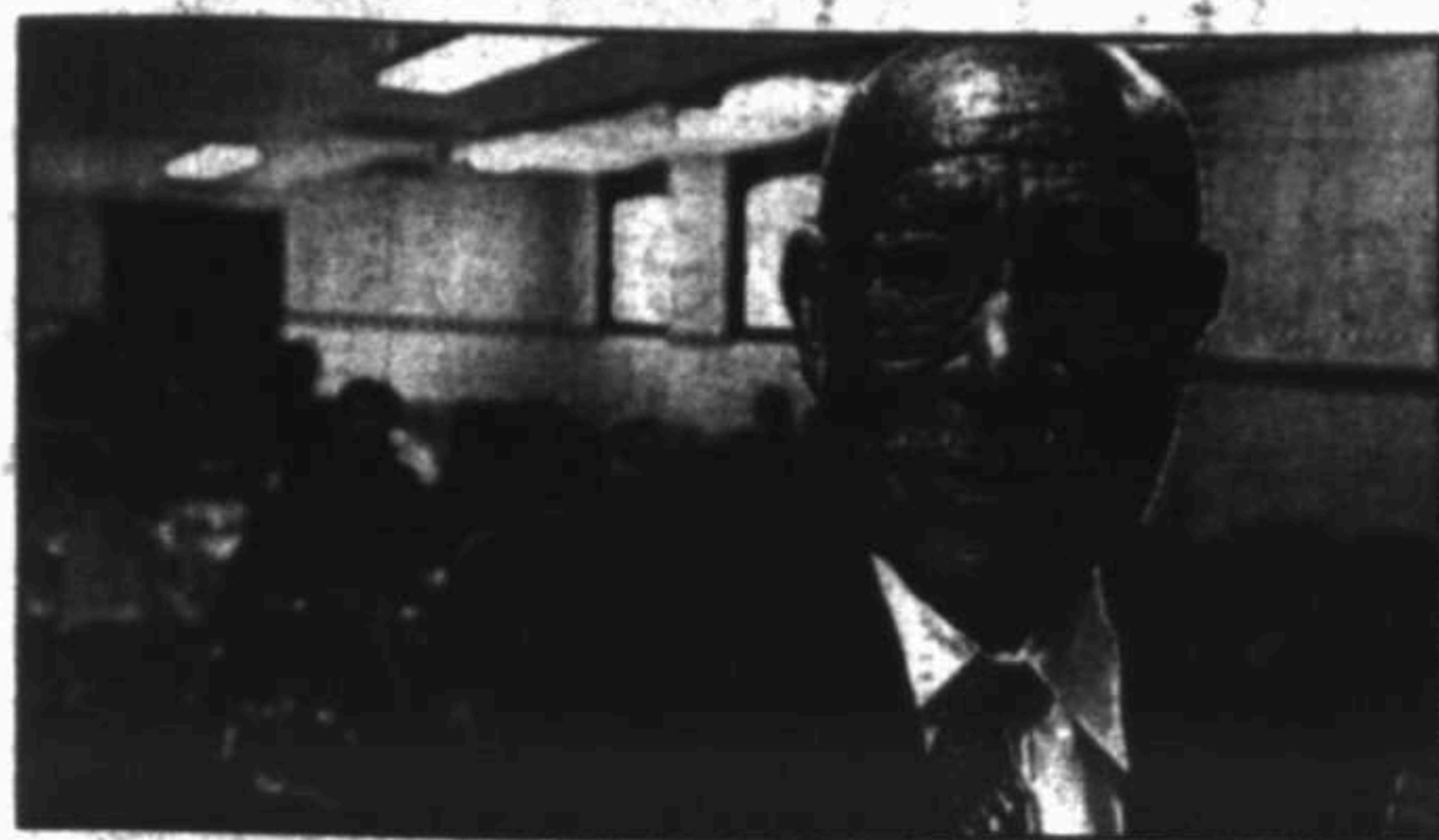




MONDAY MORNING

Good form

When Robert Jackson was a boy his grandmother taught him that patience and good manners were the best way to cope./1B



SPORTS

Dallas wins

Michael Irvin wanted to be generous as a reward for the Dallas Cowboys' defense constantly bailing out the offense./1C

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Court decision

A court controlled by President Slobodan Milosevic restored a key election victory to his political foes in an apparent attempt to placate anti-government protesters, the opposition said Sunday. Although voting lists showed that the opposition coalition clearly won the Nov. 17 municipal elections in Nis, Serbia's second-largest city, the local electoral commission proclaimed Milosevic's Socialists the winners.

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Major merger

Boeing Co. jolted the aerospace world Sunday with a \$13.3 billion deal to buy McDonnell Douglas Corp., reducing the number of major commercial aircraft makers in the world from three to two. The deal announced Sunday is akin to shrinking America's Big Three automakers to just two, leaving Boeing and Europe's Airbus as the main commercial competitors. It also transforms two major defense contractors into a single giant with a hand in every fighter aircraft the Pentagon is buying.

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Civil gift

A wealthy New England family anonymously has donated \$35 million, one of the largest charitable endowments nationally this year, to create a Massachusetts-based institute aimed at exploring and encouraging a civil society. The gift will be announced Monday.

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Winter weather follows several record-high days

Staff & Wire Reports

Midlanders bemoaning the lack of winter weather, because "it just doesn't feel like Christmas," can break out the hot chocolate and holiday sweatshirts for much of this week.

After an unseasonably warm day Saturday, when people were outdoors gardening in shirtsleeves and shorts, a cold air mass plummeted temperatures to the 30s Sunday, making conditions right for snow and sleet.

Although some light snow was in the forecast for Sunday morning and evening, National Weather Service forecasters at Midland International Airport reported just a trace of precipitation (in the form of slight snow flurries) in the Tall City.

A possibility of light snow is still in store for the Permian Basin for Monday and Tuesday. Although today

should be warmer, with a high in the 50s, gusty winds of 15-25 mph may bring the temperature down, the NWS said. Then temperatures will tend to drop the rest of the week to lows of about 20 in the evenings and highs in the low to mid 40s. By Tuesday, the high is only expected to reach the upper 20s.

Elsewhere in the state, C.J. Thompson isn't fazed by the fact that her wardrobe can change significantly from day to day.

"I wear shorts yesterday. I just wear pants and a jacket today," the gas station manager said Sunday. "I think it's pretty normal to me. I'm used to it."

Good thing, since forecasts Sunday called for mixture of sleet and snow in the North Texas area, less than a week after the mercury soared to a record-tying 80 degrees at Dallas-Fort Worth.



Wharf wreck

A quick-thinking crew may have narrowly averted what many feared when a freighter barreled into a riverfront stretch of stores, restaurants and hotel rooms — a disaster on the most dangerous part of the Mississippi River.

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Day-to-day crime: A closer look



Police have idea about 'type' of person who commits crimes

Just who goes around smashing car windshields and mailboxes at night? Or, who is burglarizing all those homes and businesses around town?

Believe it or not, the Midland Police Department has a pretty good idea ... at least when it comes to the "type" of person committing the crimes.

According to department statistics, the vast majority of those who commit property crimes — such as vandalism — cross all social and racial barriers, while burglaries are committed primarily by those from lower income brackets.

Phil Partin, a detective with the department's Investigative Service Bureau, said that the majority of vandals are between the ages of 15 and 17 and are predominantly male.

Police Department statistics through mid-December 1996 indicate that 39 16-year-olds were arrested for criminal mischief causing damage greater than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000.

Burglary of a habitation or business is spread pretty evenly between juveniles and adults, Partin said.

"They'll get out in groups, they're out in groups, past curfew and they know the police are patrolling the main roads so they'll go down residential streets," he said.

Drugs and alcohol most likely play a part in their actions, he said.

"They have nothing better to do. I suppose," he said. "If these kids lived in Dallas they'd be doing the same thing. No one can really look me in the eye and say there's nothing to do."

Vandals tend to target middle- and upper-middle class residential areas and, sometimes, according to Partin, will cross over into breaking into a vehicle but rarely cross over into breaking into a home.

"They'll throw a brick through a car window and,

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Above, Midland police Sgt. Mike Reed, left, slaps hands with officer Arthur Villareal after they arrested two juveniles in connection with a burglary at a home in south-central Midland. At left, a juvenile, who was later arrested, waits outside a residence that was the scene of a burglary Wednesday. The items on the car include some of the items that were reportedly taken from the home.

Midland man walks in on two burglars in his home

Midlander Bill Boyd received a shock Wednesday when he dropped by his residence in the early afternoon and surprised two intruders pilfering in his home in the city's historical district.

Many burglary victims remember the feeling of violation after intruders break into their homes. The sentimental value of stolen articles often leaves a void as large as the one created in the wallet as items are replaced.

Because of circumstance, however, Boyd was momentarily stunned to walk in his home, knowing that his wife and children were at work or school, and realize he was not alone.

"I walked in while they were in the house — it was quite a shock," Boyd said of the experience.

Barking a threat to the intruder, Boyd was further surprised when the juvenile male that he spotted calmly covered his face with his hands and walked out the back door, he said.

"They just walked out of there when they knew I was home," he said.

Because of his chance trip home to pick up his

mail, Boyd's burglary ended better than most.

He immediately sent the description of the intruder via a 911 call, and police were able to dispatch five cruisers to search the area where Boyd last saw the intruders running.

Fortunately, the crime happened on the border between two city districts and officers from both districts were able to join in the manhunt, according to an investigator with the Midland Police Department.

Within minutes, officers had spotted and detained three people in two different locations. One man, who fit the description, was released within minutes when two juvenile males were found with property from the home in their possession.

"The police just did a super job," Boyd said. Boyd told police that money, jewelry, pocket knives, small electronics and anything else that could be quickly removed had been taken.

Often, young burglars will vandalize the

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Photos by Brian Adamick

Story at left by Mella McEwen

Story at right by Gary Shanks

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Coming Friday

■ Former Dallas Cowboys coach Jimmy Johnson continues to make headlines wherever he goes. And now that he is in Miami, the national spotlight has focused on his Dolphins. Check out how they did against their archrivals, the Buffalo Bills, in a Monday Night Football shootout in Tuesday's sports section.

■ Coming Wednesday: It is that time of the year. And while Christmas means many things to many people, for almost everyone it means "eating food" and lots of it. Be sure and see some of those special holiday dishes in Wednesday's Food section of the Reporter-Telegram.

■ Coming Sunday: Say the word "Christmas" and most children quickly think of Santa Claus, expensive presents and beautifully decorated trees. But for one group of local sixth graders this holiday season has been a chance to give of themselves. Read about these special youngsters in next Sunday's Education section. Telegram takes an in-depth look at this trend in a two-day special report ... Sunday and Monday.

WEATHER WATCH

Today's high to be around 55

Staff Report

Today's forecast is mostly sunny and warmer, with a high in the mid 50s, and west winds 15-25 mph and gusty, according to the National Weather Service at Midland International Airport.

Tonight's forecast is mostly clear, becoming cloudy and cold by midnight, with a low in the mid 20s.

Tuesday's forecast is cloudy and very cold with a high in the upper 20s, the NWS said.

After an overnight low of 37, compared to the record low of 12, set in 1989, yesterday's high was 51, compared to the record high of 76, set in 1977.

STATE

Rain, sleet and snow fell over parts of North and West Texas on Sunday as much of the rest of the state prepared for a winter storm.

No significant accumulations of sleet or snow were reported late Sunday as an upper level disturbance moved across the state.

Strong winds along with cold temperatures resulted in wind chills in the teens and 20s across North Texas Sunday. Highs reached into the 30s and 40s, much lower than the last few days readings in the 70s.

Sunday will bring rain changing to sleet and lows in the upper 20s to upper 30s. Highs will be in the 40s to 50s.

High temperatures across the state Sunday ranged from 30 at Guadalupe Pass to 30 at Brownsville.

Sleet and snow occurred in the Concho Valley and Edwards Plateau as partly sunny skies dominated the far west portion of West Texas Sunday.

High temperatures were in the 30s and 40s.

A mix of wintry precipitation is possible over the region Monday. Highs will be in the 40s and 50s with lows ranging from the teens to 30s.

A strong cold front pushed across South Texas Sunday dropping temperatures 10 to 20 degrees. Rain and thunderstorms covered the area as temperatures ahead of the front remained in the 70s and 80s, while those behind the front dropped into the 40s and 50s.

Rain will likely turn into sleet and snow in the Hill Country Monday as temperatures fall into the 20s. Elsewhere highs will be in the 30s and 40s with strong northerly winds.

NATION

Strong winds whipped across Montana and Southern California on Sunday and rain drenched parts of southeast Texas and western Louisiana.

Snow showers in the upper Great Lakes region were expected to bring more heavy snowfall to the area. In Michigan's upper peninsula, Champion had 8 new inches of snow by Sunday morning and Phoenix had 9 inches.

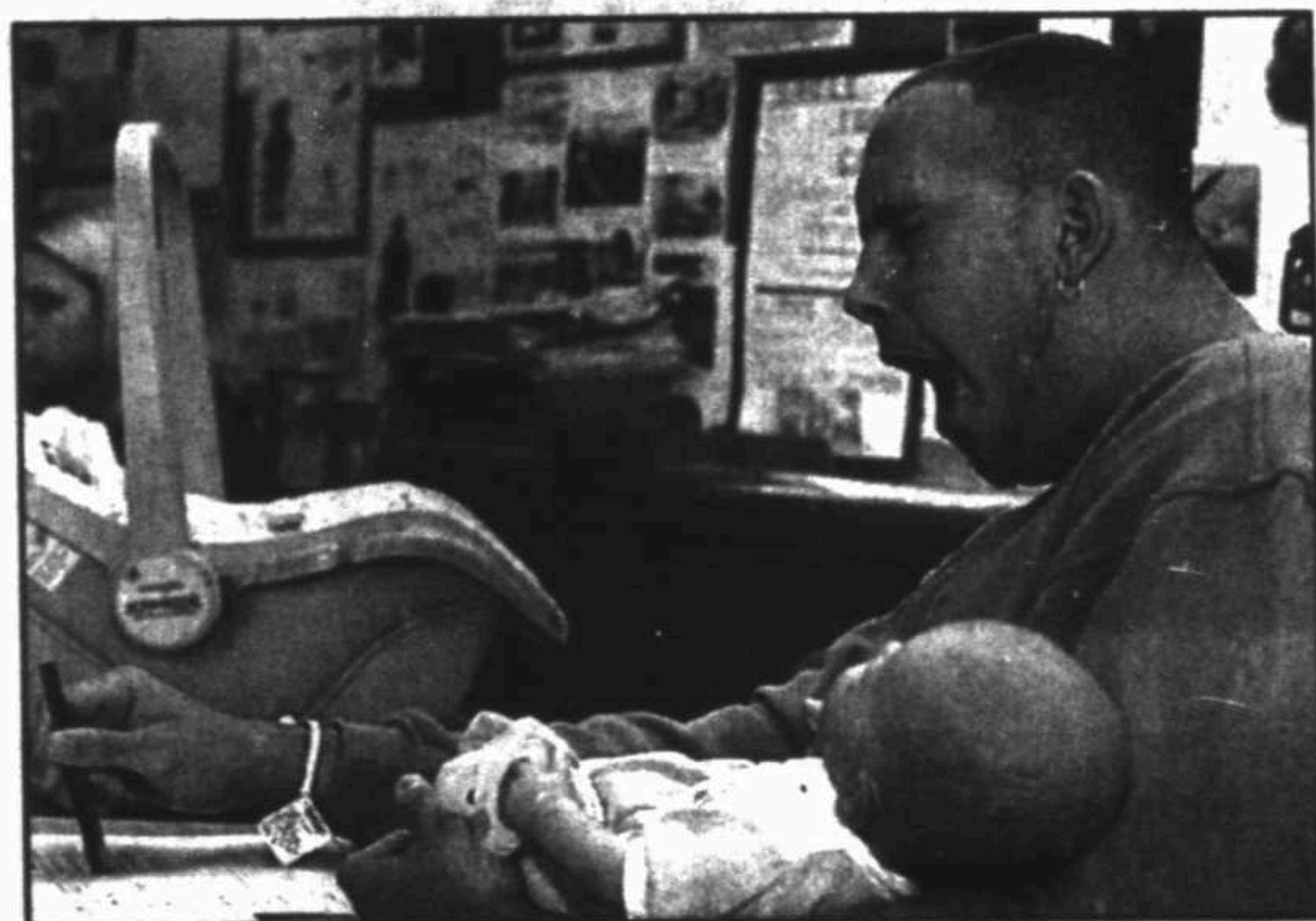
Up to 14 inches of snow fell in southern Minnesota, where blowing and drifting snow forced motorists to abandon their travels Saturday night.

"There's a gazillion cars most anywhere you look. It's almost impossible to move," said sheriff's dispatcher Vern Jansen in Nobles County, near the Iowa and South Dakota line.

High winds were expected to continue across Montana. Livingston, Mont., had wind gusts up to 55 mph. An Arctic cold front was expected to move into the state later Sunday, with strong winds creating blizzard conditions.

The Santa Ana winds that roared through Southern California knocked down power lines and a 82-year-old man was killed when a tree branch fell on a minivan.

The National Weather Service issued high wind warnings through Sunday afternoon for portions of Los Angeles, Ventura, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside and San Diego counties for winds of up to 100 mph.



High school senior Kevin Vega, 18, yawns during history class as he holds his "baby," Mike, in Merrimack, N.H., Wednesday. The electronic baby-dolls are given to students for 48 hours while a computer inside the baby makes it cry when it's hungry, wet or uncomfortable.

Computerized dolls help teach teens about becoming parents

Associated Press

MERRIMACK, N.H. — Kevin Vega's high school English class is reading "A Raisin in the Sun," but his attention is focused on an eight-pound baby lying on the desk in front of him.

"You've got dirt in your mouth," the 6-foot-5 basketball player says as he gently sweeps his hand across the baby's mouth.

The baby doesn't react, however. "Baby Michael" is a computerized, plastic doll programmed to teach teen-agers the responsibilities of parenting.

Vega, an 18-year-old senior, will spend 48 hours with his Baby Think It Over, carrying the doll and a bag of baby clothes and diapers every where with him to fulfill a class requirement.

The doll is programmed to cry for 20-minute stretches at random intervals, and only stops when a key is inserted in its back and held at a certain angle.

The internal computer records "abuse" if the doll is shaken, dropped or hit and "neglect" if the crying baby is not tended to within a minute.

"If you get to the point where you can't take it anymore, rather than throw it through the window, which has happened before, you can pull the battery pack out," says teacher Diane Dufour, who uses three of the

\$275 dolls in her classes at Merrimack High School.

Dufour says the dolls teach kids that babies are a full-time responsibility. About 7 percent of babies born in New Hampshire in 1994 were born to teen mothers.

"What really gets to kids is the nights of sleeplessness," she says. "I'll say to them, 'Can you imagine what it's like for parents for four months?'"

Vega admits he's not ready to be a parent. He says he likes children, but having one is another story.

"I don't know about diapers," he tells teasing classmates. The dolls don't need to be changed, but Dufour encourages her students to practice.

The doll cried in the morning as Vega was preparing to drive to school with his girlfriend, 18-year-old Carrie McNicholas. It took 30 minutes to quiet "Mike" and they were late for school.

"In the real world he would have had to punch in late and possibly lost pay," McNicholas said.

When his 48 hours are up, Vega is happy to return Mike, although he keeps a close eye on the doll while Dufour checks it over. The doll's computer shows two incidents of neglect — Vega says he didn't hear the baby crying once, and another time he was driving and couldn't attend to Mike.

TYPE: Few vandals repeat actions when caught

(From 1A)

if there's a cellular phone on the seat, well, they've already thrown the brick, the window's broken."

Usually vandals will throw away the items, Partin said. But sometimes they will keep what they took or give the items to friends, he said.

Police are required to contact parents if juveniles under the age of 17 are arrested.

"Many parents want to believe the child did nothing wrong," Partin said. "They'll use any resource to keep their child out of trouble. And a lot of parents are disappointed in the legal penalties and take matters into their own hands."

When caught, very few vandals repeat their actions, Partin said.

"We may see one or two, the ringleaders, again in our career."

Burglars, on the other hand will be dealt with numerous times during an officer's

career, he said.

Partin said that while most vandals have no real motivation for their actions, those who break into a business or a residence are looking for items they can sell, most likely for money for drugs.

"They'll steal a stereo or television, things they can sell to an individual or at a flea market, since flea markets aren't regulated by the state of Texas."

Businesses are most likely to be burglarized at night and residences during the day because that is usually when no one is present.

Partin said burglars are generally non-confrontational; if confronted they usually will leave. It is extremely rare for a burglar to hurt a business owner or homeowner who confronts him, Partin said.

He quoted a captured burglar as saying, "If I wanted to hurt someone, I'd rob them."

While vandals and burglars are predominantly male, both males and females can be guilty of credit card abuse and forgeries.

Partin said if a burglar wants to pawn the items he has taken, he will frequently send a female accomplice to pawn the items.

"People suspect females less than they do males," he said. "A woman will talk to the cashier, say things like the credit card belongs to her husband."

Again, credit card abusers and forgers are non-confrontational and if they think they're about to be caught, will leave, he said.

Such property crimes may be more common because, while they're frequently decelerated, still seem to be more socially accepted.

"Our laws are oriented toward drug offenses and violence," he said. "People think they can get away easier with a property crime."

Conviction on charges of forgery, credit card abuse, burglary of a building or auto theft is usually a fourth-degree or state jail felony and the first conviction usually means two years probation.

Search for bodies in freighter crash continues

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — A quick-thinking crew may have narrowly averted what many feared when a freighter barreled into a riverfront stretch of stores, restaurants and hotel rooms — a disaster on the Mississippi River.

Rescue workers with dogs picked through the wreckage of the ritzy Riverwalk complex Sunday in search of anyone who might have been trapped or killed when the grain freighter tore through it Saturday.

"We're pretty confident that, so far, there has been no loss of life," Coast Guard Capt. Thomas Landvogt said.

As darkness fell, the Coast Guard suspended its search of the water overnight but enforced a safety zone around the site.

Mayor Marc Morial said 116 people were treated at hospitals — many injured in the panic that followed the crash. All but three were released.

Early reports of deaths were never confirmed, and those reported missing were later accounted for. By Sunday night, there was no sign of bodies or trapped survivors

in the pancaked wreckage or the murky river below.

"This is really an answer to this community's Christmas prayer," Ron Brinson, executive director of the Port of New Orleans, said earlier. "If we can get through this without any fatalities, we will consider ourselves very fortunate indeed."

Much of the wreckage was still unstable and inaccessible because it was in danger of sliding into the river, Fire Chief Warren McDaniels said.

Authorities hoped to stabilize the wreckage starting Monday before anyone starts a more involved search, he said at a news conference.

"The building is in a precarious condition and we're not going to rush it," McDaniels said.

Also Sunday, the Coast Guard and the National Transportation Safety Board began interviewing the ship's crew. Joint NTSB-Coast Guard meetings on the accident were expected to begin Tuesday.

The Liberian-registered freighter Bright Field, operated by a Hong Kong company, apparently lost power about 2 p.m. as it headed downriver, just below the Crescent City Connection bridge

leading from the foot of Canal Street to the suburbs on the West Bank.

Emergency horn wailing, anchors dropped in a desperate attempt to stop, the helmsman managed to avoid two cruise ships holding some 1,700 people and crashed into the riverside mall near its central food court.

The 735-foot freighter — the length of two football fields — came to rest just 70 feet from the Flamingo riverboat casino with 800 gamblers aboard.

"When you see how he avoided those cruise ships and the casino, it was just beautiful work," said Doc Hawley, a Mississippi pilot and for 20 years captain of the tourist paddle wheeler Natchez.

An estimated 1,000 people were in the mall, many of them holiday shoppers and people in town for high school football championship games. They scrambled to safety as two levels of the tri-level Riverwalk collapsed into the water. Most of the injuries were broken bones suffered in the flight; some people were reported trampled, while a few jumped into the water from the riverfront and the gambling boat.

"It just kept coming," said mall

worker Chris Storey. "It started to shake and we looked out the store window — glass and water and the ceiling just starting falling in. People started running out in panic and it just went black inside."

The mayor said the ship took out a 200-foot section of the mall and a parking garage. The adjoining Hilton Hotel said 20 rooms had serious damage, but the hotel continued to operate.

The Coast Guard said the river was very high in the area and had been since Thanksgiving. Coast Guard Rear Adm. Timothy Josiah said traffic had occasionally been limited for safety. The river was closed to traffic in the area after the accident.

More than 400 barges, tugs, freighters and military ships daily traverse the bend, which lent New Orleans its nickname of the Crescent City. The Coast Guard said about 100 of them lose power each year while moving through the Port of New Orleans.

"It's the busiest and most treacherous stretch of the river," said Coast Guard Lt. Verne Gifford.

The river takes a turn of more than 90 degrees and current reaches up to 10 mph, he said.

ACLU sides with residents in voting dispute

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Wearing a blue Georgetown University baseball cap, 19-year-old Brian O'Connor walked to the polls Election Day to cast his first ballot ever in a national election. Then, for 30 minutes, his right to vote was challenged.

"It was discouraging," said O'Connor, the first of nearly 400 students whose residency was questioned in the exclusive Georgetown neighborhood of the nation's capital. "Of course I'm going to vote again, but it might be more out of spite."

Long-time residents, embroiled in a bitter fight with students over such issues as limited street parking, say they made the Election Day challenges because they wanted to make sure all voters — including students — were legal residents.

But the students claim they were the victims of voter intimidation by the neighborhood residents who tried to stop anyone who looked like a student from voting.

In this case, the American Civil Liberties

Union is siding with neighborhood residents. ACLU attorney Art Spitzer says citizens have the right to question the residency of voters.

"Threatening someone with being arrested or deported (if they vote), that is intimidation," Spitzer said. "But the idea that it takes you an extra half hour to vote is not intimidation."

The students' attorneys, meanwhile, compare the dispute to voter intimidation cries in California, where newly naturalized citizens were questioned at polls about their residency. "If this voter intimidation of a suspect class was by race, or ethnicity, or religion, or based on immigration status... there wouldn't be any question that this is intimidation," said attorney Daniel Bromberg.

Bromberg represents student Dan Leistikow, who filed a voter intimidation complaint with the District of Columbia Board of Elections against Westy Byrd, who is one of 200 D.C. neighborhood commissioners.

"I don't hate students," Byrd said. "But when people who don't live here vote, the vote of the residents who do live here becomes meaningless."

In fact, the students flexed their power that contentious Election Day, electing two of their own to the Georgetown neighborhood commission. That panel advises the city council on issues such as land use, parking problems and zoning.

The dispute has turned into a morass of suits and countersuits, at least one of which has been referred to the U.S. attorney's office.

The question of where college students should vote has been going on "for years and years," said Curtis Gans, director of the Committee for Study of the American Electorate.

"This is an issue that gets debated any place where there is a large majority of students. In the 1960s, you had it in the South because of different views of segregation. Later you had it because of different views of Vietnam," Gans said.

Election residency laws vary from state to state, said Bill Kimberling of the Federal Election Commission. Washington voters must sign a sworn statement that they are D.C. residents and do not claim the right to vote anywhere else.

London's Globe Theater voted top tourist spot

N.Y. Times Service

LONDON — The Globe Theatre in London, which will have its first full season next year, has been voted the top tourist attraction in Europe more than 40 years after the idea was first mooted to re-create an Elizabethan theatre near the site of Shakespeare's original Globe.

It also will be seen as a tribute to the persistence of the late Sam Wanamaker, the American actor who fought for years to build the theatre.

Wanamaker arrived in London in the Fifties and was appalled to discover there was no fitting memorial to Shakespeare's theatre.

He fought against indifference and at times hostility to rebuild the

venue near its original site, and launched several fund-raising campaigns. Although he died in 1993, he saw work start on the building.

The accolade comes from the European Federation of Associations of Tourism Journalists, an umbrella organization representing travel writers in eight countries.

Last week actor Julian Glover, a member of the Globe's artistic directorate, accepted the Golden Star Award at a ceremony at the theatre.

The judging panel picked the Globe because it was an attraction in itself, a place of entertainment and a catalyst in contributing to the regeneration of the Bankside area of London.

Mark Rylance, the artistic director of the Globe, said: "This citation is a huge tribute to the international success of Shakespeare's Globe."

"More than 300,000 visitors have come to sold-out performances during our 1996 prologue season, to the exhibitions, and as students of all ages to attend workshops at our education center."

Projects voted on for these international tourism awards have to have a strong international presence and be a major tourist attraction.

The Globe scores highly in both areas. It has different European nations represented in its cast and its work force.

The number of visitors coming to the Globe, even when it is not open

for a performance, now stands at 500 a day.

Sandra Moretto, tourism manager at the Globe, said: "We still have to raise (pounds sterling) 6.5 million (nearly \$10 million) from private funding to complete exhibition and education facilities and an international award like this gives the Globe extra lustre."

The prologue season used a temporary stage. A permanent one is currently being erected.

The first full season begins next May, when Richard Olivier, son of the late Lord Olivier, will direct Mark Rylance in "Henry V." In the meantime, visitors can see master craftsmen, thatchers and plasterers at work, using the building techniques and materials of 400 years ago.

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Staff Writer

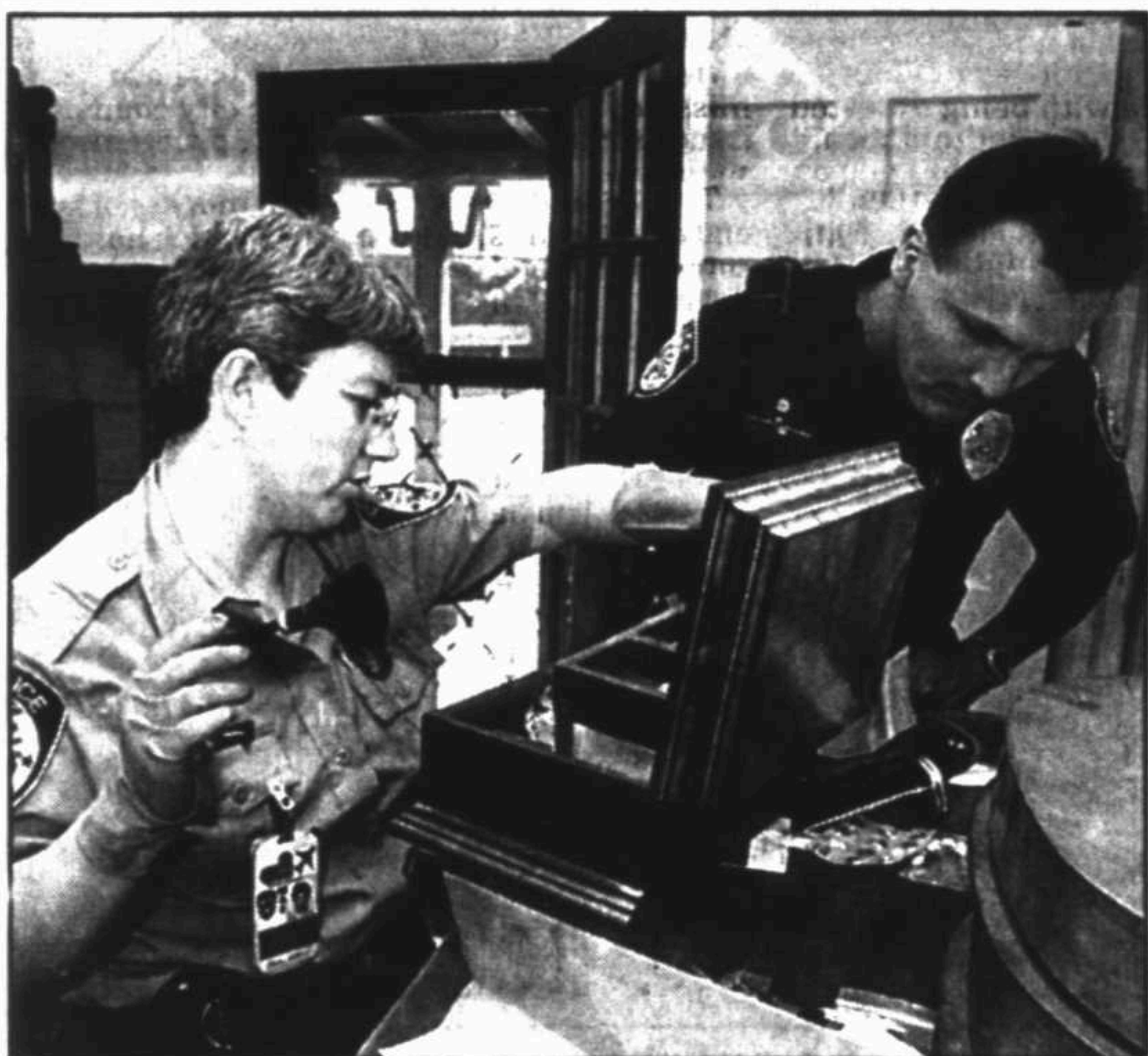
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DAY TO DAY CRIME: A CLOSER LOOK



Above, Dorothy Blackwell stands outside American Bookkeeping, the walls of which had been spray painted. At right, Emmet Headlee stands near the broken window at Dry Dock Autos. Below, police identification technician, Karen Hare, dusted for fingerprints, while officer Alvin Navarrete watched, Wednesday at a residence that had been the scene of a burglary. At bottom, Midland police officers David Scardino, from left, Arthur Villareal and Detective B.G. Johnson examine items that were reportedly taken from a residence in south-central Midland Wednesday.

Vandalism photos by Curt Wilcott
Burglary photos by Brian Adamcik



A lot of these latch-key kids are growing up and setting up their own standards and the gang-setting is like a surrogate family. It brings them in, but teaches them wrong principles. What you devote yourself to, you become.

—Albert Ibarra
Teen Challenge outreach director

Some feel parental supervision could aid in curtailing vandalism

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

The curse of vandalism, whether it be evidenced in graffiti, shattered glass, or wanton marring of cars, houses and buildings, is causing alarm, consternation, bafflement, and in some isolated cases even compassion among Midlanders.

"I feel sorry for kids who are doing that," said Dorothy Blackwell, whose southside bookkeeping office building was spray-painted with cryptic messages that suggested gang messages.

"They are missing something in their life," Mrs. Blackwell said. "There is a deep need inside those kids — a spiritual need. They need the Lord."

The graffiti apparently reflected the names of gangs, such as the "Bloods" and the "Crips."

Others are not so understanding.

Her husband, Blackie Blackwell, 64, said the graffiti is an "invasion of privacy."

"If they (police) caught them doing it, make them paint the (whole) building," Blackwell said.

Mrs. Blackwell then suggested that the parents also need to be accountable.

"There ought to be a law that parents are responsible for their kids," she said. "They (parents) need to be out there paying attention to where they are."

In reflection, she allowed that "There are a lot of grownups who aren't responsible, either."

"A lot of people just don't put God in their life," she said. "God can help you through all things, supply needs, and (help you to) have joyous relationships."

In her childhood years, Mrs. Blackwell said that she "grew up respecting my parents and all the elders. We weren't allowed to do whatever we wanted to do. I was taught to be responsible ... and the value of taking care of whatever we had. We had respect for others."

Rather than directing anger and condemnation at people who are responsible for crimes against property, however major or minor, Mrs. Blackwell said that she has "more important things" to do. "You just don't lash out at somebody because we all have hard times."

More poignantly, Mrs. Blackwell noted that "Your life is a vapor. It can change (quickly and dramatically). We need to make the best of it."

Mike Pemberton, who manages an automobile sales business on "car row" — Wall Street — in Midland, said, "I've been associated with the car business for 15 years, and I've always seen vandalism. Something always comes up missing, including batteries, stereos, even cars themselves, the theft of which goes beyond vandalism into burglary and larceny."

Recently, the knee-level portion of a laminated glass door at his business was smashed, he figured, "out of pure madness, hurt, or just being plain, old drunk."

But run-of-the-mill teen-age vandalism, which has been evidenced by knocked-down mail boxes, brick-smashed car windows and utility meters, and spraypainted and "keyed" or scratched car surfaces, may be indicative of lack of parental control.

"The parents aren't active enough in their children's lives," he said. "If the parents were punished for what their kids are doing, they would wake up. There would be more discipline."

Pemberton, who at 39 is a husband and father, said that "I came from the old school where if I did something wrong, I was

punished for it.

"What I did wrong back then was nothing like" today's mischief.

Pemberton noted that he and his wife, Connie, are "involved with our children at school."

"We are the ones who are going to stop the crime" among youths, "You don't leave that to police. We need to be taking care of our children."

Emmet Headlee, a 34-year-old Midland businessman who is a victim of vandalism, said that the act "angers me."

Of vandalism and criminal mischief committed allegedly by youths, "there's no parental supervision" among some children. His children, he said, are taught responsibility and accountability through carrying out chores at home.

However, "a lot of kids these days, most of them, are given most everything they have," Headlee said. "They don't have to work for it or do chores for it."

Albert Ibarra, the 40-year-old outreach director for Teen Challenge in Midland, has witnessed and experienced the effects of drug, alcohol and youthful gang activity in his hometown of San Antonio.

"A lot of times, the graffiti is the gang newspaper" about "the situation in the neighborhood," noted Ibarra, a counselor and former gang member who understands the downward pull of drug-and-alcohol abuse on the individual and on society.

Ibarra said that the law-abiding citizens' removal of graffiti "lets them (vandals) know that the community is aware, knows what it means, and they are not going to tolerate that. It makes them think twice before getting involved in criminal activity" since the citizenry is "aware and watching."

"If there is graffiti and nothing is being done (to remove the markings), the errant youngsters are being told there is passivity" in the neighborhood. The assumption is that the "turf" is theirs to exploit.

Ibarra said that he does "not want to compare gangs to (cock) roaches. But where there is food, you are going to find roaches. You won't find roaches on a clean table. They will go to wherever there is availability of goods."

While drive-by shootings, assaults and burglaries may be associated with the initiations of neophyte gang members, Ibarra said that graffiti markings may represent an aftereffect of gang membership.

"Behind the lifestyle of the gang mindset is a belief system," said Ibarra. "It is like people who believe in God and go to church. Their belief system is the gang and what that teaches them. The underlying attitudes and beliefs of (hardcore) gangsters — not these guys who are dabbling and trying to show off — are deep-down, rooted issues."

From Ibarra's experience, those issues may include "hate, anger, bitterness" and a tendency to "blame society."

"If I saw someone smile or laugh, I tried to take it off of them" since he wasn't smiling or laughing for those 13 years, from age 13 to 26, before he was reformed and was led to become a counselor to help troubled youths and young adults whom he understands from his former lifestyle.

"A lot of these latch-key kids are growing up and setting up their own standards," he said, "and the gang-setting is like a surrogate family. It brings them in, but teaches them wrong principles. What you devote yourself to, you become."

Many unwitnessed vehicle burglaries go unsolved

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

Midlanders, by and large, appear to be resigned to the fact that their unwitnessed vehicle burglaries will not be solved to their satisfaction.

While the clearance rate for automobile burglaries is low, many local victims of this crime understand that the police manpower simply does not exist to exhaustively investigate each incident, according to statements from a number of people whose vehicles were burglarized between September and December.

"As far as the way the police handled it — they did fine," said Allen Wimple, who had only an umbrella and insurance papers stolen from inside her vehicle.

"As I understand it, they can take those and sell them," Wimple said of the stolen proof-of-insurance papers.

"The police were nice. They took a report ... I never received anything back," said Margaret Skelkey, who had a \$1,300 cello stolen from inside her vehicle.

Fortunately, Ms. Skelkey was able to claim the loss on her homeowner's policy and recoup most of her losses.

Charles Swift, who had a cellular phone stolen from his truck, said the loss, as in many vehicle burglaries, was not worth paying the deductible on an insurance claim.

"The police came out and made a report. I

had (another phone) stolen about a year ago. It's the same story — they made a report," Swift said.

"They make good reports," he said. "I never hear another word back," he said.

The reality is that most unwitnessed burglaries are only solved when police find criminals in possession of stolen property, according to a Midland Police Department investigator.

That is why taking detailed reports of every burglary is important. Crime victims, because of the shock of being burglarized, often remember items that are missing days after the event. The victims are encouraged to call in and add this information to the case file, the investigator said.

Victims must deal with the anger of the theft and damage to their vehicle that often accompanies the crime.

More lasting is the trepidation that comes from having criminals invade the sanctity of one's vehicle, local victims said.

"It definitely makes you feel more vulnerable," Ms. Skelkey said.

In cases like Ms. Skelkey's, it is unfortunate that neighbors, who noticed unusual people near neighborhood cars, did not call police.

Three vehicles in the same part of town were burglarized that evening with combined losses of thousands of dollars.

"To my knowledge, to this day, nothing has been recovered," Ms. Skelkey said.

HOME: Police stick to 'high solvability' burglaries

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inside of the homes they break into — destroying much of what they cannot carry, an officer at the scene said.

"If they'd had time, they probably would have," he said, indicating the juvenile suspects.

Because of the high "solvability factor" of this crime, a team of MPD identification technicians appeared at the home to photograph and secure further evidence that can be used in a trial, according to MPD officials.

Many other burglaries do not receive this kind of attention, since manpower is simply not available to send technicians to burglaries where the chance of finding a suspect is very low.

Although Boyd's burglary is likely to be solved, he will not be seeing some of his property for a while.

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Most of the property in this room comes from thefts and burglaries, with some of the items seized as evidence in drug raids.

The drug-raid evidence is often used to show that although

a suspect has no job, he can afford these items, explained Ida Baker, an evidence clerk for the department.

A prized item for thieves — firearms of all kinds — fills a large portion of the evidence room.

Some of these weapons will be destroyed. Others will be returned to the rightful owners once the case has been signed off on. And some will be sold at annual police auctions, Ms. Baker said.

Many of the items in the room have been there for as many as 10 years, since old cases were never closed. Others are awaiting owners to pick them up, Ms. Baker said, walking by a row of stolen beer, some of which dates back to 1992.

But in cases where insurance companies have paid homeowners for the loss — the items are then the property of the insurance companies and many of these items stay for a long time in the evidence room.

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Court restores key opposition victory in Nis

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — A court controlled by President Slobodan Milosevic restored a key election victory to his political foes in an apparent attempt to placate anti-government protesters, the opposition said Sunday.

Although voting lists showed that the opposition coalition clearly won the Nov. 17 municipal elections in Nis, Serbia's second-largest city, the local electoral commission proclaimed Milosevic's Socialists the winners.

Courts or commissions annulled opposition victories in more than a dozen Serbian cities, touching off nearly four weeks of daily protests by tens of thousands of people — the largest against Milosevic since he came to power in 1987. Milosevic called for repeat municipal elections in some cities, which the opposition boycotted as it appealed the rulings.

Nis (pronounced NEESH) is the first city where the courts, which are under Milosevic's control, ruled in favor of the opposition.

Opposition officials in Nis said the Socialists likely will appeal the ruling, which also said that the opposition victory should be officially reinstated within 10 days.

The ruling, mailed to the opposition, could not immediately be confirmed as the court was closed Sunday. It apparently was made Friday or Saturday.

"The ruling gives us hope that some legality remains in Serbia," said Zoran Zivkovic, a Nis official of the opposition coalition Zajedno,

or Together. "But we'll now have to wait and see if our victory will officially be proclaimed or the Communists will pull out a new trick."

"We'll continue protesting until all those who have falsified our victory are prosecuted," he added. In a sign of solidarity with the opposition, 11 Nis students started a 150-mile march to Belgrade on Sunday.

Opposition officials had anticipated that Milosevic might hand over Nis — in Serbia's economically battered industrial zone — to the opposition in exchange for keeping control of the capital Belgrade and other major cities.

"We don't want any deals with Milosevic," said an opposition leader, Zoran Djindjic, who also said protests would continue.

International officials have warned that the standoff between Milosevic and protesters could lead to a major crisis in the region. The United States has threatened new sanctions if Milosevic he doesn't respect voters' will.

Three opposition leaders traveled to Geneva on Sunday to meet with the top U.S. envoy for former Yugoslavia, John Kornblum. Last week, Kornblum refused to meet Milosevic in Belgrade.

Kornblum said he was meeting Vuk Draskovic, Vojin Dimitrijevic and Ivan Vujacic to express support for democratic reform.

Demonstrators have taken to the streets every day for almost four weeks. About 100,000 opposi-

tion supporters marched in Belgrade on Sunday.

In a separate protest later, 50,000 Belgrade students carried flashlights and launched fireworks, saying they wanted to "shed some democratic light" on the Serbian capital.

News media controlled by Milosevic accused demonstrators of being in the service of the United States, Germany and other foreign powers.

Serbian TV on Sunday showed demonstrators carrying large U.S. and German flags and commented that this shows they are Western stooges.

The TV, which as Milosevic's mouthpiece has been the main target of demonstrators' anger for its biased reporting, also carried numerous alleged letters of support for Milosevic from throughout Serbia, saying he was "protecting the country's sovereignty" against U.S. interference.

Belgrade's state-run radio said the demonstrators "want to topple the legally-elected leadership ... with the help of Serb-haters from the West."

Demonstrators carrying the U.S. and other Western flags booed and jeered as they passed state-run media outlets. They also displayed a life-size effigy of Milosevic in a striped prison uniform.

"Today, we have two Serbias," said opposition leader Vesna Pesic. "One is Milosevic's arrogant Serbia, which wants to remain an isolated island in the

democratic world.

"The other is our Serbia, which is not afraid of the world and democracy."



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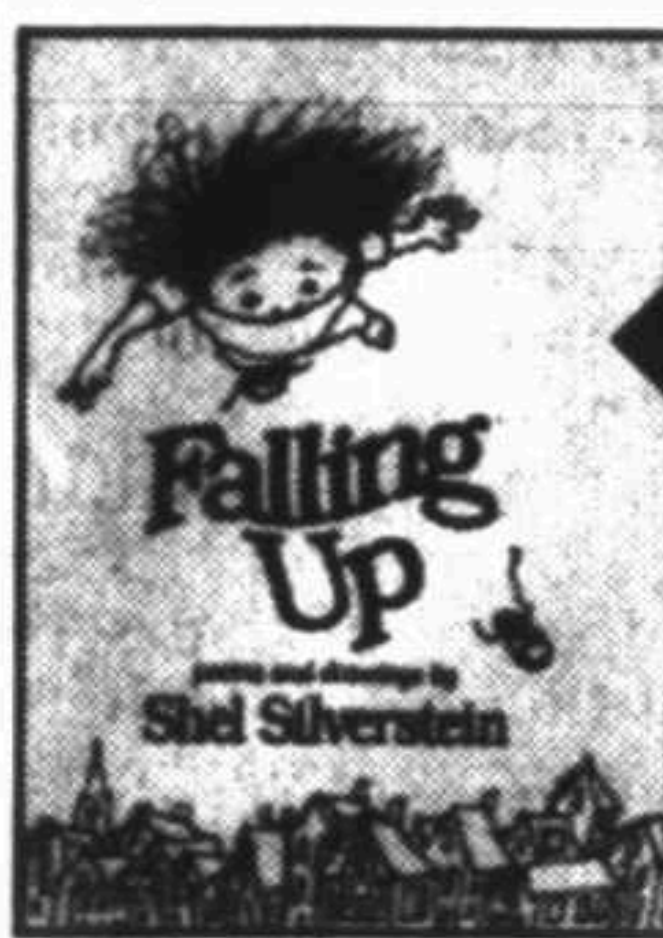
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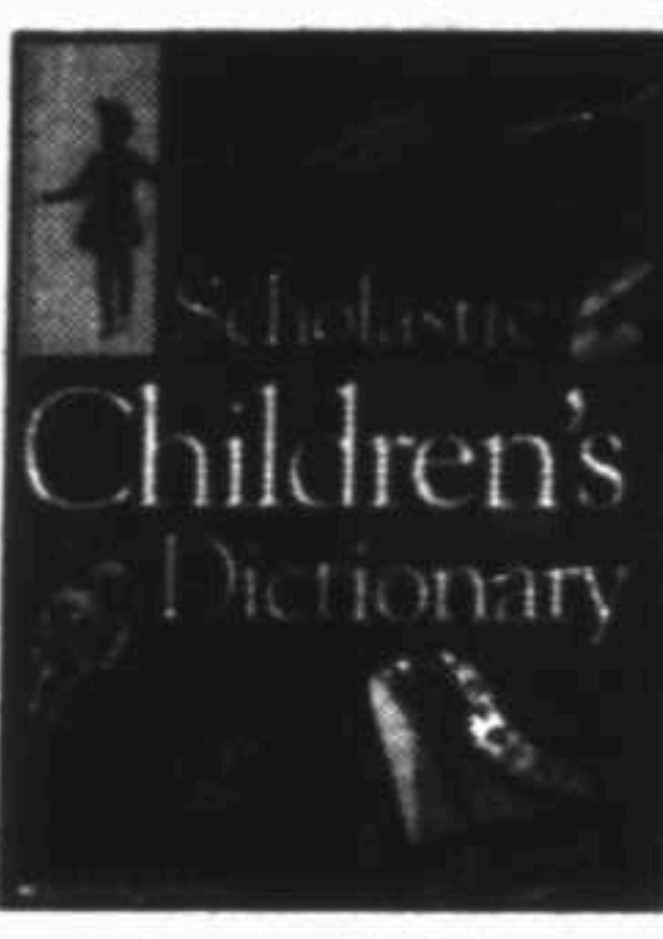
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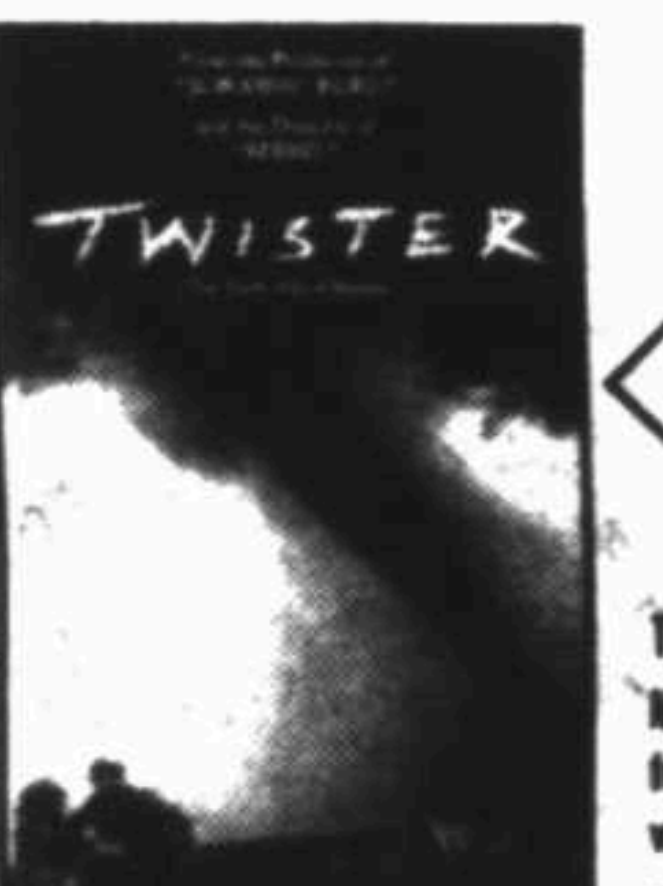
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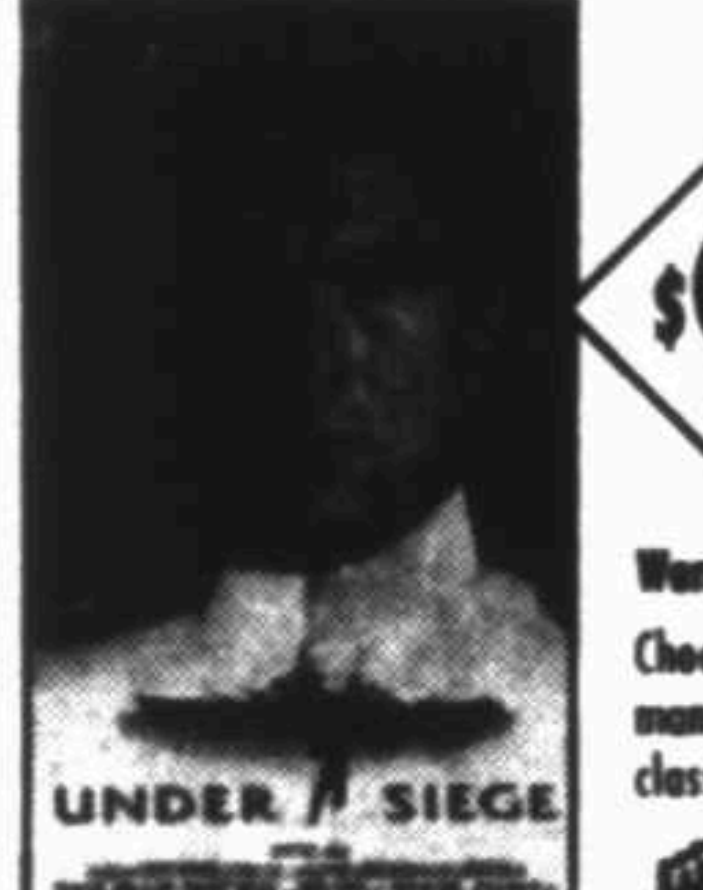
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Netanyahu controls message on Internet appearance

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu got to say it his own way Sunday, "chatting" directly with thousands of people who logged on to a question-and-answer session with him on the Internet.

The media savvy leader was in his element — dictating responses down to the comma.

"This is wonderful," he said. "It's a way to cut through the press!"

Nearly 3,000 people logged on to the session with Netanyahu on MSNBC's Web site. That's not quite as many as for the rock band Smashing Pumpkins but it was still, according to session coordinator Lisa Katz, "one of the biggest Internet chats ever."

The questions and answers were nothing particularly new: What did Netanyahu think about a Palestinian state? (Not the best alternative.) Wasn't expanding Jewish settlements a violation of the peace accords? (No.) Wouldn't withdrawing Israeli troops from south Lebanon be a positive move toward peace? (Yes.) Did he plan to draft ultra-Orthodox Jews into the army? (Not at the moment.)

But Netanyahu, who frequently complains that he gets a bad rap from the Israeli and foreign media, revealed in the format.

"The advantage of this is that it gives you a direct contact with thousands of people ... who can ask you questions, who can read your answers, and there's no intermediaries between you and them," he said during one of several breaks

imposed by technical glitches.

"It's a wonderful thing that will break monopolies of information."

The 2,911 people who logged on for the 50-minute chat submitted about 10,000 questions, MSNBC said. Most participants were from Europe, Israel and the United States — plus at least one from Egypt. There were no callers from the West Bank or Gaza Strip.

In a country where politicians are just catching on to the potential of Madison Avenue publicity, the U.S.-school Netanyahu is a media pro. Sunday was no exception.

With a sheaf of talking points highlighted in orange before him, the 47-year-old prime minister carefully dictated his comments, complete with punctuation and regular pauses to edit himself before his words were transmitted on-line.

Speaking of the dangers of a Palestinian state with its own army "poised on Israel's borders," he stopped in mid-sentence. "No, no,

no," he told the typist. "Poised on — hills, overlooking a 12-kilometer wide Israel."

After each answer, he called out "Next!" and thumped twice on the table.

MSNBC, a joint venture of Microsoft and NBC, is planning a chat session with Netanyahu's predecessor Shimon Peres on Wednesday.

The MSNBC site is at <http://www.msnbc.com>.

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WASHINGTON — Boeing Co. jolted the market Sunday with a buy-back announcement, reducing the commercial aircraft world from three to two.

The deal, akin to shrinking a giant, leaves Boeing as the main contender. It also major defense single giant in fighter aircraft buying and manufacturing as well.

Corporate deal would not be a layoff. Indeed, Boeing is hiring new hires. Boeing will be of \$1 billion per specify how achieved.

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Boeing buying McDonnell Douglas for \$13 billion

WASHINGTON (AP) — Boeing Co. jolted the aerospace world Sunday with a \$13.3 billion deal to buy McDonnell Douglas Corp., reducing the number of major commercial aircraft makers in the world from three to two.

The deal announced Sunday is akin to shrinking America's Big Three automakers to just two, leaving Boeing and Europe's Airbus as the main commercial competitors. It also transforms two major defense contractors into a single giant with a hand in every fighter aircraft the Pentagon is buying and many other weapons as well.

Corporate chiefs insisted this deal would not lead to thousands of layoffs. Indeed, Boeing is anticipating new hires to meet a booming commercial business. But Boeing will be looking for savings of \$1 billion per year and did not specify how that would be achieved.

"The fact that we are able to do this without really impacting the work force significantly, that's really attractive," said Harry Stonecipher, McDonnell Douglas' chairman and chief executive officer.

If approved by stockholders and federal regulators who enforce antitrust laws, the combined company under Boeing's name anticipates sales of \$48 billion next year. It would be headquartered in Seattle, where Boeing is based, while St. Louis-based McDonnell Douglas would continue under its own name as a major division of Boeing.

"This is, I believe, a historic moment in aviation and aerospace," said Philip Condit, president and chief executive officer of Boeing. "We can get more done, we can meet new and exciting

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challenges, and we can solve significant problems."

The officials said they anticipated federal approval in about six months for the deal struck last Tuesday with a handshake in Seattle between Condit and Stonecipher, and approved late Saturday by the two corporate boards. The two companies had talked off and on about a merger for nearly three years.

The combined company will have operations across the spectrum of aerospace, from commercial aircraft to military planes to space satellites and launch vehicles. Its work force will number nearly 200,000 across 26 states with major operations in Seattle, St. Louis and Southern California.

Although the companies characterized it as a merger, the terms clearly show Boeing is buying McDonnell. McDonnell shareholders will receive 0.65 shares of Boeing stock for each share they own, a deal worth \$13.3 billion. McDonnell's operations will be melded into Boeing's and the top officer and two-thirds of the board of directors will be Boeing people.

Combining the companies ends the storied life of McDonnell Douglas as an independent firm, maker of the Mercury and Gemini space capsules and once the world's dominant manufacturer of military planes such as the F-4 Phantom. McDonnell is the nation's second largest defense

contractor, behind Lockheed Martin Corp. Boeing ranks ninth.

"You'll always have mixed feelings about it," said Stonecipher, who will serve as chief operating officer, the No. 2 position in the new company. But he added, "I'm not looking at disappearing. I'm looking at the fact that we're really building a strong team together."

Reaction from Missouri lawmakers reflected concern about McDonnell Douglas' secondary status.

"Someone is going to have to tell me what this means for the McDonnell Douglas workers in St. Louis," said Sen. Kit Bond, R-Mo.

House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., predicted the deal would "resolve some of the uncertainty about the future of McDonnell Douglas," but said "numerous questions will arise" about the transaction.

Jerry Oulson, a Machinists' union president at McDonnell Douglas, said he was "cautiously optimistic" about the job implications of the deal.

McDonnell Douglas had been struggling to keep up its commercial aircraft business, hurt by competition from Boeing and Airbus Industrie consortium. Stonecipher said McDonnell Douglas had outstanding orders for about 40 commercial aircraft

compared to orders in the hundreds for competing planes.

The deal follows a key Pentagon decision last month that knocked McDonnell Douglas out of the competition to build the new Joint Strike Fighter. Boeing was chosen as one of the two finalists. Boeing is a major contractor in the Air Force F-22 while McDonnell Douglas is building the upgraded Navy F-18 fighter.

For Boeing, the deal provides a defense business balance to a company that had been weighted heavily toward the commercial side, a factor that explained the choice of Washington to make the announcement.

"One of our prime customers lives here," said Condit, referring to the Pentagon. He will be the chairman and chief executive officer of the new company.

The Joint Strike Fighter would be the first fighter aircraft built by Boeing since before World War II. In August, Rockwell International Corp., known for B-1 bombers and space shuttles, agreed to sell the bulk of its aerospace and defense businesses to Boeing in a \$3 billion deal.

Major Boeing products include Boeing 777 and 747 commercial airliners, the F-22 fighter, the AWACS radar plane, the Comanche helicopter and portions of the space shuttle.

McDonnell Douglas products include the MD-11 civilian airliner, the Navy F-18 fighter, the Air Force F-15 fighter, the Delta III launch vehicle, the C-17 cargo plane.

The announcement comes two weeks after the two companies announced they would team up on future wide-body commercial airplane projects.

Most doctors believe faith helps heal, survey reports

By Brian Melley
Associated Press

BOSTON — Virginia Harris knew it wasn't going to be a team of emergency room doctors that would save her. It was going to be God.

So when surgeons in a Detroit hospital said they didn't think she would recover from a car crash 20 years ago, she and her husband declined treatment and decided to go home and pray.

Within two weeks, she was on her feet.

The link between faith and healing is getting a closer look from more and more doctors, a survey of the American Academy of Family Physicians found.

Ninety-nine percent of doctors believe there is an important relationship between the spirit and the flesh, according to the survey due out Monday.

Amen, say proponents of faith healing.

While others advocate a blend of medicine and faith, Christian Scientist health practitioners eschew doctors and medicine.

She sees her recovery as a testament to faith's importance in healing, a relationship nearly all doctors recognize despite a traditional gulf between religion and science.

To further examine that connection, nearly 1,000 health care professionals are meeting at Harvard Medical School this week for Spirituality & Healing in Medicine, a course exploring the murky area where religion meets medicine.

"I'm not a religious person,"

said Dr. Herbert Benson, founder of the Mind-Body Institute at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital and a Harvard medical professor. "I came to this not from belief but from science. Honestly, I came to this feet dragging."

Many doctors pinned their interest on scientific evidence, including two studies that lend credence to a faith-health connection.

In a California study of prayer's effects on recovery from heart problems, half the nearly 400 subjects were the subjects of prayers by Christians, while the others received no known prayers from anyone affiliated with the study. Neither group was told about the prayers.

The patients who received prayers had half as many complications as those who didn't and had a lower rate of congestive heart failure, Matthews said.

A second study, by Dartmouth Medical School, tracked how patients' own prayers helped them recover from bypass surgery. The death rate after six months was 9 percent, Matthews said. For churchgoers, however, the rate dropped to 5 percent. None of the deeply religious patients died during that period.

Harris, who is now a Christian Science health practitioner, relies solely on prayer to guide others on self-healing journeys.

Benson advocates balancing self-care — such as relaxation techniques — with standard medical practices.

Poll: Online users are also news readers, watchers, listeners

WASHINGTON (AP) — People who use computers to catch up with the news don't give up reading newspapers, watching television or listening to the radio for news, a survey suggests.

It found that 55 percent of the people who said they use online services to read news also said they read a newspaper "yesterday." That compares with 50 percent of the general public.

Sixty-one percent of the online news consumers said they watched television news the previous day, compared with 59 percent of the public. And 52 percent listened to the news on radio compared with 44 percent of the public at large.

The poll of 1,003 adult online users was conducted in late October by the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press, a polling organization. It has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percent.

Other Pew surveys have found that 22 percent of the public uses online services at home, work or school, a better than 50 percent increase in 15 months.

Online users tend to be younger

and better educated than the public at large, and nearly twice as many make over \$50,000 a year and are college graduates.

Of these, 73 percent use the World Wide Web, a global network of computer interlinks used to gather or exchange information. That's up from 21 percent in 1995. Just over half the Web users polled said they used it within the previous week.

In the voting age public at large, 12 percent said they used the Internet to obtain political information during the election campaign and 3 percent of voters said the com-

puter was their principal source of election news.

Other findings:

- Seventy-seven percent of online users send or receive e-mail at least once every few weeks.
- Thirty percent of Internet users use it to seek entertainment-related information.
- Twenty-two percent use the Internet for financial information.

Of the people who own a personal computer, 41 percent say they use it every day and another 30 percent say they use it three to five days a week.

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Don't be victim of holiday scam

Christmas is a time of brotherly love, goodwill toward others and, unfortunately, scams perpetrated against some of the most innocent and defenseless members of society.

Recently, the Better Business Bureau of the Permian Basin released information about a credit-card scam that apparently is being carried out in this area.

According to the BBB spokesman, the scam involves a forceful and threatening telephone caller who called a Midland man and demanded to know his credit card numbers or his credit cards would be canceled. The Midlander did not divulge his credit card numbers, hung up and the caller called him back and told him that he was in danger of having his cards canceled

for "failure to cooperate with a federal agency."

Although this scam may seem apparent enough, anyone who receives such telephone calls at this time of year should be alerted that they may be the object of a scam. They should not divulge either their credit numbers or bank account numbers to anyone over the telephone, and the call should be immediately reported to law enforcement officials.

Although this type of scam has been reported here recently, it certainly isn't the only type of scam that likely will be tried during this Christmas season here. So be cautious and if an offer sounds out of the ordinary or too good to be true, don't fall for it. You could save yourself holiday embarrassment and heartache.

JACK ANDERSON

Evita's travels began with her death in 1952

WASHINGTON — No body knows the travels Evita's body has seen. Since her death in 1952, the mortal remains of the immortal Eva Duarte Peron have journeyed across two continents, laid buried under a pseudonym in Milan, shared the dinner table with Peron and his new wife in Spain — and been the subject of an intense hunt by spies



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including our own Central Intelligence Agency.

Evita died of uterine cancer at the height of her glory, in 1952, at the age of 33. Her husband soon made plans to build the world's largest mausoleum. He also hired an eminent Spanish mortician, Dr. Pedro Ara, to embalm her in a way

that would preserve her beauty forever — including keeping the heart, liver and other organs intact.

After a funeral that brought thousands of devotees, Evita's body became a three-year work-in-progress for Dr. Ara. Occasionally, he would roll her down from his workplace, resplendent in a glass coffin, to bolster the sagging popularity of President Peron.

But the well-manicured charm of Evita's corpse could not keep Peron in power forever. A military junta overthrew him in 1955, and the new rulers were beside themselves over how to dispose of this potent symbol of Peronism.

Concoiled in a plain box, Evita's body was first taken via an army truck to a marine base, where the truck remained for a day before the commandant discovered its contents and nervously ordered it removed from his jurisdiction. For want of a destination, the truck was simply parked in downtown Buenos Aires. It was moved again after word leaked out and flowers and candles began appearing around the truck.

The chronology becomes murky after that, in part because Peron had ordered the sculpting of at least three "dummies" of vinyl and wax to help conceal the real body's location.

The real body was probably stashed for a time in a crate marked "Radio Equipment" in the office of the army's information chief. At one point, it may have been stored behind the screen of a Buenos Aires cinema.

What has been firmly established is that the nervous military leaders finally shipped the body to Italy in 1957, and had it buried in Milan under the name Maria Maggi de Magistris. There it remained, in a plain grave, for 14 years.

In 1971, the body was dug up and rushed to Madrid, where Peron remained in exile. When the silver coffin was opened, with Dr. Ara present, both he and Peron were pleased to find Evita as lovely as ever — save for a few chips in the plastic, some broken fingers and a bent ear from all the years of rough handling.

But Peron had no place to put the coffin. He chose the dining room, where he and his third wife, Isabel, would sometimes refer to her open

casket over the meal. According to one macabre report, Isabel would brush and plait the cadaver's hair and would occasionally lay on it to pick up the vibes and aura of Evita.

It must have worked: Peron returned to power in Argentina in 1973, and Isabel succeeded him when he died of a heart attack the following year. In 1974, Isabel brought Evita's coffin back home from the Peron attic in Madrid, using it as an icon to boost her own popularity.

A military junta overthrew Isabel in 1976, and Evita's itinerant corpse was quietly turned over to her two sisters the next year. She has since lain in a family crypt in the fashionable Recoleta cemetery, secure two stories down, under two trapdoors and three plates of steel.

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CHARLEY REESE

What the elitist 'greenies' are doing to Americans

If the rich are getting richer and the poor, poorer, it's not because of the free enterprise system.

One example, unearthed by Eric Peters in the current issue of The Free Market, a newsletter of the Ludwig von Mises Institute, demonstrates how the happy coincidence of bad science and dumb politics can result in a windfall of profits.

Peters points out that the brouhaha about Freon eating up the ozone in the atmosphere occurred about the time the patents on Freon held by E.I. DuPont de Nemours were expiring.

Lo and behold, the greenies began a big campaign based, as usual, on bad science that resulted in Congress effectively banning this cheap, readily available refrigerant. Freon can no longer be manufactured in the United States. Heavy taxes are levied on existing stocks.

Turns out, according to Peters, Freon leakage was environmentally insignificant; the chlorine molecule is heavier than air and sinks rather than rises. Moreover, evaporation of sea water and volcanic eruptions release more chlorine than has been manufactured since the

beginning of the Industrial Revolution.

But facts are never allowed to get in the way of ideology and propaganda. The government now classifies Freon in about the same category as cocaine. A new refrigerant, less efficient but nevertheless new, is now being used by millions and millions of new cars and air conditioners. Guess who owns the patent? DuPont.

DuPont, which doesn't release details of its corporate giving, is a big contributor to the National Wildlife Federation and other greenie groups.

All coincidences, of course. It was just pure luck that about the time DuPont's patents on an old chemical were expiring, the greenies discovered how God-awful it was. It was just pure altruism that drove DuPont to replace the bad old chemical with expired patents with a newly patented chemical.

But luck and goodness aside, this operation, which will enrich DuPont at the expense of consumers, was not a free market transaction. The key is that the government (during King George Bush's reign, by the way) had to clear the market of the cheap, competing product first.

If you want to understand this world you live in, a few basic premises will help you figure it out.

1. Not all businessmen believe in free enterprise. Some in big business hate it. That is not to say they do not believe in corporate profits. It's the competition part of free enterprise they

don't like.

2. Whenever you find radical and environmental groups being funded by big business, either directly or through foundations, you can bet the goals being pursued are money and power, not happy squirrels and fat owls.

The great majority of Americans — "the unwashed," some snob once called us — are not obsessed with money and power. We want to be free to make our own living, raise our families and leave something for our children.

To do that, we must have a government that protects property rights rather than destroys them. We must have a government that is responsive to the people and not just to those people with a lot of money. We must have an education system that will teach children to think rather than to indoctrinate them to be suckers for elitist propaganda.

There are two books that will give you insight into the elitist Greens and what they are doing to ordinary Americans. One is "Trashing the Economy" by Ron Arnold and Alan Gottlieb (Free Enterprise Press). Another is "This Land Is Our Land" by Rep. Richard Pomo, R-Calif., and Joseph Farah (St. Martin's Press). The choice is ours: to be informed citizens or suckers.

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MIKE ROYKO

When marriage bias is gone, polygamy could exist

Everyone in the joint was surprised when my conservative friend Grump cheerfully proposed a toast on hearing the news that a court in Hawaii had legalized same-sex marriages.

A liberal on a nearby stool said: "Didn't think you would be so upbeat about what so many of your political ilk consider a radical change in the cultural and social values of our society. It diminishes the fun if your sort isn't appalled and depressed and fears the world is going to the bowbowws."



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"Don't be silly," said Grump. "I'm looking at the big picture. Taking the long-range view and considering what will be best for me."

Well, unless you are thinking of marrying some fellow, I don't see how this could be beneficial to your self-interest.

"That's because you are looking only at the immediate headlines and haven't considered the eventual fallout of this same-sex marriage business."

And what might that be? "I will explain. When it has been thrashed out in the courts and same-sex marriages are valid everywhere — which many legal and cultural experts say is inevitable — we can expect other changes in the kinds of marital arrangements that are acceptable. Such as polygamy."

You mean a man having more than one wife? Or a woman, more than one husband?

"Exactly. It is certain to come. There is no way we can accept a guy marrying a guy, or a woman marrying a woman, and then say that it is illegal for a guy to marry two women or

five. It would be inconsistent, illogical, unfair and discriminatory. No, polygamy is sure to become part of our bridge-to-the-future lifestyle. All it will take is one courageous man and a couple of consenting females to take the legal steps, as happened in Hawaii, and file a lawsuit that will be heard by broad-minded judges."

But society won't accept polygamy. "Why not? It has existed, on and off, no pun intended, in most major cultures for many centuries. It is still practiced in some parts of the world. It is simply a matter of persuading the nation's opinion makers — the media, for starters — that it is purely a matter of individual choice."

But there is no need for it. History tells us that when polygamy was accepted, there were practical reasons. There were societies where war had decimated the male population. We have no shortage of eligible monogamous males.

"Not now, maybe, but just wait. When men start marrying each other in large numbers, men who like women will be in greater demand and a shortage will develop. Just look at San Francisco, where companion-starved women treat hetero men like an endangered species."

Society will reject polygamy on moral grounds. This is still a nation with respect for traditional values.

"And you are a bigot. A prejudiced swine. A discriminatory, narrow-minded, hateful and mean-spirited — yes, mean-spirited — polyphobe."

Me? A bigot? But you know I have always been a devout liberal. How can you say such a thing?

"Because I know a polyphobe when I meet one, you closet-fascist. Why are you filled with such irrational hatred for those of us who are denied the right to marry the four or five women of our choice?"

No, please, I don't want to deny you any

rights. I support your cause.

"You'd better or I will report you to the Polygamist Defense Alliance, and they will issue a public statement condemning you for being mean-spirited, which will soon be a federal felony."

Please, don't do that. Believe me, I respect your need to have several wives.

"See?"

"See what?"

"How easy it will be to sway public opinion. Merely by accusing you of being a mean-spirited polyphobe, I have turned you into a weak, sniveling, compliant wimp."

Yes, but it is my nature to be a go-along kind of wimp. That is how I get invited to so many dinner parties. But you might find it more difficult with Americans who have more moral fiber than I do.

"No, that is where the media comes in. Once we persuade a few deranged right-wingers to condemn us, the national media will have to lurch and stumble to our defense. And those news organizations and commentators who don't, we will threaten with boycotts and accusations of polyphobia and — the most terrible crime in our society — being mean-spirited. We will also remind them that Hitler was against polygamy."

He was?

"Well, I haven't heard him deny it."

You seem to have your campaign figured out. Yes. And when we can enlist Elizabeth Taylor and a few other bubble-head movie stars to our cause, which shouldn't be difficult, the politicians will fall in line and grovel for our votes."

Do you think that kind of campaign will actually work?

"You mean again?"

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ANOTHER VIEW

Foreign policy also irks Clinton, stupid!

Domestic issues dominated President Clinton's first presidential campaign ("It's the economy, stupid!") and much of his first term. His recent Cabinet appointments indicate that domestic considerations still dominate.

Madeleine Albright, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations whom Clinton has nominated to be secretary of state, owes her appointment as much to her sex as to her impressive credentials and experience.

The president's other two appointees, Anthony Lake to be CIA director and Samuel Berger to succeed Lake as national security adviser, are tested members of the administration.

Where Albright is known for her tenacity, however, Lake and

Berger are known as low-profile, collegial players — a high priority with the president.

Whatever the qualifications of his appointees, only the president can lend consistency to U.S. foreign policy. Clinton has not done that, and his appointments betray no presidential vision for the future.

In his second term, Clinton will face the expansion of NATO. China's unrelenting human rights violations and its takeover of Hong Kong, not to mention the chronic conflicts in the Middle East, Africa and the Balkans.

Perhaps Clinton should mount a sign in the Oval Office that reads: "It's also the foreign policy, stupid."

— Houston Chronicle

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Dec. 16, the 351st day of 1996. There are 15 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 16, 1944, the World War II Battle of the Bulge began as German forces launched a surprise counterattack against Allied forces in Belgium.

On this date:

In 1653, Oliver Cromwell became Lord Protector of England, Scotland and Ireland.

In 1770, composer Ludwig van Beethoven was born in Bonn, Germany.

In 1773, the Boston Tea Party took place as American colonists boarded a British ship and dumped more than 300 chests of tea overboard to protest tea taxes.

In 1809, Napoleon Bonaparte was divorced from the Empress Josephine by an act of the French Senate.

In 1905, the entertainment trade publication "Variety" came out with its first weekly issue.

In 1916, Gregory Rasputin, the monk who'd wielded powerful influence over the Russian court, was murdered by a group of noblemen.

In 1950, President Truman proclaimed a national state of emergency in order to fight "Communist imperialism."

In 1960, 134 people were killed when a United Air Lines DC-8 and a TWA Super Constellation collided over New York City.

In 1976, the government halted its swine flu vaccination program following reports of paralysis apparently linked to the vaccine.

In 1985, reputed organized-crime chief Paul Castellano was shot to death outside a New York City restaurant.

In 1990, Jean-Bertrand Aristide was elected president of Haiti in the country's first democratic elections (he was overthrown in a military coup in 1991, but was later restored to power).

Ten years ago: Ronald W. Pelton, a former National Security Agency employee convicted of selling defense secrets to the Soviet Union, was sentenced by a judge in Baltimore to life in prison.

Five years ago: The U.N. General Assembly rescinded its 1975 resolution equating Zionism with racism by a vote of 111-to-25. Russian President Boris Yeltsin met for four hours with visiting U.S. Secretary of State James Baker, after which Yeltsin said the new Commonwealth of Independent States would begin operating by the end of the year.

One year ago: President Clinton and congressional Republicans traded accusations as their budget impasse led to a second shutdown of the federal government.

Today's Birthdays: Author V.S. Pritchett is 96. Author Arthur C. Clarke is 79. Actress Liv Ullmann is 57. CBS news correspondent Lesley Stahl is 55. TV producer Steven Bochco is 53. Pop singer Benny Andersson (ABBA) is 50. Rock singer-musician Billy Gibbons (ZZ Top) is 47. Actress Alison LaPlaca is 37. Actor Benjamin Bratt is 33. Rhythm-and-blues singer Michael McCary (Boyz II Men) is 25.

Thought for Today: "Life means progress, and progress means suffering." — Hendrik Willem Van Loon, Dutch-born journalist and lecturer (1882-1944)

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President Clinton plans speech longer than previous inaugural address

By Lawrence L. Knutson
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Brevity may be the soul of wit, but it's clearly not the soul of Bill Clinton.

Those who plan to attend his second inauguration should bundle up, as he plans to give a longer inaugural address than the one he gave four years ago.

He's doing it even though he admits that "for the health of the Republic and the president, you probably ought to give a short speech."

Actually, Clinton says his first inaugural was the third shortest in history, right behind the second-term speeches of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. It was, he said, "a distilled version" of what he had been saying in his 1992 campaign.

But when he walks to the podium on the flag-draped West Front of the Capitol on Jan. 20, he wants to take the time to review his record, set out

guideposts for the future and try to forge a sense of unity out of the nation's diversity. It will be about "all of our people having a chance and the country coming together and still being able to lead the world," he said.

Clinton spelled out his views on speeches, politics, his reading habits and whether he is boring in a wide-ranging interview with C-Span's Brian Lamb broadcast Sunday.

The president also used the interview to rule out — at least during his White House years — the possibility that he and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton might adopt a child.

Mrs. Clinton, a strong advocate of adoption, enthusiastically raised that possibility last May when she told an interviewer she and the president were considering adoption.

But Clinton said that when life in the White House and the pressures of the presidency were added to the equation, adopting a child did not seem to be a realistic option.

His views were made known by White House staff members on Saturday after he delivered his weekly radio address pushing for a doubling in the number of children moved each year from foster care to adoptive homes.

The C-Span interview was the first time Clinton spoke directly on the possibility of adoption in his own family life.

Here is Clinton on a range of topics:

■ On winning re-election: "I felt that the American people had renewed my contract, they had ratified the work I had done, the record we had established and the direction in which we were going."

■ The best book he read in 1996: "They Only Look Dead" by E.J. Dionne. Why? It predicted, accurately, that his administration and the Democratic Party weren't dead after all.

■ On being called boring: "When you're an incumbent president running for re-election, having a boring

election is not the worst thing that can happen to you. It means people are pretty well satisfied."

■ On the freedom of not having to face the voters again: "Even though I won't be running for re-election, I don't want to provoke a reaction among the American people that would lead to the undoing of everything I worked so hard to do. ... But I guess there's a little more freedom ... I have more time to focus purely on my work, and that's good."

■ On his job: "I have four more years now, and after that I can do whatever I want and be whatever I want."

■ On mistakes he makes: "If I did something wrong I want to know about it and we'll fix it. If somebody else did something wrong, I want to know about it and we'll fix that."

■ On right-wing talk radio: "I think when it goes from criticism to ridicule and hatred and particularly when it is at variance with the

facts, which is quite often, it is not serving the country well."

■ On what he would have done had politics not called: "After a few

years in law, I would have gone into business, because I like running things. I like making organizations go."

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Heroin trade helps Kurdish rebels, drug agents report

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The West's growing heroin habit pours up to \$500 million a year into the hands of some of the world's deadliest terrorists, financing kidnappings and bombings that have killed thousands, U.S. drug agents say.

The Kurdistan Workers Party, known by the initials PKK, demands protection money from heroin labs in eastern Turkey, the crossroads and processing center for Afghan heroin on its way to Europe and North America.

The PKK may even run some of the labs, say undercover Drug Enforcement Administration agents who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

"For guns they need money. For money they use heroin," one agent says.

While more popular in Europe, heroin processed in PKK-controlled areas has made inroads into the United States, especially cities with large Middle Eastern populations, including New York, Detroit, Chicago and Los Angeles, the agents say.

The PKK has waged a 12-year struggle to establish an autonomous Marxist state in the Kurdish areas of Turkey — and has never shied from violence to achieve that goal. More than 21,000 people have died in fighting since the PKK started its war in 1984.

According to FBI and State Department records, the PKK committed more terrorist acts from 1991 through 1995 than any other such group in the world, attacking targets in Turkey and Western Europe.

PKK terrorists regularly plant bombs in crowded areas of Istanbul, killing and maiming foreigners as well as Turks. In 1995, two suspect-

ed PKK agents died in a premature explosion while hiding bombs in a teddy bear.

Drug agents discovered the Kurdish rebels' role in heroin trafficking in part through a 24-kilogram heroin case three years ago in San Francisco. But the group's involvement likely started almost as soon as the modern heroin routes were set up in the years following the 1979 Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

One of the world's four major heroin routes starts in the Afghan poppy fields, where the families who control the collection of the raw material begin moving it west.

The drug is converted to a thick, tarry paste called "base" then transported by camel and truck through the Pakistan-Iran border region of Baluchistan. One organization alone moved 65 tons of base in less than two years.

From there the "mules" make their way through Iran to the largely Kurdish region of eastern Turkey where clandestine laboratories have ready access to western chemicals.

The labs convert the base into powdered heroin, and bricks of it are then trucked to Western Europe, as well as to growing markets in Russia and Eastern Europe.

Sales of what the DEA calls Southwest Asian heroin are climbing 15 percent to 20 percent annually in Western Europe, says Jim McGivney, a spokesman for the DEA in Washington.

Some of the heroin then makes its

way from ports in Turkey, England, Italy and Spain to the United States, where it sells for \$350 a gram. The traffickers would dearly like to expand their U.S. market, the undercover agents say.

The DEA is working closely with European police on heroin cases, but the job has become more difficult with the dissolution of the Soviet Bloc.

Markets have grown and processing chemicals have become more readily available in Russia and Eastern Europe, so drug routes have shifted away from the traditional Turkish routes. Moscow has become a major market and transportation center for Southwest Asian heroin.

But the DEA hopes to clamp down on the trade in the United States before it begins to rival the success of competing heroin from Southeast Asia, Colombia and Mexico.

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U.S. officials break up marijuana distribution network along border

HOUSTON — After arresting more than 70 people over the past month and confiscating assets that included ranches, vehicles and a convenience store, federal officials say they have broken up one of the largest marijuana distribution rings operating along the Mexican border.

Concentrated in Starr County, a remote area along the Rio Grande that is often listed in Census records as one of the most impoverished counties in the nation, the ring smuggled more than 100 tons of marijuana across the border over the past decade and sent it on to at least nine states, U.S. Attorney Gaynelle Griffin Jones said here this week in announcing a 179-count indictment. All but a handful of the 79 people named in the action have been apprehended, she said.

Lawyers for many of those arrested said the sweeping nature of the government's arrests, in some cases involving entire families, was unwarranted.

A defense lawyer involved in the case, Al Alvarez, said that the consolidation of all the cases into one giant prosecution in Houston, where most of the drugs were said

to have been sent before going north, would make it far more difficult for many of those charged to mount an adequate defense against the charges.

But federal officials defended the approach, saying the arrests were based on intensive surveillance that included wiretaps and videotapes in some cases. They also said they have seized more than 13,000 pounds of marijuana in the last two and a half months. The crackdown on South Texas smuggling highlights what federal officials say is the increasing importance of the Mexican border as a means of getting all kinds of drugs into the United States.

Donald F. Ferrarone, special agent in charge of the Houston field division of the Drug Enforcement Administration, said the South Texas ring was "as big as any domestic marijuana operation that we have in this country." But,

he added, it still only acted as one of many distribution conduits for a huge supply network on the Mexican side.

Many of the defendants face 10 years or more imprisonment while five of them, Moreno, Rudolfo Arias, and three brothers, Ramiro, Ricardo and Roberto Riojas, could face life imprisonment for running a continuing criminal enterprise under what is called the "kingpin statute." Among the lesser defendants, nearly all of them from the Rio Grande Valley or the Houston area, is a sheriff's deputy in Starr County. The indictments also contend that much of the profits were laundered into real-estate or business investments, including the Double R Feed & Seed in Mission, Texas, the Fronton Car Wash in Fronton, Texas, and the Golden R Meat Market, a convenience store in Fronton.

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8. On your door, you find a lovely wreath of pink slips.
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6. Boss's Christmas card says, "Don't let the door hit you on the way out."
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3. Whenever you ask for a raise, a guy shows up at your house and breaks your jaw.
1. You're the starting quarterback for the New York Jets.

Leave it to an engineer

In a fanatical country, a rabbi, a lawyer and an engineer have been held hostage for months and are about to be guillotined.

The rabbi puts his head on the block, they pull the rope, but nothing happens.

The ruler declares that the priest has been saved by divine intervention so they let him go.

The lawyer is next on the block and again, the rope doesn't release the blade.

The ruler declares that by international law, they cannot attempt to execute him twice so he is also set free.

Then they grab the engineer and shove his head into the guillotine.

He looks up at the release mechanism and says, "Wait a minute, I think I see your problem."

Wait just a minute ...

IRVING (AP) — Hold the horns. Deaden the drums. Smother the cymbals. Your time is up.

High school marching bands should be warned that too much music can cost big bucks at Jerry Jones' Texas Stadium.

Stadium officials sent the Abilene Cooper band a letter last week saying it owed \$1,200 because its halftime marching show went over by two minutes during a quarterfinal playoff game against Flower Mound Marcus last week.

According to information from Texas Stadium, fines are generally imposed because a longer halftime show often causes the game to run over, which increases operating costs.

During the Cooper game, each band was allotted half of the 24-minute halftime. Marcus used only eight minutes, so Cooper band director Anthony Gibson figured he'd have plenty of time.

His band remained on the field for 14 minutes — two minutes longer than it was allotted — but the game remained on schedule. A spokesperson for Bruce Hardy, general manager of Texas Stadium, told the Abilene Reporter-News that officials have decided not to fine the band this time, but too much marching will bring a penalty in the future.

Gibson said high school bands are accustomed to "borrowing" unused time from the other band performing at halftime. As long as the two performances combined don't exceed halftime, there's normally no problem.

Texas Stadium, however, has its own set of rules.

"When we went over two minutes, I didn't worry because Marcus took four minutes less," he said. "It's my own fault. I was well informed. Live and learn."

The Cooper band was back at Texas Stadium on Friday night for the state semifinal, a game the Cougars won in overtime, 24-21, to advance to the state finals. Gibson said he "cut things out and sped things up" to make sure the band stayed within its allotted time.

Abilene athletic director Robert Starr said the rules are now fully understood and will be followed from now on.

"They do ask you to hold it within 12 minutes, and when you go to Texas Stadium, you play by their rules," he said. "They have been really nice to us. Truly outstanding."

MONDAY MORNING EDITOR
JIMMY PATTERSON

102-year-old teaches manners to troubled youths



Despite his age of 102, Robert Jackson volunteers to help juvenile offenders at the Waxter Center in Laurel, Md. He has gone there three to five times a week, since 1981. He teaches adolescents restraint and respect toward each other sometimes using the Bible.

By James Franklin
Associated Press Writer

LAUREL, Md. — When Robert Jackson was a boy, his grandmother — a former slave — taught him that patience and good manners were the best way to cope with life in the segregated South.

Now at 102, Jackson is a volunteer foster grandfather. He's passing on the lessons he's learned about respect for others, trying to help incarcerated juvenile offenders straighten out their lives.

Jackson was born in Vincent, Ala., in 1894 and was raised with the help of his grandparents after his father died when he was three weeks old.

He had little education and worked a number of odd jobs

around the South, including well digger, coal miner, cook and farmer. He moved from job to job, trying to better support his family.

"You name it, I've done it," Jackson said.

Sometime in the 1940s — he forgets exactly when — he came to Baltimore, hoping to find better work.

For Jackson, being mannerly was a way to get along in the society of his day. "Back then I did my work, went about my business and never had no trouble," he said.

He believes young people today could stay out of trouble, too, if they just showed some restraint and respect toward each other.

That is what he tries to teach the youths at the Thomas Waxter

Center, where he began volunteering in 1981, at the age of 87.

Many of the youths brawl with each other when they arrive at the center, but Jackson teaches them to turn the other cheek.

"When I first came here, I was getting in fights, getting knocked down a lot," said Michael, a 13-year-old accused of selling drugs. "He taught me to hold my anger."

Jackson uses kindness and gentle coaxing — not criticism — to teach his lessons in a slow, deliberate voice.

"He teaches them to treat each other with respect — don't fight, don't beat each other up," said Robert Chambers, 27, who has been teaching at the facility since July.

Jackson uses the Bible, the only

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READERS WRITE

Christmastime: A season for optimism

By Berry Simpson

"I hope I have her optimism when I'm 86 years old," I said. I was talking to my Dad on the phone about my grandmother who is in the hospital in Lubbock. She went there to have her knee replaced, only to find out she needed angioplasty first. Her heart hadn't been bothering her, at least as far as she knew, but her knees had been hurting for a long time and I think she resented the heart surgery somewhat because it delayed her new knees. "I hope when I'm her age I'll have such hope for the future that I tolerate heart surgery just so I can have new knees."

My dad agreed. "Who knows," he said, "she may start running marathons with you." My grandmother lives a vibrant, active life, and I wouldn't put marathon running out of her reach.

"But the best example of optimism I've heard recently is about a guy who bought four brand new tires for a mini-van that has 200,000 miles on it."

My dad was talking about me. I put new tires on our family van just last week, and the odometer reads 147. Apparently, the dealership didn't feel we would need a six-figure odometer. However, I'm not sure the decision to buy new tires was from optimism as much as from my basic cheapness and desire to make anything I own last as long as possible.

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Thank You Note ...

I would like to say that there are many fine young people in Midland. We just don't always hear about them. I'm a senior citizen. I live in Midland. Thanksgiving Day, I was traveling on East Hwy. 80, going to Stanton to spend the day with some members of my family. Just before I reached I-20, I had a flat tire. Almost immediately, three young people, a young man and two young ladies, stopped and offered to help me. They changed

my tire very quickly and I was on my way. During the time they were changing the tire, three other vehicles stopped and offered aid. All the cars were occupied by young people the same age as the ones helping me.

It made me feel good to know there are still young people who go out of their way to help others. So — they aren't all bad.

My thanks publicly to these three fine young people.

— Sincerely,

Mrs. Marjorie Hinsley

JIMMY PATTERSON

Holiday Form Letters: IRS takes kids, wife hits cat

With each passing year, the mailbox overflows with not only personalized holiday greeting cards, but also those irritating Form Letters Home.

You know the letters. The ones that begin, "It's been a wonderful year for us! Skip won the Cash 5 contest and we went to Tahiti for a month. We've truly been blessed in many ways than one!"

Can life really be as perfect as it's made out to be in those silly things?

I don't send those letters. But if I did, I suppose ours would probably read something like this ...

To our family and friends,
It's been a wonderful year for the five of us. We sincerely hope you have been half as blessed as we have.

The same day 43 people in Roby won the Texas Lottery, we received a check, too! While the lottery winners will all be receiving checks of almost \$40,000



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a year for the next 20 years, we received an insurance reimbursement check for 80 cents. Attached to our little windfall was a note saying we had reached our deductible. We were so excited. We've consulted a financial management firm to discuss our bright futures and to talk about how we can make our money grow.

Some of you in the family may remember that we received a letter from the Internal Revenue Service telling us that they had checked their records and could find no proof that we had three children. After we looked into it a little further ourselves, we decided they were right: life has been quiet lately. We miss the kids, but we understand they have a nice home, promising futures and good jobs. They have changed their last names to Gifford. Ha ha!

Seriously, the IRS did finally write us late in the year to tell us that they had, in fact, been in error and that we did have three kids. We wrote them back and said during the months it took for them to come to that conclusion, we decided we'd just send them the kids and call it even. Ha ha ha.

Seriously, our children are all doing wonderful and we love them very much.

You probably remember that book from a few years back, "Everything I Know I Learned While I was in Kindergarten." I am writing my own version of the book this year. I'm calling it: "I Didn't Realize All I Had Forgotten Since I Was In Kindergarten. But Thanks to My Second Grader, I Feel Dumb All Over Again."

Our 2-year-old went trick or treating as a new super hero, "Petro Boy." It was all done quite by accident, after we walked into the bedroom and found that The Boy had located the Vaseline and had proceeded to spread it all over his face. He was a mess and most people we visited on Halloween didn't want to get near him, so they just tossed M&Ms his direction and they stuck to his face.

One morning in the fall, we woke up to find that our house had been wrapped. We immediately suspected a boy from our oldest child's school. Yes, can you believe our oldest is approaching the boy-crazy years? Makes me queasy everytime I think about it.

Speaking of queasy, we've all been quite healthy this year (thank goodness). I won the Jack

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Jerry Castro kept his goals simple: To "just finish standing up" in his first White Rock Marathon earlier this month.

Running for his life

Jerry Castro takes cancer recovery to a new level

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Never wavering despite setbacks, Midlander Jerry Lee Castro ran swiftly toward a lifetime goal in finishing his first marathon. And he did so a week ago in Dallas almost a year after he, agonizing in pain, was diagnosed with malignant testicular cancer and underwent an operation and, later, chemotherapy treatments.

"I was glad I made it standing up," said an ecstatic Castro, 27, after he had run the 26.2-mile Dallas White Rock Marathon in three hours, 18 minutes, and 25 seconds (3:18.25) for a seven-minute, 34-second (7:34) per-mile pace.

Overall, he was within eight minutes of qualifying for the presti-

gious Boston Marathon in April of 1997. For that honor, he, in his 18-to-34-age group, would have had to run "The Rock" in a maximum time of 3:10 at an average 7:15-minute per-mile pace.

"I knew I didn't qualify (for the Boston Marathon)" on his first try, Castro said. "I just wanted to cross the finish line standing up."

As for speeding up his running in a Boston-qualifying marathon, including the Fort Worth Cowtown Marathon in February, "I can work on that next time. I'm going to do some different strategy" with the advice of his marathoner-coach, Eddie Lopez. His main concern seems to be the "recovery time" from "The Rock" last Dec. 8 before

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My life as a career criminal is all Oprah's fault

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Roy Marsh

ELECTRA — Services for Roy Lee Marsh, 63, of Electra have been set for 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16 in First United Methodist Church. The Rev. Tom Medley will officiate. Burial will follow in Electra Memorial Park under the direction of Dutton Funeral Home.

Marsh died Friday, Dec. 13, in a Wichita Falls hospital.

He was born Nov. 10, 1933, in Wilbarger County. He was owner

and operator of Marsh Well Service. He married the former Shirley Von Cowan March 26, 1952 in Electra. He was affiliated with First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Ruth Ellen "Babe" Mowat, in 1992.

Survivors include his wife of Electra; his daughter, Linda Diane Beebe of Midland; his son, Tony Wayne Marsh of Electra; his brother, Silas Frank Marsh of Electra, and five grandchildren.

POLICE REPORTS

Midland County Sheriff's Office Saturday

Vandalism: A security officer at Texas Instruments, 10001 W. Interstate Hwy. 20, reported at 7:24 a.m. that an ATM machine in the lobby was vandalized.

Theft: Someone at Dillard's Department Store, 4511 N. Midkiff reported at 4:47 p.m. Two female juveniles were taken to Culver Youth Home.

Theft: Someone at JC Penney's, 4511 N. Midkiff, reported at 6:13 p.m. A female was taken into custody.

Midland Police Department Sunday

Burglary of a residence: Stella Gamble reported at 1:32 a.m. a television, VCR, two guitars and \$1,500 in tools were taken from 1507 Belmont. Entry may have been gained through kicking in a side door.

Burglary of a residence: Lori Guest reported at 9:18 a.m. a house at 4405 N. Garfield was broken into. Entry may have been gained through a side window.

Theft: Dave Delone reported at 10:02 a.m. a television and Magnavox stereo were taken from 1902 N. Midland Dr. The items were missing Saturday.

Bush has much to gain, lose in tax-relief efforts

DALLAS (AP) — Although some advisers warned him against tackling property tax relief, Gov. George W. Bush has pushed the subject to the top of the agenda as the next legislative session is about to convene.

Political scientists and consultants say the outcome of the debate over taxes could define Bush's administration.

Success would set the stage for a re-election bid and for national consideration for a shot at the White House in 2000, they say.

"It puts him with people who clearly will be the folks he's going to be measured against at the national level if he has any national plans," Chuck McDonald, a Democratic consultant in Austin, told The Dallas Morning News.

"For Governor Bush, it's an opportunity to earn a parenthetical expression that will go behind his name for as long as he runs for office in Texas or nationally — 'George W. Bush, who lowered property taxes in Texas,'" McDonald said.

Failure, political observers warn, could dampen his political fortunes.

"The damage would be great," said Allan Saxe, political science professor at the University of Texas at Arlington. "It would show he doesn't have the political muscle to put through a plan."

Bush dismisses the political speculation, saying the state should act before taxpayers revolt.

"There is deep concern all across our state of Texas," he said. "The homeowner, the older person who is worried that (rising) property taxes mean they'll have to repay their mortgage, the young home buyer concerned about property taxes preventing them from buying a home."

It was during the 1994 gubernatorial race that Bush said Texas depends too much on local property taxes to finance public schools.

Bush promises to reverse a trend that finds local property taxes accounting for 53 percent of funding for public schools compared with about 47 percent ten years ago.

Politically, advocating lower property taxes is not a problem. But raising other taxes to make up the difference has proved more difficult.

Earlier this year, a citizen's committee appointed by Bush held hearings and concluded that property taxes are too high, but found no consensus among the various tax options on a replacement.

"It doesn't take a rocket scientist to predict the flood. The genius comes in building the ark," said Rep. Steve Wolens, D-Dallas. "So far, the governor hasn't told us how he's going to build the ark."

According to those familiar with the negotiations, Bush is expected to detail a plan as early as next week calling for a new business-activity tax that borrows, in part, from a Michigan single-business

tax designed to shift some of the tax burden from capital-intensive companies to labor-intensive businesses.

While Bush's first legislative session was characterized by cooperation between Republicans and Democrats, cracks have begun to show in recent weeks in the bipar-

tisan veneer.

Both Democratic leaders have begun questioning whether there is sufficient demand to modify the state's tax system. And they have warned that any changes could upset the delicate legal balance governing the so-called "Robin Hood" school-funding formula.

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Danger of Fiesta Texas' 'Rattler' roller coaster alleged in lawsuits

By Kelley Shannon

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Touted as the world's tallest, fastest and steepest wooden roller coaster, "The Rattler" opened four years ago with the promise it would strike terror in its riders.

Today, many claim the Fiesta Texas attraction did that and more and that its builder knew early on of safety problems, but took no action.

"They knew that they had a problem. They knew that they were going to hurt people," said Randall Jackson Jr., a lawyer representing 16-year-old Christina Bauer and 18 other Rattler riders.

Scores of lawsuits were filed by park-goers claiming they were injured on the roller coaster. Many claims were settled out of court. At least 49 cases are pending.

Documents emerging from those cases reveal Fiesta Texas officials described 106 injuries on the Rattler from July to November of 1992. Court documents also show the coaster's builder was warned about potential dangers around the time it opened in March.

In reports to the Texas Department of Insurance, Fiesta Texas reported only seven Rattler accidents for 1992 that required medical treatment, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press under the Texas Public Information Act.

Ultimately, the Rattler underwent design changes to tame the ride. Fiesta Texas is now managed by Six Flags Theme Parks, and park spokeswoman Sydne Purvis said last week the roller coaster is safe.

Ms. Purvis would not discuss the number of Rattler injuries or legal claims.

Plantiffs in dance club discrimination lawsuit to divide at least \$50,000

HOUSTON (AP) — Two Houston discotheques sued by a group who claimed dress codes were arbitrarily enforced to keep out Asian-Americans have agreed to settle the suit by giving the plaintiffs at least \$50,000.

The clubs also agreed to clarify their admissions policies, conduct cultural diversity training for employees and monitor discrimination at the door by using anonymous "test" patrons.

The lawsuit, filed this summer in a federal court in Houston, claimed that The Roxy and Tempest discriminated against Asian-Americans through use of a dress code that was not uniformly enforced.

Twenty Asian-Americans originally filed the class-action suit, but that number grew to 43 by the time a consent order was issued last week.

"We should be able to go somewhere and enjoy ourselves like everybody else," Nena Ha said of her reason for joining the lawsuit.

Plaintiffs' attorney David Kahne said Saturday that the \$50,000 settlement would not be divided equally, but declined to comment further. The settlement also requires that if there are any other monetary awards that they be kept secret.

Larkin Stallings, chief financial officer for Austin Entertainment, the general partner of The Roxy, denied that the club ever discriminated and said the financial settlement was "a pure and simple business decision."

He said it likely would have cost more to fight the lawsuit in court. He said that as far as he knew, the total cost of the settlement was \$50,000. He declined to say how much each club paid.

The order said the settlement was not an admission of wrongdoing by either discotheque.

"They knew that they had a problem. They knew that they were going to hurt people."

— Randall Jackson Jr., lawyer

Fiesta Texas apparently has settled most but not all the Rattler-related legal claims, plaintiffs' attorneys say. Insurance giant USAA, whose subsidiary leases the park to Six Flags with an option to buy, referred all questions to park officials.

Most recent legal wrangling is with the coaster's builder, Roller Coaster Corp. of Texas; a related company, Milajest Inc.; and designer John F. Pierce Associates Inc.

Defense attorneys say their clients weren't at fault.

"We built the ride according to the owner's specifications. ... They implemented every safety precaution on this ride," said Stephanie O'Rourke, a lawyer for Roller Coaster Corp. and Milajest.

For months before its unveiling beside the limestone cliffs at Fiesta Texas, the Rattler was billed as a world-record coaster for its 166-foot drop, the 61.4-degree angle of its first drop and its speed of 68-73 mph.

In March 1992, the president of D.H. Morgan Manufacturing Inc., the California maker of the coaster's cars, wrote to the coaster's builder about his safety worries.

Company president Dana Morgan warned that opening the Rattler on schedule despite construction and weather delays didn't allow for enough testing time and was "not a prudent or wise move."

Design changes before the coaster's opening increased the force of the ride at the bottom of its first

drop, possibly endangering people with pre-existing medical conditions, Morgan added.

D.H. Morgan has settled all but about five injury claims against it and its cars are no longer on the Rattler, said its lawyer, David E. Chamberlain.

In the Fiesta Texas document describing 106 injuries on the Rattler part of its first season, 51 percent of those were said to have occurred on the first drop. Most were head and neck injuries.

Citing logs of ambulance runs to the park, plaintiffs' lawyers Jackson and David Adkisson — who represent most of the pending injury claims — allege there were approximately 150 injuries requiring ambulance treatment on the Rattler its first two years. Other people sought medical treatment after leaving the park, they added.

Jeannette Kite, 33, blames her neck injury and resulting surgery on her ride on the Rattler in July 1992.

"It's been a horrific ordeal," said Ms. Kite, a homemaker with three children. She is suing the Rattler's builder and designer.

Ms. Kite said she heard her neck "click" at the bottom of the Rattler's dramatic first drop, where the coaster track turned abruptly. After 20 months of medical therapy for a herniated disc, Ms. Kite opted for surgery.

Miss Bauer was 12 when she rode the roller coaster in August 1993.

"I fainted on the first drop," she



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TUESDAY
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Mostly cloudy and cold
High 39
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Texas Yesterday

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Dallas/Ft. Worth	52/39/0.38
El Paso	50/35/0.00
Lubbock	41/33/0.00
San Angelo	54/35/0.05
San Antonio	68/40/0.00

YESTERDAY'S PRECIPITATION

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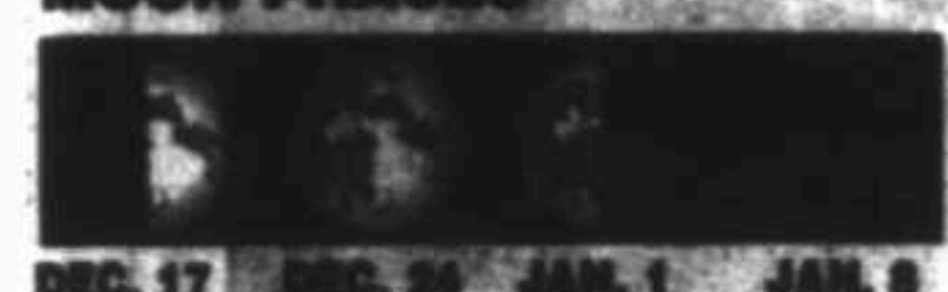
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High	51
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Albany	43	34	pc
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Boston	42	35	c
Buffalo	47	37	c
Charlotte	53	45	pc
Cheyenne	23	2	c
Chicago	33	26	pc
Cincinnati	45	39	sh
Cleveland	46	38	sh

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Columbus, OH	46	35	sh
Dayton	44	40	sh
Denver	32	0	c
Des Moines	32	13	c
Detroit	38	32	c
Duluth	24	14	c
Evansville	37	32	pc
Grand Rapids	34	30	c
Great Falls	38	-5	sn
Helena	22	2	pc
Houston	60	55	s
Indianapolis	36	30	sh
Jackson, MS	50	36	sh
Jacksonville	67	51	pc

City	H	L	W
Juneau	29	25	pc
Kansas City	36	20	c
Las Vegas	59	38	c
Little Rock	37	29	pc
Los Angeles	76	49	s
Louisville	43	37	sh
Memphis	42	33	sh
Miami Beach	78	64	pc
Milwaukee	33	27	pc
Minneapolis	27	17	sn
Mobile, AL	68	48	t
Nashville	48	41	sh
New Orleans	58	42	t
New York	45	40	c
Omaha	36	14	c
Orlando	75	57	pc
Philadelphia	47	39	c

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Phoenix	67	44	s
Pittsburgh	52	38	c
Portland, OR	44	31	s
Raleigh	51	44	c
Reno	50	17	s
Richmond	48	41	c
St. Louis	32	28	pc
Salt Lake City	39	14	pc
San Diego	72	48	s
San Francisco	67	44	s
Seattle	42	32	s
Sioux Falls	26	13	sn
Spokane	42	32	c
St. Thomas	81	75	sh
San Jose	74	68	c
San Juan, PR	81	73	sh
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Trinidad	86	71	t
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Chihuahua	69	35	c
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New Delhi	66	40	pc
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DEAR ABBY

Woman brings family closer by resolving bitterness over bad divorce

By Abigail VanBuren

DEAR ABBY: I have something to say to the millions of families whose lives are affected by divorce.

An unforgiving and bitter person who has not let go of animosities can poison an entire family and ruin the holidays for everyone. I know. I was that person.

I couldn't forgive my husband and his new wife, and my children suffered for it. One day after a particularly



VanBuren

harsh outburst, I understood the pained reaction on my children's faces. I prayed for the strength to change my ways so I could stop hurting those I love most in the world.

It has been a long struggle with occasional setbacks, but the rewards have carried me forward. I have not remarried and I am not completely healed, but I have peace in my heart and my children are happy. They are free to enjoy both homes and the holidays with each family. It is a priceless gift to give your children, and yourself. — FREE IN VERMONT

DEAR FREE: I can't think of a more meaningful gift suggestion for this holiday season. Happy holidays to you and your now hap-

pier family.

DEAR ABBY: I am writing in response to "Longtime Reader, Bloomington, Minn." who was upset that "Mrs. Jones" asked her nanny if she wanted another part-time job. Your reader had no right to get upset about the nanny being offered another job. As long as it doesn't affect her 35-hour work week, anything the nanny does during her free time is her business — not her employer's.

Mrs. Jones should not need anyone's permission to talk to the nanny. So what if "Longtime Reader" paid \$1,200 to get her nanny? I am a nanny and my family paid \$2,350 to get me, and they do not tell me who I can and cannot sit for. Paying a fee does not guarantee own-

ership of the nanny. The nanny may seem like a member of their extended family, but she really isn't. She is an employee and is entitled to her own life and her own decisions about her time off. — LYNETTE A. BUDD, ROWLEY, MASS.

DEAR LYNETTE: I agree that the days of indentured servitude are over. And if the nanny's arrangement with her employer is for 35 hours a week, what she does in her spare time is her own business.

However, as a courtesy, Mrs. Jones should have spoken to "Longtime Reader" before extending an offer to her domestic

employee. It is a question of good manners.

DEAR ABBY: Add this to your stories about short men: My best friend had a rather rocky marriage with many arguments. After one such episode she came over for coffee and a shoulder to cry on. During our conversation she said, "Your husband is more of a man at 5 foot 6 than mine is at 6 foot 5."

She was right. They later divorced, and she raised their four children on her own. — ANONYMOUS, PLEASE

YOUR CHUCKLE FOR THE DAY: "Never go to bed mad. Stay up and fight." — PHYLLIS DILLER

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Abigail VanBuren's column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

Family donates to promote society

N.Y. Times Service

WASHINGTON — A wealthy New England family anonymously has donated \$35 million, one of the largest charitable endowments nationally this year, to create a Massachusetts-based institute aimed at exploring and encouraging a civil society.

The gift and establishment of the Institute for a Civil Society, a private, nonprofit think tank based in Newton, will be announced Monday.

Pam Solo of Newton, Mass., president of the new institute, said in an interview that the gift came from members of a wealthy family with a history of philanthropic activity. She said the donors, who live in New England, asked that their identities not be disclosed.

The institute will finance research and award grants to community-based organizations in support of innovative solutions to problems that undermine the institutions making up the "social" part of society, such as families, cultural traditions and communities, Solo said.

"Everything we do is focused on supporting breakthroughs at the local level in strengthening and rebuilding a civil society," said Solo, a former nun and longtime human-rights activist who came to Massachusetts from Colorado. "We find and support what works. We look for the problem solvers."

Rep. Patricia Schroeder, a Colorado Democrat who leaves office this year after serving 12 terms in the House, will lead the institute's first project, a five-year effort

funded at \$1 million a year, called "New Century/New Solutions."

In an interview, Schroeder described the institute as something to encourage "out-of-the-box thinking" with a mission that matches her post-congressional goal of finding new answers to persistent societal problems. Schroeder, who campaigned for liberal causes and broke barriers for women in her long congressional career, will also be teaching at the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University.

"New solutions have not been possible in the Congress because we are always being pulled towards lowest-common-denominator thinking," Schroeder said. "America is on the verge of a new era of problem-solving focusing on win-win solutions."

Schroeder said the public's lack of confidence in government as a problem solver opens new avenues for activism. For example, she noted consumers are increasingly demanding that business meet certain standards and avoid certain types of behavior, such as using animals to test products or child labor to produce goods.

Solo said the institute will not accept grant proposals. Instead, it will search for local "partners" that promote a sense of community and allow individuals and families to thrive, such as youth and athletic organizations, day-care centers and churches.

"Civil society is more than civility and good manners. It is about rebuilding the very fabric of our society," Solo said. "This is about substance more than tone. We will

be outcome-oriented."

In recent months, Solo, acting as an agent for the donors, has awarded small grants to several Boston programs as a precursor of the work institute hopes to do.

The recipients included Stop Handgun Violence; the Ten-Point Coalition/Boston Freedom Summer; Azusa Christian Community; the Wheeler Mobility Center and the American Association for the Advancement of Science Human Rights Project.

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FOOTBALL — Buffalo Bills at Miami Dolphins, 8 p.m., ABC.

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FOOTBALL — Dallas Cowboys 12, New England Patriots 6.
Cincinnati Bengals 21, Houston Oilers 13.
BASKETBALL — Houston Rockets at Portland Trail Blazers, late.
HOCKEY — Dallas Stars 4, Ottawa Senators 0.

Texas' new closer

World Series MVP John Wetteland and the Texas Rangers are moving close to a deal that could be completed early this week, a source told The Associated Press on Sunday.

Wetteland, a free agent who led the AL with 43 saves for the New York Yankees last season, and the Rangers met last week.

ESPN reported late Sunday night that the deal was basically a sure thing. The network reported that the closer had already signed.

A source close to the negotiations said Sunday night that no deal had been reached. But he said Wetteland and the AL West champion Rangers were nearing agreement, and that it was possible the sides could finalize a contract in the next few days.

Dallas-area television stations KXAS and WFAA reported Sunday night that Wetteland was expected to arrive in town Monday morning.

Wetteland, who made \$4 million last season, turned down a \$4.6 million player option after the Yankees beat Atlanta for the championship. Wetteland became the first pitcher ever to record four saves in a World Series.

Without Wetteland, the Yankees would move star setup man Mariano Rivera into the closer's role. Rivera was 8-3 with a 2.09 ERA, along with 130 strikeouts in 107 2-3 innings, in his first full season in the majors. Wetteland, 30, was 2-3 with a 2.83 ERA during the regular season. He was successful on 43 of 47 save chances.

Mavs' trade bait

FORT WORTH — Dallas Mavericks forward Jamal Mashburn is on the trading block, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Sunday.

Two NBA sources have told the Star-Telegram that the team is trying to deal Mashburn and his \$3.8 million salary to another team, clearing the way to acquire free-agent center Brian Williams.

"It'd be fine with me," Mashburn said after Saturday night's 106-105 loss in San Antonio. "I wouldn't be sad, I know that. I just don't know where I fit in here, what my role is, it wouldn't bother me to go at all."

Coffey dealt

PHILADELPHIA — Disgruntled defenseman Paul Coffey, unhappy since being dealt to the Hartford Whalers earlier this season, was traded to the Philadelphia Flyers on Sunday for defenseman Kevin Haller and two draft picks.

In addition to Coffey, the NHL's career leader in goals, assists and points by a defenseman, the Flyers picked up a third-round pick in the 1997 draft.

The Whalers got Haller, a six-year veteran with previous stops in Buffalo and Montreal, and first- and seventh-round picks in the 1997 draft. The 35-year-old Coffey, a probable member of the Hockey Hall of Fame, balked at reporting to the Whalers when they obtained him in a trade with the Detroit Red Wings Oct. 9.

He finally did, but he made it clear he wasn't happy playing for the Whalers, a team which leads the Northeast Division but whose last playoff appearance came in 1992.

Coffey, who won three Stanley Cups playing along Wayne Gretzky and Mark Messier in Edmonton in the 1980s and one playing with Mario Lemieux and Pittsburgh.

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NFC EAST CLINCHING DALLAS COWBOYS

'Thank God for our defense'

Boniol's four FG's, Dallas 'D' earn 'Boys fifth title in a row

By **Donne H. Freeman**
AP Sports Writer



Dallas 12
New England .6

IRVING — The NFL's top-ranked defense and kicker Chris Boniol, the only constants in a chaotic season of suspensions and injuries, carried the defending Super Bowl champion Dallas Cowboys to a record fifth straight NFC East title.

Boniol kicked four field goals and the Dallas defense produced three interceptions, a fumble recovery and two critical fourth-down stops Sunday as the Cowboys defeated the New England Patriots 12-6. The Pats are now 0-7 all-time against the Cowboys.

Dallas (10-5) has one game left at Washington, while the Patriots (10-5) had already clinched a playoff berth. New England can clinch the AFC East with a win at the New York Giants next Sunday or if Buffalo loses to Miami on Monday night.

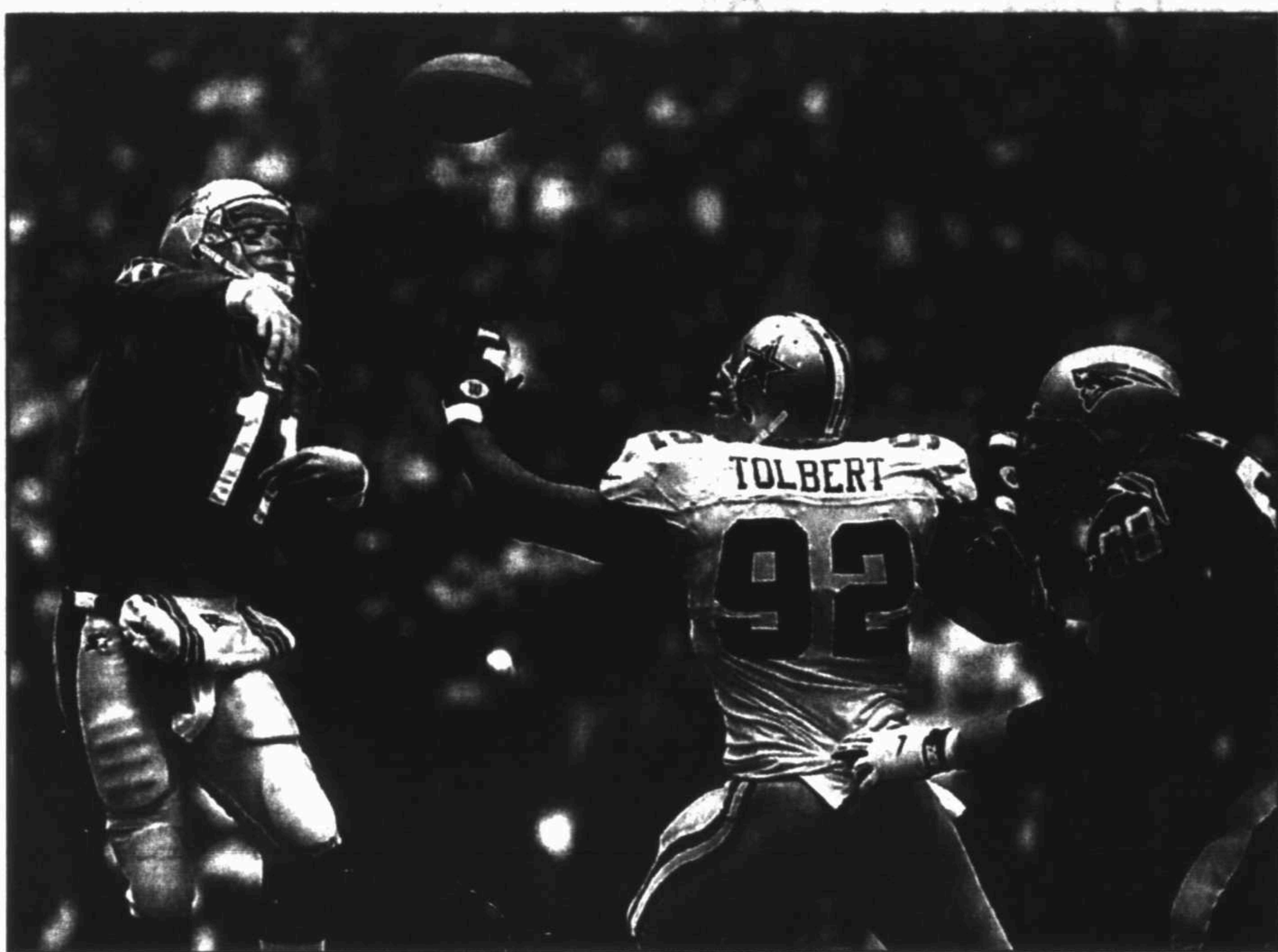
"Thank God for our defense," Dallas coach Barry Switzer said. "The offense hasn't played well all year and we had to hang onto our defense. This was the way it was for us last year about this time. Maybe it takes the playoffs for us to get going on offense."

"I told the team they ought to be damn proud of the fact they're the first team to ever win five consecutive NFC East titles."

The Cowboys, regardless of the outcome of their game at Washington, will host the wild-card team with the worst record either Dec. 28 or 29 in Texas Stadium.

"We're going to treat it like a bye week," Switzer said, indicating he would rest many of his players against the Redskins.

Safety Darren Woodson intercepted two passes and Roger Harper picked off



New England Patriots quarterback Drew Bledsoe (11) throws over Dallas Cowboys defensive lineman Tony Tolbert (92) in the second quarter Sunday. Blocking right is Patriots tackle Max Lane (68).

another as Drew Bledsoe was victimized by the NFL's top-rated defense against the pass.

"We've had to fight and struggle all year," said wide receiver Michael Irvin, who was suspended for the first five games of the season. "But our defense won it for us. If we play like this on offense, we'll be out of the playoffs

as soon as they start. It was flat-out embarrassing the way we played. I just about cried."

New England came into the game averaging 28 points, best in the NFL. The six points was the lowest point total of the year for the Pats, and their lowest scoring game in the last 26.

Dallas, playing for the second game

without suspended defensive lineman Leon Lett, also turned New England back twice on fourth-down gambles. New England failed on fourth-and-1 from its 48 in the third quarter when George Teague batted a pass away.

Ty Law made his second interception

Please see **BOYS/2C**

Irvin takes offense with Dallas' offense

By **Jaime Aron**
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Michael Irvin wanted to be generous. As a reward for the Dallas Cowboys' defense constantly bailing out the offense, he offered Sunday to let them split up his salary for the first five games of this season, a total of \$513,235.

"That's nothing but zeroes," Pro Bowl safety Darren Woodson reminded Irvin, who was suspended for those games for violating the league's substance abuse policy.

"Y'all gotta take that up with Tagliabue," Irvin said, smiling.

That brief exchange was about all that made Irvin laugh following Dallas' 12-6 victory over New England. He quickly turned serious to address the state of the Cowboys' offense, which didn't score a touchdown for the third time in five games.

"I'm concerned, scared and embarrassed," Irvin said. "It's flat-out embarrassing for us to be playing the way we're playing. I stood there on the sidelines and just about cried."

Irvin caught six passes for 76 of Dallas' 251 total yards, but he also made a few mistakes. He couldn't catch up to a bomb from Troy Aikman on the game's first play, then he stood by watching as Ty Law stepped in front of him and intercepted Aikman to open the Cowboys' next drive.

Irvin spent much of the day sulking on the sidelines. After one pivotal play went against Dallas, he had a heated discussion with receivers coach Hubbard Alexander.

"Every man on offense has to carry their weight and we're not doing that," Irvin said. "I don't have a beef with the play-calling. I have a beef with us not getting it done."

Please see **IRVIN/2C**



New England Patriots cornerback Ty Law, right, intercepts a pass intended for Dallas Cowboys receiver Michael Irvin (88) in the first quarter on Sunday.

Odessa's Northcott wins world roping title; Beaver captures All-Around championship

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Odessa's Steve Northcott teamed with Hereford's Steve Purcella to win the respective world titles in the heading and heeling at the National Finals Rodeo on Sunday. Both team ropers earned \$91,039 over the 1996 season.

Also, Joe Beaver jump two positions and won his second straight All-Around championship.

"I'm tickled to death," said Beaver, who won the calf roping go-round Sunday in the Thomas & Mack Center to pass both Roy Cooper and Herbert Theriot for the title. "I had two really good calves in the last two rounds."

"They couldn't take anything away from me. I was cutting my own cake. My

destiny was in my own hands."

There was little suspense, unlike last year when Beaver clinched the world championship after the eighth go-round.

This time, he needed to place in the final go-round for a chance at passing Theriot. Beaver won the round with an 8.6-second run — and its \$29,134 prize to move up to first in the NFR average.

"That's kinda the way I liked it," said Beaver, of Huntsville, Texas. "I always said if I was to play football, I'd like to be the place kicker. Because then it's either you win or you lose, from here to zero."

Beaver won \$78,770 at the NFR to raise his season earnings to \$166,103. Roy Cooper, of Childress, Texas, was second with \$157,980 and Theriot was third with

\$151,644.

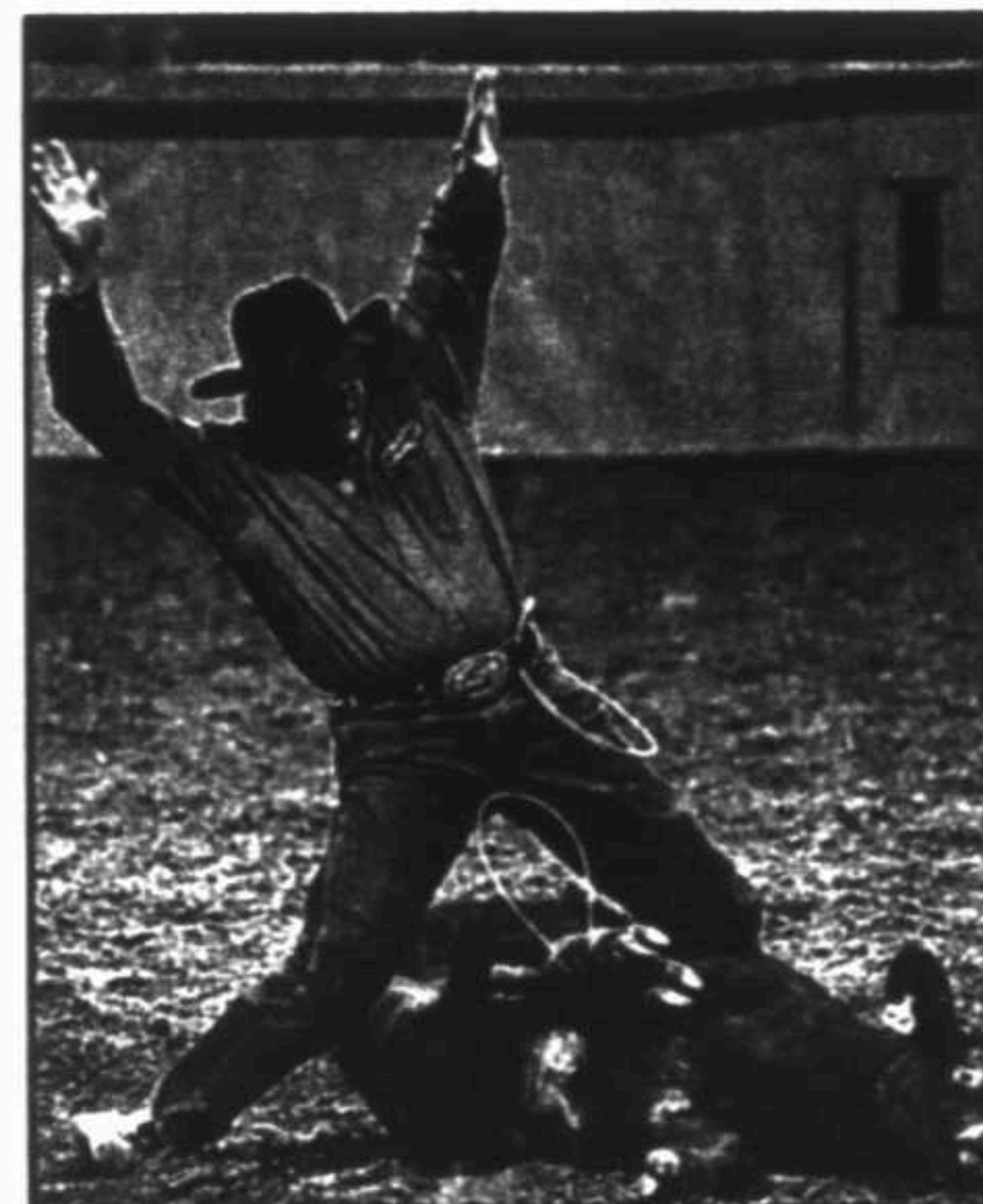
Theriot, the lone cowboy to qualify for the NFR in two events, wasn't disappointed in his third-place finish.

"Joe roped good," said Theriot, who won the world calf roping title in 1994. "But like I told my wife before the final, if I don't win it, so what. You can't wear two gold buckles at once anyway."

Fred Whitfield, of Hockley, Texas, won the world calf roping title with \$155,336.

In bull riding, Terry West won the world championship with \$125,424. Brazilian Adriano Moraes won the average and Royd Doyl, of Pittsburg, Texas, won the go-round with a 94.

Please see **RODEO/7C**



Joe Beaver, of Huntsville, throws his calf. Beaver won the All-Around honors for the second year.



Former heavyweight champion Riddick Bowe, right, from Brooklyn, N.Y., reacts to a shot from Andrew Golota from Warsaw, Poland during their scheduled 10 round bout at the Atlantic City Convention Hall on Saturday. Golota was disqualified again for repeated low blows.

Reputations for Bowe, Golota take a blow — below the belt

By **Ed Schuyler Jr.**
AP Boxing Writer

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Riddick Bowe says there's no question he's the best heavyweight in the world.

Maybe in his mind, but others question the skills of the former undisputed heavyweight champion following a second straight disqualification victory over Andrew Golota on Saturday night.

Bowe was knocked down twice and was on rubbery legs in the late rounds before he was knocked down by a low left and right, leading referee Eddie Cotton to disqualify Golota for flagrant blows.

Golota already had been penalized a point for a low blow in the second and another point for an intentional head butt in the fourth. Larry Hazzard, the New Jersey boxing

commissioner, said the disqualification was up to Cotton's discretion.

"I hope Mr. Holyfield will give me another fight," said Bowe, who has beaten Evander Holyfield in two of three meetings. Holyfield is the WBA champion, having stopped Mike Tyson in the 10th round Nov. 10.

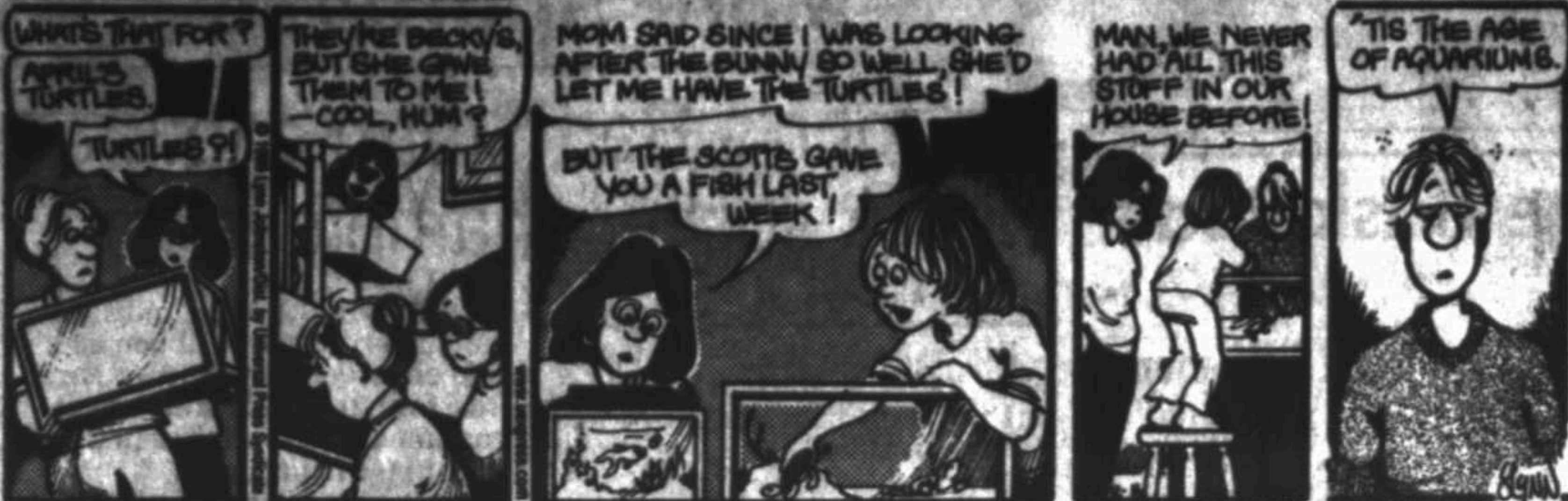
Perhaps Bowe should listen to his mother. "Women don't like boxing," Bowe said. "She still wants me to retire."

Bowe was in such trouble that trainer Thell Torrence could be heard on television telling him after the seventh round, "If you don't show me something this round I'm going to stop the fight. You're not doing anything in there."

Golota won the eighth round and apparently had the fight in hand despite the two penalty points.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Renewing an old friendship or romance will get 1997 off to an exciting start. Steer clear of office infighting lest you end up out in the cold. Practical compromises are favored. Next summer could find you at an emotional crossroads, eager to embark on a new lifestyle. Seek legal advice on protecting your resources from an individual who may want to get something for nothing. The ideal mate will love you for your own unique self.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: "NYPD Blue" producer Steven Bochco, actress Liv Ullmann, anthropologist Margaret Mead, composer Ludwig van Beethoven.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): If you feel that you are making little headway in business, it could be that your timing is off. Spending money on professional advice and vocational training will accelerate career progress.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The favors you seek now will benefit your associates as well. Co-workers welcome your leadership. Complete an important project by mid-afternoon. Turn in essential paperwork.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You

can change the course of events by acting swiftly. Romance is worth the demands it makes on your schedule. Spend some quiet time together discussing your plans for a bright future.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Learn from someone else's experience. Stress practicality in the work place. A friend's business or financial proposition may be more risky than you realize.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Mixed trends could have you and your associates in a quandary. Postpone a decision until later in the week. New techniques will boost the bottom line in business.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Not a good day to make new commitments. Weigh the pros and cons of a friendship that has caused you problems. Keeping abreast of new developments in your field makes you valuable to employer.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Progress is slow but steady where your career is concerned. Keep your demands modest. Your personal relationships will become less problematic if you lighten up.

(For your personalized daily Jeane Dixon horoscope, based on your own date of birth, call 1-900-988-7788. Your phone company will bill you 99 cents a minute.)

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Solitude would suit your state of mind just fine today. Try to avoid people and situations that make you nervous. Your mate or partner is loyal and supportive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your mood could change quickly if money becomes scarce. Try to stay on an even keel. Tighten your belt and skip the luxuries; true pals will understand.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The future belongs to the doers as much as the dreamers. Remember this when making a career choice. A new alliance is possible if you cut through the confusion surrounding an unusual business arrangement.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Initiate a conversation that is long overdue. State your case clearly and concisely. Your intuition is your best guide in family affairs; loved ones will listen.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A dynamic and open-minded person wins your admiration. Retain your individuality; copying someone else's style is silly. A freelance assignment could provide you with needed income.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q. 1 - Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

4AKQ1097 ♠53 ♠AK 4932

The bidding has proceeded:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
? What do you bid now?

A - For as long as we can remember, the surest way for opener to show a self-sufficient suit after a two-over-one response is to jump on the second round. We can see no reason not to bid three spades.

Q. 2 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:
4J1043 ♠Q1073 ♠Q10 4KJ4

The bidding has proceeded:
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1 NT Pass 2 ♠ Pass
? What do you bid now?

A - All those tens are impressive, but the hand is rife with secondary honors and contains only one prime card. That makes it a bit weak for a jump to game. You are, however, full value for an invitational raise to three spades.

Q. 3 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:
4AKQ943 ♠1098 ♠A 4J75

The bidding has proceeded:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
? What do you bid now?

A - That singleton ace of diamonds is ominous, boding a possible misfit. Therefore, you should pull in your horns a little and simply bid two spades, to see how the auction develops.

Q. 4 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:
4AKQ4 ♠J75 ♠8 4AKJ53

The bidding has proceeded:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
? What do you bid now?

A - Your hand is worth an advance toward slam, especially since it can be made below game-level. The obvious move is to bid four clubs, confirming a distributional hand with strong values in the bid suits.

Q. 5 - Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
4852 ♠A109 ♠Q 4AK7652

The bidding has proceeded:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
? What do you bid now?

A - An awkward problem. You can't bid no trump with spades unstopped, and since you have already shown a six-card club suit,

rebid three clubs would be redundant. With good three-card support, we suggest you raise partner's second suit. Bid three hearts, even though partner probably has no more than four. At least North knows you do not have four!

Q. 6 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
4952 ♠K6 ♠A96 4AJ1095

The bidding has proceeded:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
? What do you bid now?

A - It is simply a question of whether you want to rebid two clubs or one no trump. With a balanced hand that is dead minimum, we are reluctant to make a bid that might suggest an unbalanced hand. Our choice is one no trump despite the lack of a spade stopper.

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"I always thought 'Do not open until Christmas' was just an expression."

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Senior PGA Tour players Bob Murphy, left, and Jim Colbert celebrate after Colbert sank a ten foot birdie putt on the 14th hole to help them win the Senior division of the Diner's Club Match.

Lehman, Waldorf defend Diners Club match title

LA QUINTA, Calif. (AP) — Tom Lehman and Duffy Waldorf successfully defended their PGA Diners Club match championship with a 2 and 1 victory Sunday over Scott Hoch and Kenny Perry.

Jim Colbert and Bob Murphy won their second consecutive Diners Club Seniors championship with a 3 and 1 win over Vicente Fernandez and Jay Sigel.

Dottie Pepper and Juli Inkster snapped Kelly Robbins' and Tammie Green's nine-match winning streak and defeated the two-time defending champions 1-up in the LPGA's portion of the event.

Lehman, the defending British Open champion and a leading contender for player of the year, sank a 9-foot birdie putt on the par 3, 17th hole to clinch the victory.

"We really felt happy just to be in the final round," Lehman said. "Duffy just played great golf all week. We wouldn't have been in the finals without his play."

Lehman overcame inconsistent putting in the first two rounds to card seven birdies in 17 holes Sunday.

"It is nice to finish the year off

on a winning note," Lehman said. "Especially after I didn't play well in the first three matches."

Waldorf recorded one of his three birdies at the par 5, 16th hole to move the team to 2-up with two holes to play. His 12-foot birdie putt forced Hoch and Perry to win both of the final holes to force a playoff.

"I'm really happy with the way I played," Waldorf said. "I knew if I could get rid of most of the pain in my back I'd be fine."

Waldorf was sidelined early this year following knee surgery and then missed nearly two months last summer because of two protruding discs in his back.

Colbert and Murphy were one down going into the par 3, 12th hole. Murphy won the hole with a 10-foot birdie to square the match.

Colbert sank a 22-footer at the 13th for birdie to go ahead in the match. Colbert then rolled in a 20-foot birdie putt at 14 to give he and Murphy a 2-up lead.

Each winning team will split the \$220,000 first prize. Each losing team split \$120,000 in the \$2.1 million event.



Steven Purcella, right, of Hereford, heads the calf while teammate Steve Northcott, of Odessa, starts to rope the heels during the 10th performance of the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Sunday.

RODEO: Etbauer breaks earnings mark

(From 1C)

"Last year, I had a shot at it and the last bull got me," said West, who won his first world championship. "In my mind, I thought something was going to happen again and I wouldn't get it (this year)."

"I think in a way that helped me. It just took the pressure off."

Billy Etbauer, of Edmond, Okla., won the world championship with \$190,256, breaking his own record for season earnings. Etbauer also won the average. Ryan Mapson, of Arlee, Mont., and Jess Martin, of Dillon, Mont., split the go-round with \$83.

In bareback riding, Mark Garrett, of Spearfish, S.D., won the world championship with \$139,867. He also won the average and the final go-round with an 83.

Garrett moved into first place during the final round when his brother, Marvin, was disqualified on a free-hand violation.

Chad Bedell, of Jensen, Utah, won the steer wrestling world championship with \$120,783. Mark Roy, of Dalmalead, Alberta, Canada, won the average and Tom Duvall, of Henryetta, Okla., won the go-round at 3.7 seconds.

Kristie Peterson, of Elbert, Colo., won the barrel racing world championship with \$170,082. Peterson, who also won the average, tied Kay Blandford, of Stockdale, Texas, with a 14.11 time to win the final go-round.

NFR Results

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Final results Sunday of the \$3.2 million National Finals Rodeo held at the Thomas and Mack Center:

Final Go-Round Results
Bareback riding: 1. Mark Garrett, Spearfish, S.D., 83 points on Big Bend Rodeo's Spry King, \$11,654; 2. Clint Corey, Kennewick, Wash., 82, \$6,829; 3. (tie) Eric Mouton, Weatherford, Okla., and Pete Hawkins, Weatherford, Texas, 81, \$5,297.
Calf roping: 1. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, 8.6 seconds, \$13,384; 2. (tie) Herbert Thieriot, Poplarville, Miss., and Roy Cooper, Childress, Texas, 9.1, \$6,352.
Bull riding: 1. (tie) Jess Martin, Dillon, Mont., and Ryan Mapson, Arlee, Mont., 83 points on Calgary Stampede's Shaka's Zippy Delivery, \$10,241 each; 3. (tie) Toby Adams, Red Bluff, Calif., and Dan Mortensen, Manhattan, Mont., 82, \$5,297.

Steer wrestling
1. Tom Duvall, Henryetta, Okla., 3.7 seconds, \$13,384; 2. (tie) Chad Bedell, Jensen, Utah and Rope Myers, Van, Texas, 3.9, \$6,352.

Team roping
1. Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas and Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas, 4.1 seconds, \$8,365; 2. Daniel Green, Valley Springs, Calif. and Chris Green, Valley Springs, Calif., 4.2, \$6,286; 3. Lutton Cowden, Merced, Calif. and Brent Lockett, Visalia, Calif., 4.5, \$4,172. Also 6. Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas and Steve Northcott, Odessa, Texas, 5.4, \$464.

Barrel racing
1. (tie) Kay Blandford, Stockdale, Texas and Kristie Peterson, Elbert, Colo., 14.11 seconds, \$7,317 each; 3. Tacy Lynn Johnson, Henryetta, Okla., 14.31, \$4,172.

Bull riding
1. Roy Doyal, 94 points on Gowney Brothers Rodeo's Dodge Ram Tough, \$11,654; 2. Keith Adams, 90, \$8,829; 3. Jerome Davis, 89, \$6,357.

Finals Average Payoff
Bareback riding: 1. Mark Garrett, Spearfish, S.D., 786 points on 10 head, \$31,783; 2. Ken Lensegraver, Piedmont, S.D., 780, \$24,367; 3. Pete Hawkins, Weatherford, Texas, 742, \$18,011.
Calf roping: 1. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, 101.9 seconds on 10 head, \$29,135; 2. Roy Cooper, Childress, Texas, 109.1, \$24,050; 3. Bud Ford, Everman, Texas, 109.9, \$19,070.

Saddle bronc riding
1. Billy Etbauer, Reel Heights, S.D., 805 points on points head, \$31,783; 2. Ryan Mapson, Arlee, Mont., 777, \$24,367; 3. Craig Latham, Texhoma, Texas, 753, \$18,011.

Steer wrestling
1. Mark Roy, Dalmalead, Alberta, 44.8 seconds on 10 head, \$29,135; 2. Frank Davis, Sonora, Texas, 48.0, \$24,050; 3. Birch Negeard, Buffalo, S.D., 48.9, \$19,070.

Team roping
1. Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas and Steve Northcott, Odessa, Texas, 70.9 seconds on 10 head, \$18,011; 2. Bobby Hurley, Ceres, Calif., and Cody Cowden, Le Grand, Calif., 85.5, \$15,031; 3. Kevin Stewart, Glen Rose, Texas, and Tom Bourne, Marietta, Ga., 89.8, \$11,919.

Barrel racing
1. Kristie Peterson, Elbert, Colo., 141.89 on 10 nose, \$18,011; 2. Kay Blandford, Stockdale, Texas, 142.00, \$15,031; 3. Charlotte Schmidt, Cui Bank, Mont., 147.17, \$11,919.

Bull riding
1. Adriano Morales, Keller, Texas, 724 points on nine head, \$31,783; 2. Michael Gaffney, Lubbock, Texas, 723, \$24,367; 3. Terry West, Henryetta, Okla., 690 points on eight head, \$18,011.

FINAL WORLD STANDINGS
All-around: 1. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, \$166,103; 2. Roy Cooper, Childress, Texas, \$157,961; 3. Herbert Thieriot, Poplarville, Miss., \$151,645.
Bareback riding: 1. Mark Garrett, Spearfish, S.D., \$139,867; 2. Ken Lensegraver, Piedmont, S.D., \$113,399; 3. Sherry Cervi, Mesquite, Ariz., \$109,271.
Calf roping: 1. Fred Whittfield, Hockley, Texas, \$155,336; 2. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, \$139,024; 3. Cody Orr, Orchard, Texas, \$137,815.
Saddle bronc riding: 1. Billy Etbauer, Reel Heights, S.D., \$190,257; 2. Dan Mortensen, Manhattan, Mont., \$177,948; 3. Dan Etbauer, Goodwell, Okla., \$139,478.
Steer wrestling: 1. Chad Bedell, Jensen, Utah, \$120,784; 2. Brian Fulton, Valentine, Neb., \$106,007; 3. Ote Berry, Checotah, Okla., \$102,039.
Team roping, heading: 1. Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas, \$91,089; 2. Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, \$85,677; 3. Charles Pogue, Ringling, Okla., \$78,249.
Team roping, trailing: 1. Steve Northcott, Odessa, Texas, \$91,089; 2. Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas, \$85,677; 3. Allen Bach, Teller, Ariz., \$76,997.
Barrel Racing: 1. Kristie Peterson, Elbert, Colo., \$170,082; 2. Dan Etbauer, Goodwell, Okla., \$152,895; 3. Sherry Cervi, Mesquite, Ariz., \$109,271.
Bull Riding: 1. Terry West, Henryetta, Okla., \$125,425; 2. David Fournier, Pookville, Texas, \$119,308; 3. Jerome Davis, Archdale, N.C., \$111,212.
Wrangler Bullfighting: 1. Mike Matt, Billings, Mont., \$46,018; 2. Loyd Ketchum, Miles City, Mont., \$41,941; 3. Greg Rumohr, Cleburne, Texas, \$37,938.

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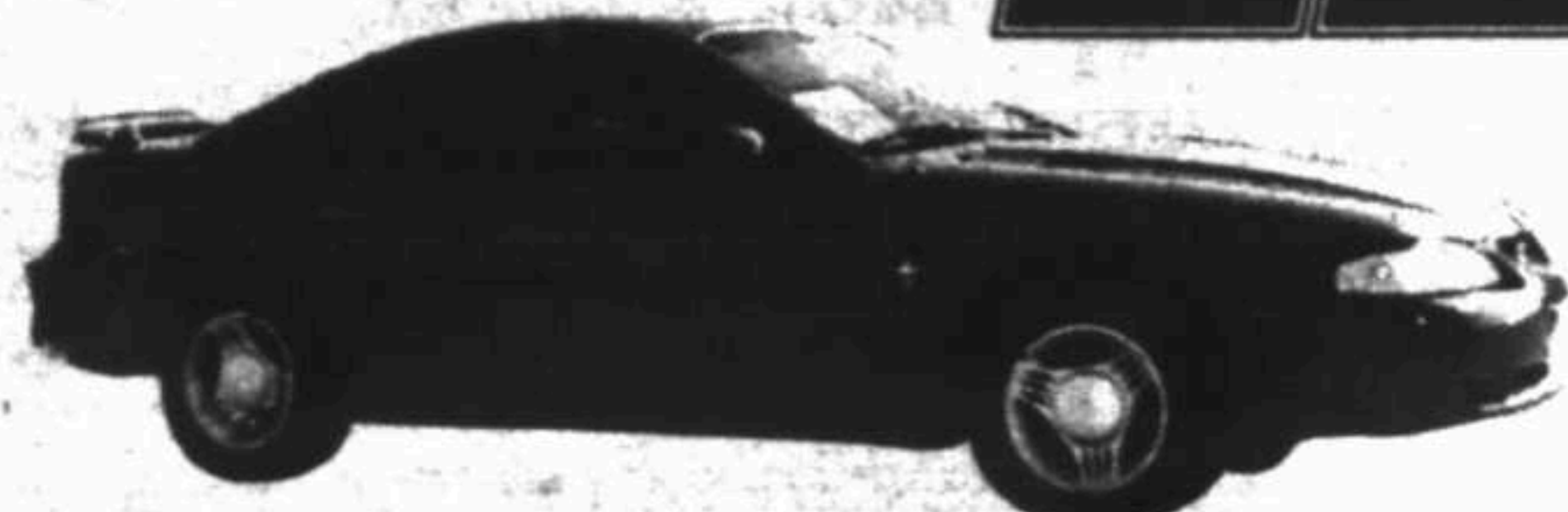
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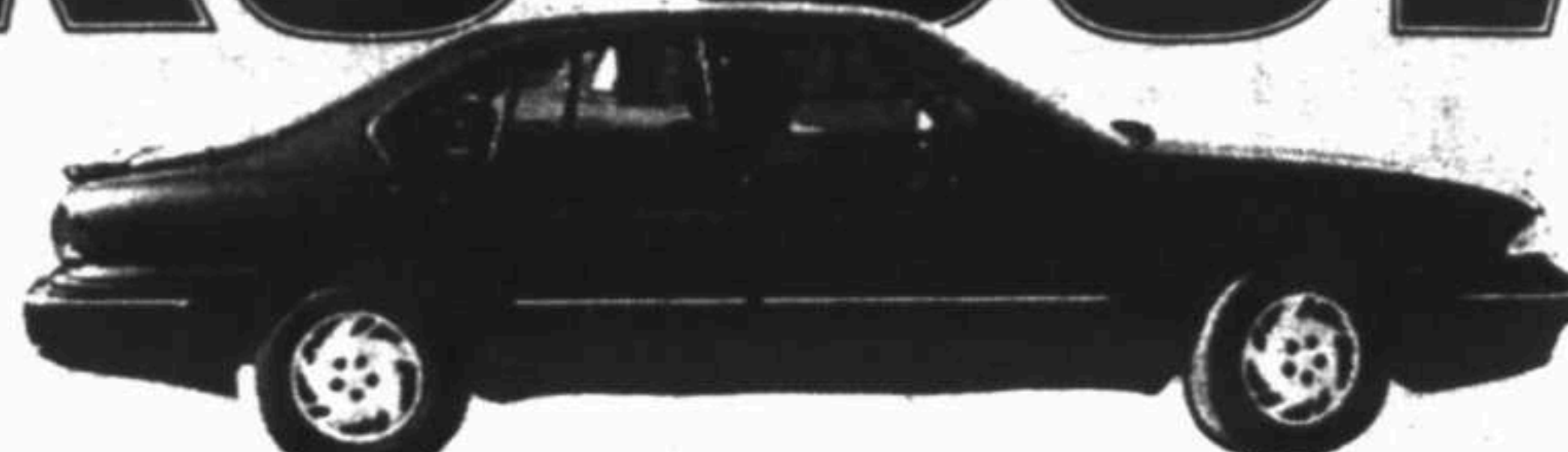
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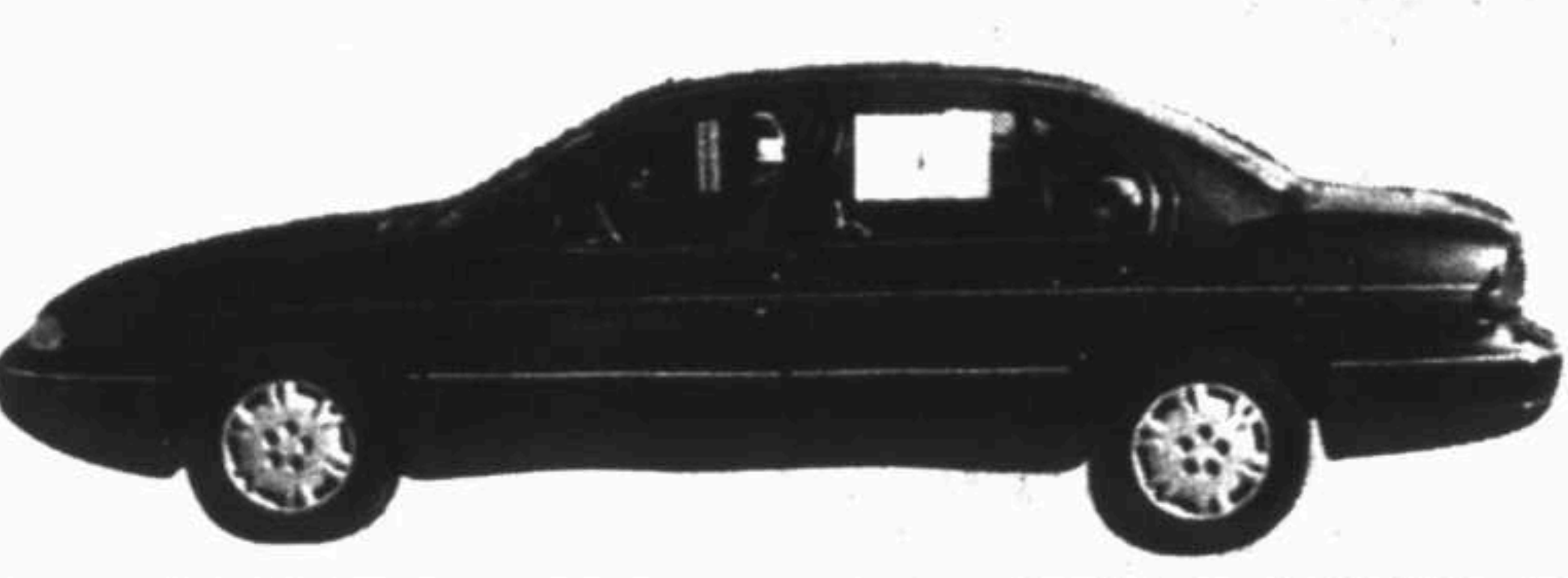
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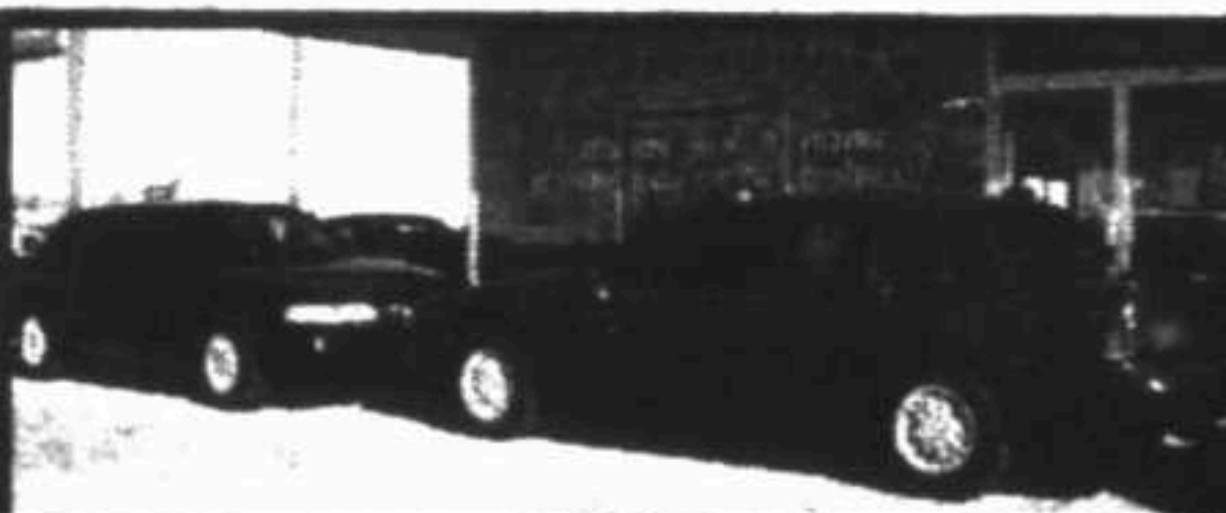
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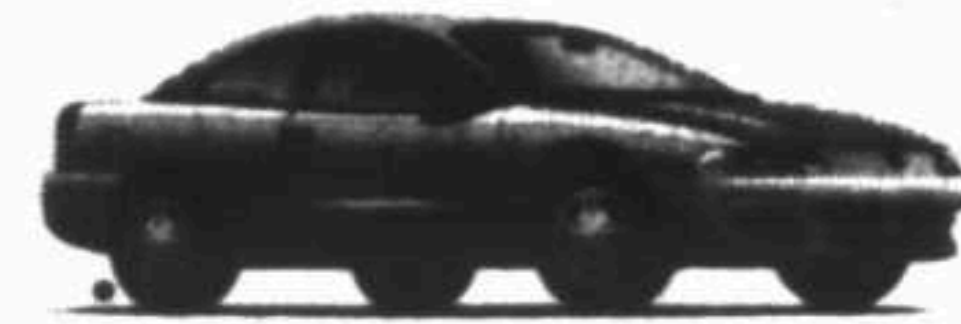
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GIANT GUMMEL ROUTE 15 machines on location, \$12,000 1-800-446-1834.

351 Business Opportunities
GET REAL Estate License quickly. Short state course. Day, weekend or evening. Southwest College, 697-7277.

352 Business Opportunities
FOR SALE: SUZUKI CLOSET. A very special jewelry shop. Furniture, inventory, accounts receivable. Serious buyers call before 8 am or after 6 pm. 684-6439.

353 Business Opportunities
WELL ESTABLISHED restaurant for sale. Call 699-1339 or 683-5677.

354 Business Opportunities
ATTENTION Readers
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VACUUM cleaners
Whitway Vacuum
520-6484.

GARAGE
SERVICES

355 Household Goods
PINBALL CLASSICS, 1975 Bally's Wizard and Captain Fantastic \$1,650 pair; 1965 Goldie's Skyline \$500 and Dodge City \$200, 686-7068.

356 Household Goods
2 PENN Down riggers. Lowracer \$15 paper graph for sale. 363-8348.

357 Household Goods
NEW NORDICTRACK, \$300. Baby bed, \$20. New motorcycle tire, 120/190/18. Microwave. Car tires. 684-9871.

358 Household Goods
11 HORSE POWER Sears riding mower, \$300. 18 Cubic foot stand up freezer, \$100. 7 white Rockwell Christmas trees, \$25. 684-6828.

359 Household Goods
DALLAS COWBOYS Jacket. Call 520-5221.

360 Household Goods
AIR HOCKEY game table, full size, like new condition, \$95. 697-9909.

361 Household Goods
FITNESS EQUIPMENT, quality items. Pace Master 870X walker, \$500. Parabolic lat machine, \$280. Water international weightstand, 7 ft. bar, hand bars, \$220. DT gym mat, \$150 with bench \$150. Kaleigh of England Super Grand Prix touring bike, \$150. 550-7821, leave message.

362 Household Goods
MACINTOSH COMPLETE System with laser printer. \$800. 550-8159.

363 Household Goods
GENTS 2 TONE Rolex. Never worn. See in Old Town Midland at Frank Hawk jewelry, 305 Dodson. 684-4525.

364 Household Goods
GREAT CHRISTMAS Gifts! Full length Saber Mink coat with full pelts and Sabers Mouton coat, \$2,000 or best offer. Call 685-0811 after 6 pm.

365 Household Goods
BLUSH Fox Stroller. Appraised at \$2,850, price negotiable. Will trade for guns/motorcycle. Call 366-9938.

366 Household Goods
4 CARAT tennis bracelet. Just in time for Christmas. \$2,100. Call 570-7702.

367 Household Goods
2 CARAT VVS Diamond G.I.A. Appraised - \$18,000 - \$20,000. Sell for \$12,500 o.b.o. Also Rolex watches, \$1,600 o.b.o. Call 689-4501, Cash America.

368 Household Goods
ENHANCE Your President's Rolex watch by adding a beautiful, like new, diamond bezel. \$3,500. 697-4835.

369 Household Goods
ROLEXES- Ladies' President, Men's President, men's two tone. Priced to sell Odessa 332-2657, before 5:30.

370 Household Goods
BEAUTIFUL 2 1/4 CARAT Marquis solitaire ring. \$4,000. Call 697-6604.

371 Household Goods
GORGEOUS SOLITAIRE diamond earrings. Call 520-8649.

372 Household Goods
WANTED ATVS and dirt bikes. Call 332-9253 9 am to 6 pm.

373 Household Goods
SOUTHWEST COMPANY Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687-5039.

374 Household Goods
GREEN ACRES pecans. 5 pounds of halves \$27.50, 5 pounds of pieces \$25.00. Will deliver. 686-8155.

375 Household Goods
FRESH PECANS! \$150 /lb. in shell. \$50.00 /lb. bag shelled or \$18 / 4 lb. bag. 561-9642 leave message if no answer.

