Lake Highlands, who averaged 44 yards per punt, was named first-team punter. He also made second-team kicker.

(Reporter-Telegram sports writer Bill Price contributed to this report.)

LOCAL SPORTS

Bulldogs down Seguin, 73-63

TEMPLE — Midland High's boys basketball team advanced into the winners bracket here Thursday, defeating Seguin 73-63 in the Temple Tournament.

The Bulldogs (9-2) were led in scoring by senior guard Mike Melzer, who poured in 21 points while going 6-for-6 from the free throw line. Melzer averages 11.5 points a game, leading the Bulldogs.

Rob Foster was also in double figures scoring, adding 10 points to the MHS cause. Donald Carter and Andre Gill each scored eight points, as well.

MHS next faces Killeen Ellison in the second round of the tournament at 10:30 a.m. today.

Midland High 73, Seguin 63
Midland High (73): Donald Carter 3-2 3-8, Kirk French 0-0 1-0, Mike Melzer 7-6 21, Rob Foster 5-0 10, Jason Kelley 0-4 4, Justin Hobbs 1-0 2, Andre Gill 4-0 8, Brian Roberts 0-0 0, Phillip Warlick 6-2 14, Jason Kopp 3-0 2 6. Totals: 29 14-23 73.
Seguin (63): Savor 1-0 2, Schuler 1-0 2, Thomas 2-4 8, Wilson 5-0 12, Elliott 0-1 2, Mickles 1-3 4 5, Burns 3-1 4 7, Cochran 4-2 10, Sheppard 6-2 18. Totals: 29 11-21 63.
Score By Quarter:
Midland High 22 14 12 17-63
Seguin 10 12 12 17-43
Three-Point Goals: MHS 1 (Melzer); Seguin 2 (Wilson)

MFHS Gold team remains unbeaten

Midland Freshman's Gold girls basketball team remained undefeated with two wins in the past week, defeating Lee Freshman Gray both times for a 6-0 record.

In the first meeting of the teams last Friday, Laura Childress scored 16 points for MFHS Gold in a 57-31 decision, while Toya Zachery and Marci Swinney scored 12 each, and Ogonna Merritt added 10. LFHS Gray was led by four points each from Andrea Neal, Erin Blinka and Susanna Reed.

In the second meeting Wednesday, Childress was the only player to crack double digits with 14 points in a 40-22 Gold

victory.

Also Wednesday, MFHS Purple fell to Odessa Bonham 33-27. Rose Massengale scored 12 points and Autumn Yeager had eight for Purple.

Both MFHS teams return to action today, as Gold travels to Odessa Ector and Purple entertains Odessa Nimitz.

Midlanders take triathlon rankings

Six Midlanders placed in the top 15 in their age groups at the completion of the Texas triathlon season, as TRI-FED released its season rankings recently.

Spencer Roberts came in at No. 6 in the men's 30-34 age group, amassing 112.5 points. Also in the men's Top 10 was Dee Simmons, whose 90.5 points earned him fifth place in the 51-54 group.

Among women, Karen Hagner finished sixth with 105.6 points in the 30-34 division, while Rhonda Grubb

earned 91.6 points for sixth in the 40-44 group.

In order to be ranked, athletes must compete in three events and be a TRI-FED member.

Here are the final Midland TRI-FED standings with season points earned, released at the conclusion of the Texas triathlon and duathlon season:
Triathlon (Swim, Bike, Run) — 30-34 Men: 6. Spencer Roberts, 112.5. 35-39 Men: 15. Dave Smith, 90.5. 51-54 Men: 5. Dee Simmons, 90.5.
30-34 Women: 6. Karen Hagner, 105.6. 35-39 Women: 12. Robin Dobler, 84.5. 40-44 Women: 6. Rhonda Grubb, 91.6.
Duathlon (Run, Bike, Run) — 40-44 Women: Rhonda Grubb, 85.5.

Booth ace

Robert Booth sank a hole-in-one Thursday at Hogan Park Golf Course.

He aced the 165-yard, par-3, 22nd hole for his second-ever hole-in-one.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram staff reports.

PREPS: Lee's girls open 4-5A play at Cooper

(From 1C)

court defense and the shot-blocking and rebounding of 6-4 senior Lisa Koss, and Raughton gets a mixture that only two of 13 teams have been able to decipher this season.

Trying to break the MHS code for the Lady Eagles will be forward Amanda Horton, who scored 16 points against OHS, and leading scorers Barbara Pyle and Jackie Sapp. Also, 6-1 sophomore post Tasha Newman returns to varsity play after a week on the junior varsity.

FOR THE Lee girls (6-6, 0-0), the 4-5A opener comes in the form of a road game, a fact that troubles Lady Rebel head coach Elise Kail.

"We expect a tough district opener because, we feel, Cooper is a lot better than they were last year. And, it's never an easy feeling opening on the road," she said.

Trying to offset the inside-outside game of Cooper guard Sherri Kuzma and posts Misty Cole and Allison Thornhill, Lee will turn to leading scorers Tekeira Strambler (12.9 average) and Tanisha Mills (10.1). Also, 6-2 sophomore post Krissy Woodard (nine points a game) could turn the tide in the lane for the Lady Rebs.

LEE'S BOYS will carry an 11-2 season record into their game at Estacado. Senior David Wilson is the top point producer for the Rebels, coming in with a 22.2 average. Martin Lattibeaudiere, also a senior, averages 17.8 points a game.

The two Lee sharpshooters have combined for 52 of 81 three-pointers the Rebs have made this season, as Lee has averaged just over six treys a game.

THE MHS Bulldogs are 9-2 going into this morning's game against Ellison after advancing into the winner's bracket. Mike Melzer leads all Bulldog scorers with 11.5 points a game.

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Outlaw steals show

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Charles Outlaw scored 22 points and Jessie Drain added 17, both career highs, Wednesday night as Houston routed Texas-San Antonio 94-67.

Houston (3-1) led 47-35 at halftime and pulled away in the second half behind the strong

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shooting of Outlaw, Drain and David Diaz, who finished with 21 points.

Diaz had four 3-pointers and Outlaw contributed nine rebounds and five blocked shots.

Rob Wallace had 21 points and 11 rebounds to lead the Roadrunners (1-4). He was the only player in double figures for UTSA.

Houston used a full-court press in the first half that forced UTSA into seven turnovers and 27 missed shots.

The teams were tied 20-20 when the Cougars went on an 18-4 run, highlighted by Outlaw's 8 points, that gave them a 38-24 lead with 5:23 remaining in the half.

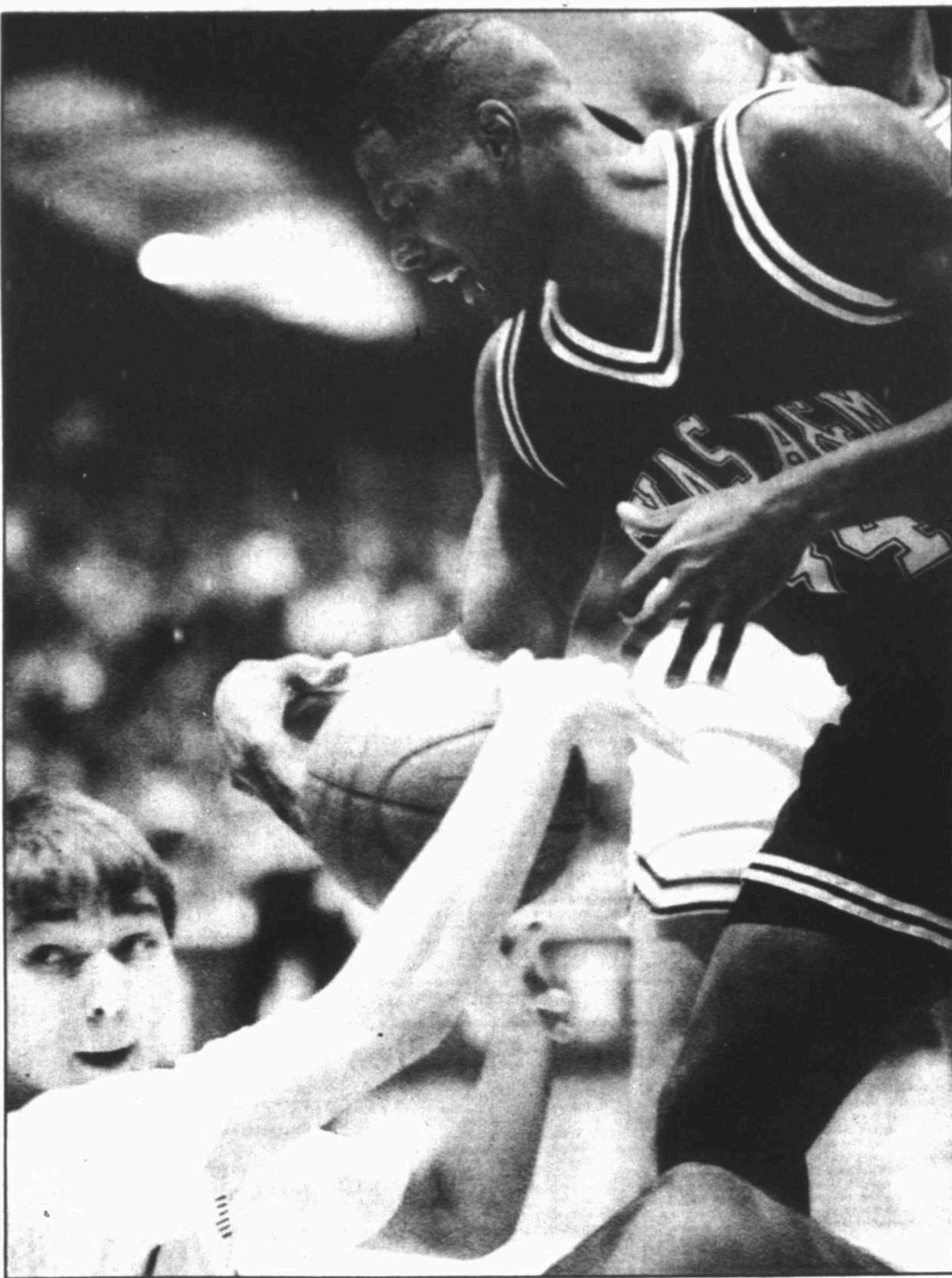
Houston 95, Texas-San Antonio 67
UTSA (1-4)
Green 3-14 0-7, Wallace 8-16 4-4 21, Ferguson 1-6 0-2, Johnson 0-0 0-0, Glover 1-10 2-2 5, Wordlaw 0-0 0-0, Deshay 0-1 0-1, Rhynes 3-6 0-0 8, Washington 1-2 0-0 2, Olajuwon 4-9 2-2 10, R Smith 1-2 0-0 2, Oswald 6-9 0-0 12, Totals 28-75 5-9 87
Houston (3-1)
Drain 7-11 1-2 17, D Smith 3-6 0-0 8, Outlaw 8-15 6-22, Goldwire 3-8 4-10, Diaz 6-11 5-8 21, Wiles 3-8 0-0 8, Carrasco 4-7 1-2 9, Grayson 0-0 0-0, Johnson 0-2 0-0 0, Totals 34-68 17-22 96.
Halftime—Houston 47, UTSA 35. 3-Point goals—UTSA 3-23 (Glover 1-10, Green 1-4, Wallace 1-4, Oswald 0-3, Ferguson 0-1, Olajuwon 0-1), Houston 10-18 (Diaz 4-8, D Smith 2-2, Wiles 2-3, Drain 2-4, Goldwire 0-1). Fouled out—D Smith. Rebounds—UTSA 37 (Wallace 11), Houston 46 (Outlaw 9). Assists—UTSA 16 (Glover 6), Houston 22 (Goldwire 9). Total fouls—UTSA 22, Houston 16. A-2,134.

Texas Tech 93, Midwestern St. 69
LUBBOCK — Koy Smith scored a season-high 25 points, leading Texas Tech to a victory over Midwestern State.

The Red Raiders suffered 26 turnovers, but Midwestern State could pull no closer than 20 points in the second half.

Texas Tech improved to 5-1 while dropping the Indians to 5-6.

Tech shot 51 percent from the field while racing to a 44-22 halftime lead. Smith led the Red Raiders with 12 points in the half, making all four attempts from the field. Midwest-



Northwestern's Kip Kirkpatrick (left) and Texas A&M's Damon Johnson fight for a

loose ball in the Wildcats' 71-60 victory Thursday in Evanston, Ill.

ern State, meanwhile, shot only 24 percent in the half. E.J. Collins led the Indians with 12 points.

Texas Tech 93, Midwestern St. 69
MIDWESTERN ST. (5-6)
Stewart 0-0 0-0, Lyle 0-0 1-2 1, Farina 2-8 3-9 7, Paty 5-19 0-11, Collins 4-5 1-5 12, Sheed 1-5 4-5 6, Hurst 2-5 1-1 5, Beasley 5-13 1-2 11, Bragg 4-9 2-2 10, Stegall 3-8 0-0 6, Totals 26-70 13-26 69.
TEXAS TECH (5-1)
Smith 8-11 6-7 25, Collins 1-1 0-0 2, Hughes 4-5 3-8 11, Austin 3-8 0-0 8, Brown 1-3 1-4 3, Clayton 2-4 0-4, Myatt 0-1 0-0 0, Holly 1-5 0-0 2, Ashley 2-4 1-2 6, Sasser 3-8 0-0 8, Jackson 4-8 1-3 9, Dale 1-3 0-0 2, Flemons 5-7 7-8 17, Totals 35-61 18-32 93.
Halftime—Texas Tech 44, Midwestern State 22. 3-Point goals—MSU 4-16 (Collins 3-4, Paty 1-8, Farina 0-1, Sheed 0-1, Bragg 0-2), Texas Tech 5-14 (Smith 4-8, Ashley 1-2, Brown 0-2, Holly 0-2, Hughes 0-1, Myatt 0-1). Fouled out—MSU, Stegall, Hurst. Rebounds—MSU 34, (Stegall 6, Bragg 5), Texas Tech 50, (Flemons 11), Assists—MSU 16, (Farina 6), Texas Tech 24, (Holly 6). Total fouls—MSU 23, Texas Tech 22. Technical fouls—MSU, Beasley. A-2,065.

ern State, meanwhile, shot only 24 percent in the half. E.J. Collins led the Indians with 12 points.

Northwestern 71, Texas A&M 60
EVANSTON, Ill. — Kevin Rankin scored 18 points and Northwestern used a trio of 3-pointers in the second half to beat Texas A&M.

Northwestern's Wildcats (3-1) took a 27-19 lead on Pat Baldwin's 3-pointer to start the second half. They maintained a 6-to-8-point bulge until the quicker Aggies (1-3) went ahead 34-33, with a 9-0 spurt. Damon Johnson had five straight points to lead the run.

But the Wildcats used 3-pointers by Baldwin, Kip Kirkpatrick and Dion Lee to build a 44-38 lead midway through the

second half. The closest the Aggies could come after that was 53-50 on Brett Murray's pair of free throws with 4:30 left.

David Edwards topped the Aggies with 16 points and Johnson added 14 points.

Northwestern 71, Texas A&M 60
TEXAS A&M (1-3)
Murray 3-8 4-8 10, Barone 0-0 0-0 0, Edwards 6-14 3-5 16, Ch. Henderson 4-12 0-0 8, McDaniel 3-4 1-2 7, Co. Henderson 2-5 0-1 4, Johnson 8-8 2-5 14, Broderick 0-0 1-4 1, Totals 24-51 11-23 60.
NORTHWESTERN (3-1)
Purdy 0-1 2-2 2, Melons 5-17 2-2 12, Baldwin 3-11 4-12, Lee 4-9 4-13, Kirkpatrick 1-2 2-4 6, Rayford 0-1 0-0 0, Williams 4-4 1-2 9, Rankin 8-8 2-4 18, Total 26-53 17-24 71.
Halftime—Northwestern 24, Texas A&M 19. 3-pointers—Texas A&M 1-12 (Murray 0-1, Edwards 1-5, Ch. Henderson 0-4, Co. Henderson 0-2), Northwestern 4-14 (Purdy 0-1, Baldwin 2-8, Lee 1-5, Kirkpatrick 1-2). Rebounds—Texas A&M 29 (Co. Henderson 7), Northwestern 39 (Rankin 17). Assists—Texas A&M 10 (Edwards 7), Northwestern 16 (Baldwin 6). Fouled Out—Williams, Johnson. Total fouls—Texas A&M 19, Northwestern 20. Technical—Texas A&M's Edwards. A-4,110.

Rockets ride Hakeem to victory over Spurs

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Hakeem Olajuwon had 31 points and 12 rebounds as the Houston Rockets beat the San Antonio Spurs 121-109 Thursday night.

Olajuwon and Kenny Smith each scored seven points during a 21-8 run in the third quarter, helping Houston overcome a 65-62 deficit. The Rockets won for the fifth time in six games.

Reserve Matt Bullard scored a career-high 22 points for Houston, including 17 in the fourth quarter. Vernon Maxwell had 18 points and Smith added 17.

Dale Ellis led San Antonio with 24 points. Sean Elliott had 21 and David Robinson had 16 points and 12 rebounds.

The game was tied at 52 at halftime. Houston led 83-73 going into the fourth quarter, and Bullard's late scoring kept the Rockets ahead.

Maxwell scored nine points as Houston took a 14-5 lead with 6:57 left in the first quarter.

Magic 112, Kings 91

ORLANDO, Fla. — Shaquille O'Neal had 22 points and 20 rebounds and blocked seven shots, leading the Orlando Magic over the Sacramento Kings.

O'Neal out-rebounded Sacramento's starting lineup, 20-19. He helped the Magic dominate the boards 59-39 and sent the Kings to their sixth straight loss.

Nick Anderson added 25 points and Dennis Scott had 17 for the Magic. Orlando made 16 of 22 shots in the first quarter and took a 15-point lead.

The Magic led by 20 in the second quarter before the Kings closed to 61-49 at halftime. Sacramento scored the first nine points of the second half and got within 61-58, but the Magic responded with a 17-5 run in the next 5½ minutes.

Mitch Richmond led the Kings with 19 points. After winning their first three games, Sacramento has lost 14 of the last 17.

Bulls 107, Bullets 99

LANDOVER, Md. — Michael Jordan missed 17 shots but still

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managed to score 28 points as the Chicago Bulls broke their three-game road losing streak by beating the Washington Bullets.

Scottie Pippen had 24 points and 13 rebounds for the Bulls, whose three-game skid on the road was their longest since 1990. Jordan, who entered shooting 51 percent, made only 12 of 29 field goal attempts.

Still, Jordan scored when it counted. After Washington closed to 94-90 midway through the final period, Jordan had a dunk and a layup to give the Bulls an eight-point cushion. The Bullets never cut the gap below five points the rest of the way.

Tom Gugliotta had 25 points and 13 rebounds and Michael Adams scored 20 for the Bullets, who have lost five straight. Washington played without leading scorer Harvey Grant, who has a severe case of shin splints.

Nets 102, Bucks 101

MILWAUKEE — Drazen Petrovic converted a three-point play with one second left and the New Jersey Nets beat Milwaukee, the Bucks' ninth straight loss.

Milwaukee took a 101-99 lead on Frank Brickowski's basket with 8.6 seconds left. After a timeout, New Jersey's Sam Bowie put up a wild shot from the left baseline but Petrovic grabbed the offensive rebound, hit the basket and was fouled by Alvin Robertson.

The Bucks had one inbound pass blocked. Fred Roberts' inbound pass with five-tenths of a second hit the basket and Todd Day missed a jumper right before the buzzer.

Petrovic led New Jersey with 22 points, Kenny Anderson had 18 and Chris Morris and Bowie 16 each.

Milwaukee, returning home from an 0-5 road trip, got 18 points from Robertson, including 12 in the fourth quarter when the Bucks overcame a 13-point deficit. Brickowski scored 19 points for the Bucks, who have fallen from first to last.

Hogs raze SEMSU, 96-72

Associated Press

PINE BLUFF, Ark. — Darrell Hawkins made all eight of his field goal attempts and No. 12 Arkansas forced 31 turnovers Thursday night in a 96-72 victory over Southeast Missouri State.

Hawkins, who finished with 20 points, didn't score after his three-point play put the Razorbacks (4-0) ahead 65-43 with 13:39 to play.

Southeast Missouri (5-2) had 17 turnovers in the first half and trailed 48-33. A 3-pointer by Scotty Thurman, who scored 14, and a basket by Roger Crawford gave Arkansas its first 20-point lead, 57-37, with 16:32 left.

The Indians had 28 turnovers in their other loss, 83-58 to Cincinnati. They missed their first five shots of Thursday's game and Arkansas led 15-2 when Hawkins followed Robert Shepherd's miss with 15:33 to play in the half.

Arkansas coach Nolan Richardson pulled his starters less than two minutes later and the Razorbacks didn't have another field goal until Dwight Stewart scored on a follow with 9:24 to play.

That put Arkansas ahead 19-16, but Devon Lake tied it when he

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banked in a 3-pointer. It was tied again at 21 and the Indians had a chance to take the lead, but Thurman came up with a steal and a basket and the Razorbacks never trailed.

Arkansas led 33-26 with five minutes left in the half. Biggers scored six points and Crawford hit a 3-pointer as the Razorbacks opened up their 15-point advantage.

The Indians could have been closer but made only five of 15 free throws in the first half. Lake scored 27 points and Elco Derks had 12 for Southeast Missouri.

Arkansas 96, SE Missouri 72
SE MISSOURI (5-2)
Wofford 1-4 1-2 3, Bonds 0-3 0-7 0, Derks 2-4 8-8 12, Freshwater 3-5 0-0 6, Lake 11-22 3-7 27, Brooks 4-12 1-2 8, Crain 3-8 0-2 8, Slayey 0-2 0-0 0, Sanford 1-2 3-3 8, Shelton 1-2 0-0 3, Totals 26-62 16-31 72.
ARKANSAS (4-0)
Hawkins 8-8 4-5 20, Thurman 5-11 1-2 14, Stewart 2-5 0-0 4, Shepherd 4-7 0-2 8, Beck 2-5 0-0 4, McDaniel 2-6 3-4 7, Line 2-7 2-2 8, Crawford 3-4 0-0 7, Biggers 4-10 2-8, Biley 2-3 2-3 6, Rimac 1-3 0-0 3, Merritt 0-1 2-3 2, Martin 2-3 0-0 4, Totals 37-66 14-23 96.
Halftime—Arkansas 48, SE Missouri 33. 3-point goals—SE Missouri 4-13 (Lake 2-7, Shelton 1-1, Sanford 1-2, Brooks 0-3), Arkansas 8-17 (Thurman 3-5, Line 2-8, Biggers 1-1, Rimac 1-1, Crawford 1-2, McDaniel 0-1, Shepherd 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—SE Missouri 35 (Bonds 7), Arkansas 36 (Hawkins, Stewart 6). Assists—SE Missouri 12 (Wofford 4), Arkansas 19 (Thurman 4). Total fouls—SE Missouri 18, Arkansas 27. A-3,386.

NFL labor negotiations slow down

By Dave Goldberg
AP Football Writer

NEW YORK — NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue and negotiators for the league's players spoke by telephone Thursday without setting a date for the next session that could end the league's five-year-old labor impasse.

The only real activity on the day was a conversation between Tagliabue and Jim Quinn, the attorney in several lawsuits filed by players against the league and the chief negotiator in the talks that have reached the brink of an agreement and then stalled.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said Quinn and Tagliabue had agreed to meet soon to discuss the developments at two days' of owners' meetings in Dallas after the two

sides had agreed on what they said was "the framework" for an agreement.

After meeting with representatives of all 28 teams on Wednesday, Tagliabue said considerable progress had been made in bridging the gap between the two sides.

But Quinn said the players were unwilling to make any major concessions and were willing to take their chances in court, where U.S. District Court Judge David Doty must approve any settlement — or make a ruling on the motions pending before him.

"If they've got 10 things to change in the agreement, I don't think he's going to get anywhere," Doug Allen, assistant executive director of the NFL Players Association, said Thursday. "If they've got some things to modify, I think Jim

and Paul can finalize things."

All this stems from meetings last week that resulted in the framework for a deal that would bring unrestricted free agency and a salary cap to the NFL for the first time.

Last September, a jury sitting before Doty in Minneapolis threw out the NFL's limited Plan B free agency system, although it said the league had the right to impose a system for player movement within limits.

On Tuesday, it appeared a seven-member committee of owners empowered to make a deal was

about to approve it.

However, several objections were raised to points in the framework by members of the committee, including the length of the deal.

There was also some objection to allowing all 16 players named in the various lawsuit to become unrestricted free agents without any of the limitations that could otherwise be imposed.

But negotiators for the players said exempting plaintiffs in the various lawsuits was a given months ago.

MAVS: Adubato optimistic

(From 1C)

fused to offer, even sent a message via The Dallas Morning News that he never wants to play in Dallas.

Harper, with a team-leading 19-point average, is left to try and buoy a fast-sinking franchise that could threaten the Philadelphia 76ers' record for futility — nine victories in 1973.

General manager Norm Sonju said living among the NBA dregs just five years after making the conference finals is painful.

"We decided to bite the bullet and go young and that's easy to do in July," Sonju said. "But it's not easy when you're getting your brains beat out every night. We needed something like the win over the Lakers."

It's not that the news is all bad in Dallas. Such little-known players as CBA journeyman Tracy Moore, Brian Howard and Mike Buzzolino have been exciting for fans to watch.

Then there's second-year pro Walter Palmer, a 7-foot-1 center from Dartmouth, whom critics

rave about. Rookies Sean Rooks, who had 22 points Wednesday, and Walter Bond, who had 21, also have been welcome surprises.

But the hard-luck Mavericks are running into injury problems that could make it difficult to keep even this talent level on the court.

Rooks has a slight ligament tear in a knee and was scheduled to have it examined in Phoenix on Thursday. Then he and the Mavs must decide whether to operate.

Adubato, an unrelenting optimist, sees a silver lining.

"I still think we can be a competitive team by the second half of the season," he said. "We went from being the third oldest team in the NBA (average age 29) to the third youngest (25). It takes time to work in all the players. We've had seven different starting lineups so far this year."

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Bowling Green, Nevada open bowl season

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Bowling Green, which won some respect by almost upsetting Ohio State earlier this year, could win some national recognition by beating Nevada in tonight's inaugural Las Vegas Bowl.

Bowling Green kicks off the major college bowl season with a chance to move into the national rankings for the first time with a win over Nevada.

"Cracking the top 25 would be a great milestone for Bowling Green," coach Gary Blackney said. "It would be an opportunity for us to enhance the prestige and status of our school and conference on a national scale."

The Falcons, champions of the Mid-American Conference, nearly beat Ohio State in their second game of the year, trailing 7-6 at halftime before losing 17-6.

The game was a milestone for the Ohio university, which often is overlooked because of its powerful Big 10 neighbors.

"Even though we didn't beat Ohio State, we won hearts and respect in Ohio," Blackney said. "Because of where we are, situated between Ohio State and Michigan, people still opt to pass us by and go to those games."

Bowling Green also has a unique opportunity to become a historical footnote in the game against the Big West champion Wolf Pack.

The Falcons, who won the final California Bowl last year, now have a chance to win the first Las Vegas Bowl. The Las Vegas Bowl replaced the California Bowl this year as the host of the game matching the Big West and Mid-American Conference champions.

"It's been a motivating factor for us all year," Blackney said. "I told the kids in August that we could come back from winning the last California Bowl to winning the first Las Vegas Bowl."

Bowling Green (9-2) is a 5-

point favorite on the underground betting line for the game, which is expected to draw a crowd of about 20,000 to the 32,000-seat Las Vegas Silver Bowl. The game will be televised by ESPN, beginning at 8 p.m. EST.

Nevada (7-4) will have the challenge of holding off an offense that averaged 377 yards a game, including 227 in the air behind quarterback Erik White. And the Wolf Pack will have to do it without free safety Xavier Kairy, who was suspended for missing two final exams. Kairy led the Wolf Pack with five interceptions.

"You really hope when you have a negative you can turn it into a positive," Nevada coach Chris Ault said of Kairy's suspension. "It gives some kids who haven't had a chance to play much a chance to play in the biggest game of the year."

Nevada has a potent offense of its own, and the ability to change between two quarterbacks.

Senior Fred Gatlin, who has thrown for 8,312 yards and 63 touchdowns in his career, will start, but Ault won't hesitate to go to junior Chris Vargas should Gatlin be ineffective.

Vargas, who has started five games, threw for more yards (2,094) and touchdowns (13) this season than Gatlin (1,234, 10). Vargas has led Nevada on some dramatic comebacks, including a game against Utah State in which he rallied them from 19 points down with five minutes remaining to a 48-47 win.

"It's great to be on a team where you have two quarterbacks," said Bryan Reeves, who was second in the nation with 81 receptions for 1,114 yards. "When one isn't getting it done, you've got another guy you can bring in to get it done."

Ault, though, would prefer to do without the dramatics.

"These comebacks are killing me," he said. "I started the season 45 years old and now I'm 70. It's exciting and fun, but we'd rather get ahead and stay ahead."

'Skins, Eagles battle for playoffs

By Dave Goldberg

AP Football Writer

Like most coaches, Joe Gibbs tends to complain about minor things.

He might have a good complaint this week about the Washington Redskins' schedule.

For coming off their dramatic home win over Dallas last week, the Skins now have to grab a Metroliner north for Philadelphia, where they meet the Eagles in a game that could decide which one makes the playoffs and which stays home.

The Eagles are three-point favorites thanks to the home field edge. And that's a big advantage — the Eagles, 3-5 in road games, are unbeaten in six games at Veterans Stadium and have allowed half as many points as they have on the road.

Another edge for the Eagles, who lost 16-12 on their trip to Washington — Mark Rypien does not throw well under pressure and the Eagles put on plenty of that. Last week, Washington's only two TDs came on an option pass by Earnest Byner and that bizarre "fumble or not" play in the end zone by the defense.

But don't count Gibbs' teams out of anything.

Well ...
EAGLES, 17-13

Minnesota (plus 1) at Pittsburgh

For teams with the records these two have, they certainly aren't distinguished at quarterback, where Sean Salisbury comes back for the Vikings and Bobby Brister remains for the Steelers.

The Vikings need this one — a loss puts them in danger of losing the NFC Central. The Steelers have clinched the AFC Central, but

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still would like as many playoff home games as possible.

A hunch: Give the Vikings the edge on need, on the road (where they're 5-2 as opposed to 4-3 at home) and because they play in the NFC.

VIKINGS, 16-13

Buffalo (plus 3) at New Orleans

Two playoff teams with a difference — the Saints have been playing well, the Bills haven't.

Plus the NFC and the HomeDome — New Orleans is not a good place to run a no-huddle.

SAINTS, 27-21

Houston (plus 1) at Cleveland

Cleveland lost last week, which is a good reason why they may win this week. Houston lost last week at home, which is a good reason they may lose. So is December in Cleveland.

BROWNS, 20-17

Dallas (minus 7) at Atlanta (Monday night)

Jimmy Johnson has spent the week stewing about the loss in Washington. Troy Aikman suggests he get his mind on this one.

Get your mind on this one, Jimmy.

But remember that Atlanta beats up on so-so teams, then has beatings inflicted on it by the top guys.

COWBOYS, 34-17

Tampa Bay (plus 20) at San Francisco (Saturday)

Which makes the spread a bit much.

49ERS, 30-13

Kansas City (minus 9) at New York Giants (Saturday)

Jeff Hostetler has decided he can play, so

maybe the Giants players think Ray Handlev's already gone and they can try again.

Since the Chiefs blow few teams out ...

CHIEFS, 20-13

Rams (plus 6) at Green Bay

It was 15 below in Green Bay earlier this week. And the Pack is back — at least in contention.

PACKERS, 17-5

New York Jets (plus 11) at Miami

Remember, the Jets won the first one ... with Ken O'Brien, who always beats the Dolphins.

O'Brien is on injured reserve.

DOLPHINS, 28-10

San Diego (minus 3) at Raiders

"It's tough when you lose," Al (Commitment to Excellence) Davis said this week.

We know, Al.

CHARGERS, 17-10

Seattle (plus 9) at Denver

John Elway is back. Too late — the loss in Seattle started the slide.

BRONCOS, 14-10

Phoenix (plus 2) at Indianapolis

The Colts are still in contention?

Not anymore.

CARDS, 14-13

Chicago (plus 2) at Detroit

Andre Ware is showing his wares.

And Mike Singletary's not playing his final home game.

LIONS, 22-14

New England (plus 4) at Cincinnati

Does anyone care?

David Klingler over Scott Zolak.

BENGALS, 24-14

Last week: 6-7-1 (spread); 10-4, (straight up)

Season: 98-94-3 (spread); 137-58 (straight up)

Hurricanes try to make history

Associated Press

MIAMI — Despite Hurricane Andrew, a financial aid scandal and two harrowing games decided on the final play, Miami Hurricanes coach Dennis Erickson ranks 1992 as No. 1.

"This year has been the most fun I've ever had," Erickson said Thursday. "It's been a fun team to work with. You don't have to pull teeth to get them to work hard, and winning's not bad either. It beats whatever comes in second."

The top-ranked Hurricanes (11-0) play No. 2 Alabama (12-0) for the national championship on Jan. 1 in the Sugar Bowl. Miami could become the first team to win five titles in 10 years, and the first since Alabama in 1979 to win consecutively.

"It's not just another bowl game," Erickson said. "We're playing to make history."

For that reason, Erickson said, he has no concern about his team putting pleasure ahead of business in New Orleans.

"This group has enough leadership that I'm not going to have to follow them around Bourbon Street," he said. "They may have to follow me around."

Erickson deserves to celebrate his team's achievements after a turbulent season. It began in August with the hurricane, which destroyed or seriously damaged the

homes of Erickson, other coaches and several players.

Star receiver Lamar Thomas was indicted in the Pell Grant scandal; a later agreement with the U.S. Attorney's Office made a trial unlikely.

Then there were back-to-back victories over Arizona (8-7) and Florida State (19-16), both decided by last-second missed field goals.

Call the Hurricanes lucky, but they're 45-3 under Erickson.

"One thing that has separated us from everybody else in our four years is our tradition of winning games," Erickson said. "It's a matter of believing we're going to be in a position to win at the end of every game."

"The problem this year is that we did it too many times, as you can see from my gray hair."

Rumors had Erickson being approached recently about the job at Auburn, which hired Terry Bowden on Thursday. A sportscaster asked Erickson to comment on a report that he had turned the job down.

"For how much?" Erickson asked.

For \$10 million over six years, the sportscaster said.

"Do they think I'm crazy?" Erickson joked.

"I have no intention of leaving the University of Miami," he said. "And I've said that about 45 times."

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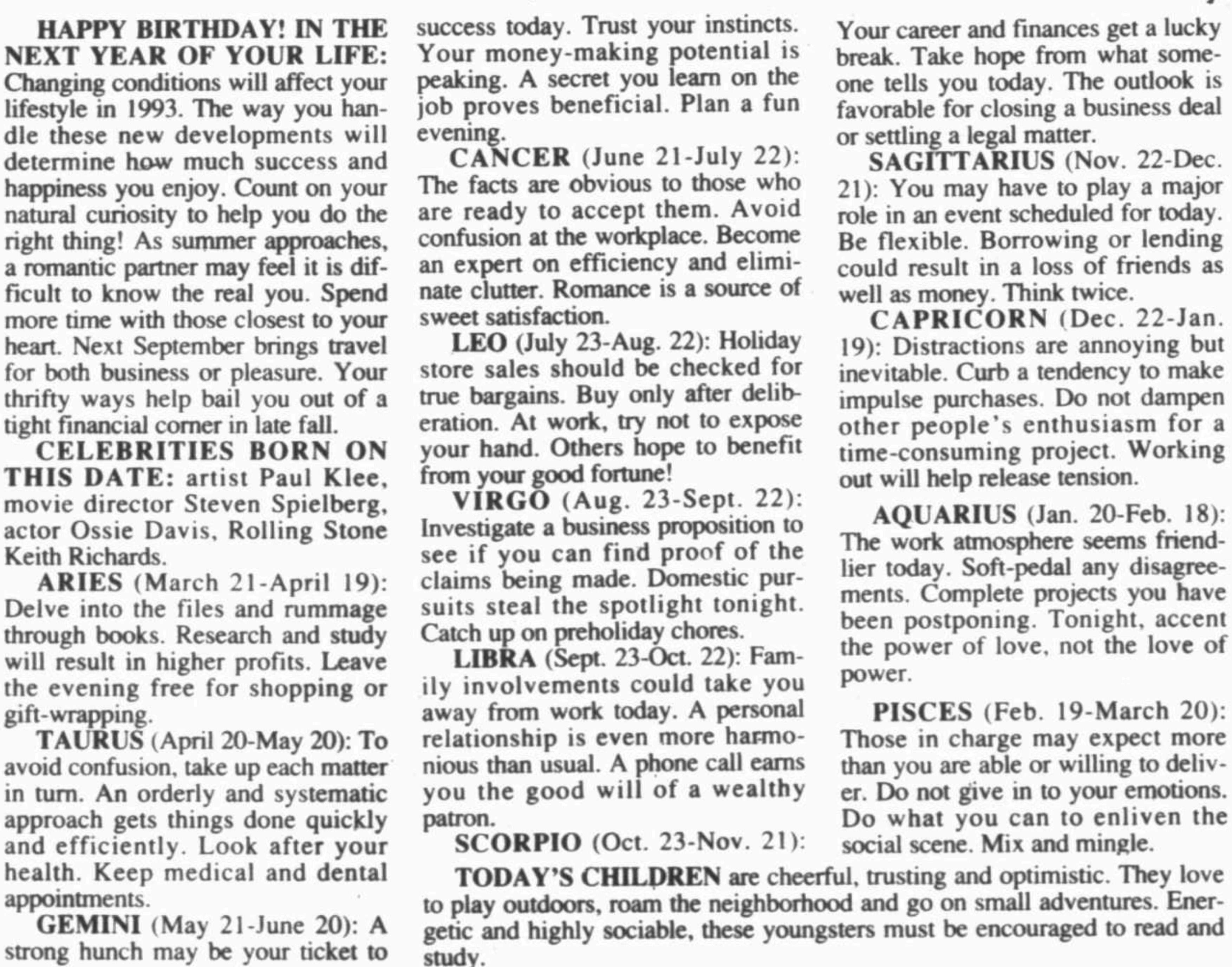
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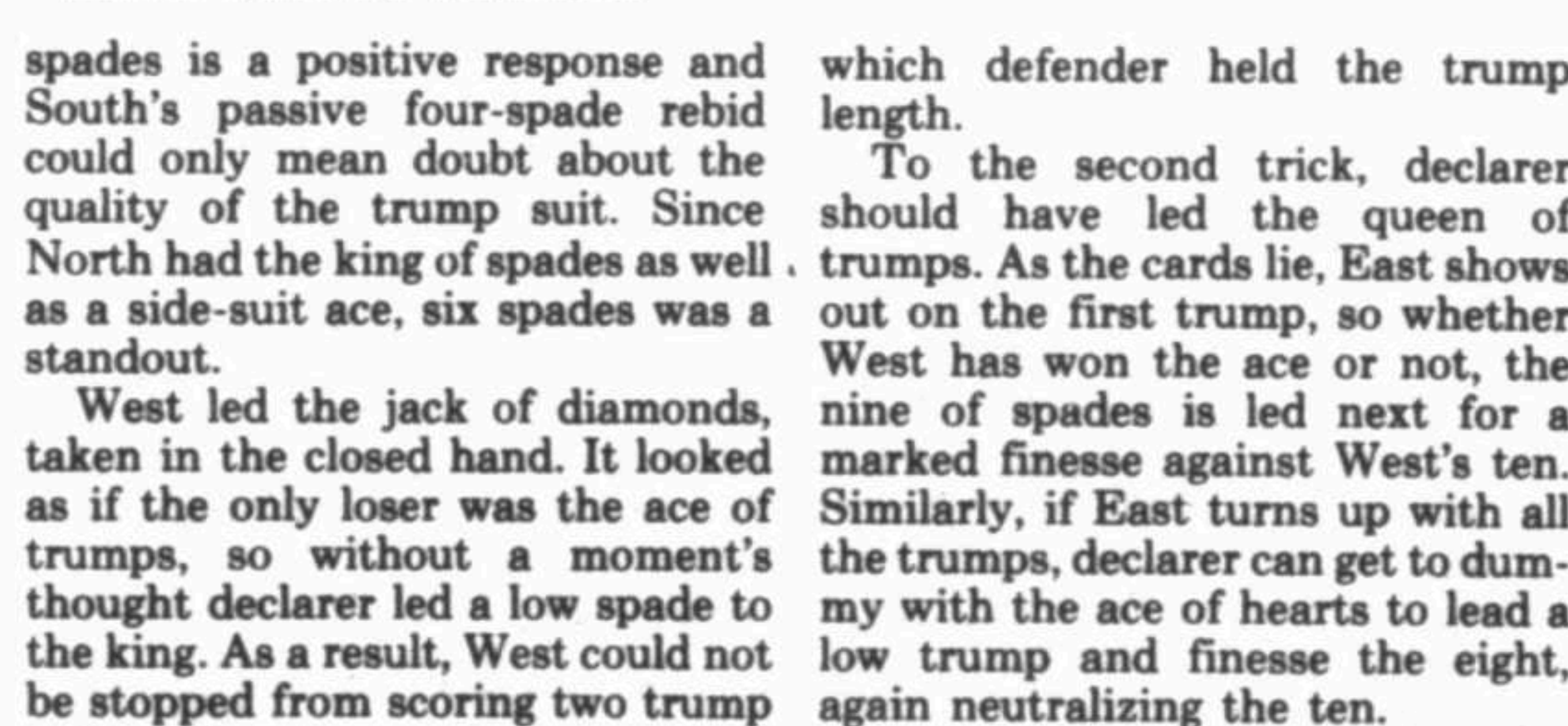
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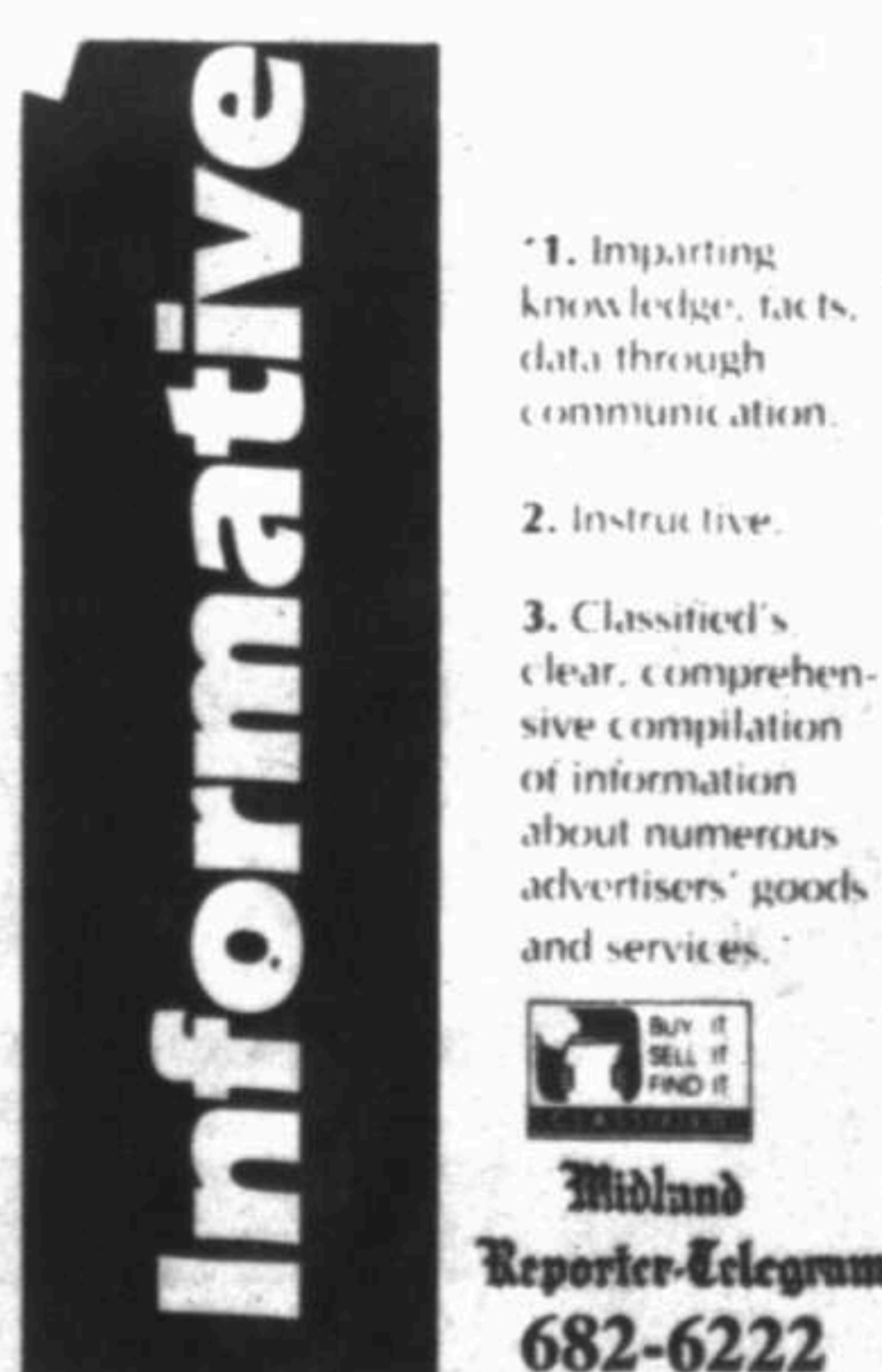
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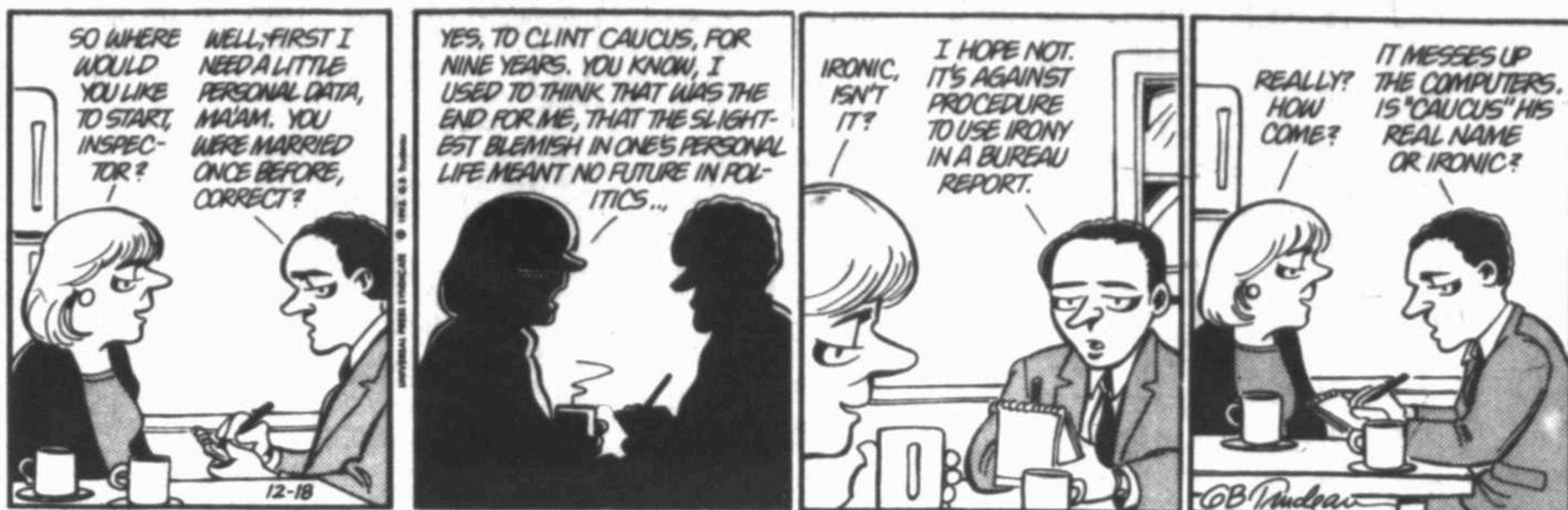
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McCartney, ABC mull special, behind-scenes documentary

NEW YORK — Paul McCartney is negotiating with ABC-TV for a concert special of his upcoming world tour and a behind-the-scenes documentary on it, his U.S. spokesman, Joe Dera, said Thursday.



McCartney

The proposal also would give ABC the rights to air the ex-Beatle's return concert last week at the Ed Sullivan Theater, which was taped for an MTV "Up Close" program, he said. In 1964, the Beatles made their first big impact in the United States with a concert at that theater.

ABC spokesman Stephen Battaglio confirmed that the network was discussing special programs and promotional activities with McCartney but said it was too soon to discuss specifics.

Dera also said McCartney will appear on NBC's "Saturday Night Live" sometime in 1993.

INDIO, Calif. — A woman has filed a lawsuit claiming Prince Albert Grimaldi, heir to Monaco's throne, fathered her 8-month-old daughter and broke a promise to help support the child.

Tamara Jean Rotolo, 31, appeared at a hearing Wednesday before Indio Superior Court Judge Graham Anderson Cribbs. She did not talk to reporters. Another hearing was set for January.

In a declaration filed Nov. 4 with her paternity suit, Ms. Rotolo, of Palm Desert, said she became pregnant during a brief relationship with Albert, son of Prince Rainier III and the late Princess Grace, in Monaco in 1991.

She said Albert told her he would honor his financial obligations if blood tests showed him to be the father, but she said Albert, 34, has refused to submit to a blood test.

A statement filed by Albert said he was briefly acquainted with Ms. Rotolo in July 1991, but never made promises to her.

PITTSBURGH — Bruce Springsteen has made his second \$10,000 donation to a local soup kitchen, in addition to pulling in donations from others.

Before and after Springsteen's concert Wednesday, volunteers were outside the Civic Arena collecting money, food and toys for the Rainbow Kitchen, and during the show Springsteen asked concert-goers to make donations.

He met with Kevin Amos, operations manager of the kitchen, during intermission, and afterward one of Springsteen's assistants gave Amos a check.

"I was floored," Amos said. "He's real

nice, a real down to earth person."

Springsteen also donated \$10,000 to the kitchen while performing in the city in 1985, Amos said.

The kitchen serves Homestead, a depressed former steel town just outside of Pittsburgh.

DALLAS — A limousine driver is suing rap singer Vanilla Ice for \$500,000, alleging that the rapper ordered two bodyguards to beat him up last year.

David Des Jardins says Vanilla Ice, real name Robbie Van Winkle, ordered the assault after falsely being told that Des Jardins spread rumors about an altercation the rapper had in a Dallas bar several months ago.

An attorney for Vanilla Ice and the bodyguards, also named as defendants, denied the allegation in the suit filed this week. Lawyer Lawrence Friedman said Des Jardins was angry because Vanilla Ice refused to hire him anymore after hearing the driver was spreading rumors about him.

LONDON — Prince Charles expressed regret Thursday at the lack of communications between the generations, saying he valued conversations with his grandmother, the Queen Mother, and his late uncle, Lord Mountbatten.

"Older people can provide a source of continuity and wisdom," he said.

Charles, speaking at an awards ceremony for the charity Age Resource, mixed up three of the commendations to the amusement of the mostly older audience.

"Even at my advanced age I can make a muddle," the 44-year-old heir to the throne joked in a lighthearted moment, rare this month. His formal separation from his wife of 11 years, Diana, 31, was announced on Dec. 9.

LOS ANGELES — Heavyweight boxer George Foreman is splitting his time between training for a Jan. 16 bout and a new career — starring in a pilot for a new television comedy series about a former boxer.

He plays boxer George Foster, who is retired and has time on his hands, and is drawn to an inner-city school and its children.

Foreman, who turned to preaching and working with children during his 10-year retirement from the ring that ended in 1987, said the series gives him a chance to get out an important message.

"This show's about trying to find another way to get kids interested in education," Foreman said. "The idea is to be positive and upbeat."

The series has a six-episode commitment from ABC, said the executive producer, former boxer Tony Danza, who was a regular on "Taxi" and starred in "Who's the Boss?"

TODAY'S TV SCHEDULE

FRIDAY PRIME TIME				December 18, 1992				For complete information check movie listings.								
Broadcast	O	C	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
KMD	2	3	News 147	Wheel of Fortune	Family Matters	Step by Step	Dinosaurs	Camp Wilder	20/20	4447	News	31147	Cheers	40959	Entertain. Tonight	Nightline
KPEJ	24	5	Who's the Boss?	Designing Women	America's Most Wanted	12893	Sightings	Likely Suspects	Star Trek: The Next Generation	39895	Mama's Family	Hunter	411499	Love Connection		
KOSA	7	8	News 4857	M*A*S*H	The Golden Palace	Major Dad	A Kenny Rogers Christmas	22925	Picket Fences: High Tensions	42789	News	68215	Married With Children	Arsenio Hall	72079	
KPTX	9	8	News 9383	A Current Affair	The Story Lady	(91) *** Jessica Tandy, Stephanie Zimbalist	89983		FI Fly Away: Comfort and Joy	80963	News	667895	The Tonight Show (10:35)	2009876	Late Night	
KMLM	42	12	Praise the Lord (4)	TBN Today	Edith Tripp	Frederick K. Price			Praise the Lord	516944						
KOCV	36	13	MacNeil/Lehrer News-hour	563876	Washington Week	Wall Street Week	McLaughlin Group	Inside Money	Talking With David Frost	327147	State of Texas	320234	Off the Air			
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WTBS	11		Beverly Hills 90210	Sanford & Son	The Gambler II: The Legend Continues (Part 2) (87) *** (Kenny Rogers) 914857				Dracula (R, 79) ** (Frank Langella, Laurence Olivier) 7355741					Movie	(11:20)	
CNN	14		Moneyline	Crossfire	PrimeNews	Larry King Live			Year in Review		Sports	Moneyline	Newsnight	Crossfire		
ESPN	15		SportsCenter	9788302	College Football: (6:45)	Las Vegas Bowl 73929079					SportsCenter	College Basketball	969706			
USA	16		Quantum Leap	747012	Murder, She Wrote	509789	Silent Night, Deadly Night 4 (R, 30) * (Maud Adams, North Hunter) 589925		Caged Fury (90) * (Erik Estrada, Richie Barzay) 868302							
HSE	17		Div. 1-AA Football	Hockey Week	Surfing	86789	College Bowl Games: A Preview Special	340393	Boxing: WBC Welterweight Championship: Nigel Benn vs. Piper 65296		Div. 1-AA Football	ATP Tour Magazine				
TNT	18		Jetsons	739321	Bugs Bunny & Daffy Duck		NBA Basketball: Dallas Mavericks at San Antonio Spurs		Inside the NBA		Lolly-Madonna XXX (90) (PG, 73) ** (Rod Steiger, Robert Ryan) 26120221					
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SHOW	24		The Apartment (4:55)	95893186	Keeper of the City (R, 92) *** (Louis Gossett Jr.) 4805857		Chaplin/ Scenes		Best of the Best (PG, 88) *** (Michael Keaton) 17030760		Ring of Fire (10:40) (R, 91) * (Don Wilson) 64309215					
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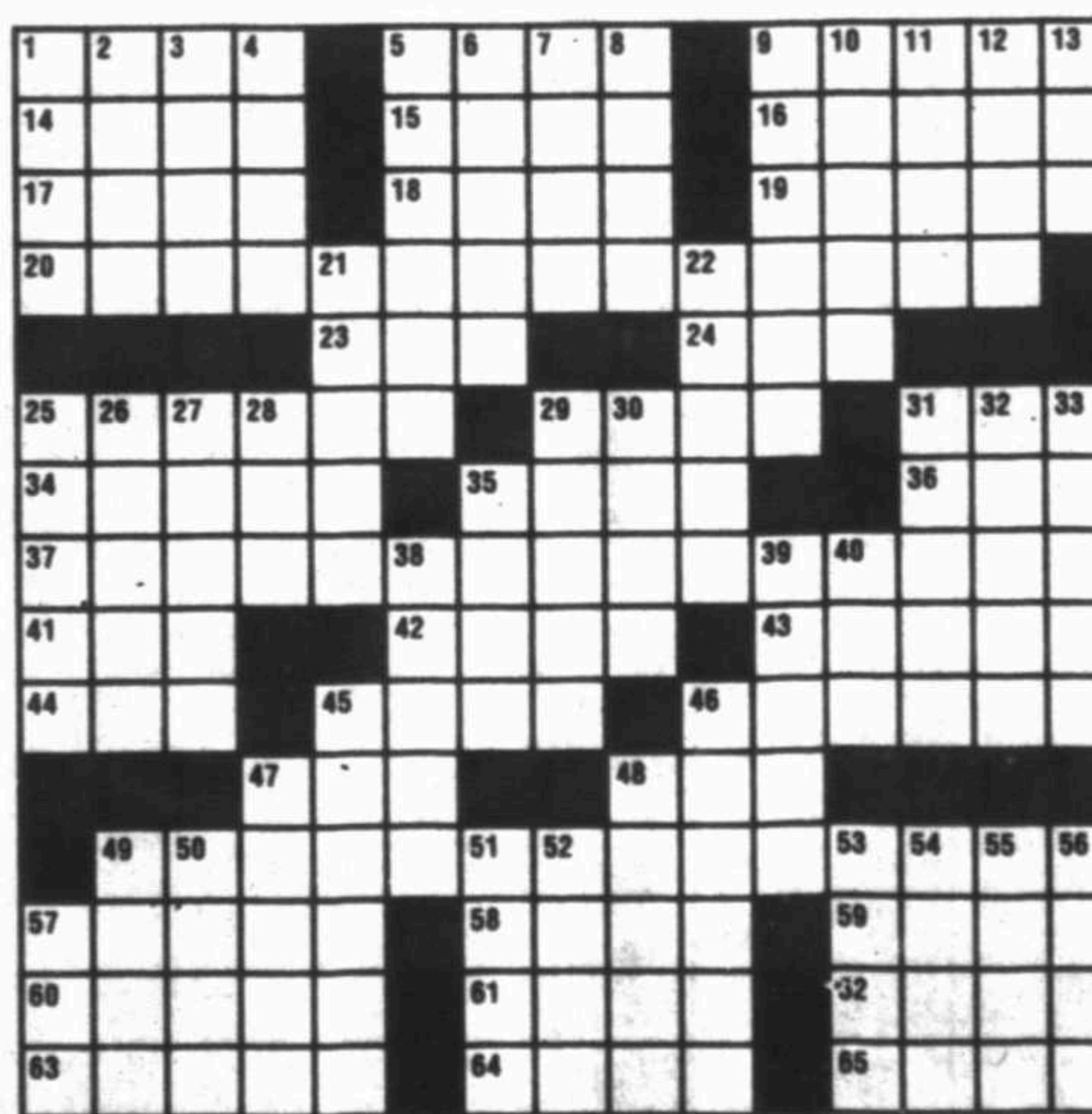
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U.S. trade deficit narrows sharply

■ \$1.6 billion monthly improvement is hailed by administration, greeted skeptically by most private analysts.

N.Y. Times News Service

WASHINGTON — In a surprising tally that conveyed mixed messages about the economy, the Commerce Department reported Thursday that the nation's trade deficit narrowed sharply in October, to \$7 billion, as exports jumped to a new record. Imports fell moderately.

The \$1.6 billion monthly improvement, to the smallest merchandise trade gap since June, was hailed by the Bush administration but greeted skeptically by most private analysts.

Indeed, there was widespread belief that fresh trade deterioration was almost certain in coming months and that friction would intensify with Japan. At \$5 billion in October, up from \$4.4 billion in September, the American deficit with Japan was the biggest in nearly four years.

From Beijing, where she is leading a large government entourage on a mission to get the Chinese to buy American goods, Commerce Secretary Barbara H. Franklin issued a statement citing the latest figures as providing "good reason to cheer this holiday season as U.S. companies continue to benefit from President

Bush's efforts to open markets and promote exports."

Private commentators, however, generally regarded the October trade results as an aberration.

"I think this is temporary," Harald B. Malmgren, a Washington trade consultant, said. "Exports can't continue to surge when the rest of the world economy is really sluggish."

Malmgren also said he expected that the dollar would rise in coming months, reflecting greater relative appeal of American interest rates. That would further erode the trade position by making this country's products more expensive to foreigners while making imports cheaper.

"We've got the double-whammy," he added. A stronger domestic economy "will continue to suck in imports without any place to export." Both Germany and Japan, major trading partners, are generally considered as having now slipped into recession.

Barry Rogstad, president of the American Business Conference, a group of rapidly growing mid-sized companies, also played down the record October exports, which climbed \$1.3 billion, or 3.4 percent, to a total of \$39.2 billion.

He noted, as did others, that nearly 75 percent of the increase came from civilian aircraft, a sector in which big-ticket items are delivered at irregular intervals, and from shipments of non-monetary gold.

The October totals "cannot disguise a world economy that is dead in the water," Rogstad said.

Nor is expected American legislation likely to help, said John E. Silvia, economist at Kemper Financial Services in Chicago. He said that one-third or more of American factory equipment is imported and that adoption of an investment tax credit proposed by President-elect Bill Clinton to increase business investment in equipment would raise demand for foreign goods and exacerbate the trade imbalance.

Advisers to Clinton have ruminated about denying credit for imports, but this, various specialists said, could probably not be done without violating international agreements.

Imports during October eased to \$46.2 billion, or five-tenths of 1 percent below the record September level, Thursday's report showed.

Geographically, the American deficit with developing countries shrank by about \$500 million, to \$2.6 billion, according to figures that are not seasonally adjusted. The deficit with China eased by \$300 million but, at \$2 billion, remained at a level that Franklin said "cannot be sustained."

Besides the \$600 million erosion with Japan, the American deficit worsened by about \$250 million with Canada and what had been surpluses of \$500 million with Mexico and \$250 million with Western Europe virtually disappeared.

The main shifts in exports were increases in industrial supplies and materials and in capital goods, the report showed, while imports were dominated by declines for consumer and automotive goods.

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■ Thursday \$18.25

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Oil higher

NEW YORK — Petroleum prices rose Thursday after Venezuela announced it had reduced its oil exports, the second OPEC member in as many days to take steps to increase world oil prices.

Light sweet crude oil for delivery in January settled at \$19.70 per barrel, up 29 cents per barrel, at the New York Mercantile Exchange. Crude had risen 46 cents on Wednesday on news that Nigeria plans production cutbacks.

On top of news Tuesday that domestic refineries had reduced production last week, the Venezuela and Nigeria news hit refined products particularly hard.

January-delivery of unleaded gasoline, which rose 2.26 cents Wednesday, rose another 1.03 cents Thursday to settle at 55.62 cents a gallon. Home heating oil, also for January delivery, rose 0.76 cent Thursday after a 1.72 cent increase Wednesday to settle at 56.26 cents per gallon.

Venezuela Energy and Mines Minister Alirio A. Parra announced Thursday that his country had cut exports 25,000 barrels per day.

Stocks firm

NEW YORK — The stock market pulled out of a week-long slump Thursday as the battered shares of International Business Machines showed signs of stabilizing.

Airline stocks also rallied in a busy session.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials, down 68.63 points over the last five trading days, rebounded 14.05 points to 3,269.23.

Advancing issues outnumbered declines by more than 5 to 3 on the New York Stock Exchange. Big Board volume came to an estimated 248.62 million shares as of 3 p.m. CST, against 241.91 million in the previous session.

IBM stock, which tumbled 11 points Tuesday and Wednesday to its lowest levels since 1981, recovered 1 1/2 to 53 Thursday.

The shares were rocked by Tuesday's news of new cost-cutting and writeoffs at the company, along with the acknowledgment that the dividend might not be safe at current levels.

Otherwise, analysts said, stocks continued to get support from signs that economic recovery is gathering momentum as the year draws to a close.

Gold rises

NEW YORK — The dollar was evenly mixed against key currencies Thursday in thin trading even as the government released positive economic statistics.

Gold prices rose. On the New York Commodity Exchange, gold bullion for current delivery settled at \$338.40 a troy ounce, up 50 cents from Wednesday.



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Epochal contract

National Car Rental System Inc. and EDS Corp. recently signed a 10-year, \$500 million transportation information technology contract. It is the largest such contract in history. For the first time, a major

car rental company has hired an information technology services company to manage all data processing and communications services.

Federal price controls on natural gas to end

By Gregory J. Wilcox
N.Y. Times News Service

LOS ANGELES — Nearly 40 years of federal price controls on the natural-gas industry will end quietly Jan. 1 with no immediate effect on prices expected.

But the 1990s will see changes in the way gas is delivered from fields in Wyoming and elsewhere, and bring more opportunities for smaller companies as major suppliers are required to share pipeline space.

"The deregulation ... will happen without a peep. If anyone can detect that anything happened on Jan. 1 by looking

at the price in the market it will be a surprise to me," says Dick O'Neill, chief economist and director of the office of economic policy for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

The phaseout of government controls began in the 1980s and industry officials and analysts agree a big jump in wholesale prices is unlikely.

"When they decontrolled in 1985 the big concern was that prices were going to fly up," said David Fleischer, an analyst at Prudential Securities Inc. in New York. "But prices started to fly down. They started dropping in mid-decade and continued on a very steady decline

until the middle of this year."

O'Neill points out that in 1980 the projected price for natural gas in 1990 was \$6.54 per thousand cubic feet. The actual price was \$1.71, he said.

But consumer prices are a different matter. Increases could happen at the consumer level and there is a consensus that they will be borne by small-business and residential customers.

Deregulation already has brought about changes in the way natural gas is bought and sold by utilities. For example, Southern California Gas Co., the nation's largest purveyor, is no longer the only source of supply in the region.

Tighter limits could cost oil firms millions

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Oil industry officials are warning that new federal environmental controls are going to cost the industry millions of dollars and will force the shutdown of some wells.

New Environmental Protection Agency rules limit the amount of toxic chemicals that can be discharged from oil and gas platforms.

As a result, 90 percent to 95 percent of the wells off the coasts of Louisiana and Texas will have to construct new pipelines or connect to existing pipelines, said Larry Wall of Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association.

The pipes will be used to send produced waters back to shore for disposal. Produced water is mainly brine that is much saltier than sea water, but it also can contain toxic chemicals, oil and radioactive material.

Tighter limits also are being put on discharges of drilling fluids, such as mercury and some other heavy metals, and garbage dumping from rigs.

Supercomputer tensions mount

NEW YORK (NYT) — The United States and Japan are nearing a confrontation over supercomputers.

Japanese government and corporate officials are growing increasingly irritated by the United States' refusal to consider Japanese complaints that the American government market is closed to Japanese supercomputers. At the same time, their American counterparts say the Japanese have failed to comply with a 1990 bilateral trade accord under which Japan agreed to open its government market to American makers of the fastest computers.

"We're at a watershed," said John A. Rollwagen, the chairman of Cray Research Inc., a leading supercomputer maker. "The supercomputer could become a symbol of renewed trade tensions."

INVESTORS' GUIDE

GNMA fund is usually conservative investment

By Bill Doyle

Q: To supplement our Social Security benefits, my wife and I receive a monthly dividend from our \$12,000 in a GNMA mutual fund. We would like to add about \$6,000 to this amount to increase the monthly payment.

Would that be a good investment? Any risk?

A: Only time will tell if it will be good, bad or indifferent. In general, GNMA funds have produced good investment results. Keeping in mind that past performance is not a sure indication of future results, that type of mutual fund has to be counted as a sensible place for conservative investors to put money.

A GNMA fund invests in Government National Mortgage Association modified pass-through mortgage securities — Ginnie Maes, for short — which are pools of mortgages.

As homeowners make payments on their mortgages, that money passes through the Ginnie Mae securities and is

received by the mutual fund. Timely payment of Ginnie Mae interest and principal is guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury. After deducting its operating expenses, the fund sends the money along to fund shareholders.

Nonetheless, there is some risk involved. Between the time a Ginnie Mae security is issued and the time the last mortgage behind it is paid off, the market price of that security can rise and fall. That, in turn, is reflected in the value of the fund's shares — sending them up and down.

Q: We have \$6,000 in a checking account earning only 1.5 percent interest. We also have a "federal portfolio" money market mutual fund account paying 3.2 percent. Are they equally safe?

A: No, not really. The money market mutual fund does not have Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. coverage. But that's a technicality. Money market mutual funds are virtually free from risk.

However, you had better double-check that fund's yield. With interest rates in general way, way down it has been a long time since the fund you named in your letter paid 3.2 percent interest. Lately, it has been paying about 3 percent or a shade lower.

Q: I am 74 years old and have a \$2,241 individual retirement account in a money market mutual fund with a current annualized yield of 2.96 percent. I paid a custodian fee of \$21 last year, which doesn't seem very sensible to me.

Should I make a complete IRA withdrawal, realizing the penalty for early withdrawals, and invest that money in a certificate of deposit? Or would that be a mistake?

A: There is no penalty for withdrawals from a money market mutual fund. Along with all other mutual funds, you can get part or all of your money out on any business day by redeeming fund shares. Most money market mutual funds simplify that process by giving shareholders check-writing privileges.

Because your account is an IRA, you will have to pay income tax on the money you withdraw. But that's not a "penalty."

IRA custodian fees vary widely, and the \$21 fee you were hit with does seem high, especially considering the size of the account. Why not move the IRA to a trustee with a lower fee?

Q: I opened a money market mutual fund with an \$8,000 check I sent to the

fund's custodian bank. Upon receiving the confirmation statement, I noticed my account had been credited with \$80,000.

I thought they would find the mistake and correct it. It has been 10 months and all my statements and monthly dividends show it is still \$80,000.

I have not touched this money yet. Am I under any obligation to notify the fund or the bank?

A: This column does not practice law, so I can't pass on thoughts about your legal obligations. You would be wise to check that out with an experienced attorney.

Otherwise, you can let your conscience be your guide.

But don't withdraw any part of the extra \$70,000 credited to your account, just in case the error is spotted and someone comes chasing after you.

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Food and cocktail waitresses who are 18 years old and older are invited to enter "The Prettiest Waitress in the USA" Pageant. Contestants, who must be currently employed as food or cocktail waitresses, will be judged on beauty, personality and poise. Contestants will wear waitress uniforms and evening wear. State winners will receive all-expense paid trips to Palm Springs, Calif., for the national competition. For more information send name, address, day phone, place of employment and recent photo to DoubleJay Productions, 989 Regal Drive, Palm Springs, Calif., 92262 or call (619) 320-9100.

MUSEUM OF the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., will show 16 sculptures from "Crossing Boundaries: Sculptures by Allan Houser" exhibit through Jan. 10. The exhibit, sponsored by Texaco, is one of the ongoing Southwest artists series at the museum.

MIDLAND PALETTE Art Club will have a Holiday Bake Sale 10 a.m.-6 p.m. today and Saturday at the clubhouse, 907 W. Wadley. Available will be baked breads, cheese balls, candies, casseroles, cakes and more.

44TH ANNUAL Miss West Texas Pageant will be presented 7 p.m. Saturday at the Globe of the Great Southwest on the campus of Odessa College. Sixteen West Texas girls, aged 17-24, will participate in this year's event. Tickets are \$7.50. The winner will compete in the Miss Texas Pageant, a preliminary pageant to the Miss America Scholarship Pageant.

WEST TEXAS Storytelling Guild will present two professional storytelling guests 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Globe Theatre at Odessa College.

The Sunday program, titled "Holiday Tales," will feature Judy Dockery Young and her husband Richard Young. Both are well-known storytellers at Silver Dollar City, Mo. They are professional tellers and co-authors of several children's and adult books.

Both are members of the National Organization of Storytellers. Tickets will be \$3 for adults and \$2 for children and senior citizens. For more information, call 699-7820 or 550-2030.

MIDLAND COUNTY Extension Homemakers Clubs are accepting new members. For more information call 694-1383 (Chaparral Extension Homemakers Club); 694-1878 (Moonlighters Extension Homemakers Club); 682-7448 (Prairie Lee Extension Homemakers Club); or 694-5349 (Valley View Extension Homemakers Club).

CANDY LOP Calendars is looking for Permian Basin models for its 1994 Texas Swimsuit Calendar. To enter send a swimsuit photograph to Candy Lop Calendars, P.O. Box 291227, San Antonio, Texas 78229. Entry deadline is Jan. 15. No experience is necessary to enter.

MUSEUM OF the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri, will have its decorative trees on exhibit through Jan. 10. Other exhibits at the museum are "A Small World Revisited" through Jan. 17; "W. Herbert Dunton: A Taos Master" through Jan. 3; and "Crossing Boundaries: Sculptures by Allan Houser" through Jan. 10.

MARIAN BLAKEMORE Planetarium will present "The Star of Bethlehem" 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. today at the planetarium, located in the Museum of the Southwest complex at the corner of K St. and Indiana Ave. Admission will be free for museum member; \$2 for non-members and \$1 for children. For more information call 683-2882 or 570-7770.

THIRD SATURDAY Night "Western Music and Gospel Singing Jamboree" will be 6:30 p.m. at the Midland Suburban Lions Club building, 2550 Fly at Ave. Admission is free. The sponsoring Midland Suburban Lions Club will be selling chili, stew, desserts, tea, coffee, cokes and hot chocolate. All local bands, singing groups and individuals who play or sing are encouraged to participate. For more information, call 684-7233 or 685-1053.

FAMILY MATTERS

Students share what Christmas means to them

By Jim May, Ph.D.

DEAR READERS: I would like to share some thoughts of "What Christmas means to me" from Mrs. Krall's fourth-grade class at Jane Long Elementary School.

Shannon Brown writes: "To me Christmas means a time of giving and receiving because I like getting and giving. It means people spend more money for gifts for Christmas. I also love Christmas because I get to go places and see loved ones."

Chad Bushman writes: "Christmas means to give thanks. A tradition my family has is to get together. We spend our Christmas thanking each other. Christmas is a fun holiday for my whole family."

It is also a family time for Erica Terrazas. "Christmas is a lovely time of the year because my aunt, uncle and my cousins come. Everyone is happy! We celebrate Jesus' birthday by getting and giving special presents for Christmas day."

For Jennifer Pickard it's a special time for her and her mother. "Christmas is a special time of the year for me because I get to see my relatives and help my mother decorate the house. I love to help my mother decorate the house because we get to be alone and I get to help her all by myself without my little sisters."

Marcellus Roberts writes: "Christmas is a kind of family reunion for me. My mom's fiancé comes and we do boy stuff on Christmas Eve. Sometimes we try to take a peek at our presents. My aunt who has a sense of humor also comes. I like her because she is the only one in my family who can

make people laugh harder than I can."

Danielle Buita does something special for Santa. "Santa gives me presents and I lay out some cookies and milk for him."

Fred Threawitt enjoys seeing family. "To me Christmas means seeing my uncles, aunts, cousins, friends and my mom. Every Christmas there is laughter and joy."

Christy Schoolcraft writes: "To me Christmas means a time of giving and sharing. I always get to help give out presents. Christmas is special to me because I get to spend more time with my family who I really don't see a lot. At our special get-together I learn more about everyone's life."

For Jennifer O'Neill, "Christmas is a time of joys and toys. Giving gifts to people and getting gifts from people are some special times of Christmas. Christmas is Christ's birthday which we should celebrate."

Larry Esparza's family has a special tradition. "Christmas is the only time of the year when I get to meet with my family, my relatives and friends. One of our traditions is I always wear green clothes and play Christmas music. One little sister wears red clothes and the other wears blue."

This is going to be a special Christmas for Tashauna Horne too. "This is going to be the best Christmas because I will get to meet my long-lost sister I never saw before. I love Christmas because I love celebrating Jesus' birthday."

For Daniel Johnson, "Christmas is the best holiday. My family and I go on special trips to see our grandparents."

Christmas is special to Renee Midkiff "because it is Jesus' birthday and my family celebrates it with a tree and putting lights on our house. Also at Christmas my whole family gets together to eat Christmas dinner, open presents and go to our church, and have a Christmas party."

For Meredith May, "Christmas is a time of loving and



May

Celestial helpers taking wing

By Veronique de Turenne
N.Y. Times News Service

LOS ANGELES — Liane Haynes believes in angels.

The 35-year-old banquet manager from Burbank doesn't think her faith is flaky, funny or odd. Angels guide her and work miracles in her life, she says, and that's that.

In contrast to some enthusiasts, Haynes' only angel-related item is her good friend Alma Daniels' "Ask Your Angels" (Ballantine, \$10). But nature abhors a vacuum, and into her cherub-free space glide the angels themselves.

"I don't see them in visions like some people do, but I believe there are people here on Earth whose bodies the angels step into," she said.

Haynes recently found herself stranded at 3 a.m. at Eighth Avenue and Alvarado Street, her car broken, several young men loitering at the corner.

"I was scared," Haynes said. "It took me a few minutes to figure it out, but I said to myself, 'Angels, I'm in trouble ... help me please.'"

Less than five minutes after her S.O.S., a cab drove up to her car.

The driver listened to her car, told her she was out of gas, took Haynes to a gas station, purchased gas for her, returned her to her car and got it running again.

"I tried to pay him and he refused. I asked him what I could do, and he said to just say a prayer for him on Sunday," she said, pausing for an instant.

"That was an angel."

Haynes is not alone in her belief. From Angels Gate to the Angeles crest, interest in the city's celestial namesakes is taking wing. According to a Gallup Poll, 50 percent of the U.S. population believes in angels as increasing numbers of future-shocked Americans are turning to the angelic realm for respite and peace of mind.

ANGEL ENTHUSIASTS say hard times and changing values have caused the renewed interest. Skeptics point to the heavenly profits that angelic merchandise brings in as the cause behind their renewed popularity.

To believers, angels are ethereal Secret Service agents and every human being is president. Angels can comfort us when we're sad or frightened, heighten our pleasure when we're glad, protect us from evil and danger or help us accept the consequences of bad news, enthusiasts say.

In the last two years, angel artifacts have enchanted shoppers. Books that purport to teach how to get in touch with your angel, how to talk to your angel once you locate it and how to find the angel within you have sold briskly.

The seraphim, however, do seem to have some earthly shortcomings.

For an angel believer like Haynes, increased interest in angels is good news. As an African-American woman, however, she is troubled by the almost universal depiction of angels as white, blond and blue-eyed.

ANGELS HAVE A recreational purpose, as well. Angel teas are all the rage in Marilyn Webber's Riverside home on Celeste Drive. People make the drive to look at

If you look, angels are everywhere

N.Y. Times News Service

LOS ANGELES — Below are a few facts about angels:
■ References to angels in the Daily News in the last six years: 3,695.

■ No. 1 song last week according to Billboard Magazine: "How Do You Talk to an Angel."

■ Title of Cheech Marin's next movie: "Angel of Oxnard."
■ Angels on television: "Highway to Heaven," "Topper."

■ 1992 television season casualty: "Angel Street."
■ A few angel-related movies: "Heaven Can Wait," "It's a Wonderful Life," "All That Jazz," "Field of Dreams," "Ghost," "Wings of Desire," "Almost an Angel," "The Angel Levine."

■ Angels on stage: two-part, seven-hour epic, "Angels in America."
■ Organization providing food for AIDS patients: Project Angel Food.

■ Rock 'n' roll classics: "Johnny Angel," "Earth Angel."
■ Sure to be a rock 'n' roll classic: "Angel of Harlem."
■ 15-year-old golf prodigy: Darren Angel.
■ For aerial thrills: the Blue Angels.

Webber's collection of more than 2,000 angels; browse through the merchandise offered in her catalog, "Marilynn's Angels"; and pay \$4 a person for groups of four to 10 to have tea with a saintly twist.

For Karen Goldman, a West Hollywood angel author, peace of mind unexpectedly became a piece of the action. A near-spiritual experience at a 1981 Simon and Garfunkel concert in New York City left her exhilarated.

"I was floating when I got home," Goldman said. "I wrote that Simon and Garfunkel were angels, and a light bulb went off in my head."

For months, Goldman was bombarded with angel thoughts, which she recorded in a notebook. In June 1991, Goldman took her rough draft to a Sir Speedy copier service and made one copy. Urged on by a friend, she walked into the Bodhi Tree book store in West Hollywood with "The Angel Book."

"You can't just walk into a book store and try to sell your book," Goldman said. "But the owner ordered 10 copies. I had to go right back to Sir Speedy and have nine more made to fill the order."

THE BOOK SOLD with amazing grace. Goldman peddled it to some 50 bookstores nationwide and sold 10,000 copies in the first year, she said.

In May, Simon & Schuster won a bidding war to put "The Angel Book" into the mainstream. With a hard cover, thick paper and richly colored drawings by Anthony D'Agostino, the book's newest incarnation retails for \$17.

Eileen Freeman's newsletter, Angel Watch, is a labor of love, she says. The Mountainside, N.J., woman says her publication helps keep everyone interested in angels in touch with each other and aware of each other's work.

As for her celestial resume, Freeman has a dramatic story.

After her grandmother's death, Freeman at 5 was too afraid to sleep lest she be taken to heaven also.

"I looked at the foot of my bed and realized there was a light growing slowly. It became opaque. I couldn't even see my doll's bed beyond it," she said. "If a diamond were made of silver and the moonlight and sunlight were shining from behind it, that's the closest I can come to describing the angel. It was scented, it was almost musical. I could have reached out and eaten it."

THE LIGHT revealed her angel.

"I looked into his eyes and he looked at me with eyes so incredibly mesmerizing and piercing, I felt the fears drain out of me."

What can it all mean?
"People need protection, and they're scared," said Rabbi Susan Laemmle of the USC Hillel Center, who describes herself as an amateur student of culture.

The nation's mobile society, in which people who live and die in their home towns are the exception rather than the rule, has a chilling effect, she said.

"The world is a dangerous place, and anything we can do that will give us a sense of protection is attractive," Laemmle said.

"Basically, you're not looking at a new trend. People are more open now to a plurality of ideas. That's why they're willing to look at angels," said Carol Lozoff, whose New York-based Everything Angels catalog is in its first printing.

Said Lozoff: "Economic times are hard, and things seem less stable. People are looking for something to fill their lives with joy, serenity and peace of mind."

DEAR ABBY

Podiatrist's wife dismayed by person's foot-in-mouth disease

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Last week at a dinner party, I was asked what my husband does for a living. I replied, "He's a podiatrist."

The questioner looked at me rather smugly and said, "Oh, so he's not a real doctor!"

Abby, I wish to inform your readers that my husband and all podiatrists are "real" doctors. My husband earned a pre-med degree from a major university, then he completed four years of medical school, which placed emphasis on the leg, ankle and foot. He then completed two years of a hospital residency in his specialty.

Today, he is a highly skilled foot and ankle surgeon. He admits patients to hospitals and prescribes medications. The only difference between my husband and an M.D. are the letters at the end of his name — podiatrists are D.P.M.s, which means "Doctor of Podiatric Medicine."

There are many diabetics in our community who might have lost their limbs to amputation were it not for the highly specialized skills of my husband.

Please let your readers know this, as I am speaking for many. — FOOT DOCTOR'S WIFE

DEAR WIFE: Since some people may not know what a podiatrist is, the next time you are asked what your husband does for a living, say, "He's a surgeon." He has earned that prestigious title.

DEAR ABBY: Whenever my mother-in-law buys my 4-year-old daughter a pretty dress, she says (to me), "When 'Elaine' grows out of (this), I want you to send it to her little cousin in Tacoma."

On one particular occasion she asked, "If I buy Elaine that doll we saw in the window yesterday, will you see to it that she gives it to so-and-so (another relative) when she's finished with it?"

I guess it never occurred to my mother-in-law that I might want to give these things to someone else after Elaine has outgrown them. Am I overreacting? Or is it OK to give a gift and tell the recipient what to do with it when it's time to dispose of it? — BURNED UP IN BREMERTON

DEAR BURNED UP: No. Once a gift is given, it belongs to the recipient to do with as he or she chooses. To instruct the recipient to give it to so-and-so is a gift with strings attached, which is not much of a gift.

DEAR ABBY: I am having a very annoying problem. I am receiving advertisements in my mail for obscene, pornographic literature. I have written to stop it, but it hasn't helped. I also went to my local post office to see if the people there could stop it, but they said to just throw the mail away and sooner or later it would stop being sent. It just keeps coming. Please! Tell me how I can stop it. — HAD IT IN REDWOOD FALLS, MINN.

DEAR HAD IT: You are not alone. People from coast to coast are plagued with junk mail of all kinds. Many have been helped by writing to: Mail Preference Service, Direct Marketing Association, P.O. Box 9008, Farmingdale, N.Y. 11735. (There is no charge for this service.) Good luck. With the association's intercession, you will no longer have to dread opening the mailbox. However, the lists are purged only once every quarter, so it may take a little time to see a change.

Help for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

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PRIMETIME

'Woopies' paid dues; enjoy retirement

By Anjetta McQueen
N.Y. Times News Service

Rita Wilson has always dreamed of seeing the world. Now, she does.

"I buy so many tickets," said Wilson, 49, of Fort Worth. "I've been to a bunch of places." Whitewater rafting in Costa Rica. Shopping in Hong Kong. Jaunts to Alaska, Europe and the Panama Canal.

Now that the kids are grown and she has retired from her job to run her own business, she has joined the ranks of the Woopies. Saddled with yet another cutesy acronym bent on cramming an entire demographic group into one package, Woopies — or Well-Off Older People — are being described as middle-aged baby boomers heading for the golden years.

Retirement. Pensions. Empty Nests. And time to travel, return to school, chase dreams, do whatever they want.

What they seem to do best is spend money, and marketers in fields ranging from medicine to tourism are starting to take notice.

"Each day 6,000 people in the United States turn 65," said Mildred Hogstel, professor of gerontological nursing at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. "And it is that age group, 60s and 70s, that has the most money."

HOWEVER, ADVERTISERS are targeting the "young old" instead, a younger group of people in their 40s and 50s who have the savings of empty nests and paid-for houses without the high cost of health problems associated with the senior years, Hogstel said.

In a way, the Woopies are caught between two more well-defined generations: born before the postwar baby boom of 1946 to 1964, but too young to qualify as elderly.

The 'new elderly' didn't live during the Depression," said William Moncrief, associate professor of marketing and department chairman at Texas Christian University.

"They invested more and are more willing to spend money."



In fact, they are using their empty nests and good health as a chance to live it up.

And plenty of industries are vying for this group — including travel, leisure, entertainment, culture, health and investments, Moncrief said.

"In the past, this age group was virtually ignored," Moncrief said. "We didn't do a lot of targeting toward them. Now a new market is out there."

Marketing experts are going to have to segment the market, warned Bob Harootyan, director of forecasting and environmental scanning for the Washington, D.C.-based American Association of Retired Persons.

"If they don't, they are going to miss the mark," he said. "There are 76 million people between the ages of 45 and 64. We talk about them as some sort of living, breathing, similar-acting and -thinking, moving mass of robots. They come from all kinds of

walks of life," he said. "Some were part of the counterculture of the 1960s, while others are ensconced on Wall Street."

WOOPIES, in particular, "are a very select group of older people. Woopies are not a characteristic or representative group of older people," Harootyan said. "Woopies," he added, "Somebody must have come up with that while they were sitting around at the dinner table."

The term "Woopie" made its debut last year in the Oxford English Dictionary of New Words: "One of the many humorous terms for social groupings that followed in the wake of 'yuppie' in the second half of the eighties."

The entry, while not mentioning specific ages or tracing the origin to a single pundit, goes on to note other failed attempts to christen the group. The GLAMs (Graying Leisured Affluent Middle-Aged), ZUPPIES (Zestful Upscale People

in their Prime) and Third Agers (get it? Third Age, the years of retirement) all failed to pass muster.

Thus, more "Woopies" are entering the cliché market every day.

When Rita Wilson was younger, she spent most of her vacations at campgrounds. But as she got older and rose in her career, she was able to take a major trip each year.

She was traveling more than she once could because of improved finances and an easing of family responsibilities. "You had commitments to your family and you could not go and do," she said, describing earlier years.

Seven years ago, Wilson opened her furniture store, Rita's World, in the Fort Worth suburb of Haltom City.

"The name came from the fact that I wanted to see the world," she said. "I love the different cultures and experiences."

PRIME TIME CALENDAR

CASA DE AMIGOS

Casa de Amigos is located at 1101 E. Garden Lane. For more information about services provided call 682-9701. Activities for the week include:

- Monday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:30 a.m. exercise; 10:15 a.m. craft; 11:15 a.m. lunch; noon bowling.
- Tuesday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. gem and mineral; 10:15 a.m. sing-a-long; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. bingo.
- Wednesday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:30 a.m. exercise; 10:15 a.m. social; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. table games; 1 p.m. craft.
- Thursday: Closed for Christmas holidays.
- Friday: Closed for Christmas holidays.

MIDLAND YMCAs

The Midland YMCAs have many activities scheduled for Prime Time adults.

For more information regarding available activities and classes contact Central YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring, 682-2551; Alamo YMCA, 901 N. Midland Drive, 694-2528; Northeast YMCA, 2301 Butternut, 682-8469; Town West YMCA, 1012 Andrews Hwy., 694-6821.

Scheduled activities at the Central YMCA are:

- Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 8 a.m., 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Low impact aerobics; 7 a.m. YMCARDIAC (YCT) Therapy, call for appointment before beginning class.
- Call for information, Y's Way to a Healthy Back.
- By appointment, Specialized Strength Training for Seniors.
- Scheduled activities for Alamo YMCA are:
- Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Arthritis Water Class.
- Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 10 a.m. Aqua Aerobics; by appointment, Water Rehab Therapy.
- Scheduled activities for the Town West YMCA are:
- Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 9 a.m. Prime Time Water Aerobics; 10 a.m. no-impact aerobics.
- Tuesday and Thursday: 9:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Prime Time Water Aerobics.
- Monday through Friday: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Biking for fitness and Nautilus Weight Training for Prime Time adults is offered.

SOUTHEAST SENIOR CENTER

The Southeast Senior Center, 1803 E. Indiana, is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information about services offered, call Ellen G. Smith, center director, at 685-7231. Activities include:

- Monday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics, needlework and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.
- Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. quilting, crafts and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.
- Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics, choir and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.
- Thursday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics and table games; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.
- Friday: 9 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. Bible class and table games; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. movie and center bingo.

MIDLAND SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER, DELLWOOD MALL

The Dellwood Senior Citizens Center is located in Dellwood Mall, 3303 W. Illinois, Space #18. For more information call 699-5023. Activities planned include:

- Monday: 9 a.m. billiards and exercise; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. Kitchenettes; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. art for fun and novice bridge; 1 p.m. bridge.
- Tuesday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise and ceramics; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. bridge.
- Wednesday: 9 a.m. billiards, ceramics and exercise; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. Gospel Singing; 1 p.m. bridge.
- Thursday: Closed for Christmas holidays.
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NONPROFIT RESOURCE CENTER

Nonprofit Resource Center, formerly The Volunteer Center, 1031 Andrews Hwy. Suite 210, has many opportunities for volunteers. Those interested in volunteering can call 697-8781 for information.

Minister receives award from AARP

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Mississippi minister was given the Consumer Action Award from the American Association of Retired Persons.

The Rev. Rims Barber has championed his state's low-income children, minorities and elderly for nearly 30 years. In 1983, he established the Mississippi Human Services Coalition, which monitors and advises the Legislature.

Barber is a Presbyterian minister in Jackson.

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It's Your Life

Difficult decisions covered by living wills

By Steve Edwards

QUESTION: How long are living wills effective?

ANSWER: In Texas, living wills are effective until they are revoked. Still, it's considered a good idea to initial and date your living will every few years to show that it still expresses your wishes. You can revoke or amend your living will at any time simply by destroying the will, changing particular sections or by telling your



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physician or nurse.

QUESTION: What about pain and suffering?

ANSWER: Regardless of any decision about intensity of care or termination of life-support, the patient will continue to receive medical and nursing care necessary to prevent suffering. This "comfort care only" approach to medical treatment is sometimes the best treatment for the patient with a terminal, incurable or overwhelming illness. Such a treatment approach should not be seen as giving up on the patient. Rather, it is the acknowledgement of the inevitability of death we all face at some point, and of a universal de-

sire to preserve dignity and to minimize pain in such circumstances.

QUESTION: Can someone else make treatment choices for me?

ANSWER: You may select another person to make health care decisions for you if you are unable to speak for yourself. These choices could include the withholding or withdrawal of care, as well as matters of more routine care. The designation of another person to make health care decisions for you may be made on your living will or by signing a Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care.

It's difficult for people to make good decisions when they are un-

der pressure or emotional strain, particularly in areas where there are no clear-cut answers such as the use of life support systems and the determination of levels of care. These issues require a great deal of discussion and careful thought. Discuss these issues with your doctor and others and come to a decision that's right for you or someone you love.

Steve Edwards is executive director of Community and Senior Services and consultant for the Visiting Nurse Service of Midland.

DR. PAGE

'Political correctness' pondered

By Henry F. Page, M.D.

One night while I lay restlessly in bed counting sheep, my mind drifted into a twilight zone in which some wolves apparently strayed, thus creating the following seemingly profound thoughts.

For countless years the warmth of wool fleece has brought sheer joy to elders by protecting them against the cold elements to which they are peculiarly vulnerable. In addition, sheep also provide anhydrous wool fat (lanolin), one of the aging skin's most soothing ointments. Fi-



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nally, to cap the list of benefits, lamb constitutes one of the tastiest and most digestible sources of protein available. So all in all, one can easily see why sheep ranchers are held in high regard by senior citizens. It seems that recently their flocks have been under relentless attack by marauding depredators, while the rancher's attempts at retaliation are frustrated by well-meaning federal, civic and environmental agencies. Therefore, it becomes apparent that any protective suggestions regarding this problem should be welcome.

Switching abruptly to another aspect of this topic, let us now consider a new and much publicized politically correct nationwide movement termed "Save The Wolves." It assumes that our national heritage in this area now lies in jeopardy, so that these noble ani-

mals will eventually be found only in the Russian Steppes — hence new protective laws must be enacted at once. Actually this movement possesses almost as much common sense as the old Codpiece Society, devoted to saving the codfish from the voracious seals habitating the Newfoundland coast.

Logically the oncoming wolf problem will progressively expand until the focus will be on what to do with the hosts of wolves roaming over the Lower 48. It is to this point that I dreamed the following positive approach to the wolvine plethora: Reverse the old Greco-Roman custom and cover all the sheep in wolves' clothing!

Henry F. Page, M.D., F.A.C.P., is health and safety consultant to Midland Presbyterian Homes.

Older men reluctant to discuss 'touchy' health issues

By Dr. Michael Freedman

NEW YORK (AP) — A Gallup Poll last year found that most older men were reluctant to discuss touchy health issues with their doctors, issues such as impotence, prostate problems and depression. The poll found that almost half the men surveyed may not ac-

knowledge the warning signs for colorectal or prostate cancer, the second- and third-biggest killers of men over 50.

Older men not only need to increase their knowledge about health risks, but they also have to overcome embarrassment about discussing problems with their doctors.

There is much more to prevention than simply taking a physical examination or tests. It has to do with the establishment of a physician-patient relationship, it has to do with counseling, and it has to do with evaluation and management to improve the health and quality of life for the older patient.



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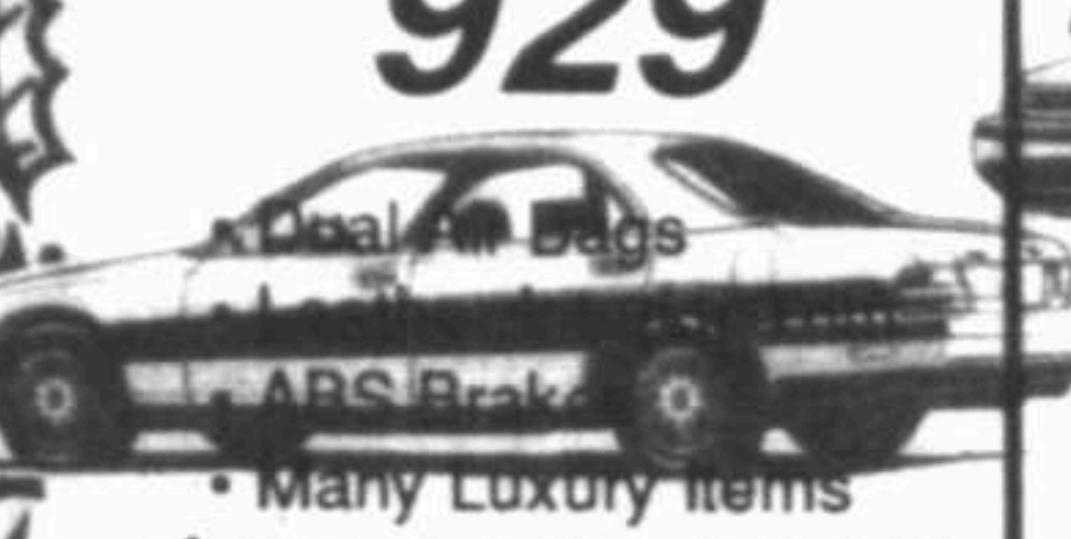
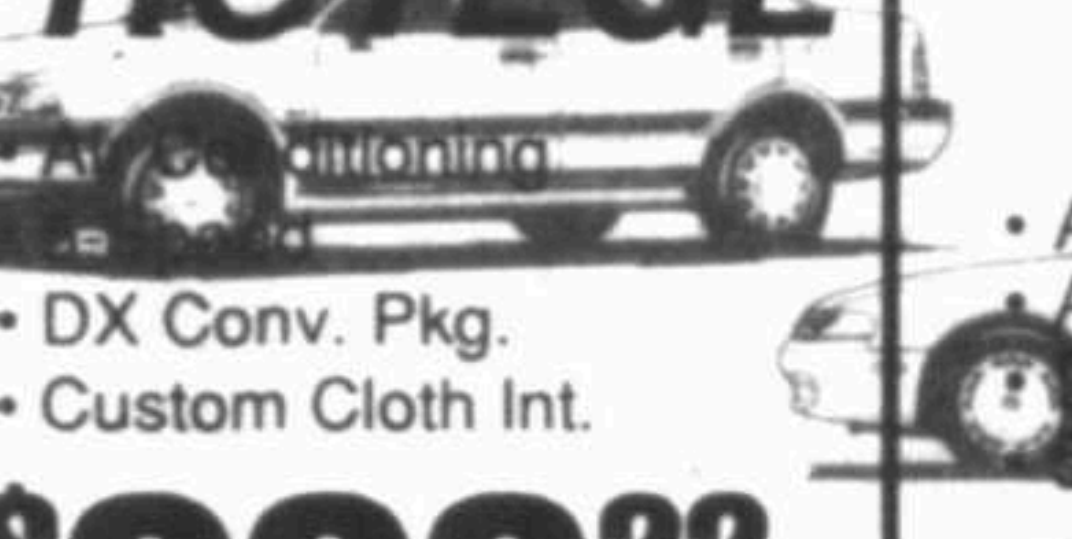
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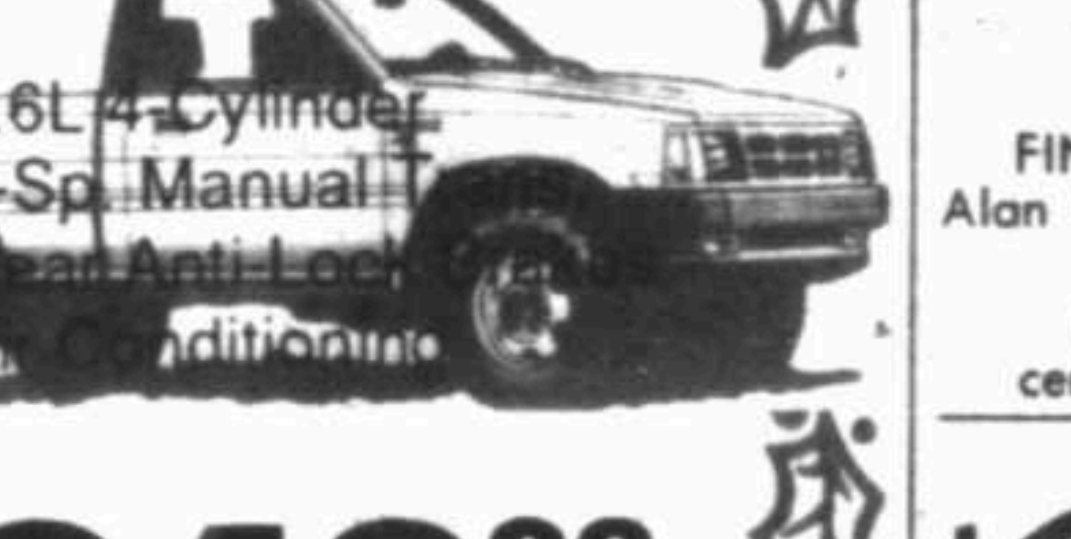
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