



MONDAY MORNING

Changing places

The American dream was his. He had it all. Then, in less than three weeks, Dr. Shelton Viney came close to losing everything./1B



NATION

'Kramer's tour'

According to the "Seinfeld" character prototype, it is art imitating art imitating life. Twenty-five people, at \$27.50 a pop, agreed./7A

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NEWS WATCH



Convent attack

Four nuns were beaten and stabbed in their own convent after a prayer service, two of them fatally, and a man who allegedly bludgeoned at least one of them with a religious statue was in custody Sunday./7A

Motorists beware

In putting its warnings to motorists into action, the Midland Police Department this week will be attuned to traffic violations on highly trafficked thoroughfares and intersections. "We will be working all hazardous violations in these areas, with a priority placed on red-light violations," according to Midland police spokesman Sgt. David Garcia. "We invite the citizens of Midland to exercise caution and obey all traffic laws when driving anywhere but especially through these areas." Extra officers will be watching for violations "at various times of the day" this week at the following locations, Garcia noted.

Today: Garfield Street and Wadley Avenue, Andrews Highway from Ohio Avenue to Cuthbert Avenue, Haynes Avenue and Ward Street by Goddard Junior High School, and Storey Avenue by Alamo Junior High School.

Tuesday: Midkiff Road and Wall Avenue, Wall Avenue and Thomason Drive and the 2100 and 2200 blocks of Illinois Avenue.

Wednesday: Andrews Highway from Ohio Avenue to Cuthbert Avenue, Haynes Avenue and Ward Street by Goddard Junior High School, and Storey Avenue by Alamo Junior High School.

Thursday: Midkiff Road and Cuthbert Avenue, and Big Spring Street and Wadley Avenue.

Friday: Andrews Highway from Ohio Avenue to Michigan Avenue, and Cuthbert Avenue and Maberry Street.

Saturday: Andrews Highway from Ohio Avenue to Michigan Avenue, and Midland Drive and Wadley Avenue.

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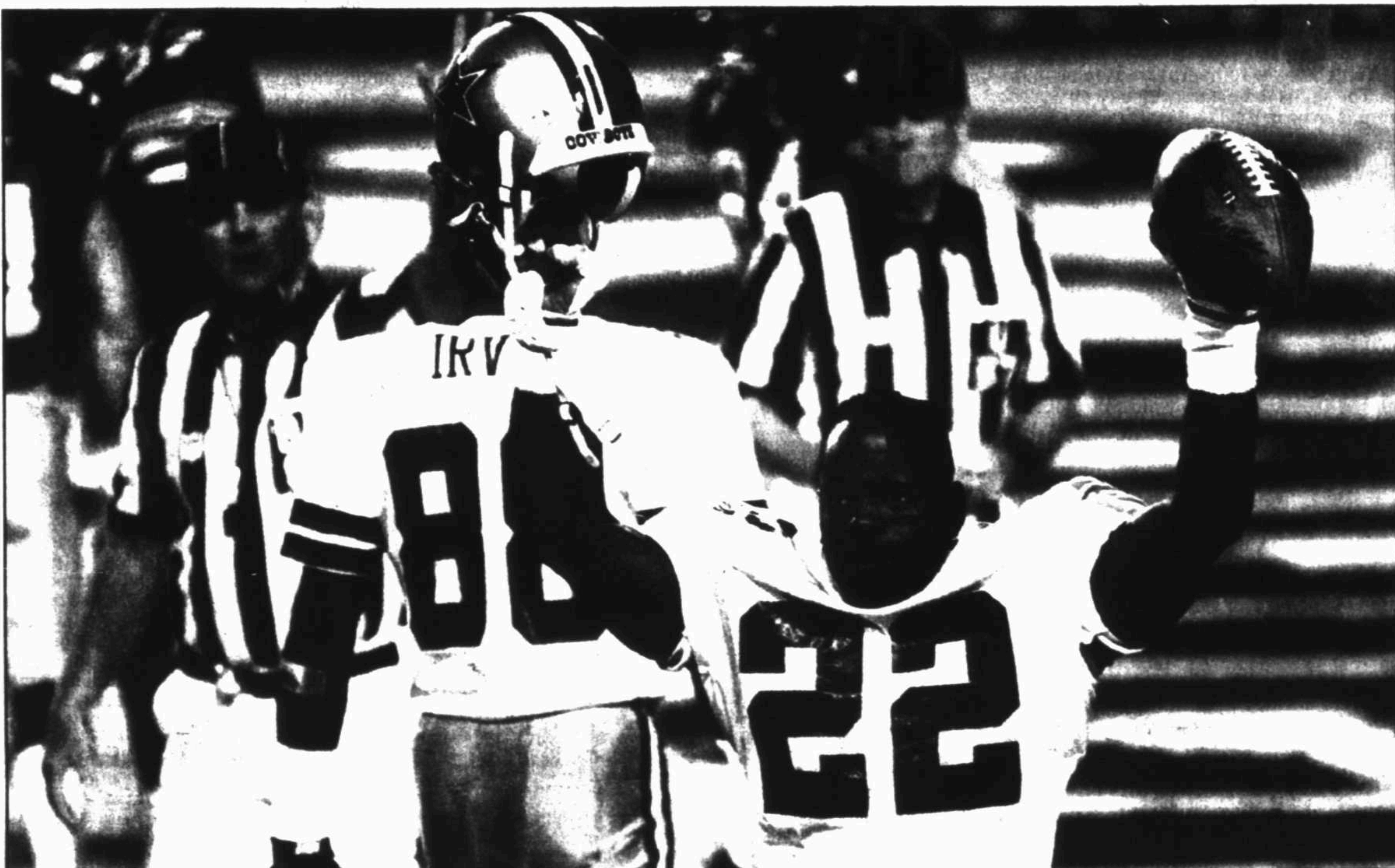
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TEAM OF '90s? 'BOYS BACK UP BLUSTER, BARELY

Dallas Cowboys running back Emmitt Smith, right, celebrates his touchdown against the Pittsburgh Steelers in the third quarter at Super Bowl XXX in Tempe, Ariz., on Sunday. Cowboys' Michael Irvin is behind Smith. Pittsburgh Steelers running back Bam Morris, below, is stopped short of a first down by a host of Cowboys defenders during third quarter action. See more stories, photos/1C

AP Laserphoto



Dallas survives Steelers rally, 27-17; Brown picks off game's MVP award

Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — Those limo-ridin' glamour boys from Dallas backed up their bluster, but barely.

And they can thank one of their least glamorous players, Larry Brown, for their third Super Bowl victory in four years.

The Cowboys beat Pittsburgh 27-17 Sunday to extend the NFL's streak of victories in the NFL's showcase game to an even dozen.

And while Troy, Emmitt and Michael all had their moments, the biggest moment was reserved for Brown, the right cornerback overshadowed by the spotlight on left corner, a guy named Deion Sanders.

Brown came up with two interceptions at moments when Pittsburgh was just about to take control of the game and was named the Super Bowl's most valuable player.

"We've got so many stars on our team, I just wanted to go out and play hard," Brown said.



His 44-yard return in the third quarter of Neil O'Donnell's pass set up a 1-yard touchdown run by Emmitt Smith that put Dallas up 20-7 after Pittsburgh, which fell behind 13-0, seemed ready to take the lead.

Then, after Pittsburgh had closed to 20-17 and had the ball with four minutes left, Brown, just as he did to seal the NFC title game with Green Bay, made another interception, returning it 33 yards to set up another Smith TD run, this one of four yards.

Only then did the Cowboys and coach Barry Switzer celebrate a struggling Super Bowl victory that capped a struggling season. And the hugs in the end zone reflected relief more than the "in-your-face" braggadocio with which the Cowboys faced Super Bowl week.

"There were high expectations but it was a relief just the same," quarterback Troy Aikman

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Standoff ends peacefully at du Pont estate

Associated Press

NEWTOWN SQUARE, Pa. — An heir to the du Pont fortune was captured by SWAT team members Sunday as he stepped outside his mansion to fix his boiler, ending a 48-hour standoff that began with the shooting death of a top wrestler.

John E. du Pont, who had been without heat since police cut off his boiler system Friday night, told negotiators he was cold and was leaving his house, said Newtown Township Police Chief Michael Mallon.

He did not carry one of the many

weapons he kept on his 800-acre estate. No one was injured in the capture.

"His intent was to make repair to the boilers because he was without heat," Mallon said. "Within a few moments our SWAT teams were on the location and they made a capture."

Police, who had cleared the entrance to the estate hours earlier, picked up du Pont at about 3:30 p.m. and took him to the police station for arraignment.

He arrived kneeling in a black van, his hands handcuffed behind

him. Wearing a jacket advertising his world-class wrestling center and team, Foxcatcher, and running tights, du Pont looked dazed as an officer grabbed him by the handcuffs and lifted him out of the van.

"He gave up peacefully," Lt. Lee Hunter said.

The capture ended a standoff that police said began Friday afternoon with du Pont shooting Dave Schultz, a wrestler living on du Pont's estate.

From the beginning, police insisted on negotiating instead of attack-

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John E. du Pont kneels in the back of a van with two members of a SWAT team as they arrive at the Newtown Square, Pa., police station Sunday. Du Pont was arrested at his estate after a two-day standoff with police.

AP Laserphoto

Lena Guerrero looks back, says 'I feel like I never left'

AUSTIN (AP) — Lena Guerrero surveyed the AFL-CIO convention — smile broad, head high, exuding confidence.

It was the first time she'd talked to the labor group since 1992, before her political career was derailed by the revelation that she'd falsely claimed a University of Texas diploma.

How would she handle it? Tentative has never been her style.

"Brothers and sisters of this convention, I am Lena Guerrero — a recent graduate of the Uni-

versity of Texas," Ms. Guerrero said to applause and cheers.

"See, I figure I should've gone to (Texas) A&M. This would never have happened to me," she continued. "Those people would have produced a degree when I needed one. You know Aggies — 'Hell yes, she went here.'"

Ms. Guerrero, 38, said she learned some things after losing the November 1992 election for the Railroad Commission, which

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It was the first time Lena Guerrero spoke before the AFL-CIO since 1992, before her political career was derailed.

AP Laserphoto

Deming management theory to be topic of all-day seminar

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

An all-day seminar on the Deming management philosophy will be presented Feb. 7 at the Center for Energy and Economic Diversification on Highway 191.

The seminar is the first of six in which Harold S. Haller, a longtime colleague of W. Edwards Deming, is scheduled to present the fundamentals of Deming management theory and

practice.

The seminar is sponsored by the Reporter-Telegram and the University of Texas Small Business Development Center.

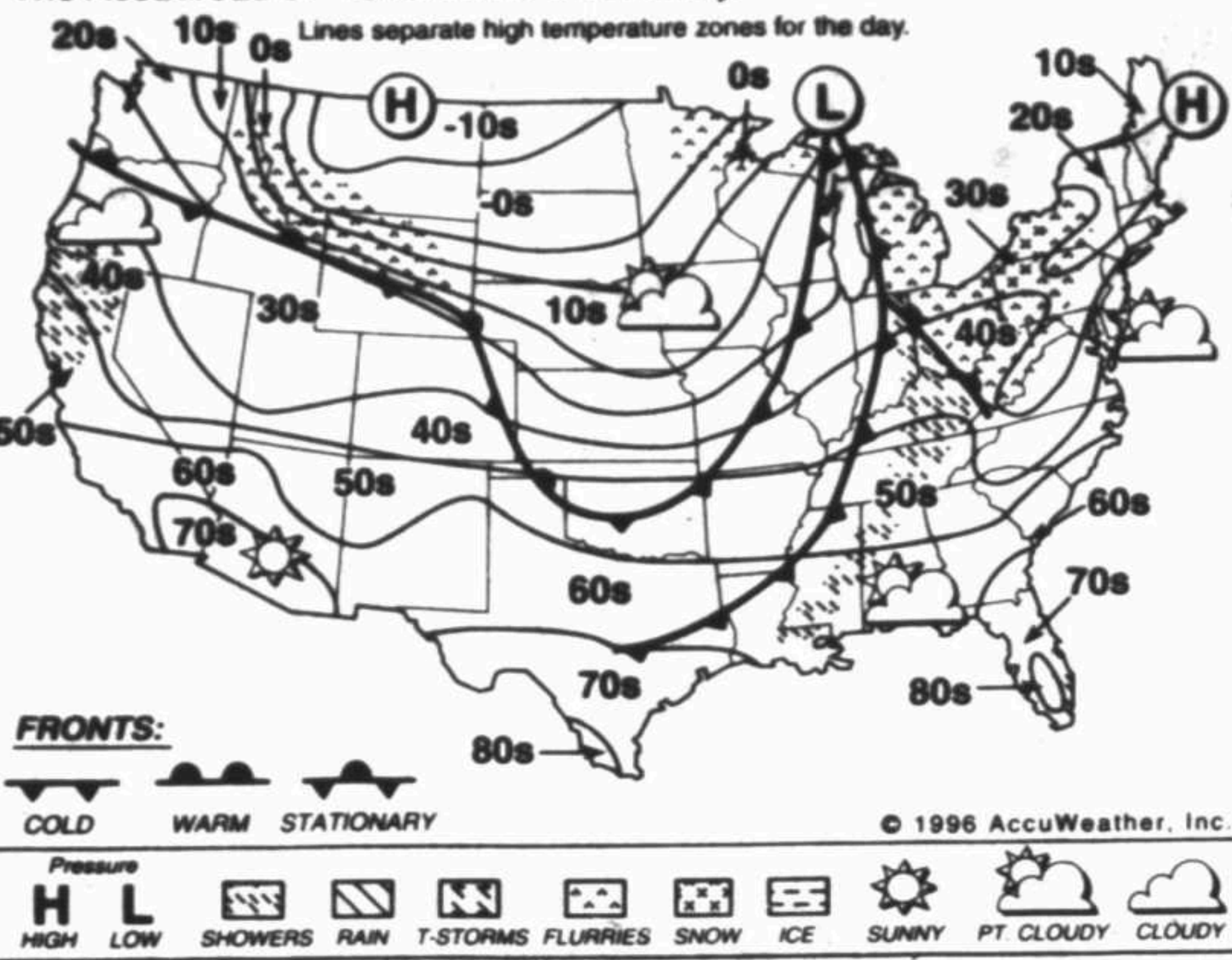
According to Mamie Meek, an internal consultant for Hearst Newspapers Professional Development Dept., the United States is undergoing a new economic era of intense competition, and companies are looking toward downsizing, technology and management techniques to sur-

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WEATHER WATCH

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon today.

Forecast: fair, nothing spectacular
Staff Report

Today's weather promises to be fair — nothing spectacular. There is no rain, no blowing sand, no snow, no sleet, no pipe-break cold wave in the middle of winter in West Texas.

Today's weather is to be mostly sunny, according to the weatherman at the National Weather Service at Midland International Airport. The temperature is to peak near 70 degrees. Winds are to be variable at 5 to 10 mph.

Tonight's low temperature is to be in the mid-30s. The sky is to be partly cloudy on Tuesday, when the high temperature is to be in the low 70s.

Sunday's high temperature was 74 degrees, and the overnight low temperature was 37 degrees.

The record high temperature for Jan. 28 is 79 degrees in 1987. The record low temperature for the date is 10 degrees in 1948.

NATION

A snowstorm blew through the central Rockies and onto the Plains on Sunday, closing several Colorado highways, and snow also spread across the upper Midwest and the Northwest.

The storm cut through the Colorado mountains with heavy snow propelled by wind gusting to an estimated 70 mph, and a winter storm warning was posted for much of the state's high country.

A 10-mile stretch of eastbound Interstate 70 near Avon, Colo., was closed around midday by multiple accidents, state police said. Rabbit Ears Pass from Steamboat Springs to Kremmling also was closed.

An avalanche warning was in effect through Monday. The Colorado Avalanche Information Center said there had been 150 slides in the high country in three days, including one Saturday in which one person was killed.

When the cold front associated with the storm moved across northern Nevada, wind gusted to 84 mph at Elko. Wind gusted to 70 mph near Pocatello, Idaho.

The storm was moving out into the central Plains, close on the heels of another weather system that was spreading light snow across parts of the Dakotas, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin and northern Illinois.

A separate storm was moving across the Pacific Northwest, producing snow showers in the Cascades.

Snow was falling at elevations down to nearly sea level, with flakes reported during the morning at Seattle and around Portland, Ore. On Saturday, Portland got nearly 6 inches of heavy, wet snow.

Midland statistics

FORECAST
Today: Mostly sunny with a high temperature near 70 degrees. Variable winds at 5 to 10 mph.
Tonight: Fair with a low temperature in the mid-30s.
Tuesday: Partly cloudy with a high temperature in the lower 70s.
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS:
Yesterday's High: 74 degrees
Overnight Low: 37 degrees
Sunset today: 6:20 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow: 7:44 a.m.
Precipitation: Last 24 hours: .0000
This month to date: .0008
Year to date: .0000 inches

Area forecast

West Texas: Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Today, mostly sunny. Highs around 70. Tonight, fair. Lows in the 30s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the 30s. Wednesday, mostly cloudy and breezy. Highs 70-75. Thursday, becoming mostly cloudy. Lows around 40. Highs in the upper 50s to lower 60s. Friday, partly cloudy and cooler. Lows 25-30. Highs 45-50.
Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Today, mostly sunny. Highs 70-75. Tonight, fair. Lows around 40. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs around 70. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Lows around 40. Wednesday, partly cloudy and breezy. Highs 70-75. Thursday, increasing cloudiness. Lows in the mid- to upper 40s. Highs 65-70. Friday, mostly cloudy and cooler. Mobs 30-35. Highs in the upper 40s to lower 50s.

Border forecasts

NEW MEXICO — Today, partly cloudy north. Fair skies south. A little cooler northeast today. Highs upper 30s to lower 50s mountains and north, 50s and 60s east and south except around 70 southeast corner. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows around 10 to mid-20s mountains and north, mid-20s to 30s southeastern plains and southern lowlands. Tuesday and Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Breezy Tuesday afternoon. Highs 40s and 50s mountains and north, upper 50s to lower 70s south. Lows upper teens to lower 30s mountains and north, 30s and 40s east and south. Extended forecast, Wednesday, breezy. Cooler with a chance of showers northeast. Partly cloudy east and south. Highs 40s and 50s mountains and northeast, upper 50s to mid 70s east and south. Thursday, windy and colder. A chance of snow north. Partly cloudy south. Lows teens and 20s mountains and north, upper 20s and 30s south. Highs from the 20s and 30s northern mountains and northeast to the 50s to mid-60s southern deserts and southeast corner. Friday, partly cloudy. A slight chance of mountain snow showers far north. Lows single digits to lower 20s mountains and north, 20s and lower 30s south. Highs mid 20s to lower 40s mountains and north, 40s and 50s south.

Texas temperatures

Highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours ending at 7 p.m. CST.	H	L	P
Abilene	64	38	
Amesbury	66	28	
Austin	57	34	
Beaumont-Port Arthur	54	37	
Bryan-College Station	57	35	
Corpus Christi	69	46	
Dallas	MM	37	
El Paso	66	35	
Fort Worth	54	37	
Galveston	59	50	
Houston	59	34	
Laredo	69	48	
Lubbock	73	31	
Marfa	69	22	
San Angelo	66	44	
San Antonio	59	42	
Victoria	60	34	0.01
Waco	57	33	
Wink	76	32	

Weather elsewhere

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 6:31 p.m. CST.	H	L	P	Out
Albuquerque	55	31	cr	
Atlanta	48	24	cr	
Baltimore	37	30	m	
Boston	34	31	96	cr
Charlotte N.C.	46	24	cr	
Chicago	29	8	cr	
Cincinnati	34	13	cr	
Cleveland	27	17	sn	
Denver	49	15	cr	
Detroit	25	16	cr	
Flagstaff	44	29	cr	
Honolulu	81	71	13	cr
Indianapolis	33	15	cr	
Kansas City	45	22	cr	
Las Vegas	63	45	cr	
Little Rock	48	23	cr	
Los Angeles	66	54	07	cr
Louisville	39	18	cr	
Memphis	48	26	cr	
Minneapolis	26	7	cr	
Nashville	45	17	cr	
New Orleans	58	37	cr	
New York City	35	29	cr	
Oklahoma City	58	31	cr	
Philadelphia	36	29	cr	
Phoenix	67	42	cr	
Pittsburgh	38	20	cr	
Reno	49	27	15	cr
Sacramento	57	40	53	cr
St. Louis	36	20	cr	
Salt Lake City	41	30	05	cr
San Diego	62	53	06	cr
San Francisco	57	27	36	cr
Seattle	55	27	36	cr
Tempe-St. Pabst	73	42	cr	
Tucson	68	37	cr	
Washington, D.C.	37	29	m	

SEMINAR: Deming's theory to be topic

(From 1A)

One management philosophy sweeping the country, said Ms. Meek, is the Deming philosophy for personal and organizational transformation.

Haller, a close personal friend of Deming for more than 13 years, regularly assisted Deming with his four-day seminars between 1983 and 1993, and has since expanded the Deming concepts into a series of six, stand-alone, yet integrated one-day sessions, to be held every other month. The series is designed so that individuals may gain from only one session, or become proficient with six sessions.

The first session will deal with such subjects as: what is the problem; the failure of adversarial competition; the need for transformation, and the need for management changes.

The five remaining session topics are:

■ Why a system view is impor-

tant?

■ The significance of understanding variation.

■ A process for continual improvement.

■ Interrelationships between people.

■ An integrated set of principals for leaders.

Ms. Meek said in the new economic era, businesses must learn responsibility and take on leadership for change.

"There is a current belief by companies that defects, rework, and errors are a way of life, but that opinion is no longer acceptable."

She said the Deming chain reaction theory teaches that quality decreases rework, increases productivity, which reduces costs, increases market share, and results in survival that translates to more jobs.

Cost for the seminar is \$100 and includes lunch. For more information or to make reservations, call Renee Pickard at 687-9004.

SUPER: Hugs reflect relief more than braggadocio

(From 1A)

said. "It wasn't the prettiest game we played, the defense really stepped it up, but a win is a win. We knew it would be a tough game."

Dallas controlled the first half, with help from O'Donnell, the Pittsburgh quarterback who was high and outside most of the time, even on his completions.

But while they scored on their first two possessions, they could convert those only into 13 points, leaving the Steelers within striking range, even with O'Donnell struggling so much.

Then the Steelers, as they have so often, scored in the last two minutes, turning it into a 13-7 game.

But while the Dallas offense fizzled, the defense didn't, particularly Brown, who joined Miami's Jake Scott 23 years ago as the only other defensive back to win a Super Bowl MVP trophy. And that was enough for the Cowboys to join San Francisco as only teams to win five Super Bowls.

Pittsburgh, which won four Super Bowls during the 1970s, lost for the first time in five appearances.

Dallas' victory also bailed out Switzer, who took over from Jimmy Johnson last season after Johnson and Dallas owner Jerry Jones had their well-publicized divorce. Switzer thus joined Johnson as the only coaches to win both college and pro championships despite a season of gaffes that left him labeled "Bozo the Coach."

The Cowboys were favored by 13 1/2 points, but after the narrow win even the trophy celebration was subdued.

"This ball game represents the kind of season we've had," said Jones in accepting the Vince Lombardi Trophy from commissioner Paul Tagliabue, who had bitterly attacked Jones on national television earlier in the day.

"This was a struggle," said Jones, who turned away quickly as

'We did it our way, baby! We did it!'

— Barry Switzer,
Dallas Cowboys coach

he accepted the trophy. "But this for me was the sweetest."

Switzer, however, was clearly elated. He joined the Cowboys in a no-win situation — only a Super Bowl victory could guarantee success — and he got it.

"Are you having a good time, Jerry?" he asked Jones. "We did it our way, baby! We did it! We did it! We did it!"

But it was not the way the Cowboys had hoped.

Aikman, who at one point in the first half completed 10 straight passes, tying Phil Simms for second place in Super Bowl history behind Joe Montana's 13, was good early but finished 15 of 23 for 209 yards.

And Smith, whose fourth and fifth rushing touchdowns passed Franco Harris and Thurman Thomas for the most in Super Bowl history, was held to just 49 yards in 18 carries, far short of the 115 he needed to become the leading rusher in Super Bowl history. Twenty-three of his yards came on the third play of the game.

But it was the defense that did it, led by Brown. It registered four sacks, one by Charles Haley, who was playing his first game since undergoing back surgery seven weeks ago. Haley, who was on two champions in San Francisco, became the first player ever to win five Super Bowl rings.

That rush, plus some slippery footing may have been responsible for O'Donnell's problems. He finished 28 of 49 for 239 yards and three interceptions, the last on the game's final play.

But the two to Brown were the ones that hurt.

Pittsburgh reached the Dallas 33 on the first possession of the second half.

ond half. But on fourth and 8, coach Bill Cowher elected to punt and Rohn Stark's kick carried into the end zone, giving Dallas the ball on the 20.

Dallas didn't move on offense, but then the defense turned the game.

On a third and 9 from the Pittsburgh 48, Dallas' Bill Bates blitzed, both Steelers receivers turned inside, and O'Donnell threw outside, right to Brown. He returned it 44 yards to the Pittsburgh 18.

On the first play, Aikman hit Michael Irvin at the 1, and Smith went over on the next play, although replays indicated he had not reached the end zone until he was already down.

Norm Johnson's 46-yard field goal 3:40 into the fourth quarter cut it to 20-10 after Tony Tolbert's sack of O'Donnell on third and eight at the 19 stopped Pittsburgh's next drive.

But then came a surprise onside kick by Johnson, recovered by Deon Figures at his own 48. Nine plays later, Bam Morris went over from a yard out and suddenly it was 20-17 with 6:36 left.

The Steelers got the ball back with 4:15 left at their own 32. After an incomplete, O'Donnell threw the pass that Brown intercepted, setting up the clinching touchdown.

The Cowboys dominated the first half, scoring on their first three possessions.

But they led only 13-7 at halftime when O'Donnell, shaky for most of the first two periods, hit Yancey Thigpen from 6 yards out with 13 seconds left before intermission. It was the 10th time in the last 12 games the Steelers had scored in

the last two minutes of the first half.

Dallas took a 3-0 lead on Chris Boniol's 42-yard field goal on the game's first possession. It could have been more — Aikman hit Irvin for 20 yards and Smith broke loose for 23 yards before the Pittsburgh defense stiffened, holding Kevin Williams to 2 yards on a reverse on third and 8.

The Cowboys came right back on their next possession, with Aikman hitting Sanders for 47 yards against Willie Williams to set up the score, a 3-yard pass to Jay Novacek — set up by an apparent illegal pick. One play earlier, Aikman had hit Novacek on a third and 9 from the 13.

At that point, Dallas had out-gained Pittsburgh, 127-9.

The Steelers finally got an offense going, but it was a plodding one, converting a fourth and inches on Kordell Stewart's sneak, then getting to the Dallas 36 on an 11-yard third-down pass from O'Donnell to Ernie Mills. But on the next play, Dermontti Dawson's snap was over O'Donnell's head and the 13-yard loss effectively stopped the drive.

Dallas made it 13-0 on Boniol's 35-yard field goal after a drive from their own 20 to the Pittsburgh 18 that consumed 8 minutes and 44 seconds of the second period. But Irvin was called for offensive pass interference on an apparent TD pass, then Dallas went wide on third and 1 from the 15 and Levon Kirkland dumped Smith for a 3-yard loss.

Pittsburgh finally got its first score by going 54 yards in 13 plays in the final 3:52 of the half.

The key was a 19-yard pass from O'Donnell to Andre Hastings on a third and 20 from the Pittsburgh 36 and an 18-yarder to Mills to the 6. On the next play, Thigpen slanted inside Sanders, and O'Donnell found him in the front of the end zone.

STANDOFF: SWAT team arrests du Pont heir

(From 1A)

ing for their own safety: Du Pont's prowess with weapons approaches Olympic-level marksmanship and he had an extensive arsenal that at least at one time included an armored personnel carrier.

Negotiations that started early Saturday broke off at 9 p.m. at du Pont's request for sleep and then resumed about 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

The standoff capped a long slide into despair for the 57-year-old du Pont, according to wrestlers, acquaintances and relatives.

They said du Pont's increasingly erratic behavior included drug and alcohol abuse and a penchant for carrying weapons on his estate.

After ending contact at 9 p.m., police saw du Pont walking through his mansion — a replica of James Madison's Montpelier in Virginia — at midnight.

Officers cut off du Pont's heat Friday night but decided to keep other utilities connected

and rejected the idea of attacking while du Pont slept in hopes the situation could end peacefully, Hunter said.

Although negotiators encouraged du Pont to try to fix his boiler system, Mallon repeatedly denied that police tried to lure him out.

"He was not tricked into going out of the house," Mallon said. "It was an extremely trying and difficult situation."

A retired FBI negotiator who lives in the area joined the negotiations but police rejected dozens of other offers — from Vietnam vets, relatives, friends and psychologists — for help, Hunter said.

In the 1970s, du Pont served as an honorary member of the police force, even teaching marksmanship to officers at a high-tech indoor shooting range he later disassembled.

Hunter denied the connection played any role in the department's decision against attacking.

"Contact with our department or vice versa, that was several, several years ago," he said.

"We are professional police officers."

Schultz, 36, who won an Olympic gold medal in 1984, worked as a coach at du Pont's 14,000-square-foot Foxcatcher National Training Center while training for a comeback at this summer's Games in Atlanta. Several other wrestlers also lived on the estate, and others traveled there each day to train.

Du Pont paid the wrestlers and coaches for the private Team Foxcatcher more than \$300 a week and contributed \$500,000 a year to USA Wrestling, the sport's Olympic committee.

Du Pont is a great-great grandson of E.I. du Pont, the French-born industrialist who founded the chemical company. As one of hundreds of heirs to the family fortune, he was worth an estimated \$46.2 million in 1985, according to his ex-wife's lawsuit.

GUERRERO: Former TRC candidate looks back

(From 1A)

came on the heels of what some dubbed "diplomacy."

The most basic lesson: "Life goes on."

Since leaving public life, Ms. Guerrero has become a well-heeled lobbyist with a list of high-profile clients. She has a repertoire of jokes that she contends are funnier than those others told about her. She has more time to spend with her husband and 8-year-old son.

And oh yes, she has finished her bachelor's degree in journalism at UT.

"A lot of people ask the question, 'When are you coming back?'" she said in an interview. "I feel like I never left. I entered another facet of public policymaking in the political arena — in this case in the lobbying world — advocating issues of importance to specific clients."

"I know the question is, 'When will we see you on the ballot again?' I hope the answer to that is never," she said.

Ms. Guerrero's last ballot experience was painful.

The former legislator had served about 20 months on the Railroad Commission as an appointee of then-Gov. Ann Richards. She was the first woman

"I found out I didn't have nearly as many friends as I thought. It was pretty devastating."

— Lena Guerrero,
former Railroad Commission candidate

and first Mexican American on the panel, a dynamic politician with a bright future.

Then it was revealed that she didn't have the diploma she'd claimed for a dozen years. She resigned, asking voters to forgive her and return her to the commission. They didn't.

"The events of the fall of 1992 were, by far, the most personally difficult issues I have ever dealt with," Ms. Guerrero said.

A painful byproduct: "I found out I didn't have nearly as many friends as I thought. It was pretty devastating."

"For me, the issue has long been not how you fall, but how you get up," she said. "People make mistakes every day in their lives. It's only when they get played out on the 6 o'clock news every day ... that other people begin to pass judgment on that."

After the election, she said the first person in the lobbying world to help her was her mentor Gene

Fondren, president of the Texas Automobile Dealers Association. The group remains a client.

"He gave me a chance, and he, I think, sent the word out he thought things were going to be OK," Ms. Guerrero said.

Fondren said it was an easy decision.

"We knew how bright and astute she was, and how capable she was, and that was the basis for us employing her," he said. "She does an outstanding job for all of her clients."

Glen Garey, general counsel for the Texas Restaurant Association, praised Ms. Guerrero's work on smoking legislation backed by his group.

"She tends to have better contacts with the Democratic, and especially with the Hispanic, segment of the House. She goes beyond that of course. She's very tight with the (House) speaker," he said.

Speaker Pete Laney, D-Hale

Center, was House State Affairs Committee chairman when Ms. Guerrero served on that panel. She calls him a mentor, he says she's a friend.

"She's a very articulate, very energetic and dynamic individual," Laney said. "I think that she is as hard-working a lobbyist as there is in Austin, and lobbying is like any other profession: Those that work the hardest are the most effective."

Ms. Guerrero says Republican as well as Democratic officials have accepted her as a lobbyist: "To a person, every one of them was open and warm and accepting in a way I had never dreamed of."

The money isn't bad, either. Lobbyists are required to list a range of payments from clients with the Texas Ethics Commission, and her list for 1995 shows she was to be paid between \$365,000 and about \$800,000.

The new job also is more conducive to family life, Ms. Guerrero said. Her schedule is her own and, "My priority now is my family and my son."

"I just love the fact that I have a job in which I get to do what I love to do. They pay me well for what I know, and I get to go out and hit golf balls with my son."

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WORLD IN BRIEF



Yigal Amir, Yitzhak Rabin's confessed assassin, talks to his lawyers Sunday at a Tel Aviv court.

Confessed assassin handles defense

TEL AVIV, Israel — His defense in disarray, Yitzhak Rabin's confessed assassin cross-examined prosecution witnesses himself Sunday, often interrupting police to correct their accounts of the shooting.

Cordial and casual in a sweat shirt, former law student Yigal Amir took over defense questioning in a chaotic six-hour court session after one lawyer resigned and the second stumbled badly over the Hebrew language, bringing laughter from the packed courtroom and a despairing sigh from Judge Edmond Levy.

Levy chastised U.S.-born lawyer Jonathan Ray Goldberg, but agreed to help Goldberg look for a second defense lawyer.

Amir has admitted shooting Rabin after a Nov. 4 peace rally in Tel Aviv, saying he believed that Rabin's peace policy put Israelis in greater danger of Palestinian attacks.

Last week, Amir, 25, gave contradictory testimony over whether he intended to kill the prime minister or only disable him so as to force him from office. That was registered as a plea of not guilty. Amir is charged with murder and faces life in prison.

Goldberg angered Levy when he asked Sunday to postpone the trial — which resumed last week after a month-long recess — to give him more time to prepare his defense.

Gunmen kill former Cali prosecutor

BOGOTA, Colombia — Gunmen on Sunday killed the former director of the federal prosecutor's office in Cali, home base of the world's biggest drug cartel.

Two assailants in a car fired on Felipe Lopez outside his apartment in a Bogota suburb, police commander Gen. Luis Ernesto Gilibert said. Lopez was struck at least six times.

Police have no suspects, Gilibert said.

Lopez quit his job in 1994 when Alfonso Valdivieso succeeded Gustavo de Greiff as federal prosecutor, and cleaned house of subordinates suspected of corruption. A judicial source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Lopez was suspected at the time of having ties to drug traffickers.

Lopez was in the process of moving out of his home after receiving death threats. But Lopez never asked Valdivieso's office for protection, said the federal prosecutor's spokeswoman, Marcela Duran.

"We're sorry we found out too late about the threats," Duran said.

Valdivieso is leading a wide-ranging investigation into the largest drug corruption scandal in the nation's history.

Crime scares island tourists, merchants

CHARLOTTE AMALIE, U.S. Virgin Islands — It's advertised as "America's Paradise," and paradise shouldn't have crime. When violence hits a place known for tranquil beaches and tropical sunsets, tourists get scared — and so do local business people.

Tourism is the economic lifeblood of these Caribbean islands. So the shooting of three American tourists Wednesday has residents and merchants worried that prospective travelers will change their minds about coming to the U.S. Virgin Islands.

"When the media begins talking about crime here, the tourists get alarmed and go to other islands," said cab driver Franklin Conner, who, like 85 percent of workers here, depends on tourism to make money.

The two masked gunmen were waiting in a parking lot Wednesday night when the car filled with tourists arrived. Marie Sardella, a florist from Walpole, Mass., and Walter Schenk, 58, a construction company owner from Philadelphia, were shot in the head. William Garrity, 52, an Atlantic City restaurateur, was shot in the abdomen.

The three were in critical condition Sunday. Sardella and Schenk underwent neurosurgery in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

Croats, Muslims free POWs; 4 NATO soldiers die

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Bosnia's former battlefield foes claimed Sunday they had emptied their jails of all POWs, in a day marred by the deaths of four NATO soldiers and the wounding of a U.S. Army officer by sniper fire.

Three British soldiers were killed when their vehicle hit a mine near Mrkonjic Grad in the northwest. A Swedish soldier died when an armored personnel carrier skidded off a road in the north.

In Ilidza, a Serb-held suburb west of Sarajevo, Lt. Shawn H. Watts was grazed on the neck by a sniper's bullet. The 28-year-old from Greenwood, Miss., returned to duty several hours later.

NATO said it was investigating, but Bosnian Serb army officials in Ilidza said they knew nothing of the shooting.

It was the biggest death toll of any single day of the NATO-led mission since it began Dec. 20. Before Sunday, there were 35 injured and four dead, including a British soldier who killed himself.

Meanwhile, with hundreds of war prisoners released Saturday, it appeared that most of those in captivity before the weekend had been set free.

Croats and Muslims freed about 380 prisoners on Saturday at the Sarajevo airport, a neutral site commonly used for such releases. On Sunday, 74 were confirmed released by the Serbs and eight by the Bosnian government.

A Bosnian Serb spokesman said the release of another 74 outside of Sarajevo accounted for all Serb-held POWs, but the Red Cross could not immediately confirm that.

"There are still people on the



Amir Ferhatbegovic, center, kisses his 16-month-old son Damir, as the mother Ifeta Bajramovic looks on after the family was released from prison, at the Presidency building in Sarajevo, Sunday.

(Red Cross) list of 900 who have not been released yet," said Red Cross official Pierre Krahenbuhl in Banja Luka, a Serb-held city in the north.

Red Cross spokesman Pierre Gauthier said the Bosnian Croats fulfilled their POW release obligations on Saturday. However, they still hold about 50 prisoners who are being investigated for possible war crimes.

Gauthier said the Croats had the right to keep them "for a reasonable time."

Red Cross officials complained that in addition to the POW releases, there have been swaps that

could amount to "ethnic cleansing."

They were investigating an unsupervised government-Serb exchange of at least 350 civilians Saturday in Sanski Most to see whether they had been expelled or had left of their own will.

The Red Cross also complained the government was believed to hold many people at a military prison in Tuzla, and its delegates had not been allowed to visit them.

Some of the POWs released over the weekend spoke of severe maltreatment by their captors.

Sefik Ademovic, 42, stood forlornly amid a tumultuous wel-

come accorded many of the released Muslim prisoners by relatives in the front-line Sarajevo suburb of Dobrinja.

Ademovic last saw his wife and two children on July 11, when he fled the U.N. base of Potocari, a few miles north of Srebrenica, a few hours before the eastern enclave fell to Serbs.

A few days later, he was captured by Serbs and moved from one prison to another.

Ademovic said he and others were clubbed and kicked in their Serb prison in Knezina in eastern Bosnia.

"One of them took a knife and sliced my face," he said, stroking a long scar on his left cheek. "I was never so close to death; I thought I would not survive that night."

Ademovic said his imprisonment otherwise passed without harassment. Several others released Sunday said they were treated correctly in Serb prisons.

Thousands of people from Srebrenica remain missing, many of them believed executed and buried in mass graves.

Nevresa Jasarevic, 33, desperately hoped her father would be on the buses that came to Dobrinja from the Sarajevo airport. She waited in vain.

"I cannot stand this uncertainty any more," Jasarevic cried, reeling as two relatives held her.

Kasim Dzanovic, who survived the fall of Srebrenica, stood alone nearby.

"You shouldn't cry. He is dead and you know that," he told her.

"They should tell me that, at least," Jasarevic wailed. "He is nowhere now — not among the dead and not among the living."

Colombian politician ties knot in circus setting of carnivores

By Frank Bajak
Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia — If politics is a den of lions, why shouldn't a politician get married in the midst of seven huge, ferocious carnivores?

A most unconventional politician did.

Bogota's philosopher-mayor and his betrothed tied the knot with seven Bengal tigers perched around them in the middle of a circus tent.

For a country politically paralyzed by President Ernesto Samper's refusal to resign despite mounting evidence he financed his candidacy with drug money, Saturday night's wedding was a welcome diversion.

Antanas Mockus and Adriana Cordoba began with a pachydermic entrance, riding into the big top on an elephant, their matrimonial garb made of the same burlap Colombians use to ship their coffee.

She carried a simple bouquet, he a Punch-style jester's head on a stick.

Cordoba, a graduate student in urban planning, exuded joy in her floor-length burlap gown, a white silk scarf tied across her forehead and flowing down her back.

The bearded Mockus, as always, looked like a square-jawed Abraham Lincoln.

"He's divine. I adore him," said Carmenza Pena Rodriguez, an admirer in attendance. "He is so absolutely honest."

Pena Rodriguez and the rest of the 300 "guests" each paid \$40 into a fund the newlyweds created for abused children.

An even larger crowd — mostly people of meager means — stood outside the tent, hoping to catch a glimpse of the couple.

Immensely popular with all but the rich, Mockus is more than just an anomaly in a country where politics has been polluted by drug money and people have come to

expect little from government.

The son of Lithuanian immigrants won the mayoralty by a landslide in 1994 on a shoestring budget. His campaign consisted largely of riding around Bogota on his bicycle, talking to people.

His only campaign promise was to raise taxes on those who could afford it.

Mockus, 43, might never have gotten into politics had he not dropped his pants in public. Flashing his naked rear at an auditorium full of students who weren't paying attention cost the philosopher his job as rector of the National University.

Mockus attacks problems with novel solutions, from enlisting teen-age mimes to ridicule jaywalkers to distributing plastic thumbs-down cards that can be flashed — instead of pistols — at offensive drivers.

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Liberals' exodus leaves Yeltsin with hard-liners

MOSCOW (AP) — Some have been fired, others have fled, but the exodus of reformers from Boris Yeltsin's entourage may be pretty much over — there simply aren't that many liberals left.

Since Jan. 1, Yeltsin has fired Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev and privatization chief Anatoly Chubais. And four senior members of his Presidential Council resigned to protest the tougher policy toward rebels in Chechnya.

Most Russians and many Western leaders are watching to see whether the latest exit of reformers will lead to a shift away from free-market reforms and whether Yeltsin chooses war to end the 13-month-old Chechen conflict.

Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin left Sunday for the United States to reassure officials that Russia remains committed to free-market reforms. Chernomyrdin plans to meet with President Clinton, congressional leaders and bankers during his four-day visit.

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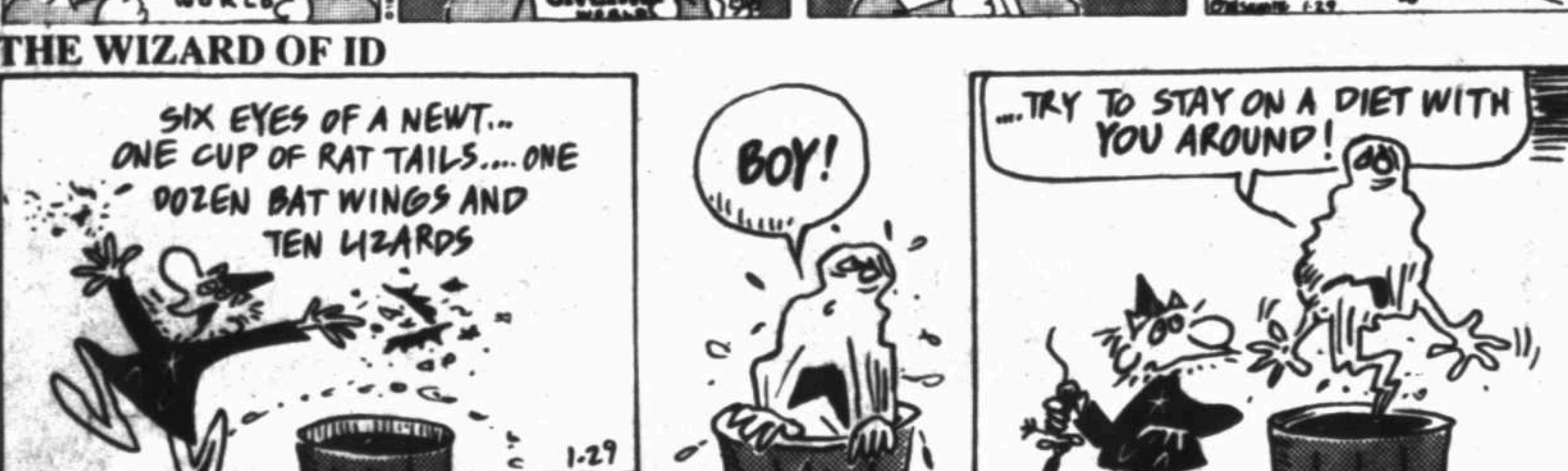
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Your Horoscope

By Jeane Dixon

MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 1996

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: You discover your true calling while on vacation! Give career or educational goals top priority. A wise investment will produce a bonanza this spring. Business partnerships can be tricky. Investigate thoroughly before signing on the dotted line. Romance will flourish all year long if you treat your mate like a best friend. Give loved ones the benefit of the doubt. This coming summer is the perfect time to buy a home. Married couples draw closer together.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: talk show host Oprah Winfrey, diver Greg Louganis, actress Sara Gilbert, playwright Anton Chekhov.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A newcomer is a stabilizing influence. A change of lifestyle promises to be rewarding. Others see you in a more positive light. Set a good example for those in need of guidance. Show restraint.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): An expensive hobby could put a dent in your savings. Avoid going overboard. A pet could play a role in your meeting someone new. A relationship's future depends on how skillfully you handle sensitive matters.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Joint ventures at work will help your family or a new relationship. The business outlook improves when you take care of financial obligations promptly.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Innovative thinking will help you attain financial security. Meet loved ones halfway. Diplomacy helps smooth out a parent-child conflict. Opinionated remarks can have unfortunate repercussions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Be tactful if asked your preferences. The emphasis today is on improving the way you conduct business. Take family members into your confidence. Watching a child at play could give you a terrific idea.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Adopting a conciliatory attitude will salvage an important relationship. If pursuing a new job, do not buck the system. Show a real interest in new technology.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Shedding outmoded methods will speed progress. Update office procedures. Welcome an opportunity to further your education. A tender gesture leaves you walking on air!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your loving nature is what makes a

relationship work. Spruce up your wardrobe if job-hunting. Courage helps you surmount a barrier. Look for hidden benefits in a project gone sour.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Turn your back on negative people and "can't win" situations. You need to make a fresh start! Ignoring a legal commitment would be a big mistake. Get the best professional advice you can afford.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Friendly relations with a newcomer will delight you. A special bond is developing on a private basis. What you do not know could slow progress. Consult experts to get up to speed. Romance looks blissful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Love lights up in your life today. Impeccable grooming could win you preferential treatment at a special event. A date turns out better than expected. Call older relatives and catch up on family news.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Career intrigue works in your favor. Your ability to see beyond the obvious helps you salvage stalled projects or negotiations. VIPs will be impressed. A raise or promotion is in the works. Build savings.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q. 1 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠A 10 9 7 6 3 2 ♠A ♠9 6 2 ♠A K

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

A - An awkward hand. You might not be able to make more than four spades when you are cold for seven diamonds! Certainly, no spade jump will come close to expressing the value of your hand. We suggest you temporize with three clubs! That is forcing, and partner's rebid will help clear the picture.

Q. 2 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠7 5 2 ♠8 4 3 ♠A K J 4 ♠K Q 3

The bidding has proceeded:
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
10 1♠ ?
What do you bid now?

A - In the modern style, a jump raise of partner's suit in this sequence would be preemptive. To show your strength, start with a cue-bid of two spades and see how the auction develops.

Q. 3 - Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠A Q 9 8 7 5 ♠Q 10 9 6 ♠K J ♠10

Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one no trump. What action do you take?

A - If you have a bid that shows a major two-suiter, forget about it for the moment - there's too great a disparity between the suits. Bid two spades.

Q. 4 - East-West vulnerable, as South you hold in first seat:

♠10 9 8 4 ♠A K Q J 6 2 ♠5 ♠10 7

What action do you take?

A - This hand is too good for a non-vulnerable weak two hearts. In addition, the four-card holding in the other major makes such action unpalatable. However, the hand has enough playing strength to be opened, and one heart is the obvious choice.

Q. 5 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠Q J 3 ♠Q 8 3 ♠A K 10 9 6 ♠Q 10

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

A - The decision between one no trump and two spades is very close. Despite the balanced nature of the hand, the fact that we do not have a

real club stopper swings the pendulum to two spades, but we won't shoot you for choosing one no trump.

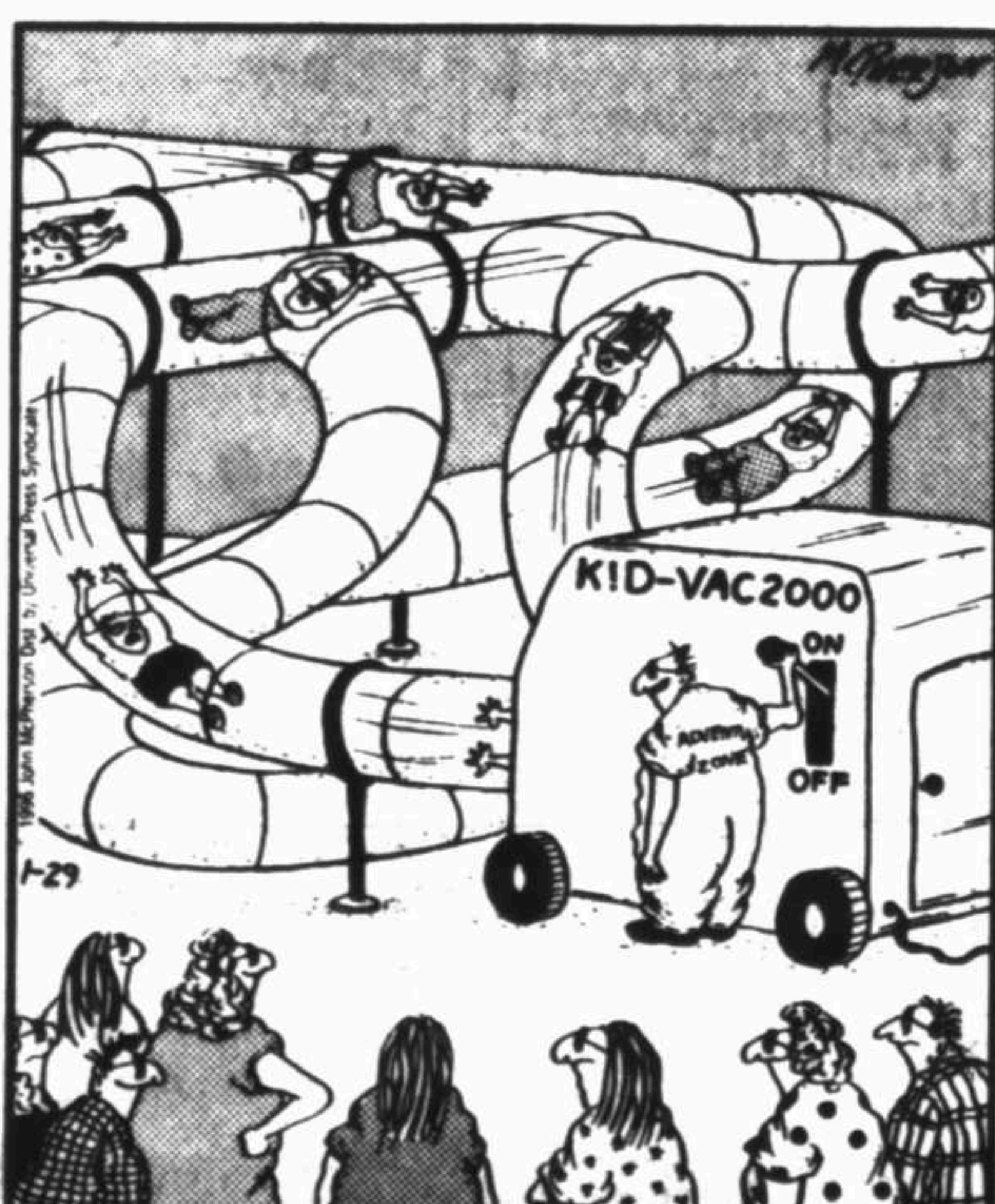
Q. 6 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠A 8 ♠K 7 ♠A K Q J 2 ♠A 8 7 2

What is your opening bid?

A - The hand is a little weak for a demand opening bid of two diamonds, and certainly wrong for an artificial two-club opening - partner's two-diamond response (negative or waiting) could place the contract in the wrong hand should you settle in that suit. Our choice would be an opening bid of two no trump - there would be no discussion if we took away a low club and added a low spade.

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YES, MAM!

I FORGET HOW'S THE SENATOR TAKE HIS JOE?

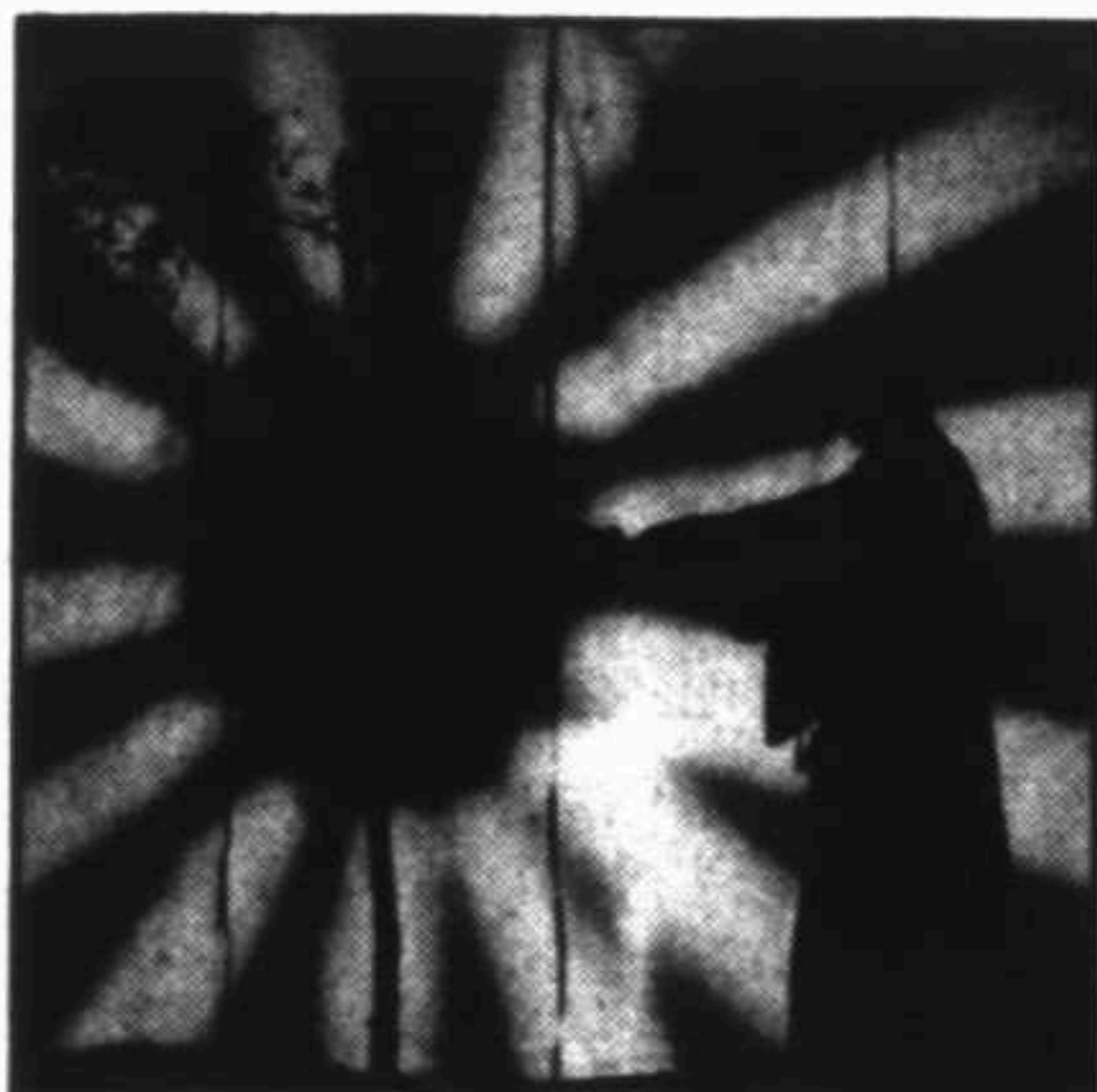
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Abortion survivor has story of praise

For Gianna Jessen, life has a particularly special meaning. In fact, that she is alive today at all is special — and when she sings religious hymns or ballads about her life experiences, the joy she feels comes through.

Eighteen years ago, the young woman's natural mother had a saline abortion at 29 1/2 weeks of her pregnancy. The baby lived to become Ms. Jessen, a talented public speaker, singer and author who now travels around the country telling others about the tragedy of abortion and of God's saving Grace.

She suffers from cerebral palsy, but does not consider herself handicapped, merely inconvenienced.

Recently in Midland, Ms. Jessen spoke to a

crowd of 500 people attending the West Texans For Life banquet who were awed, amazed and uplifted by her inspirational story. They saw a young woman whose life was nearly ended before she was born, yet who has lived to become a productive spiritual messenger.

For all those who heard the seemingly endless abortion debate in this nation, Gianna Jessen is a living testament that, yes, abortion can and in most instances does end lives. Most particularly she is a prime example of why late-term abortions should never be permitted.

Even more than that, though, she is a shining example of what we can lose when we consider any human life — at any age — expendable.

JACK ANDERSON

Clinton does right by children politically

WASHINGTON — President Clinton punctuated his State of the Union address with 32 references to children, but omitted even a single reference to Aid to Families with Dependent Children, the child-welfare program that sparked a candid discussion days earlier in the office of White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta.

The 90-minute private meeting was attended by senior administration officials and members of the Black, Hispanic and Asian-American caucuses in the House. As details of the meeting reveal, Clinton's challenge to Congress to pass a welfare bill that does "the right thing by our children" seemed secondary to doing the right thing politically.



Anderson

Nobody in Panetta's office disagreed with the notion that AFDC, the government's chief welfare program, should be protected as a federal entitlement.

But the consensus turned to controversy when some lawmakers wanted to know why the White House had surrendered the high ground against the Republican welfare plan, which would end the federal guarantee of cash assistance to poor mothers with children in favor of block grants to the states.

Panetta acknowledged that unless AFDC retains its "entitlement status," anti-poverty programs for children will be forced to compete against other spending priorities on the state level, and that those competing interests may have more powerful and more vocal constituencies. The entitlement status ensures that children are insulated from the normal ups and downs of the economy that can squeeze state budgets.

Panetta also knows the results of a study by the White House budget office last fall indicating that a Senate welfare bill — which didn't protect AFDC's entitlement status but still had the administration's support — would send 1.2 million children into poverty. This is an open-and-shut case as domestic programs go, but Panetta glumly noted that the political realities were winning the day. One lawmaker who attended the meeting described Panetta's reasoning:

"What if (Senate Majority Leader Bob) Dole cuts a deal with (Minority Leader Tom) Daschle to do the Senate bill with small

improvements, but doesn't include the entitlement status, and they get 75 or 80 votes?" this lawmaker said. "Then it comes to the House and passes overwhelmingly. How can the president veto it, because it will be a veto-proof margin?"

With the election only nine months away, Clinton clearly does not want to lead another showdown with the GOP over welfare. "You have to help us," Panetta pleaded with the House Democrats, urging them to dissuade Daschle or other Democratic leaders from cutting a quick deal with Dole.

But the issue is far from decided. While some Clinton advisers would love to lay down a marker over welfare — as the administration did with Medicare last year — others would prefer to sign a bill and declare victory. If Clinton chooses the latter, it will be yet another blow to the liberal lawmakers gathered in Panetta's office that day.

"The problem is, the liberals don't have the votes," said one attendee. "We threatened the administration (on welfare) last fall when we had the debt bill. ... That's why they're even talking to us now. We needed to get their attention."

That's a wry commentary on a president who tried to get the country's attention in his State of the Union speech by talking about "doing the right thing by our children."

INSIDE THE CLOAKROOM — Recent public opinion polls show that many South Carolina Republicans do not want 93-year-old Strom Thurmond, who has been in the Senate since 1954, to run for re-election this year. That opinion is shared, almost unanimously, by his Senate Armed Services Committee colleagues — who, fortunately, for Thurmond, cannot vote in South Carolina.

The dirty little secret in the Republican cloakroom these days is that Republicans simply don't believe their revered friend is up to the job — although "for a 93-year-old man, he's amazing," as one Republican senator put it. But these Republicans do have a lot to say about whether Thurmond will return to the Senate as chairman of the Armed Services Committee. If a secret vote were taken today, according to sources, Thurmond would lose that contest hands-down.

"I think you may see some kind of movement next year to get control of that committee somehow and remove Thurmond from the day-to-day operations," said one exasperated member of the committee. "I don't know how you do it." This source echoes the widely held view that the committee is in danger of becoming "irrelevant" as a result of weak leadership.

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ANOTHER VIEW

Abandoning long tradition won't help baseball games

Major league club owners tried to trash still another baseball tradition when they recently voted to begin inter-league play during the 1997 season.

Such a move comes as no surprise from a group that repeatedly has demonstrated utter contempt for ticket-buying fans. The Major League Baseball Players Association — which has shown at least as much disdain for the fans — now gets to vote for the change. Their agents are singing the same tune as the owners, saying they want to make sure the new arrangement would be "beneficial to the game."

Should the players approve the proposal, National League teams and American League teams will face off against one another for the first time ever during the regular season. Gone will be much of the mystique that generates so much interest in baseball's All-Star Game and the World Series.

It would be easier to believe that players and owners actually care

about the game if they hadn't already shown their true colors. You may recall that the two parties' inability to settle their differences led to a long bitter strike, the cancellation of the 1994 World Series and a delayed start of the 1995 season. To add insult to injury, players and team owners remain at odds to this day, unable to put together a labor agreement.

Americans who love baseball have witnessed the peculiar spectacle of millionaire owners and millionaire players — their wallets bloated by fans' money — denying those same fans the simple pleasure of watching the world's best players play the world's best game.

Players and owners alike have shredded their credibility, and it is difficult to understand how abandoning one more tradition will restore that credibility.

— The Register-Herald
 Beckley, W. Va.

CHARLEY REESE

Criminal justice system is broken by courts

The criminal justice system is broken. It was not broken by cops or criminals, by crime victims or taxpayers. It was broken by judges, lawyers, legislators and ideologues who scorn the democratic process.

The case of Joseph "Crazy Joe" Spaziano, currently of Florida's death row, is a case in point.

How long does it take to bring justice to a vicious murderer? In Spaziano's case, the answer is 20 years and, as of this writing, still counting. The answer, if a judge is foolish enough to grant this psychopath a new trial, may be never.

Spaziano, a motorcycle gang member, was convicted in 1976 of the murder of an 18-year-old girl. He was sentenced to death. In 1996, lawyers, some of whom are ideologically opposed to the death penalty, and the Miami Herald newspaper are crowing that poor Spaziano is an innocent man.

Spaziano has also been convicted of raping a 16-year-old girl and of gouging out her eyes with his knife. He is a suspect in three other murders. His own family has said publicly they are terrified that he will be released and will

then kill them, as he has threatened to do.

In other words, Joe Spaziano is not the kind of man whom any rational person would assume to be innocent, no matter what technical problems there were in his trial.

The sole grounds for the passionate belief in Spaziano's innocence is that a witness who testified that Spaziano showed him two bodies where the murder victim's body was found has, 20 years later, suddenly claimed that he lied at the trial.

When this occurred, Florida Gov. Lawton Chiles ordered the state police to conduct an investigation. They did so and found ample evidence that the witness is lying now but told the truth at the trial.

There is no corroboration of the witness's claim that he lied at the trial and is now telling the truth. Even after 20 years to think about it, Spaziano cannot supply an alibi. The witness is now unable to get his story straight. But there is corroboration of his original testimony.

Spaziano's brother and one of his former Outlaw gang members have both testified that Spaziano volunteered to them that he had killed two women in Florida and was worried about "a kid" who knew about the murders. "The kid" of course is the witness who now claims 20 years later that he made up the whole story and never saw any bodies.

When this witness's sister asked her brother why he had changed his story after so long, she testified that he replied, "I'm tired of being

harassed by Spaziano's people, lawyers and the media."

The logical inference to be made from that testimony is that while lawyers have played games in the courts, fighting off one execution date after another, somebody has been trying to persuade a man to change his testimony.

I hope that the trial judge will have the courage to base his decision on the testimony and not on the hysteria of the Herald or the wild rhetoric of Spaziano's lawyers.

You can be sure if Spaziano ever returns to society, he will kill again. When he does, those who helped him defeat justice, will also have blood on their hands.

But either way, this sorry spectacle of justice delayed is why an increasing number of Americans looks upon the criminal justice system with contempt and disdain. It also shows how ideology attempts to subvert democracy.

Any judge who opposes the death penalty should resign or at least recuse himself from all capital cases. For a judge to thwart justice simply because he disagrees with a democratically arrived at decision is disgraceful.

And others who oppose the death penalty should take their debate to the legislature — and not try to sabotage justice. What a foul system it is that ignores the innocent dead and squanders millions on the living killers.

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LETTERS

Abortion is death, dismemberment

With the passing of another anniversary of Roe v. Wade, consider this question. What would your stand on abortion be if there was a "window on the womb?"

What would you see? You would see a growing, developing baby, not a "blot of tissue" or a "product of conception." You would see the heart beating at 24 days, the complete skeleton at 42 days, complete fingers, toes and ears at 49 days, and all organs functioning at 56 days.

I think it's time that Americans put some real thought into what an abortion is all about. It's about pulling apart or burning with a salt solution a real, live, moving, growing human being. It's about death and dismemberment.

It's so easy for most of us to just not think about what actually happens in an abortion and to say it's the woman's choice. But what about the baby's choice? Don't you think he/she would choose to live? The time to choose is before the sexual act occurs, not once a baby is produced.

It's about time we educate ourselves on the facts and then get involved! Call your church or local pro-life group to see what you can do. Let's find ways to help mothers keep their babies or find good homes for them. Let's give our babies a future!

The next time you see a pregnant woman, think about what you would see if there was a "window on the womb."

Cathy Suen
 Midland

Lawmakers fall short of Barbara Jordan

As we all mourn the loss of a great statesperson in the death of Barbara Jordan, it causes us to evaluate the actions of others who hold the spotlight at the moment. No matter how hard they try they fall short of this great lady. The press has given considerable attention to her Watergate address and rightly so, but to me her crowning glory was her address a few years ago at the Democratic National Convention. I was not at the convention, but I viewed it on television and in my mind it was the greatest speech I have heard from one in politics. And I knew she meant it!

She "had her head screwed on right." She supported and promoted the black community yet knew that we must bury the past and look to the future if we are to accomplish anything. She was a great lady! America will be a poorer place without her.

W. Martin Neill
 Midland

Truth has become irrelevant in law

It appears to me that in today's world of government, politics, and even in our courts of law, the truth has become irrelevant. The only

thing that seems to matter is who is, or has, the best "spin master." Could it possibly be that the "spin masters" are inheriting the earth?

Judy Murphy
 Midland

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NATION IN BRIEF

■ Hundreds remember Challenger

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — At a mournful, 10-year remembrance Sunday, the rumbling flyover of Air Force jets at the precise moment of Challenger's last liftoff gave way to 73 seconds of pained silence.

The silence, marking the doomed flight's duration, was punctuated only by traffic and the screams of sea gulls.

Some 400 people — ex-astronauts, shuttle managers, Kennedy Space Center workers and many tourists — were united by their memories of that awful day when the seven crewmembers died. "Thank goodness I had sunglasses on," said a weepy Betty Rank, visiting from Honey Brook, Pa.

Darlene Drouillard of Belle River, Ontario, brought her two daughters, ages 6 and 8, to teach them two important lessons: that good can come from tragedy and anyone can aspire to a dream.

Before the ceremony, she explained to her daughters that a schoolteacher — much like their own schoolteachers — had died aboard Challenger.

■ Surviving twin remains stable

SAN DIEGO — A 16-day-old girl was in critical but stable condition Sunday, while her parents planned a funeral for the infant's Siamese twin, who died after surgery to separate them.

Sarah Morales remained sedated and on a ventilator to help her breathe because her lungs deteriorated after Saturday's six-hour surgery.

"She is requiring significant support, but she is stable," said Dr. Michael Segall, director of neonatology at Children's Hospital San Diego. "This happens. We're always hoping for the best, but we're realistic. We're not out of the woods by any measure."

Sarah's sister, Sarahi, died shortly after the surgery, which involved disconnecting the twins' shared liver, blood vessels and band of skin that ran from their breast bones to their belly buttons.

Doctors said Sarahi's defective heart was too weak to pump blood through her body and rid it of acidic material, a condition known as acidosis.

■ Senate leaders: Try budget again

WASHINGTON — Congress should make another try at a balanced budget compromise before resorting to the piecemeal approach of limited savings and tax cuts being promoted by House Speaker Newt Gingrich, two Senate leaders said Sunday.

"I think we're close enough," said Senate Majority Whip Trent Lott, R-Miss., citing what he said was growing support in the Senate for a bipartisan plan to balance the budget over seven years. Gingrich, R-Ga., last week said the effort to find common ground with President Clinton on a balanced budget was hopeless, and proposed attaching up to \$100 billion in savings and \$29 billion in tax cuts to a bill raising the nation's debt ceiling.

Gingrich called it a "down payment" toward a balanced budget.

Appearing on NBC's "Meet the Press," Lott said there will have to be some conditions on the debt ceiling bill to get it through Congress, but he was not enthused about Gingrich's down payment idea. "I think that's too small. I think we need to do more. We can do more."

■ Crisis gives insurance opportunity

WASHINGTON — For insurance giant Blue Cross and Blue Shield, the government's budget crisis provided a golden opportunity.

Its lobbyists quietly attached something they wanted to the stop-gap spending bill Congress approved on Friday. The section they added would exempt the insurer from a ban on lobbying by nonprofit enterprises that do business with the federal government.

To get the change made, however, Blue Cross had to lobby for it, which it technically was prohibited from doing after Jan. 1, when the ban took effect.

So the unpublicized provision also retroactively absolves Blue Cross for the lobbying it did after the first of this year.

Rep. David Skaggs, D-Colo., complained that Blue Cross was getting special treatment because it has "a lot of resources and a lot of wealth and influence around this place." The exemption should be extended to other nonprofit groups as well, he said.

Rep. David Obey, D-Wis., called it "a case of the squeaky wheel getting the grease."

A Blue Cross lobbyist, speaking only on condition of anonymity, said the insurer's position is that the bill simply fixed a legislative glitch that was never intended to penalize the insurer.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

Two of 4 nuns die after beating, knife attack

WATERVILLE, Maine (AP) — Four nuns were beaten and stabbed after a prayer service in their convent, and a man who allegedly bludgeoned at least one of them with a religious statue was in custody.

Two of the nuns died and the other two remained hospitalized Sunday.

"This may be one of the most heinous crimes ever committed in Maine," said spokesman Stephen McCausland of the state Public Safety Department.

He said police did not know a motive for the attacks Saturday evening at the convent of the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Roman Catholic nuns had finished an evening prayer service Saturday when the intruder smashed the glass on a locked door, opened it and walked inside about 6 p.m. One of the women was attacked in the chapel and the other three in an adjacent part of the convent.

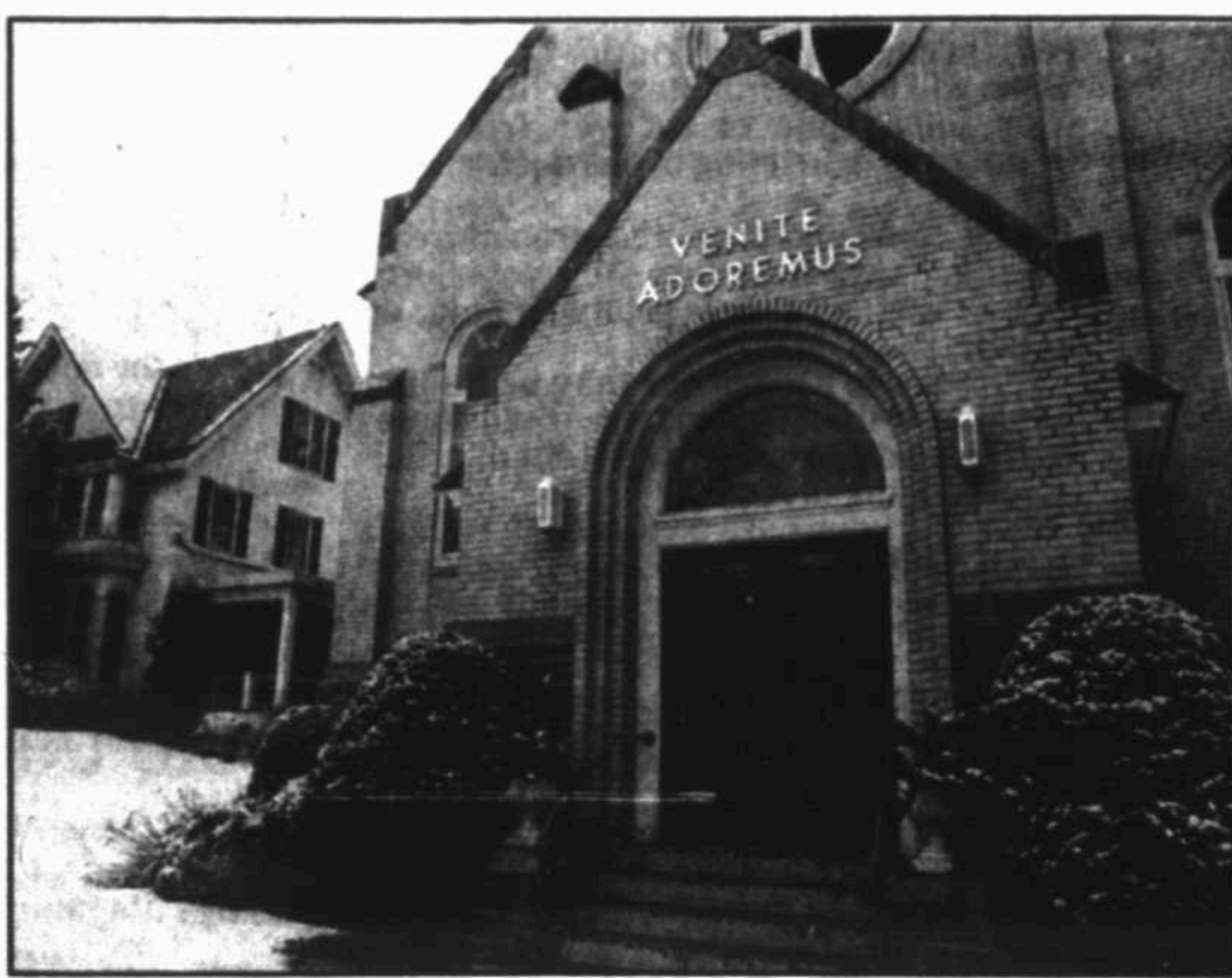
Mark A. Bechard, 37, of Waterville, who had a history of mental problems, surrendered without resistance when police arrived.

The officers "took Mr. Bechard off one nun he was beating," said police Chief John Morris.

Bechard was using a religious statue to beat the woman, police said.

Officers declined to identify the religious figure depicted by the figure. "We didn't know exactly what to call it, so we called it a religious statue," McCausland said.

Police told Bechard to drop the statue and put his hands up, "and he did exactly what they told him to do," McCausland said.



The chapel, right, and the adjoining convent of the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament are closed Sunday after four nuns were attacked, two of them fatally, Saturday evening in Waterville, Maine.

Bechard, who was known to the nuns and had worshiped in their chapel previously, was also known to police.

"We have dealt with Mr. Bechard in criminal matters and mental health matters," said Morris, adding that the suspect had been involuntarily committed to a mental hospital in 1994. He would not elaborate.

Servants of the Blessed Sacrament are an international order. Their only other convent in the United States is in Pueblo, Colo. The yellow brick chapel in this

central Maine city is open daily to the public for worship, and nuns take turns keeping vigil near the altar.

The convent's five other nuns were in seclusion and did not answer calls Sunday. A handwritten sign taped to the inside of the locked chapel door said: "Chapel closed except for Mass. Pray for us."

The chapel is located next to the Maine Criminal Justice Academy, where state and municipal officers are trained. No one was at the academy at the time, McCaus-

land said.

Mother Superior Edna Mary Cardozo, 68, died late Saturday at Kennebec Valley Medical Center in Augusta, and Sister Mary Julien Fortin, 67, died early Sunday, said hospital spokeswoman Mary Plumer.

An state autopsy determined that the women died from "multiple blunt force injuries of the head," a medical examiner's spokeswoman said Sunday.

A third nun was in stable condition and the fourth was in serious condition Sunday.

Bechard was charged with one count of murder and other charges are expected to be filed by the time he is arraigned early this week, said the spokesman. He was being held without bail.

The convent is in a neighborhood of stately old homes, duplexes and professional offices that is considered among the safest in the city of about 17,000 people, about 97 miles northeast of Portland.

Claude Hallee, who lives with his family a few hundred feet away, said he was in "shock — total shock — to think that somebody would attack defenseless nuns."

"This area is not known for its high crime. The crime we have around here is vandalism, juvenile crime," Hallee said.

"The word that keeps coming to mind is massacre," said Mayor Ruth Joseph.

At St. Francis deSales Catholic Church down the street, parishioners were "in awe. They're stunned (and asking) how can a thing like that happen in a place like this?" said the Rev. Claude Gendreau.

Original of 'Seinfeld' character hits New York with 'Kramer Reality Tour'

The entire plan reeked of the TV Kramer's kooky get-rich-quick schemes, and it featured some nice Kramer-esque touches.

Jerry met Keith Hernandez.

Real places. Bogus incidents. All narrated by the actual Kramer, whose past employment history includes making jewelry, managing a reggae band and doing stand-up comedy.

The prospect of touring Manhattan with Kramer lured an eclectic crew, including a suburban couple celebrating their 30th anniversary and a Maryland college student obsessed with the show.

"We watch religiously every Thursday," said Alan Lehrman, who was marking three decades with wife Carol. "But we're not only Kramer fans. We're fans of all of 'em."

Lehrman was one of several people who called Kramer's toll-free number and were shocked when Kramer himself answered

the phone.

Sarah Manchester, 23, of Silver Springs, Md., shared that experience.

"My father called the number, got Kramer, and passed me the phone," said Manchester, who's assembling a video library of every "Seinfeld" episode. "He was nice, just told a little bit about the tour."

Kramer played host to a pair of sold-out bus trips on Saturday and Sunday; the weekend tours are fully booked for the next month.

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The tour bus parked illegally, reminiscent of a "Seinfeld" episode where Kramer persuades

George to park in a handicapped spot. And Kramer himself was five minutes late, ducking through a door at the John Houseman Theater in a style similar to Richards' often hysterical entrances.

The Kramerphiles braved a nasty rainstorm, and boarded the bus like crime suspects avoiding the media: Coats pulled over their faces or newspapers hiding their profiles.

"No comment!" they shouted at the media.

The tour began with a talk from the tour guide inside the theater, which sits just around the corner from the Hell's Kitchen apartment building where Kramer still lives.

A nervous Kramer barred the media from his maiden voyage, and said beforehand that he was planning on winging the junket — a move very much in character.

"There was actual writing, actual rehearsing, but I'm not going to do any of that," he promised. "I would much prefer to be in the moment."

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Doctors, specialists consider one-time colon screening for cancer

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Sometime this spring, Leonard Goldstein and his wife will drive two hours to New York City for an examination that could save his life.

By the time they get into their little white Honda, Goldstein will be through what he calls the worst part: two days of liquid diet and giving himself an enema.

Once he's at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, he will lie on his left side and drift off into a drug-induced haze. Then, a doctor feeds a tube about as wide as a finger into his rectum and, gradually, through the length of his colon.

If Goldstein stays alert enough, he might watch on a video monitor as the

camera at the tip of the tube threads its way through the labyrinth. The exploration will take 20 minutes or more. Then, after some time to recover from the drugs and a debriefing by his doctor, he'll go home.

"It's really nothing, the procedure is nothing," says Goldstein, 70, a veteran of such exams. "There is really no pain, no nothing."

Many more Americans may be finding that out for themselves in years to come, if an idea being explored by a small group of doctors takes root.

The specialists are pondering a radical change in the way people are screened for colon and rectum cancer, called colorectal cancer, which is expected to strike

133,500 Americans this year and kill 54,900.

Currently, for most people, health authorities suggest periodic screenings — testing stool for hidden blood every year after age 50, and undergoing a scaled-down version of Goldstein's exam, called sigmoidoscopy, every three to five years after age 50.

Here's the new idea: a once-in-a-lifetime colon exam like Goldstein's, perhaps around age 55. If your colon is in good health, that exam, called a colonoscopy, would be the end of your colorectal cancer screening. By one estimate, that would be the case for three of every four people.

Doctors hope that one-shot colonoscopy can go beyond finding cancers early and sharply reduce a person's chance of getting the disease at all.

"We could see the eradication of colon cancer in Western countries as a major disease," says Dr. Sidney Winawer of Sloan-Kettering, who chairs a recently formed committee of doctors that is exploring the idea.

That's because the colonoscopy can not only detect early cancers, but also spot pre-cancerous polyps and remove them before they cause disease, said Dr. David Lieberman, chief of gastroenterology at the Portland Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Oregon.

Winawer and Lieberman acknowledge that the idea of using colonoscopy as a screening tool is premature now, and that it faces several hurdles. But Winawer's committee, sponsored by five national groups of medical specialists, is designing a massive study of the idea and trying to find some financing for it.

Colonoscopy is a standard procedure used now when doctors have some reason to suspect colon cancer, like blood in the stool or a strong family history of the disease. Goldstein gets a colonoscopy every two years because his father died of colon cancer and his brother and sister have had potentially dangerous polyps removed from their colons.

Report: Upgrade of air traffic control is obsolete before its completion

N.Y. Times News Service

WASHINGTON — Stymied by mismanagement, the Federal Aviation Administration has squandered 15 years and at least half a billion dollars on a new air traffic control system that is still years from completion and already obsolete.

In 1981, when President Ronald Reagan dismissed 11,000 striking air traffic controllers, the government pledged to replace many of them by overhauling and modernizing the system that guides planes from takeoff to landing.

But today, in aging control centers across the country, overworked controllers direct tens of thousands of flights each day with the same screens that were out of date 15 years ago. So fragile is the equipment that technicians who open it for maintenance fear doing more harm than good.

During breakdowns, which are more and more frequent, controllers carry slips of paper around darkened control rooms or read commands aloud, instead of sending computer messages or clicking on symbols on a screen. At such times, skill and luck substitute for technology.

Even when the system works, controllers are using screens so old that they "look like all the 'Victory at Sea' movies," as the head of the biggest pilots union, J. Randolph Babbitt, has put it.

The FAA and the airlines say there have been no accidents attributable to system breakdowns. But about two dozen times in the last two years, the 25-year-old mainframes that drive the controllers' screens at five of the busiest centers have failed, delaying hundreds of

planes each time, sometimes for hours.

In Chicago, at the busiest center, there were seven failures last year alone, including three in mid-July.

The major airlines say that even when things run normally, there are about 20,000 delays a day due to air traffic control. Although most are short, the delays cost them up to \$5 billion a year, the airlines say.

A study released last week by the National Transportation Safety Board also says that the system is safe but that its inefficiencies drive up the cost of airline operations and delays travelers.

The FAA's struggle to rebuild the air traffic control system illustrates how the government's best intentions can be defeated when there is a constantly changing bureaucracy with a dearth of experienced leaders who can manage complex technical projects.

Describing the agency's efforts, George R. Meining Jr., a retired admiral who was part of an independent team brought in by the FAA to evaluate what had gone wrong, said, "They needed some adult supervision along the way."

Sen. William S. Cohen, R-Maine, who sits on the Committee on Governmental Affairs, said: "The FAA is a victim of its own poor management. If the agency devoted more time to managing itself and less time to defending its deficiencies, the air traffic control system would have been replaced years ago."

Interviews with current and former agency officials and a review of government documents show that the agency allocated billions of dollars to update the system and hired outside experts to help.

Over the years officials labored hard on the project, which the FAA regarded as the key to its future. But the records and interviews also portray an agency overwhelmed by technical problems, making ambitious and expensive plans in search of the perfect system, only to abandon them upon realizing they could not be pulled off.

For example, the FAA initially planned to save money by consolidating controllers into about 20 large centers, rather than maintaining more than 250 smaller ones. But after four years of work and hundreds of millions of dollars, officials discarded the idea. Consolidation required different hardware and software, and the change in direction wasted thousands of hours of effort.

"By the time you build what they wanted, they changed it and they want something else," said Gerald W. Ebker, who headed the division of International Business Machines Corp. — since sold to the defense contractor Loral Federal Systems — that was selected to write the software.

At other times, IBM also had problems separating the practical from the impossible. The new computer system it promised to build was supposed to replay past events, like a videocassette player, at 10 times normal speed, as an aid in analyzing traffic patterns and controller errors. But IBM later said that was impossible.

The FAA, however, stuck to its guns and insisted on the capability, driving up the project's costs. Only much later did the agency realize that such a high-speed playback was unnecessary.

Town considers ban, \$99 fine on users of chemical spray toy 'Silly String'

SOUTHINGTON, Conn. (AP) — By most accounts, the aftermath resembled an explosion in a Play-Doh factory — hardened goo in hues of orange, pink and blue stuck fast to everything that makes Southington's town square a perfect New England snapshot.

Children of many ages wreaked havoc at the Apple Harvest Festival one weekend four months ago with Silly String, a non-toxic, chemical toy twine launched from aerosol cans.

Now Southington figures that if

you can't beat 'em, enjoin 'em. It's ready to outlaw the stuff under most circumstances and smack a \$99 fine on anyone, child or adult, caught with it.

"This product has no legitimate use," Police Chief William Perry, who requested the ban, said sternly. "It's being manufactured and sold with one purpose in mind — to annoy other people."

Last week, after a town meeting ended with citizens arguing Silly String's virtues, the council kicked back the original "Objectionable

Products Ordinance" for revision to avoid making petty criminals of people who use it in their homes.

It wasn't just the sprayed shop windows and the shellacked sidewalks that rankled anti-stringers. Classic cars left the festival's parade with corroded paint. Marching band members — and their uniforms and instruments — got sprayed. Two motorcycle cops, bombarded by a neon-colored fusillade, nearly ran off the road.

Some residents say they fear that some of the festival's hun-

dreds of visitors might not come back.

"This isn't like firearms, which have certain constitutional protections," said David Kelley, the town attorney. "There is absolutely no constitutional right for something like this."

The no-string contingent claims broad support and says it's natural to ban what amounts to training wheels for spray-painting vandals.

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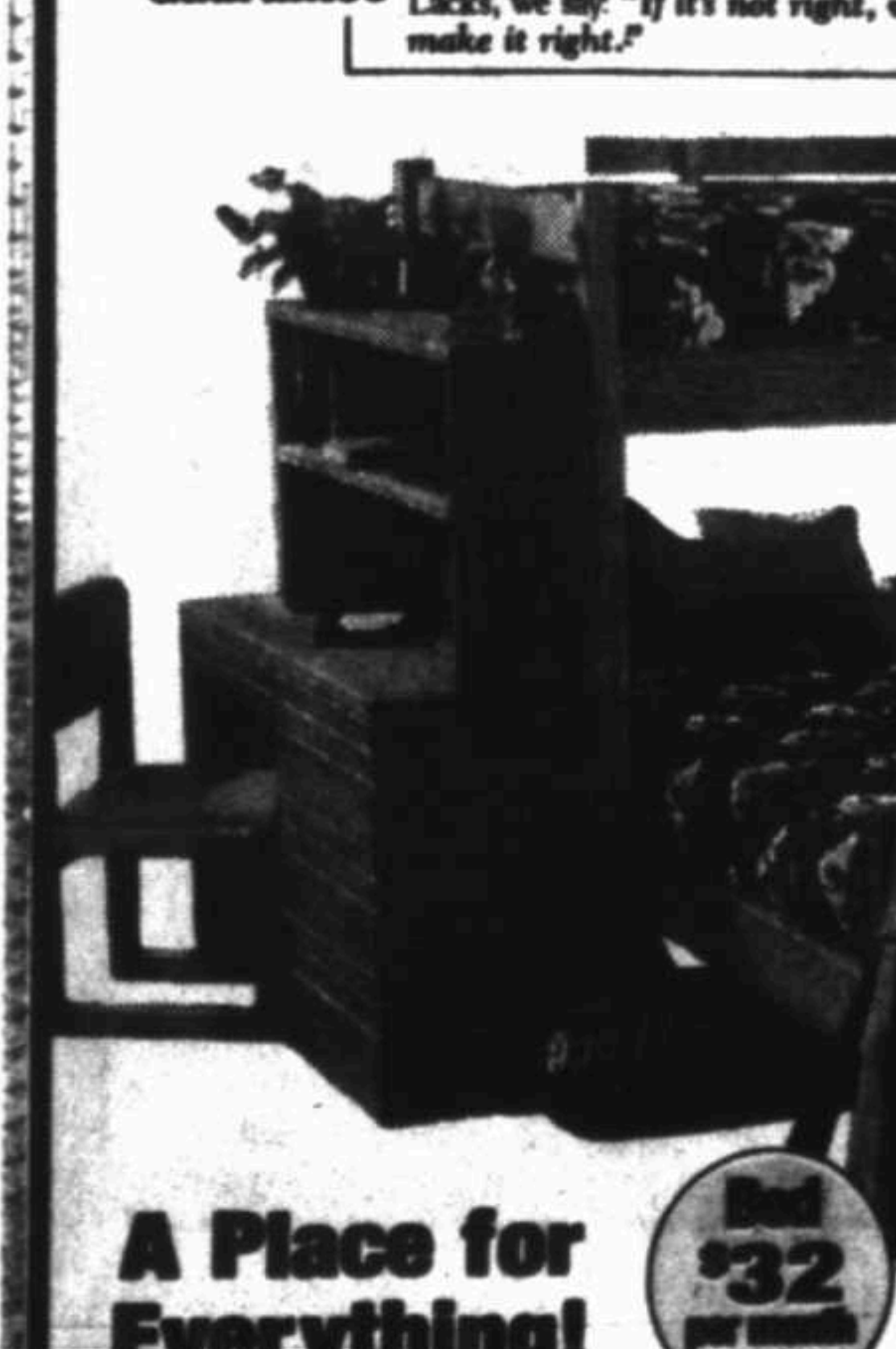


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"Reasons the Mets Will Do Better in 1996"

As presented by members of the New York Mets:

10. This year, the league is going to let us hit the ball off a tee.
9. We're eliminating that pre-game happy hour.
8. No more leaving during the eighth inning to beat traffic.
7. '96 is a leap year, so we'll have an extra day to practice.
6. We're finally going to get around to finding out what this means (player does baseball signs).
5. We're going to give 110 percent, at least 51 percent of the time.
4. It's a huge weight off our shoulders knowing Letterman won't be hosting this year's Academy Awards.
3. No more cartoon channel in the dugout.
2. We just signed a chimp with a 200-mph fastball.
1. Two words: lucky cups.

Late Night Lines

"Scientists have announced that the sun is five billion years old. It just looks older 'cause it's spent so much time in the sun."

"Lisa Marie has filed for divorce. According to her attorney, she's going to make him pay through the noses."

"First Michael Jackson had cosmetic surgery, then his problem with drugs, and now the big divorce. I guess that's what happens when your role model is Elizabeth Taylor."

— Conan O'Brien

"They said today, 'It could be religious differences.' You know, Michael and Lisa Marie have different religions: he's a Jehovah's Witness and she's an agnostic. So, I guess on Sundays, he used to go around the neighborhood and just ring the doorbell for no apparent reason."

"Look what's going on in Hollywood. First, Billy Joel and Christie Brinkley got a divorce, then Kevin Costner and his wife, then Richard Gere and Cindy Crawford, then Tom and Roseanne, and now Lisa Marie and Michael. Do you realize the only strong, stable relationship left in this town is 'Siegfried and Roy'?"

"According to the Agriculture Department's recent survey, Americans are eating four times as much Mexican food as they did twenty years ago. Four times! No wonder there is a hole in the ozone layer! There's the problem right there."

"How about this Bob Dole? Do you think he will be a good president? Doesn't Bob Dole look more like he's running for principal of the United States? You picture Dole walking up and down the hall whacking kids with a ruler — 'Measure that skirt young lady!'"

— Jay Leno

(Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services).

Hats off ...

... to Kay Bivens, campaign director for the United Way of Midland since 1989, and recently named Director of Institutional Advancement at the University of Texas at the Permian Basin.

As campaign director, Kay acted as the "right arm" of the United Way campaign chairman and played a major role in each campaign, including being sure deadlines were met, recruiting and coordinating the work of volunteers, and the activities of 20 loaned executives. In brief, she was responsible for seeing that the overall campaign program outlined by the volunteer chairman were carried out. And she did a masterful job of it each year.

In addition, Kay always received high marks from those with whom she worked for her cheerful, upbeat attitude and her high energy performance and professionalism. She will be a credit to UTPB.

MONDAY MORNING EDITOR
JIMMY PATTERSON



Photo by Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram
Weldon Taylor, a pool appraiser, can thank Jeremy Keener and fire fighter James Lary for saving his life on Jan. 8.

Man thankful for new lease on life

Local college student home for holidays pulls man from family pool

By Joe Gaines
Staff Writer

Jeremy Keener and James Lary may not see themselves as heroes but Mayor Bobby Burns and Weldon Taylor do and they recently recognized the two for their heroic actions.

On Jan. 8, Keener, 19, of 2304 Camarie Ave, rescued Taylor who was appraising the property and fell into a pool. During the fall, Taylor hit his head and lost consciousness. Keener, who was home for



Keener

the holidays from Shriner College, heard Taylor fall and rushed to find him face down in the partially filled pool.

"We have some buckets of water back there and I thought he had knocked one of those over," Keener said. "I saw there was something wrong with the pool cover and that's when I saw Mr. Taylor in the pool."

Keener was able to turn Taylor over, pull him to the pool steps, and call 911.

"It's a good thing that Jeremy was home," said Vickie Inman, Jeremy's mother. "I think he's the only one of us who could have heard Taylor fall back there. We're very proud of him."

After calling 911, Jeremy went to get help from Sherry Bacon, the family's next door neighbor, who helped Jeremy pull Taylor out of the pool. Taylor was

rushed to the hospital and treated. He was released after three days.

Firefighter and paramedic James Lary arrived on the scene and assisted Taylor. Lary jumped into the water and stabilized Taylor. Lary was also awarded with a letter of commendation by Midland Fire Chief James Roberts.

"The action of Lary is typical of all firefighters," said Chief Roberts. "It was such a cold day, yet Lary never hesitated to jump into the water and help Mr. Taylor."

Taylor said Keener deserves every accolade and honor he gets. "What can you say to someone who saved your life? Words just can't express it," said Taylor. "You're thankful there was someone there who had the ability to help you and to give you a second chance on life."



Photos by Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Changing places

Dr. Shelton Viney credits God, colleagues for second chance

By Georgia Temple
Staff writer

The American Dream was his. He had everything — a loving family, close friends and colleagues, an established medical practice, appreciative patients, a comfortable income and a home in the country.

In less than three weeks, Dr. Shelton Viney, a general surgeon with a vascular specialty, came close to losing it all. "I was an individual that was basically on top of the world the first of November," the surgeon said. "I was near death the 18th of November. We're Catholic and my family says I was anointed twice."

That was in 1994. Now, 15 months later, Viney said of his quintuple bypass heart

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Helping Hands

Janna Boyd

Occupation: Third grade teacher, Crockett Elementary.

Age: 42

Family: Husband, Crosby; Three kids, Elizabeth, Emily, Mo.

Hobbies:

Interests: Music; painting; crafts (making Biblical props for church).

Education: B.S., Baylor; Masters, Hardin Simmons University.

Volunteer Work: "At First Baptist Church, help with set and props for drama/musical productions as well as working with youth choir. Also work with Midland High Choir Boosters, MHS Drama Boosters, and after school clubs and tutoring at Crockett. Also active in Midland Symphony Guild and Delta Kappa Gamma (teacher's sorority)."



Boyd

The Most Satisfying Aspect of Volunteer Work is: "Watching my students grow, learn, succeed and rise above their problems is extremely rewarding for me. Leading the youth in my church into music and drama service opportunities is important to me. Helping my church produce special programs for the furtherance of the Christian message in Midland is a tremendous fulfillment and priority for me."

Keep your chin up: Girl gets shot on Leno after teasings

Associated Press

VISALIA, Calif. — The girl they call "Chinny-chin" says she's been teased for years about her rather prominent jawline. So she went to the most famous chin in Hollywood to get some advice.

Now Jay Leno has invited 13-year-old Natalie Cron of Visalia onto "The Tonight Show" Monday so they can ponder their fate together.

The eighth grader, who has a severe underbite, wrote to Leno saying children have been teasing her since the fourth or fifth grade.

"They started calling me 'chinny-chin-chin.' I didn't like it," she said. "I still don't like it, so I called Jay Leno and asked him for advice."

Did schoolmates poke fun at him, too, when he was growing up?

Leno wrote back, sending Natalie an autographed photo and telling her not to let the teasing bother her. Then they chatted by telephone and by the end of the conversation, Leno had invited her to be a guest on his show.

"I was blown away by his invitation," said Natalie, whose jowls bear a stunning resemblance to that of the television host.

JIMMY PATTERSON

Listening to recipes: Nothing more boring

So I'm sitting there minding my own business, reading something no doubt terribly important when, breaking through the beautiful, rare silence come the words perhaps all husbands hate to hear:

"Doesn't this sound good ..." the conversation often begins.

"Hmm?" I grumble, knowing full well what's about to happen.

"Mix one cup fat-free sour cream, 7 slices fat-free cheese, 1/2 cup chicken broth, defatted, 1/2 cup frozen chopped spinach in food processor along with a dash of salt."

It dawns on me. She bought herself another recipe book. And what's worse, it's one of those fat free, healthy recipe books.

As a result of my wife's latest purchase, I (as the always attentive husband) am forced to sit and listen as she reads recipe after recipe of scrumptious (fat free) dishes that will grace our dinner table over the

next several days.

Listening to recipes being read is as dreadfully boring as it gets. Not to mention it's sort of like having someone tell you the end of a movie you really want to see.

I don't want to know what goes in the food I eat, nor how it's made. I just want to eat it. Then, if I like it, I'll sometimes take a chance and ask for the ingredients.

Anyway, after she's finished reading the first recipe, she moves on to the next.

"Combine 1 fat free chopped onion with fat free refried beans, then brown fat free ground beef with fat free nonstick cooking spray," she reads. "Add fat free taco seasoning and stir (the quicker you stir the more fat you burn, no doubt). Add fat free water, fat free cream of mushroom soup and fat free green chiles and remove from fat-free flame ..."

And on and on and on it goes.

(Guys, something you've no doubt noticed: It's that time of year — thanks to that horrible invention known as the New Year's Resolution — when wives everywhere go on that annual ritual known as A

Healthy Diet. In fact, I'd bet a week's pay that each and every December and January, sales of fat free cookbooks at book stores everywhere skyrocket.)

Paying attention during these recipe readings is something I've, quite frankly never ever done. I've somehow managed to learn through the years to nod at the right places as she reads and, when it comes to finally eating these yummy fat-free concoctions, I'll ask at the end of dinner, "Mmm, mmm, what'd you say you put in this?"

It's a question you must be careful with or else have her one day wise up to the fact that you never listen when she is reading her new recipe books.

Word for word, the question you ask at dinner must be: "Mmm, mmm, what did you say you put in this?" This implies that you were listening intently when she was reading earlier in the week.

You must not say, "Hey this is pretty good, what's in it?" This makes it look like you weren't listening when you, in fact, weren't.

There appears only one way to combat these

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DAVE BARRY

Lobsters: Let down your bibs and reveal your true identity

I am pleased to report that the scientific community has finally stopped wasting time on the origins of the universe and started dealing with the important question, which is: Are lobsters really just big insects?

I have always maintained that they are. I personally see no significant difference between a lobster and, say, a giant Madagascar hissing cockroach, which is a type of cockroach that grows to approximately the size of William Howard Taft (1857-1930). If a group of diners were sitting in a nice restaurant and the waiter were to bring them each a freshly killed, steaming-hot Madagascar hissing cockroach, they would not put on silly bibs and eat it with butter. No, they would run, retching, directly from the restaurant to the All-Nite Drive-Thru Lawsuit Center. And yet these very same people will pay \$24.95 apiece to eat a lobster, despite the fact that it displays all three of the classic lobster biological characteristics of an insect, namely:



1. It has way more legs than necessary.
2. There is no way you would ever pet it.

3. It does not respond to simple commands such as, "Here, boy!" I do not eat lobsters, although I once had a close call. I was visiting my good friends Tom and Pat Schroth, who live in Maine (state motto: "Cold, But Damp"). Being generous and hospitable people, Tom and Pat went out and purchased, as a special treat for me, the largest lobster in the history of the Atlantic Ocean, a lobster that had probably been responsible for sinking many commercial vessels before it was finally apprehended by nuclear submarines. This lobster was big enough to feed a coastal Maine village for a year, and there it was, sprawling all over my plate, with scary insectoid legs and eyeballs shooting out in all directions, while Tom and Pat, my gracious hosts, smiled happily at me, waiting for me to put this thing in my mouth.

Remember when you were a child, and your mom wouldn't let you leave the dinner table until you ate all your Brussel's sprouts, and so you took your fork and mashed them into smaller and smaller pieces in hopes of eventually reducing them to individual Brussel's sprout molecules that would be

absorbed into the atmosphere and disappear? That was similar to the approach I took with the giant lobster. "Mmmmm-MMMM!" I said, hacking away at the thing on my plate, and when nobody was looking, concealing my pieces under my dinner roll, in the salad, in my napkin, anywhere I could find.

Tom and Pat: I love you dearly, and if you should ever have an electrical problem that turns out to be caused by a seven-pound wad of old lobster pieces stuffed into the dining room wall socket, I am truly sorry.

Anyway, my point is that lobsters have long been suspected, by me at least, of being closet insects, which is why I was very pleased recently when my alert journalism colleague Steve Doig referred me to an Associated Press article concerning a discovery by scientists at the University of Wisconsin. The article, headlined GENE LINKS SPIDERS AND FLIES TO LOBSTERS, states that not only do lobsters, flies, spiders, millipedes, etc., contain THE EXACT SAME GENE, but they also are all descended from a single common ancestor: Howard Stern.

No, seriously, the article states that the ancestor "probably was a wormlike creature." Yum! Fetch the melted butter!

And that is not all. According to articles sent in by alert readers (this was on the FRONT PAGE of The New York Times), scientists in Denmark recently discovered that some lobsters have a weird little pervert organism living ON THEIR LIPS. Yes, I didn't even know that lobsters HAD lips, but it turns out that they do, and these lips are the stomping ground of a tiny creature called "Symbion Pandora" (literally, "a couple of Greek words"). The zoology community, which does not get out a lot, is extremely excited about Symbion Pandora, because it reproduces differently from all other life forms. According to various articles, when Symbion Pandora is ready to have a baby, its digestive system "collapses and is reconstituted into a larva," which the parent then gives birth to by "extruding" it from its "posterior." In other words — correct me if I am wrong here — this thing basically reproduces by pooping.

So to summarize: If you're looking for a hearty entree that (1) is related to spiders; (2) is descended from a worm; and (3) has mutant baby-poopers walking around on its lips; then you definitely want a lobster. I myself plan to continue avoiding them, just as I avoid oysters, which are clearly — scientists should look into this next — members of

the phlegm family. Have you ever seen oysters reproduce? Neither have I, but I would not be surprised to learn that the process involves giant undersea nostrils.

And don't get me started on clams. Recently I sat across from a person who was deliberately eating clams; she'd open up a shell, and there, in plain view, would be this stark naked clam, brazenly showing its organs, like a high-school biology experiment. My feeling is that if a restaurant is going to serve those things, it should put little loincloths on them.

I believe that Mother Nature gave us eyes because she did not want us to eat this type of food. Mother Nature clearly intended for us to get our food from the "patty" group, which includes hamburgers, fish sticks and McNuggets — foods that have had all of their organs safely removed someplace far away, such as Nebraska. That is where I stand on this issue, and if any qualified member of the lobster, clam or phlegm-in-a-shell industry wishes to present a rebuttal, I hereby extend this offer: Get your own column.

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VINEY: Surgeon's appreciation for life grows

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surgery, "I've got a second chance by the grace of the good Lord, my family, my friends and colleagues. Nothing I did. I just laid there."

Although Viney has "always been one that enjoyed exercising," he hadn't made it a top priority in his life in 1994.

"I have a very large and active surgical practice so I squeezed in as much as I could, but sometimes I could only do it once a week," he recalled. "Sometimes I'd get in three or four times a week."

The first alarm his body sent him that something might be wrong came about mid-October of 1994.

"I was on my NordicTrak, and I experienced a pain in my neck. Well, I think, 'This is strange.' It got a little bit worse. It's got to be indigestion. I got a little chest tightness. I got off my NordicTrak, rested a minute, and it went completely away."

"I got back on and was able to exercise about 30 more minutes without any problem. I didn't think about it anymore."

"Here I am a trained doctor. I treat this kind of problem. All the time in my own mind I thought it could be a little angina. But I also blew it off. I'm too young. I'm 43 years of age. This couldn't be happening to me. I went about my business."

He exercised several times that week without any problems. Then, that Sunday, the pain was back.

"This time the pain had come on about three minutes into my exercise program whereas previously it had come on about 16 minutes into the exercise program so I was a little bit more suspicious."

The same night, he ran as he carried out the trash. The pain returned. "The angina never occurred except when I was running or exercising."

That Monday, he called Dr. Brian Mohr, who told him he needed a stress test. He argued a bit. "Do I really need one?" He remembered Dr. Mohr replied, "Yeah. Quit being a doctor and be a patient and let me treat you."

He worked all day Tuesday, then went and took the stress test.

"I flunked it in nine minutes. I knew what that meant. I knew I had a major problem. I was 43. I had three kids. A wonderful life."

He and his wife, JoAnn, discussed his options.

"I've worked in this community a long time. I knew the physicians. I knew the surgeons. I knew the operating room personnel. I knew everybody that was taking care of me. I could have gone anywhere in the world with my problem because I was not critical, but I wouldn't have been taken care of by the people that I know and care for and love."

He was about to have a new experience — being a patient.

"I had been operating on people, counting residency, at that time for 18 years. This was the first time I was laying on the table."

"I realized I'm going to live. I've got a whole life ahead of me, and I'm going to do just fine. The most important thing in all this I've learned I don't call the shots. Even with my own patients and in my own life, the good Lord calls the shots. He's given us all our abilities and our strengths."

— Dr. Shelton Viney, Midland surgeon

Dr. Michael S. Miller performed the heart catheterization. "It showed a couple of blockages that were critical. I had not had a heart attack, and they felt like they could balloon them."

Miller began explaining the risks and possible complications, and Viney said, "I know all that. Mike said, 'You're the patient. Now, you've got to listen to this.'"

Following his surgery, Viney found himself in the Intensive Care Unit with two patients he had operated on earlier that day. He asked the nurses how they were doing, requested their charts and changed the orders he felt needed to be altered.

"This was kind of an awkward situation for the nurses and for myself. But the nurses took all my duties away, and my fellow colleagues pitched in to help me out."

Throughout his hospital stay, Viney maintained his sense of humor, even when his heart rate began dropping the next morning in ICU.

"I saw it drop down to 40 something. I thought, 'I'm real relaxed.' Then it dropped to 38 — 'This doesn't look good.' My heart rate went down to 19, and I was trying to mouth the words, 'Oh, sh— and I went out.'"

Viney awoke to find his ICU cubicle filled with medical personnel. Doctors Miller and Mohr arrived shortly after being called, and his first words to them were, "Where in the hell have ya'll been? You've been missing the party." They saw I was OK because I was cracking jokes.

The balloon had collapsed. The option left was bypass surgery.

"I had no second thoughts, no worries. I know who my maker is. I know who my savior is. I knew the people who were taking care of me, and I was loved. I couldn't have been in better hands anywhere in the world."

"I was real grateful for the support that all the colleagues gave to me and their professional help and how the medical community came together and helped take care of my practice and my patients. I was overwhelmed with the support that I received, the prayers that I received."

A week after the surgery, he developed an infection in the wound (in the sternum). "As a surgeon, I was more concerned about that than the bypass I received. I knew all the grim statistics."

Viney was back in surgery Nov. 18. This time, Dr. Joseph G. Suckarieh and Dr. Terry D.

Tubb cleaned out the infection by removing part of his sternum. His "slow, arduous" recovery took nine weeks. If he had to do it again, he'd still elect to stay here and have the same procedures performed.

"I was treated the way I want my patients to be treated. I was treated very well."

He realizes that the situation was difficult for his close associates. "I probably put my fellow physicians in an enormous amount of stress. They're having to take care of a fellow colleague and a friend. And I greatly appreciate what they did."

Viney, who grew up in Midland where he attended San Houston, San Jacinto and Midland High School, received his undergraduate degree and medical school training from Texas Tech University. His residency was spent at Scott and White, Temple. He returned to Midland to establish his practice in 1982.

Prior to moving back, he signed a contract in another Texas community, but he and his wife developed misgivings about the decision. They tore up the contract and began looking around.

Midland was their choice. "I made sure every time my wife came out was not when the wind was blowing," Mrs. Viney is from Lacoste outside San Antonio.

The move to Midland was, Viney said, "One of the better decisions I've made in my life. The best decision I made in my life was my wife."

With a few exceptions, Viney has followed the advice of his doctors. "I did go skiing five weeks after surgery. The doctor said, 'Don't do it,' but hell, I'm like everybody else. I knew I could anyway."

What he is serious about is his diet and exercise regime. "I exercise regularly come hell or high water. If you call me and I'm on my treadmill, you better be dying before I get off. I'm exercise religious and even more religious in my diet —"

extremely low fat, low cholesterol. My wife is my greatest asset there."

"I used to live to eat, now I eat to live. It's completely different."

Viney is honorary chairman for Heart Beat '96, the local fundraiser for the Midland County Division of the American Heart Association. The 12th annual gala, "Heart Throbs," is set for Feb. 10 at the Midland Hilton. "One of the major goals of the American Heart Association is to help educate the public about heart disease and coronary disease and start promoting healthy heart habits — exercise, eating right."

"Sudden deaths are down through the country from heart disease. Deaths from heart attacks are down. A recent study showed the American public is eating less fat in their diet than they ever have. I do feel that the American Heart Association has made a positive impact on many of these statistics. With the continued support from communities such as ours they will be able to carry on the educational process and research."

Although Viney's attitude today is "very positive," he hasn't always felt so optimistic. The first eight or nine months following his surgery, Viney suffered a "mild little depression" or "denial." "It didn't affect work or my attitude or family. It was more how I looked at my future — wondering if I'd be there to see those grandkids born."

No grandchildren are expected in the near future. The Vineys have three children — Reagan, 15; Marshall, who will be 13 this week, and Landon, 10.

In the past three to four months, Viney's worries have eased. "I realized I'm going to live. I've got a whole life ahead of me, and I'm going to do just fine."

The "most important thing in all this," Viney said, "is I've learned I don't call the shots. Even with my own patients and in my own life, the good Lord calls the shots. He's given us all our abilities and our strengths."

His surgeries have allowed him to place another tool in his medical bag. "When my patients say, 'I'm so tired. I'm so weak,' I know what they are talking about. I've always had a lot of empathy for them, but now I've got experience and empathy. I know what they can do and what they can't do. I push my patients hard. I push myself hard."

YOURS FOR THE ASKING

The Permian Basin Girl Scout Council, a non-profit organization, is in need of the following items: leaf blower, tree pruning equipment, push broom, western tack (saddles, bridles, blankets, etc.), four canoes (to be used for safety training and recreation). If you would like to donate any of these items, please contact Bill Franks at 550-2688, ext. 313.

(All donations will be considered in-kind gifts and qualify for deductions under IRS regulations.)

— Bill Franks
Director of Development
Permian Basin Girl Scout Council

The Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame could use the following items: a dormitory-sized refrigerator, ink jet personal printers, a library cart, and a six-foot fiberglass ladder. Contact Twila White at 683-4403 for more information.

— Twila White
Office Manager
Permian Basin Petroleum Museum

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■ Contact the Reporter-Telegram in writing if you are an individual with something to give away, or a non-profit organization in need of an item or items. Requests should be sent to "Yours for the Asking," c/o Monday Morning, Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, Texas, 79702.

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■ If you'll be calling someone having something to give away, make sure you wait until after 7 a.m. to call the owner.

■ Item descriptions can also be faxed to the Reporter-Telegram at 682-3793.

■ Look around your home for something someone else could use. Almost everyone has something no longer needed that someone else may benefit from.

PATTERSON: Call on the Cowboys for help

(From 1B)

unwanted, unasked for recipe readings. There's only one thing guys can do to ensure that their wives keep them out of any future discussions surrounding food preparation. Next time your wife starts out a conversation by saying, "Doesn't this sound good ...," you just jump right in there and say, "I still can't believe Barry Switzer went for a first down TWICE against Philadelphia. What a bum! He doesn't know what he's doing. I don't care if the Cowboys did win the Super Bowl, he's a bum!"

"Honey ... next time ESPN shows the replay of Emmitt going for a first in Philly, you gotta see it. You won't believe it. Oh ... here it is, here it is ... look ... watch this ... WATCH ... LOOK AT THAT! Can you believe he called a running play on fourth down not once but twice?! Can you believe it?! HOW STUPID!!!"

Bring up Barry Switzer and the Cowboys and she won't be able to leave the room fast enough.

Jimmy Patterson is a staff writer for the Reporter-Telegram.

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DEATHS

Joseph C.

AUSTIN — Mrs. Joseph C. Austin are to be held today, Jan. 29, at the Deaf Church in Austin.

Arrangement by Austin Funeral Home. Covell, a court School for the Deaf, Jan. 25.

Survivors include Richard Lee Covell, Patricia Hageag, Ore; a grandson, ell of Spokane, ers, Jerry Covell, Covell of Austin, Midland; and a

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GATESVILLE — Nancy Beatty C. Gatesville and f are to be held at 29, in the Scott Chapel in Gatesville. Brian Dunks off.

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DEATHS

Joseph Covell

AUSTIN — Memorial services for Joseph William Covell, 27, of Austin are to be held at 1 p.m. today, Jan. 29, in the Austin Baptist Deaf Church at 1700 S. First St. in Austin.

Arrangements are being handled by Austin-Peel and Son Funeral Home of Austin.

Covell, a counselor at the Texas School for the Deaf, died Thursday, Jan. 25.

Survivors include his parents, Richard Lee Covell of Midland and Patricia Hageage Covell of Salem, Ore.; a grandmother, Audrey Covell of Spokane, Wash.; three brothers, Jerry Covell of Missouri, John Covell of Austin, and Jeff Covell of Midland; and a niece.

Nancy Cummings

GATESVILLE — Services for Nancy Beaty Cummings, 86, of Gatesville and formerly of Rankin are to be held at 10 a.m. today, Jan. 29, in the Scott's Funeral Home Chapel in Gatesville with the Rev. Brian Dunks officiating.

Graveside services are to be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30, in the Rankin Cemetery. Mrs. Cummings died Friday, Jan. 26, in a Gatesville nursing home.

She was born on March 17, 1909, in Henryetta, Okla., to Charlie Beaty and Maude Simmons Beaty. She attended school at Oglesby, and later lived in the North Fort Hood area near the Ewing community.

She married E.F. "Bud" Cummings on Dec. 24, 1927, and the couple lived on a ranch near Bronte for

many years. In 1946, the couple moved to Rankin in Upton County where Mrs. Cummings worked in the movie theater and was active in making and selling ceramics. Her husband died on July 7, 1982.

Mrs. Cummings continued to live in Rankin until August of 1994, when she moved to Gatesville.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Rankin.

Survivors include three sisters, Ruby Baker of Gatesville, Nell Eason of Gilmer, and Mary Garren of Houston; and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests that memorials be directed to the Eastwood Baptist Church in Gatesville.

Lloyd Glass

KINGSLAND — Graveside services for Lloyd Irl Glass, 74, of Kingsland and formerly of Midland are to be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30, in the Albany Cemetery in Albany with the Rev. Mark Phillips officiating.

Burial is to be directed by Wal-drope-Hatfield-Hawthorne Funeral Home.

Glass died Sunday, Jan. 28, in Kingsland.

Glass was born on Jan. 15, 1922, in Bullard. He was a United States Army Air Forces veteran of World War II.

He was married to Betty J. Crow on March 20, 1947, in Albany and had worked for Gulf Oil Company as a production supervisor.

Glass was a member of the Imperial Methodist Church of Imperial.

Survivors include his wife, Betty J. Glass of Kingsland; a daughter,

Quita Matijevich of Kingsland; a step-granddaughter, Michelle Matijevich of Midland; a grandson and nieces and nephews.

Shirley Stroud

Services for Shirley Stroud, 61, of Midland are to be held at 3 p.m. today, Jan. 29, in West Kentucky Avenue Baptist Church with the Rev. Gayle Reeves of Calvary Assembly Baptist Church and the Rev. Bob Porterfield of West Kentucky Avenue Baptist Church officiating, and Hiram Gonzales and the Rev. Gail Reeves assisting.

Burial is to be in Resthaven Memorial Park under direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Pallbearers are to be Bruce Skaggs, Bart Wolf, Pete Stroud, Roger Stroud, Hubert McKinney and Leon Willingham. Honorary pallbearers are to be George Northcott and Hiram Gonzales.

Larry Worley

Services for Larry Worley, 55, of Midland are to be held at 11 a.m. today, Jan. 29, in the First Baptist Church of Midland with the Rev. Gary Dyer officiating.

Burial is to be in Resthaven Memorial Park under direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Pallbearers are to be John Connor, Lee Young, Rick Moreno, Larry Magee, Lee Motley, and David Shaw. Honorary pallbearers are the people of Champion Technologies Inc.

Vivienne Stone

Services for Vivienne Stone are

pending with Ellis Funeral Home of Midland.

Mrs. Stone died Sunday, Jan. 28, in her home.

Fred Richardson

Services for Fred Richardson are pending with Ellis Funeral Home of Midland.

Richardson died Sunday in a Midland hospital.

J.C. Murphy

Graveside services for J.C. Murphy, 71, of Midland are to be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30, in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Lowell Cessia of First Apostolic Church officiating.

Arrangements are under direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Murphy died Sunday, Jan. 28, in a Midland hospital.

Murphy was born on April 13, 1924, in Bristow, Okla. He had resided in Seagraves until 1957 when he moved to Midland. He owned and operated West Wall Street Fina for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Florence Murphy; three sons, the Rev. Jerry Murphy, Larry Murphy and the Rev. Ronnie Murphy, all of Midland; a sister, Louise Hennis of Midland, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Jesus Way Ministry at 504 Spraberry Drive, Midland 79703.

Pallbearers are to be Bernie Hennis, Bobby Hennis and Billy Hennis. Honorary pallbearers are to be Jerry Murphy Jr., Timmy Murphy, Jerry Friday, Ronnie Murphy Jr. and James Cole Murphy.

POLICE REPORTS

Investigation

ODESSA — A 31-year-old Odessa man, Kevin Edward Fletcher, was reported in critical condition with injuries to the head Sunday in Medical Center Hospital in Odessa. He was in intensive care.

The Ector County Sheriff's deputies found Fletcher at 8:48 p.m. Friday, lying on the ground outside the Lost Coyote Lounge at 6108 Andrews Highway in Odessa. He was bleeding from the back of the head.

The injury is being investigated by the Ector County Sheriff's Office and by the Metro Homicide Unit, according to Lt. Carl Rogers of the Metro Homicide Unit.

Saturday

Vandalism: A window at 5009 Mount Vernon Court was shot out by a BB gun. The incident was reported to police at 5:40 p.m.

Burglary: S. Gonzales at 6:40 p.m. reported the theft of a television and video-cassette recorder at 1107 E. Nobles Ave. Entry to the house was by the rear door.

Vandalism: Satanic emblems were spray-painted on the shrine at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church at 1401 Garden Lane. The vandalism was reported to police at 7:13 p.m.

Drive-by Shooting: A motorist in a white Chevrolet pickup reportedly fired at a vehicle at 1304 Belmont St. The incident was reported to police at 11:28 p.m.

Sunday

Vandalism: The tires on a red Dodge pickup parked at Midland Park Mall were punctured. The incident was reported to police at 12:29 a.m.

Burglary: Ida Walker at 708 S. Lincoln St. reported at 12:43 a.m.

that a 19-inch color television with remote control was stolen in the burglary of her house. Entry to the house was gained by prying open the front door.

Burglary: A carton of cigarettes was reported stolen in a burglary at 1200 S. Baird St. The incident was reported to police at 2:22 a.m.

Burglary: A total of \$325 was stolen from a purse which had been locked in the trunk of a car at 2512 Harvard Ave. The purse, minus the cash, was located. The incident was reported to police by Susie Lucio at 4:38 a.m.

Vandalism: Terry Greer at 7:38 a.m. reported that the back window of a van was smashed at 3623 Hyde Park Ave.

Burglary of a vehicle: The stereo system was stolen in the burglary of a vehicle at 2001 N. D St. The vehicle's passenger-side window was broken. The incident was reported to police at 8:32 a.m.

Burglary of a vehicle: J. Hill at 9:11 a.m. reported the burglary of a vehicle at 1408 Lanham St.

Burglary of a vehicle: Steve Russell at 10:35 a.m. reported the theft of a computer from a vehicle at 2510 Harvard Ave.

Burglary: Evelyn Carpenter at 12:30 p.m. reported that a person or persons broke into her garage and then broke into a vehicle and took a box of ropes.

Vandalism: The window to a vehicle was broken at 3200 Camarie Ave. The incident was reported to police at 1:11 p.m.

Anyone having information concerning these crimes should call the Police Department at 685-7108 or Midland Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS.

Lubbock judge to decide fate of convicted killer Henry Lee Lucas

LUBBOCK (AP) — Henry Lee Lucas shuffled in shackles to the witness stand three weeks ago and said, yes, he had confessed to killing a hitchhiker.

Then U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings heard Lucas testify that, no, he didn't commit the 1979 murder.

The Williamson County case in question — known as "Orange Socks" because that's all the unidentified victim wore when her body was found off Interstate 35 — gave Lucas a ticket to death row. Jurors in San Angelo, where the trial was moved on a change of venue, convicted Lucas of capital murder in 1984.

The one-time suspected serial killer returned to San Angelo earlier this month for a hearing with Cummings. The Lubbock-based judge said he would rule by Friday whether the state may execute Lucas.

"I think he should be put to death this minute. He shouldn't have lived this long," said Harold Murphy, whose 18-year-old daughter, Jerilyn Peoples, was shot to death in 1981 in Bonifay, Fla.

Lucas confessed in the mid-'80s to the Peoples murder and more than 600 others in 26 states. He received prison terms in 10 slayings, but it was the murder of "Orange Socks" that resulted in his only death sentence.

Now he denies that he killed anyone. "There's no question he didn't do all of the murders that he was trying to take credit for,"

The one-time suspected serial killer returned to San Angelo earlier this month for a hearing with Cummings. The Lubbock-based judge said he would rule by Friday whether the state may execute Lucas.

said former Williamson County district attorney Ed Walsh, who prosecuted Lucas. "But I'm convinced he did do a large number."

Walsh said he remains convinced that the death sentence was appropriate. Defense attorneys at the recent hearing argued that nothing besides a false confession tied Lucas to the crime.

Defense attorneys contend that the fifth-grade dropout, who drifted from state to state working as a handyman, made an easy target for manipulation and coaching by law enforcement officials who wanted to clear their unsolved homicides.

His legacy amounts to a muddle of mysteries.

Three 1970s stabbing deaths in Lubbock remain unsolved to this day. Authorities charged Lucas with the crimes in 1984 but later

dropped the charges because of inconsistencies in his statements.

"His confession in no way matched the facts that were in the police reports," said court-appointed defense attorney Marvin Williams of Lubbock.

Williams said Lucas did not care what he got blamed for because he already faced lethal injection anyway.

Former Lubbock County district attorney Jim Bob Darnell said relatives of the three stabbed women were convinced Lucas was not the murderer. Darnell defended the dismissal of charges.

"He's still on death row, and even if his death sentence were set aside I would anticipate he would be in the penitentiary for a long time," he said.

Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman Mike Cox, who wrote "The Confessions of Henry Lee Lucas" in 1991, said he believes Lucas is a serial killer who made some false claims.

"He got caught up in the notoriety and impressed with the media coverage," Cox said. "For the first time in his miserable life, he was getting some attention."

Cox said he is satisfied the state proved the guilt of a con man in the "Orange Socks" murder.

"Whatever happens," Cox said, "it'll go down as one of Texas' great crime stories."

Musical memorial remembers former representative Barbara Jordan

AUSTIN (AP) — Marking the former U.S. representative's love of harmony and song, hundreds of people gathered Sunday at a musical memorial for the late Barbara Jordan.

Ms. Jordan, who died Jan. 17 of pneumonia at age 59, requested before her death that journalist Bill Moyers speak at her memorial.

Gov. George W. Bush, former Gov. Ann Richards, U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, Secretary of State Tony Garza, Ms. Jordan's two sisters and hundreds of admirers also attended the service.

"All she asked of us was to be outstanding public servants and leaders, to guard the public trust, to protect our freedom and make government better, to fight cynicism and mediocrity, to keep the faith, to go out there and make a

difference in a positive way, to pay rent for the space we occupy," said DeAnn Friedholm, who attended Ms. Jordan's first class in political ethics at the Lyndon Baines Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas in 1979.

Ms. Jordan joined the school after serving six years in Congress as the first black woman elected from the South. She also was elected as the first black woman to the Texas Legislature and the first black elected to the state Senate since 1883.

"Memorials are easy," said Melvin Sikes, a retired University of Texas professor and a close friend of Ms. Jordan's. "The question is, do we have the strength to do as Barbara taught."

As promised by organizers, the two-hour event was filled with

more music than words. Performances by the University of Texas Chamber Singers and Concert Chorus, the Houston-Tillotson Concert Choir, soloists admired by Ms. Jordan and Barbara Jordan Elementary School students included "Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring," "Lincoln's Portrait," and "Hush, Hush Somebody's Calling My Name."

Moyers, a journalist and essayist, told the audience his last visit with Ms. Jordan in Austin also was filled with music.

"Friends have said that her music all but eased the smarting wounds of her long battle with multiple sclerosis," he said.

He added that he disputed the notion that Ms. Jordan's death has silenced a voice for justice. "The body dies, but the voice that

speaks for justice joins the music of the spheres," Moyers said.

Elspeth Rostow, former dean of the LBJ school, wrote in a note contained in the event's program: "Somewhere in the pantheon reserved for heroes of the U.S. Constitution, its father, James Madison, must be welcoming Barbara Jordan."

"Imagine him, astounded, hearing her voice for the first time, and then, Mr. President, having noted that I felt that you and your colleagues had originally left me out of the Constitution by mistake, I added that now my faith in the Constitution is whole, is complete, it is total..." A bearded president, once from Illinois, surely nods his head in approval. So the discourse begins."

Baylor University to end its century of disapproval on campus dancing

WACO (AP) — There may be dancing in the streets on the Baylor University campus this spring when the Southern Baptist institution lifts a ban that dates back more than a century.

Baylor President Robert Sloan announced Friday that the nation's largest Baptist university, with 12,000 students, will allow dancing on campus.

"We have aerobic dancing in Baptist churches and dance routines at athletic events," he said Friday. "Dancing can be, and is when properly done, a very wholesome activity."

Students are already planning their first dance, possibly even a street dance, said student body President Collin Cox.

"It's exciting for us," Cox said. "I think it's great. We don't envision mass dancing by the students, but it's done at other universities and we've wanted it a long time."

Many interviewed by the Waco Tribune-Herald on Saturday were excited by the prospect, even though off-campus dances always were common.

"I think it'll bring students together," said Jamie Johnson, a 19-year-old psychology major. "A lot of people look at Baylor like it's too conservative or not a lot of fun. And it makes it a little safer for the students. They can just walk back

to their dorms."

Others believe Sloan's decision represents a departure from the unwavering Christian ethos that attracts many students to the university.

"It goes against tradition," said Brad Hughes, a 20-year-old biology major. "That's part of what makes us Baylor."

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DEAR ABBY

Teen wants action on closing of food bank

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I've recently been informed of one of the drastic measures our government has taken to cut the budget. I'm speaking about the closure of one of the largest food banks in Pierce County.



Van Buren

I am not a resident of Pierce County, but the closure has affected me in its own way. It has given me the incentive to fight about what I see to be unfair. I can no longer sit idle and think about the injustice of things such as this. I want to do something to help. However, I am an 18-year-old, middle-class Democrat who doesn't have the power to take on the government single-handedly.

My question: What can I do about all this? Please help! — ENRAGED IN BREMERTON, WASH.

DEAR ENRAGED: You are to be congratulated for your motivation to right what you feel is a wrong. The most effective way to change government policies is to vote. If you are not registered to vote, do so immediately.

Write to your elected representatives and tell them what you want them to do. Your librarian can assist you in obtaining the addresses. Make copies of the

names and addresses, and give them to friends and acquaintances so they can do the same.

Find out when your congressional representative will be in his or her local office, then make an appointment to discuss your concerns. They welcome input from constituents. The best of luck to you.

DEAR ABBY: I'm surprised I haven't seen complaints in your column about present-day business telephone-answering systems.

Have you tried calling your bank, your newspaper, the Social Security office, the Department of Motor Vehicles, the airlines, the telephone company or any sizable business?

The telephones are never answered by a "real" person anymore. Instead, you get a computer voice giving you a "menu" of instructions. You are told if you want "this" service to push "that" number; if you want "this" person you must push another number.

I am elderly and am often unable to understand all of the computer instructions. If I finally manage to reach the line I'm after, another recording tells me to leave a message so someone can call me back. Who knows when a call will be returned? Am I supposed to wait by the phone for that call? What if it's an emergency? What if I have an appointment or I want to leave my home?

My friends and acquaintances all have the same complaints

about the new-fangled telephone systems. If this is progress, please give me and the public the good old days!

I hope corporate America reads this letter and does people a favor by going back to "real people" answering telephones. — FRUSTATED FRAN

DEAR FRAN: You are far from the first reader to write me with this complaint. I will be pleasantly surprised if corporate America acts on your "wake-up call" — but where there's life there's hope. I know of no one who actually enjoys transacting business with a computer. However, companies that use voice mail usually do so because it is cost-effective. Business owners are willing to sacrifice personalized service for what they perceive as increased efficiency.

It would be interesting if there were some way to measure how much business has been lost because prospective customers became frustrated, hung up and never called back.

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Cemetery tells many stories for those who can hear

By Eduardo Montes
Associated Press

EL PASO — Bootheels crunching on stone-littered dirt paths break the silence engulfing Concordia Cemetery on an unseasonably warm January morning.

The hush is otherwise all pervasive — except for those who know how to hear the countless stories being told here.

The tumbled headstones and half-buried markers peering from scattered tufts of desert grass are the narrators.

Those willing to delve beyond the names and dates etched in concrete and marble become the beneficiaries of the secrets they hold. Gloria Jett, one of two visitors on this sunny day, is just such a person, and she has been entranced by what she has learned.

"I just got bit by the history," Jett says, completely banishing the silence in the process. "It kind of grabs you."

To most people familiar with Concordia, which is almost literally in the shadow of a freeway overpass in central El Paso, it is probably best known as the final resting place of John Wesley Hardin.

The notorious Old West gunslinger, who is rumored to have collected 30 notches on his gun during his lifetime, was buried here in 1895 after being shot in the head at El Paso's Acme Saloon.

But to Jett and other members of the Concordia Heritage Association, a historical society dedicated to preserving the cemetery, this dusty patch of parched desert and its 60,000-plus graves represents so much more.

"What this encompasses is all the history of El Paso," Jett said. "Anyone that created El Paso, did a little bit of what it took, is here."

The list is lengthy, running from Juana Ascarate de Stephenson, co-owner of the Concordia Ranch, which included the original cemetery plots, to a former Mexican president, Victoriano Huerta — who has since been removed — to the paupers buried in unmarked graves.

Constable John Selman, who gunned down Hardin after an argument, is also reputedly buried here, though no one is sure where.

Because of these people and others, the Concordia Association's members consider the cemetery a priceless repository of historical knowledge, and now they're struggling on several fronts to ensure that it will remain unspoiled for future generations.

The most widely known campaign involves an ongoing dispute with Hardin's descendants over his remains.



The headstone marking the gravesite of notorious Old West gunslinger John Wesley Hardin is shown in the Concordia Cemetery, in El Paso, Jan. 14.

The family wants to relocate Hardin to Nixon, Texas, a small town east of San Antonio where he lived briefly and where his first wife, Jane, is buried.

Hardin's great-grandson, John Billings, has said he wants to return Hardin to "where the memory of him is better served by people who knew what he was."

Late last year, family representatives came to town armed with a court order and tried to remove the body, setting up an early morning confrontation at the gunfighter's grave.

Association members and others stopped them with a restraining order, however, and are suing for a permanent injunction that would ensure Hardin's body will remain. They argue that removing him would be detrimental.

"A big drawing card would have left," said historian Leon Metz, who has written a book on Hardin. "We would be poorer for it. We wouldn't be impoverished, but the town would be much poorer if we lost Hardin."

The case goes to trial Jan. 29. The other matter is not similarly contentious, but is also vital to the cemetery's future, Jett said.

The association is seeking to acquire legal guardianship of the cemetery, which would finally give a single entity authority to fix the damage done by years of neglect and by vandals who frequently target Concordia.

"Right now everything is so fragmented, it's difficult," said association attorney Christopher Johnston.

Grave makers poke out of bare earth, which in some places does manage to sustain some sickly pale grass.

Many headstones have been tipped over and never righted and at least one mausoleum has been cracked open by vagrants seeking a place to sleep. Hardin's tombstone was even stolen last year, though it was later recovered.

Acquiring guardianship isn't particularly easy because it requires the association to get approvals from the cemetery's various owners, as well as notify the plot owners, some of whom can't even be found.

The matter is further complicated by the fact that some areas are still being used for new graves, including a section set aside for the Chinese who came to El Paso with the railroad and the Jewish section.

Should the guardianship bid succeed, Jett envisions a day when visitors led here by a much-desired listing on the national historical register will move along shaded paths skirting well-kept graves with all their headstones restored.

A visitors' center will also have been constructed in the paupers' area — serving as a headstone for those who have none. There the curious would be able to learn more about the cemetery, and hear the stories it preserves.

Without something like that, Metz said, Concordia's meaning will be lost.

"It becomes just an old cemetery with no significance," he said.

Politicking may stall confirmation of Texans to federal posts

DALLAS (AP) — The nominations of two North Texans to federal judicial posts might fall victim to election-year politicking.

Nail-biting time is fast approaching for supporters of the two Democratic nominees, Cheryl Wattlely and Michael Schattman, as they wait for confirmation from the Republican-controlled Senate.

Ms. Wattlely, a Dallas defense attorney and former federal prosecutor, and Schattman, a 13-year state district judge in Fort Worth, were nominated by President Clinton last month. The two candidates had been recommended by Texas Congressional Democrats in March and July, respectively.

With Congress in gridlock even before its traditional election-year slowdown, there are fearful stirrings among some Democrats and judiciary watchers that many confirmation votes may never come off, either by neglect or political design.

"I wouldn't be surprised in the least if they stalled that long," Dallas County Democratic chairwoman Lisa Payne told The Dallas Morning News. "Anything in their political interest, they'll do."

The Democrats' nightmare is that Republicans, confident they'll recapture the White House in November, will slow or cut off confirmations. Any Republican opposition — or even a lack of GOP support — could be especially damaging to a nominee this year, many observers said.

Ms. Wattlely said she remains optimistic she'll get a hearing this spring.

"I've learned to be very patient," she said. Schattman declined to talk about the confirmation process.

Nominations to the federal bench are made by the president, but must be approved by the Senate. As Senate Majority Leader and GOP presidential front-runner, Bob Dole is in the perfect position to let many Clinton nominees die on the vine in hopes he'll be able to replace them with his own selections.

"There's no question we'll see a slowdown. Frankly, we've seen it already," said Elliot Minberg, legal director for People For the American Way, which monitors judicial nominations.

Dole delayed Senate floor votes until December for many of the 58 federal judges approved last year by the Judiciary Committee, Minberg said.

"Dole is going to be put under a lot of pressure not to confirm a lot more Clinton judges by right-wing folks," he said.

With 24 nominees pending, committee chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, has said he'll continue to hold confirmation hearings.

Dole's press secretary, Clarkson Hine, said confirmations "will be handled as expeditiously as possible" and "have nothing to do with presidential elections."

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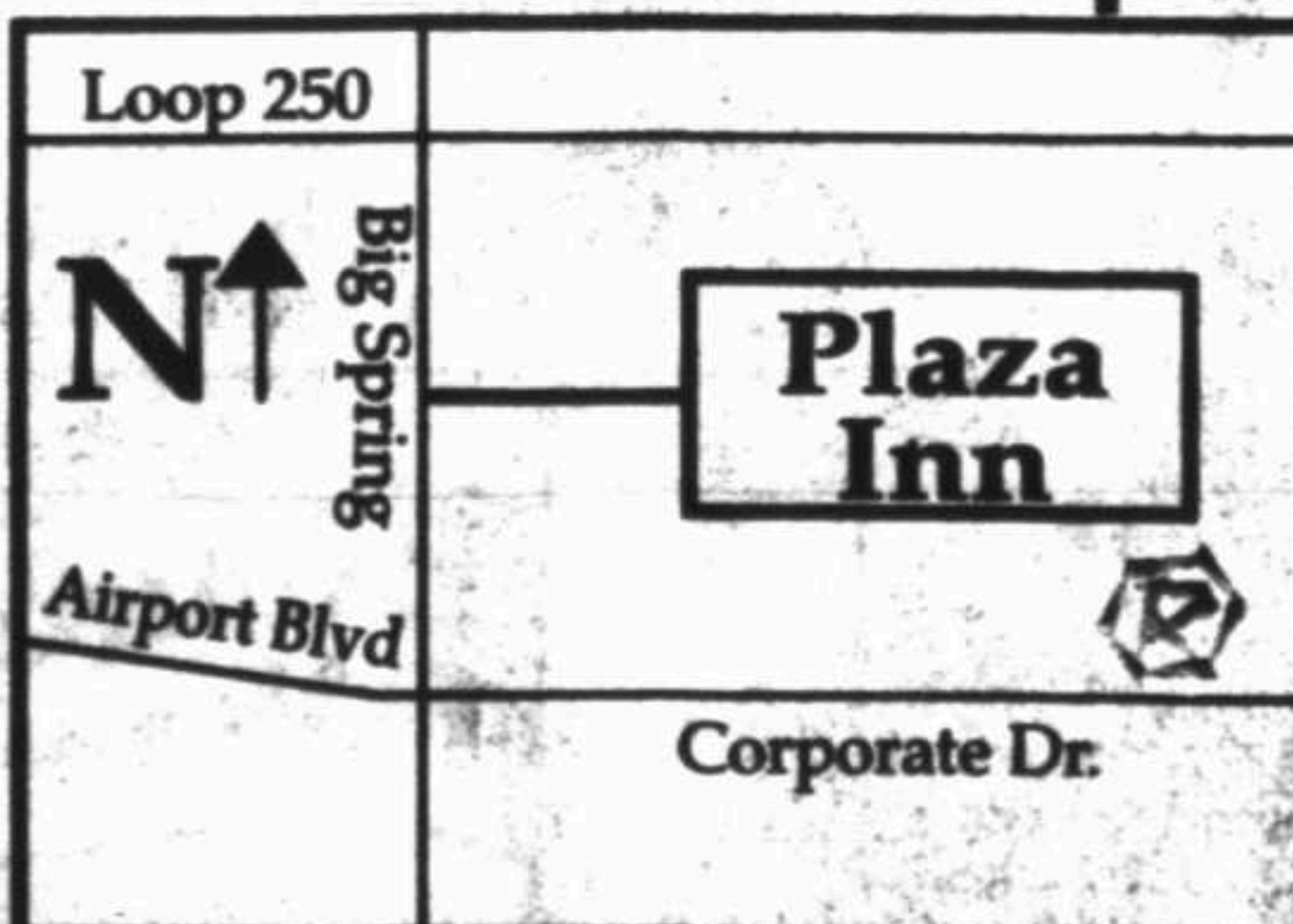


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Crazy Ray

Ray "Crazy Ray" Jones gets Cowboys' fans excited before the start of Super Bowl XXX. AP Laserphoto.

Broadcast cut off

TEMPE — Thousands of out-of-state football fans were infuriated Sunday by stadium officials' decision to stop broadcasting the game from a 20-foot screen outside the stadium.

Karen Mahovic drove three days from Pittsburgh to Tempe and vowed to never return to Arizona.

"We're going to drive out of state tonight. We're not even going to stay here," she said. "I took my daughter out of school. I said you'd have the memories forever," said Twila Moreau. "Now she'll have the memories of not seeing the game," she said of her seventh-grader.

The two women were among the fans outside Sun Devil Stadium who watched the first quarter on a massive screen before game officials stopped the broadcast and replaced it with advertisements.

When the broadcast stopped, fans kicked cans, swore and chanted, "Turn it on" to no avail. "They felt there were too many people, but the crowd was fine. When there started being problems when they shut it off," said Sue Dusold, a security guard for Contemporary Services.

Top 10 List

TEMPE, Ariz. — Even though NBC televised the Super Bowl, CBS' David Letterman got into the action on the radio halftime show. Letterman came up with a "Top Ten Good Things About Listening to the Super Bowl on the Radio" list for CBS' halftime radio show.

10. When the game gets boring, the announcer can make stuff up.

9. No spitting, no scratching, no butt slapping.

8. The instant replays, where the announcer describes the play again really, really slowly.

7. If you like, you can imagine the cheerleaders are naked.

6. If you like, you can imagine the officials are naked.

5. It's fun to phone in requests, then hear the team do your play.

4. During sex, you don't have to ask your wife to move her head.

3. Can simultaneously listen to the game and read "Late Show Book of Top Ten Lists," \$16.95 at bookstores everywhere.

2. Hearing a groin pull is less painful than seeing one.

1. You never know when the announcer's giving you the finger — like this.

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Dallas wins third Super Bowl in 4 years

■ A late interception by Dallas' Larry Brown's and two scores from Emmitt Smith sealed the Cowboys' 27-17 win over Pittsburgh in Super Bowl XXX

By Hal Bock
AP Sports Writer



TEMPE, Ariz. —

The tragedy of November turned into the triumph of January for Larry Brown, longshot winner of the Super Bowl Most Valuable Player Award. Brown intercepted two passes, setting up a pair of crucial touchdowns in Dallas' 27-17 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers on Sunday night and became this game's first defensive MVP in a decade.

As he stood on the podium reserved for the MVP, Larry Brown thought about his infant son, Kristopher, who died last November.

"I just thank God," Brown said. "He gave me the strength to get through this year. It was rough but with the team and the players and the way they supported me through all of the hard times, I've just got to give them credit. I couldn't have done it without them. They enabled me to get through this season."

And he got them through the Super Bowl.

On a team bulging with big name stars like Troy Aikman, Emmitt Smith, Michael Irvin and Deion Sanders, Brown was an unlikely hero, a mostly anonymous guy working in the secondary.

He was an NFL longshot right from the start, a 12th-round draft choice out of Texas Christian in 1991, the 57th defensive back chosen that year. He was only a two-year starter at TCU but earned some attention with 75 tackles and 10 passes defended in his senior year. When he was MVP of the Blue-Gray game, it made him a prospect.

Twelfth-rounders don't usually stick around very long. Brown not only stuck but by the fourth game of his rookie year, he was a starter on a rebuilding Dallas team. And he's been in place ever since, a consistent starter, in the secondary almost every week.

And then, one day last November, Kristopher Brown died.

Dallas played in Oakland that week and Brown did not accompany the team. The day before the game, he joined the Cowboys and although he did not start, he played and made three tackles.

"I had to get back in uniform and suit up," he said. "I felt I needed to play. I didn't have to play. The organization did not put any pressure on me. My family and I decided that it would be best if I played and it worked out for me."

Brown said his teammates rallied around him when Kristopher died.

"They support me as we continue to move on and get through that tragedy," he said. "It stays on your mind. You've got to learn to move on."

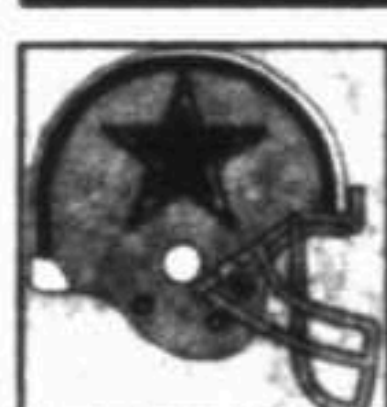
After the loss of his son, Brown returned to have the best season of his career. He tied for the team lead in interceptions with six and became the only player in club history to return two interceptions for touchdowns in a single season.

There were key pickoffs against both Philadelphia and Green Bay in the playoffs, setting the stage for Sunday's MVP

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Aikman: Three's not enough for 'Boys

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer



TEMPE, Ariz. — Troy Aikman, 3-for-3 as a Super Bowl quarterback, isn't fully satisfied.

"This thing is not over yet," Aikman said after helping the Cowboys beat the Pittsburgh Steelers 27-17 Sunday.

"This team is not ready to look back and enjoy our three rings in four years," he said. "We've still got more things to do. We still have a team that believes in each other."

Aikman, winning for the 10th time in



Barry Switzer shares the Super Bowl trophy with owner Jerry Jones.



Dallas Cowboys head coach Barry Switzer is the target of linebacker Robert Jones' Gatorade drenching during the final moments of their 27-17 win over the Pittsburgh Steelers in Super Bowl XXX, the team's third in four years and fifth overall.

O'Donnell shows true colors

By Alan Robinson
AP Sports Writer



TEMPE, Ariz. — The Pittsburgh Steelers insisted all season they shouldn't be compared with the Super Bowl Steelers of the '70s. They didn't know how right

they were. In the end, Neil O'Donnell couldn't avoid being Neil O'Donnell, and the Super Bowl Steelers of the 1990s proved no rivals to the Super Bowl Steelers of the '70s.

"We killed ourselves with turnovers," cornerback Carnell Lake said after a 27-17 loss to Dallas. "You can't come out in a Super Bowl and make two turnovers and expect to win."

Just when he seemed on the brink of leading the underdog Steelers to a magnificent upset, O'Donnell again reverted to "Old High and Wide," a nickname he earned in Pittsburgh for repeated errors in execution and judgment.

Again, he couldn't make the big play in the big game. His two interceptions, combined with an inability of the Steel-

ers' defense to force turnovers, doomed Pittsburgh to its first Super Bowl defeat.

"But it wasn't all Neil's fault," receiver Andre Hastings said. "People who don't know football will say, 'He threw those two interceptions, he lost the game,' but there were miscommunication on those plays. It wasn't all Neil."

No, there was plenty of blame to share.

The offense did nothing on its first three series and quickly found itself down 13-0. The defense that has thrived on quarterback-disrupting pressure — remember Blitzburgh? — did not force a single turnover or make a momentum-disrupting play.

It was the third time in the Steelers' last four Super Bowls that they committed more turnovers than they forced. But this team didn't have Terry Bradshaw, Joe Greene, Jack Lambert, Franco Harris or John Stallworth to bail them out.

These Steelers stars — Greg Lloyd, Kevin Greene, Ray Seals, Yancey Thigpen — seemed almost invisible.

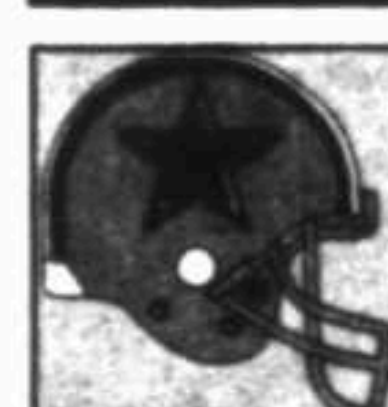
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Steelers quarterback Neil O'Donnell threw two key interceptions which led to Pittsburgh's downfall.

City of Dallas take to streets for celebration

By Terry Wallace
Associated Press Writer



DALLAS — It took Dallas fans a while to heat up the celebration for Sunday's return of the Vince Lombardi Trophy to the Cowboys.

At first, the Cowboys' 27-17 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers seemed to draw little more than serene satisfaction in the West End Entertainment District downtown.

"During the game, it was much more quiet than on a normal Sunday," said Sgt. Mark Trower, shift supervisor for Dallas police communications.

But about 90 minutes after the final gun, banner-bedecked, horn-honking cars jammed some downtown streets to cheer the Super Bowl victory. Police were keeping an eye on celebrations elsewhere in town.

"From some areas, we've had reports of random gunfire, celebratory gunfire, some trash dumpsters set on fire, things like that," Trower said.

Police spokesman Chris Gilliam said normal downtown patrols were used in the district, where parking lots were only 20 percent full. However, Trower said the regular downtown patrol officers were

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Switzer finally wins title

The Associated Press



CROSSETT, Ark. — Billy Holden, a schoolmate of Barry Switzer's from the Crossett High class of '55, could relax once the Dallas Cowboys wrapped up a 27-17 Super Bowl victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers on Sunday.

Holden felt as if he were there with the Cowboys, running the plays.

"I just gave out. I played hard," Holden said chuckling. "I was kind of nervous. Now, I'm hungry."

Holden said of his best friend in school,

"I'm really so happy for him."

Asked if he thought the victory would silence critics and take the pressure off Switzer, Holden said, "It's a no-win situation for pressure. There's always going to be pressure. I feel like he's handled it well. I wouldn't want to be in his shoes."

Holden said he spoke to Switzer a week ago, before he left for Arizona.

Switzer told him, "I'll be glad when it's over."

Holden said their friendship dates back to the eighth grade, when they both moved to Crossett.

"We just kind of got together and kind of been running mates ever since. He's family," Holden said.

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MVP: Brown's 2 INTs earns him award

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performance.

Again, the interceptions came at critical moments in the game.

With Dallas leading 13-7 in the third quarter, the Steelers started from their own 36 and were near midfield, facing a third-and-9. Neil O'Donnell went into a shotgun formation and threw the ball straight at Brown, stationed at the Dallas 38.

"I think he just had a bad read," the cornerback said. "He threw it to me. I had to hold on to it. It was a broken route and I was able to go get it."

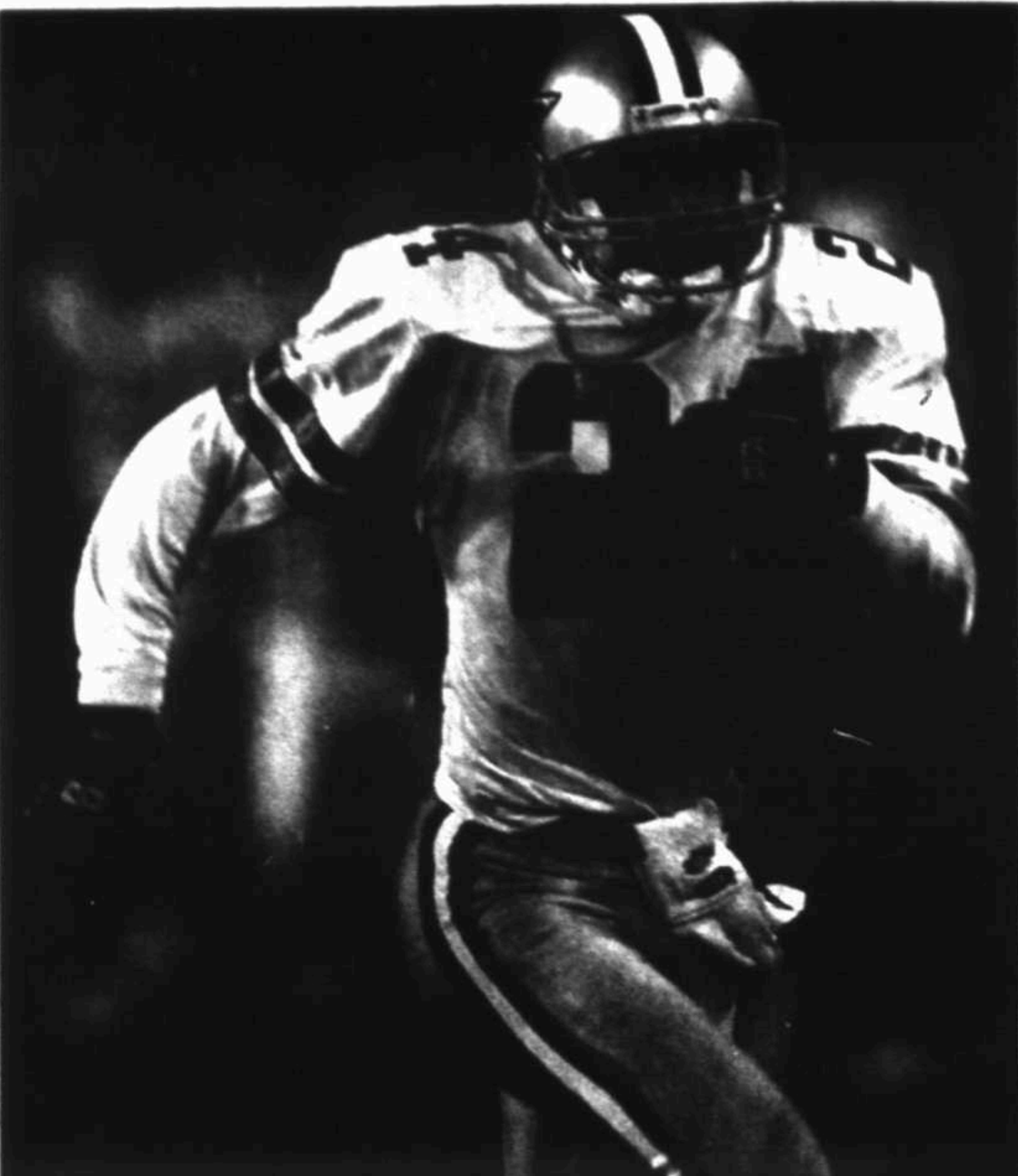
Brown returned the pass 44 yards before being pushed out of bounds at the Pittsburgh 18. Two plays later, Dallas was in the end zone, extending its lead to 20-7.

The Steelers simply wouldn't go away, though. They cut the lead to 20-10 on a 46-yard field goal by Norm Johnson, then recovered an onside kick and drove to another touchdown, making it 20-17.

The Cowboys were reeling and with 4:15 left to play, Pittsburgh took over again at its own 32. On second down, O'Donnell, working on a string of 11 completions in 12 attempts, went to the shotgun again, throwing this time for Corey Holliday.

Again, though, he found Brown, this time at the Steelers 39. The cornerback brought the ball back to the Steelers' 6-yard line.

"I had to go get it," he said. "I made a great break on the ball. The stunt was coming and I beat the receiver to it. They try to throw everything on timing and I was just able to get there first."



Larry Brown's second interception set up the clinching touchdown for Dallas as the 12th-round pick became the 6th defensive player to win the Most Valuable Player Award in the Super Bowl.

Two plays later, Smith was in the end zone and the Cowboys' victory was safe.

Brown became the first defensive player to win the MVP award since Richard Dent of the Chicago Bears did it 10 years ago.

Brown knew he was an unlikely MVP.

"We've got so many stars, I just want to go out and play hard," he said. "My career has always been based on one or two plays."

This time they weren't just plays. They helped win a Super Bowl.

By Alan Robinson
AP Sports Writer



Lloyd couldn't stop talking afterward — and he was on the losing team.

Lloyd, who said the Cowboys didn't give the Steelers enough credit before Dallas' 27-17 Super Bowl victory Sunday, said the media and the fans didn't respect Pittsburgh enough, either.

"They've got all those guys who make all that money because (the media) talks about them," Lloyd said. "They're not making me a jack. When you turn on the TV, all you see is their commercials and all that stuff. You're talking about a \$62 million team, but, still,

you've got to line up and play 60 minutes. We don't talk the game, we play it. We lined up and played the game."

But they didn't win the game. "You're never proud of losing," said Lloyd, the Steelers' All-Pro linebacker. "But I'm proud of the way our team hung in there after all of the stuff we heard. You guys wrote the Cowboys were 300-some pounds and would blow us off the ball, and that it would be a blowout by the fourth quarter. We knew within our hearts that it wouldn't be that way."

It wasn't. The Steelers trailed only 20-17 with five minutes to play, and might have won had Neil O'Donnell not thrown his second costly interception — or if their own defense had forced any turnovers.

Several Steelers stars — including Lloyd, who had eight tackles but was mostly invisible in the first half — were very conspicuous by

their absence at times. Kevin Greene, the Steelers' other Pro Bowl linebacker, had only two tackles, for example.

But, as Lloyd said, several Cowboys stars didn't exactly play like All-Pro, either. Emmitt Smith, for example, ran for two touchdowns, but was outstruck by Bam Morris 73-49.

"America's team? I don't think their offense can line up and tell anybody that they did anything to us that we didn't let happen," Lloyd said. "Everything that pretty much happened to our defense was guys out there not making plays. When you talk about, (if) Emmitt Smith doesn't rush for 100 yards, there's no way the Cowboys can win. That's a misnomer. That's not true. They're professionals, but so are we."

"It's just said that all week long, you guys didn't see the Pittsburgh Steelers as an NFL team."

COWBOYS: Won game 'the hard way'

(From 1C)

Bowl but to win a Super Bowl. You have to be blessed."

Aikman said the Steelers gave Dallas the toughest fight it has ever had in a Super Bowl.

"We won this one the hard way," Aikman said. "Each of our Super Bowl wins just kept getting harder and harder. We overcame more than we did in the other two to win this game, both during the regular season and in the game itself...."

"There is a sense of relief in all of us. We'll have two weeks to enjoy it then we'll be getting all

those questions, 'Well, can you win back-to-back Super Bowls again?'"

Asked if would call Dallas the team of the 1990s, Aikman said: "Not yet, but we're working on it."

Offensive lineman Nate Newton said go ahead and do it.

"You can use the 'D' word as far as I'm concerned," Newton said. "What's three Super Bowl wins in four years?"

Wide receiver Michael Irvin, who caught five passes for 76 yards, said "this is the sweetest one of them all. You can put the other two together and this one out-

weighs them. That's because of what we went through this year."

Emmitt Smith added: "The '90s aren't over yet. But we're off to a mighty good start."

Irvin said what made the win special was that offensive coordinator Ernie Zampese "got his first Super Bowl win. He had been in the NFL forever. You should have seen the smile on his face."

"I finally got the ring after all these years," Zampese said. "It's something I could get emotional over very easily."

O'DONNELL: INTs kill team's chances

(From 1C)

"We've talked all season about being 60-minute men, about playing every minute of game. We can't do it playing 42 minutes," said Bam Morris, who led all rushers with 73 yards.

Lloyd had eight tackles, but didn't make the momentum-altering plays he often makes. Greene, in perhaps his last Steelers game, had two tackles and no sacks. Seals had exactly one tackle. Thigpen, the Pro Bowl receiver, made three receptions for 19 yards.

"The score says it all," Greene said. "Did we get beat? I don't think the Pittsburgh Steelers got beat. But we didn't make the plays we had to make to win the game."

They certainly had the chance. O'Donnell rallied them within

three points of the lead at 20-17, and, with less than five minutes to go, had the ball and a chance to make history.

Instead, he repeated it. Last year, it was the Chargers' Dennis Gibson, knocking down O'Donnell's fourth-and-3 pass in the end zone to keep the Steelers out of the Super Bowl.

This time, the Cowboys' Larry Brown stepped in front of two poorly thrown O'Donnell passes to make interceptions. The second, with 4:01 to play, led to Emmitt Smith's clinching 4-yard touchdown run.

"We shut the run down, which was our first priority, but we wanted to keep them to 16-17 points," defensive coordinator Dick LeBeau said. "I thought we played a good second half, and I don't

know if they score that last touchdown if they don't get the ball at the 19. I don't know if they could have taken it a long way, like they did in the first half."

But the Steelers again learned that O'Donnell still isn't ready to take them all the way to a Super Bowl championship. Not yet — maybe, not ever. He can become a free agent, and there is no indication yet if the Steelers will resign him.

"We had a great run for six months," coach Bill Cowher said. "It was one great run. Not many people gave us a chance, and we went toe-to-toe with them. The bottom line was the two big plays."

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being kept free from other calls to handle the partying as it built.

During the game, no one had trouble finding a seat at any of the area's restaurants and bars.

In one, Woody Durbin of Belton watched with six colleagues as, after Pittsburgh had closed to 20-17, Emmitt Smith scored on a 4-yard run up the middle with 3:43 left in the game. Chris Boniol's kick provided the final point.

"If you're gonna be a Cowboy, you gotta rise to the occasion," Durbin said. "Only thing is, the occasion has to be hitting you in the face."

Moments after the Cowboys were declared world champions, the first souvenir-shirt vendors hit the West End streets with Super Bowl T-shirts and sweat shirts.

A livelier crowd was found at a Truckstops of America lounge in

suburban Mesquite. It was a come-as-you-are party for about 35 truckers, and everyone brought his cigarettes to the 25-by-35-foot room dominated by a television set.

Cowboys fans outnumbered Steelers fans 2-to-1, but what the Pittsburgh faithful lacked in numbers they compensated for in nerve.

"It's wild here, man. I love watching it here amongst the truckers," said driver Arthur Gunter of Dunnellon, Fla., a Steelers fan.

In the past, game-night crowds were not as unruly as those that greeted the returning Super Bowl champions on parade days.

In 1993, groups of teen-agers fought with each other and police as an estimated 400,000 people cheered the first Super Bowl-winning Cowboys team since 1978. Authorities reported at least 50 injuries and 75 arrests.

In 1994, some 60,000 to 70,000 loud

and enthusiastic fans peacefully celebrated with that year's returning world champions. Police reported 39 arrests for offenses including minor assaults and drug possession.

The daily average number of arrests in the downtown area is 15. The atmosphere was nothing like that where Frenchy Rheaule of Denton was sitting. He and his wife, Terri, cheered with gusto Larry Brown's fourth-quarter interception, his second, that set up Smith's touchdown.

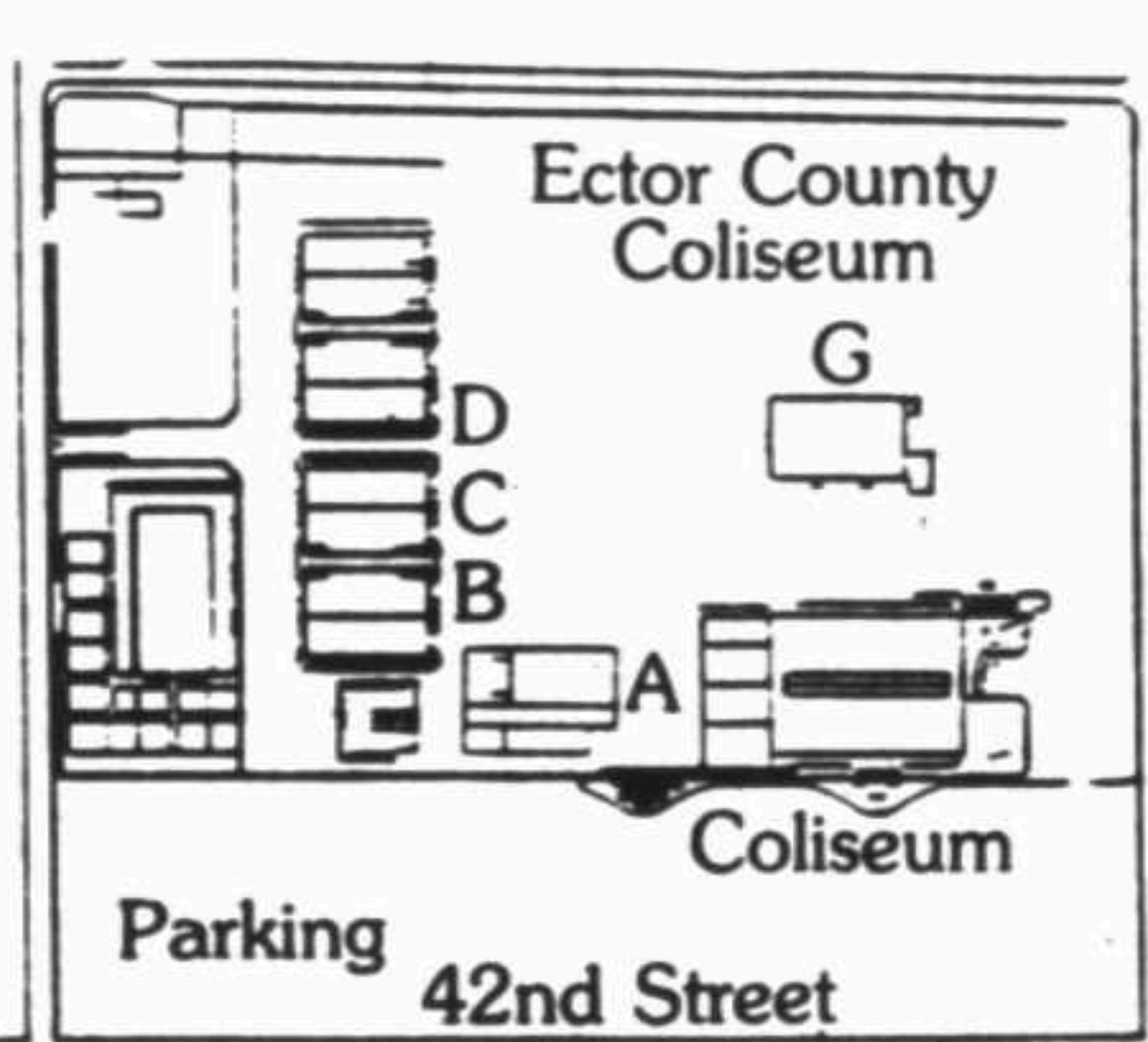
"Larry Brown, MVP of the day!" he cried. "Not so valuable player right there," he said of the Steelers' Neil McDonnell, who threw the errant pass.

Across from him sat Mark McGill of Milford, Conn., the only person in the bar cheering the Steelers.

"If the Steelers win, I'm going to get a running head start for the door."

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Atlantic Coast Conference

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N. Carolina 6 1 857

Georgia Tech 6 1 857

Wake Forest 5 2 714

Clemson 4 3 571

Duke 3 4 429

Maryland 2 4 333

N.C. State 2 5 286

Florida St. 2 5 286

Virginia 2 5 286

Big East Conference

W L Pct.

Connecticut 9 0 1000

Villanova 7 2 778

Boston College 5 3 606

West Virginia 3 6 333

St. John's 2 6 250

Notre Dame 1 8 111

Big Eight Conference

W L Pct.

Kansas 4 0 1000

Iowa St. 4 1 857

Kansas St. 4 2 667

Nebraska 3 2 600

Missouri 3 2 600

Oklahoma 2 4 333

Oklahoma St. 0 4 000

Colorado 0 4 000

Big Ten Conference

W L Pct.

Penn St. 6 1 857

Purdue 5 2 714

Mich. St. 5 2 714

Iowa 4 3 571

Michigan 4 3 571

Wisconsin 4 3 571

Indiana 4 3 571

Illinois 3 5 375

Minnesota 2 5 286

Ohio St. 1 6 143

N.western 1 6 143

Ivy League Conference

W L Pct.

Penn 3 1 000

Harvard 3 1 750

Dartmouth 3 1 750

Princeton 2 1 500

Cornell 2 2 500

Brown 1 3 250

Yale 1 3 250

Columbia 0 4 000

Pac-10 Conference

W L Pct.

UCLA 6 1 857

California 6 2 750

Arizona 5 2 714

Wash. 5 2 714

Stanford 5 3 625

S. Cal 4 3 429

Oregon 2 5 286

Arizona St. 2 5 286

Wash. St. 1 6 143

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Southeastern Conference

W L Pct.

Kentucky 7 0 1000

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Florida 4 3 571

Vanderbilt 3 4 429

Georgia 2 5 286

Tennessee 2 5 286

Arkansas 2 5 286

Auburn 3 3 500

Miss. St. 4 3 571

Alabama 4 3 571

LSU 2 4 333

Mississippi St. 2 5 286

Southland Conference

W L Pct.

Tex. S. Antonio 6 2 750

Stephen Austin 5 3 625

McNeese St. 5 3 625

N.E. Louisiana 5 3 625

SW Texas St. 4 4 500

North Texas 4 4 500

Nicholls St. 4 4 500

Sam Houston 3 5 375

Tex.-Arlington 2 5 286

NW Louisiana 2 5 286

Western Athletic Conference

W L Pct.

Utah 8 1 889

N. Mexico 6 3 667

Colo. St. 6 3 667

Fresno St. 6 3 667

S. Diego St. 5 3 625

BYU 5 4 556

Wyoming 4 5 444

UTEP 2 7 222

Hawaii 1 7 125

Air Force 1 8 111

NFL Draft

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP)—order for the first round NFL draft to be held in New York City, subject to coin toss.

1. New York Jets

2. New York Giants

3. Arizona Cardinals

4. Cleveland Browns

5. Carolina Panthers

6. New Orleans Saints

7. New England Patriots

8. St. Louis Rams

9. Oakland Raiders

10. Atlanta Falcons

11. Miami Dolphins

12. Indianapolis Colts

13. Buffalo Bills

14. San Francisco 49ers

15. Green Bay Packers

16. Kansas City Chiefs

17. Dallas Cowboys

Transaction

By The Associated Press

BASEBALL

CINCINNATI REDS—Colman, outfielder, free agent, subject to coin toss.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Tyronne Hill, forward, injured list. Placed on injured list.

GOLF

USGA—Elected Judy for the 1996 season.

HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

HARTFORD WHALES—Mark Mullin and Jason Hynes, defensemen, from Springfield.

ST. LOUIS BLUES—Kingschier, center, from the AHL. Sent to Worcester.

AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE

ROCHESTER AMERICAN—Returned Aaron Boh.

to Columbus of the EHL.

INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

KANSAS CITY BLADES—Alex Cherebin, right wing, from the EHL.

EAST COAST HOCKEY LEAGUE

JACKSONVILLE LIZARDS—Activated Kimbi Davis from the suspended list.

him Charlotte for cash.

NASHVILLE KNIGHTS—Shane Calder, forward, RALEIGH ICECAPS.

Adams, forward, to the COLLEGE HOCKEY LEAGUE.

EASTERN MICHIGAN—Tony Martin, men's ice hockey coach.

McNEESE STATE—McNeese golf coach.

CBA

By The Associated Press

AMERICAN COUNTRY MUSIC ASSOCIATION

Grand Rapids 22 10

Shreveport 8 22

Fort Wayne 9 22

Midwest City 21 10

Rockford 20 11

Chicago 15 11

NATIONAL COUNTRY MUSIC ASSOCIATION

Southern D

Florida 21 10

Oklahoma City 22 10

Shreveport 8 22

Northern D

Sioux Falls 17 11

Omaha 16 11

Yakima 13 11

Sunday's

No games scheduled.

Monday's

Florida at Chicago

Grand Rapids at Chicago

Pierce leads Kansas to win over Nebraska

The Associated Press

TOP 25

LINCOLN, Neb. — Paul Pierce scored 25 points and No. 3 Kansas used a 22-6 run early in the second half Sunday to blow open a close game and beat Nebraska 88-73 for coach Roy Williams' 200th career victory.

Kansas held a 36-35 halftime lead, but three consecutive 3-pointers to open the second half sparked the decisive run. Two free throws by Jacques Vaughn gave Kansas its largest lead, 61-43, with 12 minutes remaining in the game.

Kansas (16-1, 4-0 Big Eight) forced Nebraska into 22 turnovers and outscored the Huskers (15-5, 3-2) 42-33, including a 20-9 margin on the offensive boards.

No. 4 Connecticut 76, Virginia 46.

HARTFORD, Conn. — Ray Allen scored 24 points and keyed a 17-0 run in the first half as No. 4 Connecticut beat Virginia 76-46 on Sunday and extended its winning streak to a school-record 18 games.

Allen, who couldn't seem to shake a pesky Curtis Staples in the first seven minutes, finally got going with a 3-pointer and had 18 points before halftime.

The Huskies (19-1) held the Cavaliers (7-9) to 7-for-27 shooting from the field in the first half and led 39-18 at the break. Virginia's leading scorer, Harold Deane, didn't hit from the field until five minutes into the second half.

Rashamel Jones added 12 points and Rudy Johnson had 11 for the Huskies, who held the Cavaliers to their lowest point total this season, two less than the 48 they scored against Vanderbilt.

Courtney Alexander finished with 10 points for Virginia, which dropped its fourth straight game and the sixth of its last eight.

UConn, meanwhile, broke the

school record for consecutive wins, set over two seasons. That streak started with three games in the 1952-53 season and extended over the first 14 of the following season.

No. 17 Iowa 70, No. 18 Michigan 61.

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Andre Woolridge matched his career high with 28 points and Kenyon Murray added 14, leading No. 22 Iowa to a 70-61 victory over No. 16 Michigan Sunday.

Jess Settles finished with 12 points and nine assists for Iowa (15-4 overall, 4-3 Big Ten), which remained unbeaten at home.

Maurice Taylor scored 17 points, grabbed 14 rebounds and blocked five shots for Michigan. Louis Bullock added 15 points and Albert White 13 for the Wolverines (14-6, 4-3), who had won seven of the previous nine games against Iowa.

Iowa led 39-30 at halftime and opened the second half with a 13-6 run that featured eight straight points by Woolridge to grab a 52-36 lead with 12:41 remaining.

No. 5 Cincinnati 85, USC 53.

CINCINNATI — Art Long emerged from a month-long slump Sunday and brought No. 5 Cincinnati along with him.

Long ended his seven-game shooting slump by scoring 15 points and leading a devastating first-half run that carried the Bearcats to an 85-53 victory over road-weary Southern California.

Cincinnati (14-1) opened the game with a 12-3 run and never struggled against the Trojans (10-9), who have been blown out in their last two games. The Trojans have played seven ranked opponents in their last 12 games, all but one of them on the road, and have been at home for only two of their last 12 games overall.

Long also had three blocks in the game's first five minutes, rattling the Trojans, who hit only one of their first 15 shots.

Becker looking for Grand Slam year

By Steve Wilstein

AP Tennis Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia — As farfetched as it may have seemed a few years ago, and as much of a longshot as it may be even now, Boris Becker truly believes he has a chance at a Grand Slam this year.

He is the only man who can do it after winning the first major of the year, the Australian Open, beating Michael Chang 6-2, 6-4, 2-6, 6-2 in the final Sunday.

Up next are the French Open, Wimbledon and the U.S. Open. "It's a dream of mine," he said. "It depends on many things. At the French, you need a good draw, you need good weather, you need certain things which happen your way. I'm going to chase it."

Monica Seles, the women's champion, might have a better chance of achieving a sweep of the four majors that has been accomplished only twice in the Open era — by Rod Laver in 1969 and by Steffi Graf in 1988.

Seles doesn't want to think that far ahead, but Becker doesn't mind fantasizing a bit. "I do know that I'm able to play great in Grand Slams again," he said after winning his first major in five years. "I proved it last year, and I've proved it now. So the confidence level is so much higher going into the French this year than it has been for the last couple of years."

The French, the only major Becker hasn't won, figures to be the hardest for him. A serve-and-volleyer, he'll have to play patiently through long rallies to win on the slow red clay of Roland Garros.

Becker reached the semifinals of the French in 1987, '89, and '91, but he skipped it in '92, lost in the second round the following year, skipped it again in '94, and went out in the third round last year.

At Wimbledon, Becker would be among the favorites to win for the fourth time even if it will be 11 years after the first of his three championships on the Centre Court grass. He reached the final last year for the seventh time, losing to Pete Sampras, and went to the semis the two previous years.

Becker reached the U.S. Open

semifinals last year, his best finish there since the semis in 1990. He won the U.S. Open in 1989.

Just a few years ago, Becker's career seemed to be in decline. He looked lost on court, raging at himself, and he struggled with leg injuries. He changed managers and coaches, wondered if critics were right in saying he'd never again win a major title.

"I changed my life completely, with one goal of trying to get back to that top level," Becker said. "And, luckily, I found a wife who supported it very much."

Becker met his wife, Barbara, in the middle of his slide down the rankings from the No. 1 spot he held briefly after winning the 1991 Australian Open. They married in December 1993, and had a son, Noah, a month later.

"She always said, 'Please, do it one more time for me because I have never seen you as a Grand Slam winner,'" Becker said with a smile. "I told her, 'I'm trying my heart out. It's not that easy.' It doesn't get easier. But to be able to pull it through in Frankfurt (at the ATP Championship two months ago) was already a big stepping stone. I knew that after having that fire back, that I still have it in me."

"I always said that, that I have at least one more Grand Slam in me, if I put in the work, if I put in the time, if I have the right people with me."

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Atlantic Coast Conference	W	L	Pct.
N. Carolina	6	1	85.7
Georgia Tech	6	1	85.7
W. Forest	5	2	71.4
Clemson	3	4	42.9
Duke	3	4	42.9
Maryland	2	5	28.6
N.C. State	2	5	28.6
Florida St.	2	5	28.6
Virginia	2	5	28.6

Big East Conference	W	L	Pct.
Connecticut	9	0	100.0
Villanova	7	2	77.8
Boston College	5	3	62.5
West Virginia	3	5	37.5
St. John's	2	5	28.6
Notre Dame	1	6	14.3

Big Eight Conference	W	L	Pct.
Kansas	4	0	100.0
Iowa St.	4	0	100.0
Kansas St.	4	0	100.0
Nebraska	3	2	60.0
Missouri	3	2	60.0
Oklahoma	2	4	33.3
Ola St.	0	4	0.0
Colorado	0	4	0.0

Big Ten Conference	W	L	Pct.
Penn St.	6	1	85.7
Purdue	5	2	71.4
Mich. St.	5	2	71.4
Iowa	4	3	57.1
Michigan	4	3	57.1
Wisconsin	4	3	57.1
Indiana	4	3	57.1
Illinois	3	4	42.9
Minnesota	2	5	28.6
Ohio St.	1	6	14.3
N. western	1	6	14.3

Ivy League	W	L	Pct.
Penn	3	0	100.0
Harvard	3	0	100.0
Dartmouth	3	0	100.0
Princeton	2	1	66.7
Cornell	2	1	66.7
Brown	1	2	33.3
Yale	1	2	33.3
Columbia	0	3	0.0

Pacific-10 Conference	W	L	Pct.
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California	6	1	85.7
Stanford	5	2	71.4
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Washington St.	2	5	28.6
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Southeastern Conference	W	L	Pct.
Kentucky	7	0	100.0
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Georgia	2	5	28.6
Tennessee	2	5	28.6

Southland Conference	W	L	Pct.
Arkansas	4	2	66.7
Auburn	3	3	50.0
Miss. St.	4	2	66.7
Alabama	4	2	66.7
LSU	2	4	33.3
Mississippi St.	2	4	33.3

Western Athletic Conference	W	L	Pct.
Utah	8	1	88.9
N. Mexico	6	3	66.7
Idaho	6	3	66.7
Montana	5	4	55.6
Wyoming	4	4	50.0
UTEP	2	7	22.2
Hawaii	1	7	12.5
Air Force	1	8	11.1

NFL Draft	W	L	Pct.
Tex. St. Antonio	2	7	25.0
Stephen Austin	3	6	33.3
McNeese St.	5	3	62.5
NE Louisiana	5	3	62.5
SW Texas St.	4	5	44.4
North Texas	4	5	44.4
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Super Bowl XXX

Game Statistics

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Can it

Recycling centers already inundated with beverage and food cans may need to make room for more. The Freedonia Group, an industrial research firm, says U.S. demand for metal cans will expand 1.8 percent a year through 2000. Sales of non-alcoholic beverages, such as fruit and vegetable juice, are expected to grow along with the health consciousness of the aging Baby Boomers. The alcoholic beverage market won't help can makers much, as beer sales will remain flat and new brands — especially local microbrews — are introduced in glass bottles, Freedonia said. And metal can makers will have increasing competition from plastic containers in the coming years.

Assembly required

Editors at Home Office Computing magazine decided to see how easy it is to put together assemble-it-yourself computer desks and found that, sometimes, it's tough. Of four models tried, the simplest, by Rubbermaid, could be snapped together in 30 minutes. The drawback: The desk is small and has no drawers. The toughest one, made by a company called O'Sullivan, took nearly three hours and five people to figure out and construct because it had 69 parts and 11 kinds of screws. In between those models were a desk by IKEA, which took a little more than two hours to assemble, and a desk by Anthro, which easily came together in an hour.

At the house

People love working at home, finds a survey made for AT&T. The survey queried 1,005 home-based business owners, and found that 80 percent feel more productive working at home. Many also reported some interesting side benefits. Sixty-one percent said they believe they're sick less often than people who work in traditional offices. One-third of the respondents said their dry cleaning and laundry bills are down. Working at home is comfy, too — 79 percent said they wear casual clothes.

Goofy deductions

Depending on what business you're in, your income tax return could list some strange-sounding stuff as deductions. Triple Check Income Tax Service, a tax preparation firm, says you can deduct a portable toilet if you do construction work for a living. Day care providers probably can deduct the sand they put into sandboxes. If you're in law enforcement, you might be able to deduct the karate lessons you took or the payments to the informants you used.

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Diversification is mutual fund's ace in the hole

By Chet Currier
AP Business Writer



OF MUTUAL INTEREST

NEW YORK — If and when mutual funds come to the day of reckoning many skeptics have so long predicted, they will almost surely stand or fall on the strength of a single investment virtue — diversification.

As long as the funds and their shareholders collectively practice diversification the way it is supposed to be done, it should serve as a strong shock absorber against bear markets, recession, inflation or any other of the known financial perils.

It won't shield investors completely from losses. But it should prevent the boom in funds from giving way to a bust, as has happened in the past.

From the days of the first mutual funds

in this country more than 70 years ago, diversification has been the foundation on which the whole system was built.

When you bought shares of a fund, you acquired an interest in a portfolio of different investments, providing a measure of security against risk that no single direct investment could give.

One troubled stock or bond might lose 50 percent of its market value. But if that security represented just 2 percent of a diversified fund portfolio, then the fund would take only a 1 percent hit.

The trouble is, diversification, like a lot of other cardinal virtues, isn't always observed by the book. In good times particularly it can be hard to stay with a full commitment to diversification when bigger risk-takers are making fortunes by

focusing on hot spots like, say, technology stocks.

Before the current boom, "there have been two other major investment company manias — and both ended in disaster," recalls Raymond F. DeVoe Jr., an analyst at the Wall Street firm of Legg Mason Wood Walker Inc.

But both those surges of activity, in the 1920s and 1960s, were concentrated in stock market speculation. The modern-day fund industry is broadly diversified across three types of investments with very different characteristics — stocks, bonds, and money market securities.

Among the funds' total assets of \$2.78 trillion, at last tally by the Investment

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Where to get help

If a bill collector violates federal law, consumers can contact the Federal Trade Commission in Washington or any one of its 10 regional offices, along with the state attorney general or other state or local offices that regulate collection agencies.

The Better Business Bureau, which has local branches across the country, also investigates complaints.

Hounded by debt collectors?

Bad debt is big business — and springtime is boomtime for creditors

By Vivian Marino
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Rising consumer debt is creating some concern among lenders, economists and lawmakers, but at least one group quietly cheers the borrowing binge: the nation's 6,300 bill collectors.

Collection agencies say business is booming as more creditors report an increase in late payments and loan write-offs, and they're preparing for a busy spring and summer when overdue accounts from the holidays are passed on.

"We expect to have plenty of work to do," said Tom Haag, who runs State Collection Service, a Madison, Wis., collection agency. "If debt is on the increase ... bad debt will increase as well."

Consumer indebtedness has been climbing steadily in recent years and is now over the \$1 trillion mark.

While most individuals pay their bills in a timely manner, at some point in their lives they may become financially overburdened. A job loss, medical problem, divorce, or poor money management caused by overspending can easily push anyone over the edge and onto a collection agency hit list.

Of course, it's best to work with a creditor before an account reaches this stage — at the very least to avoid a damaged credit rating. And understanding your rights and responsibilities under the law can make encounters with collectors less intimidating.

"Many people don't even know they have rights," said Benjamin F. Dover, author of "Back Off! the Definitive Guide to Stopping Collection Agency Harassment."

"This is an industry that preys on the embarrassment and the ignorance of the American consumer."

The Fair Debt Collection Practices Act is aimed at protecting the consumer by outlawing unfair collection practices by third parties, including harassment and any misrepresentation by collection agencies. (Several states also have fair debt collection laws that apply to both original and third-party collection agencies.)

Collectors, for instance, cannot call you before 8

a.m. or after 9 p.m., cannot use abusive language; cannot tell others about your debt, even family members; and cannot collect more than you owe.

Targeted individuals can get debt collectors to stop dunning them with letters and phone calls by simply writing them to cease all communication.

"That can give people a breather," said Robin Leonard, a Berkeley, Calif., attorney and author of "Money Troubles."

The debts won't go away and the creditors that hired the collection agency can still take legal action. "But at least you've given yourself some time to think and plan," she said.

Haag, who is also president of the American Collectors Association, says most collectors abide by the federal collections act. He said the trade association has a strict code of ethics and tries to educate its 3,700 members about the law through regular classes and seminars.

"The problem is that even an occasional bad apple does damage the reputation of the industry," Haag said. "There are bad apples in most every industry."

But critics say this industry has more than most.

"There are many debt collectors who are very conscientious and follow the strict letter of the law, but there are many, many, many debt collectors who try to get away with a lot more than the law allows and some who just simply blatantly violate it without caring," Leonard said.

"They don't have a lot of incentive necessarily not to break the law. There are so many little collection agencies that come and go. Their employees work on quotas. They're not highly paid and not overly educated and the turnover is high."

To be sure, the Better Business Bureau says debt collection agencies rank among the top 20 in terms of consumer complaints by industry.

The Federal Trade Commission, the main government agency that polices violations of the law, reported to Congress several months ago that it continues to investigate many consumer com-

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Fair Debt Collection Practices Act

By The Associated Press

The Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, which became law in 1977, is designed to protect consumers from unfair collection practices. Some key provisions of the law:

✓ A debt collector may contact you in person or by mail, telephone or telegram, but not at inconvenient times or places. That means before 8 a.m. and after 9 p.m. or on the job if you ask him or her not to do so.

✓ Family members, friends or acquaintances can be contacted to help locate you, but the collector cannot discuss details of your indebtedness with them.

✓ If the debt collector knows you have a lawyer, he or she must contact the lawyer, not you.

✓ Debt collectors are forbidden from using harassing or abusive tactics, such as: obscene language; false statements about who they are; threats to make public your name as a deadbeat or to use force against you; and sending documents that look like official court or government documents.

✓ It is illegal for a debt collector to collect more than what is owed or to deposit postdated checks without notifying you in advance.

✓ Within five days of contacting you, a debt collector must send a written notice that includes information about your debt, the creditor involved and the fact that you have 30 days to dispute the debt in question.

✓ A debt collection agency must stop contacting you if you ask it to do so in writing. However, the collector can subsequently tell you he or she is advising the creditor to sue you and may report your non-payment to a credit-reporting agency.

✓ The law covers only third parties, such as debt collectors, not the original creditor. However, several states have fair collection practices laws that cover both.

Stock market still a poor economic indicator

By John Cunniff
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK — Why does the stock market seem bullish on the economy when other leading indicators are near a 19-month low?

Does it perceive something in the economic future not collectively seen by the other components of the Index of Leading Economic Indicators? Is its forecast right, or is it uniquely out of touch with events?

There is a tacit assumption, widely held, that the level of stock prices is a fair indicator of the future economy's strength or weakness — that a strong market, for example, foretells a strong economy.

There are good reasons for so thinking because, it is reasoned, people aren't inclined to risk their money for no good reason at all. It is one thing to make a prediction; it is another to bet your savings on it.

And that's what millions of investors are doing, seemingly in defiance of important economic indicators that have turned bearish.

While few investors can reasonably expect stocks to perform as well as in 1995, when the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index soared 35 percent, they haven't taken their money and run. The averages remain high.

Meanwhile, the Index of Leading Economic Indicators hasn't been doing well at all, having reached a 19-month low in November after declining for seven of 10 months. Such a performance is a classical sign of a weakening economy.

It is provoking a good deal of questioning. "Are millions of stock buyers mistaken," asks economist Suzanne Rizzo? "Are the other 10 components of this index collectively off target?"

But equally difficult to ponder is the question of how

so many investors could make such a massive miscalculation. Competitive stock prices, it should be noted, are believed to embody all relevant economic information.

Some of that information may pertain to specific companies and industries, but all such information is also considered in relation to the overall economy in which these companies and industries must operate.

You are justified in thinking, therefore, that the stock market is a good indicator of the future. Not quite. It has had plenty of failures, such as failing to signal the 1990-1991 recession until it was under way.

You might contend that the stock market wasn't the only indicator that was a bit late in catching on to that recession; George Bush, the president, and Alan

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On-line services prove boon to small investors

By Yadena Arar and Dawn Yoshitake
N.Y. Times News Service

LOS ANGELES — For three years, Kevin Furr watched his retirement savings go next to nowhere in a mutual fund. Then the Navy jet navigator discovered The Motley Fool, an America Online investment club.

Within a few weeks, Furr, who'd never bought a share of stock in his life, had taken charge of his own IRA. Less than nine months later, he'd more than doubled his nest egg, learning a lot about securities markets in the process.

"Since I fired my mutual fund managers, I've done much better than they ever did," said Furr, who hooks up to AOL from his home in Coronado, Calif.

He is among a growing group of new and experienced investors who are turning to the Internet and on-line services to trade, learn and generally shmooze about stocks and other securities. Exchanging their own research and analysis about issues such as Iomega Corp. — the top-performing over-the-counter stock of 1995 —

these proverbial "little guys" are acquiring genuine market muscle in a quiet revolution that is attracting attention of the financial community, publicly held companies and regulators.

Furr and others discovered Iomega, a struggling company that developed low-cost, easy-to-use computer data storage hardware, months before Wall Street took notice.

They posted more than 14,000 messages, catching the stock at \$7 and riding it up at one point past \$53. Investors pored over balance sheets, took apart Iomega's memory drives to examine the innards and prowled their local computer stores to check on sales. Together they produced research richer than any report from a brokerage analyst.

Iomega is a dramatic example of how small investors can work together. But however they exploit the resources available in cyberspace, it's clear that more of them are going on line.

The National Association of Investors Corp., a Michigan-based organization for individual investors, found 20 percent of its 360,000 members used a computer to

track their investments last year, chief executive Ken Janke said.

Although figures were not available on how many of those investors used the Internet or commercial on-line services, Janke said the number was significant and growing.

"The Internet has revolutionized the ease and speed of getting information," Janke said. "Our members are now able to download information much quicker than in the past. Before, they'd have to photocopy Value Line (a weekly publication featuring reports about various companies and stocks) at the library, or call a broker."

Personal finance is a major draw for all the commercial on-line services. America Online, which is adding 60,000 subscribers a month, said The Motley Fool is one of its top 10 sites.

Charles Epstein, moderator of Prodigy's Money Talk forum, said as many as 35,000 subscribers check in each month.

"It's a truly democratic new medium for investing," said Epstein, whose bimonthly newsletter, Investing Online, reports on news and trends in the field.

"More people are being exposed to higher levels of financial information than ever before. You can get institutional-quality information — the key is how to use it."

Furr first heard of Iomega a year ago in Barron's. The Roy, Utah-based computer peripherals manufacturer was introducing its \$199 Zip Drive — a device that records up to 100 megabytes of information on removable discs only slightly bigger than conventional floppies.

But shortly thereafter, he ran across the very first message board entries about the company on The Motley Fool, which in addition to the advice and daily newsletter of authors Thomas and David Gardner has folders for stocks that members want to discuss.

Furr liked what he read about the Zip Drive's potential as a data storage device and the early indications of the huge market for such a product. "I clearly remember reading that it was back-ordered 30,000 units before it was introduced," he said.

Furr not only bought about 150 shares at \$7 a share, he became a regular contributor to the Iomega message board. He had plenty of company. Soon the first Iomega folder had reached its capacity of about 500 messages and a new one was started. By mid-January, the Motley Fool was into its 32nd Iomega folder, and the stock price was hovering in the mid-\$40 range.

A look at some of the Iomega folders still available on The Motley Fool — there's a "graveyard" containing folders dating back to September — gives the impression of a noisy, contentious but lively and, for the most part, bullish bunch.

Content ranges from questions by newcomers to expert analysis to speculation to market research from contributors scattered all over the country. "These guys were putting together the most sophisticated analysis of the company I'd ever seen," said Jeff Wiener, a Los Angeles entertainment industry analyst who stumbled onto the Iomega boards in May.

Based on what he read, Wiener not only bought Iomega for himself but recommended the stock to friends who bought in at about 14 1/2.

In modern economy, barter still big

By Chet Currier
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — A practice older than the history of money seems to be enjoying a renaissance in 1990s America.

It's barter — the exchange of products and services between businesses or individuals without any money, or at least any official U.S. currency, changing hands.

Barter "exchanges," marketplaces to promote formal transactions of this type, have sprung up in many parts of the country. The National Trade Association, an organization in the Chicago area, said it had a record \$30 million in barter business in 1994.

A different type of system in the college town of Ithaca, N.Y., promotes exchanges through a kind of alternative currency known as "Ithaca Hours." The multicolored scrip, which derives value based on hours worked, has been around for a few years and has attracted national attention.

Bartering also plays an unknown but indisputably enormous part in the so-called "underground economy" of economic activity that never gets reported to tax and other government authorities.

If, say, a building contractor and a physician agree to provide each other with off-hours services free of charge, they may like the idea that they can pursue these

activities with no written records or money changing hands.

Bartering has a great deal of legitimate appeal. It flourishes at flea markets, in newspaper and magazine classified advertising pages, on the Internet and anywhere else that people come in contact with each other.

It can encourage the movement of products and services at times and places where cash is short, or demand from traditional cash-paying buyers is lacking.

But anyone who is attracted to bartering should be aware that, in the eyes of the Internal Revenue Service, it is not a legal way to avoid paying taxes. The rules say that you must report the full cash value of all proceeds from barter as income on your tax return each year.

If a doctor provides \$1,000 worth of treatment to a construction contractor in return for \$1,000 worth of repairs to his home, each is required to report \$1,000 in earnings, subject to all income taxes, Social Security tax, and so forth.

Formal bartering exchanges, in fact, must report the value of all transactions to the IRS using a document designed for that purpose, Form 1099-B.

In informal bartering, it may appear easy to "overlook" barter income at tax time. But keep in mind that you can be criminally prosecuted, as well as assessed

penalties and interest, for failing to report income on your tax returns, with no statute-of-limitations protection.

"When an exchange is made directly and simultaneously, income is recognized in the tax year the exchange takes place," notes CCH Inc., a New York publisher of tax information, in a current bulletin to tax advisers and preparers.

In cases of barter involving receipts or credit units that can be used in subsequent transactions, says CCH, "income is recognized by a cash-basis taxpayer in the tax year the trade units are received, even if the taxpayer does not spend the trade units until the following tax year."

Whatever form money takes — cash, balances in a bank account or financial assets like stocks and bonds — its basic purpose is to serve as a system of trade units. A dollar, after all, is merely a piece of paper that acts as a transferable receipt for items of value.

Money adds economic value by making trade possible that couldn't or wouldn't be done by barter alone, and thus encouraging the production of goods and services to buy and sell with money. Barter, to return the favor, adds economic value by making trade possible that couldn't or wouldn't be done using money.

DEBT: Collection figures rise annually

(From 4C)

plaints of abuses by collectors, including: obscene language, racial and ethnic slurs; harassing phone calls at work; and false threats for nonpayment.

Dover, down on his luck and the target of a collection agency during the '80s, said he has experienced some of these abuses firsthand.

"I was told by a collector for a major credit card company that I was going to be indicted for fraud and do time in jail," he said. "At one point the debt collector told me I was worth more dead than alive."

In researching his book, he says, he has encountered other horror stories: The young woman who was told to become a prostitute to pay off her debts; the immigrant who was threatened with deportation; the elderly man who was urged to sell his glass eye.

Leonard recommends debtors first try to work out a repayment plan with the creditors before dealing with collectors.

"They're much more amenable to negotiation than a collector... who keeps a share of what is collected," she said. "Creditors have greater incen-

tive to work with you — first, because they want to get paid, but also because they see you as a potential customer again."

Leonard warns, though, that not all creditors would be willing to put aside their business arrangements with a collection agency.

"Some will negotiate a repayment plan with you and then have the agency take the money; others may have you make two or three payments (to the agency) then take the debt back," she said.

A few creditors, particularly larger ones, try to bypass collection agencies altogether.

Some bank executives, for instance, say they'll wait until an account is around six to nine months delinquent before charging it off and turning it over to an agency. In-house collectors may first try to negotiate a lower interest rate, lower the minimum payment or even waive interest for a time in certain circumstances.

Craig J. Costanzo, chairman of Management Adjustment Bureau Inc., a Buffalo, N.Y., collection agency, says reputable agencies will try to do the same on behalf of the creditors.

"I know this sounds corny, but

I almost approach this business as being a social worker," he said. "We're here to help the debtor resolve the problem; if we don't, someone else will be on the job."

The trend continues for large credit grantors to outsource more work, especially as they go through downsizings and layoffs, Costanzo said. "And there are more bad debts," he added.

Haag agreed. "Typically, each year our figures go up."

In 1994, the most recent year for which data are available, 290 million accounts totaling \$84 billion were handed over to collection agencies, up from the previous year when there were 226 million accounts worth \$79 billion, according to the ACA.

In 1992 there were 227 million accounts totaling \$75 billion.

Among the biggest areas for debt collection: bounced checks, credit cards and late payments for medical care, according to the ACA.

The average recovery rate for collectors is around 18.5 cents on the dollar. Of that, debt collectors keep between 25 percent and 35 percent.

FUNDS: Diversified holdings built to withstand shocks

(From 4C)

Company Institute, \$1.24 trillion was invested in stocks; \$790 billion in bonds, and \$750 billion in the money markets.

The stock proportion has been rising of late. But it still accounts for less than half the funds' assets.

If a bear market strikes stocks because the economy gets too weak, high-quality bond funds should thrive. If stocks fall because the economy is too strong, yields on money funds can reasonably be expected to increase.

Frazier Evans, chief economist at the Colonial Mutual Funds in Boston, says stocks and bonds, for all their ups and downs, have declined together in only five of

the last 70 years.

Even if rising interest rates send both into a tailspin, the losses will be cushioned by higher money-fund yields — at least for those investors who are diversified in money funds as well as stock and bond funds.

Individual fund investors get a measure of diversification from any broadly organized fund (not nearly so much with the specialized ones, such as sector stock funds) they own. On top of that, they can custom-design their own portfolios to whatever degree of diversification they desire by mixing and matching several funds of different types.

If they want further protection, they can buy a precious metals fund, or a real estate fund, or a

money fund that buys nothing but ultrasafe Treasury bills. They can do all this without leaving the fund industry.

The funds and all their investors who stay reasonably diversified are set up to withstand some pretty severe shocks that originate in the markets — in contrast to the 1960s, when go-go funds placing high-risk bets in the stock market were just about the whole story.

So, logically, if the current fund boom is going to collapse the way the one in the '60s did, the problem will have to come from some source other than a shift in market conditions. Either that, or the funds and their clientele will have to stray too far away from the precept of diversification.

STOCKS: Mutual, pension fund growth worthy of exploring

(From 4C)

Greenspan, the Federal Reserve chairman, didn't do much better.

But in a commentary for HSBC Securities, Ms. Rizzo recalls with devastating effect that the S&P 500 predicted 10 recession in the past 34 years, only two of which actually occurred. That undermines the S&P 500 as a forecast.

It does not, however, totally eliminate the stock market from consideration as an indicator. The S&P 500 is weighted toward the stable companies, and thus might not be representative of the entire market.

Perhaps, Ms. Rizzo states, we might consider smaller company stocks as economic indicators,

the logic being that smaller, younger concerns generally find it more difficult than big concerns to weather bad economic times.

The idea seems to have merit, since small company stock prices, as measured by the Russell 2000 index, deteriorated sharply relative to those of larger companies before the last recession. The index rose strongly last year, but has turned lower in 1996.

But if this concept is to be considered, it would seem also that another factor should be considered, that being the explosive growth of mutual and pension funds and the enormous flow of funds into their coffers.

They have to put those funds somewhere, and so long as interest rates remain low and relatively less attractive as invest-

ments those funds have become pillars under the stock market.

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Tech escapes with win over Texas

By Jean Pagel
Associated Press Writer

SWC Men

LUBBOCK — With half a second to go, Brandy Perryman lobbed a long 3-pointer that brought Texas to within 79-78 of upsetting No. 22 Texas Tech. But the Red Raiders held on Sunday and took a two-game lead in the SWC.

"We are a long way from being where we want to be, but we have done a good job of winning at home," said Tech coach James Dickey, whose team won its 26th straight at home.

"I'd rather play bad and win any day, whether it is on the playground or on the basketball floor," Dickey said. Jason Sasser made 20 points and 12 rebounds for Tech. Tony Battie and Koy Smith added 12 points each while Jason Martin made 10 assists.

Sonny Alvarado scored 13 points for Texas, and Dennis Jordan added 11. Texas outrebounded Tech, 49-40, but made only 31-of-76 from the field and committed 23 fouls. The Red Raiders went to the free throw line for 26 of their points.

It was the first meeting between the teams since Texas (11-5, 4-2) won in double overtime 107-104 in the SWC tournament finals last spring. The Red

Raiders (16-1, 6-0) are off to a school-best start.

Cory Carr scored 18 points for Tech, including a key free throw with 6.5 seconds remaining.

Carr missed the front half of a two-shot foul, but his second shot gave the Red Raiders a 79-75 lead, so that Perryman's 3-pointer cut the final margin.

"There were some plays that could have gone either way, but that is a typical UT-Tech game," said Texas coach Tom Penders. "We weren't executing early on."

Tech led most of the way, but fell behind 40-38 on Reggie Freeman's jumper just after the half.

Jordan scores 31, streak at 15

By Mike Nadel
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO BULLS

Suns ... 82
Bulls ... 93

CHICAGO — Michael Jordan can be on a roll or in a rare slump. Scottie Pippen can be in control or unusually out of sorts. Dennis Rodman can be pulling down rebounds or nursing injuries.

None of that seems to matter for the Chicago Bulls, who simply keep winning and winning.

Jordan scored 31 points, Scottie Pippen added 21 and Rodman had 20 rebounds Sunday as the Bulls beat the Phoenix Suns 93-82, reaching the midway point of the season as one of the best teams in NBA history.

"We know we're doing something special," coach Phil Jackson said after the Bulls set a franchise record with their 15th consecutive victory.

Said Pippen: "It's gone fast. Forty-one games ... we must be having some fun. It's going smooth and easy. It's been a good season so far. It can be a great one."

In league history, only the 1971-72 Lakers matched the Bulls' 38-3 start. Los Angeles went on to win an NBA-record 69 games.

The Bulls resume pursuit of the 70-victory mark Tuesday, when they begin a six-game road trip at Houston. In 1991-92, they were 36-5 at midseason before a losing trip ruined their bid to break the Lakers' record. Earlier this season, Chicago went 6-1 on a similar Texas and West Coast swing.

"It's special already," Jordan said, "but we have to go out and play the remaining 41 games with the same attitude."

Charles Barkley had 20 points and 16 rebounds for the Suns, who are 2-2 so far on a club-record eight-game road trip. Phoenix is 3-4 since Cotton Fitzsimmons replaced Paul Westphal, who was fired as coach on Jan. 16.

"It's hell to have exhibition games in midseason," Fitzsimmons said, referring to his lack of training camp as coach. "We just need to get healthy and get into the playoffs. If we're winning and playing well, (opponents) are not going to want to play the Suns."

Nobody wants to play the Bulls right now, even if they're not playing well offensively. Chicago shot only 42 percent and committed 20 turnovers Sunday, "but defense is what wins in this league," Jackson said. "Our strength is defense. Our offense comes off that."

Chicago, which broke the club record of 14 straight wins set in 1991-92, also stretched its team-record home winning streak to 29. It hasn't lost at the United Center since last March 24, Jordan's first home game after coming out of retirement.



Chicago's Michael Jordan goes up for a dunk and two of his game-high 31 points as the Bulls won their 15th straight game, 93-82 over Phoenix Sunday.

Barkley said Chicago's championship teams of 1991, 1992 and 1993 — the latter defeating the Suns for the title — were better than these Bulls. "They're good, but that's it," Barkley said. "Michael Jordan is a very good player now, but he will never capture what he was a few years ago."

"Who cares what Charles thinks?" Pippen said. "We're just going to keep on rolling."

Asked to rate his first half of the season on a scale of 1-to-10, Pippen smiled and said: "Thirteen." And Jordan? "He's about a 15," Pippen said.

Sunday's game was close throughout, but the Bulls pulled ahead to stay by scoring the final three points of the third quarter and first six of the fourth. Pippen had the first five points in the run.

Otherwise, much of the game was a showcase for Barkley and Rodman, two of the world's most entertaining athletes.

Barkley waved off Fitzsimmons when the coach tried to send in a substitute midway through the second quarter. Barkley did leave the game for two minutes; upon returning, he yelled at Jack Haley on the Bulls' bench: "You can't even guard my wife." In the third quarter, Barkley gave Rodman a playful shove as they waited for a free-throw attempt.

With 2:11 left in the game and Phoenix trailing only 86-80, Rodman threw Hot Rod Williams to the court. But Rodman wasn't called for his sixth foul and an upset Williams was hit with a technical foul. Rodman then scored his only four points in the final 1:34 to seal the victory.

Floyd captures third Skins, \$240,000

The Associated Press

Pro Golf Roundup

KAWAIIHA, Hawaii — Ray Floyd won an unprecedented third consecutive Senior Skins title Sunday when he tapped in a 3-inch putt at the 15th hole, giving him eight skins and a two-day total of \$240,000.

Floyd, in raising his Senior Skins winnings to \$960,000 over a four-year span, trailed Jim Colbert by \$120,000 through 14 holes of the tournament at the Mauna Lani Resort's South Course.

But at the day's second par 3, a 199-yard hole over water onto a peninsula, Floyd's shot gently plopped next to the cup to set up the tap-in, which eventually gave him the title.

On the same hole, Colbert, who finished second with seven skins and \$180,000, missed extending the progressive pot by flubbing a 10-foot birdie attempt and Jack Nicklaus' birdie attempt from 11 feet slid by the cup.

At that point, \$120,000 in prize money was left on the table, leaving an



Ray Floyd throws his putter in the air after missing a potential winning shot on the second hole of the Skins Game, opening for Colbert to make a run at the title in his Senior Skins appearance, but Arnold Palmer prevented

that at the 411-yard, 17th by winning his first two skins, worth \$80,000, with a 6-foot putt.

Nicklaus, who won the event in 1991 and picked up \$120,000 last year, failed to win any skins in regulation, but picked up the final \$40,000 skin on the second extra hole. The extra holes were required because no one won the \$40,000 on the last hole.

Colbert got things started when he birdied the 10th hole — the day's first in the two-day 18-hole event — to pocket \$180,000, \$150,000 of which was a carryover from Saturday's round. At the 535-yard hole, he chipped within seven feet and made his shot to pick up seven skins.

Palmer had a chance to win or halve the hole, but his eagle attempt from just inside the green slid right, then missed a 6-footer.

Johanne Walker Classic SINGAPORE — Ian Woosnam, who almost retired from golf because of a bad back last year, started the new European season by winning the Johanne Walker Classic in a playoff with Scotsman Andrew Coltart.

British Open champion John Daly finished at 280, and Australia's Greg Norman was at 286.

Stars deal Gagner to Maple Leafs for vets Hogue, Wood

The Associated Press

Stars

TORONTO — The Toronto Maple Leafs acquired center Dave Gagner from the Dallas Stars on Sunday for center Benoit Hogue and left wing Randy Wood.

The Maple Leafs also get the Stars' sixth-round selection in either the 1996 or 1997 entry draft.

Gagner, 31, had 14 goals and 13 assists in 45 games with Dallas this season. In 689 career games, he has 250 goals and 303 assists and is fifth on the franchise's career scoring list.

Hogue, 29, had 12 goals and 25 assists in 44 games with the Maple Leafs this season after they acquired

him last season in a trade with the New York Islanders. In 510 career games, he has 165 goals and 219 assists.

Wood, 32, had seven goals and nine assists in 46 games this season and has 168 goals and 150 assists in 646 career games with the Islanders, Buffalo and Toronto.

It was the second significant trade by Toronto in six days. Last Tuesday, they got forward Kirk Muller and goalie Don Beaupre in a three-team, seven-player deal involving the Ottawa Senators and the Islanders. Toronto gave up backup goalie Damien Rhodes to Ottawa and minor-league forward Ken Rehaner to the

Islanders in that deal.

"I don't think I'm doing anything any differently than any general manager in the league who is trying to improve his team," Fletcher said. "The timing was right. Hopefully, this trade will make us better down the road."

"Hogue wasn't expecting the deal."

"I'm surprised, shocked," he said. "I didn't expect this. I had the feeling the Leafs were going to make some more moves but I didn't think I'd be involved. I guess they feel it's a good move for the team but I'm surprised to be leaving Toronto. It seems as if I wasn't here that long. It's sad to leave."

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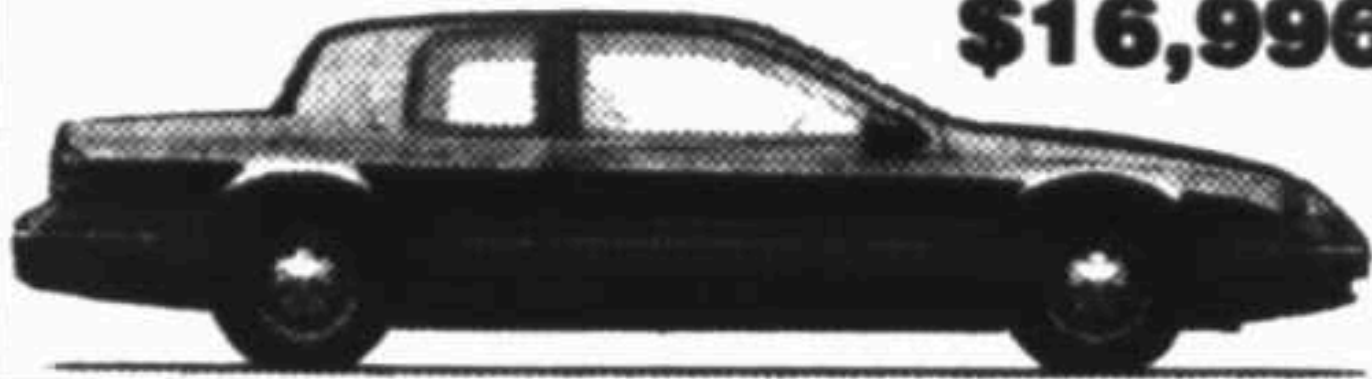
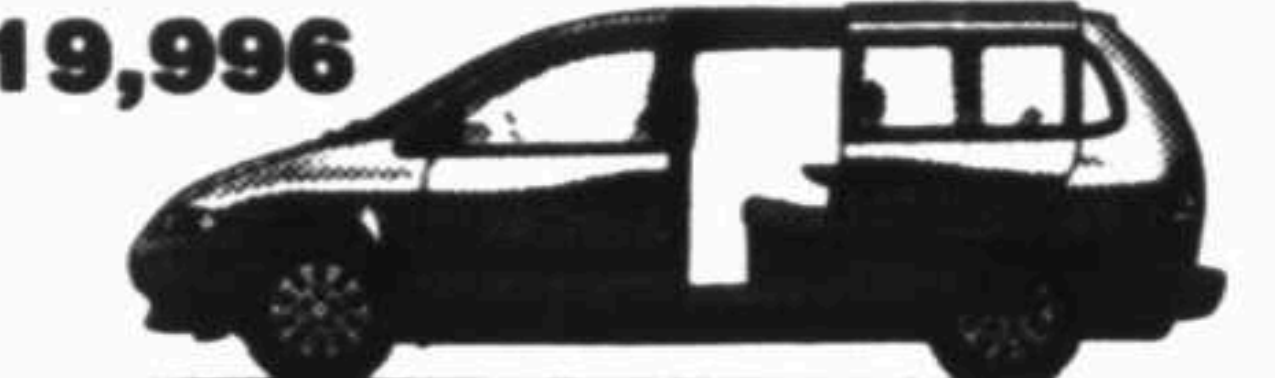
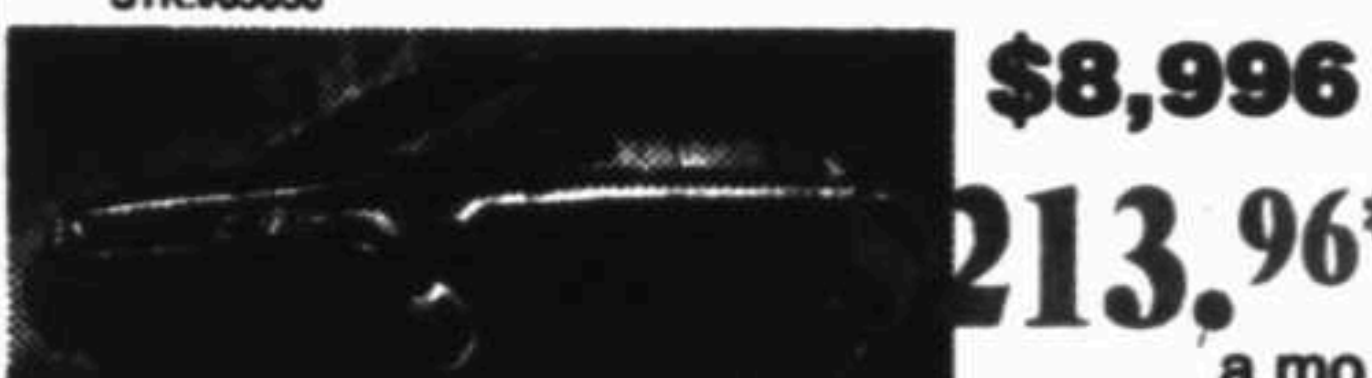
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SALE OF 1/8 OF 1% OF 8/8 O.R.R.I. in the north Bob West Field, Zapata County, Texas. Maria Ramirez Lease. To date has two wells producing with third being drilled. Projected a total development program of 8 wells. Send replies to: P.O. Box 2454, Midland, TX 79702.

655 Manufactured Homes

REPO's and Used Mobile Homes Prices starting at \$995! Only 6 left to choose

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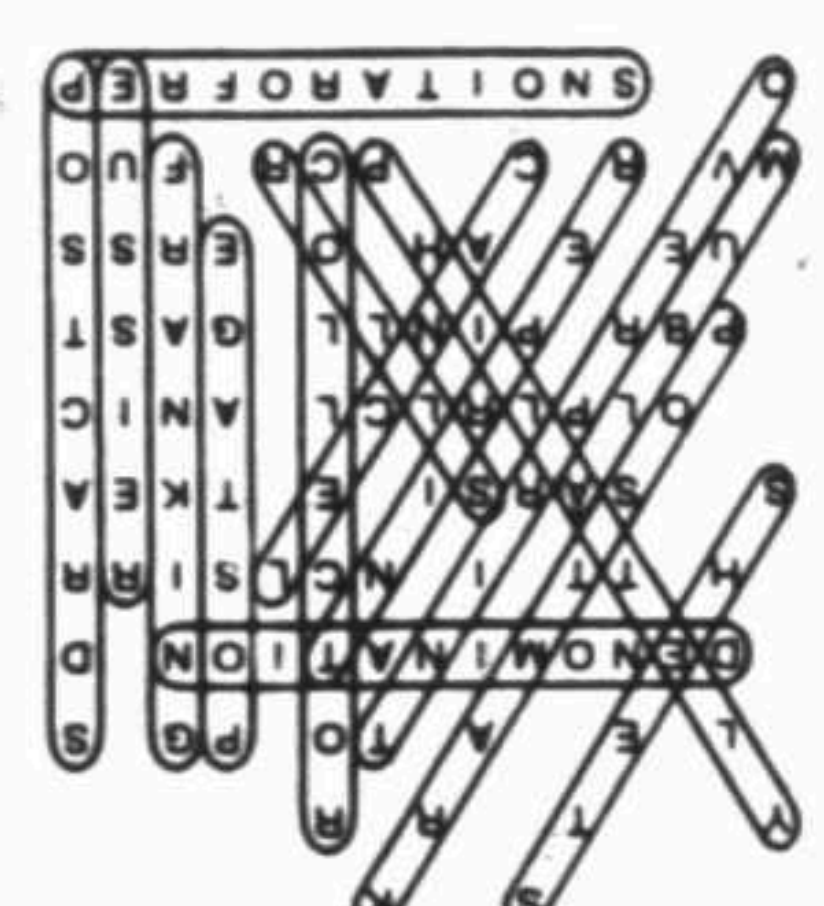
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TOWNHOUSE for sale. 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath. Beautiful property. 15 units. Asking price \$45,000. To be shown by appointment only. 689-9981, leave message.

TOWNHOUSE- 4 bedroom, 5 1/2 bath, 1 living area, split level, pool. 2700 N. Garfield. \$195,000. For appointment 684-5567 Ext. 300, Monday-Friday, 8-5. 682-9261 weekends and evenings.

730 Suburban Property

GREENWOOD New Listing: Prime area, very clean, like new. 3 Bdrm, 2 ba, 2 car garage. 2.5 Acres, barn & stalls. Off County Road 1120 on County Road 105. 682-1729.

GREENWOOD- Charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1/2 acre, 7101 E. Co. Road 90. \$57,500. Call June, Aztec Realtors, 699-5949, 520-0414.

COUNTER CHARMER- by owner, Skyview Addition, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage on 1.25 acres. Many upgrades, excellent condition! \$91,500. 684-5686.

730 Suburban Property

MIDWAY Country Estates, 1788 to 40, between Midland/Odessa. Acre lots, \$3,500. 1/2 acre lots, \$2,000. Owner finance. 689-2429.

61 ACRE Grassland, suitable for homesite, 3 water wells, paved road frontage. \$75,000. 687-4157.

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60 ACRES, all pasture, frontage on FM 1208 between Stanton and Midland, excellent homesite, \$24,000 cash. 915-458-3394, best time 8-9 am.

***** SKYVIEW HOME SITES *****

1.25 acres, 2.5 acres, to 20 acres. Restricted. Terms. OJ Kniffen, 682-4878 *****

2.5 MILES south Midland, 12.78 acres, sub-divided 2+ acres. Investment or mobile. 683-5266.

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GREENWOOD- 2.25 acres with water well. Walking distance to schools. Restrictions. (915) 332-0850 or (915) 570-6559.

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4.5 ACRES with 4 water wells (100 gpm). 3 miles south Midland off Cottonland Road. \$500 down, \$205 a month. Call 685-1875.

8.0 ACRES and water well, South Midland on Midland Road. \$500 down or \$246.03/ month. 683-3690 or (915) 682-9697.

580 ACRES, 30 Miles SW Abilene, TX. Pasture, good fences, cabin, water meter, tanks, water wells, hunting. 915-678-1122, 915-682-2269.

WATER WELL, septic, pecan trees, acre. Owner finances \$500. \$300 closing, \$198 monthly. Directions, 683-1648.

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