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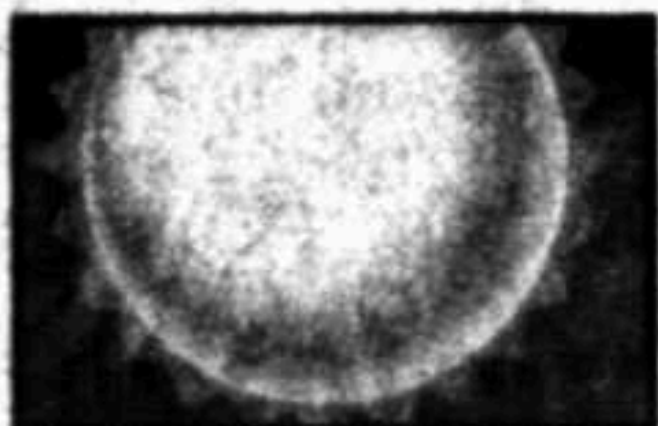
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Hillary in Haiti

Haitian First lady Geri Preval and First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton greet children during a tour of the Basile Moreau School in Port-au-Prince, Haiti Sunday. Clinton promised more storm relief to the Western Hemisphere's poorest nation Saturday, making Haiti her final stop on a tour of Central American and Caribbean countries ravaged by this season's hurricanes.

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Military might

OSAN AIR BASE, South Korea — From muddy tanks and troops at an Army outpost to an Air Force U-2 spy plane hangar, President Clinton tried to spotlight American military might Sunday across the Demilitarized Zone from a still-hostile North Korea. Later the president was flying to Guam, the Pacific island U.S. territory that hosts Andersen Air Force Base, a staging base for American warplanes that would be used in a war in Asia.

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Impeachment

WASHINGTON — Rep. Bob Livingston thinks the full House would need only a few hours to debate and vote on Clinton's impeachment. Livingston, while insisting that the constitutional process must be followed, has said he wants the matter dealt with before he takes office.

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Jimmy Patterson:

If my middle daughter was a hockey player, she'd live in the penalty box some days.

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Rating casts shadow on shelter

■ Big Spring citizens, alarmed by poor conditions at the Humane Society, reported its condition to state authorities in August.

By Johnnie Montgomery

BIG SPRING — The number of dogs residing at Big Spring's Humane Society is fewer than half that were there in early August, and the condition of the animals and their quarters is markedly improved.

The old runs have been torn down to allow for construction of new cement-floored dog pens, and there is ample shelter for every dog.

Food is stored in sealed containers, clean water is available in every pen and the pens are clean-looking and secure.

There are now 10 paid employees to clean and care for the animals, up from two in August.

The facility has built two separate quarantine areas — one for dogs and one for cats — adjacent to its offices where injured and sick animals can be segregated.

There is evidence of more work to be done as well as work in progress. There are piles of broken cement lie waiting to be removed. Some of the pens still have dirt floors. Rescue teams with dogs in their trucks make tortuous detours to reach the spacious finished pens.

Employee turnover is high, since there can never be any letup in the constant cleanups necessary just to keep the status quo. But these are relatively manageable problems to the beleaguered shelter's board of directors who know from experience what a real problem looks like.

Bobby French, of the SPCA of Texas Rescue and Investigation agency, visited the Big Spring Humane Society shelter in August as a result of a videotape sent to the agency. He rated it "unacceptable" on six counts at this initial inspection.

At a second inspection in October he pronounced the shelter's improvement "outstanding." There was no formal report written at the October visit, but there will be another inspection and report after further progress in the shelter's new construction, according to the SPCA's Dallas office staff.

Yet, the wounds resulting from the events occurring during the long hot summer around Big Spring's Humane Society are slow to heal.

Melanie Gambrell, owner and operator of a pet-grooming facility at the edge of Big



Johnnie Montgomery

Volunteer Fran Turrentine takes time to play with one of the pets under the shelter's care. Ms. Turrentine manages Big Spring's Humane Society, which has come under fire for the condition of the shelter and its animals. The SPCA of Texas Rescue and Investigation agency had criticized the dog pens for being dirty.

Spring, was instrumental in calling attention to the overcrowding and inadequacies of the shelter. She still worries that the shelter's cleanup and reduction in numbers is temporary.

"I want to know what happened to the other dogs," she said. "I want to know that they're really going to continue (to maintain clean, uncrowded conditions)."

Ms. Gambrell said that on numerous occasions she spoke to members of the humane society board of directors, to

members of the American Kennel Club in Big Spring, and to other concerned pet owners over a period of several years about conditions at the shelter, but no one was willing to get involved.

"This is a small town, and everybody knew what it was like out there, but nobody wanted to hurt anybody."

Finally, Ms. Gambrell and another Big Spring citizen visited the shelter and videotaped the dog pens — empty water containers, food on the ground, dogs

breeding and one emaciated dog with its ribs showing. She sent the video to the SPCA of Texas, and soon afterward, French paid the shelter a visit.

While French's report described cleanliness of the cages as "deplorable," the condition of both dogs and cats was listed as "good."

About the emaciated look of one of the dogs, French couldn't be reached for comment. But staff members at the

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Left to right, John Khoury, vice president, Patricia Newada, president and Nelson Brown stand outside the the Native American Center in San Antonio. The Native American Center offers meals and shelter, job-training and placement, and basic fellowship for American Indians.

San Antonio center extends hand to a forgotten minority

By Rene A. Guzman

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Two years ago, Nelson Brown and his wife, Diane, packed up the car and left the Navajo reservation in Chinle, Ariz., to come east in pursuit of a new life.

After dead-end jobs in McAllen and Rio Grande City, the Browns drove north to San Antonio this past July with no prospects and little hope.

"We moved to San Antonio thinking we would find a job here, but instead we got homeless," recalls Nelson, a 48-year-old Navajo Indian. "If it hadn't been for the center, I don't know what we would have done."

While the country honors its original inhabitants in November with National American Indian Heritage Month, the Native American Center of San Antonio is striving to meet that duty every day.

Nestled in a small shopping center behind Nelson Wolff Stadium on the

city's South Side, the Native American Center offers meals and shelter, job-training and placement, and basic fellowship for American Indians.

When Brown walked through the center's door in July, he was nearly beaten. He left with fresh clothes and food, and something else: hope. Brown picked up a lead on educational possibilities in his chosen field, drug counseling.

Today, Brown serves on the board of the city's first center dedicated to helping what is sometimes called the "forgotten minority."

"Our people are never going to be a majority in anything," says Patricia Newada, a Cherokee-Choctaw who is president of the nonprofit center. "We're just invisible people."

While more than 75 million Native Americans have populated the continent throughout history, today there are less than 2 million. Texas has the eighth-high

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Ungrateful? At 9,159, the Dow isn't so far from 10,000

By Bruce Meyerson

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The stock market has risen so far so fast that it may sound greedy and ungrateful to be talking about more. And yet, even though the Dow Jones industrial average has jumped 1,700 points in about six weeks to 9,159.55, it's hard not to notice that 10,000 isn't that far away.

"Ten thousand is right around the corner as far as I'm concerned," said Joe Battipaglia, a Gruntal & Co. analyst and one of Wall Street's biggest bulls. "There will be those who look at 10,000 from here as too much too soon, but I'm not willing to make that call after watching the Dow's (huge rally) from the bottom."

A move to 10,000 would be equal to a 33 percent gain since the Dow slid below 7,500 at one point on Oct. 8. It would be an impressive achievement even over a full year.

But many commentators, even upbeat ones such as



Abby Joseph Cohen of Goldman Sachs & Co. and Jeff Applegate of Lehman Brothers, mostly avoid mention of the "10,000-point question."

Battipaglia pegs his prediction to a combination of

falling interest rates, tame inflation and huge demand for U.S. stocks.

By contrast, it's the very magnitude and speed of the market's rebound, a pace most analysts say cannot be sustained, that poses the biggest obstacle.

"We're at 9,000 now. If we get to 10,000 next year at this time, that will be an 11 percent return, which is normal for bull markets," said Hugh Johnson, the chief investment officer at First Albany Corp.

But if the outlook for company profits led to the plunge since the July 17 peak of 9,337.97, some analysts wondered how a move beyond that record can be rationalized so soon against a still shaky backdrop.

The global financial crises behind the summer selloff have eased, but not stabilized enough to provide a healthy environment for a Dow that start-

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Ethnic, religious tension trigger riots in Indonesian capital

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Mobs of Muslim youths set fire to churches and attacked Christians on Sunday in an eruption of ethnic and religious violence in the capital that killed six people.

Some victims were mutilated and one was paraded in the streets by his killers. Troops desperate to restore order fired shots and volleys of tear gas to break up rock-throwing crowds that officials said had burned four churches and ransacked seven others.

The violence comes as Indonesia grapples with its worst economic crisis in 30 years. Millions of people now live in poverty as inflation and unemployment rates soar.

President B.J. Habibie is at the center of student protests over his plans to change Indonesia's political system, which opponents say fall short of introducing true democracy.

Riots broke out less than half a mile from the presidential palace Sunday, a little more than a week after deadly clashes between students and security personnel also triggered rioting. As many as 17 people died during the earlier clashes. The last died Sunday at a hospital.

Dozens were reported injured in the new clashes Sunday between the Muslim majority and Christians originally from the eastern city of Ambon.

Muslim residents said they retaliated after the Ambonese threw rocks at a mosque and



Rioters toss debris on a car they set on fire in Jakarta Sunday. Deep-seated ethnic and religious tensions erupted on the streets when mobs of Muslim youths attacked or burned at least four Christian churches and then went on a riot spree.

smashed windows.

In one attack, Muslim mobs broke into a Roman Catholic church where a wedding was being held, shattering stained glass windows, chalices and a statue of the

Virgin Mary. Pews and Bibles were tossed onto a bonfire. "We got out as quickly as we could," said the bride, Threewaty, 27, who like many Indonesians goes by only one name. "We're still

not married. But we're safe." In the street outside the church, several hundred Muslim youths sat in the middle of a road and recited Islamic prayers. Some carried banners proclaiming themselves

members of the "Front to Defend Islam."

At least four churches were burned and seven ransacked, officials said, adding that the damage toll could rise.

Mobs blocked fire trucks from reaching the burning Christian Church of Ketapang.

Mobs threw rocks at an open-backed military truck carrying 20 Ambonese as it raced away and boys poked sticks at the occupants through the vehicle's protective wire netting.

"Kill them," the rioters screamed.

Officials of the Indonesian Red Cross recovered five bodies of Ambonese who had been slashed with knives and broken bottles. The killers of one man cut off one of his ears and brandished it.

Assailants paraded a sixth body in a cart. It was not known where the victim was from.

A gambling hall was also set afire and a Catholic girls' school was ransacked and partly burned. Many Muslims accuse the Ambonese of involvement in illegal gambling.

Dozens of stores, other buildings and cars were damaged or burned.

The military said Muslims also targeted ethnic Chinese after hearing unsubstantiated rumors the minority group had paid for attacks on them.

Several stores in the capital's Chinatown were burned Sunday. Witnesses said ethnic Chinese res-

idents, many of them also Christian, armed themselves with sticks and knives to protect their homes

Jakarta's central military commander, Lt. Col. Widodo, and a bodyguard were stabbed and seriously injured in one brawl.

Local television stations reported that 10 people were arrested after rival mobs attacked one another. Squads of soldiers protected several churches as night fell and fired at looters.

About 90 percent of Indonesia's 202 million people are Muslim, making it the world's most populous Islamic nation. However, religious tolerance is enshrined in the national philosophy.

Muslim preachers tried to calm angry crowds by reading passages from Islam's holy book, the Koran, over loud speakers as hundreds of followers sat on a major road.

Outside one university campus about 2,000 people threw rocks and built a bonfire.

The violence was the latest sign that the military, under pressure over human rights abuses, is increasingly hard-pressed to keep order in the city of 11 million people.

More than 160 soldiers who fired shots at student protesters during last week's riots have been punished for disobeying orders, and some face courts-martial, said armed forces spokesman Maj. Gen. Syamsul Maarif.

Palestinians say Israeli release of thieves instead of political detainees violates accord

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel violated the U.S.-brokered Mideast peace deal by releasing common criminals instead of detainees who fought Israeli rule over the West Bank and Gaza Strip, the Palestinians said Saturday.

In the latest tangle over the peace agreement, the Palestinians protested to the United States that the releases were a violation of the land-for-security accord struck at the Wye summit in Maryland last month.

The Palestinians said of the 250 prisoners released Friday, only 100 of them were accused in the struggle against Israel. They said the remaining 150 were car thieves and drug dealers.

"We didn't go to Wye River to use the services of (President) Clinton to release car thieves," said Ahmed Tibi, a senior aide to

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. "This is not fair and shows bad intentions."

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in response that the peace accord did not stipulate that Israel free terrorists or activists of Islamic militant groups responsible for anti-Israeli attacks.

"There is no way that I will free murderers," Netanyahu said in a statement. "I said at Wye that I won't free terrorists with blood on their hands, not murderers and not Hamas members."

Despite the smooth transfer of the territory, three Palestinians were slightly injured Saturday when Israeli soldiers fired rubber bullets to disperse some 200 Palestinian protesters near the northern West Bank settlement of Yitzhar.

Palestinian police continued Saturday to move into the 9.1 percent

'We didn't go to Wye River to use the services of (President) Clinton to release car thieves.'

— Arafat aide Ahmed Tibi

of the West Bank handed over by Israel a day earlier, but the latest disagreement threatened to jeopardize the release of 500 more Palestinian prisoners.

Under the Wye deal signed last month, Israel must withdraw from a total of 13 percent of the West Bank by the end of January in tandem with Palestinian efforts to curb anti-Israeli activity.

The pullbacks in three phases will grant the Palestinians partial or total control over 40 percent of the area, or 920 square miles. Israel captured the West Bank from Jordan in the 1967 Mideast War.

Palestinian police on Saturday entered seven of the 36 villages located between the cities of Jenin and Nablus.

Only a smattering of residents in the farming communities showed up to welcome the police, who had already operated unofficially in much of the area.

But in the village of Tubas, police jeeps were escorted by scout troops playing drums and onlookers waving red, green, white and black Palestinian flags.

The withdrawal isolated several Jewish settlements and Israeli troops began reinforcing them. In Ganim, a community of 51 fami-

lies, many were thinking about leaving.

"If this place turns into an armed camp, it's not the way we wanted to live," said Ilan Amar, who sells car paint in the Israeli port city of Haifa.

Meanwhile, the Palestinian Cabinet called on Israel to abide by the Wye deal and cease Jewish settlement activity in the West Bank.

Israeli settlers, who oppose the land-for-peace deal with the Palestinians, have been trying to occupy West Bank hilltops to prevent them from being handed over in the future.

In a statement, the Palestinian Cabinet said "settlements would destroy the peace process, stability and security."

Israeli soldiers were slated Saturday night and Sunday to complete the demarcation of the borders of areas transferred to the

Palestinian Authority, Israeli media reported.

Arafat told reporters in Gaza on Saturday that the withdrawal was "a good beginning in the implementation of what was agreed upon."

The Palestinian leader sent congratulations on Friday to those residents now under his authority and asked that they "raise the Palestinian flag."

Apparently as part of a Palestinian crackdown on anti-Israeli extremists, Palestinian police on Saturday arrested Ismail Haniya, a leader in the Islamic radical group Hamas, relatives said.

Since the signing of the accord, Palestinian police have arrested hundreds of members of Hamas, which opposes the peace process and has taken responsibility for several deadly attacks on Israelis.

Man accused of killing 52 people goes on trial in Ukraine

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — The killer struck at night on Dec. 24, 1995, bursting into the secluded home of the Zaichenko family. Soon, the forester, his wife and two small sons were dead, shot from a sawed-off, double-barreled hunting rifle.

Their house in Garmarnia, a village in central Ukraine, was set ablaze, marking the start of a bloody trail that terrorized the country for four months.

The trail would eventually end with the arrest of Anatoly Onoprienko, a forester and sailor who confessed to the killings. On Monday, the man accused of being Ukraine's worst serial killer goes on trial, charged with 52 counts of murder.

The charges against Onoprienko chart a remarkable rampage that first drew public attention with the Zaichenko slayings.

Other killings soon followed. On the night of Dec. 30, 1995, an attacker shot dead a husband and

wife and the wife's twin sisters. Once again, the killer took gold jewelry, two passports and an old jacket, setting fire to the house and leaving no traces.

Then seven people were slaughtered. A family of five was slain and two others killed on a nearby road. A family of four, including two children, was butchered on Jan. 30.

In western Ukraine, no villager ventured outside after dark. Huddled in their houses, they listened to the whispers of the night as police patrolled deserted streets.

Authorities launched a nationwide manhunt for the killer, who left few clues and no live witnesses.

The killer continued to elude police, killing another 14 people in four attacks between Feb. 21 and March 22, 1996.

But the net was tightening.

Police found the owner of the rifle, who said the weapon was stolen from him. Authorities compiled a list of the man's acquaintances.

In the Lviv region, a report pointed to a man traveling in the region between visits to his girlfriend in Yavoriv, near the Polish border.

On April 14, armed officers followed the woman into her apartment and found the man, with a sawed-off hunting rifle inside a briefcase.

In less than four months, Onoprienko, 36 at the time of his arrest, had allegedly killed 40 people, including 10 children.

Confronted with evidence found hidden at the homes of his lover and his brother, Onoprienko confessed — not only to those 40 deaths, but to those of 12 people in 1989, authorities say.

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Clinton mixes with troops to make point to N. Korea

OSAN AIR BASE, South Korea (AP) — From muddy tanks and troops at an Army outpost to an Air Force U-2 spy plane hangar, President Clinton tried to spotlight American military might Sunday across the Demilitarized Zone from a still-hostile North Korea.

"North Korea must maintain its freeze on — and move ahead to dismantle — its nuclear weapons program," Clinton declared to hundreds of troops and their families huddled in sub-freezing cold outside a hangar that houses U-2s of the "Black Cat" 5th Reconnaissance Squadron.

Later the president was flying to Guam, the Pacific island U.S. territory that hosts Andersen Air Force Base, a staging base for American warplanes that would be used in a war in Asia. From Guam, Clinton was returning to Washington on Monday after a five-day Asia tour.

Clinton's Guam itinerary included a visit to the War in the Pacific National Park on Asan Bay. At the end of World War II, the U.S. government had control of more than 65 percent of the island's 212 square miles, and now has about 33 percent, including the sprawling

'North Korea must maintain its freeze on — and move ahead to dismantle — its nuclear weapons program.'

— President Clinton

Andersen Air Force Base and several Navy posts. It is under local pressure to give up even more. About 6,900 U.S. military men and women are stationed on Guam.

At Osan on Sunday, Clinton demanded that North Korea — whose forces have been arrayed against U.S. and South Korean troops along the Demilitarized Zone for more than four decades — also stop developing and exporting chemical weapons and ballistic missiles.

"Until it fully commits itself to a constructive role on this peninsula," Clinton said, "we must remain ready. And thanks to you, we will," he told the troops, assembled from the ranks of the 37,000-strong U.S. forces stationed in South Korea.

Clinton used his weekend in South Korea to focus mainly on the security threat to the South from

the communist North, whose military is large but limited by an economy that is in shambles. Clinton last visited U.S. troops in South Korea in 1993, shortly after he took office.

"In the five years since I last met with our troops along the DMZ, we have seen some hopeful signs," Clinton said at Osan, home of the 51st Fighter Wing and 7th Air Force headquarters. Behind him sat two A-10 Warthog ground-attack planes and one F-16 fighter.

The North has engaged in preliminary talks on a peace treaty to replace the so-called temporary armistice that brought the 1950-53 Korean War to an end, Clinton noted. And U.S. and North Korean military officers have held talks aimed at preventing problems along the DMZ.

Earlier Sunday, Clinton and his national security adviser, Sandy

Berger, flew by helicopter north of Seoul to the Korean Training Center where units of the American Army's 2nd Infantry Division train between the rocky mountain ridges about 10 miles from the DMZ.

Clinton reviewed a row of U.S. and Korean armored vehicles, including M-1 battle tanks and Bradley fighting vehicles, and shared a lunch of Meals-Ready-to-Eat — the packaged, high-calorie food that sustains soldiers in the field — with troops in a heated hut.

Setting a light mood, Clinton announced to a crowd of troops that it was Sgt. Maj. Charles Thomas's 45th birthday, and he led them in singing "Happy Birthday" to Thomas, of Dale City, Va. Thomas said later, "I really appreciate him doing it. It definitely caught me off guard."

The troops crowded around their commander-in-chief, shook hands, posed for pictures with him and followed him with video cameras.

"It's cool," Spc. Terron Dixon, of Charlotte, N.C., said as he watched the president from afar. Coming to the front lines to see the troops "shows a good side of Clinton," he said.

First Lady visits U.S.-supported health facilities on visit to Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton promised more storm relief to the Western Hemisphere's poorest nation Saturday, making Haiti her final stop on a tour of Central American and Caribbean countries ravaged by this season's hurricanes.

She planned inspection of U.S.-funded health facilities during her stay in Haiti, where Hurricane Georges killed at least 221 people but where malnutrition and disease claim many lives every year.

"Why is she coming? What's she bringing us?" student Nadezh Beaupin, 18, asked, among scattered groups that gawked at the 20-vehicle motorcade from the airport. There was no applause.

Like many Haitians, Beaupin has lost the hope for a better life that energized the Caribbean nation after President Clinton sent troops to topple a brutal military regime and restore democracy in 1994.

Four years later, Haiti is paralyzed by a political power struggle that many fear augurs a return to dictatorship.

Mrs. Clinton met for an hour at the National Palace with President Rene Preval and his wife, Gerda, much longer than the scheduled 15 minutes. But she waited for a reception at the U.S. ambassador's residence to allude to the political stalemate that has left Haiti without a workable government for 18

months. "You face new challenges to strengthen the principles of democracy and rule of law," Mrs. Clinton told Haitians.

Haiti is handicapped by "crushing poverty, high illiteracy, inadequate health care, a high incidence of domestic violence," she said. "(But) the problems that Haiti faces are solvable."

Some 40 percent of Haiti's 8 million people has no access to health care, and one child in eight does not live to the age of 5, a recent U.S. Agency for International Development report stated.

Mrs. Clinton promised to announce more hurricane relief aid before she leaves for home on Sunday. The United States already has pledged \$12 million to help Haiti try to recover from Hurricane Georges.

There also was hope for more aid from some of Mrs. Clinton's companions on the trip, including financier-philanthropist George Soros and the father of computer software tycoon Bill Gates, William H. Gates Sr., whose foundations do work in Haiti.

Mrs. Clinton has also visited Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador and Guatemala, hit by Hurricane Mitch, and the Dominican Republic, which shares the island of Hispaniola with Haiti and also suffered from Georges.

Iraq says it has no new documents for U.N. inspectors

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq's foreign minister on Sunday accused U.N. arms inspectors of "a savage campaign ... of disinformation" in their quest for more documents about the country's banned weapons.

The minister, Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf, said Iraq has already handed over millions of papers to monitors and claimed that no more files exist.

"Anything relevant to the work of disarmament, we had already handed over," he said, adding that Iraq has given 2,188,020 pages of documents to U.N. Special Commission and International Atomic Energy Agency monitors since weapons inspections began in 1991.

Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz said some documents in question are long lost and accused chief weapons inspector Richard Butler of trying to create a pretext to continue sanctions or allow the United States and Britain to attack.

Aziz told reporters that "Butler has asked for a series of alleged documents ... that do not exist." "It is quite provocative if you want to dig in the whole archives of the government of Iraq, which might take decades," he said.

National Security Council spokesman David Leavy said the Iraqi comments were "insufficient" and called for Iraqi cooperation.

"If we conclude Iraq does not intend to live up to its commitments and UNSCOM can't do its job, we remain prepared" to carry out the military attack President Clinton canceled last week, he said in a telephone interview from South Korea, where the president is concluding his trip to Asia.

The documents have emerged as a new flashpoint in the dispute between Iraq and the United Nations since Baghdad reversed its ban on weapons inspections and allowed monitors to return last week.

The decision averted military action, but forces remain in the Persian Gulf.

Iraq's ambassador to the United Nations, Nizar Hamdoun, said Sunday his country would answer by Monday the Security Council's

questions about the disputed documents.

In an interview with ABC television, Hamdoun noted that Iraq faces the problem of trying "to prove the negative, to prove that something is not existent. I think it's almost impossible."

Aziz accused Butler of trying to block a comprehensive review that the U.N. Security Council has pledged to undertake once inspectors declare that Baghdad is in full compliance with their demands.

"He's either creating a superficial pretext to justify the American aggressions or he is trying to confuse and undermine the comprehensive review," Aziz said.

Among the documents that Butler is seeking is an air force inven-

tory that U.N. inspectors saw last summer but were not allowed to take.

Al-Sahhaf said this issue had been addressed in a letter to Butler by Riyadh al-Qaisi, the deputy foreign minister. The official Iraqi News Agency carried the text of the letter Sunday.

Al-Sahhaf added that, "We are witnessing again a savage campaign ... of disinformation." He said that if Butler "is a fair man, he should be satisfied."

In the letter, al-Qaisi acknowledged for the first time that the air force log sought by Butler contains an inventory of chemical weapons the Iraqi army used from 1983-1988.

He told Butler that Iraq will only show his inspectors "the relevant



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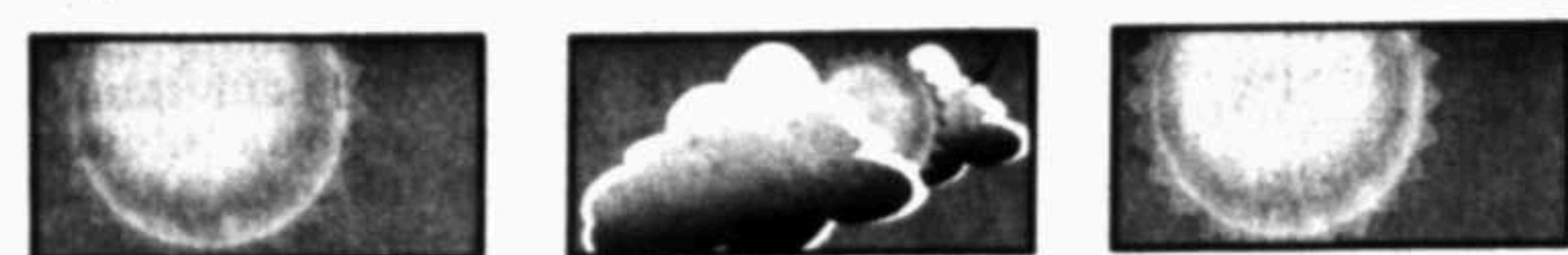
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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today
Sunny
High 76
Low 40

Tuesday
Partly cloudy
High 75
Low 46

Wednesday
Sunny
High 73
Low 45

Today's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with a high in the mid-70s. Winds will be from the northeast at 10 to 15 mph, according to the National Weather Service in Midland.

Tonight will be fair with a low near 40.

Tuesday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high in the mid-70s.

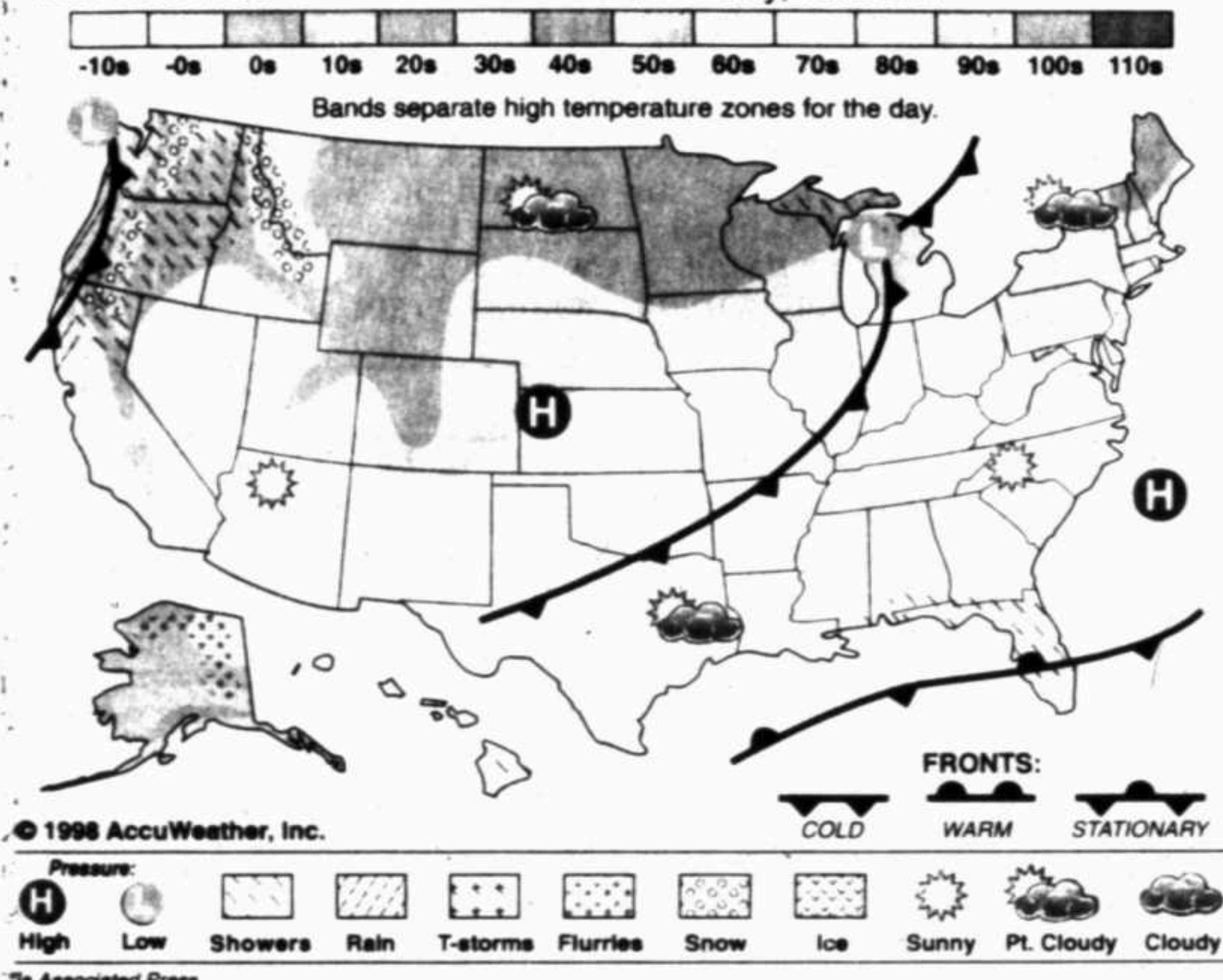
After an overnight low of 44, Sunday's high was 76, compared with a record high of 81 set in 1966. The all-time low was 22 set in 1988.

Yesterday's precipitation	Yesterday's temperatures
Rainfall Sunday 0.00 in.	High 76
Rainfall Saturday 0.00 in.	Low 44
Total for month 0.11 in.	Normal high 64
Total for year 4.54 in.	Normal low 37
Total normal rainfall 14.22 in.	

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National forecast

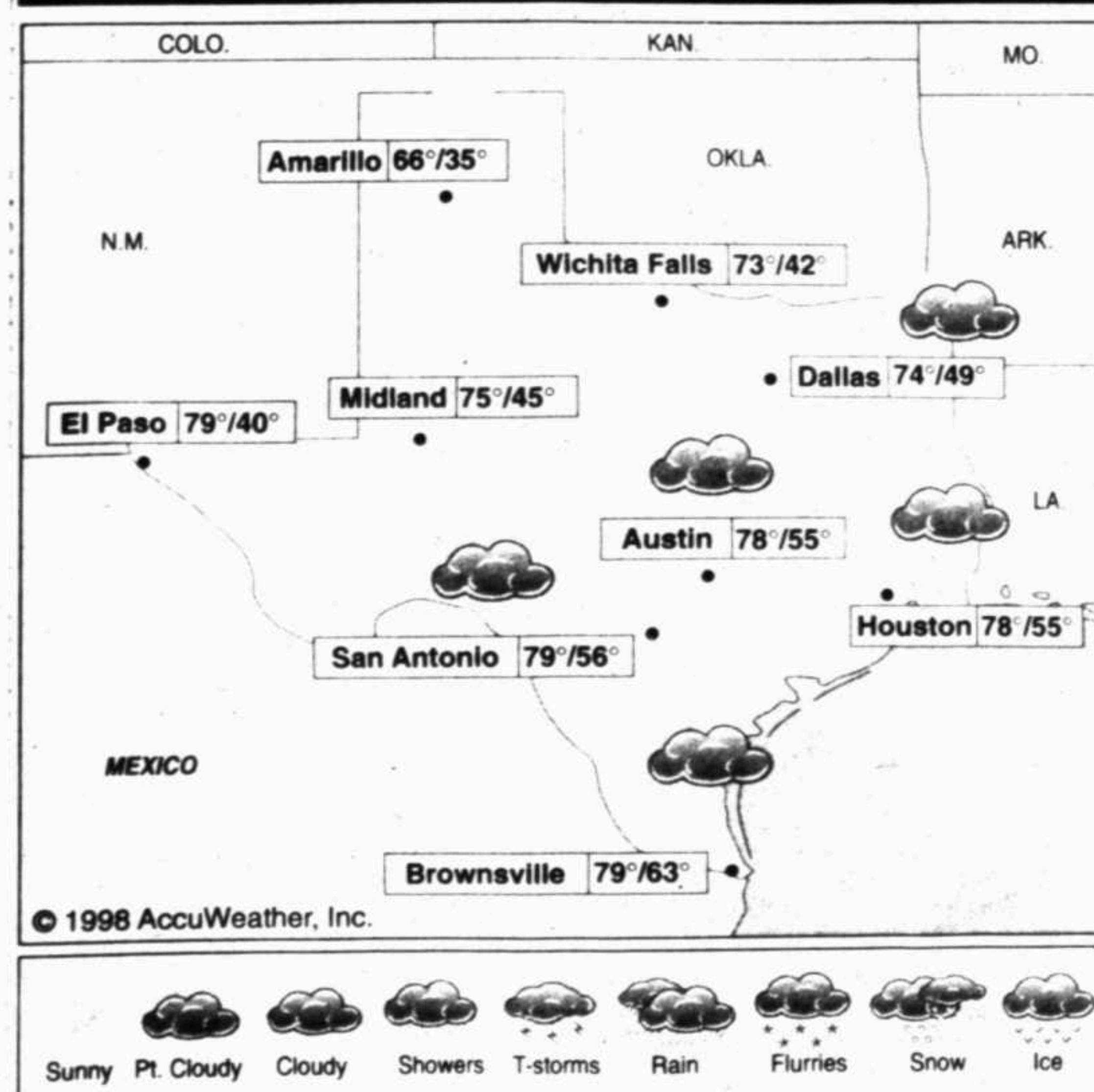
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United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:00 p.m. EST.		
City	High	Low
Anchorage	23	15
Asheville	56	24
Atlanta	62	37
Baltimore	50	29
Baton Rouge	73	45
Bilings	49	47
Birmingham	69	43
Bismarck	46	28
Boise	50	44
Boston	46	35
Buffalo	47	28
Casper	53	44
Charleston, S.C.	70	45
Charleston, W. Va.	57	22
Charlotte, N.C.	58	30
Chattanooga	63	30
Cheney	64	37
Chicago	59	36
Cincinnati	56	28
Cleveland	50	26
Colorado Springs	74	40
Columbia, S.C.	63	33
Columbia, Ga.	69	44
Columbus, Ohio	53	28
Daytona Beach	76	72
Denver	74	44
Des Moines	61	44
Detroit	53	27
Duluth	42	33
Fargo	41	30
Flagstaff	59	25
Flint	54	27
Fort Smith	70	39
Fort Wayne	58	24
Grand Junction	58	24
Grand Rapids	57	30
Great Falls	44	36
Green Bay	51	32
Greensboro, N.C.	55	28
Harrisburg	49	32
Hartford	48	30
Henderson	42	33
Honolulu	83	72
Houston	66	45
Huntsville	65	32
Indianapolis	58	30
Jackson, Miss.	71	36
Jacksonville	72	34
Juneau	38	35
Kansas City	64	47
Knoxville	57	28
Laurens	55	31
Las Vegas	66	44
Little Rock	67	36
Los Angeles	68	50
Memphis	66	36
Midland	75	45
Minneapolis	59	35
Mobile	70	49
Montgomery	65	41
Nashville	63	30
New Orleans	71	56
New York City	48	39
Newark	35	25
Oklahoma City	72	44
Omaha	63	43
Orlando	68	48
Philadelphia	49	35
Phoenix	78	52
Pittsburgh	50	31
Portland, Maine	45	25
Portland, Ore.	50	44
Raleigh-Durham	58	30
Richmond	51	26
Rochester	48	26
Rockford	58	35
Sacramento	62	34
St. Louis	64	42
St. Thomas	87	78
Salem, Ore.	49	43
Salt Lake City	58	57
San Diego	72	50
San Francisco	59	55
San Jose	67	54
San Juan, P.R.	85	74
Santa Fe	60	28
St. Louis, Mo.	49	31
Sioux Falls	59	37
Spokane	45	40
Springfield, Ill.	57	33
Springfield, Mo.	61	42
Syracuse	47	31
Tallahassee	66	56
Tampa-St. Petersburg	84	68
Toledo	55	26
Tokyo	67	47
Tucson	81	46
Tulsa	67	46
Washington, D.C.	50	32
W. Palm Beach	83	68
Wichita	65	42
Wilmington, Del.	46	32
Yakima	51	34
Youngstown	48	26
Yuma	78	51

State forecast



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High and low temperatures for 24 hours ending at 6 p.m. CST.

City High Low Precip.

Amarillo 77 48

Abilene 83 37

Austin 79 49

Beaumont 64 49

Brownsville 79 61

Childress 83 37

College Station 71 44

Corpus Christi 72 57

Dallas 70 46

El Paso 70 45

Fort Worth 71 45

Galveston 85 53

Houston Hobby 64 50

Houston Intercontinental 66 45

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Lufkin 71 40

Paris 68 37

San Angelo 75 43

San Antonio 69 36

Shreveport, La. 67 36

Texasark, Ark. 67 36

Victoria 71 49

Waco 70 49

Wichita Falls 76 45

SHELTER: Grant from Dora Roberts Foundation helped

(From 1A)

SPCA's office in Dallas explained that once an animal reaches a profound state of starvation, it can take many weeks of care to restore it to health, adding that in many cases, they never regain the sleek appearance associated with well-fed animals.

French didn't find any problems in the feline area, except for the use of pine oil as disinfectant. He suggested using a bleach and water solution instead.

The report listed 12 recommendations, ranging from immediate steps to ensure that pens were clean and sheltered and clean food and water were available, to a timetable of 60 to 120 days for the construction of new pens.

Volunteer Fran Turrentine, who manages the shelter, said the report, hard as it was to see, galvanized the board and the community toward positive steps and a change in the way the shelter interpreted its mission.

"We knew we had too many dogs, and we had too little staff to take care of them," she said. "But the report laid out the corrective actions, and people in the community came forward to help."

To comply with the SPCA's immediate recommendations required the shifting of priorities, Ms. Turrentine said.

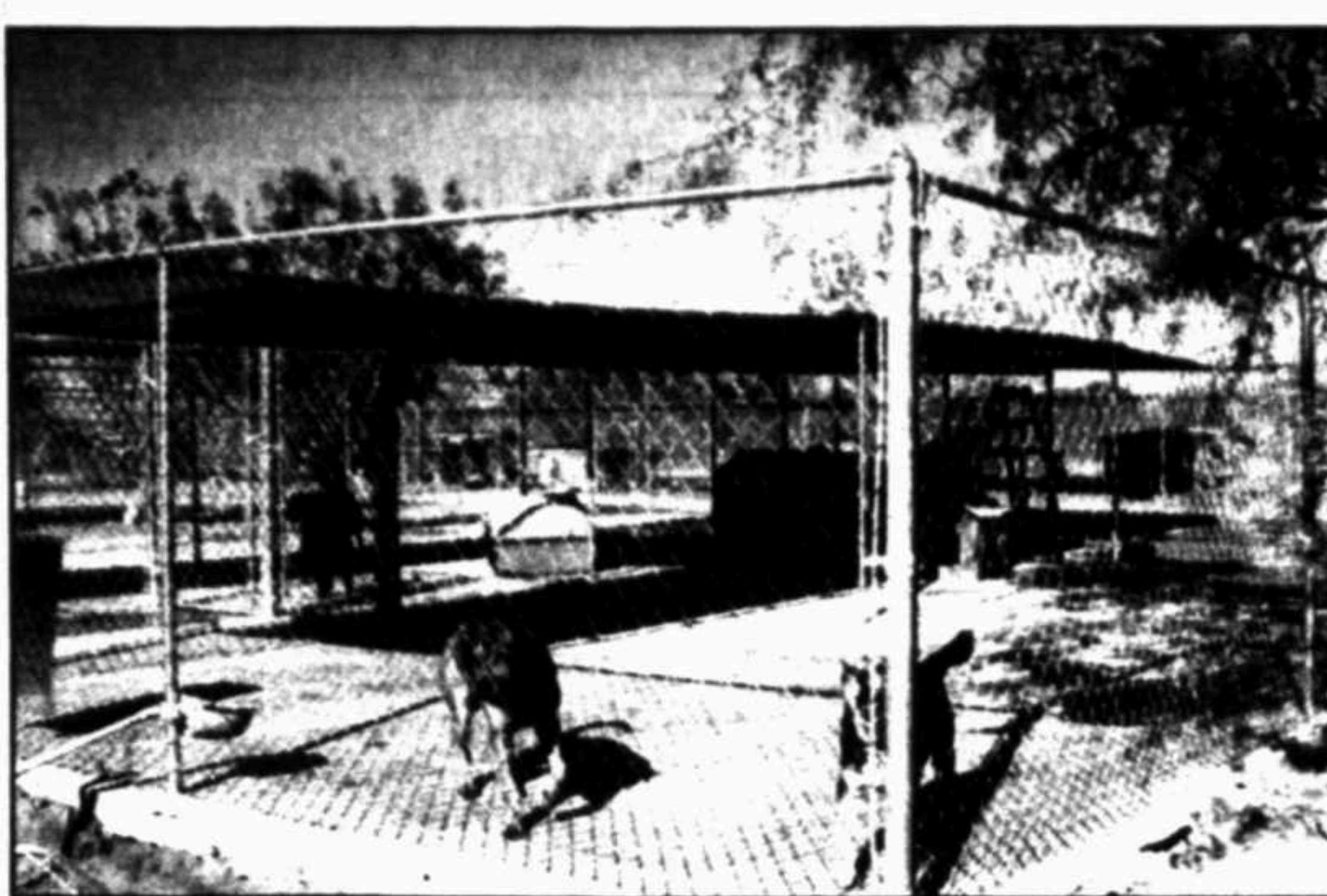
"We had never before felt that we could spare the money to hire more than two employees. We saw our resources in terms of how many animals we could feed. Suddenly we had to think in terms of the manpower needed to address our cleanliness issues."

There was also the tough issue of numbers. The shelter was forced to adopt a triage mentality aimed at saving the salvageable, and to stop taking in unhealthy animals.

"We had to stop accepting animals for a while," Ms. Turrentine said. "We still are very selective. When people call us wanting to bring puppies out, we try to encourage them to find homes for them, and we offer to put it on cable for them free of charge (The cable company provides this service at no cost.)"

"With older dogs, we also work with the families to keep the dog a little longer, while we work together to try to find homes for them."

"If people can't afford food for



Big Spring's Humane Society has come under fire for the condition of the shelter and its animals. Among other violations, the SPCA of Texas Rescue and Investigation agency had criticized the dog pens for being dirty.

their pets, they can come to us and we'll give them food. We've seen a lot of starving animals this past year, and we can always manage to arrange for food."

Once the sanitation and overcrowding issues were addressed, there was still the necessity for massive reconstruction. The bid on a concrete pad for the dog pens was more than \$50,000, with allowances made for volunteers supplying part of the labor.

The Dora Roberts Foundation came forth with a major grant. Big Spring citizens began bringing in donations, both cash and in-kind gifts of doghouses, leashes, water hoses and paper towels. After the shelter's truck caught fire and burned, a Big Spring man donated a pickup. Wal-Mart, PetSmart of Midland, and other retailers are long-time contributors of damaged sacks of pet food.

The publicity also resulted in a new avenue of help from an altogether unexpected corner, Ms. Turrentine said.

"We had received all this publicity from the papers and the media and then a Midland man, David Weseloh, put our story on the Internet. He also donated a van, and three lots in Big Spring, which we plan to raffle off. He's just been wonderful."

Ms. Turrentine said the response to the Internet story was "just unbelievable."

"We've received over \$5,000 in

donations, ranging from \$2 to \$200, from Maine to Washington state, and 20 to 25 e-mails a day, and they're still coming in."

"We received one letter from a woman in Deer Park, Texas. I could tell by her handwriting that she was an older woman. She enclosed two \$1 bills and wrote us the sweetest note saying she knew that with hearts like ours we were going to make it. Another man sent us a check for \$200 and said not to write him a thank-you note, because it wasn't much. But it was a lot to us. It all is."

Ms. Turrentine said even with the gifts and encouragement, there are still major heartaches and work ahead. Although the shelter maintains a "no kill" policy for healthy animals, many are so sick or in such pain that they must be euthanized — not by the shelter, but by Dr. Neal Tindol, who also spays and neuters animals that are brought in.

"There's nobody else to take in the abuse cases, the neglect cases. But we won't put down a healthy animal," Ms. Turrentine said.

To ensure that the healthy animals are kept sociable and adoptable, staff and volunteers maintain a daily schedule of socialization, and visitors are encouraged to enter the cat area, where cats of all sizes and colors frolic and doze and chase their tails among stuffed animals and cat furniture. Or they can pick a dog with the help of a

staff member who will explain each one's idiosyncrasies and preferences, and take it for a walk in an enclosed dog run.

"We have some dogs that have been abused, and are terrified of men. Others are too large and lively for children or small, frail adults," explains Ms. Turrentine. Most of our dogs are very large, and some, especially the young ones, would simply be too much to handle for a small woman who isn't very strong."

She said adoptions are made on a trial basis.

"We try very hard to help people pick a compatible pet, but if they take one home and the bonding doesn't happen, they can bring it back. Most people want to come out and spend about 20 minutes or less to choose a pet. This animal we hope is going to be with you for years and years — longer than you'll keep your next car. Why would you spend less time choosing it than you would spend deciding on the car?"

Although Ms. Turrentine said all animals offered for adoption receive shots, are spayed or neutered and given a clean bill of health by a veterinarian, Ms. Gambrell is not convinced. The ease and speed of most adoptions is one of her gravest concerns.

"They don't know these animals' histories, they don't know whether they're healthy, they could be carrying parvo, or distemper. I've had people bring sick animals to me to be groomed that they've adopted from the Humane Society and I can't groom them. I tell them to take them to the veterinarian."

She said that if the shelter continues to improve she will be very happy. "But there are several of us who have formed a watchdog committee, and we're going to make sure conditions really do improve."

Both Ms. Turrentine and the spokesman for the SPCA of Texas said the watchdog committee is a vital component of a well-run shelter, and that news of the Big Spring group is welcome.

"Our problem came about because we tried to save every dog," Ms. Turrentine said. "Melanie actually did us a favor. Whether it's criticism or donations or volunteer hours, we need all that. We welcome it."

CENTER: Doors are open to everyone, regardless of race

(From 1A)

est American Indian population in the country.

In San Antonio, there are 5,677 American Indians, according to city figures. Newada says the population is probably closer to 10,000.

Ninety percent of the center's board is American Indian, comprised of members of federally recognized Indian tribes, with the center itself acknowledged by federal and state governments as well as tribal governments and the Archdiocese of San Antonio. Unlike other minority groups, federally recognized American Indians qualify for certain "set-aside" funds from the U.S. government as part of the country's treaty and trust responsibilities.

"There are a lot of groups in San Antonio who claim to be Indian but they're not," notes Newada. "They're not Indians in what is considered the 'legal sense.' They don't have the history that we have, and they don't have the treaties we have with the U.S."

Because of the those treaties, federal funds to Indian organizations must meet strict criteria. But

the policy that directs funds to documented tribes and individuals also carries a stigma.

"All of us have to go through the pains of proving we're Indians," says John Khoury, vice president of the center. Khoury is a Cherokee-Muskogee-Creek Indian and, like Newada, is legally documented.

"We only want what's rightful ours," he says. "It hurts me in my heart to think what little we are given is taken by other groups."

Although the center targets American Indians, its doors are open to anyone, says Newada.

"We don't just care about that Indian child sitting on the curb hungry," she says. "We're going to feed a black child or a Hispanic child or any other child."

The center began, in fact, with a communitywide literacy mission. It was originally set up in June 1996 as the Texas Vocabulary Institute, with the goal of teaching neighborhood youth to read and write English.

Earlier this year, Newada decided to focus primarily on the city's American Indian community after meeting many Indians

who came to her office looking for a place to commune.

"I had a location and a phone, and I'm Indian," she says. "And there was nowhere else for us to go in the city."

Newada placed a proposal for the center in February with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, and was awarded a \$30,000 start-up grant in July. Now the center helps American Indians through the Indian Job Training Partnership Act, currently administered through the Tigua tribe in El Paso.

The center recently helped Dave Chapman, a legally documented Chickasaw, set up a partnership agreement to open a semi-truck service station in Converse.

Chapman believes the public needs to be better educated about his heritage.

"The only way the perception of the American Indian will change is through education," says Chapman. "When they teach American history, they have to educate people about what happened. My youngest is 18 and he just graduated. It took his school three days to talk about the American Indian when they took three months talk-

ing about slavery."

Newada says establishing the Native American Center is a step in the right direction.

"As Indian people, we've had to survive and stand our ground," she says. "Our people had such a strong belief system that we died for it over and over again. Now we want to give kids and everyone something to believe in. We want to give people a sense of self-identity."

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Thousands wait for glimpse at septuplets' house

CARLISLE, Iowa (AP) — About 6,000 people — nearly double the town's population — toured a 6,400-square-foot house Sunday that will be home to the McCaughey septuplets.

"It's curiosity, of course," said Joan Benscoter of Oskaloosa. "Plus, it's a celebration of the miracle that the whole seven lived."

A year ago on Nov. 19, Bobbi and Kenny McCaughey became parents of the world's first living set of septuplets. To help the Carlisle couple, scores of businesses and residents contributed materials, services, money and land to build them a new home.

The line of curiosity-seekers wrapped down five blocks for the housewarming. About 700 people per hour took the 10-minute tour of the seven-bedroom, 4 1/2-bathroom, 15-closet house.

Most who signed the guest book were from central Iowa, although some came from as far away as Ontario, Canada.

"This house is like a dream house," said 8-year-old Susie Goulette of Minneapolis, who visited with her grandmother.

The main floor houses the living room, dining room, study and family room, a spacious kitchen and a laundry room. The basement features a 648-square-foot

play room, two bedrooms and space for a future laundry room.

The upstairs features five bedrooms ranging in size from 220 square feet to the 362-square-foot master bedroom and two bathrooms, including one that has a Roman tub.

An intercom system connects the various parts of the house.

Big sister Mikayla, who is almost 3, and brothers and sisters Kenneth, Alexis, Natalie, Kelsey, Brandon, Nathan and Joel also

Kevorkian challenges prosecutors in '60 Minutes' segment

DETROIT (AP) — Dr. Jack Kevorkian injected a terminally ill man with a lethal dose of drugs on a videotape broadcast nationally Sunday night and challenged authorities to prosecute him for it.

"Either they go or I go," Kevorkian said on CBS' "60 Minutes." "If I'm acquitted, they go, because they know they'll never convict me. If I'm convicted, I will starve to death in prison, so I will go."

"The issue's got to be raised to the level where it is finally decided."

At least five CBS affiliates, all owned by Dallas-based A.H. Belo Corp., refused to air the Kevorkian segment.

Portions of the tape supplied by the retired pathologist to "60 Minutes" showed Thomas Youk, 52, who had Lou Gehrig's disease, being given a deadly dose of drugs.

Kevorkian said Youk died Sept. 17, less than three weeks after Michigan's enactment of a law making assisted suicide a felony punishable by up to five years in prison.

Kevorkian's face is not shown on the videotape, but he described his actions as Youk is shown being given three injections.

First, a drug is injected into Youk's right arm to put him to sleep. Youk's chin is to his chest and does not respond when he is asked if he is awake. Kevorkian said he then injected a muscle relaxant to stop Youk's breathing.



Dr. Jack Kevorkian and his attorney David Gorosh watch the airing of the newsmagazine, "60 Minutes" Sunday night, which aired a videotape of Kevorkian, in which he appeared to inject a terminally ill man with a lethal dose of drugs in September of this year.

and his head begins to tilt back. A shot of potassium chloride is then given to stop Youk's heart, Kevorkian said.

Kevorkian, who has acknowledged helping about 120 people commit suicide, has been acquitted

of assisted suicide charges in three trials, and a fourth ended with a mistrial.

In past cases, Kevorkian has said his clients voluntarily activated his homemade devices that delivered the carbon monoxide or

intravenous chemicals that caused their death. With Youk's death, Kevorkian moved from assisted suicide to euthanasia.

Belo-owned CBS affiliates in Houston, San Antonio, St. Louis, New Orleans and Tulsa, Okla.,

broadcast local news during the Kevorkian story before airing the remainder of "60 Minutes." A sixth station owned by Belo, KREM in Spokane, Wash., where the news magazine was to air later in the evening, also planned to not air the segment.

"The corporation has a policy of not showing the taking of a life or the moment of death of an individual in its news broadcasts," said Marty Haag, a Belo senior vice president for news. "And a subset of that is the nature of the tape made by Dr. Kevorkian was not suitable for the '60 Minutes' time period."

Haag said Belo officials talked to CBS about running an edited version of the story on the stations after their late newscasts, deleting the 83-second sequence of the three injections and making other changes. CBS declined, Haag said.

CBS officials did not immediately return telephone calls Sunday night.

Before watching the show, Oakland County Prosecutor David Goreyca said he would not rush to charge Kevorkian, even if the tape clearly showed Kevorkian injecting Youk.

"It would be irresponsible to level charges based on media accounts, whether it be print or '60 Minutes,'" he said. "I'm not going to make a decision based solely on what's aired on TV."

Goreyca said he would decide on possible charges only after his

office's review of the footage that Kevorkian gave to "60 Minutes" and efforts to question Kevorkian about Youk's death.

Kevorkian did not return several telephone and faxed messages Sunday night from The Associated Press.

His legal adviser, David Gorosh, said the segment was intended to be thought-provoking.

"This is an opportunity for people to look at something they might be afraid of and make a determination of how they feel about the issue after seeing this take place before their very eyes," Gorosh said.

On the videotape, Youk in unintelligible speech acknowledged Kevorkian's reading of a form consenting to have his life end by "direct injection." Kevorkian asked him if he wanted to postpone the injection, and Youk agreed to wait a week.

"But I got a call the next night from his brother saying 'Tom wants it now,'" Kevorkian said. "And I couldn't say 'Well no, I'm not make him wait a week.'"

Kevorkian said Youk was terrified of choking to death. His family said he was having trouble breathing, swallowing and was choking on his saliva.

Youk's wife, Melody, said on the broadcast that she was grateful her husband's suffering could be ended. "I don't consider it murder — I consider it humane. I consider it the way things should be."

Former White House interns feel embarrassed by scandal

ATLANTA (AP) — "Have you heard the one about President Clinton and Monica..."

Yes, too many times, says former White House intern Allison Bracewell.

Like many other former interns, she has had enough of the Clinton-Lewinsky scandal and of the questions from friends and strangers.

She did know Monica, but only well enough to say hello. And no, the president never offered her a cigar.

Ms. Bracewell, who is now studying public administration at the University of Georgia, was working in the White House on the second night of the government shutdown in November 1995, but unlike Ms. Lewinsky she "didn't go to the pizza party."

According to Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's report, Clinton and Ms. Lewinsky had their first sexual encounter that night when she took a slice of pizza from him from a White House gathering.

"Everything must have been going on one story down, and I didn't even know it," Ms. Bracewell said.

"I had a wonderful experience while in Washington. It helped me grow as person," she said. "Now people think of it as what kind of relationship did you have with the president. I probably am a little less excited about talking about it."

Elizabeth Ann Chandler has run into problems because she lists her White House internship on her resume.

"Now, I have to explain my way out of it. I have to defend

myself to future employers," said Ms. Chandler, who is studying politics in Glasgow, Scotland, on a Rotary scholarship. "Everybody thinks all (the interns) do is copying, faxing, running errands and flirting with the president. I worked hard."

About 1,500 people apply each year for one of the 700 to 800 unpaid internships. Jobs range from office assistant to researcher and last two to three months in the spring and fall and just four weeks in the summer.

The White House says the scandal hasn't hurt its pool of applicants.

"It still remains very competitive," said White House spokeswoman Julie Goldberg. "We believe it's a wonderful opportunity for young people to learn about the executive branch of government."

Megan Williams, who now works for Oklahoma's economic development agency, is no longer as willing to discuss her intern experience as she was 11 months ago.

"Before that, when people talked about it, it was a good thing," she said. "Now, you don't want to talk about it as much. People do assume things and say things."

When the scandal first broke, her friends bombarded her e-mail account with jokes about Clinton and Ms. Lewinsky. Another round of jokes came after the Starr report was released.

"I know I've heard more jokes than anybody else," Ms. Williams said. "People feel the need to send them to me."

Livingston says impeachment can be dealt with quickly

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Bob Livingston, eager to begin his term as House speaker with a clean slate, said Sunday he thinks the full House would need only a few hours to debate and vote on President Clinton's impeachment.

If the Judiciary Committee reports articles of impeachment to the House, Livingston said, "I wouldn't imagine that it would take a lot of debate."

He told NBC's "Meet the Press" that the House could vote after two or three hours of debate and "be done with it. If we did not have the votes to sustain the charge, that would be it."

Livingston, R-La., becomes speaker when the 106th Congress convenes in January, succeeding Newt Gingrich who stepped down in part to accept blame for the Republicans' poor showing in the Nov. 3 election. Livingston, while insisting that the constitutional process must be followed, has said he wants the matter dealt with before he takes office.

He said there would be "no hope" of that happening if more evidence of presidential wrongdoing is introduced to the Judiciary Committee. But if the evidence is all in, and the committee decides to refer articles of impeachment to the House, the matter should be ended this year, he said.

A majority vote in the House would send articles of impeachment to the Senate. That body would need a two-thirds vote to remove Clinton from office.

With 15 to 20 House Republicans said to be opposed to impeachment, the issue could die on the House floor. Asked whether impeachment would ever go to the Senate, Rep. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., a member of the Judiciary Committee, responded Sunday: "Right now, with the political landscape, I would say no."

Graham, who has questioned

whether the president's offenses are impeachable, wrote Clinton lawyer David Kendall and asked him Saturday to provide evidence that would exonerate the president. Such information, he said, was crucial to his "making a fair and responsible judgment."

Rep. Martin Meehan, D-Mass., appearing with Graham on ABC's "This Week," urged Livingston, as the incoming House leader, to negotiate language censuring the president for lying about his affair with Monica Lewinsky. If not, "Republicans will have no one to blame but themselves if the president gets off without anything at all."

Livingston said censure "would certainly be a possibility" but that such a step would better be left for after the House votes on impeachment.

White House adviser Paul Begala, on CBS' "Face the Nation," said it was "very, very important for the American people to understand that there's not some sort of negotiation or deal going on."

White House special counsel Greg Craig, on NBC and CNN's "Late Edition," agreed that no official talks were under way but said

the president would accept punishment outside of impeachment. "He is open to any kind of reasonable and serious proposal that has some prospect of bringing this to a just and rapid conclusion," Craig said.

Craig said the White House would respond this week to a list submitted by the Judiciary Committee of 81 questions about the Lewinsky affair. He said Clinton and his lawyers will meet to complete the response Tuesday, after he returns from a trip to Asia.

Even if House members decide that Clinton committed impeachable offenses, in the face of strong public opinion against removing the president from office, "Do you push the automatic impeachment button, or do you exercise some discretion and use your judgment as to what should be done?" Craig

asked.

Livingston agreed that politics will play a part in decisions on the fate of allegations against Clinton.

"If it is shown that the president of the United States is guilty of perjury, we have a major problem," Livingston said. "What to do about it is a political problem and should be weighed again by each member when it is presented to him."

Meanwhile, Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr has said a lack of support for impeachment in Congress has not left him feeling deserted.

"People have to come to their own judgments, and this has been so unhappy for the country, it's been just a most unfortunate episode in the country's history, and it's understandable," Starr said in an interview with ABC's "20/20."

Meow! Surprise winner of top cat award is dog

NEW YORK (AP) — A 10-year-old pet named Ginny won the Cat of the Year award, but wasn't purring about it later.

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Don't blame MCT because play did not measure up

Midland Community Theatre's production of the musical comedy "Das Barbecu" brought both the theater and the cast more than ample criticism. We believe much of the criticism was misdirected.

Actually, the problem did not lie with either the theater or those who performed on the stage. The "problem" can be traced back to the play itself.

"Das Barbecu" is not a play that will appeal to every theater patron, as evidenced from some of the letters we've received and published in recent days. The very fact that we have received letters from a number of people who attended the production and enjoyed it indicates that tastes vary and while this particular play may not have appealed to everyone who went to see it, that is no reason for anyone to abandon their support for Midland Community Theatre or Executive Director Timothy Jebson.

Midland Community Theatre has provided quality entertainment for the Midland community for decades and is an institution the city's residents are proud to call their own. "Das Barbecu" may not have been the most popular play ever presented, but most productions the theater presents are well-received.

In fact, for the holiday season MCT will be presenting "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever!" The play will run from Dec. 4-20 and you will not want to miss it.

So theatergoers should make plans to attend "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever!" and show their support for Midland Community Theatre, a true Midland institution.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Nov. 23, the 327th day of 1998. There are 38 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 23, 1889, the first jukebox made its debut in San Francisco, at the Palais Royale Saloon. The contraption consisted of an Edison tinfoil phonograph with four listening tubes and a coin slot for each tube.

On this date:

In 1765, Frederick County, Md., repudiated the British Stamp Act.

In 1804, the 14th president of the United States, Franklin Pierce, was born in Hillsboro, N.H.

In 1903, singer Enrico Caruso made his American debut at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York, appearing in "Rigoletto."

In 1936, Life, the magazine created by Henry R. Luce, was first published.

In 1943, during World War II, U.S. forces seized control of Tarawa and Makin atolls from the Japanese.

In 1945, most U.S. wartime rationing of foods, including meat and butter, ended.

In 1959, the musical "Fiorello!", with music by Jerry Block and lyrics by Sheldon Harnick, opened on Broadway.

In 1971, the People's Republic of China was seated in the U.N. Security Council.

In 1980, about 4,800 people were killed by a series of earthquakes that devastated southern Italy.

In 1985, retired CIA analyst Larry Wu-tai Chin was arrested and accused of spying for China. He committed suicide a year after his conviction.

In 1996, a hijacked Ethiopian Airlines Boeing 767 crashed into the waves off Comoros Islands, killing 125 of the 175 people on board.

Ten years ago: President-elect Bush announced his choice of Brent Scowcroft to be his national security adviser. President Reagan announced he was pocket-vetoing a bill designed to further restrict lobbying by former federal employees, saying it was "excessive and discriminatory."

Five years ago: President Clinton signed legislation lifting remaining U.S. sanctions against South Africa, and announced an initiative to spur investment in South Africa's black private sector.

One year ago: Iowa septuplet mom Bobbi McCaughy left the hospital and returned home while her seven babies stayed behind in intensive care. Artillery shells fired by Lebanese guerrillas accidentally struck a village near the Israeli border, killing eight Lebanese.

JACK ANDERSON

Meat-inspection policies serve industry

When Congress passed the first meat inspection law in the late 19th century, it had nothing to do with helping the public and everything to do with pleasing the meat industry.

More than a century later, little has changed.

A look back at 100 years of federal involvement in monitoring the food supply helps explain why cases of poisoning from a deadly strain of E. coli bacteria increased from virtually zero in 1987 to 20,000 nine years later.

Back in the 1890s, Germany had banned American pork products for fear of worms, and the British were placing serious restrictions on beef imports. Even Americans suspected something wasn't kosher about their beef; several states were trying to pass laws to keep Chicago beef out of their states.

At the behest of Chicago's beef barons, Congress passed the Meat Inspection Act of 1891, giving packers a rubber-stamp federal inspection system and effectively killing attempts by the states to regulate their own food supply.

Along came Upton Sinclair. His 1906 expose of the horrors of the Chicago slaughterhouses, graphically documented in "The Jungle," stirred outrage and forced Congress to create the first real meat inspection system. Inspectors visually examined each carcass, eliminating those with obvious signs of disease.

Starting in the 1960s, scientists warned that dangerous microbes were going undetected, and that the "sniff-and-poke" inspection system was outdated.



Anderson

Yet it was not until early this year that meat packers were forced to begin microbial testing — under a system that has been roundly criticized as ineffective.

There's a good reason why American food inspection has barely moved forward in more than 100 years. As with most issues before Congress, it comes down to money.

According to The Center for Public Integrity, the food industry has poured more than \$41 million into the campaign treasuries of key lawmakers over the past decade. The Grocery Manufacturers of America, an umbrella group, forked over \$326,500 in speaking fees to members of Congress between 1987 and 1996 (honoraria for public speaking has since been banned). Rep. Bob Smith, R-Ore., chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, and members of his staff took more than 40 trips underwritten by food-industry interests in 1996 and the first half of 1997.

Congress, in turn, rewarded the industry by stacking food-safety hearings with industry witnesses: Fifty-nine, compared with just 16 appearances by public-interest groups between 1987 and 1996.

After E. coli-tainted beef sickened more than 600 people in the infamous Jack-in-the-Box outbreak, the American Meat Institute initiated a public relations campaign to shift the focus from meat packers to the public. They issued press releases urging consumers to make sure their hamburgers were fully cooked.

Responding to this campaign, then-Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy ordered that each package be labeled with cooking instructions. But that upset the industry, which sued the government, arguing that its right to comment had been infringed. A federal judge agreed, causing a five-month delay.

In the summer of 1994, Espy appointed Michael

Taylor to head USDA's inspection service. Three months later, Taylor announced that he would immediately begin random testing for the deadly E. coli strain.

The meat industry responded with a lawsuit to stop the testing, warning that such tactics might give the public a false sense of security. "This program has the potential to mislead consumers with promises of a safer food supply, and as a result they may relax their own cooking and handling standards."

At a briefing the following day, a lawyer representing the meat industry advised meatpackers to stop testing for the microbe, as some had begun to do. "Your exposure is too great," the lawyer warned. "You don't want to know."

Venue lawmakers insisted on protecting the packers. When Rep. Cardiss Collins, D-Ill., introduced an amendment to expand Taylor's testing authority, not a single Republican voted for it.

The Senate, meanwhile, responded by cutting Taylor's budget and slipping through an amendment to create a panel of experts from the meat and poultry industry that would have authority to review and comment on all meat-inspection rules and procedures. By 1996, Taylor had his budget back, however, and the Clinton administration was finally able to unveil the new meat-inspection rules.

But under the new system, the USDA has made significant concessions: There is no specific testing for the deadly strain of E. coli or campylobacter, which caused an estimated 4 million cases of bloody diarrhea in 1996.

Food for thought for anyone planning to cook a turkey this Thanksgiving.

Jack Anderson's and Jan Moller's column is distributed by United Feature Syndicate.



CHARLEY REESE

Bad mix: public funds for private institutions

Taxpayer vouchers allowing students to attend private schools is a bad idea whose time might have come anyway.

It's a bad idea, despite the growing hype for it, for a number of reasons. Mixing public funds in private institutions is never a good idea. A great deal of the mischief done in this country is by private groups funded by the federal government.

Government and private business should be kept as separate as government and church. I don't know of any instance in which mixing public funds with private funds has produced a good result.

So that's one general reason why vouchers are a bad idea.

Another reason is that private schools that accept public-financed vouchers will soon find themselves controlled by federal and state bureaucrats. Any private school administrator who doesn't believe that this is true is naive. Control follows funds like the hind end of a hog follows the head. The long-term result will be that private schools will become as bad as government schools.

Still another reason that vouchers are a bad idea is that they are being sold on a false premise. The sales pitch for vouchers goes like this: Poor students trapped in "bad schools" should have the opportunity to go to private schools.

That's false because what makes a bad school bad is not the faculty or the building or the location — it's the students. Bad students will turn a school into a bad school whether it's private or public. In fact, the virtue of private schools is that they can reject the bad students. Once they start down the road of accepting public funds, however, the government will close this option off to them.

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DAN RATHER

Farm, oil industries not as confident about economy

It's still the economy that interests the American people most. Yes, they care about the drive in Congress to impeach the president. And yes, they are still trying to figure out whether Saddam Hussein won or lost in his latest go-round with the United States.

But by any reasonable analysis, the mood of America is a combination of people's confidence and concern about their jobs, businesses and investments. The confidence comes from what they see all about them: low unemployment, low inflation, low interest rates. The concern is the rumblings they hear from afar, the sound of financial troubles overseas.

They know that Japan is in a recession and that much of the rest of Asia is in a depression. They know that Russia is deep into economic collapse made worse by political chaos. And they know that their government has been pouring their hard-earned money, tax dollars, into all of those places, as well as others, such as Mexico and Brazil.

Their leaders argue that these "investments" are necessary, that they are part of a larger effort by the world's industrial powers to keep the world's economic storm clouds from becoming a cyclone — one that will eventually sweep through America's own economy.

Public opinion polls and independent reporting confirm that, so far, Americans support these "investments." But they're jittery. And support thins as worry worsens.

"I'm really worried about Christmas, Mr. Rather," a woman who cleans homes in Connecticut says. "I have money, but I see all of these riots in Indonesia, and see our government spending all of this money in places like Iraq and Brazil, and ... well, I just don't know whether to spend a lot for Christmas this year or not."

In Norfolk, Va., a mechanic said, "I've got a good job now and I'm thinking of buying a house. But how long can our country keep on paying for all of the world's problems, all of that money going out, and it not have a bad effect? Whatever bad effect there's going to be, people like me will feel it first."

In Texas, your reporter talked with a water-well driller who used to work in the oil fields. "Anybody who thinks everything is OK should check the oil business," he said. "A lot of people in my economic bracket, paycheck-to-paycheck people, have been laid off. And those who haven't been are afraid they are going to be."

The facts back him up. Texaco cut 1,000 jobs this month. Haliburton cut more than 8,000 last month. Crude oil prices have dropped 40 percent in the past year as Asia's troubles dried up demand.

In the farmlands of the Midwest and Great Plains, drastically reduced demand for agricultural products is driving many farmers into selling out and crushing many small businesses that service them.

In the steel mills and factories where semi-conductors are made, job cuts and gloom have been caused by a glut of product, falling prices and foreign competitors dumping their surpluses onto the U.S. market.

But most Americans do have jobs, many of them well-paying. They continue spending, rolling up record credit-card debt. Wall Street stocks have resumed an upward rocket ride.

It's all confusing and concerning. Where does it go from here? Rank-and-file Americans are left to guess. Which is how they're spending a lot of their time these days.

The presidency and the Persian Gulf are important to them, but not nearly so important as their pocketbooks.

Dan Rather's column is distributed by King Features Syndicate.

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U.S.-born queen describes struggle against king's cancer

WASHINGTON (AP) — On a cold day in October, King Hussein and Queen Noor bundled up in blankets and stole a few minutes from the tortuous Middle East negotiations at Maryland's Wye Plantation to watch migrating geese land nearby as the sun set.

A banal moment, the American-born queen admits, but one that was all the more poignant because it came as Jordan's royal couple grappled with their most daunting personal challenge in 20 years of married life: the king's struggle with cancer.

Sitting in the couple's family room at their residence in suburban Maryland, the American-born queen said in an interview with The Associated Press and Associated Press Television News that her husband's illness has given her a new perspective on life.

"There is no question that each moment of life is even more precious than ever before," Noor said. "Any life-threatening situation highlights the importance that you place on every aspect of life and every moment of the life of your loved ones."

The king and queen have been in the United States since July, when Hussein disclosed he had non-Hodgkins lymphoma. After months of treatment and chemotherapy at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., his cancer is in complete remission.

Noor, who did not want the location of the family's Maryland residence disclosed because of privacy and security, said she and her husband expect to return to Jordan early next year after Hussein undergoes a marrow transplant to guard against recurrence of the lymphoma. As any cancer survivor, Hussein, who has lost his hair to chemotherapy and looked frail at Wye, will continue to be monitored.

Asked whether the cancer has been beaten,

Noor said the doctors would not say "nor would we say now ... that he's completely cured, but we hope and pray that this is the case."

Unlike many Arabs, Hussein has been quite forthcoming about his cancer, normally a taboo subject in the Middle East. He has appeared several times on Jordanian television to keep his people informed about his condition.

Noor said she hoped the king "will have dispelled some of the fear and anxiety that accompanies cancer ... by being so open about it and about the struggle that he's undertaken to beat it."

Hussein's absence, the longest period a Jordanian king has ever been away from home, sparked so much frenzied gossip in mid-August about a successor that the king had to deny from his hospital room rumors that he was dying.

Hussein, who celebrated his 46th anniversary this year as Jordan's monarch, has named his brother Hassan as successor. But rumors have abounded that the royal family is riven by dissension over the issue and Noor is maneuvering for her eldest son to be chosen king.

Hussein has eight children from three previous marriages and two boys and two girls from his marriage to Noor.

Noor called the gossip "just opportunistic exploitation of his illness" and said succession and transition "will take place in their own time."

"His majesty ... has worked very hard over the years to ensure that the Hashemite family will serve the country in the smoothest and most capable fashion," said Noor, 47.

On a more personal note, the queen said the cancer ordeal has highlighted "just how important we are to each other as well."

Even as he battled cancer, the king was asked by Israeli and Palestinian negotiators last month to fly to the Wye Plantation on Maryland's Eastern Shore to help agree on an Israeli pullout from the West Bank. President Clinton said the king's influence was crucial to the agreement that emerged.

The quiet moment the king and queen shared at Wye was recreated a few weeks later in the shape of a birthday cake for Hussein's 63rd birthday on Nov. 14.

The two were "looking at the end of a difficult day with a promise of a new day," said Noor. "The scene ... seemed to represent a very special moment in the course of his treatment and in the course of this political struggle."

The queen also has been active during her U.S. stay, honoring previously scheduled appointments at the United Nations and in Washington, where she grew up. Noor was present for the inauguration of the capital's new Peace Corps headquarters in September with Hillary Rodham Clinton, with whom the queen said she enjoys "a very sisterly relationship."

Noor also is an active opponent to the use of land mines and a campaigner for ecotourism. In addition, the queen — an Arab-American Christian by birth — has been fighting hard to dispel misconceptions about Islam and the Arabs.

But she said her training in architecture and urban planning at Princeton University, which involved long hours, prepared her for the demanding life of a queen.

Noor, a striking 5-foot, 9-inch blonde, was working on an airport design project in Jordan when she met the king. The former Lisa Halaby adopted the Islamic religion and took the name Noor al Hussein, or "Light of Hussein," when they were married in 1978.



Gay marriage protest

Gay rights supporters chant as anti-gay protesters from the Westboro Baptist Church of Topeka, Kan., are driven away in a police van Sunday in Chicago. Rev. Fred Phelps and family members came to Broadway United Methodist Church to protest a September marriage between two gay men officiated by Methodist Rev. Gregory Dell.

Railroad car comes to rest on porch

TROY, Ohio (AP) — Rob and Brian Yantis are used to trains shaking their duplex. Crashing into it is another story.

The brothers were home watching television Saturday night when an empty rail car from a CSX Corp. freight train derailed, jumped the tracks and ran into their front porch.

Brian Yantis said Sunday that it was like a bomb exploded. "Trains always shake the house

when they go by here. This was a little different," he said.

The rail car came to rest on the porch that it had destroyed, but there was no other damage to the house. No one was injured.

Calls to CSX's headquarters in Jacksonville, Fla., were not answered Sunday.

Only the 24th car of the 29-car freight train derailed, police Sgt. Chuck Adams said. There was no damage to the track.

Java threatens Microsoft with landscape where Windows is one of many

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Java, a technology that could dramatically change the industry, is at the heart of the antitrust case against Microsoft.

According to the government, Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates set out to kill Java, a versatile computer programming language, because it threatens his Windows-only vision of the world.

And in a separate case just last week, Microsoft was ordered to rewrite parts of Windows 98 that contain an altered version of Java that is incompatible with software made by Microsoft's rivals.

"The Java potential is huge," said Keith Rutledge, who works with it at IBM's campus in Greenville, S.C. "The necessary pieces are in place."

Java's impact could be significant for a simple reason: its electronic code is understood by all types of computers — not just the Windows systems found on most PCs, but also the Apple Macintosh and the powerful Unix workstations. That makes creating new products easier and cheaper.

Three years after Java's introduction, problems remain. It can be arduously slow, much worse than programs designed specifically for Windows or the Macintosh. And new Java versions are released just when programmers get comfortable with old ones.

But its use is growing. Whether people know it or not, they may use Java when they dial a cellular

phone, turn the key in a car ignition or track down a package through the Internet.

In a demonstration playing on the programming language's name, people at a recent technology conference wore jewelry with Java code programmed to remember how they preferred their morning coffee. Special machines read the preferences on the jewelry and automatically prepared a customized mix of sugar, milk and, of course, Java.

Java, the language, was launched in 1995 by Sun Microsystems Inc., and one of its creators, James Gosling, is expected to testify this week for the government against Microsoft.

Three years ago, excited analysts dared to hint it could threaten Windows, and corporate officials did little to douse those suggestions.

"Sun's Java technology has the potential to overturn Microsoft's power balance," Sun's chairman, Scott McNealy, said in a recent interview with The Associated Press.

Marc Andreessen, the cofounder of Netscape Communications Corp., once boasted that Java threatened "to reduce Windows to a poorly debugged set of device drivers." Netscape's own Internet browser was among the first products to offer support for Java.

Microsoft was paying attention. In an e-mail Sun's lawyers seized

on during the companies' private court fight over Java — separate from the antitrust trial — Gates wrote that Java's threat to Windows "scared the hell out of me."

The government says Gates once warned that the combination of Java and Netscape might make Windows and other operating systems so generic that consumers would care more about low price than brand name.

Justice Department lawyer David Boies says computer-chip maker Intel Corp. considered supporting Java with its powerful processors, but Gates threatened to build into Windows a new technology that would have benefited Intel's rivals.

In the government's antitrust trial — and in the private lawsuit by Sun — Microsoft is accused of developing a system that offers special advantages to Java programmers but locks them in to using that system. Programs writ-

ten using the Microsoft method rely on Windows and can't be used on an Apple or Unix computer.

Microsoft, for its part, contends its contract with Sun allowed it to change Java to run better under Windows. Indeed, at the antitrust trial, Microsoft attorneys have tried to portray the company as a Java victim: the target of a plan by six of its largest rivals to cripple Microsoft with a version of Java that would be incompatible with Microsoft's.

And when a federal judge in the companies' private lawsuit sided with Sun this week and ordered Microsoft to remove its changes, Microsoft executives initially threatened to pull Java from Windows altogether.

But Gates, in an interview with The Associated Press this week, said that Windows will soon use Sun's version of Java to comply with the order.

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"I'm beginning to believe that this whole impeachment thing was Clinton's idea -- so he could get rid of the Republicans."

"O.J. went nuts again yesterday. He was calling into some television show and...he said he wants America to leave him alone. And I'm thinking, hey, O.J., there's a great place to get away from it all: prison."

— David Letterman

Dave's Top 10

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9. Naomi
8. Oman
7. Iman
6. Yemen
5. Yasmine
4. Kate/Kuwait (tie)
3. Claudia
2. Syria
1. United Arab Emirates

— David Letterman

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You no longer associate bridges (or rivers) with water...

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You weep when you enter an air-conditioned room from outside...

Hotter water comes from the cold water tap than the hot one...

It's noon in July, kids are on summer vacation, and not one person is moving on the streets...

You actually burn your hand opening the car door...

Sunscreen is sold year round, kept at the front of the checkout counter, and is \$12 for 4 oz....

Hot air balloons can't go up...

Vinyl upholstery in a car is considered a form of self mutilation...

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MONDAY MORNING EDITOR

JIMMY PATTERSON

New book lists dog-friendly towns

By Julie Cooper
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Dogs, Larry D. Hodge has concluded, are like American Express Cards.

"Some people won't leave home without them," says the Mason free-lance writer.

That's the idea behind Hodge's new book, "The Texas Dog Lover's Companion" (Foghorn Press, \$20.95). Hodge has "the inside scoop on where to take your dog" in the Lone Star State. It's the seventh "Dog Lover's Companion" volume from the California

publisher.

Hodge, who writes about travel and the outdoors for a number of Texas publications, including the San Antonio Express-News, says a guide for dog lovers didn't initially set his tail to wagging. He writes in the book's introduction: "Traveling dogs are a common sight in Texas... What's the big deal? In Texas we just tell the dog to get in the back of the truck with the kids."

Editors at Foghorn Press pressed him. They wanted listings of Rover-friendly restaurants, festivals, hotels and motels. They

wanted to know where pet owners can walk a dog without a leash. Hodge approaches the subject matter with humor and humility.

To conduct research, Hodge traveled mostly with Sport, a Rhodesian Ridgeback/handsome stranger mix, and sometimes with Samantha, an Australian blue heeler mix.

The author, who confesses to sneaking both dogs into a Corpus Christi motel that doesn't allow pets ("We spent the entire time

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My turn? Already?

One of a multitude of breeding hens at Raymond's Turkey Farm in Methuen, Mass. stares curiously into the camera lens Thursday. Raymond's, the largest turkey farm in Massachusetts, raises and sells 19,000 turkeys annually, with some 10,000 going for Thanksgiving dinners. (AP Laserphoto)



Boyd Reece calls himself not a pecan grower, but a pecan nurturer. Reece's grove of 100 trees has so far survived the recent drought.

Boyd Reece: Pecan Nurturer

100-tree grove fares well despite drought

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Boyd Reece studied the view — the approaching sunset and the changing leaves as one season blends into another.

"God's got a beautiful paintbrush," said Reece, who, at 70, seems to get more steeped into nature as the years go on by. "It's a different world at sunset. The shadows and the colors are magnified."

Reece, whose avocation is nurturing and not just growing pecans, is smitten by nature's wonders, including the oval pecan and the tree of its origin.

In an otherwise lean 1998 statewide pecan-crop because of the

extremes of floods in East Texas and the drought in West Texas, Reece's 100 pecan trees are faring well.

"I put so much water under the trees, you could grow rice," he said. His grove is blessed with underground water for irrigating his trees of 14 varieties, including Wichita, Western, Sioux, Cherokee, Tejas, Mohawk, Burkett, and Cheyenne.

"I've had a super year," Reece said. "I have more varieties. When you have a cross-section of a bunch of varieties, it's very possible you are going to have some of those varieties skip, and some of them will be loaded and some overloaded."

For example, his Burketts "filled

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Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram



Boyd Reece

Girl says report card lost during her meeting with President Clinton

TAHLEQUAH, Okla. (AP) — If teachers don't believe that dogs eat homework, imagine their reaction to Desiree Wilson's line: The president took my report card.

Desiree and her mother, Doris, were at an airport dedication in northwest Arkansas on Nov. 6 when the president began shaking hands. When Desiree caught Clinton's attention, she asked if he would sign her grade card.

The president smiled and said he would, her mother said.

But when Desiree handed the card to a Secret Service agent, Clinton moved on. She hasn't seen it since.

"We waited and waited. They told us the president was really busy, and we should wait for the Secret Service," Ms. Wilson said.

After a long wait and no sign of the card, an agent offered Desiree one of the president's flower arrangements and assurances that the card would be mailed to her if found.

School district policy in Tahlequah requires parents to sign the student's report card and the card to be returned to school. Although Desiree can easily get another report card, she has had trouble convincing teachers of her plight.

"Only one teacher believes me when I tell them the story," she said.

Thank You Note ...

A successful benefit for Cynthia Ortiz-Ramirez was held at DeZavala Elementary School Cafeteria on Saturday November 14.

A heartfelt thanks to T.U. Electric, Energas, and Barbara Watson for making it possible by providing for the rental of facilities and meals for the entertainers.

Thanks to all the following: Ms. Diana Gomez; Jams and Little Texas for donating their time and talents to provide wonderful entertainment throughout the event; Polo and Delma Lopez for donating their catering services; all volunteers, without whom the benefit would not have been successful; Pit Boss for the donation of Bar-B-Que Pit for further fund raising; all of you for your prayers, donations, care, and support.

Cynthia Ortiz-Ramirez was injured in a vehicle accident on October 13, 1998. Thankfully, she is improving daily but will need extensive rehabilitation and therapy. Your continued prayers will be appreciated.

An account has been set up at Chase Bank on Andrews Highway, Account # 330958457265.

— Raymond Ramirez

Norman Rockwell Thanksgiving, anyone?

By Cy DeBoer

I grew up with Donna Reed — the woman who led us to believe that an apron and a smile were always worn together. Today's nemesis is the boorish Martha Stewart who is forever turning zucchini into Noah's Ark and various other "cute" shapes to make us feel like complete culinary failures if our food bears any resemblance to it's natural state.

Now, as Summer gives way to Fall, every woman's magazine is adorned with a lavish Thanksgiving dinner on its cover. The trick this year is to create a picture perfect feast with less than 10 grams of fat per serving. Since

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your dinner calls for 15 pounds of real butter, the subliminal message is that you are intentionally killing your family by clogging their arteries and if you don't cut the fat, Uncle Fred may not be around next Thanksgiving!

Flip to the inside of the magazine and inevitably there will be a warm fuzzy picture of a family appearing to actually enjoy each others' company and unbelievably, no one has gravy dribbling down their shirt! It's a Norman Rockwell family in the '90s! Two of them even have red hair and freckles! Where did Norman Rockwell get

those people? Just look at that golden brown turkey being sliced by the distinguished gentleman in the cardigan sweater. The beautiful Royal Doulton bowls heaped with steaming mashed potatoes and chestnut dressing. The silver bowl with the cranberry and walnut relish as delightful to the eye as the palate... one can almost smell the aroma of cinnamon cider as it wafts through the house. In the background a fire can be seen in the fireplace and you just know it is crackling. Unwittingly, the mind starts to play tricks — imagining your family in that picture... oh, how lovely, how peaceful, how

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JIMMY PATTERSON

Middle Child Syndrome: Oh, the pain, the pain

She sat there quietly, hands folded in her lap, hair pulled back in a tight pony tail, an angelic smile running across her face. She at least appeared to be listening intently.

Whether she really was or not is hard to say. Moments later, in a flash, her younger brother reached over and yanked hard on the back of her pony tail. All she could do was wince. Little tears formed around the rims of her eyes. She knew she was helpless. Defenseless. Silence was not only a virtue. In the middle of church, silence was an absolute necessity.

But her little brother had just pulled her pony tail and by all accounts, he was just moments away from pinching her, rubbing his feet on her, blowing in her ear and doing whatever else was necessary to break what remained of his sister's cracking composure.

Flash forward four hours
The sound emanating from the bedroom was not



Patterson

unlike what I would imagine the 1991 assault on Iraq to have been. A din so deafening I sought shelter immediately before finally realizing that what was being lobbed wasn't a scud, but sisterly insults and accusations.

After awhile, I had had more than enough. I marched to the bedroom door, flung it open and asked what was going on.

"SHE'S TOUCHING ME!!!"

"NO I'M NOT."

"YES YOU ARE, YOU TOUCHED MY REAR END. EVERY TIME I TURN AROUND SHE TOUCHES ME. DAD, STOP TOUCHING ME! STOP TOUCHING ME YOU MORON! DAD WILL YOU DO SOMETHING?!! PLEASE?!!"

By the time our oldest, our almost-teenage daughter had pleaded with me to intervene, I was again seeking shelter.

"I'm not involved in this. Ya'll work out your own problems."

By then, I was really baffled. Do Mrs. P and I have three kids or four? There's obviously The Boy. And there's obviously our teenage 12-year-old.

But in the middle, who do we have? Do we have

one 9-year-old? Or do we have two 9-year-olds?

Only four hours earlier, she sat in church with an innocence so radiant she almost had a glow about her. It is during these times that her freckles seem to almost glow and dance on her face.

And then there are the times like Sunday afternoon, when I had flung open the door and saw her sitting there with that "Who me? Little old me?" look that was sort of combined with her deer-in-the-headlights look.

It's a look that she thinks conveys that she is not only completely innocent but entirely ignorant of why her sister's accusations are being flung her way. But I'm a seasoned veteran of these tiffs by now. To me, the look says she's guilty as charged. If she was a hockey player, she would live in a penalty box some days.

After having lunch with a friend one day last week it suddenly dawned on me: What we have here is a textbook case of middle child syndrome. Our 9-year-old is capable of living with multiple-personalities because she is "The Tweener." The kid stuck in the middle. She has to endure her little brother's tor-

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DAVE BARRY

Concept of time depends almost entirely on gender

There are two kinds of people in the world, and I am one of them. I'm the kind of person who likes to be on time for things. In fact, I like to be early. Let's say I need to catch a flight that's leaving at 4 p.m. In planning my drive to the airport, I'll factor in a "cushion" to allow for the unexpected, such as heavy traffic, or a flat tire, or being kidnapped. Usually I'm at the gate, ticket out, ready to go, no later than 7:14 a.m.

My wife is the other kind of person. For her, the ideal way to catch a plane would be to arrive at the airport as the plane was taking off. She'd stand at the end of the runway, and as the plane flew over her, it would snatch her up with a big hook. Even then, she'd wait until the last second.

"What's the hurry?" she'd say. "The plane isn't even halfway down the run-



Barry

way yet!" Part of this is a cultural difference. I grew up in a WASP household, and my wife grew up in a Cuban household. WASPs tend to follow schedules strictly: Cubans tend to be more relaxed. If a WASP wedding is scheduled to start at 2 p.m. Saturday, the wedding march will start at 2 p.m. sharp, and the bride will come down the aisle at 2:03 p.m., no matter what, even if the originally scheduled groom has bailed out and the bride has to use an emergency backup groom taken right off the street.

Whereas in a typical Cuban wedding, the phrase "2 p.m." is translated as "possibly this weekend." (True fact: I once went to a wedding at a Cuban home. I arrived 20 minutes before the scheduled start, and was greeted at the door by the bride, who was still in curlers.) I believe that the Cuban community will not be affected by the Millennium Bug until the year 2004 at the earliest.

But the difference between my wife and me is not totally cultural. I think it's also gender-related. I believe that men and women do not view time the

same way. I think that, in general, women think there is WAY more time in the universe than men do. This is not just some half-baked notion of mine: This is a scientific, statistically valid conclusion that I reached by talking to some guys about their wives. In every case, the guys had experienced friction with their wives over the issue of time.

The way this typically works is, a couple will be going to a party, and they'll agree they're going to leave the house at 7:30 p.m. The wife, believing that the universe has plenty of time left, interprets 7:30 to mean "around 8," or, more specifically, "9." Whereas the husband, acutely sensitive to the dwindling supply of time, interprets 7:30 to mean "around 7," which, after he allows for an emergency cushion, translates to 6:45. The husband likes to allow a cushion on top of the cushion, in case there's a tornado or nuclear war, so he's dressed and ready to leave at 5:30, at which time the wife is figuring that she still has more than three hours — or, rounding it off, four hours.

By 7:25, the husband is a nervous wreck. By his figuring, they are now

almost two hours late for the party (the husband never wanted to go to the party in the first place but that is no longer relevant). The husband doesn't dare say anything directly to his wife, however, because this has resulted in friction on several prior occasions (2,381 prior occasions, to be exact). So he tries to alert her of the urgency of the situation via the Universal Husband Signaling Method, which is jingling his keys. This makes his wife crazy. She's thinking, "Why is he JINGLING already? We have TONS of time!" So, in a mistaken effort to calm him down, she calls out the words that cause despair in the hearts of men:

"I'm almost ready! I'm just putting on my makeup!" To the husband, these two statements contradict each other. It's like saying: "I'm very short! I'm 38 feet tall!" Or: "You can believe me! I'm Bill Clinton!" Because to the husband, "I'm just putting on my makeup" means "I'm painstakingly applying 450 coats of beauty products to my face using an applicator the width of a human hair." Granted, the wife can do this in seven

minutes, but it seems way longer to the husband because of Albert Einstein's Theory of Cosmic Relativity, which states that "every minute that a wife spends putting on makeup is experienced as 45 minutes by a husband who has reached the key-jingling stage." By the time they actually leave the house (at 7:40) there is so much friction that the car may burst into flames. If they make it to the party, the husband, trying to keep on schedule, will immediately want to leave.

I realize that I've made some sweeping generalizations in this column, and you may disagree with me. If so, and you'd like to "drop me a line" so I can see your side of the story, you can forget about it, because I'm running late as it is.

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DeBOER: Norman Bates Thanksgiving, anyone?

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impossible! Norman Rockwell will not be your family's holiday inspiration — Norman Bates is more likely!

Sure, your table will also have a turkey (your sister's husband), and there will be two dressings: the one falling out the rear end of the beige and black Butterball and the bottle of Hidden Valley Ranch your cousin brought as a hostess gift.

The mashed potatoes in the chipped harvest gold Pyrex bowl were potato flakes just moments before your sister-in-law added the boiling water, salt and butter. (This was her response to "Can you bring a vegetable?")

The cranberries are quivering in a bowl like a fat red slug still in the shape of the can.

Any pleasant cinnamon cider odors have been out-wafted by Grampa's last visit to the "little boys room." Instead of the fireplace crackling, the play by play action of the Dallas Cowboys vs. anybody, can be seen on the portable television on the buffet.

The tension, unlike the turkey, can be cut with a knife over not enough gravy or drumsticks and whether there will be enough Cold Duck to keep the glasses filled through the entire meal (especially

ly considering the way Aunt Bertha is chugging it).

The men at the table have begun to unbuckle their belts and affectionately pat their protruding stomachs as they eye the couch and recliners as their next destination. The kids are engaged in "scratch and sniff" activities to determine what is on the carpet beneath their place at the table. One person expresses a need for a toothpick and hands shoot up in the air of everyone else who can't dislodge the turkey from their teeth with their dinner forks.

While you're defrosting the Cool Whip for the frozen pumpkin pies, the rest of the family is in dental hygiene heaven and shouting out orders of "leaded" vs. "unleaded" (referring to coffee, of course).

Out of the corner of your eye you see the dog coughing up the missing cheese log appetizer. Then it hits! The realization why you have an unnatural, but justified dislike for Pilgrims. Donna Reed, Martha Stewart and the aberrant Norman Rockwell families which continue to hold you up to unattainable standards. The truth be known, Norman Bates would make a better role model for your entertaining needs. He always kept the guest list small — just he and his mother.

Cy DeBoer is a local author.

DOGS: 'Dog-Lovers Companion,' at 600 pages, is well researched

(From 1B)

keeping them quiet"), was "surprised at how many motels openly welcome dogs."

At more than 600 pages, "The Texas Dog Lover's Companion" is well-researched. You can bet Hodge did his homework, ranking park areas by a system of paws, with four paws being the er, cat's meow. The lowest rating is a fire hydrant, or as Hodge writes, "That means the park is just worth a squat."

Two parks in San Antonio got 3 1/2 paws Martin Luther King Park and Southside Lions Park. The latter "is as good as it gets for a dog in Texas," Hodge says.

Another South Texas favorite is Dwight D. Eisenhower Park. "It has great walking trails and great views of the San Antonio skyline," Hodge says.

The biggest surprise in researching the book was "how many closet dog people are out there who keep a dog at their place of business all day ... everything from book stores to

dress shops to restaurants to motels.

"The minute I said something about doing a guide book for dogs they would turn and get real friendly," Hodge says.

In all, the book lists more than 400 places to chow down, hundreds of places to stay the night and nearly 500 parks, beaches, forests and wildlife areas, as well as doggy do's and don'ts, safety tips, rules of dining etiquette and hints on avoiding pooper-scooper faux "paws." Plus, "The Texas Dog Lover's Companion" is illustrated with delightful cartoons by Phil Frank.

Next up for Hodge is a revision of "Backroads of Texas" (Gulf Publishing) and an official guide to Texas Wildlife Management Areas (Texas Parks & Wildlife Department).

The author will sign copies of "The Texas Dog Lover's Companion" Saturday at the Texas Book Festival on the Capitol grounds in Austin.

For more information, call (800)-FOGHORN.

Mechanic needed in 'high speed' chase

MORGANTOWN, W. Va. (AP) — This chase could have used a mechanic.

Police clanked their way through a sputtering, five-mile pursuit of a suspected drunken driver Tuesday. The episode began when Kingwood Police Cpl. Dale Davis saw James Johnston's car cross a center line on Route 7. The officer's cruiser, a 1991 Chevrolet Lumina, wasn't in great shape.

"The transmission was slipping, the car was smoking, and the only thing I had left was second gear," Davis said.

Neither car could go faster than 70 mph, pretty tame for a high-speed chase.

Johnston turned his car onto a dirt road where its starter promptly fell off. He then abandoned the car and his passenger, Harvey Moats.

Police questioned Moats, then took him home a couple of hours later. That's where they found Johnston, who faces charges of driving on a license suspended for driving under the influence of

alcohol and reckless driving.

ATLANTA (AP) — The clerk at the movie theater box office was a little puzzled by the strange-looking \$50 bill. It was bright red.

Then another stained \$50 was used to buy some popcorn. The theater's managers called police, knowing that U.S. currency often becomes stained after a bank holdup.

David Flood, 23, was arrested and charged with armed robbery. "This guy's not as smart as most," Atlanta police Detective Ed Christian said Tuesday.

Police said Flood entered a bank last week and handed the teller a holdup note. "Hello," it said. "The nature of my business is to tell you not to try anything stupid. I'll take 10s, 20s and 50s."

The red dye pack attached to the wad of money exploded in Flood's back pocket as he ran from the bank. Police said he took off his pants, threw them in a garbage can and jumped on the subway with his coat wrapped around his body.

Illness brought West Texas artist a sharper focus

By Rick Smith
Associated Press

CHRISTOVAL — The artist lives in an old stone cottage on a tree-covered hill in a quiet corner of this little town just south of San Angelo in Tom Green County.

Cats nap on the porch. A friendly dog keeps a close watch for the deer that sometimes wanders across the lawn.

A well-dented canoe rests behind the house. A slow, gentle rain drips from the roof. But all here isn't as peaceful as it appears.

The man heaves open the handmade double doors on either end of his stone studio.

A north wind whips through the room, whistling past figures crouched within.

By the west wall, a figure of the Biblical Adam doubles over in misery, leaving the garden.

Across the room, a miniature bull roars at visitors. In the center, a dancer freezes in time, silhouetted against the sky.

Welcome to Alan Baughman's world.

Working with wood or wax or clay, he shapes his visions into elegant dancers and soaring hawks.

For Alan, the metaphor's the thing. "I'm interested in human

spirit," the 48-year-old said, leading a tour of his work. "I'm looking for more than just surface realism. I'm looking for a metaphor for the soul of man."

In a sense, his own life is just such a metaphor.

As a young artist fresh out of school, Alan began a successful career welding metal sculptures.

Using a torch and ball peen hammer, he carved and curved metals ranging from copper to junked car hoods into airy eagles, a realistic bust of a Mexican president, a life-size longhorn steer.

He relished the challenge. Sculpting metal with flame and hammer, he once wrote, "is distinctly different from traditional methods of sculpting. It is not responsive to the hands of the sculptor as are clay, wax or plaster. Nor is steel subdued as bronze and made to flow easily into a mold. Rather, it must be forced to conform to an image. There is an inherent struggle in the process."

In a real sense, it is the will of the sculptor against the will of the steel. Working in the Dallas area, often working on commission, he created works that are still on display from North Carolina to the Metroplex.

Then he got sick. "I had Hodgkins disease," he said, matter-of-factly. "For four years, I was unable to work. Then, I started noticing that whenever I was around car exhaust, I'd get really ill. Things that never bothered me before started making me sick: perfumes, carpet, anything synthetic."

Reluctantly, he put away his welding torch. "The fumes bothered me. I had to stay away from it."

And, like tuberculosis patients from an earlier era, he moved west for his health. He and his wife, Kathy, eventually found their way to Christoval, to the stone cottage on the hill with its simple hardwood floors and stucco walls and southwest breezes.

"At first, I felt like I was walking around in a stupor," he said, quietly.

Then he started working again, in wood, wax and clay. "The illness forced me to experiment with other mediums. Wood's the only thing that doesn't bother me at all. Wax and clay, I can work with a few hours at a time."

In some ways, I'm really starting over again. "Any kind of hardship or struggle is very beneficial to your art, if you can draw on

it."

He drew on his experiences for one of his most recent sculptures, the statue of a long distance runner that stands at the front of his studio.

The figure, which Alan hopes to eventually cast in bronze, shows a runner muscling his way to an unseen finish line, forever straining against space and time.

Alan studied slow-motion videotapes of Olympic runners in order to sculpt the figure's muscles to perfection.

His attention to detail shows, from the straining tendons in the figure's feet to the anguished determination in the runner's face.

But the runner's more than a simple snapshot of flesh and bone.

"It's the metaphor," Alan said. "The soul of man. The spirit. I'm trying to go after something deep with the whole idea of a runner."

Intensity. Tension. Power of movement. The seemingly endless energy of life.

"I like the whole idea of the runner," said the artist on the hill as he closed his shop for the evening.

"In some ways, because of what's happened, I feel like I'm in a race myself. It's a metaphor I may stick with for a while."

PATTERSON: Life as the middle child truly a difficult road for many kids

(From 1B)

ment, so why not turn around and displace that anguish on her older sister when the opportunity arises? She can easily become the tormenter after having been the tormentee in church.

These two scenes play themselves out on a regular basis. The Boy and The Almost Teen get along just fine. It's a really good older sister-little brother relationship. Unfortunately, our Tweener gets everyone's left-over angst. She can't get along with her older sister because they share a room and when two

girls share a room, there is no way that getting along is remotely possible.

The other day, after being sandwiched in the middle of this abuse yet again, she sat down on the living room couch, and just burst into tears. I asked her what was wrong.

"I hate being the middle kid," she said. I was truly touched.

"Have you cleaned your bedroom yet?" I asked. "Because if you haven't cleaned your bedroom, I have no sympathy for you. I can't hug you and console you until your room is clean. If it's clean, I'll sympathize with you. If it's not, you can forget about it."

REECE: Great grand-daughter concocts a pecan sandwich

(From 1B)

out this year. They are great, but they are underloaded" on the trees. "They are good for quality but lean on volume." The younger Western trees are "loaded exactly right, and they are wonderful quality. The older Westerns are overloaded; the quality is not there. They are just mediocre."

Overall, Reece is pleased with his crop. Season after season, he and his family, including his wife, Norma, shell the pecans nut by nut.

What kernels he and his family don't eat right away, he packages the kernels raw or else barbecues them with mesquite or pecan firewood or sugars them for his friends.

From spring to winter, Reece "loves every minute" of working with his pecans, his wife said.

"He just really enjoys it," Mrs. Reece said. "From the moment they first start budding out" in spring, and the leaves and tassels appear, "he looks from that point to the harvest. And when those pecans barely start opening, he can't keep his hands off of them."

Day after day, "he reaches up there, and he will pull one off," Mrs. Reece said. "And by the time he gets home that afternoon, his hands are totally black

because those green husks on the outside of the hulls turn your hands black. And he comes home every day for a month with black hands. We can't even go out to eat because he looks like he's eating with filthy hands."

Reece has been nurturing pecans in the grove surrounding Reece Pond south of town for more than 20 years.

"He barbecues them. He sugars them," said Mrs. Reece, who has been married to Reece for almost 50 years. "He does everything in the world there is to do (with pecans). We very seldom ever cook a meal that we don't have pecans in something that we cook."

Their 4-year-old great-granddaughter, Alyssa Byrne, who calls Reece "Olddaddy," concocted a pecan sandwich.

"She told Olddaddy that all it needs is some bread with mayonnaise and pecans," Mrs. Reece said. "And they, Alyssa and Boyd, liked them (pecan sandwiches)."

Each year, the Boyds give pecans, raw, roasted, or sugared, to friends and to charities. "We don't do it for fame and glory," Mrs. Reece said. "We just do it because we want to."

Eager to have more pecans to harvest, Reece is banking on a November freeze that will has-

ten the opening of the hulls and yield more pecans.

His interest in pecans stemmed from his youth in San Angelo.

"When I was a boy in San Angelo growing up on the Concho River, I was fascinated by pecans," he reflected. "Starting in September, I'd go down and skip school and maybe trash some big old trees. I think I developed a (softball) pitching arm by throwing sticks at old 65- and 70-foot trees to get pecans. I've always been fascinated by

a long time ago. Aside from that, I was the perfect little brother. I'm sure she would insist that if anyone ever asked her.

As to why The Boy can't get along with her Tweener, it's beyond me. But after watching the events unfold every day at our house, I have developed a new respect for middle kids who never get any respect.

Any of them would tell you they get no respect. Except my sister, who was blessed with a perfect life and the ideal little brother. Just ask her.

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pecans.

"Every year, it (the pecan harvest) comes around at the same time. It amazes me. When the first pecan opens, I say, 'He (God) done it again.'"

To Reece's perception, pecans are "just a revelation that God is in control ... of everything, and He is on target just like He is with the sun and moon and the stars. I feel closer to God. It's awesome to me to come out here and see what he can do with a paintbrush."

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Finding a needle hidden in the Internet haystack

By Michelle Slatalla
N.Y. Times News Service

When it comes to homework assignments, the goal in my household is to avoid, at all costs, the diorama. I recognize the value of the dreaded diorama as a fallback option for families who avoid confronting until the very last minute the looming deadline of a fourth-grade social studies project. That said, everything else about the diorama experience — the tense search for an empty shoe box, the furtive attempt to remove its price tag before someone asks whether \$100 wasn't a lot of money to spend on lug-sole loafers, the bickering over who used up all the glue and brown construction paper — is bleak. The best you can hope for is that after your child assembles a phony three-dimensional scene using Popsicle sticks that plausibly depicts, say, the discovery of fire, the project will survive the bus ride to school — but not the bus ride home. To avoid this vicious cycle, my 9-year-old daughter and I went to the public library the other day to research Algonquin crafts. But then we saw a

sign taped to the front door.

"Closed for renovation," Zoe read darkly. "I am going to fail fourth grade."

My mood matched hers; by the time the library reopened, we would already be enmeshed in a diorama situation.

Unless, of course, our home computer could save us. In second grade, the machine had proved an adequate tool for supplementary research, enabling Zoe to snag information about the history of copper off an obscure Web site. But this would be a task of a much broader scope.

At home a half-hour later, it seemed prudent to start slowly. Why confront the Internet at all if we didn't need to? Had we been at the public library, Zoe's first step would have been to look up "Algonquin" in an encyclopedia. So I handed her the CD-ROM for the Encarta encyclopedia. After the opening screen appeared, Zoe intuitively clicked on Find. Then I pointed out the on-screen query box (participating far more than I would have had to at the library, by the way, where I could have skulked in a corner reading back issues of my favorite magazines). She typed

"Algonquin" in the search box, selected the first of four matches that appeared, then read aloud. "Native North American tribe of the Algonquinian language family, dwelling originally in the vicinity of the Great Lakes. What is that word, Gadzo River?"

Frustrated, she looked up. "I don't think this has anything that will help me." I looked over her shoulder. "That's linguistic, vicinity and Gatineau River," I said. If she had been wrong on pronunciation, Zoe had been right on the bigger issue. Despite its multimedia format and links to related articles and maps, Encarta gave us the same general kind of information as an old-fashioned paper encyclopedia. One difference: a book would not have forced us to reboot; Encarta crashed the computer when I inserted its second disk.

At the library, the next step would have been to find a reference librarian. So we logged on to America Online, then connected to its Ask a Teacher feature (keyword: homework). Zoe typed a query to one of AOL's social studies specialists: "How can I learn about Algonquin crafts?"

An on-screen message informed us that "teachers will read your e-mail and attempt to provide an answer by e-mail." (Three days later, we were still waiting.) In the meantime, we tried AOL's other features. We searched its articles database (keyword: elibrary) but got only irrelevant responses, like a list of sleep-away summer camps in Minnesota. Then we tried the social studies tutoring room on the Kids Only channel (click on Homework Help, then Discuss It). The tutoring room was closed, although, according to the posted hours, it should have been open. Trying not to lose heart, we decided to conduct rudimentary Web searches on www.hotbot.com and www.yahoo.com. Although her query — "Algonquin crafts" — returned screens of responses, none of the first 20 on either site seemed useful (after 20, we gave up).

After nearly two unproductive hours, the Internet seemed like just another form of diorama, a vast collection of useless facts that is a simulacrum of real knowledge.

But since I don't want my daughter to think it is OK to be defeated by adversi-

ty — or technical perversity — as a last resort we queried a children's search engine, Ask Jeeves for Kids (www.ajkids.com). Zoe clicked on a response and the screen filled with gold. At www.civilization.ca/members/fph/stone/s/engfrm.htm, we found descriptions of American Indian musical instruments, toys, crafts, articles of clothing. Zoe decided to build a version of a cradleboard that had once carried an Algonquin child's doll.

So what was the biggest difference between old-fashioned library research and computer research? The odds. At the library, we would have found information in some children's reference book or another. It might not have been exhilarating, but it would have been adequate. Using the computer, however, was an all-or-nothing experience. This time, it paid off.

"We never could have found this list at the library," Zoe said. That was the good news. The bad news? To make the cradleboard, we needed a shoe box.

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Places to get started on the road to college

By Steven R. Knowlton
N.Y. Times News Service

Phil Michas and Adrian Gamarello are high-school seniors, classmates at the prestigious Browning School, just off Park Avenue in the heart of Manhattan's silk-stocking district. When it came to picking a college to attend next fall, they had the best help money could buy: a highly regarded guidance counselor and high-end computer hardware and software to aid a senior class of only two dozen.

But for the rest of us, here's the good news: both Michas, whose "favorite thing in the world is computer stuff," and Gamarello, who prints out every paragraph he writes because he'd rather read text on paper, said the most valuable help they found in selecting colleges was available free, 24 hours a day, to anyone with a computer and a modem.

Both students took the advice of Browning's guidance counselor, Sanford Pelz, and visited colleges on the Web.

Nearly all colleges have Web sites, of course, and those sites have grown increasingly sophisticated over the last two years as admissions offices have realized that a good Web page can translate into more applications and more tuition dollars.

It is a good place to start, but the college-bound should think of the official Web sites as digital versions of the brochures colleges have published for many years. They are reliable in the same way brochures about new cars are reliable.

Gamarello combined guidebooks, brochures and Web pages in looking for a school that valued the arts over athletics and was a comfortable size and distance from home. He said Web pages "give you some of what the place is about, of the school's ideology."

He mentally adjusted for the pictures "that are airbrushed and edited so they're, like, perfect," he said, yet still found them very useful. But there is much, much more available than the sylvan scene of the campus, the majestic shot of the administration building, the perfectly posed pictures of a flawlessly diverse group of students chatting amiably about the joys of calculus, the thrill of Chaucer.

A different kind of information — less well ordered but often more useful — can be found elsewhere. All over the country, individual faculty members have built Web pages of their own, where they post syllabuses, lecture notes, old tests — the nuts and bolts of the classroom.

Additionally, thousands of students have their own Web pages, where they inveigh for and against all manner of details about life at college. "There is a lot of information that has not been cleaned by the admissions office," Pelz said.

Michas, the computer aficionado, couldn't agree more. He settled on the University of Pennsylvania as his first choice after surfing the engineering department's pages for computer science courses. "I could open up old lecture

notes, old tests," he said with a note of wonder. "I found that accessing those notes would tell me so much about what the courses would really be about."

And don't forget college newspapers. The College Press Network (www.cpn.net) lists links for more than 300 campus papers, arranged alphabetically by state. The papers are irreverent, outraged and often outrageous — just what a high school student may need to figure out if everything else about a school is as good a fit as the academics.

www.collegeboard.com
www.petersons.com
www.collegeview.com

Visiting a college's Web site and the college itself are great ways to make final choices about where to apply and enroll, but it's bewildering and too time-consuming to begin the selection process there. Most professional guidance counselors recommend putting together a list of 10 to 20 schools, then applying to perhaps half that number.

Some of the factors in school selection — where your parents went and where your heartthrob is going — are serious concerns but are not the sort of things computers can help with. But for other considerations, software can be an enormous help, provided you use it the right way.

College Search, found at chweb1.collegeboard.org/csearch or through a link on www.collegeboard.com, is the College Board's online version of its software packages for consumers and high schools. Peterson's, a longtime rival to the College Board in the big guidebook field, has a search site at www.petersons.com, which links to its www.collegequest.com site.

College View (www.collegeview.com) is a relative newcomer to the online collection. The difference between what it offers free on line and what is on the CD-ROMs it sells to high-school guidance offices is videos, said the site's managing director, Tim Loudermilk.

Colleges pay \$5,000 to \$20,000 and up to be included in the videos, which can be thought of as digital versions of the slick brochures, called viewbooks, that colleges put together to sell themselves. The information on the schools is the same.

The process of looking for a college is largely the same on all three Web sites. On the positive side, the information on the sites is in a database, not a narrative, which makes it easy to generate an endless set of lists sorted by a wide variety of criteria.

If you want a college of more than 10,000 students in a city in the Northeast, a school with a Division IA football team, a student humor magazine and a pep band that accepts only half of its applicants and offers advanced-placement credit for the AP Latin exam, a list of colleges meeting all or most of those criteria — the sites' options vary a bit — is a few clicks away. It can be sorted for your convenience by cost or by other criteria important to you.

Steven R. Knowlton is an associate professor of journalism at Hofstra University.

Oracle database takes aim at windows

By John Markoff
N.Y. Times News Service

LAS VEGAS — Lawrence Ellison, chairman of Oracle Corp. and longtime foe of Microsoft's chairman, Bill Gates, failed in his first effort to undermine the dominance of the Windows family of operating systems with a concept called the network computer.

Now, he has struck upon a new strategy that would do away with the operating system almost entirely on the powerful computers known as servers that act as the control centers of large networks.

At this year's Comdex computer industry trade show, which opened here Sunday, Ellison plans to introduce a new version of his Oracle database program, code-named "raw iron," that he hopes will be sold by companies that make network servers, including Compaq, Sun Microsystems, Hewlett-Packard and Dell Computer.

Because the new database program will require only a small stub of an operating system, known as a kernel, the system will be faster and more reliable, Ellison said.

His network computer, or NC, was an earlier attempt at simplifying the task of corporate PC managers by offering them simple and inexpensive hardware that would run a World Wide Web browser program. NCs failed to catch on, however, largely because of the rapidly falling cost of the personal computer.

Refusing to give up, he is now arguing that the NC is any device that incorporates a Web browser. These can range from something as simple as a cellular phone to a television set or a personal computer.

In introducing what he calls the Oracle

Data Base Server Appliance, Ellison will be trying to open a back door to realizing the NC and laying out a new strategy in his three-year-long war for the high ground in the increasingly bitter software marketing wars.

The Oracle Data Base Server Appliance is a refrigerator-sized computer that will store all of a company's data, including e-mail, text files and accounting information. Such a server, he maintains, will require much less management and be simpler to use than a standard server, which often has to run dozens of different applications.

Computer industry executives said Ellison's server appliance might prove more difficult for Microsoft to defuse than the network computer was.

"There is a large market for dedicated appliances on computer networks," said Eric Schmidt, chief executive of Novell Corp., which sells network server systems. "It is a real revenue opportunity, and it minimizes the role of the operating system."

In recent months, Ellison has criticized Microsoft's strategy to place millions of servers running Windows 2000 — the new name for Windows NT — in small businesses and large corporations.

Ellison says the strategy will prove costly and unmanageable for businesses. And he accuses Microsoft of worsening the shortage of high-technology workers in the United States because its systems require so many people to administer.

An alternative vision of computing, Ellison's system would centralize the storage of information.

His critics call it a look backward toward

the era of the mainframe computer.

"Leave the files where they are," said Janet Perna, general manager of IBM's database business. IBM's rival DB2 system, she said, employs pointers on the central server that lead people to data distributed among many computers in a corporation.

The battle over the database market is crucial because these enormous electronic filing cabinets are the increasingly essential software programs that permit large and small corporations to track and control all aspects of their business. Applications can range from running a corporation accounting system to e-mail servers that act as electronic post offices.

The battle for market share in the \$8.6 billion database industry has become a crucial beachhead for software companies that offer one-stop shopping for the business world.

Until now, says Dataquest, a market research firm, almost 53 percent of the market for corporate databases has been controlled by Oracle and IBM, which created the most popular format, the relational database. However, Microsoft, which has only a 4.5 percent market share, is preparing to enter the business.

But Ellison, who has taunted Microsoft and Gates for years with barbed, often humorous attacks, may have found a way to confound his opponent.

By dispensing with all but a tiny portion of the operating system, Ellison argues, he will be able to offer a faster, cheaper and more stable product than Microsoft's SQL Server 7, a database for Windows 2000 that will be announced at Comdex.

'Dummies' series smart for neophytes

By De. Emilio Bombay
N.Y. Times News Service

DEAR DR. BOMBAY: Among the many computer books out there, "Windows for Dummies" has been recommended. I am keeping in mind that this comes from my ex-boyfriends.

— Wisdom Seeker
DEAR SEEKER: Well, he was wrong about everything else, wasn't he? No, wait! That's what my ex says about me. Your situation is probably very different from the shrill, shrieking horror of my life.

Actually, those "Dummies" books are a great place to start if you're totally in the dark. Just make sure they're not too fundamental for you. Go to the bookstore, plow down with a latte and a laptop and do some "browsing." Or go to www.dummies.com and read sample chapters before you shell out 20 bucks for something you may not even need.

You know, those people have a book for just about everything. There's even "Sex for Dummies." Hmmm. I should have bought that one for that shrew of a ... Sorry! Didn't mean to let my personal life intrude. It won't happen again.

DEAR DR. BOMBAY: I have some questions about your column first are you a hacker and if you are not how do you know so much about it. I mean I know your a professor or something like that, but you must know how to hack. By the way please send alot more info on the hacker stuff, because I am very interested. thanks

— AntiUser1
DEAR ANTI: Your teachers must be mighty proud of you.

Ask the Doctor

DEAR DR. BOMBAY: Is there a scanner available that will transmit text intact? Will a single scanner do both text and graphics?

— Word for Word
DEAR WORD: In case some brain-dead salesclerk can't give you a straight answer, just about any scanner you buy can do both. The scanner simply takes a picture of the page. Character-recognition software, which does its best to recognize letters in that picture and turn them into text in a new file. A blurry or smudged original means lots of typos, so try to keep from spilling your tropical drink all over the page before scanning.

DEAR DR. BOMBAY: Almost every week you tell us some new "stupid software trick" the Microsoft engineers have put in their products. Is this why their programs are so ridiculously large?

— Size Matters
DEAR SIZE: Those little Easter eggs only take up a fraction of the space in the programs. Microsoft applications are so ridiculously large because they do about 700 times the number of things most casual users need. For instance, Microsoft has been adding on to Word since Bill Gates' acne cleared up, making

it bigger and bigger.

In almost all Microsoft setup programs, there is an option for "custom" installation. Use that, and you can pick and choose exactly how much stuff to install.

Speaking of software tricks, you guys aren't playing fair. You're supposed to be sending me stuff. I'm tired of just giving and giving and giving. But it was always about you, wasn't it? I should have seen how selfish you were, but, no, I let you walk all over me. Well, not anymore. You're not the boss of ... Whoops! Did it again, didn't I?

(Noted computerologist Dr. Emilio Bombay isn't bitter about anything. No, really, he's totally over it now. Unless you're a certain someone, he can be reached at drbombay@star-telegram.com, via snail-mail at Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Box 1870, Fort Worth, TX 76101, or fax: (817) 390-7257. His real name is Michael Gerst, editorial systems manager for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

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Wayne Runkles

Services for Wayne Runkles, 59, of Midland, who died Saturday morning, November 21, 1998 will be on Tuesday, November 24, at 2 p.m. at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 1701 North Main Street, Midland, Texas, with the Rev. Jo Gay, Pastor of St. Mark's, Rev. Douglas Runkles of Levelland, and Rev. Bob Ford of Abilene officiating. Burial will be at Resthaven under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home.

Wayne was born June 2, 1939 in Erath County to Frank A. and Alylene Byrd Runkles. He grew up in Post, Texas. In 1953, he became an Eagle Scout, and was a Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow of the South Plains Council. He graduated from Post High School in 1958. He married Linda Lane Livingston on January 24, 1959.

He graduated from Texas Tech University in 1963. He worked for Travelers Insurance Company as

a casualty underwriter from 1963 to 1968.

In 1968 he moved to Midland to go into the insurance agency business. In 1976 he founded his own insurance agency, The Insurance Man and Associates. He was active in Independent Insurance Agents in Midland, serving as president of the organization from 1972 to 1973. He served on various committees of the Texas Association of Independent Insurance Agents (T.A.I.A.) including the property committee and the legislative committee. From 1985 to 1997 he served as a Regional Vice President of the T.A.I.A.

He was an active member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church for 30 years where he held several positions of leadership. He served as Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee from 1982 to 1994, Chairman of the Endowment Fund Committee, Chairman of the Trustees, and Chairman of the Board three different times.

He was Chairman of the Board of InFocus Ministries, Inc., an evangelistic ministry to teenagers, based in Levelland, Texas.

He was an avid hunter and outdoorsman. He was an Endowment Member of the National Rifle Association, a Life Member of Bass Angler Sportsman Society, and a member of Ducks Unlimited, and the National Wild Turkey Federation.

He is survived by his parents, Frank A. and Alylene Runkles of Post, Texas; his wife, Linda L. Runkles of Midland; a son and his wife, Douglas L. and Joanna Runkles of Levelland, Texas; a daughter and her husband, D'Lane Runkles Maselunas and Bill Maselunas of Dallas, Texas; and three grandchildren, Elli and Nicholas Runkles of Levelland, and Fiona Lane Maselunas of Dallas. He is also

survived by one brother, Donald Runkles of Houston; and three sisters, Ramona Ross of Corpus Christi, Wanda Moore of Midland, and Delores Patty of Oklahoma City; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be John Underwood, Larry Crawford, Phillip Becker, Clyde Greene, Dan Lineberger, and Don Chandler. Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. John Worrell, Dr. John Staub, and The Insurance Man and Associates staff.

Memorials may be directed to St. Mark's United Methodist Church Endowment Fund, 1701 N. Main, Midland, Texas 79701, or InFocus Ministries, 613 Cactus Drive, Levelland, Texas 79336.

Jim Newman

Jim Newman died November 21, 1998 in Electra, Texas. Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Monday, November 23, 1998 at the Harrold Cemetery in Harrold, Texas with the Rev. Roger Sanford, pastor of The Community Church of Electra, Texas officiating. The eulogy will be presented by Jim's cousin, Margrethe Stevenson.

Mr. Newman was born February 22, 1931 in Cleburne, Texas to the late Dick and Effie Holbert. Jim was also preceded in death by two brothers, Billy and Raymond.

Jim was employed by Magnolia Petroleum Company, later becoming Mobil Oil Company, in Dallas, Texas. He was transferred to Electra where he worked for two years before serving two years in the Army during the Korean Conflict. Upon returning to civilian life, he continued to work for Mobil in the West Texas area for 19 years. After leaving Mobil, he was self employed in Odessa and Ruidoso until he retired in 1990.

He is survived by his wife, Judy; daughters, Amy of Dallas, and J'Lynn Wheeler, her husband, Mark, and granddaughters, Laura and Melissa, of Midland. He is also survived by his sister, JoAnn, and her children, Jennifer and Brad, of New York City.

Memorials may be made in Jim's name to the Capitan Public Library, Capitan, New Mexico 88316.

Guyneth Lankford

Services for Guyneth Evelyn (Muffet) Taylor Lankford, 77, of Stanton will be 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 24th, 1998 in the First Baptist Church of Stanton with Rev. David Harp officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

She passed away Sunday, November 22nd, in Stanton after a brief illness.

She was born December 15, 1920 in Farmersville, Texas to Willie E. Taylor and Ruby H. Moore Taylor, both deceased.

She was raised in Roaring Springs, Texas and graduated from there in 1939. She received a degree in education from Texas Tech and taught in Roaring Springs, Levelland and Stanton. She retired from Stanton I.S.D. in 1990 after thirty-five years of dedicated teaching.

Since retiring, she had been active in the Over Fifty Dance Club and looking after her grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughter, Margaret Jo Rane Lankford Coggin of Stanton; and her son, Laman J. Lankford of San Antonio; five grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

died Saturday, Nov. 21 in Big Spring.

Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home in Big Spring.

Albert Leon Griggs

Albert Leon Griggs, 63, died Saturday, Nov. 21 at his Odessa home.

Services are pending with Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

Beryl B. Blain

Beryl B. Blain, 84, died Saturday, Nov. 21 at a nursing home in Odessa.

Services are pending with Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

POLICE REPORTS

Road accident

An El Paso woman remained in critical condition Sunday after sustaining injuries in a Saturday night accident on Texas Highway 80.

The victim, identified as Melissa Mares, 19, was standing outside her vehicle parked in a traffic lane of the highway when it was rear-ended by another motorist. Department of Public Safety officials did not immediately know if the vehicle was stalled or any other reason why it was parked in the traffic lane with its lights off.

The case still remained under investigation Monday afternoon.

officials said.

Midland Police Department Saturday

Theft: An older-model sedan was taken from 3001 N. Midland Drive. Amador Flores reported it to police to police at noon.

Sunday

Theft: A purse was taken from Murray's Deli, 3211 W. Wadley Ave. W. K. Herbert filed a report with police at 12:30 p.m.

Anyone having information concerning any of these reports should call the Midland Police Department at 685-7108 and Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS.

Tax break gives livestock room to roam in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Russell Klein's cows have found a home next-door to Wal-Mart. Claire Evans keeps a dozen horses in a pasture just blocks from a major expressway, and when Eileen Hatcher leaves town, she has to get a sitter for her three milk goats.

In zoning-free Houston, residents can keep just about anything in their back yards if they have enough room.

But there's another reason Houston has become an urban livestock haven: tax breaks that encourage property owners to set aside land for cattle and other uses until they are ready to develop it. The state property-tax exemption has allowed Klein to rent land from large corporations for his cattle to graze on. He has cows on eight parcels of leased property, including about 450 acres abutting a Wal-Mart and AutoNation USA near Interstate 45.

"If it weren't for the large corporations holding land for development, I wouldn't be able to lease it," Klein told the Houston Chronicle, adding that finding available land has grown difficult in recent years.

"I'm trying desperately to hang onto the old lifestyle," he said. "It's very difficult. I'll probably be the last generation to be able to stay in it."

The Harris County Agricultural Extension Service estimates there are 45,000 head of cattle among its 3.2 million residents. And within the city limits, more than 500 agricultural tracts comprise about 8,300 acres.

Harris County Chief Appraiser Jim Robinson said the property-tax exemption for agricultural use is good for the economy.

"You can make a real strong case that if people didn't have the

ability to hold land under agricultural appraisal, the value of the land would decline substantially," Robinson said. "The fact is ... availability helps support higher market prices for land. Hence, it's a positive in the economy."

Fact is, residents can keep horses, cows, goats, roosters — even turkeys — if they meet space requirements imposed by the Department of Health and Human Services. For example, the agency requires some animals to be kept 100 feet from a residence.

The only drawback is that once the land is converted to another use, the owner must pay five years' worth of retroactive taxes. The Greater Houston Horse Council estimates there are 160,000 horses in the heart of the city.

"Houston is known for backyard horse owners," said Jerry Thames, executive vice president of the horse council. "We have more independent horse owners than any other place."

TODAY'S FUNERALS

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DEATH NOTICES

Henry Gilley

FORT STOCKTON — Henry Floyd Gilley, 85, father of Midlander Brian Gilley, died Sunday, Nov. 22 in Fort Stockton.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Tuesday at First Baptist Church in Fort Stockton.

Gilley was born Aug. 27, 1913 in Hollandale, Miss. He served with the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, former chairman of the National Federation of Independent Businesses and also served on the United Way board, Noun Lion's Club, Boy Scouts, March of Dimes and Chamber of Commerce.

Survivors include his wife Evelyn Gilley; son Terry Gilley of Hereford; sisters Marietta Caruthers of San Francisco, Calif. and Vivian Nicholson of Bakersfield, Calif. and three grandchildren.

The family requests that memorials be directed to the First Baptist Church or Boy Scouts of America.

Bob Thrailkill

STANTON — Bob Thrailkill, 80, died in Midland Saturday, Nov. 21.

Funeral services are set for 2 p.m. Monday in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. David Harp and the Rev. Mike Harris officiating. Burial will be held at the Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton.

Thrailkill was born July 5, 1918 in Saluda, S.C. and graduated from Courtney High School there. He started farming in 1939 and retired in 1988. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Stanton and former member of the First Baptist Church in Lenora for 52 years. He served on the Martin County Water District's board of directors.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Francis Thrailkill of Stanton; two daughters Frances Wynell Scott of Midland and Patricia Ann High of Stanton; four

grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Jean Culpepper

BIG SPRING — Jean S. "Mama Jean" Culpepper died Saturday, Nov. 21 at her Odessa residence.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Nalley-Pickles and Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Ms. Culpepper was a longtime Big Spring resident and a member of the First Baptist Church of Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by her husband Jim Culpepper; sons John D. Culpepper and Carter Patillo; daughter Billie Edmiston and a grandson.

Survivors include seven grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Ervin Tillis

Midlander Ervin Tillis died Saturday, Nov. 21 at a local hospital.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. J.J. Joiner officiating. Burial will follow at the Mitchell County Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Tillis was born in Colorado City and attended school there. He was worked as a repair man at several locations across the United States.

Survivors include his three children, Ervin Torrell Tillis, Lashonda Tillis and LaToya Mason, all of Portland, Ore.; his mother Pearl Lee of Hobbs, N.M.; father Roy Lee Tillis of Portland, Ore.; sisters Ruby Patton of Hobbs, N.M., Mary Templeton of Roswell, N.M. and Emma O'Neal of Midland; brothers Kirvin Tillis and Harris Lee, both of Hobbs, N.M., and five grandchildren.

Kenneth Ivy

Kenneth J. Ivy, 69, died Saturday, Nov. 21 at a San Angelo hospital.

Graveside services are set for 2 p.m. Tuesday at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland with the Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born Sept. 17, 1929 in Lometa. He went to school in Lometa and San Angelo. He served four years in the Marines and four years in the Army.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dee Ivy, and a daughter, Yvonne Ivy.

He is survived by two sons, Jerry Dee Ivy and Ray Ivy; his mother Amanda Ivy Barkley of San Angelo; brothers Jack Ivy of Balmorhea and Hanie Ivy of San Angelo; eight grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

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DEAR ABBY

Parents' behavior leads to daughter's anguish

DEAR ABBY: I am a 13-year-old girl with a serious problem and no one to turn to. A year ago, my world fell apart.

I live in a small town and my dad is a policeman. Last year, a 19-year-old girl came to work in his department and started riding with him in his patrol car. Everyone started talking about how Dad was having an affair with this teen-age girl who's just a few years older than me. After a few months, my dad moved out and started living with her. Mom wouldn't talk about it, and my grandparents were very upset. A few months later, he and my mom were divorced.

Mom began dating a guy a lot older than her. Neither of them seems to notice me anymore. I'm so confused.



Van Buren

I had no one to talk to, and I started seeing a guy who's 18. He understands how upset I am, but now people are telling me that he's just using me. I feel guilty about my relationship with him. I have terrible nightmares and can't keep from crying during the day. Why did my parents suddenly quit believing in everything they have taught me all my life? I have always been a good student, but this is affecting my grades.

I can't make myself like my mom's boyfriend or my dad's girlfriend. Should I try to force myself to? I can't discuss this with my parents or grandparents. I really need someone who can give me a mature answer. How can I accept my parents' behavior and get on with my life? — FORGOTTEN DAUGHTER

DEAR DAUGHTER: You need more help than I can give you in my column. You desperately need support from — and dialogue with — an adult other than an 18-year-old man who may be sympathetic, but could be in trouble with the law

if this relationship with you continues. Your father is behaving as if he's in his second adolescence, and your mother is trying so hard to replace him that it has affected her relationship with you.

This is a problem that's more than any 13-year-old girl is capable of handling on her own. I urge you to confide in a school counselor, your clergyman or some other trusted adult. Do it immediately — and please write again to let me know how you're doing. I care.

DEAR ABBY: I have a question that I've never seen in your column. Can I be buried at sea?

I don't mean my ashes, Abby. I mean my body. I would rather be fish food and part of the ocean chain than be cremated or buried in the ground. Is it legal? Can I be put where I want to be? — JUST WONDERING IN ROSWELL, N.M.

DEAR JUST WONDERING: Yes, your body can be buried at sea as long as it is transported 12 miles from shore into international

waters. However, according to the Funeral and Memorial Societies of America in Hinesburg, Vt., there are other restrictions covering burial at sea, including water depth and weights on the remains. Also, a state permit is required in order to be buried at sea. Since state laws differ, you would be wise to check with a local mortician for details.

To receive a collection of Abby's most memorable — and most frequently requested — poems and essays, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's "Keepers," P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Abigail Van Buren's column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

Realtors' Internet site provides faulty information, report says

CHICAGO (AP) — A computer program glitch is causing the National Association of Realtors' new Internet site to provide inaccurate ratings of school systems across the country, the Chicago Tribune reported Sunday.

The search site, with 1.3 million homes listed, rated some Chicago area school systems as average or poor, even though they scored highly in the criteria used. Such mistakes can hurt local property markets, as school data is a key factor in home-buying decisions, the Tribune said.

The site's operator, RealSelect Inc., acknowledged the mistakes to the Tribune and blamed the computer program that produces the ratings.

"It was a systematic mathematical error," said Stuart Wolff, who heads the Westlake Village, Calif., company. "We are in the process of correcting it."

The association's "Find a Neighborhood" feature in which the erroneous school ratings were listed has operated since early October.

It allows buyers to list preferences in areas such as schools, income levels, crime rates and cultural amenities. It then uses the criteria to match the buyer with a community.

The scoring for schools is a product of weighted averages of SAT and ACT results, the percentage of college-bound students and national merit finalists, and spending per student.

Illinois communities with high scholastic reputations, such as Oak Park and Palos Park, were rated only average by the site.

Sue Hall, a real estate agent at Koenig & Strey's Wilmette office, said she is livid about the errors. People moving from out of state check such information on the Internet, she said, "and frankly, they're looking to eliminate communities."

Healthy Living

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Plasma donor Richard Hill receives money for the time he takes in donating plasma at Sera-Tec Plasma Center in Midland. He also receives health monitoring such as blood pressure checks.

Sera-Tec donors make extra money for Christmas

As Christmas shopping time gets shorter, your budget seems to shrink. Many people have discovered that while they help others by donating plasma, they can make extra money for Christmas from Sera-Tec Plasma Centers. Regular donors can make up to \$140 per month, and there are special bonuses for new donors (with the coupon on this page) and for current donors who bring a friend, under a program known as the "Buddy System."

New donors can earn up to \$100 in their first four visits, a bonus of \$40 in just two weeks' time. Also, Sera-Tec will pay currently active donors a \$5 bonus for every buddy who is approved and begins donating plasma. You have lots of ways to make your own Christmas bonus this year.

Richard Hill is one donor who enjoys the money and the satisfaction he receives from donating plasma. He and his wife began donating shortly after the Midland center opened in 1997, using the money to stretch their general budget.

"Anyone who has donated for a family member or friend understands the need for blood products," Richard explains. He appreciates the fact that plasma donations at Sera-Tec go to Bayer pharmaceutical company for use in a variety of health care products.

The Hills also like the fact that the facility is spotlessly clean and the staff is invariably friendly and professional. Richard says the staff does an especially good job of drawing blood. "I always look away when they begin," he admits, adding that they almost never have to try more than once to find a good vein. Sera-Tec manager Chris Bowers attributes his staff's skill to the fact that they do nothing but draw blood all day. That makes this an almost completely painless way to earn money and help others.

Bayer makes four categories of products from donated plasma: coagulation products for people with blood clotting disorders such as hemophilia; immune globulin for individuals whose immune systems are suppressed; plasma volume expanders which are used for treating victims of trauma, burns or shock; and an enzyme inhibitor which slows down lung deterioration in patients with a certain type of emphysema.

Plasma is the clear yellowish fluid part of the blood. It is replenished much faster than whole blood, allowing most donors to give twice a week.

Donating plasma also allows the Hills to monitor their own health. At the first visit, prospective donors receive a complete physical and fill out a medical history questionnaire. At each visit thereafter, donors are tested for certain blood-transmitted diseases such as HIV and hepatitis, including Hepatitis C.

What could be more in keeping with the Christmas spirit than helping others through your giving? What is more helpful at that time than extra money for shopping? Sera-Tec provides the best of both worlds.

Sera-Tec Plasma Center is located in Northland Shopping Center at A and Scharbauer. Hours are 9-7 Tuesday and Thursday, 9-5:30 Wednesday and Friday, 9-4 Saturday, closed Sunday and Monday. The phone number is 570-6093. Sera-Tec also has a facility at 1413 E. 8th in Odessa.

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Alliance's Darren Berryhill is excited about the possibilities for oxygen-dependent patients. "These lightweight systems greatly decrease the effort necessary for people to get out and about."

Darren says Medicare and Medicaid now pay for these units, for patients who require them. Since Alliance files all insurance

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In the monthly visit, Alliance's RRT will also check the equipment itself and make any adjustments, calibrations or repairs that may be necessary. That visit makes the perfect time for patients to ask any questions they may have regarding the equipment or other aspects of their treatment.

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JUCO BASKETBALL — Women, Wayland Baptist JV at Midland College, Chaparral Center, 7 p.m.

The Top 25

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 21, total points based on 25 points for a first place vote through one point for a 25th place vote and ranking in previous poll:

	Record	Pts	Pv
1. Tennessee (42)	10-0	1,715	1
2. Kansas St. (24)	11-0	1,685	2
3. UCLA (4)	10-0	1,628	3
4. Florida St.	11-1	1,547	5
5. Ohio St.	10-1	1,446	7
6. Texas A&M	10-1	1,417	6
7. Arizona	10-1	1,326	8
8. Florida	9-2	1,217	4
9. Notre Dame	9-1	1,165	10
10. Wisconsin	10-1	1,098	13
11. Tulane	10-0	1,000	12
12. Georgia	8-2	965	14
13. Arkansas	8-2	783	9
14. Nebraska	8-3	766	17
15. Michigan	8-3	714	11
16. Virginia	8-2	698	18
17. Georgia Tech	8-2	627	21
18. Air Force	10-1	604	20
19. Miami	7-2	559	22
20. Virginia Tech	8-2	371	23
21. Syracuse	7-3	297	24
22. Oregon	8-3	278	15
23. Penn St.	7-3	233	16
24. Missouri	7-4	232	19
25. Mississippi St.	7-3	147	—

Others receiving votes: Texas 139, West Virginia 30, Purdue 21, N. Carolina St. 18, Brigham Young 9, Wyoming 8, Miami, Ohio 7, Marshall 3, Colorado 1, Kentucky 1, Texas Tech 1.

TCAL title game

The 7-5 Trinity Chargers will meet Galveston Heritage at 1 p.m. Saturday at UT-Arlington for the Texas Christian Athletic League six-man championship.

The Chargers advanced with an 81-58 win over El Paso Faith Christian on Saturday. In the other TCAL semifinal game, Galveston Heritage beat Rockwall Heritage 52-48.

Blake fired

NORMAN, Okla. — Regents at the University of Oklahoma on Sunday voted to terminate the contract of football coach John Blake.

The vote followed three losing seasons in which the Sooners went 12-22 under Blake, the worst three-year stretch in school history.

See Blake/2C

Johnson's decision

NEW YORK — Randy Johnson, the most sought-after free agent pitcher, hopes to agree to a new contract within a week.

Johnson traveled to the Anaheim Angels and Los Angeles Dodgers during the weekend and planned to visit the Texas Rangers on Monday.

"We're starting to narrow down our focus, probably to three or four clubs," one of the pitcher's agents, Barry Meister, said Sunday.

Johnson, who lives in Paradise Valley, Ariz., also has been courted by his hometown Arizona Diamondbacks. The Houston Astros, the team he finished the season with, also want to re-sign him. Johnson's other agent, Alan Nero, says the San Diego Padres have made a bid. "We may make another visit or two in the early part of the week," Meister said.

Johnson, a 35-year-old left-hander, was traded from Seattle to Houston on July 31 and became the National League's most dominating pitcher during the final two months of the season.

He was 10-1 with a 1.26 ERA in 11 starts for the Astros, striking out 116 and walking 26 in 84 1-3 innings. Johnson had been unhappy with the Mariners from the start of spring training; he asked for a trade following the 1997 season after Seattle refused to give him a contract extension. He then went 9-10 with a 4.33 ERA and 213 strikeouts in 23 starts with the Mariners.

Rangers general manager Doug Melvin and manager Johnny Oates visited Johnson at his Arizona home on Nov. 3. Monday's visit will be in Arlington.

No teams have been eliminated from contention yet, according to Meister. Johnson is seeking a three- or four-year contract.

Lee set to meet Copperas Cove for first time

■ Rebels, Bulldogs meet for the first time ever in regional round of the Class 5A Small School playoffs.

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

The Sweet 16 round of the Class 5A Small School playoffs will be a new experience for both Midland Lee and Copperas Cove Friday night at 7:30 p.m. in San Angelo.



Class 5A
D-I playoffs

These two teams have never played each other, giving this Thanksgiving weekend playoff treat a breath of fresh air. In fact, just about everything Copperas Cove's Bulldogs do this year is heady stuff. It's been almost 40 years since the Bulldogs have been in the state playoffs and they are doing very well, thank you.

The Cove, 10-2 on the season, started its long awaited playoff party with a 27-24 win over

No. 4 state ranked Arlington Lamar in the first round and then got the chance to meet No. 8 Lee this week with a 38-7 win over surprise first round winner Irving Nimitz (6-6) at Texas Stadium in a late 9 p.m. game Friday.

Against Nimitz, Bulldog tailback Vontez Duff, a 180-pound junior, rushed for 238 yards and a touchdown while receivers Charles Tillman and Jason Mathenia combined for 10 catches for 155 yards.

But the Bulldogs also possess 220-pound junior fullback Aaron Mickens. Duff has rushed for 2,018 yards and 25 touchdowns this season while Mickens, the huge blocking back, had 348 yards rushing. Quarterback John MacDonald has also thrown for 1,340 yards this season, good for 12 TDs. He has thrown 14 interceptions, however, while completing 84 of 188 attempts.

Lee coach John Parchman says there are only a couple of things that bother him about the Bulldogs.

"You can't move the ball on them and you can't keep them from scoring," Parchman said. "That's just two minor problems we have to deal with. They are big and have played in a great district and we both have come into the playoffs as No. 3 seeds."

Copperas Cove started the season at 6-0 before losing to Killeen Ellison, 43-17 on Oct. 16 and falling the very next week to Waco, 12-7, on Oct. 23. Killeen Ellison was once ranked as the No. 1 team in the state. Waco and Killeen Ellison are now both out of the state playoffs.

The Cove also defeated Temple, 45-7, a team that defeated Odessa Permian and they own a 58-0 blasting of Killeen, another strong team in the Bulldogs' district. The Bulldogs also own a second shutout this year with a 45-0 win over Austin High.

Despite finishing third in District 8-5A, the Bulldogs finished first in offense, averaging 363 yards per game, and first in defense, giving up only 201.6 yards per game.

This is also a big week for Lee trainer Hondo Schneider, who was also a trainer at The Cove for two years. "I thought it would be neat to meet up with them in the playoffs," Hondo said. "When I was at Copperas Cove, we were never in the playoffs. They used to be awful, but things change. I guess they are getting a better crop of the (Fort Hood) Army kids down there now."

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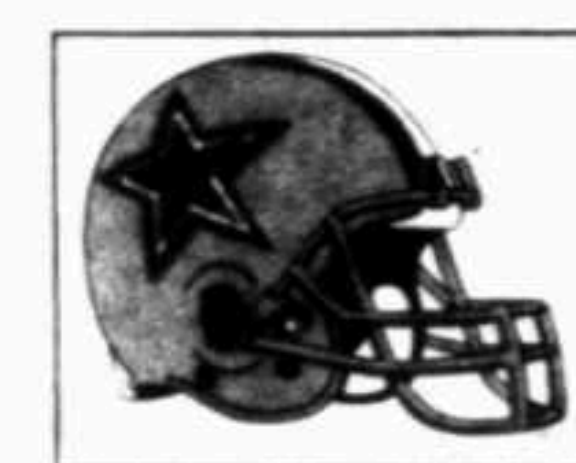
Dallas Cowboys defender Leon Lett (78) sacks Seattle Seahawks quarterback Warren Moon during the second quarter on Sunday in Irving. Dallas won the game 30-22 to improve to 8-3.

'Boys sink Seahawks

Cowboys improve to 8-3, get ready to face Vikings Thursday

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — The Dallas Cowboys keep winning and wondering just how good they are. Minnesota should provide the answer on Thursday.



Chris Warren got his revenge and Troy Aikman got another win to bolster his claim the Cowboys are back among the NFL's elite by defeating Seattle 30-22 on Sunday.

A radar-accurate Aikman threw two touchdown passes and Warren scored against his old Seattle teammates as Dallas rolled to its fourth consecutive victory, most since the Super Bowl season of 1995.

"This was a big win for us and now we get Minnesota and a real

challenge to gauge ourselves and see where we are at," Aikman said. "I think we are starting to be considered one of the elite teams in the NFL, which is where this organization deserves to be."

Minnesota has a 10-1 record, best in the NFC.

"The Vikings will be a good benchmark for us to see how far we have progressed," said fullback Daryl Johnston of the Cowboys, who have bounced back from a 6-10 season that got coach Barry Switzer fired.

Aikman, disappointed the Cowboys (8-3) haven't gained much national notice in their first season under coach Chan Gailey, hit 28 of 42 passes for 296 yards. He also scrambled three times despite suffering a broken collarbone earlier in the year.

"Aikman is playing as good as any quarterback in the NFL right

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Hingis ends dry spell with Chase Championship win vs. Davenport

By Bob Greene
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — The No. 1 ranking was out of reach — that belonged to Lindsay Davenport. But for Martina Hingis, who had not won a tournament in six months, these were the highest kinds of stakes.

"I was playing for my pride," she said.

Beating the player who seized her No. 1 ranking, Hingis ended her long dry spell Sunday by capturing the Chase Championships.

With her mobility and court savvy in full display, Hingis negated Davenport's power game and won the season-ending tournament 7-5, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.

It was Hingis' first victory in this \$2 million event and her first tournament title since the Italian Open in May.

Davenport, the world's No. 1 player, ended an outstanding year on a down note, losing the final match of the season for the second time. She

lost the Championships final to Gabriela Sabatini in 1994.

This was supposed to be Davenport's time, especially after she beat a resurgent Steffi Graf in Saturday's semifinals. Instead, it was the 17-year-old from Switzerland who walked away with the trophy, named on Sunday for Billie Jean King. Hingis also collected \$500,000.

For 80 weeks, Hingis was ranked No. 1, until Davenport moved into the top spot after beating the teenager in the U.S. Open final two months ago. On Sunday, Hingis gave notice this fight for No. 1 will carry over to next year.

"It feels great," Hingis said. "To play in the Garden was a big success for me. I will try to get back the No. 1 ranking next year."

For the most part, Hingis matched Davenport stroke for stroke in a power game and test of wills. But Hingis used drop shots to exploit Davenport's lack of foot speed and agility. She also would occasionally sneak to the net for

winning volleys. Davenport usually had only one card to play — hit harder. And while she repeatedly had break points, she converted only four of 16.

Hingis did only slightly better. But that's all it really took to win the elite 16-player tournament.

"I don't think I played the smartest match today tactically," Davenport admitted.

Hingis, who won the Australian Open in January, became the only woman this year to capture two of the sport's top five titles. Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario captured the French Open, Jana Novotna won Wimbledon and Davenport took the U.S. Open.

"It would have been nice to win today, but that's OK. I've had a great year," Davenport said.

The two traded service breaks in the fourth and fifth games of the match. Then came two marathon games that tested the mettle of both.

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Martina Hingis celebrates after defeating Lindsay Davenport 7-5, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2, in the finals of the Chase Championships at Madison Square Garden in New York.

OSCAR LE ROY

Stanton, Trinity cure boredom of everyday story

Sometimes (although not often enough) one feels lucky to watch some extraordinary athletes and teams play under the West Texas Friday night lights.

Now and again, as a sports writer, you come across unique individuals who deserve the praise and the accolades. I do have to admit, that sports journalists tend to blow things out of proportion at times. I mean things sometimes can get boring and monotonous with the same old things. But when one comes across individuals or teams that really catch the eye, one has to boast about it, even when it means causing some friction and jealousy among some people (you know who you are!)

Take the Stanton Buffaloes and their quarterback Kyle Herm. This is a special team with a special athlete which doesn't come along very often when talking about Texas Class 2A football.

Last Friday, the senior quarterback broke the Class 2A all-time touchdown passing record with two scoring tosses in a 58-0 win over Eldorado to give him 78 for his career. The numbers Herm has put up are astonishing considering he doesn't play for a team that's heavy on

passing and that he's sat out a lot at the end of games, thanks to his team blowing out opponents.

Speaking about the rest of the Buffs, boy, do they look mean so far in the playoffs! Stanton hasn't gone through a nail-biter since the Oct. 16 loss to Seagraves, which also appears to be on a rampage through the playoffs with a 54-6 win over Iraan.

I have to admit that never in my wildest dreams did I think the Braves would get blown out like that. I would've liked to have seen an Iraan-Stanton matchup down the playoff road, but I guess we all have to wait a little longer before these former district foes meet again. Although, we might get to see a Stanton-Seagraves rematch down the road if both teams continue their onslaught through Region I. Now wouldn't that be cool! That would be like Evander Holyfield facing Mike Tyson again while remembering vividly the chunk of earlobe bit off by Mr. Tyson. It could get nasty for both sides.

Now if Stanton meets the Eagles down the road, it not only gives us the magic of Herm, but also the play of the defense. We've all heard that saying, "Offense wins games but defense wins championships." That definitely holds true for the Buffs, who must take that advice to heart.

"I felt that's what happened last year. Defense won it for us," said Stanton coach Mark Cotton after last Fri-

day's win. "However far we go this year, the defense is going to have to carry the load better every week. I don't want to get into a scoring battle with anybody. We've got a great offense, but it's like I told them, 'if they can't score, we've got a chance to win.'"

Chargers take step toward title: Anybody who follows West Texas football has heard about the Stanton's, the Lee's, the Permian's, so forth, and so forth. But what about the Trinity Chargers?

The young gun Chargers are just one win away from winning the TCAL six-man title. Trinity faces Galveston Heritage at 1 p.m. Saturday for the chance to win the title.

This is a resurrection that no Charger has learned in school. To go from 2-8 to possible state champions would be the Cinderella story of all Cinderella stories. Trinity is also a team which bounced back from a 1-4 start to not only win the district championship for the first time in school history but also has a chance for a state title for the first time in school history.

This is also a potentially scary team down the road with only four juniors and no seniors on the roster. The future is set, and with that, so long to boredom among us scribes.

Oscar LeRoy is a sports writer for the Midland Reporter-Telegram



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SPORTS

WPHL

Team	W	L	OT	GF	GA
Shreveport	11	6	2	24	86
Arkansas	11	4	1	23	75
Monroe	11	7	0	22	77
Lake Charles	10	7	1	20	87
Alexandria	4	12	2	10	71
Tupelo	4	14	1	9	87

Team	W	L	OT	GF	GA
Corpus Christi	11	2	2	26	68
Waco	10	4	2	22	53
Austin	9	3	2	21	79
Fort Worth	8	10	1	15	57
San Antonio	6	8	3	15	57

Team	W	L	OT	GF	GA
Abilene	10	3	0	30	50
San Angelo	9	3	2	21	68
Odessa	9	3	2	21	68
New Mexico	9	2	0	20	52
Anaheim	8	10	0	14	56

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a victory on a shootout loss. Shootout losses are separate from losses.

Team	W	L	OT	GF	GA
Dayton	10	2	0	21	53
Pittsburgh	9	4	2	23	53
Philadelphia	9	5	1	22	50
N.Y. Islanders	9	11	0	18	55
N.Y. Rangers	8	6	1	16	42

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

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New Jersey	11	6	1	23	44
Pittsburgh	9	4	2	23	53
Philadelphia	9	5	1	22	50
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N.Y. Rangers	8	6	1	16	42

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Toronto	10	8	2	22	60
Buffalo	8	4	4	20	59
Ottawa	8	6	3	19	43
Montreal	7	10	2	16	45

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Florida	6	7	5	17	42
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WESTERN CONFERENCE

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Leading The Way



United Way
of Midland



United Way raises \$2.9 million for local agencies

by Gary Shanks
Midland Reporter-Telegram Staff Writer

Even with a questionable economic future, area residents have opened their hearts and wallets to this year's United Way of Midland fund-raising campaign.

With low oil prices, drought, and on-again-off-again stock market and closure of the Texas Instruments plant, United Way volunteers and staff went for broke and upped this year's goal to \$3 million, says co-chairs Louann Morgan and Susie Hitchcock-Hall at a Friday end-of-campaign luncheon.

Heroic efforts by the vast United Way volunteer organization and the altruistic nature of local businesses and other organizations brought in \$2,900,442 to the United Way.

This money will be used to fund the 16 member social-service agencies of the United Way in Midland.

"Well we didn't get the \$3 million, but I'd say \$2.9 million is pretty close," Ms. Morgan said.

To put this figure in perspective, Jim Henry of Henry Petroleum said that "in the state of Texas, Midland comes in number one in per capita giving."

"This is the best campaign of any city in Texas," Henry said.

United Way staff and volunteers used "biker" apparel and two thundering Harley Davidson motorcycles to usher in this year's "aggressive campaign," Ms. Hitchcock-Hall said.

"We were all born to be a little wild," she said about setting the lofty goal of \$3 million.

"When the going gets tough, Midlanders get going," Ms. Hitchcock-Hall said.

This year's campaign is rife with stories of valiant efforts by groups and



United Way of Midland Loaned Executive display the total raised in the 1998 campaign.

individuals to raise money for the United Way.

Texas raised \$113,415 in spite of the low oil prices. ARCO Permian raised \$156,000, or about \$350 per capita within the company. TU Electric beat its last year's effort even with fewer employees, volunteer campaign leaders said.

Though Texas Instruments is closed and all its employees gone, the corporation still provided a gift of \$15,500.

Veteran United Way campaigner Bob Ireland, who recently moved from

Midland, sent in a personal gift of \$12,000 from his new home in Bakersfield, California.

Employees from the city of Midland received a round of applause for topping their substantial annual gift by 156.3 percent this year.

The Midland Youth Campaign produced a substantial dollar amount. "Just kids on their own raised \$8,000," a United Way official said.

The Texas Youth Commission employees had 100 percent participation.

The Social Security Administration employees had 100 percent participation and raised a whopping \$229 per employee.

Jeff Gotcher of Arco Permian thanked all of those who gave this year.

"What you heard from us is 'needs, needs, needs'... and I want you to pat yourself on the back," Gotcher said.

The citations of heroism for individual and group efforts in the fund-raising campaign continued through much of the luncheon.



Brian Adamick/Midland Reporter-Telegram
Susie Hitchcock-Hall, right, presents a special award to Willa Graff, who is a management assistant in the city manager's office. Graff was accepting the award on behalf of the city of Midland's United Way efforts.

The campaign finale luncheon was sponsored by Arco Permian, Bank One, Chase Bank, Chevron U.S.A., Conoco, Inc., First American Bank, Mobil Exploration and Production, Oxy U.S.A., Southwestern Bell, and TU Electric.

The funds raised will be used to help fund the 16 agencies served by the United Way including The American Red Cross, Big Brother/Big Sisters, Boy Scouts of America, Boy's & Girl's Club of Midland, Camp Fire Boys and Girls, Casa de Amigos, Centers for Children and Families, Community and Senior Services, Freewill Foster Home, Midland Need to Read Inc., Midland Rape Crisis Center, Palmer Drug Abuse Program, Permian Basin Center for Battered Women and Their Children, Permian Basin Girl Scout Council, Salvation Army and YMCA.

Thank you for a Great Campaign

by Jim Henry
President, United Way of Midland

This year's United Way of Midland Community-Wide Campaign has just proven to me once again how lucky I am and how honored I feel to be living in Midland, Texas, among some of the most giving people in Texas. This year's campaign was one of the most challenging campaigns we have had in over a decade.

With our struggling economy in Midland, the campaign could have had devastating results, which would have hurt many of the 16 agencies supported by the United Way. But the Midland Spirit came through. "When times get tough, the tough get going." There are many "tough" people in Midland as well as many loving, giving and generous people. What a giving spirit the people of Midland, Texas have. When oil prices are low, money is scarce and the future is uncertain, they still gave more per capita than any other city in Texas. I love living here and I never plan on moving.

The average Midlander not only cares and gives, but he also volunteers his time to help the less fortunate. Hundreds of people volunteered their time to help make this campaign one of our most successful. We raised the second highest amount of money in Midland's history of United Way campaigns. So I want to say thanks to all of these volunteers and a particular thanks to LuAnn Morgan and Susie Hitchcock-Hall, who led the campaign with a lot of spirit. I think we will all remember them roaring into our campaign kick-off on the back of Harley Davidsons with the smoke filling the room. They made the campaign exciting and fun.



(L-R) LuAnn Morgan, Jim Henry, and Susie Hitchcock-Hall seated on a Harley Davidson motorcycle at the United Way Campaign Finale.

One of the reasons for our successes was our loaned-executive program. Under the leadership of Chevron's Bob Howard, the number of loaned executives doubled from five to ten.

So many good things happened during this campaign, it is hard to name them all. Abell-hanger Foundation contributed the most of all. Where would Midland be without them? Our ex-president, Bob Ireland, even though he doesn't live in Midland any more, sent us a gift of many thousands of dollars. The city of Midland, under Willa Graff's leadership, greatly improved their giving over last year. Texas Instruments sent us a gift even though they are no longer in Midland and so did Exxon. Employees of Mobil increased their giving by 36%. ARCO Permian increased their number of Gems from 36 last year to 47 this year.

To all these and to many more, I would like to say thank you for a job well done and thank you to all of Midland for being the kind of people to come forward and beat the odds for the United Way of Midland.

Southwestern Bell Wireless donates mobile phones for use by staff and victims of domestic violence

By Marsha Crawford
Permian Basin Center for Battered Women and Their Children

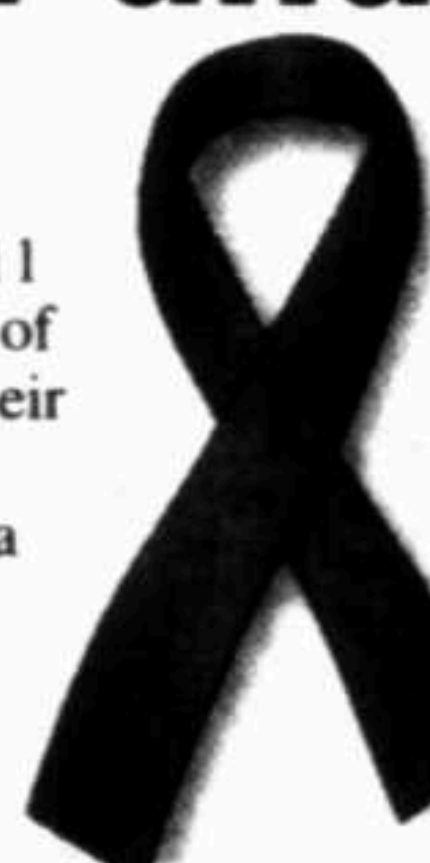
Every nine seconds in the United States, a woman is physically abused. Two-thirds of the attacks on women are committed by someone the victim knows — often a husband or boyfriend. Unfortunately, for local victims of domestic violence, the statistics are frighteningly similar. Through the "Call to Protect" national collaboration, Southwestern Bell Wireless will provide wireless telecommunications for use of victims of family violence, domestic violence advocates and caseworkers. More than 350 wireless phones are being donated to similar projects throughout the country. The Permian

Basin Center for Battered Women and Their Children, which serves 15 counties in the West Texas area, is one of the first to receive assistance from the program.

"The Center for Social Work Research at the University of Texas at Austin estimates there are 21,273 women at risk of domestic violence in the Midland/Odessa area," said Rebecca Grimaud, Executive Director of Permian Basin Center for Battered Women and Their Children. Southwestern Bell hopes that wireless service will help women feel a sense of security in the early stages of their transition from living with an abuser to living independently. Shelter residents in the most threatening situations will be able to have a phone at their disposal at all times. Wireless service will allow the women to make

emergency 911 calls without fear of being traced by their abuser.

"According to a survey conducted last year by the Family Violence Prevention Fund, 81 percent of Americans believe something can be done to reduce domestic violence in this country," said Steve Lail, Vice-President and General Manager of Southwestern Bell Wireless. "By giving a gift of safety to the residents of Permian Basin Center for Battered Women and Their Children, we hope to get them on the right track to a new life without violence."



American Red Cross merges, forms new unit

By Kay Ham
American Red Cross

The newly-formed American Red Cross of Southwest Texas is committed to ensuring that area citizens are able to prevent, prepare for, and respond to a wide variety of emergencies.

The merger July 1st of human, material, and financial resources of former Permian Basin and West Texas Area Chapters, has provided the foundation for expanding the many programs and services provided by the American Red Cross into the new 26-county area, making it the largest geographical Red Cross service area in the country. Efforts are underway to recruit and train additional volunteers to provide relief to victims of fires, floods, tornadoes, hail storms and other disasters.

asters, emergency communications for armed service-members and their families, community disaster education, and training in CPR, first aid, babysitting, aquatics, and HIV prevention education in local communities throughout the

service area from Snyder to Terlingua. A new Executive Director, Donna Rounsaville, has been hired and will be on board December 7. "We are very excited about the future for the new chapter and the role the Red Cross can play in the community," says David Garcia, Chapter Chairman. "The new Board, the staff, and the volunteers have a new vision and a new direction, and with the support of the United Ways and the community, will always be ready to meet the emergency needs of people."

AMERICORPS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Earn college tuition while helping out the community. Positions available: 15 Part-time literacy tutors and 8 Full-time Parent Educators. AmeriCorps volunteers receive a living allowance during their term of service and an educational award at the end of their term. Applicants must be at least 17 years old, earn a high school diploma or GED, pass a basic literacy test, undergo a criminal history check and serve a 12-month term beginning January 1999 through December 1999. Applications are available at Casa de Amigos, 1101 E. Garden Lane in Midland.

CHRISTMAS GIVEAWAY

Casa de Amigos and other benevolent agencies collaborated in an effort to serve as many families as possible for the annual Christmas Giveaway. In a joint effort to register families and to avoid duplication, the agencies set up at Midland Center early this month to register needy families for food, clothing and toys to be distributed by each agency before Christmas. Over 600 families were registered and more are still calling. The benevolent agencies will review applications and select as many families as their funds and donations allow. Donations and contributions are still needed! Call Casa de Amigos at 682-9701 if you are interested in helping or adopting a family.

UNITED WAY ONLINE

You can now reach the United Way on the World Wide Web at www.unitedwayofmidland.org. Find out all the important details about the United Way, our member agencies, and where your gift dollars go. For the time being, you can still reach us at unitedway@basinlink.com, but update those bookmarks soon! You can also e-mail us at unitedway@basinlink.com.

In addition, the 1997-98 Directory of Community Services for Midland County is on the Web. This listing of more than 100 local health and human service agencies, child care providers, clubs and civic organizations and more can be found at www.basinlink.com/unitedway/dir.htm.

DO YOU NEED HELP?

If you need any kind of assistance, from counseling and support groups to income tax questions, you can get that help with a simple phone call. Information and Referral Midland is a local hotline which can put you in touch with someone who can assist you. I&R Midland helps more than 250 people each month. Call I&R at 682-4357 (682-HELP). Information and Referral Midland is a program of Casa de Amigos, a United Way of Midland member agency.

FROM TENNIS TO THEATER TO HOOPS...AT THE YMCA

The Midland YMCA Primetime After-School Child Care Program is offering the Scoop-Up Tennis Program at Lamar, Greathouse, and Houston Elementary Schools. The program is done in collaboration with Casa de Amigos, and is an introduction to tennis. The Midland YMCA is also teaming up with MCT's Cole Theater to offer classes in drama. This activity is available at Lamar and Houston Elementary Schools.

Registration for Youth Basketball through the YMCA is underway. The program is for boys and girls in grades K-6. The registration deadline is December 6 and the season starts in January. For more information about YMCA After-School Child Care please call Angie McDorman at 682-2551. For more information on Youth Basketball, contact Eddie Venzant at 682-2551.

MERIT BADGE ACADEMY

The Buffalo Trail Council of Boy Scouts will hold a Merit Badge Academy on January 23 and 30, 1999. Each Scout in attendance should plan on taking three merit badges, one in each of three time periods. The Academy will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 4508 Gateway Street in Midland, and will run from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. both days. Cost is \$5.00 for both days. For more information, please call 570-7601.

HELPING TEENS STOP SMOKING

Palmer Drug Abuse Program is now hosting an adolescent tobacco cessation program. The course is designed for youngsters age 12-18 who want to stop smoking or stop dipping and chewing tobacco. The course explores current state laws, costs of using tobacco, methods of quitting, and much more. For more information on the program, please call PDAP at 685-3645.

UNITED WAY OF MIDLAND MEMBER AGENCIES

- American Red Cross 684-6161
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters 687-0195
- Boy Scouts 570-7601
- Boys and Girls Club of Midland 683-0050
- Camp Fire, Inc. 520-1522
- Casa de Amigos 682-9701
- Centers for Children and Families 570-1084
- Community and Senior Services 689-6693
- Freewill Foster Home 683-3948
- Midland Need to Read 685-4572
- Midland Rape Crisis Center 682-7273
- Palmer Drug Abuse Program 685-3645
- Permian Basin Center for Battered Women and Their Children 683-1300
- Permian Basin Girl Scouts 550-2688
- Salvation Army 683-3614
- YMCA 682-2551

Texas-Size Garage Sale attracts bargain hunters from far and near

by Ed Todd
Midland Reporter-Telegram Staff Writer

The weather was cool and dreary, but the bargain hunters' spirits were bright.

After paying the \$3 admission Friday, November 7th and having their hands stamped, they passed into a warehouse to assault the thousands of bargains in the Community and Senior Services' ninth annual Texas-Size Garage Sale.

"Would you say I was Pocahontas or Cher?" said petite Sheila Jones, donned in an Indian costume and black-and-gray braided hair, as she took the \$3 entrance fee and slapped a blotch of red ink on shoppers' hands.

"Hold out your hand (that) I just got paid \$3 for," Ms. Jones, a CSS volunteer, told Midlander Annette Hall.

Mrs. Hall was among the hundreds of folks, from far and near, seeking bargains — from clothing, sports gear, and kitchenware to tools, furniture and electronic items.

"I'm Miss Thrifty, try to be, much to my husband's dismay," Mrs. Hall said. "He (Nelson Hall) may not agree."

Suzanne Newton, an Artesia, N.M., teacher on a day off from work, was heading to Lubbock to go shopping with her 16-year-old daughter, Amanda, and her daughter's friend, Kathryn Rapp, 16, when they heard about the garage sale.

"But we are going to spend it here instead and save big money," Mrs. Newton said.

"It's a wonderful charity," she said of CSS and its Meals on Wheels program. "We supported it in San Angelo and Dallas and over in my hometown."

Her older daughter, Jennifer Cox, 25, had done volunteer work for San Angelo Meals on Wheels program when she attended Angelo State University.

Of her penchant for browsing for good buys, Mrs. Newton said that "a bargain you cherish more. When you save money, it is special."

"You feel good about yourself," Amanda said. Her late grandmother, who was blind, was a recipient of Meals on Wheels' services.

Patricia McKinney, 37, and her family drove the 55 miles from Rankin to Midland to ferret out bargains.

"We came to it last year and found some good buys... a great stereo and a bunch of junk," said Mrs. McKinney. She said that her brother, Claude Sanders, 29, thought the junk was "a bunch of goodies."

For \$4, Donna Bouldin, 49, of Midland got a bargain that evoked sentimentality: a farmhouse scene in cotton country painted on canvas. "My grandparents and uncle farmed. It reminds me of home," she said. "When I saw that it looked just like my grandmother's house."

Carmen McNary, 64, spent \$2 and got a box full of soccer, swimming, tennis, and golf trophies.

"I thought of a wicked way to bribe my grandchildren to be good — to get a trophy," Mrs. McNary said.

Despite her fortune, Mrs. McNary was a bit puzzled. "Why did the (owners) give them away?" she wondered. "I never won one. Reckon I could keep one?"

It is donations from the community that makes the CSS garage sale possible. It is the charity's largest fund-raiser of the year. "Every year, I'm in awe of the number of people that come out to support this really worthwhile effort," said Connie Glover Hesse, CSS executive director.

The support is tremendous, she said. "If it weren't for all the people in the community who donated the items to us for the sale and to these individuals who come in and actually do the shopping, it would not be possible to carry on the programs," Mrs. Hesse said.

CSS programs include the nutritional Meals on Wheels and other Homebound Services, such as the Friendly Visitor and the Grocery Express, and Telephone Reassurance.

Those programs and others contribute toward helping senior citizens maintain their independence, Mrs. Hesse said. The bargain hunters help bring that about and benefit themselves at the same time.

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More Sports/1D

LEE: Bulldogs, like Rebels, were No. 3 seed in district

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Copperas Cove is only 10 miles from Killeen with the fort in between.

REBEL NOTES: Lee's 32 first downs against El Paso Andrews was just two short of the school record... The Rebels came out of the 55-14 area win without any major injuries — unless you count offensive line coach Randy Smith. Smith was taken out on the sideline Saturday, earning a cracked elbow. He's all taped up, but was still watching film Sunday afternoon. He's just a little more subdued than usual... Parchman picked Copperas Cove as the team to advance to this round before the playoffs started (meaning he picked The Cove to oust No. 4 Arlington Lamar) even though the Bulldogs are new to the state's recent run for roses. Still, Parchman isn't making any predictions about which team moves on to Round 4 and the final eight... Lee already owns a 49-7 win at San Angelo Stadium this year, the site of Friday's game with the Bulldogs... Lee wanted the game played on natural grass while Copperas Cove coach Jack Welch wanted artificial turf...

How Copperas Cove Got Here
 Sept. 4: Copperas Cove 28, Round Rock Westwood 7
 Sept. 11: Copperas Cove 35, Austin LBJ 6
 Sept. 18: Copperas Cove 22, Waco Midway 15
 Sept. 25: Copperas Cove 53, Georgetown 9
 Oct. 2: Copperas Cove 45, Austin High 0
 Oct. 9: Copperas Cove 30, Leander 14
 Oct. 16: Copperas Cove 17, Killeen Elison 43
 Oct. 23: Copperas Cove 7, Waco 12
 Oct. 30: Copperas Cove 45, Temple 7
 Nov. 6: Copperas Cove 58, Killeen 0
 Nov. 14: Copperas Cove 27, Arlington Lamar 24 (B-district)

UIL FOOTBALL PAIRINGS

By The Associated Press	
CLASS 5A	
DIVISION I	
Region I	Odesa Permian (10-2) vs. Duncanville (9-3), 7 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving
Region II	Plano (8-4) vs. Houston Jersey Village (10-2), 5 p.m. Saturday at Texas Stadium, Irving
Region III	Atlet Eltek (8-4) vs. Aldine Eisenhower (9-3), time and site TBA
Region IV	Converse Judd (10-0) vs. Edinburg (11-2), 8 p.m. Friday, Alamo Dome, San Antonio
DIVISION II	
Region I	Midland Lee (11-1) vs. Copperas Cove (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Bobcat Stadium, San Angelo
Region II	Amarillo (9-3) vs. South Grand Prairie (8-4), 1 p.m. Saturday, Dick Bivins Stadium, Amarillo
Region III	Lufkin (9-3) vs. Georgetown (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Bowers Stadium, Huntsville
Region IV	Richardson Lake Highlands (7-5) vs. Austin Westlake (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Floyd Casey Stadium, Waco
CLASS 4A	
DIVISION I	
Region I	WF Rider (4-8) vs. Plainview (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jones Stadium, Lubbock
Region II	Grapevine (8-4) vs. Greenville (11-1), 1 p.m. Friday, Texas Stadium, Irving
Region III	Nederland (9-3) vs. Bay City (10-1), 8 p.m. Friday, AstroDome
Region IV	Belton (8-4) vs. Alice (10-2), 11 a.m. Saturday, AlamoDome, San Antonio
DIVISION II	
Region I	Pampa (10-2) vs. Stephenville (11-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Texas Stadium, Irving
Region II	WF Hirsch (7-5) vs. Borger (9-3), 1 p.m. Saturday, Jones Stadium, Lubbock
Region III	Southlake Carroll (11-1) vs. Sherman (6-5), 1 p.m. Saturday, Homer B. Johnson Stadium, Garland
Region IV	Colleyville Heritage (9-3) vs. Highland Park (10-2), 4 p.m. Friday at Texas Stadium, Irving
CLASS 3A	
DIVISION I	
Region I	Monahans (6-6) vs. Breckenridge (12-0), 7 p.m. Saturday, Jones Stadium, Lubbock
Region II	Aledo (10-1) vs. TexasKana Liberty-Eylau (8-3), 3 p.m. Friday at Pennington Field, Bedford
Region III	Giddings (9-3) vs. Hardin-Jefferson (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Pridgen Stadium
DIVISION II	
Region I	Cuero (9-3) vs. Raymondville (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Cabanis Field Multi-Stadium, Corpus Christi
Region II	Colorado City (10-2) vs. Childress (10-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Lowery Field, Lubbock
Region III	Crane (12-0) vs. Iowa Park (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Showell Stadium, Abilene
Region IV	Commerce (11-1) vs. Dargaville (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Homer B. Johnson Stadium, Garland
Region V	Royce City (11-1) vs. Tatum (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Bryce Stadium, Nagogoches
Region VI	Rockdale (10-2) vs. Newton (10-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Huntsville, Bowers Stadium
Region VII	Manor (7-4) vs. Crockett (8-4), time and site TBA
CLASS 2A	
DIVISION I	
Region I	Sweeny (9-2) vs. CC West Oso (11-1), 11 a.m. Friday, AstroDome, Houston
Region II	Vanderbilt Industrial (11-1) vs. Aransas Pass (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Memorial Stadium, Victoria
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DIVISION I	
Region I	Sonora (10-2) vs. Canadian (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lowery Field, Lubbock
Region II	Boyd (11-1) vs. Omaha Paul Hewitt (9-3), 7 p.m. Saturday, Homer B. Johnson Stadium, Garland
Region III	Hughes Springs (12-0) vs. Mart (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Mesquite Hamby
Region IV	Brookshire-Royal (10-1) vs. Comfort (10-2), 11 a.m. Friday, Alamo Dome, San Antonio
DIVISION II	
Region I	Seagraves (11-1) vs. Spearman (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Plainview (tentative)
Region II	Stanton (11-1) vs. Albany (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sweetwater
Region III	Celina (10-2) vs. Grand Saline (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Eagle-Mustang Stadium, Richardson
Region IV	Jacksboro (10-2) vs. Italy (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Max Goldsmith Stadium, Lewisville
Region V	Elysian Fields (9-3) vs. Crawford (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Willis Point
Region VI	Troup (9-3) vs. Franklin (11-1), 8 p.m. Friday, Ennis
Region VII	Ganado (10-2) vs. Poth (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Gonzales
Region VIII	Goldthwaite (10-2) vs. Barquette (8-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Luling
CLASS A	
DIVISION I	
Region I	Wheeler (9-2) vs. Sudan (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dick Bivins Stadium, Amarillo
Region II	Craver (8-3) vs. O'Donnell (10-1), 2 p.m. Friday, Dick Bivins Stadium, Amarillo
Region III	Aspermont (10-2) vs. Rockspings (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Angelo Stadium, Levelland
Region IV	Paducah (9-3) vs. Menard (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Abilene Wylie
Region V	Era (11-0) vs. Tenaha (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Benbank
Region VI	Detroit (10-1) vs. Dawson (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Pennington Field, Bedford
Region VII	Iola (11-0) vs. Charlotte (8-3), TBA
Region VIII	Falls City (10-1) vs. Bartlett (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nelson Field, Austin
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Region I	Gordon (10-2) vs. Trindell (12-0), TBA Monday
Region II	Strawn (12-0) vs. Panther Creek (11-1), TBA Monday

LOCAL SPORTS

Becks win at Couples

Brent and Lisa Beck won the Midland Country Club Couples Championship Sunday with a low gross score of 327. In the net category, Ken and Wanda Sewell had the low score with a 278.

Former Nebraska coach still doesn't like Big 12 title game

Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Tom Osborne still doesn't like the Big 12 championship game.

The former Nebraska coach said in a column published in Sunday's Lincoln Journal Star the Dec. 5 game between Kansas State and Texas A&M is loaded with down sides.

He said the Wildcats, idle this weekend, have extra time to prepare for the game, while Texas A&M plays Friday at Texas. And it's too bad, he said, that one Big 12 team will eliminate another from contention for the Bowl Coalition Series.

"The other negative to the championship game is that should A&M beat Kansas State, then the Big 12 would quite likely not have

Here are the final results of the tournament, with the four top scores in both the gross and net categories.

Low Gross
 1. Brent and Lisa Beck 327, 2. Eddy and Susan Ohlenburg 333, 3. Rob and Mary Emma Bennett 346, 4. Ben Hankins and Jere Barnes 353

Low Net
 1. Ken and Wanda Sewell 278, 2. Frank and Edie Stahl 286, 3. Don and Betty Ewan 286, 4. Sikes Johnson and Carolyn Roden 289

a team with a shot at the national championship game," Osborne wrote.

Osborne was never a fan of the extra game during his last few years at Nebraska, when the Cornhuskers lost to Texas in the 1996 title contest and beat Texas A&M last season.

"There are some exciting things about a conference championship, and it does generate extra revenue on occasion," Osborne wrote. "However, from a coaching standpoint, the championship has more negatives than positives."

Osborne also expressed concern about extra games adding to the length of the season and called for increasing the value of athletic scholarships to reflect the actual costs of attending college.

Utes, Cowboys end season with thud; BYU, Falcons head for WAC title game

By Aaron J. Lopez
 AP Sports Writer

Utah and Wyoming each ended the season with an agonizing thud, while Brigham Young and Air Force streaked into the Western Athletic Conference championship game.

Utah could have knocked BYU out of the Dec. 5 title game but lost 26-24 to the Cougars on Saturday as Ryan Kaneshiro's 32-yard field goal attempt slammed off the right upright.

"As a kicker, you hate to see that happen," BYU kicker Owen Pochman said. "As a BYU Cougar, you love to see that happen."

Wyoming didn't put up much of a fight as its once-promising title hopes hit rock bottom. The Mountain Division race ended officially when Air Force beat Rice, and the Cowboys added to their disappointment with a 35-0 loss at Tulsa.

"I don't think we overlooked Tulsa," running back Marques Brigham said. "We felt like we

were prepared, and we had a great week of practice. I can't explain why we played flat today."

While Utah (5-3, 7-4 WAC) and Wyoming (8-3, 6-2) saw their bowl chances all but extinguished, Air Force and BYU ran their winning streaks to seven games to set up a showdown in Las Vegas.

Extending the streaks didn't come easy as Air Force (10-1, 7-1) beat Rice 22-16 on Mike Tyler's 26-yard interception return and BYU (9-3, 7-1) benefited from Kaneshiro's ill-fated field goal attempt.

"When the ball hit the upright, I thought, 'Man, somebody loves me,'" BYU coach LaVell Edwards said.

In other conference games Saturday, San Diego State held off Texas-El Paso 34-29; Fresno State edged San Jose State 24-21; and Texas Christian beat UNLV 41-18.

Southern Methodist beat Navy 24-11 in one of three non-conference road games involving WAC teams. Hawaii lost 47-21 at Northwestern, and New Mexico fell 38-6 at Central Florida. Colorado State finished its season last weekend.

After an emotional road victory over Wyoming last Saturday, Air Force faced another must-win

game against Rice, which came to the academy riding a three-game winning streak that included wins over Colorado State (8-4, 5-3) and Texas Christian (6-5, 4-4).

The Falcons beat behind early but rallied behind backup quarterback back Cale Bonds, who replaced an injured Blane Morgan in the first quarter.

Bonds had 144 yards in offense and one touchdown, but it was Tyler who stole the spotlight, and the game, when he picked off a pass by Chad Richardson and rumbled 26 yards on a gimpy right knee that will require surgery after the season.

"It was the biggest play of my career, definitely," said Tyler, a senior. "I think I was just fortunate to be in the right place at the right time. I actually thought I stepped out of bounds on the runback. I just ran for that cone and tried to get in the best I could."

Tyler's dramatic interception return enabled Air Force to clinch a bowl berth. The Falcons will play in either the Aloha or Oahu bowl in Honolulu against a team from the Pac-10.

"Christmas in paradise. How about that?" Air Force coach

Fisher DeBerry said.

Utah's bowl hopes rested with Kaneshiro, whose erratic freshman season left BYU calling him a choker and his coaches trying to console him hours after the game.

"He's hurting," special teams coach Sean McNabb said. "How could he not hurt? It's a devastating situation. But he can hold his head high as far as I'm concerned. He's been a man all season."

The WAC's final regular season as a 16-team league will end next week when Hawaii (0-11, 0-8) takes its 17-game losing streak to Michigan.

Of the eight teams leaving the WAC to form the Mountain West Conference, only two — New Mexico (3-9, 1-7) and UNLV (0-11, 0-8) — finished the season with losing records. San Diego State (7-4, 7-1), BYU, Utah, Air Force, Colorado State and Wyoming all finished above .500.

Texas Christian is the only team from the WAC holdovers that finished with a winning record. The Horned Frogs sent UNLV to its 16th straight loss to clinch their first winning season since 1995.

Big 12 teams going bowling for sure

By Doug Tucker
 AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Three seasons after cash-conscious businessmen brought it into existence, the Big 12 Conference is finally pumping profit and prestige on the grand scale everyone envisioned.

The first two years of the union of the old Big Eight Conference and four breakaway Southwest Conference Texas schools were a disappointment, salvaged only by Nebraska's three national championships in a four-year run beginning in 1994.

But now, buoyed by the re-emergence of Texas and the rise of Kansas State, Missouri and Texas A&M, the Big 12 will head into the postseason with seven teams eligible for bowls and one, the Wildcats, vying for one of those national titles Nebraska grew accustomed to winning.

In addition, the Big 12 will end the 1998 regular season boasting of two top candidates for the Heisman Trophy — record-breaking Texas running back Ricky Williams and Michael Bishop, the multi-talented quarterback who engineered Kansas State's first unbeaten regular season.

With Texas beginning to regain its old strength, Oklahoma is the Big 12's only football asset that's not yet sweetening the pot with bowl and television money.

The Sooners (5-6, 3-5 Big 12) are 12-22 in three seasons under embattled John Blake and made it tough on those trying to fire him by winning three of their last four. That includes a 20-17 verdict Saturday in their regular season finale over Texas Tech (7-4, 4-4).

No. 2 Kansas State (11-0, 8-0) kept its eyes on

the national title game Saturday with a 31-25 victory over No. 23 Missouri (7-4, 5-3).

Four football bottom feeders who aren't even expected to bring in much gridiron booty ended the kind of ho-hum seasons everyone thought they would have.

Oklahoma State (5-6, 3-5) beat Baylor (2-9, 1-7) 24-10 and Iowa State (3-8, 1-7) handed Kansas (4-7, 1-7) a 23-20 defeat, the Cyclones' first victory over the Jayhawks since 1989.

Four of the Big 12's prime money-makers will put the finishing touches on their regular seasons on Friday. No. 14 Nebraska (8-3, 4-3) goes against Colorado (7-3, 4-3) and No. 6 Texas A&M (10-1, 7-0) will meet Texas (7-3, 5-2) in a pair of games with far-reaching bowl consequences.

Then it's onto what shapes up as the Big 12's most profitable and interesting postseason yet. First, Kansas State and Texas A&M meet on Dec. 5 in St. Louis to create another big payday in what's billed the Big 12 conference championship game.

Then, if the Wildcats survive that one to go to 12-0, they'll cross their fingers and hope to qualify for the national championship game, likely against either UCLA or Tennessee, in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 4.

On Dec. 6, right after the Bowl Championship Series selects its two Fiesta Bowl teams according to the BCS standings, the Big 12's other contracted bowls will select their Big 12 representatives in this order — Cotton Bowl, Holiday Bowl, Alamo Bowl, Insight.com, and Independence Bowl.

"Immediately after the BCS selections are made, we will ask our bowls to submit their first two or three preferences to the conference office," said Donnie Duncan, senior associate Big 12 commissioner. "Then we'll match up the preference and the bowls. If two or more select

the same team, then the selection rights process comes into play."

Kansas State, if it misses out on the Fiesta Bowl, could wind up in one of the other high-dollar bowls such as the Sugar Bowl.

After the Fiesta Bowl teams are selected, first priority among the major bowls in the Bowl Championship Series — the Sugar, Rose and Orange — go to the ones that supplied the teams for the championship game. If it's UCLA and Tennessee in the Fiesta Bowl, for example, that would be the Rose Bowl and the Sugar Bowl since the Rose Bowl has the Big Ten and Pac-10 tie-in while the Sugar Bowl is tied to the Southeastern Conference.

"The bowl that has the conference of the team that's highest ranked gets first pick," Duncan said. "After that, it reverts to an order that is based primarily on payout — Sugar, Orange."

Why wouldn't the Wildcats, who bring tens of thousands of fans to their postseason parties, be an attractive team for the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans?

"I can't think of a good reason why not," Duncan said. "But the Rose Bowl has been at Kansas State games. The Kansas State people travel so well, and the KSU story has become such a national topic of conversation among football fans, any bowl might love to have them."

Much will depend on the regular-season finales this Friday between Texas and Texas A&M and Colorado and Nebraska.

"All we can do now is speculate. It's the play of the kids on the field that will ultimately decide it," Duncan said.

"But I think we can say fans have gotten their money's worth at Big 12 games this year. It's driven coaches crazy, but fans have enjoyed it."

Kansas State still not getting respect despite 11-0 year

By R.B. Fallstrom
 AP Sports Writer

COLUMBIA, Mo. — It didn't take long. Kansas State had just wrapped up its first undefeated regular season when the questioning about just how good this team really is returned.

"To me, nah, I don't think they're the No. 1 team," Missouri wide receiver John Dausman said.

Kansas State (11-0, 8-0) is heading to the Big 12 championship game Dec. 5 against Texas A&M, where it will be shooting for its 20th straight victory. After that, for the team that was third last week in the Bowl Championship Series standings, who knows?

Certainly, coach Bill Snyder wasn't gloating after the Wildcats surrendered 440 yards and had 105 yards in penalties in a too-close-for-comfort 31-25 victory over Missouri (7-4, 5-3) on Saturday. Missouri quarterback Corby Jones passed for a season-high 249 yards and two touchdowns in defeat.

"What I look at is how well you're playing," Snyder said. "Are

we getting better? Are we playing well?"

"And I wasn't real pleased with a lot of things we did. That was what was on my mind coming off the field."

Kansas State was the fourth Top 10 team Missouri has faced this season. The Tigers led at halftime against all four before faltering, so they know greatness when they see it. They didn't see much of it in Kansas State, which annually feasts on weak non-conference opponents and this year whipped the likes of Indiana State (66-0), Northern Illinois (73-7) and Northeast Louisiana (62-7).

Never mind that Kansas State also has dominated most of its Big 12 opponents. The perception remains.

"We've played better teams than them, like Ohio State," cornerback Wade Perkins said. "I think they're more like a No. 6 or No. 7. They've got real good players. I just feel like we should have won the game."

An incident involving Perkins and Kansas State kicker Martin

Gramatica also shows the Wildcats didn't display the class of a No. 1 team. When Gramatica missed a 48-yard field goal attempt at the end of the first half, Perkins taunted him a bit.

"I told him he missed it, and he spit in my face," Perkins said of the kicker. "I told the ref, but it wasn't anything. If I had had a chance to get him back, I'd have done it, but I didn't have a chance."

Dausman, who had a career day with six catches for 169 yards, said anybody with a decent passing game will give Kansas State plenty of trouble.

"We knew their cornerbacks were the weak link and we exploited them," Dausman said. "Whoever they play in the bowl game, they're going to do the same thing, unless they find new cornerbacks who can play better."

Snyder took no solace in his team's recently developed comeback ability against ranked teams. Two weeks ago they trailed Nebraska before pulling away for a 40-30 victory, and Missouri led 13-

10 at the half.

"What it says to me is let's stop getting behind," Snyder said. "When you get my age, you don't want to do that too many times in a row."

Missouri has led 17 consecutive opponents at halftime, and hung in there with many of the nation's best teams. The Tigers have put together two winning seasons after fielding 13 losers in a row.

Special teams shortcomings have held Missouri back from greater things. Coach Larry Smith used a new punt returner and tried two punters against Kansas State, with middling results.

And now, instead of awaiting a major bowl bid, the Tigers might be looking at a destination such as the Insight.com in Tucson, Ariz., or the Independence Bowl in Shreveport, La.

"Close doesn't count," coach Larry Smith said. "You need to be the winner at the end of the fourth quarter, not be the leader at halftime."

"You can't get used to doing that and accept that."

CHASE: Davenport came in as No. 1 seed

(From 1C)

Hingis fought through five deuces, staving off three break points, to hold serve and take a 4-3 lead.

In the next game, Davenport and Hingis battled to seven deuces before Davenport finally held to 4-4. The 10-minute game was the longest of the match.

Trailing 5-6, Davenport served to send the first set to a tiebreak. But she quickly fell behind love-40 before winning the next three games to pull to deuce. Not to be denied, Hingis captured the next

two points to close out the break and the first set.

"You just try to win the first set, otherwise it is hard," Hingis said. "I think of men playing, they say the second set is very important, but in women's I think it is very important to win the first set."

The next break of serve came in the final game of the second set. Davenport fought gamely before losing the 16-point game. Hingis now was just one set away from victory.

After two trips to the final, Davenport finally won a set. She lost in straight sets to Sabatini in the only

women's match that is contested over a best-of-5 sets.

It was only a speed bump on Hingis' trip to her fifth tournament win of the year.

She broke Davenport in the fourth and sixth games to race to a 5-1 lead. After Hingis lost her serve at 30, she broke right back from deuce to close out the 2-hour, 23-minute battle.

"I tried my best today but it just wasn't enough," said Davenport. "She played great tennis and really deserved to win today."

Davenport didn't walk away from the Garden without a title.

She teamed with Natasha Zvereva of Belarus on Saturday to win the doubles, defeating Alexandra Fusai and Nathalie Tauziat of France 6-7 (6-8), 7-5, 6-3.

The doubles winners share \$200,000, with the losers earning \$100,000.

Davenport won six tournaments this year as she became the first American-born woman to end the year ranked No. 1 since Chris Evert in 1981. And with the \$250,000 she earned for her appearance in the singles final, Davenport pocketed \$350,000 for the week.

Sampras, Rios battle for No. 1 at ATP Championship

HANOVER, Germany (AP) — Pete Sampras or Marcelo Rios. It's come down to the last week of the men's tennis season to determine who will finish the year as No. 1 in the world.

In one of the closest finishes in recent years, Sampras leads Rios by just 33 points going into the ATP Tour World Championships starting Tuesday.

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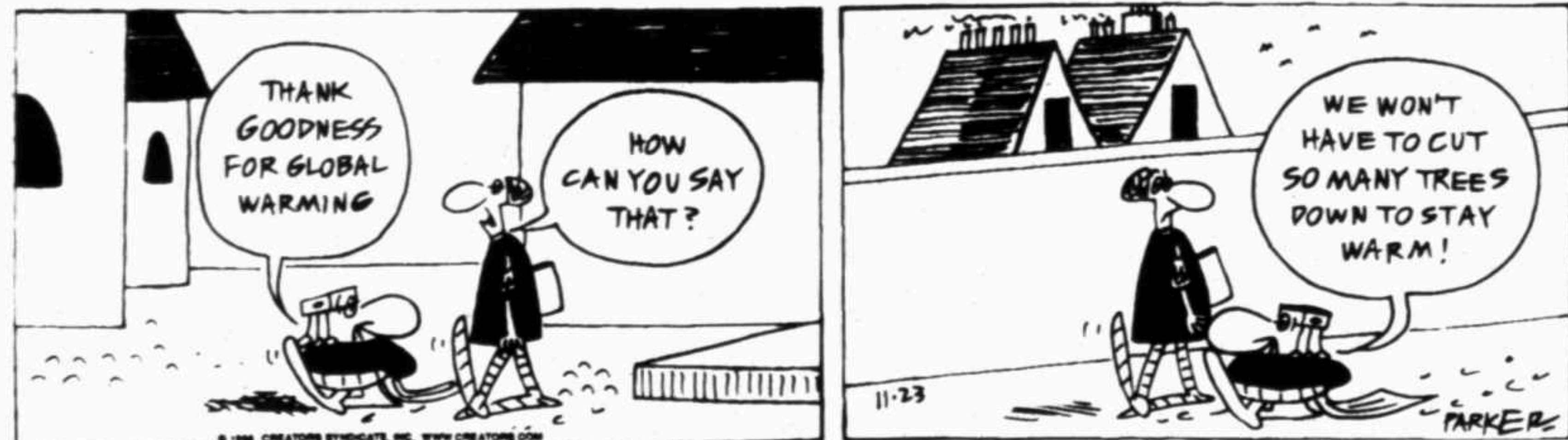
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ***** Take an overview instead of getting lost in details. You zero in on what you want. You can choose the correct course. Intensity marks finances and emotions with an important partner. Do nothing to undermine this relationship. Tonight: Make it an early night.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ***** Close relating helps you understand a difficult situation with a friend. You aren't pleased about what you hear. One key partnership intensifies; another changes and become more dominant in your life. Work proves to be your strong suit. Tonight: Go for togetherness.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ***** Others have a lot to share. Meanwhile, pulling apart a work-related matter is key. Evaluate what is happening with a boss who behaves unusually negative. Take a look at the big picture. Make calls, and seek out experts. New information proves positive. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ***** Be willing to pinch-hit for someone. You get a lot done quickly. Your perceptions are accurate; add them to your creativity. Be willing to blaze a new trail. You might feel limited in some fashion. Honor feelings toward a child or potential loved one. Tonight: Exercise.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ***** Your imagination goes haywire. You have work to do, but you are easily distracted. Romance and relationships become major priorities. An associate could be difficult about a money matter. Pull back, and think about spending. Tonight: Monday-night festivities.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ***** Handle only high-priority matters. You need some time for yourself. A partner could be unusually demanding and difficult. Consider a change in the way you express yourself. Stay on top of communications. Keep your temper, and remain gentle. Tonight: Roll on home.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ***** Reach out for others. Ask questions, and be willing to explore what is going on. Finances strongly affect a decision. Work is demanding yet allows you to look at your own efficiency. Do not underestimate what you offer. Let your imagination run loose. Tonight: Holiday errands.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ***** Take a strong look at money and what it means to you. The results will be new, more appropriate spending habits. Listen to feedback from a child who might be glum about recent events. Feeling indulged doesn't mean you have to spend a lot. Tonight: Enjoy your home.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ***** Your personality melts barriers with ease. Your perspective is quite different because of your current happy attitude. Consider a major change in your life; head in a new emotional direction. A family member's attitude is designed to pressure you. Tonight: What makes you happy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ***** Assume a low profile. Others twist and turn, trying to get what they want. Communications are off. You opt for a different road to a goal, or for a new goal entirely. You are changing; your desires reflect that. Make time for a special friend. Tonight: Curl up with a good book.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ***** Friends play an important role in your life. Someone coaxes you to make specific choices at work; you could even consider scrapping a project and starting from scratch. Don't take someone's efforts for granted; there are many ways to thank him. Tonight: With the crowds.

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ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q 1 - Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
 ♠ 6 2 ♥ A 10 2 ♦ K Q 10 5 2 ♣ A 9 3
 The bidding has proceeded:
 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
 1♣ 1♥ 1♠ 1♣
 2♥ Pass
 What do you bid now?
 A - Confirming a good five-card minor suit does not take priority here. More important is to describe a balanced minimum opening bid with a stopper in the overcaller's suit. One no trump does that nicely.

Q 2 - Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
 ♠ A K J 7 6 5 4 ♥ A ♦ Q 7 6 5 ♣ 5
 Partner opens the bidding with one club. What do you respond?
 A - You are certainly going to game, and there is a distinct possibility that you might have the combined values for slam. To set partner's mind at rest about where the hand should be played, jump shift to two spades now. When you rebid the suit later, partner will know you want to play in spades.

Q 3 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:
 ♠ J 7 6 ♥ Q 10 ♦ 10 7 6 5 ♣ A 9 5 2
 The bidding has proceeded:
 NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
 1♠ 1♥ 1♠ 1♥
 2♥ INT ?
 *five-card major
 What action do you take?
 A - You have just enough to compete, since you hold the master suit. The obvious bid is a raise to two spades and, as so often is the case, there is no reason why you should not take the obvious action.

Q 4 - Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
 ♠ A K Q 9 7 4 ♥ A 4 ♦ 7 3 ♣ K Q 9
 The bidding has proceeded:
 NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
 1♠ 1♥ 1♠ 1♥
 2♥ INT ?
 *five-card major
 What action do you take?
 A - This is not the hand with which to bid a Stayman two clubs to check for a 4-4 major fit — if partner denies a major by bidding two diamonds, two spades by you would be invitational. Therefore, give up on hearts and sign off in two spades by whatever means your methods allow.

Q 5 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
 ♠ A Q J 10 6 5 ♥ Vaid ♦ Vaid ♣ J 9 7 6 5 2
 Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with four hearts. What action do you take?
 A - You intend introducing both suits into the auction and not sell out to hearts at any level. To facilitate that, start by bidding five clubs now, planning to bid five spades next should the opponents compete with five hearts. That actually saves a round of bidding, and correctly represents the respective length of your suits.

Q 6 - Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
 ♠ J 9 8 5 2 ♥ J 8 7 3 ♦ Q 9 ♣ 3 2
 Partner opens the bidding with one no trump. What action do you take?
 A - This is not the hand with which to bid a Stayman two clubs to check for a 4-4 major fit — if partner denies a major by bidding two diamonds, two spades by you would be invitational. Therefore, give up on hearts and sign off in two spades by whatever means your methods allow.

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PEOPLE TODAY

Aw, Mick and Jerry are feuding again



British tabloids report Mick Jagger and Jerry Hall have split again.

LONDON — Mick Jagger and Jerry Hall have split again, British tabloid reports agreed Sunday.

But the tabs divided over whether the trouble this time stems from an old problem — the Rolling Stones singer's other women — or a new one: his anger over their 14-year-old daughter, Elizabeth, following in her mother's footsteps on the catwalk.

The Mail on Sunday said Jagger stormed out of the family's London mansion and went to his chateau in France's Loire Valley after accusing his 42-year-old wife of seeking to revive publicity for herself by modeling with Elizabeth.

The News of the World, however, carried a shadowy picture that it said showed Jagger, 54, on Wednesday night leaving the Paris apartment of an old flame, model Carla Bruni.

Enraged, Texan-born Ms. Hall, a former top model, flew to New York, taking the couple's youngest child, 11-month-old Gabriel, and she plans to seek a divorce settlement through lawyers in the United States, according to the reports.

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — The late Princess Diana once asked heart transplant pioneer Dr. Christian Barnard to help her and her then-sweetheart — a leading British-based heart surgeon — move to South Africa, the Sunday Times reported.

In October 1996, Diana told Barnard about her love for Hasnat Khan, and asked Barnard to help Khan find a job in Cape Town, Barnard told the newspaper. Cape Town is Barnard's home town and where Diana's brother, Earl Charles Spencer, also maintains a residence.

Diana died less than a year later — in a car crash on Aug. 31, 1997 — along with Dodi Fayed, her boyfriend at the time. "There was no doubt in my mind that she was very much in love with Khan and would have married him if he had agreed," Barnard said.

The relationship foundered, Barnard said, because Khan "could not handle the publicity of living with Diana."

On June 29, 1997, a London-based tabloid, the Sunday Mirror, reported Diana and Khan had agreed to marry after a

secret friendship. The newspaper also said Diana had flown to Pakistan to win the approval of Khan's mother and grandmother.

On the day the article appeared, Diana denied she was engaged to Khan.

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Alabama State University presented Bill Cosby with an old-style leather football helmet, bringing back some jarring memories for the comedian. "I played with a helmet like this, and my father said I haven't been right since," Cosby joked.

Cosby's nearly sold-out show on the ASU campus Friday raised \$150,000, some of which will go towards a scholarship in memory of Cosby's son Ennis, who was murdered last year.

Cosby visited ASU at the invitation of head football coach Ron Dickerson, who previously coached at Temple, Cosby's alma mater.

"I liked Ron because I wanted him to get the team to stop cursing," Cosby said. "By the third season, Ron was cursing."

SYDNEY, Australia — A year after his death, INXS star Michael Hutchence was remembered Sunday by 250 fans and family at a chapel in the Sydney suburb of North Ryde.

Hutchence's brother Rhett paid tribute, a friend read a poem, and a solo saxophonist played.

After the 40-minute service, Hutchence's father, Kel Hutchence, unveiled a memorial on the grounds of the Northern Suburbs Memorial Gardens and Crematorium to mark the life of the singer who committed suicide in a Sydney hotel room last Nov. 22 at the age of 37.

"He was a good and loving man and an excellent musician," his father said.

At the peak of his and the Australian band INXS's musical success, their 1987 album "Kick" sold more than five million copies worldwide.

MOBILE, Ala. — Nebraska Congressman Jon Christensen and former Miss America Tara Dawn Holland were married during an emotional candlelit ceremony.

"You could tell they really love each other. You could feel it," said Cindy Dore of Lafayette, La., who attended Saturday's ceremony at Ashland Place United Methodist Church. "It was sweet and touching. Everybody was crying."

The ceremony began with a choir procession, then Miss Holland, 26, made her entrance and joined the 35-year-old Christensen, R-Neb., at the altar.

The first time Christensen ever laid eyes on Miss Holland, she was running through an airport on Valentine's Day 1997.

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Davies overcomes putter for first LPGA win in 20 months

By Tim Dahlberg
AP Sports Writer

LAS VEGAS — Laura Davies was giving her putter a scolding that was meant more for herself. She had just missed a 2-footer on the 13th hole and panic was starting to set in once again.

Winning is never easy, even when you can hit the ball 50 yards past your playing partners.

"I thought, 'You're going to blow this one,'" Davies said. "That's when I really started panicking."

The panic was premature, as Davies regrouped to play the last five holes 2-under Sunday to end the worst slump of her career by winning the LPGA Tour Championship.

The final margin was four strokes over a trio of golfers, but it wasn't until her final 8-iron landed within six feet on the 18th hole that Davies could finally feel secure in her first victory in the United States in 20 months.

"I was thinking even if I hit it in the water on 18 I could drop out and chip up and two-putt and still win," Davies said. "That's how I was thinking. It was that bad."

Davies, whose short-game woes topped her from the top of women's golf to also-ran status over the

last two seasons, struggled again with her putter and some shaky nerves before claiming the \$215,000 first prize on the season-ending event.

She missed short birdie putts on the eighth and ninth holes and her lead was just one shot at the turn. Finally, though, an 8-foot putt found its way inside the right edge of the cup on the 10th hole for birdie, and Davies added two more down the stretch for a 3-under 69 and the win.

"This is a magnificent moment. You start doubting if you're ever going to win again," she said.

Davies reached both par-5s on the back nine in two shots and 2-putted both of them for the birdies that helped pad her final winning margin. She had the tournament wrapped up when she finally sunk a 6-footer for birdie on the last hole, then raised her arms in triumph.

Davies finished at 11-under, four ahead of Pat Hurst, Karrie Webb and Brandie Burton. Kelly Robbins and Juli Inkster finished another shot back.

It was the first LPGA win since March 1997 for Davies, who once reigned as the top women's player in the world but who struggled to even get into the elite field of top 30 money winners in the \$1 million tournament.

But it did not come without some anxious moments, as Davies again and again missed short putts on the Desert Inn Country Club course that could have put the tournament out of reach early.

"This is as hard as I ever fought for a victory," she said. "It was unbelievable. I've never been so nervous."

In the end, however, Davies won the tournament the same way she led it from the start — by sheer length off the tee that allowed her to hit irons to most of the par-5 holes and make two-putt birdies.

She capped it off with a birdie on the final par-5, the 15th, when she hit a 284-yard drive and followed it with a 7-iron to 10 feet. What would have been her fourth eagle of the tournament became a birdie instead when the putt just fell below the hole.

"That was probably the best two shots I can remember hitting under tournament pressure in a long while," Davies said.

Davies, who began the tournament by making three eagles and five birdies on the par-5s in the first two rounds, led wire-to-wire for her 15th LPGA win.

Hurst, who started the day three shots back, made an early move with three birdies on the front nine to pull to within one stroke. But

then it was her turn to grimace as she lipped out short birdie putts on Nos. 10, 14 and 15.

"It seemed like there were three or four putts that all lipped out," said Hurst, who lost in a playoff in Las Vegas last year to Annika Sorenstam. "There's nothing you can do if the putts don't fall."

DIVOTS: Sorenstam held on to become the LPGA's first player to average less than 70 strokes a round for the season — but just barely. Sorenstam needed to shoot even par for the tournament and did just that, 3-putting the last hole for a 288 that gave her the Vare scoring trophy with a 69.99 average. "It was a difficult tournament because I was thinking so much about the numbers," said Sorenstam, who won in Las Vegas last year. Sorenstam was never a factor in the tournament, but locked up the player of the year award when rookie Se Ri Pak finished the tournament 8-over. Davies was 12-under on the par-5s for the week, while playing the rest of the holes 1-over. Dale Eggeing, who got into the tournament only when Tammie Green withdrew because she was eight months pregnant, finished 5-under for a payday of \$33,000.

Stanford upsets top-ranked Lady Boilermakers

Associated Press

STANFORD, Calif. — It took Purdue more than two decades to reach No. 1. The Boilermakers' stay at the top will last just one week.

Regan Freuen hit a foul shot with one second remaining at Stanford, which had been off to the worst start in school history, withstood a furious Purdue rally in the final five minutes and defeated the Boilermakers 73-72 Sunday.

Purdue (2-1), which never led in the game, trailed 65-55 with less than five minutes left but tied the score at 72-all on a layup by Katie Douglas with 18 seconds remaining.

Stanford (1-3) got the ball to Freuen for a layup, which she missed with three seconds left. But she grabbed the rebound and was fouled by Douglas in a battle under the basket with one second left.

Freuen, the only senior on an inexperienced Cardinal team that began the season with losses to three other ranked teams, hit her first foul shot and shook her right fist in celebration. She missed the second free throw, and a desperate full-court heave by Purdue's Ukari Figgs didn't come close as the game ended.

No. 7 Georgia 118,
Oral Roberts 64

ATHENS, Ga. — Twin guards Kelly and Coco Miller started the season the way they ended last year, as Georgia's leading scorers, in the No. 7 Lady Bulldogs' 118-64 victory on Sunday over Oral Roberts.

Kelly Miller scored 26 points and Coco Miller scored 23 to pace the Lady Dogs in their first game of the year.

Georgia relied on its perimeter game, with Pam Irwin scoring 22 points and Kiesha Brown adding 15. Elena Vishniakova scored 16 points and grabbed 11 rebounds.

Oral Roberts matched Georgia point for point in the early minutes, leading 9-7 five minutes into the game. But a 12-0 run by Georgia made it 19-9, and the game was never in doubt again.

Villanova beats Razorbacks for Top of the World Classic

Associated Press

FAIRBANKS, Alaska — John Celestand scored 21 points, making five of seven 3-pointers, to lead Villanova to the championship of the Top of the World Classic.

The Wildcats (4-0) shot 60 percent for the game, including 10-for-17 on 3-pointers. Brian Lynch was 4-for-5 from 3-point range for 17 points.

Sergio Gipson had 15 points and Chris

Top 25 Women

No. 20 Florida 82,

No. 13 George Washington 59
BOSTON — Tonya Washington came off the bench to score 19 points and led 20th-ranked Florida to an 82-59 win over 13th-ranked George Washington in the fourth annual Reebok Classic on Sunday.

Bench production proved the difference as Florida reserves produced 59 points to 10 for GW. Tiffany Travis had 18 points and freshman Naomi Mobley, who had not scored a point this season, chipped in with 17.

George Washington (2-1) was able to stay close early on, as Mandisa Turner converted on a turnaround jumper with 8:02 to play before the half, giving the Colonials a 25-23 lead.

Florida (4-1) then took the game over, outscoring the Colonials 21-7 during the final eight minutes before the break.

No. 24 Illinois 76, Wagner 51
CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Allison Curtin and Cindy Dallas had 14 points apiece in leading No. 24 Illinois to a 76-51 victory over Wagner on Sunday.

Coming off a huge win Friday night at Stanford, Illinois (2-0) got off to a sluggish start as Wagner (2-2) took a 10-4 lead.

But Tauja Catchings sparked the Illini with six early points to tie the game at 14. From there, Illinois took off on a 26-8 run midway through the first half to lead 40-22.

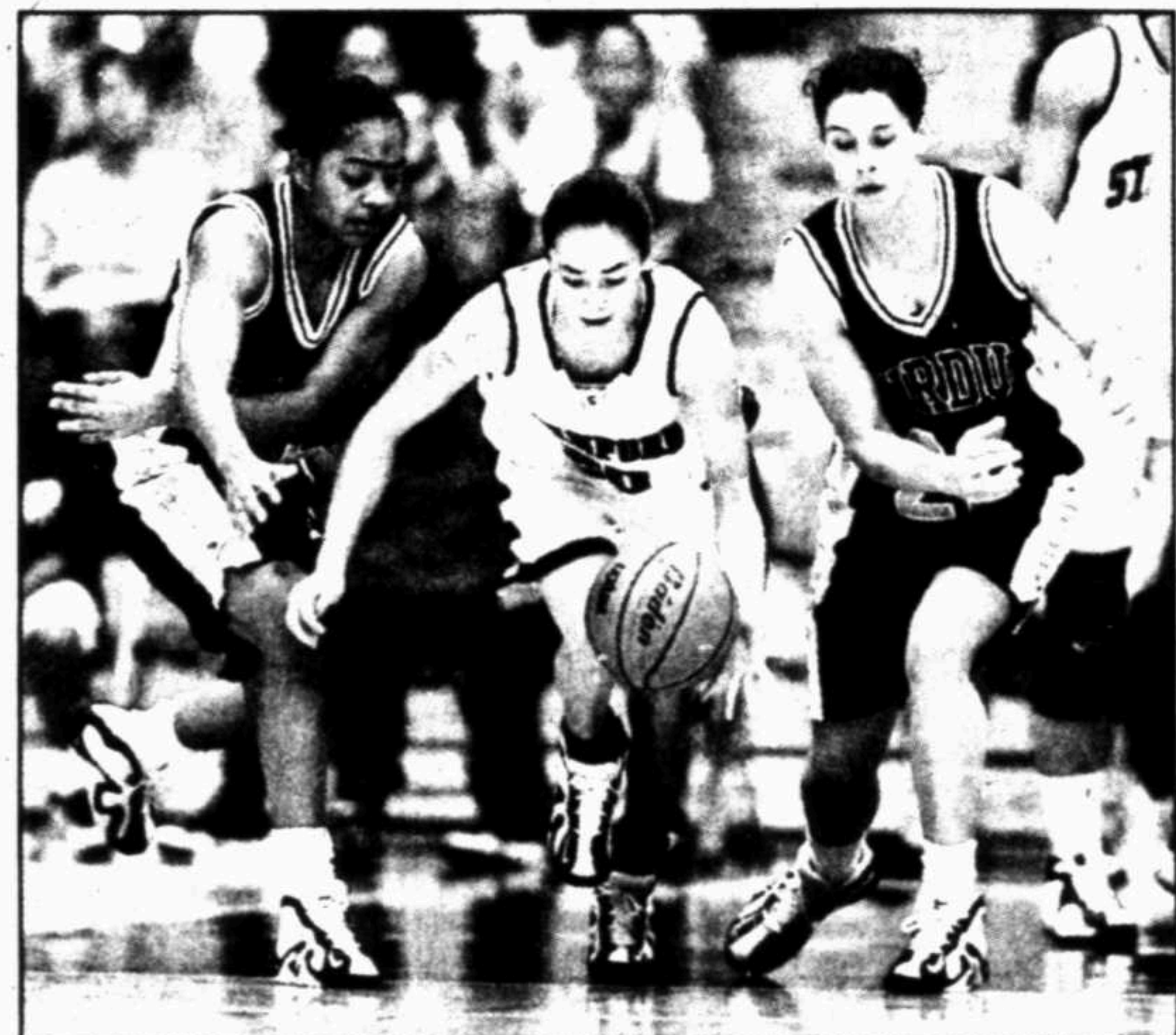
Catchings finished with 10 points and 10 rebounds for the Illini. Alicia Sheeler added 13 points and seven rebounds.

Arkansas State 86,

No. 8 Virginia 77
JONESBORO, Ark. — Julie Hagood scored 22 of her career-high 28 points in the second half as Arkansas State University defeated No. 8 Virginia 86-77 Sunday.

Hagood's made 10 of 11 free throws as the Lady Indians were 27-of-33 from the line.

ASU (1-1) led by seven in the early going and was up 40-38 at the



Stanford's Milena Flores, center, drives between Purdue's Ukari Figgs, left, and Stephanie White-McCarthy during the second period Sunday in Stanford, Calif. The Cardinal upset Purdue, 73-72.

half. Virginia (1-1) closed to 64-63 on a 17-footer by Monick Foote, but Keshia Evans hit a 3-pointer to make it 67-63 with less than five minutes to play.

Evans finished with 14 points. Christina Barry and Mozell Cottrell scored 11 each for ASU.

Virginia coach Debbie Ryan said her team was hurt by not having senior guard Tiffany Bower but said ASU played well.

Erin Stoval led Virginia with 22 points. Lesley Brown scored 18 and DeMya Walker added 17.

No. 14 UCLA 91,
West Virginia 76
LOS ANGELES — Maylana Martin scored 23 points and pulled down a career-high 18 rebounds as No. 14 UCLA dominated West Virginia 91-76.

The Bruins (1-2) controlled the game from the start, leading 42-34 at the half and expanding the lead to 22 points in the second half.

West Virginia's Rebecca Burbridge scored a game-high 27 points, making seven of 14 3-pointers.

UCLA romped over the Mountaineers (1-2) in a 10-1 spurt with 2:41 remaining in the game to clinch their win.

UCLA's Janae Hubbard scored 18 points and Marie Philman 17.

No. 25 Wisconsin 60,
Wis.-Green Bay 52
MADISON, Wis. — Jessie Stomski scored 13 points and 25th-ranked Wisconsin held Wisconsin-Green Bay to 33 percent shooting in a 60-52 victory over the Phoenix Sunday.

Kelley Paulus had 12 points and LaTonya Sims had 10 for Wisconsin (4-0), which made 51 percent of its field goal tries, including 58 percent in the second half.

Chari Nordgaard scored 21 points and Ebel had 13 for Green Bay (1-2).

Top 25 Men

Walker scored 13 to lead Arkansas (4-1).

Purdue 72, Lafayette 67
WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — Brian Cardinal had 18 points and eight rebounds as Purdue held off Lafayette for a 72-67 victory Sunday.

No. 15 Purdue (4-0) hit 8-of-10 free throws in the final 1:16 of the game to ensure the win. Car-

dinal began the string with two free throws with 1:16 left to give Purdue a 66-59 lead.

Lafayette's Brian Ehlers countered with a jump shot with 1:08 left before Tony Mayfield hit two free throws for Purdue with 59 seconds remaining, giving the Boilermakers a 68-61 lead.

Tyson Whitfield hit a 3-pointer to bring Lafayette (2-1) within 68-64 with 43 seconds remaining and added another 3 that cut Purdue's lead to 69-67 with 12 seconds left.

Steinbrenner reportedly set to sell Yankees

By Hal Bock
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — George Steinbrenner reportedly has reached an agreement in principle to sell the New York Yankees to Cablevision Systems Corp. for \$550 million to \$600 million.

As part of the sale, Steinbrenner would remain in charge of day-to-day operations of the team.

NBC Sports said the deal was agreed to on Thursday and called for Steinbrenner to turn over full ownership of the team to the cable network for \$600 million.

The Daily News reported the sale would be completed after Jan. 1 for tax reasons and said it called for Cablevision to buy 70 percent of the team for \$550 million.

Cablevision president James Dolan, whose father is chairman of the company, said Sunday he would not comment on "rumors or speculation." He said Cablevision "maintains an active interest in

the future of our relationship with Mr. Steinbrenner and the Yankees."

Howard Rubenstein, who handles public relations for Steinbrenner, confirmed the Yankees' owner had been talking with Cablevision chairman Charles Dolan but said there was nothing to announce.

Arthur Richman, a senior adviser to Steinbrenner, said of the reported sale: "We've been hearing this for weeks. He's never told us."

If the deal goes through at either of the reported prices, it would be a record for a baseball team and the second-highest price ever paid for a sports franchise behind the pending \$1 billion sale of the English soccer team Manchester United to Rupert Murdoch.

Earlier this year, Murdoch paid \$311 million for the Los Angeles Dodgers and Alfred Lerner paid \$530 million last month for the rights to an NFL expansion team in Cleveland.

Charles Dolan and his brother, Larry, were finalists for the NFL team with a bid of \$500 million. Earlier, Charles Dolan became a major player in sports with the purchase of Madison Square Garden and that arena's two pro teams, the NBA New York Knicks and the NHL New York Rangers.

Part of that purchase included Madison Square Garden Network, which holds broadcast rights to the Yankees in a 12-year, \$486 million deal that expires in two years. By purchasing the team, Cablevision assures itself of retaining those rights, a major asset for the network.

Cablevision, the country's sixth largest cable company, also owns Radio City Music Hall, a chain of New York City home appliance stores and the Broadway show "The Scarlet Pimpernel."

Talks have gone on for some time between the Yankees and Cablevision and Steinbrenner reported on them to his limited

partners during two days of meetings in Cleveland last week.

Steinbrenner, 68, led a group that paid \$10 million to purchase the Yankees from CBS in 1973. He has seen the value of the team zoom, particularly with two World Series championships in the last three years and a record 125 victories last season.

At one time, it was thought Steinbrenner wanted to keep control of the Yankees within his family but his sons, Henry and Hal, have expressed little interest in running the team.

A sale would shift the burden of the Yankee Stadium dispute from Steinbrenner to Cablevision. Steinbrenner wants a new ballpark, complete with luxury boxes and more parking, to replace the 75-year-old stadium in the Bronx.

The stadium lease expires in 2002 and Mayor Rudolph Giuliani has supported Steinbrenner's demand for a new park on the West Side of Manhattan.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 11:00 am, December 2, 1998, to be opened at 11:00 am in the office of the City Secretary, City Hall, 300 N. Lorraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid #017-99 to purchase 1 each 60,000 lb. outside rail Roll-Off Hoist for the Garage Division

Portions of this contract will be financially supported by Community Development Block Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This contract must comply with all applicable Federal laws and regulations.

Information for Bidders: Proposal Forms, Specifications and General Conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Lorraine, Midland, Texas.

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

110 Lodge Notices

CENTENNIAL LODGE #1448
1600 W. Wall
Reg. stated
meeting, 1st & 3rd
Sat. 8:30 am Breakfast 7:30 am
Henry McElwee, W/M
Bob Elwood, Sec.

Acacia Masonic Lodge #1141
1000 Upland
Stated
Communication,
2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7:30 P.M.
Glenn Flippin, W.M.
Al Talbot, Sec.

Midland Shrine Club
2019 Trade Dr.
689-7003
Reg. mtg. 3rd
Thurs. each mo.
Hosp. 6:30 pm,
dine 7 pm., Bus. mtg. 8 pm.
Earl Selman, Pres.
Keith Hughes, Secty.

Midland Masonic Lodge #623
1600 W. Wall
P.O. Box 1758
Reg. stated
meetings 2nd & 4th
Thurs. 7:30 pm.
Bert Bloodworth, WM
Robert G. Kiker, Sec.

105 HAPPY ADS

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Lordy, Lordy



Bobby is 40

Love Pat, Ray,
Jordan & Family

115 Announcements

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As always, you can contact us by phone at

682-6222, or by fax at 682-6999.

(Please allow 1-2 days for e-mailed ads. Text only please, no photos or logos accepted. If you want your ad to start tomorrow please contact us by phone or fax. Thank you...)

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310 General Help Wanted

BLIND BOX REPLIES
When replying to a blind box number listed in an advertisement, address your reply to: (this is an example)
BOX 2-01
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram
P.O. Box 1650
Midland, TX 79702

Readers who are interested in a position offered, but do not want their resume to go to certain companies, can simply address the reply to the specific box number and place it in another envelope addressed to "Classified Supervisor" at the address above. Include a list of the companies that you do not want your resume to reach. If the advertiser is anyone on your list, we will shred your resume without opening it. If you have any questions please call 682-6222.

We do not open or screen any mail that has a blind box number on the envelope. The Midland Reporter-Telegram shall not be responsible for any disclosures or information loss of responses or misdirection of responses.

CHILD CARE Caregiver needed. Must be loving, must have high school diploma. Strictly non-smoking environment. 689-6309 or apply at 1007 Austin.

CLEANERS Fashion Cleaners is now taking applications for alterations department. We are looking for a dependable person with experience in minor alterations. Apply in person at 801 W. Wall.

COOK possible working partner needed for established caterer. Experienced cook/chef, professional, resourceful, independent. Chris at 682-2665.

COUNTER SALES We are looking for a dependable person to work with the public. Apply in person at Fashion Cleaners, 801 W. Wall.

DELIVERY DRIVER needed for the Midland area. The job requires a person to have a strong background in customer service, a good knowledge of Midland, a neat appearance and ability to lift 80 lbs. Please apply in person at 905 S. Main.

DETAILERS needed- 2 years experience. Apply in person 900 South Midland.

DRIVER needed. Must be 23 years old, clean driving record, neat in appearance. Also need Dispatcher, with good computer skills, personable, various office duties. Apply at 1607 W. Florida.

EXPERIENCED Detailers needed. Fast paced environment. Some heavy lifting. Apply in person at 500 W. Front.

FAST FREDDIES Waitstaff Needed! Must not be afraid of Hard Work & Good Money. Apply in person. 4310 W. Illinois.

FOR RESUMES that get results call 689-1919. Conventional or computer scannable. Professional, fast, affordable service.

FURNITURE MOVERS with experience. Heavy lifting and Class C drivers license required. Leave name/number (915)553-1464.

GENERAL Expanding GM dealership seeks experienced technician. Competitive pay and benefits, insurance and 401K plan. Great opportunity for night person. Send resume to: P.O. Box 832, San Jose, TX 79501.

HAIR STYLISTS needed. Non-smoking, completely remodeled, lots of room, plenty of parking, walk-ins, commission on product. Accent Salon, Midland and Illinois, 697-3929 or 697-1969.

HAIRDRESSER STATION for lease. Established salon, fun atmosphere. Please call 694-8869.

HIRING ADDITIONAL Loss prevention personnel \$8-12 hourly depending on experience. Contact Michael Lewis to set up interview 915-699-6666.

HOUSEKEEPER needed. Apply in person at Villa Chateau Apartments, 1603 N. Midland. No phone calls.

HOUSEKEEPERS NEEDED. Apply at 3904 W. Wall. Midland. No phone calls please.

INDEPENDENT Plugging Company is looking for Experienced Backhoe Operator Class "A" CDL required. Clean driving record. Welding experience helpful. Salary DOE. Good benefits. 570-0029.

KENT KWIK 24 Hour Kwik Hotline 520-4053 ext. 371.

KEYHOLDER POSITION available with local shoe store. Existing career opportunities available. Retail experience preferred. Competitive benefits package. Full and part time sales personnel also needed. Apply in person to: Matney Shoe Box, Midland Park Mall. EOE, M/F.

RESTAURANT The Wild Scallion Restaurant is now accepting applications for all positions. Apply in person 4400 N. Midland Drive, Suite 504, (Cornerstone Shopping Center), Midland.

310 General Help Wanted

LOAN PROCESSOR Work 8 hours/ day, Monday- Friday. Must be hard working and have good credit. Bilingual a plus. Start at \$6.50 per hour. Send resume to: Box P-6146, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

NEEDED IMMEDIATELY: Working Manager for 27 leased duplexes and 6 houses, 3 Small office buildings and other related duties. Lease and maintain properties. Must have good painting and plumbing skills, live in Midland. Send resume to: Property Manager, 211 N. Colorado, Midland, Texas 79701 or fax to 915-682-4024.

NEVADA BOB'S GOLF now hiring part time help. General knowledge of golf and good personality required. Apply in person, 4610 N. Garfield, Ste C.

PART TIME Sales help wanted. Bows Accessories, Midland. For more information call 915-764-4065.

PHONE PERSON & MEDICAL TECH needed. Hours will vary. For more information call 915-764-4065.

REPRESENTATIVE ES Needed- sell Avon part time- full time. Great earnings. Call Verla 520-0119, Independent Rep.

RESTAURANT Michael's Charcoal Grill now hiring Cashiers and Counter Help. Excellent job opportunity. Apply in person only, 723 West Wadley.

RESTAURANT Cattle Baron is now taking applications for Cooks, Preps, Dishwashers, Servers, all shifts. Apply in person 418 W. Wadley.

STATION ATTENDANT Are you energetic, hard working, quick learner? If so we want you! One of the busiest automotive facilities in Midland is looking for top People. On the job training for the right person. Pay based on production And experience. Apply in person only Cecil's Chevron corner of Midland And Wadley.

TEACHER NEEDED by childcare center with 2 years experience under a degree director, high school diploma required. Non-smoking environment. Call 689-6309 or 1007 Austin, Midland.

TELEMARKETERS wanted. \$5.00 Hour. Call Monday- Friday, 520-1510.

TELEMARKETING PHONE WORK Like talking on the phone? You could make up to \$8-16/ hour. Full or Part time. Days or Even. Hourly/ Commission Plus \$5 CASH BONUS \$5 \$5-DAILY PAID \$5 Experience preferred. But not required! Will train! Call today- Start tomorrow! Delivery Drivers also needed! Call now!! 520-1571

RESTAURANT LUIGI'S Now accepting applications for a dependable person for host/ hostess position. Must be able to work split shifts and weekends as necessary. Positive attitudes and neat appearance a must. Apply in person at 111 N. Big Spring Street between 9-11 am. Ask for Steve. EOE M/F/D/V.

US MARKETING & Promotions The #8 promotions agency in the country, is seeking outgoing, energetic, and reliable individuals to be spokespersons and product demonstrators. \$15- \$25 hourly. If interested please call 800-748-6961 ext. 600.

311 Medical Help Wanted

***DIRECTOR* OF NURSING** We are looking for a dynamic career oriented RN with administrative experience to direct nursing department for our 96 bed skilled nursing home. Competitive wage and benefit package including paid insurance and 401-K program. Submit resume with salary history to: Jo Campbell, Andrews Healthcare Center, 620 Hospital Drive, Andrews, TX 79714.

RNs \$300 Sign On Bonus Nursefinders 570-8080

***NEEDED: RN's, LVN's, CNA's SURG TECHS, MED AID's** Local and Statewide. RN PEDI NURSE needed immediately for 13 week travel contract. NURSEFINDERS 570-8080

FULL TIME RN Needed. Please mail resume to PO Box 8976, Midland, TX 79708.

312 Professional Help Wanted

EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY
Gebco is a well-established distributor of specialty office equipment, operating in New Mexico and West Texas for almost twenty years. We are looking to increase our business in the Midland/Odessa area, and need your help. Gebco is seeking a representative with the following qualifications:

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EXPLORATION/ EXPLOITATION GEOLOGIST

Midland based independent oil & gas exploration and production company is seeking an Exploration/ Exploitation Geologist:

- Degree in Geology
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COLLECTION SPECIALIST position with group medical practice. Previous experience with knowledge of credit laws. Must have excellent people and computer skills. Offering competitive salary and benefit package. Please send resume and cover letter with salary requirements to Box T-05156, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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314 Clerical Help Wanted

EXPERIENCE COUNTS • Secretarial • Oil & Gas • Word Processing • TEMPORARY RESOURCES 684-0527

FULL CHARGE BOOKKEEPER needed for busy office. Must be bondable. Mail resume to PO Box 8976, Midland, TX 79708.

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Prime Time Christian Broadcasting, Inc. is seeking Receptionist. Abilities include professional appearance, staying calm under pressure while maintaining pleasant demeanor, multi-phones, greeting public. Please apply at 3719 S. Co. Rd. 1305 located 1/4 mile WEST of Water Wonderland on Hwy 80. Monday- Friday 9-5.

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SALESPeople NEEDED

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Prime Time Christian Broadcasting, Inc. is seeking detailed oriented, organized, self-starters with an excellent work ethic. Three full time positions are available for persons experienced in daily deposits, 10 key by touch, purchase orders, data entry, Microsoft Office 97. No phone calls. Please come by 3719 S. Co. Rd. 1305 located 1/4 mile WEST of Water Wonderland on Hwy 80 for application. Monday- Friday 9-5.

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SECRETARY/ CLERK Full time position in Midland. Applicants must possess high school diploma or equivalent, typing and general record keeping skills, 10-key by touch, computer skills a must, oil field experience helpful. Applicants may send a confidential resume, including salary history to Box B-4091, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702. An Equal Opportunity Affirmative Action Employer.

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HELP WANTED (Alternate Carrier)
BEST JOB IN THE COUNTY!!!
Phone Sales Experience a plus, but willing to train. Daytime hours & No Evenings or Weekends. Paid training, growing company, future and career opportunities, positive work environment, paid vacations, paid sick days. Average between \$10.00- \$20.00 Hour.

CALL NOW!!! 699-1220

EXPERIENCED computer sales person needed. Good pay, good benefits. Apply in person at BCPI, 110 N. Mainfield, Ste 575, Midland.

STRAIGHT COMMISSION superior maintenance products for industry. Can be added to present lines. Industrial sales experience required. 683-5181.

URGENTLY Needed. Dependable person in Midland area. Regardless of training, write: K.B. Hopkins, Texas Refinery Corp. Dept. M-79701, Box 711, Ft. Worth, TX 76101-0711.

318 Management Help Wanted

ASSISTANT MANAGER applications being accepted at Little Caesar's Pizza. Must be 19 years old with food service experience, honest, hard-working and very good with people. Please apply in person at either Midland location.

SUPERVISOR needed for trailer manufacturing. Must have a minimum of 5 years experience in welding, assembly line in Goose Neck production. Send resume and salary requirements to C.P.T., 2716 S. Congress, Austin, TX 78704. Closing date 11/24/98.

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ELECTRICIANS EARN up to \$21.00 weekly. Out of state work, living expenses paid. Call toll free (817)377-8649.

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MAINTENANCE PERSON needed. Certification required. Apply in person at Sante Fe Apartments, 5010 W Loop 250 North.

TECHNICIAN Company in Dallas, Texas is looking for Experienced RV Tech. Excellent pay based on experience. Will assist in relocation for the right person. Call for more information: (972)276-1987 or fax resume to: (972)276-5480, or mail to: Blue Moon Mobile RV, 4028 Clemson, Garland, TX 75042.

336 Adult Care Providers

★ NEED HELP with an elderly person? I can help. Available any time. Reasonable rates, references 570-8824 or 499-6183.

CERTIFIED CNA with references will sit/ live in anytime. For \$7.00 hourly. Call Linda 699-6388.

INHOME CARE for all your in home health needs. Bathing, cooking, cleaning, running errands, etc. Give us a call for more information at 570-4475, ask for Tonya or Jackie.

340 Child Care Needed

NANNY/ HOUSEKEEPER Part time. Monday, Wednesday, Friday. 2 adorable boys, 2 and 4. Prefer bilingual as we are learning Spanish. Good pay. Responsible, loving, patient apply. 699-2440, leave message.

341 Child Care Providers

MOTHER of two will keep your children in my home. Full or part time. Ages 0-6. 520-2912.

YOUNG MOM will keep children in my home from 7 pm to 7 am Monday- Friday, All day Saturday/ Sunday, meals provided. 697-9794/ 425-5035.

WOULD LIKE to baby sit in my home, any hours. Monday through Friday. 686-9847.

CHRISTIAN MOM will keep kids in my home. Any days- any hours. Morning and evening snacks provided. Reasonable rates. 528-9337, 520-8192.

(INFANTS ONLY) Bring your rattlers, pacies, and blankets. Don't forget your favorite milk, diapers and wipes just for you. Jan 697-6437.

CHRISTIAN HOME has openings. Breakfast, lunch & backs provided. Monday- Friday, 6:00 am- 5:30 pm. References available. 520-2786.

350 Business Opportunities

Frito Lay/ Pepsi \$63,000/year (realistic) No selling \$26,950 cash required 1-800-268-6601 (24 hours)

\$\$\$ Best Biz to Own! \$\$\$ Local Routes available \$1,400/ Weekly Profit Financing, Free Video 1-800-337-1375

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Get your Real Estate license quickly, short day, weekend evening classes Southwest College 697-7277

LOCAL BUSINESSES for sale. Small and large. Some have down payments and owner financing. Call for a free confidential interview. Sunbelt Business Brokers, 520-1515.

400 Auctions

Fisher's Holiday Auction. Public auction. November 28th, 10 am. Barn E, Ector County Coliseum. Partial listing: original G. Harvey oil on canvas, dated 1960; 1934 Ford completely restored show car; 1979 Corvette; 7 piece tea service purchased Neiman Marcus 1954; nice selection of stained glass; old cowboy spurs; beautiful Mission oak china cabinet; assorted guns (Winchester, Remington, Marlin- Savage); fine jewelry; Vendo 39 Coke machine; 3 Coke boxes; other great soda pop items; wonderful oak mantle; 1800's Hunt chair; Armoire; dressers; petroleum collectibles; wooden fishing lures; balloon backed mahogany dining chairs and much more. The best quality merchandise to date! 10% Buyers Premium. Cash, Check, Visa, MC, AmEx, Discover. Reserve your seat today! Karry Fisher, Texas License 12855, 915-332-2780. Do Not Miss This Exciting Auction!

410 Misc. Sales

GARAGE SALES
Hidden treasures? Junk?
Recycle your unwanted items!
Call 682-6222 today. A friendly Classified Consultant
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The Deadline to place an Ad in our
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Consignment - 411-C N. Midland Dr.
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DON'T MISS OUT!
The deadline
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GARAGE SALE SERVICES

\$20.50 \$20.50 \$20.50 \$20.50

GARAGE SALE AD PACKAGE \$20.50

- 7 Lines (approx. 28-35 words)
- 2 Days
- ★/★/★ Stand Out Emblem
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- ★ Package of Flavored Drink Mix (for the kids to Open a Drink Stand)
- ★ \$3 Off Classified Coupon (Place an ad to sell those left-over garage sale items & get \$3 off!)

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700 Manufactured Homes
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702 Manufactured Homes
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\$500 DOWN ON A New 3 Bedroom, 1931 monthly, 240 months, 10 APR WAC. Call Calvin, 915-563-9000, 800-755-9133. A-1 Homes.

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\$233.61 A MONTH on 1999, 16x80 Fleetwood 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 10% down, payment 9.75% APR fixed 360 months WAC. Only at A-1 Homes. Midland, West Hwy 80, 1-800-755-9133 or 915-563-9000.

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REDUCED! 3/2, 4 bath, 3 gar, 4 1/2, hwy, hwy, hwy, hwy DENE.....\$220,000
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Bdrm.....Bedroom
Ba.....Bath
Kit.....Kitchen
Dbl.....Double
A/C.....Air conditioning
Mstr. Bdrm.....Master Bedroom
Gar.....Garage
Bldg.....Building
Cond.....Condition
N-QA.....Non-Qualifying
QA.....Assumable
Assumable.....Assumable
Ac.....Acre
3/2/2.....Bdrm/Ba/Gar

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4902 S. CO. RD. 120-Wonderful 2 story home with 4 bedrooms, 2
living areas, 2 baths, great country kitchen, located on 4 acres,
REDUCED.....\$99,900

505 E. CO. RD. 120-This property has it all, 2 bdrms, 2 baths, 4 car
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4303 HARLOWE-Updated dollhouse, 2 bdrms, 1 bath, 1 car
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