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Holiday films

Movies scheduled for December fit for the whole family may have changed forever last December, not with a bang or a whimper but with a "Scream."/11A



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The Oilers delivered what could be the fatal blow to the Cowboys' season. Three interceptions and a fumble returned for a touchdown gave the Oilers a 27-14 win./1D

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Iraq: Invitation doesn't include U.N. inspectors

■ Iraqi foreign minister says presidential palaces won't be open to weapons monitors.

Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Defying U.N. demands for access, Iraq declared Thursday that U.N. weapons monitors were not included in its invitation opening Saddam Hussein's dozens of palaces to inspection by foreign experts.

The comments by Iraqi Foreign Minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf came a day after Iraq said it would open the palaces to visits by international observers. American and U.N. officials accuse Iraq of hiding chemical and biological weapons in the presidential palaces.

Al-Sahhaf said the invitation was meant for international experts and diplomats — not to U.N.

inspectors in the country.

"Those sovereign sites are from the very beginning completely out of Iraq's work" with the United Nations, al-Sahhaf said in a news conference carried by CNN. Asked if Iraq would allow the experts to include the U.N. inspectors, he said: "Not at all."

Access to the palaces has been at the heart of Iraq's standoff with the United Nations. In Washington, a senior White House official said inspectors "must have unconditional and unfettered access."

U.N. inspectors say such access is necessary to finish the job they started after the 1991 Persian Gulf War — overseeing the elimination of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. Iraq has refused access, calling it a question of national sovereignty.

In what was seen as a move to defuse the crisis, Iraq announced Wednesday that it would allow U.N. experts and diplomats to visit the palaces as

Please see VISIT/4A



An Iraqi man collects his child standing in the path of marching Iraqi soldiers in Baghdad, Thursday as they pass over a chalked sign reading "Down US" during a military parade.

TODAY
Partly cloudy
with high in
mid-60s.
Weather on 4A



United for prayer

Wesley Fowler of Crossville, Ala., holds up the U.S. flag amid a group police estimated at 1000 attending the United We Stand "Faith Rally" Thursday at the Rainsville, Civic Center. United We Stand is an organization of citizens trying to get prayer back into the classroom following a ruling by U.S. District Court Judge Ira Dement.

Climate disaster

WASHINGTON — Currents flowing like rivers from pole to pole and from ocean to ocean help keep the Earth's weather in a steady state, but the buildup of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere is threatening this circulation and could dump Europe into a deep freeze, a researcher says.

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Civil War discovery

WASHINGTON — The Civil War had ended and it would be another 15 years before the "Angel of the Battlefield" established the American Red Cross. In between, famed war nurse Clara Barton ran a missing soldier's operation that tracked down 22,000 men from 1865 to 1868, say federal historians who have now documented some of her work with the surprise discovery of records in a government attic.

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Story by Alice Ashmore Photos by Tim Fischer



AT TOP: Robert and Helen Weldon of Shubuta, Miss., were among the more than 100 truckers who enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner on Interstate 20. ABOVE: Katie Hubbard gets the tray from Calvin Bogart as they help prepare the trays of Thanksgiving dinner served at The Midland Soup Kitchen. AT RIGHT: Fernando Olivas tries sucking on his green beans as he and family enjoy the Midland Soup Kitchen meal.



Volunteers serve up traditional feast to truckers

Cloudy skies and blustery winds could not hinder the holiday spirit as volunteers from First Baptist Church in Midland served up free Thanksgiving dinners to weary truckers just east of Midland Thursday.

The rest stop at mile marker 142 on Interstate 20 became an impromptu drive-through restaurant for more than 100 truck drivers spending their holidays away from home.

"We want to let them know we appreciate what they do," said Dale Pond, minister of missions at First Baptist Church. "Truck drivers are a real overworked part of our society. They have a lot of problems, and we want to minister to them."

Pond said that on any given day 10,000 to 12,000 truckers pass through the Permian Basin and that the church was making an active effort to minister to their needs.

"I think this is great," said Bob Holden of the Thanksgiving dinner he was enjoying in the cab of his 18-wheeler. He said he had heard of the roadside dinners over the CB radio where he is known as "L.A. Flash."

Holden, 67, was making the haul back to Arcata, Calif. with his traveling companion, a Pomeranian dog named "Little Boz." The pup also was sharing in part of Holden's turkey dinner.

He spoke wistfully of his family celebrating Thanksgiving without him in California. "I didn't get loaded in time or I would have been home," Holden said. "I'd have had about 10 grandkids over today, and who knows how many great-grandkids." He said he had been away from his home "one week today."

Yet, Holden said he felt very thankful this Thanksgiving Day.

Please see TURKEY/4A

Texans give thanks, don't turn anyone away at turkey feasts big, small

By Christy Lemire
Associated Press

From Houston's 20,000-person Superfeast to a tiny truck stop outside San Antonio, Texans feasted on turkey with all the trimmings Thursday as they sat down to give thanks.

Thousands of volunteers started early in the morning cooking Thanksgiving meals for hungry, homeless and elderly people across the state.

They served 5,000 pounds of turkey breast, 2,500 pounds of dressing, 600 gallons of gravy, 2,500 pounds of whole cranberries, 2,500 pounds

of vegetables, 40,000 slices of bread and 20,000 cups of Coca-Cola at the 13th Annual Thanksgiving Holiday Superfeast, sponsored by USA Waste Services Inc.

A second crowd of about 20,000 also chowed down at the 19th Annual Thanksgiving Big Feast at Houston's George R. Brown Convention Center.

"This is just the true meaning of Thanksgiving," said Tammy Bohon, Superfeast chairwoman and coordinator. "This is how it all really started. Everyone coming together and working side-by-side to think of and share their bless-

ings."

An estimated 23,000 diners turned out for the annual Raul Jimenez Thanksgiving Dinner at the San Antonio Convention Center.

Jimenez started serving the meal in 1971 as a tribute to a few thousand of the city's older citizens and it has grown ever since.

"We just don't close the doors to anyone," director Alice Guerra said. "If someone is having a hard time or they're out of a job or there's been tragedy in the family, we don't ask any questions. We just let 'em in."

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Netanyahu says it's 'unbecoming' for Clinton to snub him

JERUSALEM (AP) — In a TV satire, President Clinton plays the saxophone in the Oval Office, performing pop tunes for Israeli opposition figure Shimon Peres, who sings along. Outside, a figure swings from a rope, desperately trying to get a glimpse of the goings-on through the window.

It's Benjamin Netanyahu. The prime minister's failure to be received at the White House has provided fodder for skits and commentary this week in Israel, and an angry Netanyahu finally lashed back Wednesday, saying it was "unbecoming" for Clinton to snub him.

U.S.-Israel relations have been strained by the freeze in Mideast peacemaking, with much of the blame placed on Netanyahu.

The Israeli leader has resisted U.S. demands for a timeout in Jewish settlement building and dawdled for weeks before coming up with a proposal to pull back troops in the West Bank, a plan dismissed by the Palestinians and short of U.S. expectations.

Israeli commentators say Clinton's exasperation grew when he realized during the recent showdown with Iraq over weapons inspections how much Netanyahu's refusal to budge was hurting U.S. interests in the Middle East.

When Secretary of State Madeleine Albright toured the region earlier this month, she found Arab states reluctant to join any U.S.-led coalition against Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, as they had done during the 1991 Gulf War.

The lack of progress in Mideast peace talks had undercut U.S. prestige and undermined the ability of Arab leaders to openly cooperate with Washington, the Haaretz daily quoted U.S. officials as saying.

The chill in relations was felt strongly earlier this month when Netanyahu flew to the United States to address American Jewish leaders, but was unable to arrange a meeting with Clinton.

White House officials said the president's schedule could not accommodate Netanyahu. Yet the two leaders' paths crossed in Los Angeles, with their planes parked just yards away from one another on the runway.

In contrast, the previous week Clinton met Jordan's King Hussein — described by Clinton's spokesman as "a voice of integrity, persuasion and courage" in seeking peace — while the Arab leader was in the United States for a medical checkup.

'The Americans are treating me like Saddam Hussein.'

— Benjamin Netanyahu reportedly complained to World Jewish Congress leaders

During Clinton's visit to Los Angeles, he was met by Haim Saban, an Israeli TV producer and supporter of the Democratic Party. Speaking to the Yediot Achronot daily this week, Saban quoted Clinton as saying he felt he had to send a message to Netanyahu by refusing to meet him.

White House spokesman Mike McCurry, however, said no snub had been intended.

Nevertheless, Netanyahu's senior adviser, David Bar-Illan, said Thursday that Israelis understood the message sent by the lack of any meeting.

"Netanyahu and Clinton were in Los Angeles at the same time, and Clinton didn't find time to shake hands, say hello and meet over a cup of coffee, which would have been possible with his schedule," Bar-Illan told The Associated Press.

"The reasons given, that the president had no time when he had four hours for Peres, and time for King Hussein, who was visiting casually, after checkups at the Mayo Clinic — all that pointed to a deliberate snub."

Netanyahu reportedly complained to World Jewish Congress leaders in a private meeting in Jerusalem on Wednesday that

"the Americans are treating me like Saddam Hussein." In public, he was nearly as blunt.

In an interview with CNN, he said Clinton's refusal to meet with him is "unbecoming, it doesn't benefit nations who are allies, and even doesn't benefit nations who are not allies."

On Thursday, Netanyahu tried to play down the issue, saying that Israel and the United States have had disagreements over policy since Israel captured land from Jordan, Egypt and Syria in the 1967 Mideast war.

"The American plan ... says Israel must make tremendous concessions and we do not agree," Netanyahu said. "The Americans are friends, but the decisions in the end are ours."

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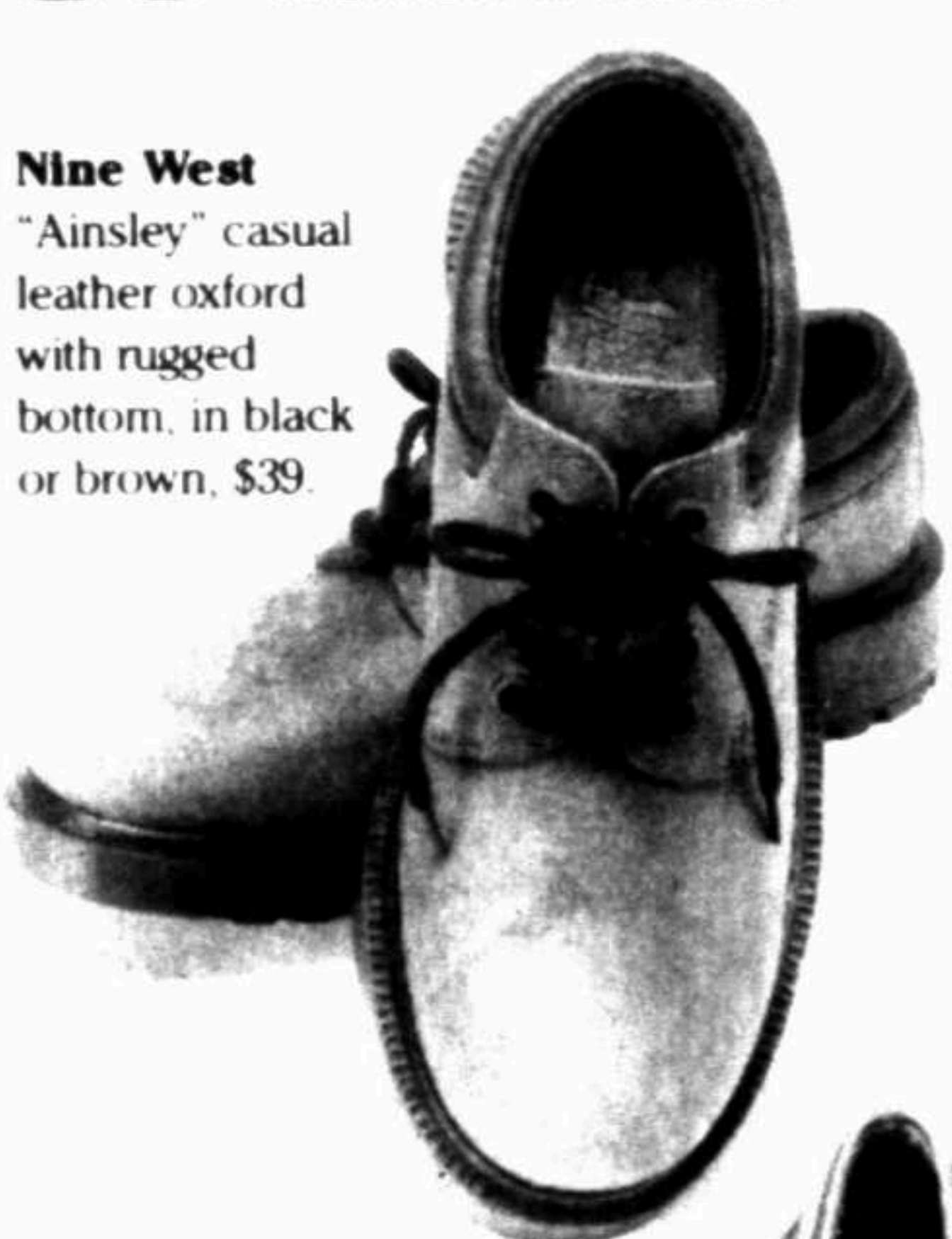


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In Thailand, rich and poor tighten belts

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — The boom of the late 1980s is spectacularly bust, and Thais are learning to cope with downward mobility.

Conspicuous consumption is out, and dreams of a lifetime are being abandoned.

Unable to meet their payments, people are selling cars and homes for a song — if buyers can be found.

Thailand was the first of Asia's dominoes to fall in the economic crisis that has rocked markets around the globe. Indonesia and South Korea, like Thailand, also have sought rescue packages from the International Monetary Fund.

In early November, Prime Minister Chavalit Yongchaiyudh resigned after 11 tumultuous months in which half the country's financial institutions were shut down and the currency lost more than 40 percent of its value.

Ordinary Thais are pulling their belts tight.

There is a glut of pork on the market because Thais are passing up what is seen as a luxury meat for lower-cost chicken and fish.

Sales of Nok Kaew (Parrot) soap, a cheap, locally made product on the market for 50 years, doubled in September and October from the same months a year earlier.

Suwimol Leelavechabutra, a 49-year-old dressmaker, says her family has stopped eating out, and she encourages her children to have a big breakfast so they won't feel the urge to snack later in the day.

She used to make silk dresses for herself, she says, but even that is an extravagance now. And when she does go out shopping, she doesn't linger — she buys what she needs and gets out of the store.

Frugality has hit even health care. The resources of inexpensive but crowded government hospitals are being stretched thin, while a slew of recently built private institutions are facing cash-flow problems.

At least one private Bangkok hospital, taking account of the new cost consciousness, is promoting "bargain births."

The "Special Delivery" packages at Bumrungrad Hospital include all costs normally associ-

ated with delivery of a baby. Prices start at \$625 for normal delivery and three nights' accommodation. Four nights' stay and a Cesarean birth go for \$850.

"In uncertain times such as these, the package offers welcome predictability and exceptional value, which are especially appreciated by young couples on a budget," says the hospital, which also has cut-rate open heart surgery on offer.

Statistics suggest that for the rich, too, the decade-long party is over.

Despite — or perhaps because of — prices that were two or three times those in Europe or the United States, fine wines were a totem of the country's newly emerging yuppie class.

But wine imports in the first nine months of the year totaled 540,000 cases, down 22 percent from last year. At one downtown wine shop, the manager reported a 50 percent drop in sales.

Prices for wine and other luxury items are rising sharply, in large part because the baht's depreciation.

Such goods are also subject to newly increased excise taxes and customs duties under the terms of a \$17.2 billion loan organized by the International Monetary Fund that compels the government to increase revenues.

In addition to increased surcharges on luxury items, the value-added tax was raised to 10 percent from 7 percent, a boost that hits all consumers.

Vara Kingkalya, managing director of a transport company, says the economic downturn has affected her life as well as her business.

Shopping for gems and jewelry used to be a favorite pastime, but now when she feels the urge, she borrows a piece from her mother. She used to buy three or so designer dresses a month, but no more.

As disposable income dries up, it is hardship rather than wealth that is trickling down the social ladder.

Working class woes can be measured by the layoffs of factory hands numbering in the hundreds of thousands. Low-tech industries were hit first with falloffs in exports of such goods as textiles.

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ID card shortage mars run-up to Honduras election

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) — A shortage of voter identification cards had Honduras' leading presidential candidates at odds Thursday in a dispute threatening to mar this weekend's otherwise sleepy national election.

The company contracted to issue the ID cards, which Hondurans must show at polling stations in order to vote, produced only 2.3 million credentials, leaving 600,000 eligible voters without them.

GBM, a subsidiary of IBM, blamed the shortfall on the government's failure to pay all of the \$8 million owed on the contract.

Election officials had decided to issue new voter cards for Sunday's national election, replacing old credentials that had been distributed to Hondurans since 1984. Because of the shortage, however, authorities said voters could use their old credentials.

Ruling Liberal Party candidate Carlos Flores Fcausse, who has a solid lead in polls, agreed to that resolution. But the main opposition candidate, Nora Gunera de Melgar of the National Party, rejected it, saying it would open the process to fraud.

She warned she would boycott the elections if the plan went ahead. On Thursday, however, she appeared to be backing off the threat: She said she would appeal the National Elections Tribunal's decision allowing use of the old cards but did not repeat her boycott threat.

The two parties, which have alternated in power since 1906, are both center-right and differ little in ideology.

Sunday's vote will be the seventh since 1981, when Honduras held its first elections after 18 years of military rule.

Reina won 1993 elections pledging to crush corruption and reduce the role of the military. He has made progress on both, though not to the extent that many Hondurans expected.

His party's pick to succeed him, Flores, was heavily favored in Sunday's race. The most recent Gallup poll, conducted Nov. 4-11, gave Flores 48 percent of the ballot to 31 percent for Gunera.

Flores, 47, is an industrial engineer and editor of the Tegucigalpa newspaper La Tribuna. He lost the 1989 presidential vote and currently is the leader of the unicameral legislature.

Gunera, an elementary school teacher and widow of a former military ruler, was mayor of Tegucigalpa, the capital, from 1990-94.

In addition to the president, Hondurans will elect three vice-presidents, 128 congressional representatives, members of 297 city councils, and 20 deputies to the Central American Parliament, which is based in Guatemala.

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Midland forecast

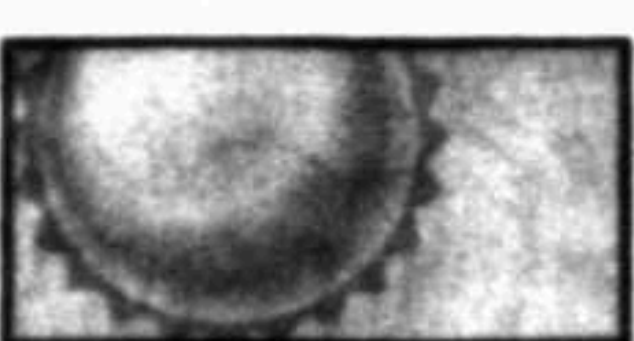
3-day forecast



Today
Partly cloudy
High 65
Low 33



Saturday
Partly cloudy
High 60
Low 34



Sunday
Sunny
High 61
Low 33

The forecast for today calls for partly cloudy skies with a high in the mid-60s. Winds will be from the north to northwest at 10 to 20 mph, according to the National Weather Service.

Tonight calls for partly cloudy skies with temperatures dropping into the low to mid-30s.

Saturday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high in the upper 50s to lower 60s.

After an overnight low of 52, Thursday's high was 72, compared to the record high for that date of 85 set in 1945. Record low for this date was 16, set in 1938.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Wednesday 0.00 in.
Rainfall Thursday 0.00 in.
Total for month 0.44 in.
Total for year 15.77 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

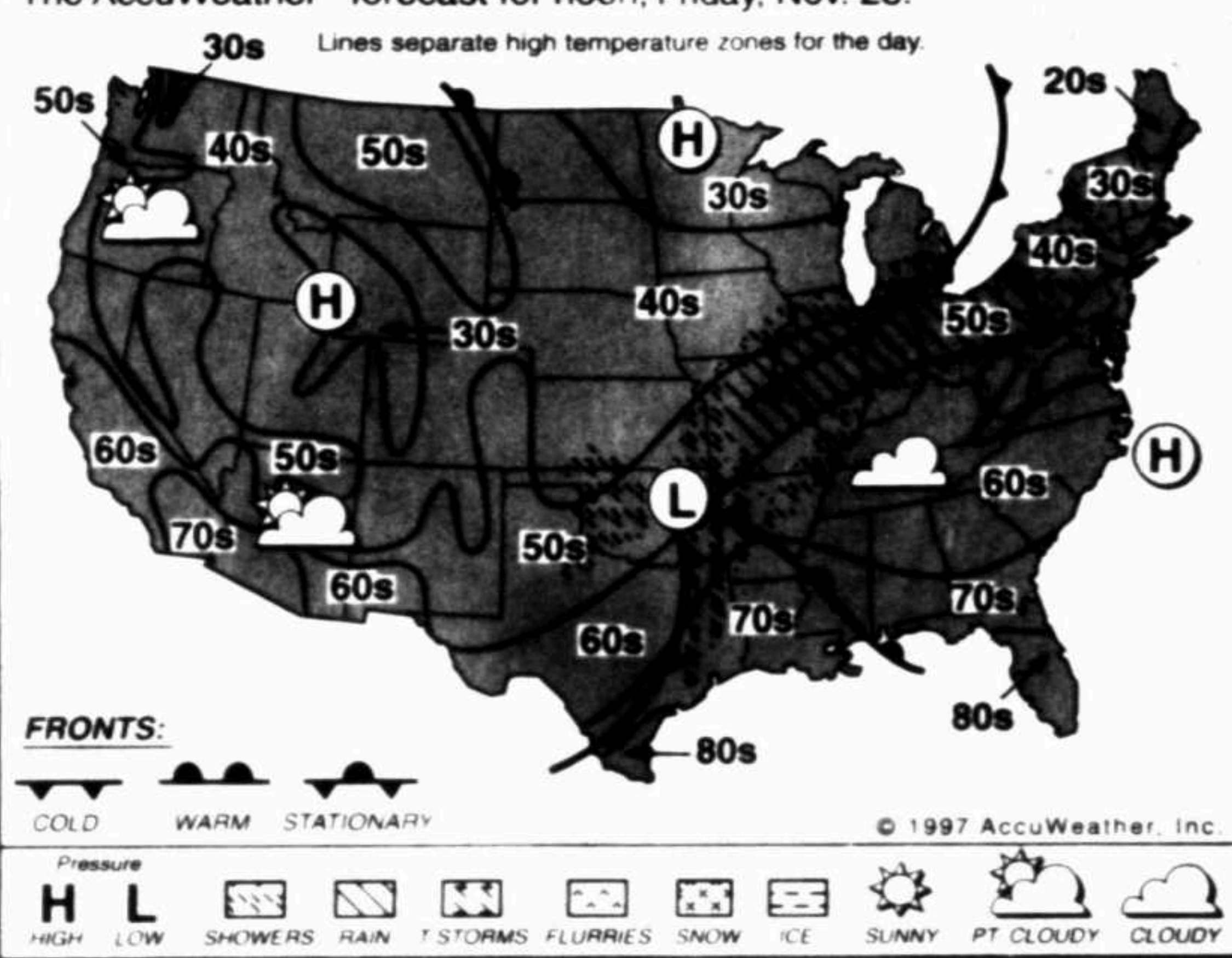
High 72
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Sunrise: 7:29 a.m.

Sunset: 5:45 p.m.

National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Friday, Nov. 28.

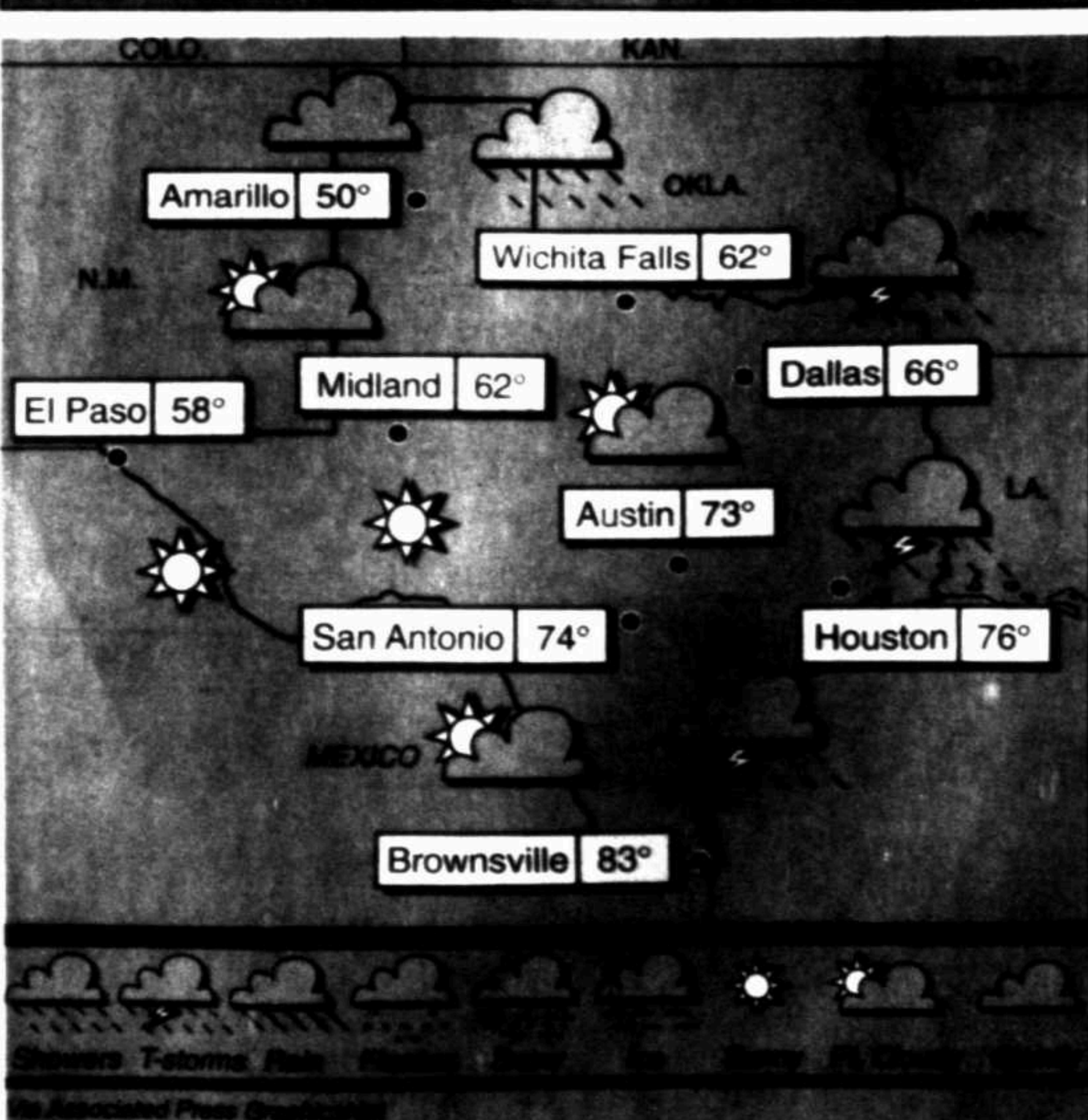


United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:34 p.m. EST.

City	High	Low	Prev.	Out.	City	High	Low	Prev.	Out.
Albany, N.Y.	34	34	11	sn	Los Angeles	61	40	05	clr
Albuquerque	46	38	06	cdy	Little Rock	61	47	05	clr
Anchorage	30	28	cdy		Los Angeles	65	50	05	clr
Asheville	63	35	cdy		Louisville	54	30	05	clr
Atlanta	64	41	cdy		Memphis	66	44	cdy	
Baltimore	51	43	01	m	Miami Beach	80	65	cdy	
Birmingham	69	42	cdy		Milwaukee	40	28	17	cdy
Bismarck	42	29	cdy		Minneapolis	45	27	cdy	
Boise	48	35	cdy		Nashville	61	28	cdy	
Boston	40	40	07	sn	New Orleans	78	54	cdy	
Buffalo	44	34	m		New York City	47	44	03	m
Burlington, Vt.	28	27	44	sn	Norfolk, Va.	59	49	cdy	
Casper	43	43	02	cdy	North Platte	61	37	cdy	
Charleston, S.C.	71	44	cdy		Oklahoma City	69	48	m	
Charleston, W. Va.	53	33	cdy		Omaha	62	34	cdy	
Charlotte, N.C.	67	39	cdy		Orlando	76	54	cdy	
Cheyenne	47	24	cdy		Philadelphia	52	45	02	m
Chicago	44	24	22	m	Phoenix	64	56	cdy	
Cincinnati	50	26	m		Pittsburgh	48	33	m	
Cleveland	49	30	cdy		Portland, Maine	37	36	18	sn
Columbia, S.C.	69	39	cdy		Portland, Ore.	55	35	m	
Columbus, Ohio	47	27	m		Providence	43	39	14	sn
Concord, N.H.	34	34	12	sn	Raleigh-Durham	63	35	cdy	
Dallas	66	46	26	m	Reno	49	38	cdy	
Dayton	52	34	sn		Richmond	59	45	cdy	
Des Moines	53	33	cdy		Sacramento	50	31	cdy	
Detroit	48	27	m		Salt Lake City	42	41	31	cdy
Duluth	42	26	cdy		San Diego	64	58	cdy	
Evansville	55	24	m		San Francisco	58	53	33	cdy
Fairbanks	11	3	cdy		San Juan, P.R.	89	74	cdy	
Flagstaff	37	30	cdy		Santa Fe	48	37	05	cdy
Grand Rapids	43	27	cdy		Sioux Falls	37	31	19	cdy
Great Falls	46	28	cdy		Seattle	52	36	m	
Greensboro, N.C.	61	36	cdy		Shreveport	77	60	m	
Hartford	40	36	09	sn	Spokane	41	27	m	
Helena	45	19	cdy		Syracuse	35	31	16	sn
Honolulu	80	71	14	cdy	Tampa-St. Petersburg	77	55	cdy	
Indianapolis	49	26	m		Tucson	80	38	m	
Jackson, Miss.	73	59	m		Tulsa	62	49	01	cdy
Jacksonville	69	47	cdy		Washington D.C.	56	44	cdy	
Juneau	39	37	11	m					
Kansas City	61	40	m						
Las Vegas	61	47	05	clr					
Little Rock	61	47	05	clr					

State forecast



Texas temperatures

Highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours ending at 7 p.m. CDT.

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Austin	76	60	66	Huntsville	77	66	66
Beaumont	75	61	66	Junction	74	57	66
Brownsville	81	66	66	Kingville	80	64	66
Burnet	74	64	66	Laredo	85	67	66
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VISIT: Iraqi government encourages anti-U.S. slogans

(From 1A)

guests. No date has been set for the proposed visits, which al-Sahhaf insisted did not represent a retreat.

"This is not backtracking. This proposal has nothing to do with backtracking, and there will be no backtracking," he said.

Pressed on whether the delegation would be granted unrestricted access to the palaces, al-Sahhaf said: "There is nothing in these places. We will take them to every place."

He said Wednesday's invitation was meant to disprove a "wave of false allegations and lies."

In New York, the U.N. Special Commission cautiously welcomed the Iraqi proposal Wednesday but said it still wanted access to the palaces, which are believed to number in the dozens. President Clinton has put the number at 78.

At the news conference, al-Sahhaf reiterated the threat to shoot down U-2 surveillance flights. Iraqi forces have not yet had a chance to fire at the plane, which is piloted by Americans, he said. Iraq has said the planes have been flying out of range of its guns.

"The Americans are using this plane on routes, exactly as I have described it once, as a frightened rat," he said.

Iraq's defiance came as the country's National Assembly, which has little real power, issued a statement requesting U.N. inspectors finish their work within six months beginning Nov. 20,



Iraqi women with their faces covered hold weapons as they march in a military parade in Baghdad Thursday. Despite international pressure, Iraq declared Thursday that U.N. inspectors still would be barred from entering the palaces of President Saddam Hussein.

the day Iraq announced it was recalling the U.N. inspectors.

Meanwhile, U.N. spokesman Eric Falt said Iraq has refused to begin discussions with the United Nations on extending the oil-for-food program that allows Iraq to export \$2 billion of oil every six months to buy food and medicine. The program must be renewed for the third time next month.

Iraq is upset with what it con-

siders delays in approving contracts to purchase the humanitarian goods. There were reports that the United States was willing to support an increase in the amount of oil Iraq can export under the deal.

Twelve teams of inspectors drove out of their headquarters Thursday to search 14 sites in and outside Baghdad, the Iraqi News Agency reported. One team used

a helicopter to reach a site and other teams used two helicopters for surveillance, it said.

Before heading out, Nils Carlstrom, the head of the search committee in Baghdad, protested "Down America" slogans painted at the Habaniyah air base that U.N. inspectors use.

"Habaniyah air base is a military area, no civilians are allowed in it. I am sad to see signs in the air base saying 'Down America.' Tell the government to take them down," Carlstrom, a Swede, told an Iraqi Information Ministry official outside the inspectors' office. The official did not identify himself.

The government has urged Iraqis to scrawl anti-America slogans in all public places.

The slogans greeted the inspectors when they returned to Iraq last Friday after Saddam agreed to take back expelled American inspectors, easing a three-week standoff with the United Nations. The crisis has led to a U.S. military buildup in the Gulf.

Iraq also remains alert for a military confrontation.

At a military ceremony Thursday in Baghdad, a group of 600 young men joined Saddam's Fedayeen, an elite commando unit headed by Saddam's eldest son, Qadhi.

The Fedayeen also accepted a small group of "suicide soldiers," dressed in white to signify that they were ready to become martyrs for Saddam.

TURKEY: First Baptist Church feeds thankful truckers

(From 1A)

"I'm thankful for my health, for my wife and all of my children."

Helen and Robert Weldon of Shubuta, Miss., also stopped in for a meal. "We were headed the other way," said Mrs. Weldon. "I smelled it! We hadn't had anything to eat yet."

The Weldons chose to dine outdoors at a nearby picnic table despite the strong wind. "The food is great," said Mrs. Weldon. "I'm having to hang on to my plate, but it is good."

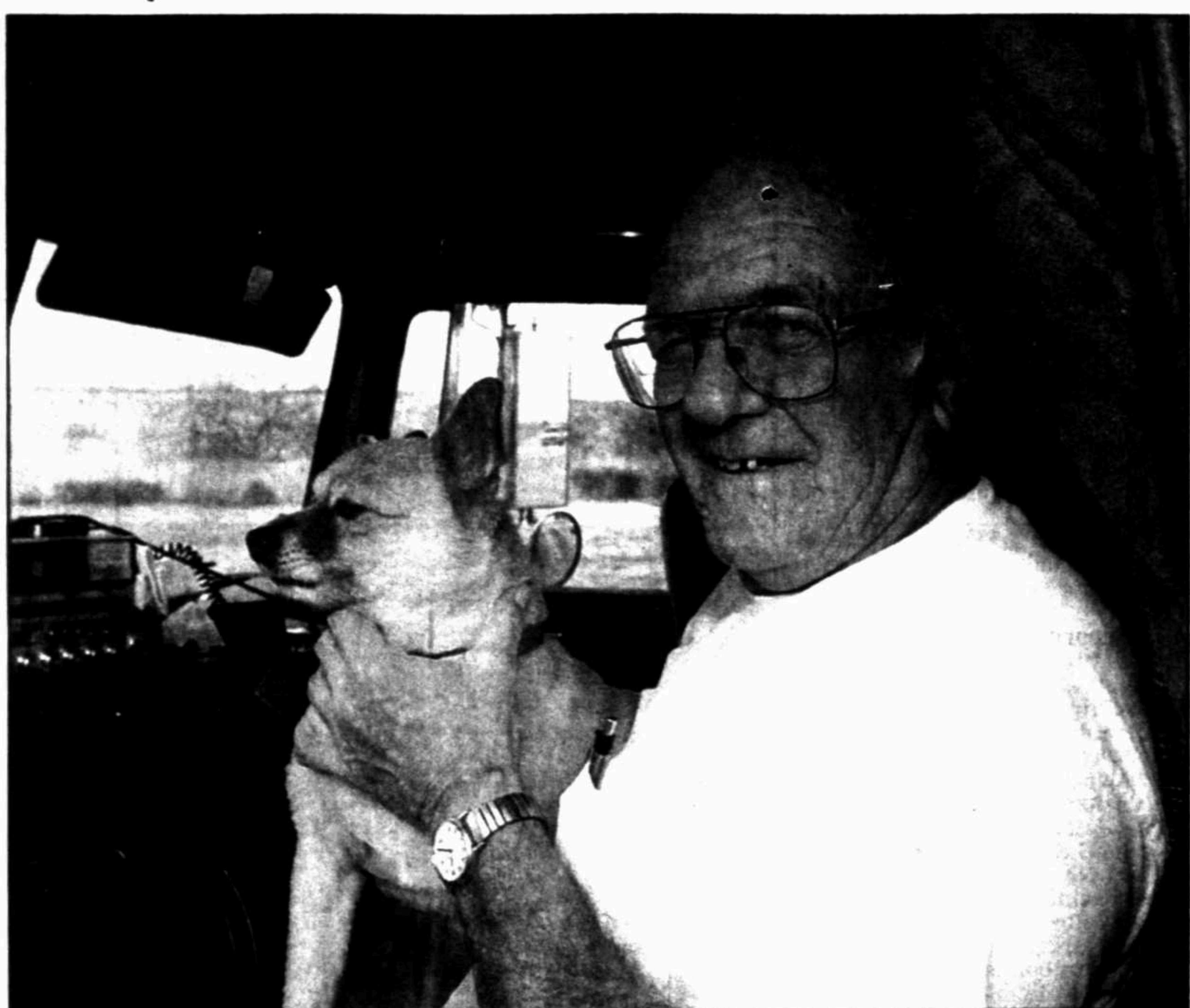
The truckers were treated to a traditional meal of turkey and dressing, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, green beans, rolls and an assortment of pies. Coffee and lemonade rounded out the meal.

The couple said they appreciated the meal. "But it is not like being at home," Weldon said. He added, "Most truck stops used to offer something like this but not anymore." The couple said they hoped to make it to Longview to a relative's home by Thursday night.

Weldon said he was thankful for "the simple things in life." His wife added, "I thank the Lord for my mother and my daughter, and for Christian people who do things like this."

Kim O'Connor, who was busy serving up plates of food, said she was glad to volunteer for the event. "I wanted to make a little bit of difference in someone's life."

She said she was struck by the reaction of a man from Massachusetts who stopped for dinner earlier. "It's just the most wonderful thing I have ever seen. Those were his exact words," Ms. O'Connor said. "He just couldn't believe it." She said the man exclaimed, "I had to come



Bob Holden, or "L.A. Flash" as other truckers call him, and his dog Little Boz were happy to have a free Thanksgiving meal on the highways.

all the way to Texas for this."

Ms. O'Connor said that passing out Thanksgiving meals made her feel blessed as well. "Even getting buffeted by the wind, it is rewarding."

Shirilla Rutledge, another volunteer, brought her young chil-

dren with her to the rest stop. "I wanted to instill in my children a sense of giving," she said.

"Things are not what make you happy and I wanted them to know that."

Ms. Rutledge said it was not

the words of the drivers, but the looks on their faces that made it all worthwhile for her. "They looked very touched, very sincere," she said. "People seemed to be touched by the gesture of kindness."

TEXAS: Volunteers serve thousands across state

(From 1A)

Another Texas Thanksgiving tradition continued along Interstate 35 in the tiny town of Abbott, where the Turkey Shop and Cafeteria has served the holiday meal daily for the past 25 years.

"We have really good turkeys and we have a cafeteria line with full-service meals," owner Robert Tufts said. "It's just good quality home-cooked food."

Nearly 300 truckers found a home-cooking haven in Kerrville, 58 miles northwest of San Antonio, thanks to Tara Hernandez. This is the seventh Thanksgiving Ms. Hernandez has provided dinners along Interstate 10 for those who can't go home.

Kerrville residents and businesses donated food and 100 volunteers cooked and carted meals to mile marker 514, where truckers feasted at rest stops on both sides of the highway.

Ms. Hernandez refuses donations. "This is a gift to the truckers who do what they do all year 'round, and who can't be home for Thanksgiving," she said.

Some in McAllen preferred sinking their teeth into fragrant roasted chachalaca, a cross between pheasant and quail.

"I just put the breast in the oven and broil it," said Frank Schultz, a retired farmer who has hunted and whipped up the South Texas bird for three decades. "The only spice I use on the breast is a little bit of tarragon."

The meat is low in calories



Little Joe Hernandez, Ruben Ramos, and Flaco Jimenez join Juan Ortiz and Mariachi Campanas de America in song at the annual Jimenez Thanksgiving Dinner Thursday, held at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio.

and dark, the 68-year-old Schultz said. The frail birds commonly live in the southern United States and Mexico, particularly in Cameron, Hidalgo and Starr counties.

In the rural, predominantly German South Texas communi-

ty of Vattman, just south of Kingsville, residents used recipes from the town's original settlers in 1913 for their church dinner.

Thanksgiving festivities included a silent auction, a skeet "turkey shoot" with a frozen

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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:

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turkey as first prize, a bingo game and a country dance with a band.

"All roads lead to Vattman at Thanksgiving," said Idela Strubhart, 78, who grew up in the parish. "People come from Orange Grove and Corpus Christi and Robstown."

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Egyptians fight to protect reputation

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — One of the city's most famous markets has new decorations: Huge white banners carry English-language messages that welcome visitors to the Tent-Makers Street and proclaim disgust for a deadly attack on tourists.

"In Egypt, you will never be a stranger," one promises. Others say "We will do our best to make you happy" and "All Egyptians refuse murder action in Egypt." Still another, signed "the true people of Egypt," offered sympathy: "We are sad for what happened in Luxor."

Many ordinary Egyptians were outraged by the Islamic militant slaughter of 58 foreign tourists last week at the Temple of Hatshepsut, near the southern city of Luxor. The attackers also killed four Egyptians; the six gunmen were also shot to death, although it's not certain whether they killed themselves or died at the hands of police.

Not only has the massacre hurt tourism, an economic mainstay, many people also say that attacks on foreign visitors have tarnished the whole nation.

Egypt's reputation as a tourist destination was hurt in September when attackers, including one man who had left a mental asylum, threw firebombs at a tourist bus in downtown Cairo, killing 10 people. In April, 18 Greeks died when gunmen opened fire at a hotel near the pyramids.

But many Egyptians say such attacks are rare, and give Egypt a false reputation of being unsafe. Not only that, many people believe the violence of the Islamic militant movement has little to do with ordinary society, that its masterminds are outside Egypt, manipulating a twisted minority with an aim to undermine stability.

In fact, everyday Egyptian life is relatively safe. Women glittering with gold, pearls, even diamonds, stroll the streets at midnight without fear of being robbed. Children play soccer in the streets at night.

"News agencies have made us look like Algeria, like we have wild terrorists running around all over the place ... that it is a real risk to come here. But it is not a risk. It is safe for all," said Ayman Abdel-Aziz, an accountant.

True, petty thefts and domestic violence happen here as they do anywhere, and men often call out to passing women, particularly Westerners. But street attacks are unusual, and even some foreigners living here say they're more comfortable in Egypt than at home.

"Security may not be what it should be, but I feel very safe in Egypt, and that's one of the reasons I live here," said Kiri Merrill, 32, a San Francisco native who has lived here since 1993.

"I've had the cat-calling and the occasional pinch," she says, "but I never felt threatened the way I do in the U.S."

The Nov. 17 attack was the deadliest since Muslim militants



Egyptians walk along the Al-Khayamiya market, or Tent makers street, in downtown Cairo Thursday, where banners welcome visitors and proclaim disgust at the recent attack on tourists.

launched their insurgency against the government in 1992. The attackers struck in the upper Nile

Valley, where temples and tombs draw hundreds of thousands of tourists every year.

In response, President Hosni Mubarak fired the interior minister and ordered a shakeup of Egypt's security forces, strengthening protection of archaeological and tourist sites.

Despite his swift reaction, foreign governments have advised citizens to strike Egypt from their travel plans, and embassies here have warned expatriates to keep a low profile.

Some people say these countries have been too quick to brand Egypt as dangerous.

"I would like to tell foreigners that this is an abnormal incident. This is not the Egyptian people. We're much better than that," said Ihab Hosni, 28, a banker.

Although the militants' threat is very real, most Egyptians regard them as alien to ordinary traditions and beliefs. Some people have trouble believing the militants are even Egyptian.

"If these people think they are working for Islam, I would like to tell them that Islam never said to run around killing people," said Enas Ahmed, a 22-year-old stockbroker wearing a beige silk headscarf that conforms with Muslim dress standards.

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Exiles prop up Cuban economy by illegally sending money to families

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — A lucrative underground trade in cash is flourishing between Cuban exiles in the United States and their island homeland just 90 miles off the Florida coast, despite an economic embargo and a specific ban on dollar transfers.

Millions of dollars are being smuggled into Cuba in bulging money belts or quietly funneled through third-country banks. An upcoming U.N. report says that in 1996, individual exiles and private organizations illegally sent Cubans more than \$1 billion, channeling more hard currency into the Cuban economy than either tourism or sugar exports.

Most of the money comes from Cuban exiles such as Amaury Almaguer, a New Orleans insurance agent and publisher of a Spanish-language monthly. Every month for the last 15 years, Almaguer has sent \$200 back home to Cuba, where his parents and siblings still live. He uses a Canadian company to get the money into Cuba.

"Each day it is worse," Almaguer says of the Cuban economy. "The difference is between those that have dollars and those that do not have dollars. If you don't have dollars, you don't eat. And Cuba doesn't pay its workers with dollars. If you have pesos, you can't buy anything."

Nearly half of the people in Cuba receive economic help from family and friends in the United States, said Amando Lago, a director of the Washington-based Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy — even though it's against the law.

President Clinton banned cash remittances shortly after Cuban fighter jets shot down two civilian planes flying near Cuban air space Feb. 24, 1996, killing four members of the Miami-based exile group Brothers to the Rescue.

The U.N.'s Economic Commission on Latin America and the Caribbean estimates that of the \$1.1 billion sent to Cuba last year, \$800 million came from family remittances. And that's just cash. It doesn't include the value of food, medicine and other goods.

To put that much cash into perspective, Cuba's tourism receipts for 1996 were \$1.4 billion, sugar exports were \$1 billion, and all other exports totaled less than \$1 billion. In terms of net income, money that actually stays in Cuba, exiles account for more than Fidel Castro's government makes from sugar or tourists, says analyst Ernest Prege of the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies.

While nobody knows precisely how many dollars are sent to Cuba — exile groups estimated family remittances at closer to \$400 million before the U.N. report — no one disputes the money goes a long way toward feeding the Cuban people and keeping Castro in power.

Squeezed by worsening shortages since the former Soviet Union cut off aid, Cubans are turning with increasingly desperate pleas to family members in the United States.

A Cuban mother sent her family in Miami a letter with the footprints of her children traced on sheets of paper. "Please send shoes," she wrote.

Dollars became the de facto currency of the island in 1993, when Castro legalized the use of American currency. As shortages worsen, "dollar-only" stores have become the only places Cubans can get many of life's basic necessities.

Humanitarian aid — such as food and medicine — to Cuba is legal under the Helms-Burton Act, which sanctions foreign companies that invest or do business using confiscated U.S. property in Cuba.

Shipping companies typically charge \$10 to \$15 a pound to ship anything into Cuba. But some shippers and travel agencies in Miami and New Orleans, cities with large Cuban populations, also tell callers openly they will take cash into Cuba — for a price. Most "mules" take a 10 percent to 20 percent cut. Some tourists pay for their vacations to Cuba by taking in cash for others.

Sending money to the homeland remain a divisive issue in the exile community — torn between the pleas of poverty-stricken Cuban relatives and the exiles' own unrelenting dream that the U.S. embargo will somehow drive Castro from power.

Some exiles blame Castro — who has referred to the exiles as "gusanos," or worms — for encouraging Cubans to ask their family members for the much-needed dollars. They say the cash flow is now so great that the Cuban people have come up with their own nickname for their American relatives: They call them "gusanos verdes," or green worms.

"The embargo is being openly flaunted, and everyone knows. It is a disgrace," said Antonio Jorge, Cuba's former chief economist and now an economics professor at Florida International University in Miami. "It is a matter of conscience. I do not oppose sending strict humanitarian aid, but I oppose what is taking place now."

The bulk of the money is coming from the most recent immigrants who still have close family ties on the island, such as those who came

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over in the 1980 Mariel boat lift. Little cash comes from older exiles, whose families have either already fled Cuba or have died.

The U.N. report estimates that the amount of U.S. dollars going to the country in 1996 almost doubled

from 1995, when remittances totaled just \$532 million. Most economists attribute the huge jump to a statistical fluke caused by the Cuban government reporting family remittances for the first time.

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Study: Global warming could alter ocean currents, disrupting climate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Currents flowing like rivers from pole to pole and from ocean to ocean help keep the Earth's weather in a steady state, but the buildup of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere is threatening this circulation and could dump Europe into a deep freeze, a researcher says.

The dependable pattern of ocean circulation is a key factor in controlling the Earth's weather and keeping it predictable, said Wallace S. Broecker of the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University in Palisades, N.Y.

But this has only been true for the last 8,000 years. Before that, ocean currents altered about every 1,000 years and scrambled the Earth's climate, Broecker says in a study to be published on Friday in the journal Science.

"We live in a climate system that can jump abruptly from one state to another," said Broecker. By dumping into the atmosphere huge amounts of greenhouse gases, such as carbon dioxide from the burning of fossil fuels, "we are conducting an experiment that could have devastating effects," he added.

"We're playing with an angry beast — a climate system that has been shown to be very sensitive," explained Broecker.

The study findings come as representatives from more than 140 nations prepare to gather in Kyoto, Japan next week in hopes of forging an agreement binding industrial nations to specific reductions of greenhouse gases, especially carbon dioxide from burning fossil fuels.

Broecker said studies of ice cores that date back 110,000 years show that about once a millennium the Earth's climate abruptly changes and within 10 to 20 years can cause such things as increased glaciers, halting of rainfall or crippling declines in temperature.

Ocean currents are controlled by the temperature and salt content of the water, according to the researcher. Cold, salty water is heavy and drops to the ocean bottom, while warm, fresh water rises.

This creates what Broecker calls a "conveyor" current that spans the globe. Cold, salty water in the North Atlantic sinks, working like a plunger to drive an ocean current from near North America to Europe. Warm surface waters borne by this current help to keep Europe's climate mild.

Without the current, said Broecker, "Europe would be a deep freeze" with average winter temperatures dropped by 20 degrees Fahrenheit or more. The climate of Dublin or London would be like that of Spitsbergen, Norway, which is 600 miles north of the Arctic Circle, he said.

The conveyor now flows past Europe, into the South Atlantic and then around Antarctica. The waters cool and pick up more salt, giving the current another boost. From the South Pole, the current fan out into the Indian and Pacific Oceans and into the Atlantic to complete the cycle.

Only 1 septuplet still in serious condition

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Another of the Iowa septuplets was removed from a breathing machine Thursday, leaving just one in serious condition.

Alexis McCaughey was upgraded to fair condition as soon as she began to breathe on her own, an Iowa Methodist Medical Center spokeswoman said.

Nathan was the only sibling still in serious condition. He remained on a ventilator and was being fed intravenously.

The other children are being fed by a tiny tube leading through the nose. None is able to suck.

Specialists have said that removing intravenous lines is important because it removes a possible source of infection.

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Broecker said the currents help to bring rain, seasonal cycles of moisture that farmers count on to plant crops.

If the currents are disrupted, he said, then agriculture would suffer. With a changing climate, there would be many more crop failures until farmers learned to cope with the changes.

Broecker said his studies suggest the conveyor is the "Achilles heel of the climate system," and a

fragile phenomenon that can change rapidly for reasons not understood.

For instance, he said, it would take only a slight rise in temperature to keep water from sinking in the North Atlantic and this would bring the conveyor to a halt. Broecker said it is possible that warming caused by the buildup of greenhouse gases could be enough to affect the oceans currents dramatically.

J. D. Mahlman, noted climate scientist at Princeton University, called Broecker's theory "interesting speculation," but said there is no immediate evidence to show that the buildup of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere could disrupt the ocean currents.

He acknowledged, however, that there are still great uncertainties in the understanding of how the Earth climate changes and the precise effect of all the factors that affect the weather.

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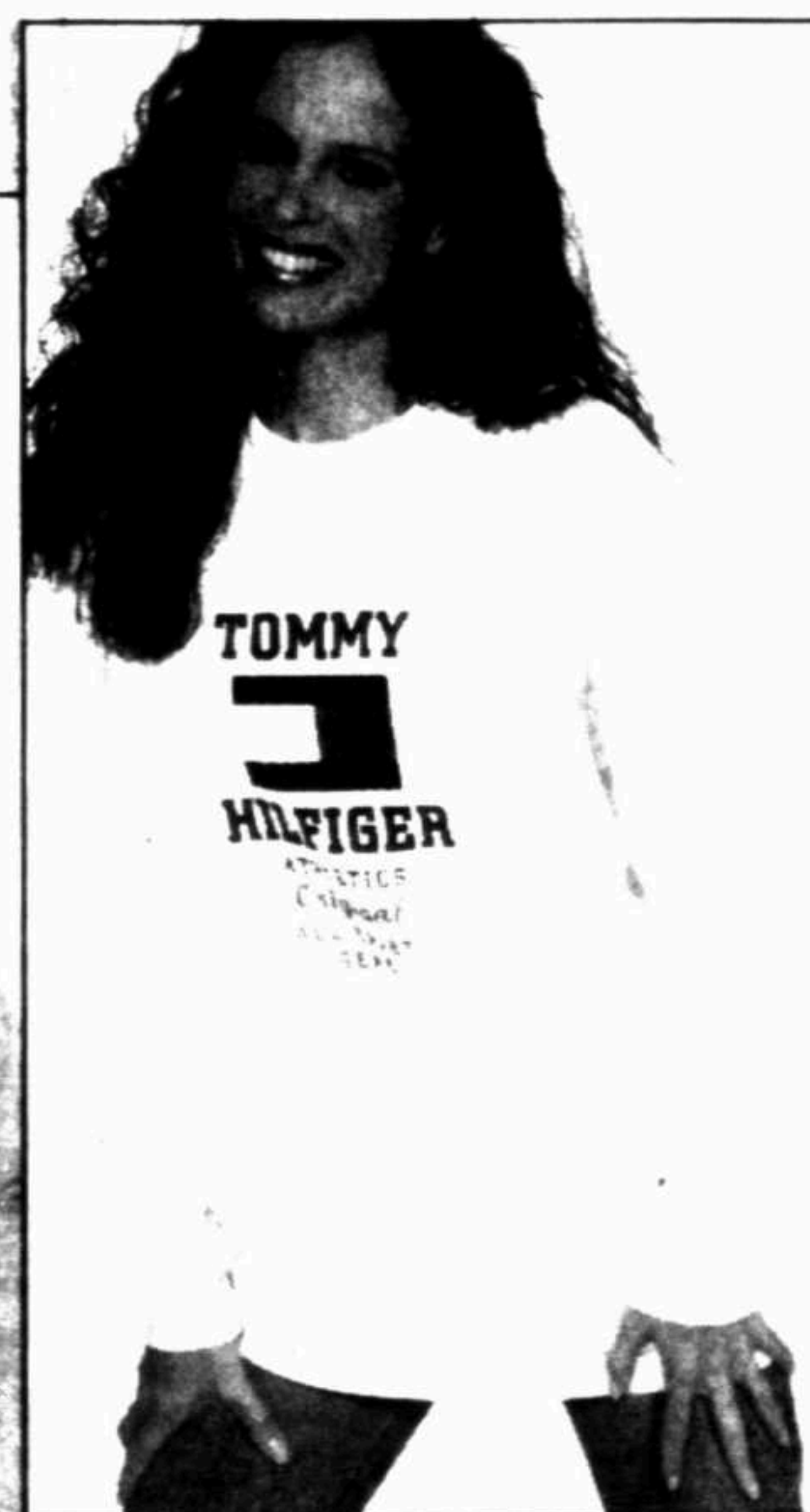
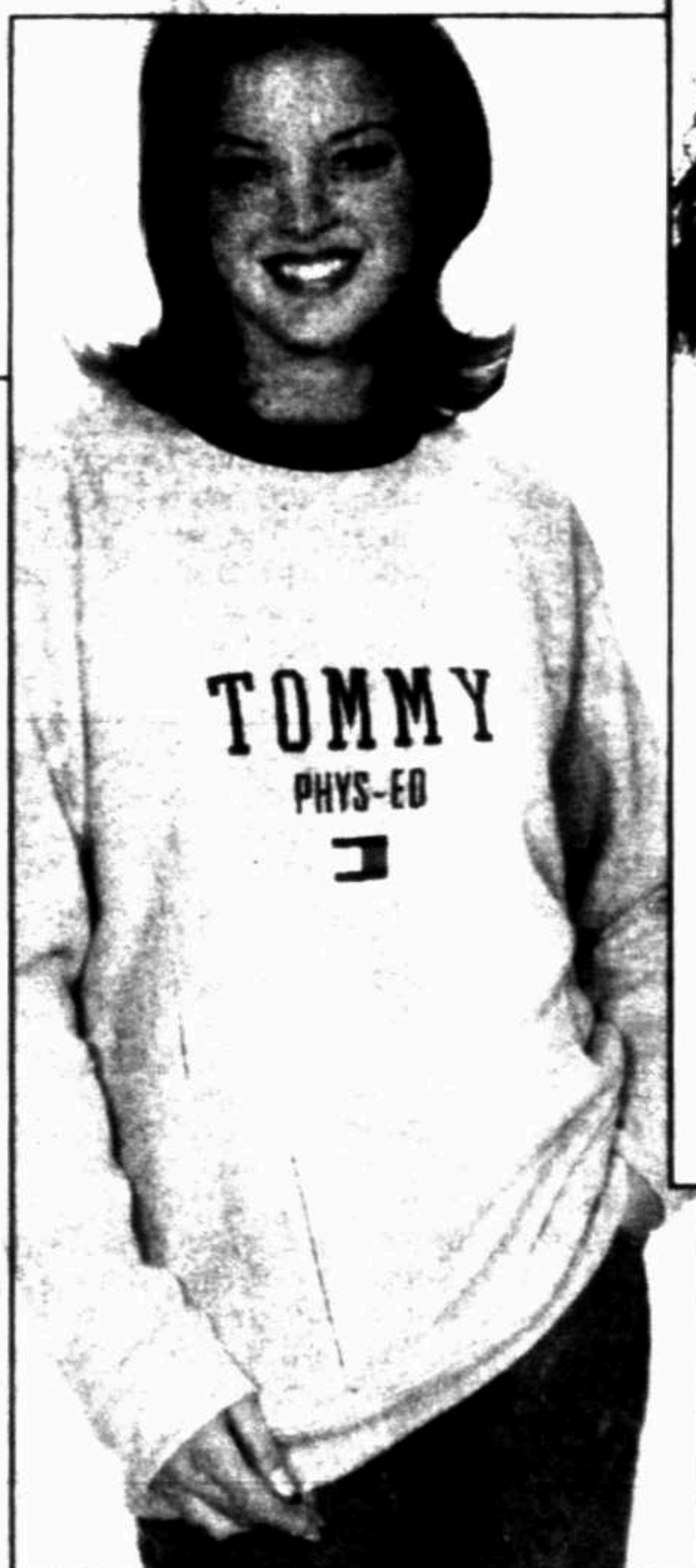
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Two astronauts make risky feat appear simple

Practice makes perfect. That adage immediately came to mind earlier this week after two spacewalking astronauts caught a slowly spinning satellite, a feat that might appear relatively simple to Earthbound observers but wasn't.

It wasn't even the kind of space mission that astronauts are likely to encounter very often. In fact, the last time astronauts were called on to catch a runaway satellite was 1992. So it isn't likely that the expertise with which NASA astronaut Winston Scott and Japanese astronaut Takao Doi caught the out of control satellite Monday night is due primarily to their familiarity with catching items in the void of space.

They just made it look easy. That's one of NASA's big problems and always has been. The space agency has always been so good at whatever it attempts to do, that it pulls off its missions with such outstanding success that the people down here on terra firma have really lost interest in watching the missions on television. It's become old hat, like watching a Mission Impossible rerun. There isn't any suspense — because we know how it ends!

In reality, of course, we know that what is transpiring in the heavens when a NASA mission is under way is never completely safe. We remember the horrible Challenger explosion in 1986 that killed all seven astronauts and left the agency buffeted by doubt.

It is the level of skill with which the agency carries out its important work that makes the public so lackadaisical about its missions. Space missions have become commonplace, but they'll never be entirely safe.

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ANOTHER VIEW

Too long campaigns don't serve public

Barely a year has passed since the last general election. And if there was one common opinion about that campaign, it was that it lasted far too long.

Let's hope Texans enjoyed the brief respite from electioneering. Candidates this November are already announcing their desire to win statewide offices that won't be decided until next November.

Why are the voters of this state being subjected to another too-long political year?

Because the Legislature wouldn't move party primaries from March back to May.

With primaries set March 10, 1998, candidates are required to file by Jan. 2. That's no problem for incumbents, part of whose advantage is that they are already familiar to the voting public.

But the January filing date does present problems for potential challengers, who must first find out whether they can raise the funds needed to get the attention to make a competitive race. That's what campaigns are about at this stage — raising money, not winning votes. And forcing challengers to raise enough money to finance their hopes for an entire year just adds to the huge advantage incumbents already hold.

It has been sufficiently demonstrated that joining the Super Tuesday March primary doesn't help Texas even in presidential election years. For statewide elections, the March date is senseless — unless you happen to be an incumbent state officeholder. And those incumbents, of course, are the only ones with the power to change the date. They won't because it's not in their interest.

And so the rest of us will be subjected to another dragged-out campaign of political overexposure. We'll get more tired of it all, millions more will be raised and spent, fewer of us will vote, and all of us will feel more separated from the offices of government in Austin.

This process ill serves the people of Texas.

— Abilene Reporter-News

JACK ANDERSON

Iraq's long love affair with biological weapons

As the Iraqis stalled the United Nations inspection teams last week, and Saddam Hussein's showdown with the United States dragged on, intelligence officials came to the conclusion that Saddam has taken the time to hide a cache of biological agents he has been cooking up for years.

Saddam claims he has been abiding by U.N. Resolution 687, passed in April 1991, which requires Iraq to accept the dismantling of all traces of its chemical, nuclear or biological weapon capacity.

But CIA, U.N. and other intelligence sources told our associate Dale Van Atta the following story about Saddam Hussein and his pursuit of deadly microbes:

Saddam was attracted early on to bacteriological weapons. They were cheap, relatively simple to manufacture, and potentially deadly. A single vial of anthrax virus dropped in an urban water system is enough — under certain conditions — to launch a full-scale epidemic.

Iraq's first attempt to acquire biological weapons of this kind seemed innocent enough at the time. The Revolutionary Command Council turned to Izzat al-Douri, the minister of agriculture who was also serving on the ruling council.

On Nov. 2, 1974, al-Douri signed a contract with the Paris-based Institut Merieux, to set up Iraq's

first bacteriological laboratory. The Iraqis explained that they needed to be able to manufacture large quantities of vaccines in order to develop agricultural and animal production.

The official Iraqi purchasing agency was called the General Directorate of Veterinary Services. No one in France batted an eye. But for the Iraqis, the vaccine protocol was so important that when French agricultural minister Christian Bonnet visited Iraq, he was invited to meet with the vice president of the Revolutionary Command Council, Saddam Hussein.

Saddam became more involved later on, when he ordered the construction of a "pesticides" plant near the town of Suwaira, some 18 miles south of Baghdad, near the ancient city of Ctesiphon.

Gen. Amer al-Saadi, who was in charge of the project, turned to a respected West German company, Thyssen Rhein Stahl Technology, which signed a contract for 21.4 million Deutschmarks in 1981, ostensibly to build a "university" project. Contract documents showed that the Diyala Chemical Laboratory that Thyssen built in Salman Pak, a suburb of Suwaira, was fitted out with specialized manufacturing equipment that was capable of handling the most toxic substances for both chemical and biological weapons work.

From the day ground was broken at the Salman Pak plant in late 1981, the site was heavily guarded by Iraqi soldiers, and Soviet-built SA-2 missile batteries were installed to protect against air attack.

To make sure there were no spies in their midst, the Iraqis kept a close watch on the German workers, accompanying them even when they went to the lavatory. Thyssen employees and their subcon-

tractors had to sign a two-page letter guaranteeing that their companies had "no relations with Israel" of any kind. The letter, which went far beyond the type of "Israel clause" imposed by many Arab contractors, highlighted Iraq's fear of espionage and the highly strategic nature of the Salman Pak project.

A warning signal of Iraq's intent should have gone off when the Thyssen employees contemplated a project specification that called for an expensive air cleaning plant for the laboratories, to be built by one of the eight German subcontractors, Noske-Kaesser. The Iraqis were not known for caring about environmental protection. The only reason for such an elaborate air cleaning system was to prevent the highly volatile chemicals from poisoning workers and the local population.

If that was still not enough to arouse suspicion among the Germans working at the site, then the "animal house," where beagles and other test animals were kept, should have been. Once production began at Salman Pak, the beagles were used to test the lethality of nerve gas agents. Their carcasses were thrown out on a garbage dump in plain view.

The Iraqis have admitted none of this to the U.N. inspectors. They say they commenced biological warfare research in 1986, and have admitted only working on two biological warfare agents — anthrax and botulin toxin. In a fit of helplessness, they provided samples of each to the Special Commission. But the Iraqis say they abandoned the effort in 1990.

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CHARLEY REESE

John Kasich tries to navigate presidential waters, but drowns

Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio, is doing the wet-finger tour. He's testing the political winds to see if there is a chance they might blow him into the White House. After meeting this unusually unimpressive gentleman, I hope the answer is, they won't.

First of all, Kasich commits the standard professional politician sin of campaigning against the problems he helped create. He wants to run against burdensome and unreasonable regulations, big government, a bad tax code, too much litigation, etc.

All politicians who do this — and that's most of them — deserve to be booed and picketed by federal employees every time they show their faces. They are unjustly shifting the blame for what they themselves have done to the backs of federal employees who are doing nothing more than enforcing the laws they wrote.

People like Kasich insult our intelligence when they try to pull this con job. Bureaucrats did not pass the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act and the Endangered Species Act. Congress did, and it produced very badly written laws. Now to blame the men and women in the federal civil service who have no choice but to enforce these laws is to commit an outrageous injustice and to indulge in a deliberate deception.

There is no bureaucracy that is not authorized and funded by Congress. There is no federal law that is not based on laws passed by Congress. As for too much litigation, it is interesting that Kasich never mentioned the dozens of federal laws Congress has passed which specifically create grounds for litigation and in many cases compel the taxpayers to pay the attorneys' fees.

Too many laws and too many badly written laws generate litigation, but Kasich wants you to believe it's somebody else's fault — certainly not his. He seems to see himself as an angelically innocent philosopher-king-idealist. Just as soon as the public grasps what a great guy he is, they will give him his rightful due: the White House. In fact, he talks like a college sophomore at a frat house bull session. His conversation consists mostly of anecdotes, even hypothetical anecdotes.

Kasich spent an hour and a half talking, virtually nonstop, about the problems of government but never once mentioned the Constitution. It is simply off his radar screen.

Yet it is precisely because Congress does not obey the Constitution that we have big, intrusive government. The Constitution is not a historical document. It is our charter of government, and its principal purpose is to define and limit the powers of government. Yet in all his chatter about government, he never deemed it necessary to refer to it.

For a man testing the waters for a run at the presidency, it is interesting that Kasich spent an hour and a half without ever once mentioning the two main areas in which a president must act: defense and foreign affairs.

In fact, Kasich gave me the impression of a man who is uninterested and unaware of the world outside himself. He notices it only as it relates to him. In short, like most professional politicians, he seems to consist of a mouth and an ego and little else. He appears to love the sound of his own voice and seems to think that whatever he says is profound simply because he is the one saying it.

According to his brief biography, Kasich has never done anything in his life but go to school and be a politician. After school, his biography says "legislative aide, state official." He's been in Congress since 1983.

He is right about one thing. He says that there is no leadership and that the American public is hungry for leadership. But Kasich can't satisfy that hunger — he would be as filling as wonton soup with no dumplings.

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CAL THOMAS

Septuplets births raise ethics questions

The birth of the McCaughey septuplets produced joy and thanksgiving for the couple and their families. It has also produced a debate among "medical ethicists," some of whom argue that Bobbi McCaughey should have aborted (euphemistically a "fetal reduction") in order to limit the risk to the babies and reduce the cost to the taxpayers of giving birth to so many children. One can almost hear Mr. Scrooge advocating the death of the poor in order to reduce the surplus population.

First, a definition. "Ethics" is "the discipline dealing with what is good and bad and with moral duty and obligation." This implies a standard by which an ethic may be measured. The McCaugheys accepted such a standard when they said that God had a plan for their children, and they never considered killing one or more of them. Medical ethicists abandoned such a standard when they endorsed abortion "choice." That Bobbi McCaughey made a choice favoring life over death isn't enough for them. They have other concerns.

Where the ethical line is drawn, and whether it is drawn with indelible or disappearing ink, is relevant to what the medical profession will be allowed to do to the rest of us in the future. As medicine costs more, it will be necessary to consider whether life's value can depreciate, like a car.

In a Wall Street Journal article we learn that "fetal reduction" is becoming a common procedure for women who face multiple births. We also learn that doctors who advise aborting one or more babies because of "danger" to the others are frequently wrong. Often the babies left safely to gestate are born healthy, or at least are assisted to health by modern technology. And we learn that some mothers selectively reduce for the convenience of it. As one doctor notes, "If reducing from one to zero is acceptable in this society, then why not from two to one?"

One might go even farther, as some wish to do. Some ethicists and commentators question the "right" of women to have multiple births, suggest-

ing the government may wish to regulate the practice. This sounds disturbingly like China's policy of limiting couples to one child, with forced abortion for those who attempt to violate the law. Do we want to go there?

What should be even more alarming is that the acceptance of abortion has produced threats to other categories of human life, just as former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop predicted it would two decades ago. Prof. Steven Pinker, director of the Center for Cognitive Neuroscience at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in an article for the Nov. 2 New York Times Magazine, defended the practice of infanticide. Pinker suggested that the active or passive killing of newly born babies should be treated differently from the killing of an adult because an infant is not yet a full-fledged person. Pinker says we only have a right not to be killed if we have "an ability to reflect upon ourselves as a conscious locus of consciousness, to form and savor plans for the future, to dread death and to express the choice not to die." Infants, he says, don't qualify and so may be killed without offense to moral codes.

Pinker contends that we must "think the unthinkable and ask if we, like many societies and like the mothers (who commit infanticide) themselves, are not completely sure whether a neonate is a full person."

Responding to Pinker's article in a "Dear Colleagues" letter, Sen. Dan Coats (R-Ind.) and Rep. Joe Pitts (R-Pa.) say that Pinker "assaults the moral standard Western Civilization has built over two millennia to protect children... we believe that when such staggering and misguided statements are offered in the cultural marketplace, they must be refuted convincingly and repeatedly."

One category of life cannot be declassified without endangering others. If the unborn can be aborted, individually or "selectively," then why not kill the newly born and the elderly if they become "inconvenient"? If there is no God to govern in the affairs of men, then why shouldn't government or medical ethicists or public opinion be our god?

On the eve of the 25th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, we are quickly regressing to a raw, purely arbitrary utilitarianism increasingly hostile to the notion that life is sacred and unique among living things.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, Nov. 28, the 332nd day of 1997. There are 33 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 28, 1520, Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan reached the Pacific Ocean after passing through the South American strait that now bears his name.

On this date:
 In 1895, the first automobile

race took place between Chicago and Waukegan, Ill. The winner, James Franklin Duryea, collected \$2,000 from the Chicago Times-Herald.

In 1925, the Grand Ole Opry, Nashville's famed home of country music, made its radio debut on station WSM.

In 1942, nearly 500 people died in a fire that destroyed the Cocoanut Grove nightclub in Boston.

In 1943, President Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin met in Tehran during World War II.

In 1958, the African nation of Chad became an autonomous republic within the French community.

In 1964, the United States launched the space probe Mariner 4 on a course to Mars.

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Historians uncover remnants from Civil War nurse Barton's missing soldiers office

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Civil War had ended and it would be another 15 years before the "Angel of the Battlefield" established the American Red Cross.

In between, famed war nurse Clara Barton ran a missing soldier's operation that tracked down 22,000 men from 1865 to 1868, say federal historians who have now documented some of her work with the surprise discovery of records in a government attic.

"When the battle was over, she needed something to do," said Gary Scott, National Park Service regional historian. "She would compile missing soldiers lists and send them to post offices across the country to try to locate the soldiers."

Scott uncovered one of the lists during the past few weeks while going through boxes of documents in the attic of a government building. Situated about halfway between the White House and the Capitol, it once housed Barton's Missing Persons Office. A worker for a contractor alerted the Park Service to the attic treasures, luckily before the building owned by the General Services Administration and slated for demolition had come down.

The discovery of a sign from Barton's office first linked the documents to her operation.

"It was quite remarkable to us that this stuff came from the Civil War," Scott said.

Government records, Civil War newspapers, leftover wallpaper remnants and even 19th-century clothes, from embroidered slippers to a frock coat, which "looked like something Abraham Lincoln

would have worn," were among the items stowed in a sealed off crawl space, Scott said. Some of the attic artifacts indicate the office may have been used as a resting place for the historian who believes Barton may have lived in the building.

The unexpected find of the documents that languished for more than a century highlights a lesser known period of Barton's life and of post-Civil War efforts to heal the nation.

Born in North Oxford, Mass. in 1821, Barton was a teacher and government worker before heading off to minister the wounds of soldiers, often on bloody battle sites.

Barton came into the missing soldiers business when a prisoner of war brought her a list of dead soldiers from the legendary Andersonville Confederate prison camp in Georgia. Nearly 13,000 of 45,000 confined Union soldiers died from disease, filth, starvation and exposure there. Thanks to her

work, Barton was able to return to Andersonville and mark the graves of thousands of soldiers.

She later published a list of their names.

"Once people realized she had

found dead soldiers, she started receiving thousands of letters from mothers and daughters,"

Scott said, adding, "Occasionally she would find people who didn't want to be found."

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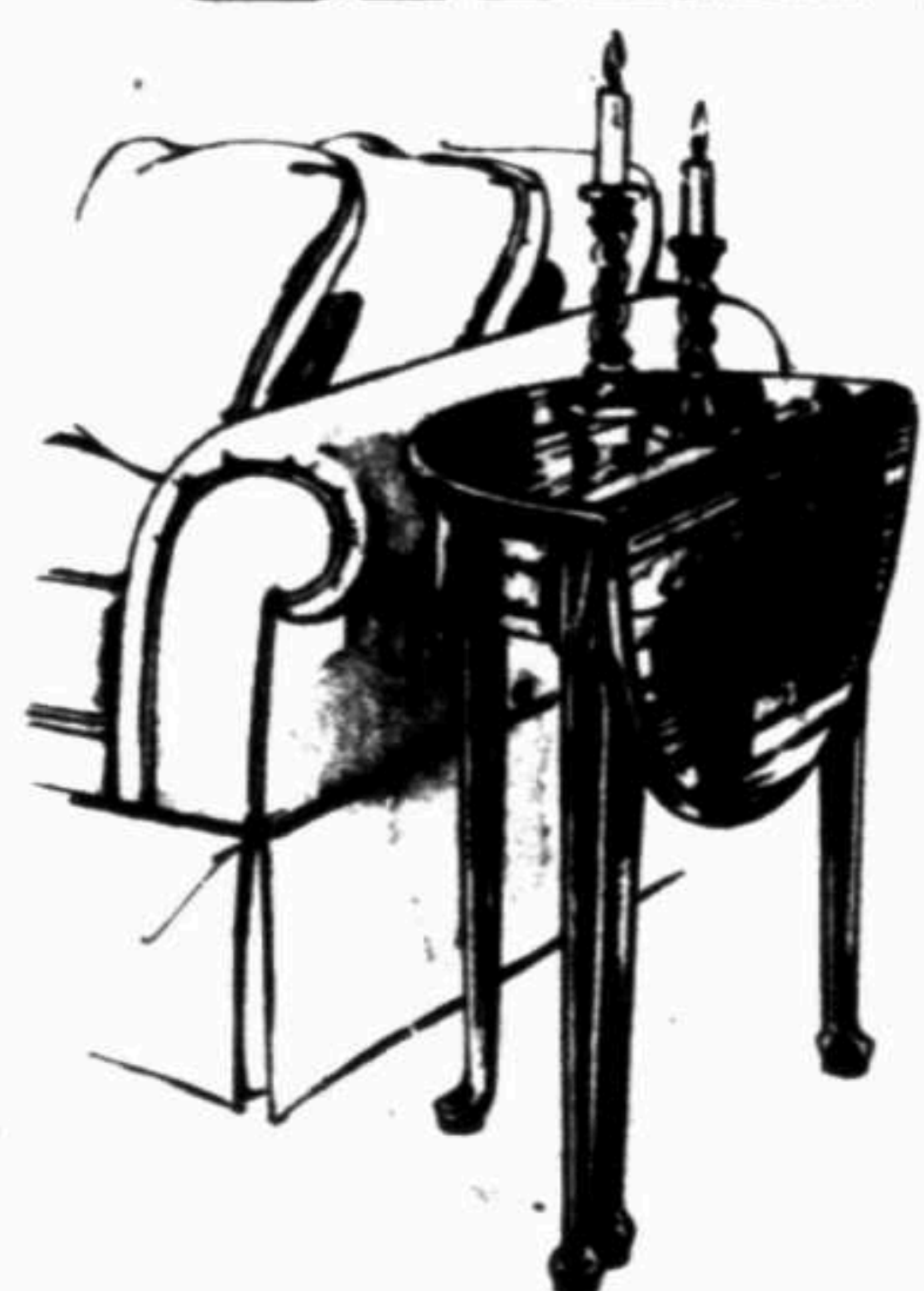
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95-year-old West Texas woman discovers Internet

By Loretta Fulton
Abilene Reporter-News

ABILENE — Every morning Jackie Harber gets up and checks her e-mail.

Then she reads the newspaper. For most of her 95 years, that morning routine has been just the opposite.

But ever since her nephew, Charles, bought her a WebTV on Nov. 7 so that she can be hooked up to the Internet, Aunt Jackie has been like a child on Christmas morning — every morning.

"I can't wait to get in here in the morning and see how many messages I have," Harber said gleefully.

Don't anyone tell Aunt Jackie — her e-mail name — that she's 95 and supposed to be knitting all day. She's as technologically astute as many of us and just as fascinated with life's discoveries as a 2-year-old.

"You'd better watch me, or I'm liable to go off in that space shuttle to outer space," she said. "If I get an invitation, I will."

Don't bet against it. She may have gray hair and occasionally use a cane, but Aunt Jackie is far from the rocking chair.

In passing one day, she mentioned to Nephew Charles that she should get a computer. Then she talked herself out of it. But her nephew bought her WebTV anyway, a device that hooks up to a television and allows Internet access without a computer.

So far Aunt Jackie uses the device only for e-mail but plans to be exploring the Internet before long.

"I'm going to want to broaden out," she said.

E-mail allows daily correspondence with missionary friends in Africa as well as relatives. A member of Northwest Church of Christ, Harber likes to remain in close touch with the missionaries, which is much faster and cheaper by e-mail than by traditional means.

A year after twister, town gives thanks

DALLAS (AP) — The first holiday season since a devastating tornado struck the city of Jarrell is providing a moment of reflection for residents.

Thanksgiving falls on the six-month anniversary of the day when twisters flattened parts of Jarrell, killing 27 people.

Last week, 300 people jammed the school cafeteria for what was billed as "The First Thanksgiving Dinner" in the Interstate 35 community of commuters, farmers and ranchers.

Thanking the thousands of churches, charitable organizations and individuals who spent their time and money to help a shattered Texas town was the goal.

"We've come a long way because we've been helped by so many people," said Dianne Johns, chairwoman of the Jarrell Recovery Board, which collected donations for the needy. "We are trying to recognize them."

Sylvia Gaswint brought framed photographs of her daughter, Bernice Gower, and grandson, Brian Gower. The tornado killed them both.

She tearfully told a story of how her daughter and grandson died in each other's arms.

"Their bodies were intact," she said. "And that was something to be thankful for, too."

Since the disaster, insurance and charity have financed new homes, put new trees in the yards and paid for new furniture.

"What do I have to be thankful for? I'd rather not answer that question," said John Johnson, the Jarrell High School principal. "I've got lots to be thankful for, and many others around here don't."

Annual bake sale shut down by health officials

FULSHEAR (AP) — A church bake sale that's gone on for three decades was shut down this year by a Fort Bend County health inspector.

The health violation? Not cooking the cakes, cookies and pies in an inspected kitchen facility.

The ladies group of First United Methodist Church in Fulshear, a town west of Houston, had set the sale for last Saturday. Right after the sale started, a health inspector came by and met with Ethel Euforth, president of the ladies group.

"He wanted to let us know that it was illegal and we could not sell to the public, but only to one another," she said. "It came as a surprise to us."

Kent Burkett, spokesperson for County Judge Mike Rozell, said the health department told them about the food preparation regulations, but Burkett said other bake sales in the county probably won't be shut down.

"In no way is this going to be a targeted effort on bake sales," he said.

The technological advances Harber has seen in her lifetime are mind-boggling. Born July 1, 1902, in Hays County, Harber came with her parents by train to the Caps community southwest of Abilene when she was 5 years old.

The family moved into Abilene in 1922. Harber attended Abilene Christian College, now a university, for one year and worked until her retirement in 1974 at Triangle

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In 1922, after moving to town, Harber experienced one of the greatest joys of her life.

"That's the first electricity and running water we had," she said. Since then, Harber has seen men walk on the moon and cook food in a microwave oven.

And now she can correspond in a flash with relatives and friends worldwide. How does e-mail rate

alongside those other advances? As much as she loves it, it can't come close to that first indoor bathroom.

"Honey, that's the best invention they ever made," Harber said, her bright eyes twinkling and her easy smile bursting into a laugh. "I think it ranks on top."

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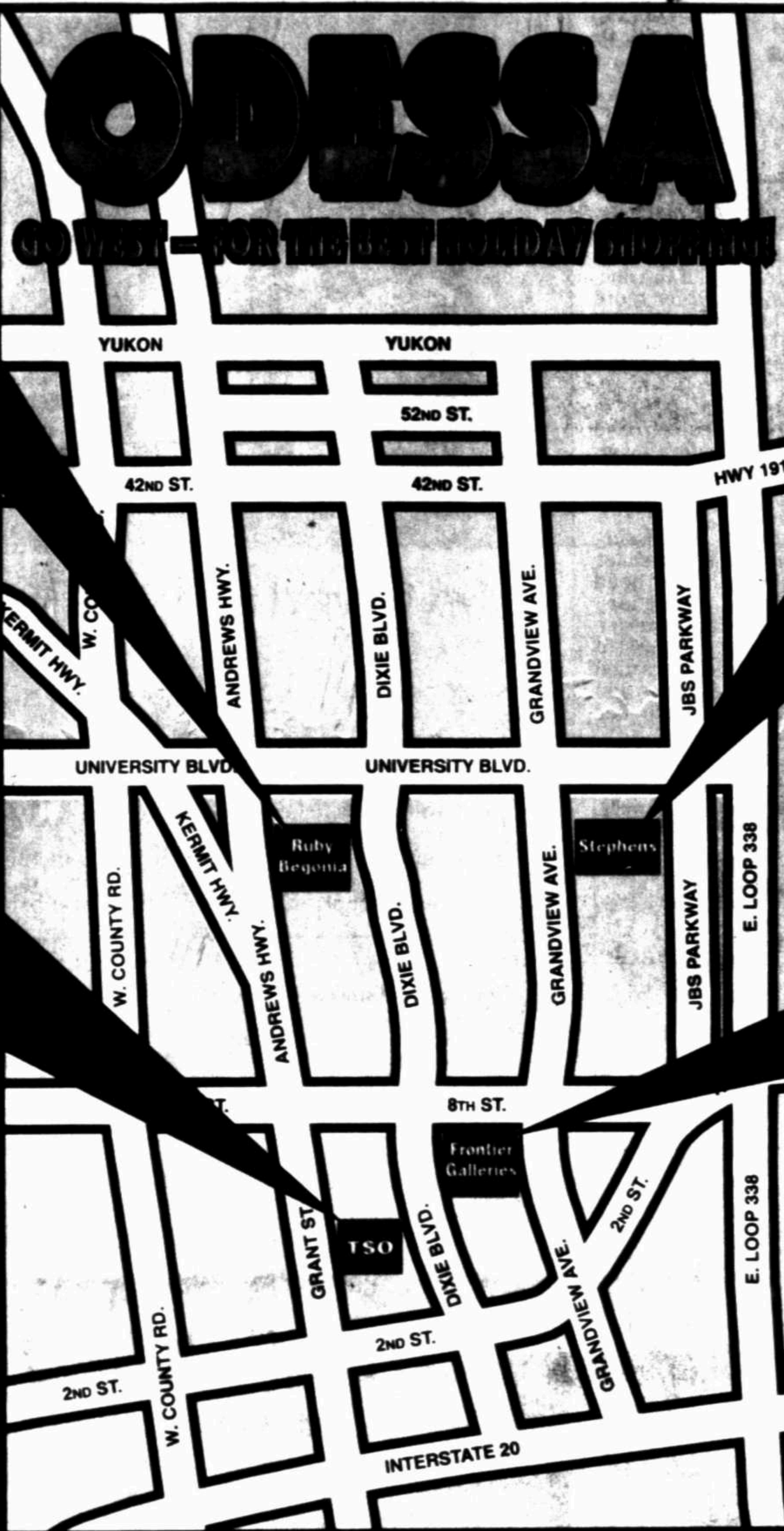
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Top weekend movies		
Weekend of Nov. 21-23, 1997		
All dollar figures in millions		
Rank	Movie	Gross to date, weekend in release, number of screens
1	Mortal Kombat: Annihilation	\$16.8, one week, 2,140 screens
2	Armageddon	\$14.2, two weeks, 2,480 screens
3	John Graham's The Rainmaker	\$10.6, one week, 2,317 screens
4	The Jackal	\$9, two weeks, 2,201 screens
5	The Little Mermaid	\$8.7, two weeks, 2,057 screens
6	Midnight in the Garden	\$5.2, one week, 824 screens
7	Starship Troopers	\$4.7, three weeks, 2,822 screens
8	Bean	\$3.4, six weeks, 1,991 screens
9	The Man Who Knew Too Little	\$2.9, two weeks, 2,039 screens
10	I Know What You Did Last Summer	\$2.6, six weeks, 1,880 screens

Films for the holidays

THE IMAX NUTCRACKER
At Sony Lincoln Square
Lotte Johnson, Heathcote Williams, Miriam Margolyes
Directed by Christine Edzard
G 40 minutes

Many liberties have been taken in this pared-down yet gussied-up version of Tchaikovsky's classic tale of a little girl whose wooden nutcracker comes to life in a dream. It is a three-dimensional drama — not a ballet — and it is set in contemporary London.

Clara, 8, narrates the truncated telling, offering a play-by-play interpretation of her voyage through a dream world of dancing toys and warring mice in which her Uncle Drössemeier's antique toy collection walks, talks and does battle. In this production, Tchaikovsky's score is background rather than centerpiece.

VIOLENCE None. The fight scenes are very tame.
SEX None.
PROFANITY None.
FOOTNOTE The film requires 3D headgear, which some children might find ungainly or claustrophobic.

For Which Children?
AGES 3-6 While this film could serve as an economical alternative to a live ballet performance, it is too static for most children this age.

AGES 6-10 They might enjoy it. Clara's narration may make the mysterious, sometimes nightmarish tale more accessible, but you will need to explain that significant license has been taken with the original story.

AGES 10 AND UP Ready for the live, traditional classic, they will be underwhelmed by this version.

Patricia S. McCormick

THE MAN WHO KNEW TOO LITTLE

Bill Murray, Peter Gallagher, Joanne Whalley
Directed by Jon Amiel
PG 92 minutes

A good-hearted fellow and certainly the world record holder for gullibility, Wallace Ritchie (Murray) gets himself involved in what he thinks is a game being played by audience members during a theater performance but is actually a contest for world domination.

So while many of Wally's acts of James Bondian derring-do are brought off with the aplomb of a man who thinks he's just playing, they actually befit a plot to restart the Cold War.

VIOLENCE Spy-film rough stuff of the cartoonish and sometimes slapstick variety.

SEX There is some smirky innuendo and comic sadomasochism.
PROFANITY A sprinkling of four-letter words.

For Which Children?
AGES 3-5 They will have little idea of what is going on.

AGES 6-8 With more coaching than is probably worth it, they might grasp the general idea.

AGES 9-12 Children this age should enjoy the movie.

AGES 13 AND UP Some older youngsters will like the film, but for most of them it will be a yawn.

Peter M. Nichols

REVIEWS AND PREVIEWS EDITOR
JIMMY PATTERSON

All hype, no heart: Disney flubs up with 'Flubber'



Robin Williams is the Absent-Minded Professor in "Flubber."

By Robert Philpot
N.Y. Times News Services

Enumerating "Flubber's" troubles is almost as daunting as getting a handle on the irrepressible green stuff. Let's start with the character who has the most heart. It's a flying robot.

Her name's Weebo, and she'll do anything for Phillip Brainard, the absent-minded professor. She'll help him discover Flubber, she'll put aside her own crush on him and reunite him with his true love Sara, she'll protect his invention with her life. No sacrifice is too great.

Something's wrong with this picture. Shouldn't the humans be more interesting than a machine?

Movie review

Brainard's a nice guy, but the movie doesn't give him much of a chance to show much heart: Robin Williams manages one soulful moment as Brainard, but the rest of the time he's being upstaged by hyperactive Gak. Not that the movie gives him much of a reason to be heartfelt. His love interest, Sara, is so underwritten that Marcia Gay Harden might as well not have bothered showing up for the role.

This is the problem with too many of Disney's live-action comedies these days: They're all wallet and no soul. "The Absent-Minded Professor," the original Flubber movie,

was named after a person; it's a sign of Disney's times that this one is named after a product.

At first, "Flubber" is kind of fun, and kids will no doubt get a kick out of watching the green stuff fly around. But the joke gets old fast, and the movie's showcase piece, a Flubber jambo, is a useless production number that does nothing to advance the plot. It's nothing more than a music video stuck in the middle of the movie, an excuse to show off some soulless effects.

If the effects are updated, the story isn't. Brainard is still a professor at a small college that's in danger of being closed by a greedy alumnus. When Brainard discovers Flubber,

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Holiday Film Fare



Holiday movies include, "The Postman," top left; "Kundun," at right; "Mousetrap," top right, and "Amistad," below right.



Holiday films no longer limited to family fare

By Renee Graham
N.Y. Times News Service

Mention holiday movies and most folks' thoughts probably drift to such sugar-plum pleasures as Jimmy Stewart in "It's a Wonderful Life," Natalie Wood in "Miracle on 34th Street," or even Jean Shepherd's wickedly funny "A Christmas Story." If fall releases are typically serious films with Academy Award aspirations, then movies scheduled for November and (especially) December seemed gift-wrapped and designed for the whole family.

But that may have changed forever last December, not with a bang or a whimper but with a "Scream."

When Miramax Films released the \$10 million horror film five days before Christmas, lots of people around Hollywood — a town with no shortage of scatterbrained ideas — believed studio president Mark Gill had taken leave of his natural senses. In the season of decking the halls and bringing tidings of comfort and joy, he was told, no one would see a film that was both a celebration and send-up of classic teen-slasher films.

"People told us," Gill recalled, that releasing the film at Christmas "was the stupidest, most boneheaded move they'd ever heard. I'd like to be that boneheaded all the time, because that was about as good as it gets."

"Scream," went on to earn more than \$100 million, which tweaked everybody's long-held notions about what will play in December. Where the terms "holiday film" and "family film" were once interchangeable, many movies scheduled for release at the end of this year have precious little to do with candlelight and candy.

"The good news is the old definition, which was strictly 'family fare,' has gone by the wayside," Gill said. "You can have 'Scream' during the Christmas season. You can have a crime caper such as 'Jackie Brown' — Quentin Tarantino's first film since 'Pulp Fiction' in 1994. Or you could have something that fits the more traditional definition, like 'Flubber,' the remake of 'The Absent-Minded Professor' starring Robin Williams."



ring Robin Williams. "Now just about anything goes."

This year's version of "anything goes" also includes an ill-fated luxury liner ("Titanic"), a slave rebellion ("Amistad"), rip-roaring Ripley back from the dead and ready to party ("Alien Resurrection"), and Kevin Costner refusing to allow rain, sleet, or the apocalypse to keep him from his appointed rounds ("The Postman"). Between Nov. 7 and Christmas, more than 35 major films are scheduled for release. In fact, the holiday season has become as vital as the summer months for studios carting out their big products.

"What makes for a big summer release is the same thing which makes for a big holiday release — a picture which is an event," said Martin Grove, movie analyst for CNN's "Showbiz Today" and a columnist for the Hollywood Reporter.

"These are films which have a scope of importance, films where there is already a buzz and much anticipation, like 'Titanic,'" he said. "The holiday season, unlike the summer, is a very compressed period, so you need to come into it with films people don't have to find out about, but already know

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Scheduled release dates of holiday films:

- Dec. 5
"Good Will Hunting"
- Dec. 10
"Amistad"
- Dec. 12
"For Richer or Poorer"
- Dec. 17
"Deconstructing Harry"
- Dec. 17
"Scream 2"
- Dec. 17
"The Apostle"
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"Oscar and Lucinda"

Dion's 'Let's Talk About Love': Too good to wait

By Fred Shuster
N.Y. Times News Service

LOS ANGELES — It's almost too easy to antagonize the swarm of publicists surrounding easy-listening pop diva Celine Dion. All you have to do is bring up human sacrifice.

"Oh, no, don't do that," one of Dion's worried assistants says when it's suggested that the songbird be questioned about the blood-letting rituals that just might be the real explanation for her incredible success. "She doesn't understand sarcasm."

Who's being sarcastic? How else but the use of dark rites to explain Dion's 1996 release, "Falling Into You," the best-selling album of that year to the tune of a startling 25 million copies worldwide.

Or the many awards, Grammy,

Oscar and otherwise, snagged by the French Canadian singer whose new album, "Let's Talk About Love," is due Nov. 18. Meanwhile, "Tell Him," a Dion duet with Barbra Streisand, is nearing the top of the adult-contemporary chart.

Dion's latest disc finds the 29-year-old singer working with a host of high-profile collaborators, including Beatles producer George Martin, Luciano Pavarotti, Carole King, the Bee Gees and Streisand.

"I'm calling it the album of my life," Dion said by telephone from Quebec. "It represents what I've been looking for my entire career."

The album's 15 songs were recorded in an unusually quick two-month period. Initially, Dion and her manager/husband, Rene Angelil, planned to take a year off following the

global "Falling Into You" tour. But Sony's 550 Music urged the couple to consider a new album for the holidays.

It's a surprise that Dion would release another album so soon after "Falling," which remained in the top 10 for more than a year and spawned the top-five hits "Because You Loved Me" (the theme to "Up Close & Personal"), "It's All Coming Back to Me Now" and "All By Myself."

But Dion insists that if she had not uncovered such outstanding material, the album would have waited until next year.

"We were very lucky to find such good songs," she said. "That's what made all the difference. Everyone understood that if the songs weren't there, we wouldn't record yet."

In her native Canada as well as France, Dion has been popular since

she was a teen. It wasn't until 1991 when she released an English-language record that her soaring pop voice broke in the United States. Her theme to "Beauty and the Beast" was an early smash.

At popular adult-contemporary stations, Dion is a core artist, one of the voices that drives and defines the top-rated format.

"She's one of the most talented singers in the world," said Johnny Chiang, a radio music director in Los Angeles. "And one of the most popular. A lot of it has to do with timing. In the past two years, adult pop radio has been inundated with female rockers like Alanis Morissette and Fiona Apple. In that kind of company, Celine is a breath of fresh air."

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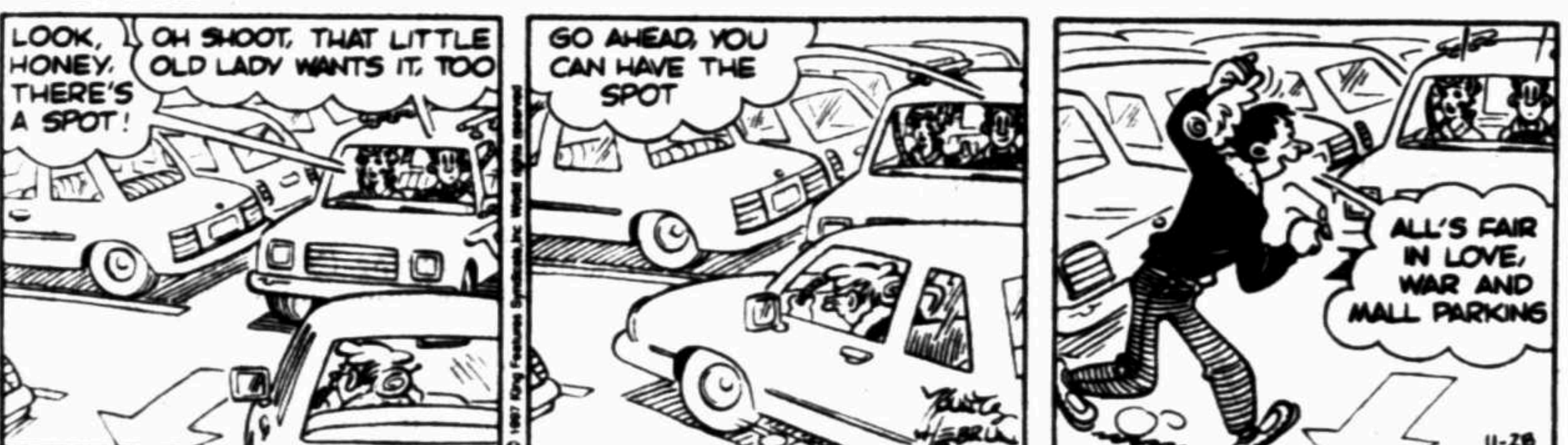
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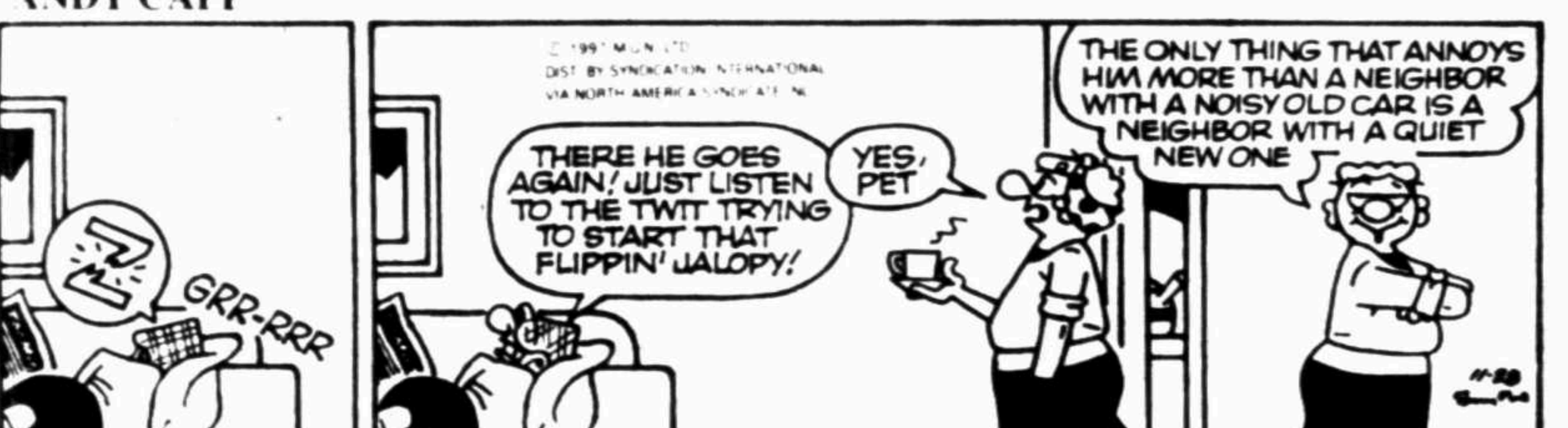
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
**** Exciting news comes forward. Opportunity strikes; you enjoy a caring friendship. Overindulgence marks your interactions. A boss, parent or respected friend values your time and attention. Do something you adore, and invite another along. Tonight: Make plans with a loved one.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
***** Listen to others, though you might have your own ideas about how things need to work. A boss or relative lets you know how much he cares. Let another dote on you. Love abounds, and you open up. A relationship warms up considerably. Tonight: Find your way to the crowds.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** You are in the mood to get a lot done. You might begin holiday errands or addressing cards. You might be overwhelmed by a message or potential trip. When you share your feelings, a partner soon opens up. Tonight: Get extra R&R.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** You are full of playful energy. Get down to financial basics with a partner. Make a list together, and discuss what gifts you want to receive. This could add sizzling moments to your relationship, making you feel especially warm toward each other. Tonight: Be loving.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** You enjoy playing the day low-key. A party or happening can begin at home, when you least expect it. Others adore you and let you know it. Fun happens, even when getting a project done. Much is accomplished because of your efficiency. Tonight: Hang out together.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** Reach out for another, and listen to feedback. Get together with family and friends. Start a holiday project early. "The more, the merrier" is your motto, as the season officially takes off. Your social, chatty side emerges. Tonight: Begin a luxurious weekend.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
*** Buying might be a major pre-occupation. After all, we are entering the Christmas season. It is wise to balance your budget, and pay bills first. A money investment might be a bad idea now. You might not like what this risk will bring. Tonight: Start the season with eggnog.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
*** Take a back seat, and do some thinking. You might want to chat and catch up on news with those who are home for the holidays. You like the lightness, though you might opt not to share everything on your mind. Relax and indulge. Tonight: You enjoy whatever you do.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** Getting together with friends keeps you busy. What a delightful pastime! You also enjoy taking a shopping break. You find the holiday spirit contagious, and love being around it. Zero in, and ask for what you want. Tonight: Go out for fun and frivolity.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** You might need to work or complete an important project. Still, your exuberance speaks for itself; you have a hard time maintaining the pace you would like. A secret shared might be very hard to keep. You could end up making a general announcement! Tonight: Find the most fun action.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
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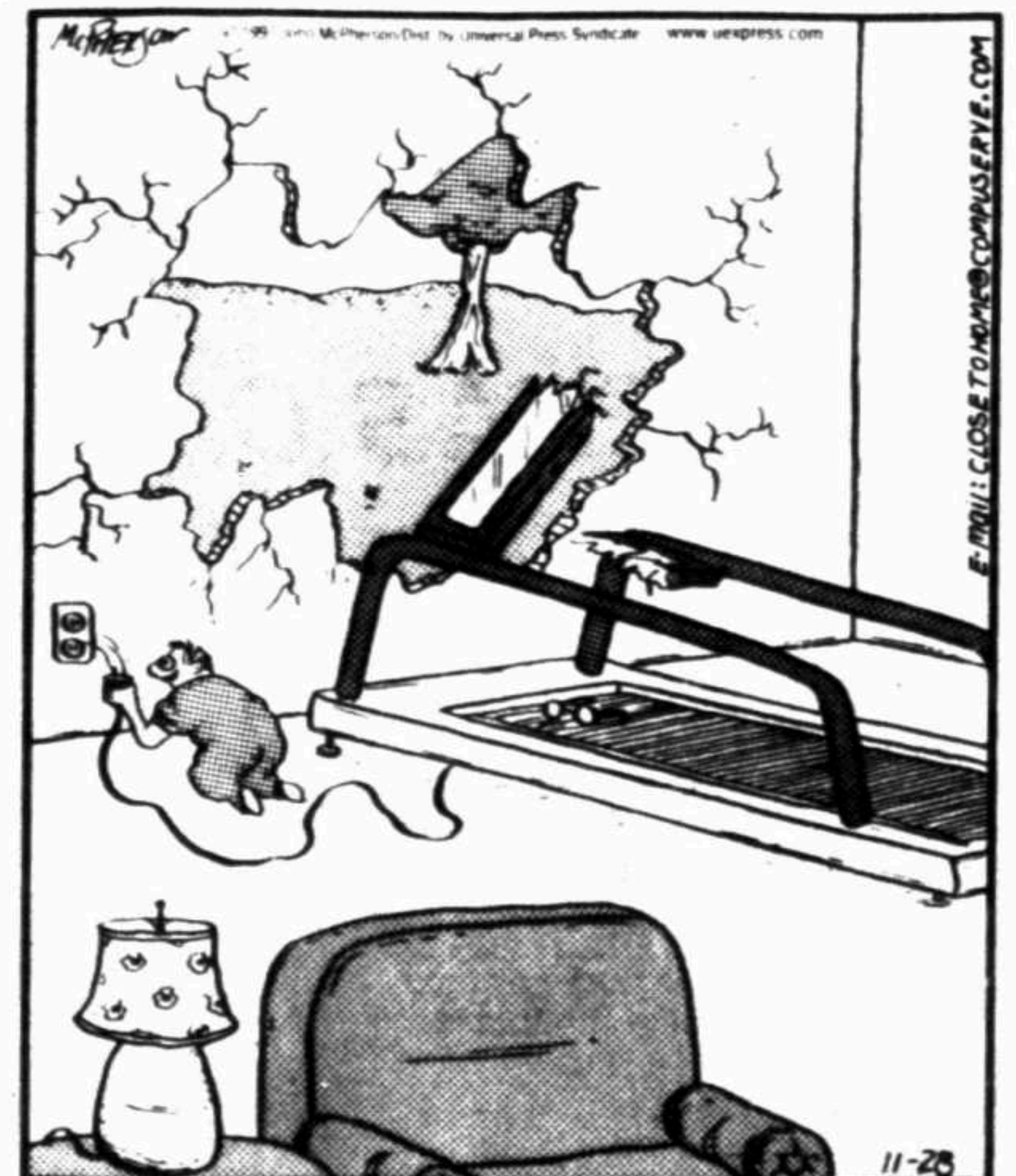
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After much agonizing, declarer decided that it was probable that West held a singleton somewhere for the preempt, and clubs was the most likely suit. Since the odds were 3-to-1 in favor of it being a card other than the queen, Sanders ran the jack of clubs. When East followed with the five, declarer's only loser was a diamond.

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The awards had been known as the Bay Area Music Awards, or Bammies, but were expanded this year to include musical acts from across the state. They will be presented March 7 in San Francisco.

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DISNEY: Film doesn't give Williams enough room

(From 11A)

which defies laws of gravity and motion, he believes he's found a gold mine that will cure the college's ills.

Of course, in the original, Flubber was the professor's only invention: here, his house is filled with nifty "Jetsons"-like devices ranging from a self-starting vacuum cleaner to Weebo, the flying robot/personal assistant. Nobody else on his block has these things; why doesn't he patent them and use THEM to make money? Yeah, so he's absent-minded. He's pretty single-minded about Flubber, though.

Weebo (voiced by "The Little Mermaid's" Jodi Benson) might be the most interesting character, but she's also a problem. In the original, Fred MacMurray had two companions: a loyal dog and a housekeeper. Weebo takes both of their places, a machine replacing living creatures. It might be moving when Weebo sets aside her own feelings to bring Brainard and Sara back together, but it's also cynical: The original let Sara decide for herself that Brainard really was the man for her, even if he had forgotten their marriage date three times.

Williams might appear to be the perfect guy to play an absent-minded professor, but because Brainard is a shy guy, the movie doesn't give him enough room to do his improvisational shtick. It's the same mistake "Hook" made: Take one of our most childlike actors, put him in a childlike role, and then don't let him act like a child. Early in the picture,

Williams squeezes off some lines that illustrate his character's absent-mindedness, and they're fun, but most of the time he's reduced to physical humor and to reacting to special effects. The movie forgets that his gift is for verbal humor, not the physical kind.

At least he's given a full role. As Sara, Marcia Gay Harden is stuck with Disney's idea of a "modern woman": She's the college president, but she doesn't do anything, and hinges her happiness on being married.

The only interesting human character is Wilson, Phillip's rival, played by Christopher McDonald (TV's "Veronica's Closet"), who has a knack for smarmy villains. He wants to steal the girl AND the Flubber formula, and because McDonald turns the smugness up high, he's the only human to guarantee a response. The next time Disney remakes the story, maybe it could be named after him.

"Flubber" was directed by Les Mayfield, whose credits include the 1994 remake of "Miracle on 34th Street." But more significant is John Hughes, who co-scripted. It's sad to look at what's happened to Hughes since he abandoned his teen comedy-dramas of the '80s. With "Flubber" and its violent slapstick gags, he has simply made another "Home Alone" rehash; all he does these days is repeat himself repeating himself.

The ultimately depressing "Flubber" doesn't sink quite as low as last year's "101 Dalmatians," where the heroes were even more vacant, the villain

even more evil, the merchandising more evident. But it shares the same self-assured cynicism: The originals assumed that we wanted to be entertained; the remakes assume that we'll fall for anything. So far, the box office has proved them right, but maybe one day, we'll stop buying what these movies are selling. This is as good a time as any.

Film: "Flubber"
Director: Les Mayfield
Featuring: Robin Williams, Marcia Gay Harden, Christopher McDonald

Rated: PG — slapstick violence and bathroom humor — you were expecting something else from a live-action Disney comedy?

Rating: 2 stars on a scale of 5

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Former Energy Secretary still reeling from tumultuous two years

Melinda Hennenberger
New York Times Service

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — On Sunday morning, former Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary walked to the front of her mother's Presbyterian church in nearby Newport News, which she described as "a groovy place," and came to God.

"I'm very old and I just joined church today," said O'Leary, who is 60, her eyes filling with tears when she talked about it. "I hopped out of my seat and went down and thought, 'Maybe this is what the last two years has been about.'"

That is two years of scandals, most recently accusations that she solicited a \$25,000 donation for her favorite charity, Africare, in exchange for an agreement to meet with some Chinese clients of Johnny Chung, the lobbyist and prolific political donor. Attorney General Janet Reno is expected to announce a decision as early as Monday on whether to appoint an independent prosecutor in the case.

O'Leary is not, however, confessing and asking for forgiveness, because she feels she has done nothing wrong. "When I look at the phenomenon of guys born again in Washington — what's the toe-sucker's name? — yeah, Dick Morris, he followed the recipe," she said, referring to President Clinton's fallen political adviser. "He sinned and was saved, but I haven't. I don't regret a moment of it. I regret the pain it caused my mother. She asked me, 'Are you going to jail?' And she said, 'I thought it was over.'"

It is not quite over, with uncertain signals from the Justice

Department about the likelihood of a special prosecutor in the case. All O'Leary, now an energy consultant, will say about the accusations is "I know I didn't — No, I can't talk about it. My high-priced lawyer would kill me."

Stylish and striking, she is full of fun on Sunday, telling stories with great relish and a theatrical sense of timing. But in some ways she is a sad figure, too, a woman known in her field as easily the best prepared energy secretary in the brief, 18-year history of the department, who nonetheless wound up the butt of jokes.

She played a significant role in paving the way for a nuclear test ban, but got more attention for the controversy surrounding her \$4.5 million in foreign trips. She was widely praised as the first energy secretary to acknowledge cold war radiation experiments using Americans as guinea pigs. But she also got a public spanking from the White House after news that her department had spent \$43,500 to figure out which reporters were writing favorable articles.

She stood up for whistle-blowers at nuclear plants, announcing a policy of "zero tolerance" for retaliation against them and personally taking the perceived troublemakers under her wing. But she stood out for excesses like taking an entourage of 76 to India and leasing a plane that had also been used by Madonna. She won the Cavallo Foundation's award for moral courage and ethical resistance, but lost the public relations war, and came off looking like someone who was in charge of making nuclear weapons but could

not be trusted with a gold card.

Almost a year after leaving office, when asked if there was anything she would have done differently, O'Leary answered, "It doesn't matter, does it?" Fortright and flamboyant, she favors hot pink over gray and talks like a refugee from Esalen, using expressions like, "I own that," for "I'm responsible." Conservative Washington winced, and many observers saw racism and sexism in the way she was treated.

"She's an African-American woman, and every African-American woman in the Clinton administration got a lot of heat," said Tom Carpenter, a lawyer with the Government Accountability Project who represents workers at bomb plants and has criticized O'Leary on safety and cleanup. "This Congress goes after anyone they see as an uppity woman. I looked pretty carefully at the travel brouhaha and thought it was a tempest in a teapot. Some trips were bloated and probably unwise, but as scandals go it just doesn't rate."

Former aides say she was routinely undercut by her own staff as she struggled to change the inter-

nal culture of a traditionally super-secret department and got only feeble support from the White House. "Except for Clinton and Gore, the White House staff didn't like her," in part because she refused to hire some of those they had recommended, said Bob Hanfling, an old friend who served as her first chief of staff. "The Republicans on the Hill sensed she was vulnerable."

There were also times, even those close to her acknowledge, when O'Leary seemed her own worst enemy. The results are on display on the "O'Leary World Tour" web page, posted by the congressional Republicans who investigated her travel expenses. It features the "O'Leary World Tour Quiz," gives a list of the five-star hotels she patronized, and a rundown of the staff she took along, under the heading, "How many staff does it take to make an entourage?"

One of her chief critics, Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas, sums up the rap against her this way: "She was good at the press conference but not good at the details. We never had reason to suspect she was personally corrupt, but it was

more management ineptitude than anything."

Even her friends suggest there is at least some truth in the criticism that she is pretty handy with a checkbook.

"Africare isn't even her favorite charity," said Hanfling. So what is? "Probably Saks Fifth Avenue," he said, and laughed. "Kidding, I'm kidding. But she is not averse to contributing to the economy."

She says that it is ridiculous (actually, she used a little spicier word than that), that she was blamed for the blunders of the junior staff who plan trips.

"A lot of my friends say I should have done a better job of schmoozing the Hill, and people say I should be less arrogant," O'Leary said. "This behavior in a man would not be called arrogant. I've just been at this too long to be uncertain."

O'Leary was born in Newport News, the daughter of two doctors, and was largely raised by her stepmother, a former teacher. Because Virginia schools were then still segregated, she was sent north to live with an aunt and graduated from the High School of

Fine and Performing Arts in Newark, N.J. There she sang and did poetry readings. She went on to Fisk College in Nashville and soon married, "because I was so tall I just kept catching the bouquet."

Three years later, she said, she was in the grocery one day when she saw a clock on the wall, saw it was 2 p.m. and shrieked. "Ohmigod, it's time for young Dr. Malone!" She rushed home to her soap, then realized she badly needed another outlet and called Rutgers University Law School, where she enrolled the next fall. She went on to become a prosecutor in Essex County, N.J., handling some organized crime cases. Much later, after a brief, second marriage to the CNN news anchor Max Robinson, she met her third husband, Jack O'Leary, at the Department of Energy, where they both worked in the early 1980s.

When he died of cancer, she moved to Minnesota and worked as a utilities company executive until Clinton invited her back to Washington as his energy secretary. Quite soon after taking the job, she startled everyone by refusing to sign off on a decision to continue nuclear testing.

Girl's Choir of Harlem makes its own success

New York Times Service

NEW YORK — In the 18 years since it was founded, the Girls' Choir of Harlem has never sung a sunrise concert for the pope on the Great Lawn in Central Park or performed on the same bill as Pavarotti. Unlike its world-renowned male counterpart, it has never recorded an album or received a key to a city, like the ones that sparkle tantalizingly in the boys' trophy case at the Choir Academy of Harlem.

In fact, when Leslie Watson, a soft-spoken 16-year-old soprano, tells friends on her block in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, that she belongs to the Girls' Choir, they sometimes laugh at her. "They're like: 'There's a Girls' Choir? Since when?'" she said.

But on Sunday afternoon she and 52 other determined girls filed out of a bus and into Alice Tully Hall on West 66th Street, carefully carrying plum-colored dresses and practicing Latin verses under their breath. And it was Leslie who got to laugh this time, nervously, poking the soprano in front of her and stage-whispering: "We. Are. Here!"

After languishing perpetually in the boys' shadow, the Girls' Choir of Harlem came into its own Sunday night, debuting at Lincoln Center in a concert that was remarkable not only for its venue but for the fact that it occurred at all.

While financial problems have plagued the Boys' Choir, forcing the cancellation of a French tour last year and threatening tutoring programs, such problems have long threatened the Girls' Choir's very existence. Disbanded for many years, the girls' choir was reassembled in 1989 and since then it has been struggling to attract corporate sponsors and grants without the artistic reputation enjoyed by the boys.

It has been further hampered by the absence of a strong tradition of all-girls' choirs in the United States, where boys' choirs and mixed choirs outnumber those of girls by about four to one, choir officials said.

Yo-yos bounce back into popularity with children

MIDDLEFIELD, Ohio (AP) — Cool kids these days are going around the world and shooting for the moon. They're walking the dog, eating spaghetti and rocking the baby — all with the help of their yo-yos.

Yo-yos are a hit again, and sure to be a big stocking-stuffer for Christmas. Those same wheels on a string that gave baby boomers hours of pleasure years ago are rolling once more, thanks to some smart marketing.

At Carrie E. Tompkins Elementary School in Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y., there's such a yo-yo craze that Principal Lauren Allan had to ban yo-yos.

"We've got about 650 kids and about 550 yo-yos," Allan said.

The yo-yo has a long history of ups and downs. The first record of the toy comes from a Grecian urn dated about 450 B.C. It depicts a young person playing with a yo-yo. In 19th century Europe, Napoleon's troops entertained themselves with yo-yos between battles.

Donald Duncan, founder of Duncan Toys Co., started producing them in the United States in the

"People have just never been attuned to the girls," said Walter Turnbull, who founded the Boys' Choir in 1968. "The history of boys' choirs goes back to the 14th century in churches, and it remains strong today. So the girls start out from a disadvantage."

All of which made Sunday's concert sweeter for the girls, who lifted their voices and sang Schumann and Puccini for a sold-out crowd that included Mayor David Dinkins and Donna Hanover, the television personality and Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's wife.

"The boys have always been up there, and we've known we could be up there, too, if we just got the chance," said Mecca Leach, a 17-year-old soprano from the Bronx, as she nervously counted down the hours before the concert, an evening for which she had trained and waited four years.

"After this debut," she said, "we know it will not be long before doors are going to open for us, and we are going to get a name for ourselves." She allowed, with a sly smile, that it was about time: "It will be fun to be up in the stars with everyone else."

But the night was a kind of milestone for another reason. The Boys' Choir has long served as an inner-city lifeboat for its young members, about 75 percent of whom come from single-parent households headed by women, many below the poverty level, said Steven Sims, chairman of the board for the choir programs.

Whether the girls ever achieve the kind of acclaim the boys have is less important, he said, than whether their choir can help lift girls out of cycles of poverty.

"Artistically, this puts the girls in the position — like the boys years ago — to have a body of work and credibility that we can build on," Sims said. "But what is more important is that with that foundation we can start to provide alternatives and role models for the girls, who often live in environments just as dangerous as that of the boys."

1920s after he saw a Philippine immigrant entertaining a crowd with yo-yo tricks.

In the 1970s, yo-yos again were the rage, with TV programs showing how to perform tricks. But sales began to soften over the past decade. Children were drawn instead to video and electronic games.

That's until Mike Caffrey, a former Tucson, Ariz., yo-yo champ, joined Duncan, the biggest name in yo-yos, as its sales and marketing director four years ago.

Caffrey created a television ad campaign focusing on the skill and style needed to conquer the yo-yo, compared with the ease of handling a video game joystick.

The company also put together a week's worth of lesson plans for elementary school science classes, all involving yo-yos, to teach principles such as potential and kinetic energy.

Duncan, based in Middlefield, 45 miles east of Cleveland, has distributed the lesson plan to 80,000 schools each spring since 1995 and offered to sell classes yo-yos below wholesale.

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Museum of the Southwest will host its 11th annual Tree Lighting and Carol Sing 7 p.m. Dec. 8 at the museum.

Sun Country Gentlemen will sing carols while attendees wait for Santa's arrival. Wassail, punch and cookies will be served. The museum's current exhibits will be on display.

Trees decorated are Hazel Barnes of A-1 Floral, Peggy Parkinson of Flowerland, Lamar Coats of Crafts Bazaar, Don Haller of Antiques Etc., Lynn Layman's fifth grade class from Greathouse Elementary School, Sharon Spear-Smith of Permain Interiors, Connolly Architects AIA, Judy Corrigan and Mary de Compaigne, and Cynthia Wolfe.

The museum, located at 1705 W. Missouri Ave., is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. For more information call 683-2823 or 576-7770.

PETROLEUM ENGINEERS Wives Association of Midland will meet for Christmas exchange and pot luck luncheon Dec. 2 at 21 Hileah. Social will begin at 11:15 a.m. with luncheon to start at 11:45 a.m. For information call 697-1420.

GREEN TREE Country Club Ladies Association will host its annual Christmas bazaar 10:30 a.m. Dec. 2 at the club. Brunch will be served; for brunch reservations call 694-9413. No reservations required for shopping.

NEWCOMERS CLUB will have an informal coffee 9:30 a.m. Dec. 4 at 4806 Rustic Trail in Midland. All newcomers to the area are invited to attend. For more information call 520-9608 or 686-8737.

PERMIAN BASIN Geological and Geophysical Auxiliary will have a membership Christmas tea, themed "Tea, Texas Style," 4-6 p.m. Dec. 11 at #15 Oaklawn. For more information call 699-6413.

LT. WILLIAM Brewer chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will have a Christmas tea 2-4 p.m. Dec. 2 at 806 Canonera.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION of Retired Persons, Midland chapter #256, will meet 6:30 p.m. Dec. 1 at Midland Senior Center in Kingsway Mall. Pot luck supper will be served. Persons aged 50 or older who would like more information are asked to call 684-9419 or 697-1212.

MIDLAND-LEE Youth Centers will have a video sale 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 5 and 6. Forty percent of the proceeds will benefit the youth centers. For more information call 689-1675 or 682-1961.

BLACK IMAGE will host a party for high school students 8 p.m. to midnight Nov. 29 at The White House, 1703 W. Wall. Admission is \$2 per person.

MIDLAND AREA AIDS Association (MAAS) will host a World AIDS Day remembrance and worship service 7 p.m. Dec. 1 at First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave.

Attendees will be invited to light a candle for someone lost to AIDS or someone living with AIDS. The service will include music provided by local singers and musicians. Special guest speakers will include family members speaking about loved ones they have lost to AIDS. The public is invited to attend.

BOOK REVIEW Unit of Midland Woman's Club will meet Dec. 1 at the clubhouse in Hogan Park. Social time will begin at 11:30 a.m. with luncheon to follow at noon.

Mary Lou Cassidy, attorney and shareholding partner with the law firm of Stubbeman, McRae, Sealy, Laughlin and Browder and a recent inductee into the Midland High School Hall of Honor Distinguished Alumni, will present a program on "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," by Barbara Robinson.

Ms. Cassidy also was the 1997 recipient of the Lucy Mashburn Woman of the Year Award from Altrusa International of Midland. She is active in Midland Community Theatre, Summer Mommers, Midland County Library board, Friends of the Library, United Way, the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity and Midland Arts Assembly.

FAMILY MATTERS

When parents have favorites, family suffers

By Jim May, Ph.D.

DEAR FAMILY: I had to smile to myself when reading the "Favorite Child" letter last week. Maybe my letter will help her see that she is not alone.

I am the sister-in-law of the "baby" of the family. My husband's sister is 41 years old. Her parents have always supported her. Yes, she is married to a two-time loser and they have three children who my in-laws shower with toys, birthday gifts and great Christmas presents. They pay for their Mothers' Day Out, pre-school, dance lessons, art lessons and school clothes, and the children are invited to sleep-overs at Granny's house at least every-other weekend.

Last year my in-laws bought "the baby" and her family a new 3,500-square-foot house. I'm sure that before this year is over they will provide them with a mini-van.

My sister-in-law has never worked. My husband works for my in-laws at a salary lower than the maid my sister-in-law has. They have never given him a raise or a bonus. This year I have gone back to work to supplement his income because we cannot survive on what they pay him. He has an additional job also.

This year my in-laws forgot my 40th birthday as well as my daughter's birthday. They send cards in the mail to my husband and son.

Our children have never been invited over to spend the night. They have a very limited knowledge of their grandparents because "the baby" does not want her parents to have much to do with us.



May

Believe it or not, we all live right here in Midland. It is nice to know that we are not the only ones in town whose parents have made their family relationships miserable because of favoritism.

If you are a parent, please don't do this to your grown children or to your grandchildren. Nothing can tear a family apart like favoritism. **LIVING WITH FAVORITISM EVERY DAY OF HER LIFE**

P.S. Please print this before the holidays.

DEAR LIVING: Thank you for your poignant letter on the pain caused by favoritism.

Parents favoring one child — and usually, their children — over the rest of their children truly is sad and, in many ways, mysterious. The adult non-favorite child usually continues to struggle with difficult and deep questions throughout his or her life, such as: What have I done wrong? What is wrong with me?

While an adult can somewhat rationalize that this is the parents' problem, a child cannot make such an assessment. Many children brought up in such an environment are left with a deep sense of unworthiness, rejection and inferiority. They are often afraid to tackle new tasks or be assertive for fear of being rejected again.

As Dr. Myron Madden wrote in his book, "Blessing: Giving the Gift of Power," "where we do not get the blessing of parents to help us grow up and to own who we are, we may then be at the mercy of many other powerful people who are ready to tell us who we are."

Fortunately, the damage done by people can be repaired through the grace of God. We can always turn to our "true" parent, God, for love and blessing.

In his book, "When God Interrupts," Dr. Craig Barnes wrote that "Jesus still calls his disciples away from families where they think they belong. After they abandon all

claims to family, their lives become lonely and empty — empty enough to be filled with God's gift of a new family. This is not their dream of what family would be like, rather, it is the real family of God called the church."

May God continue to bless you, your husband and your family this special time of the year.

THE CENTERS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES PRESENTS THE FOLLOWING IDEAS ON "HOLIDAY FUN FOR CHILDREN AND PARENTS:"

■ Make a Dec. 1 date with your children. Sit together and talk about what the holiday season means to your family.

■ Let your children know what the upcoming weeks will involve for everyone.

■ Make your own December calendar with special family activities noted for each day. For example: "Dress a Live Doll," "decorate the Christmas tree, read 'A Visit from St. Nick,'" participate in church activities and school programs, etc.

■ Help children look forward to "tomorrow" almost as much as they do Christmas.

■ The planned activities will allow parents to set their own "spirit of the season" and ensure that children are included in the festivities.

■ As you write your annual holiday cards, encourage your children to draw or write their own special notes.

■ The adult/child greeting will be a pleasant surprise for family and friends.

(From Parents Anonymous of Texas Inc.)

Jim May is the director of the Family Wellness Center.

Questions for this column should be addressed to Family Matters, P.O. Box 10485, Midland, 79702.

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DEAR ABBY

Office workers using phones should be seen, and not heard

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I work in a large office where people are clustered into numerous "pods." These groupings are separated only by partitions. We use speaker phones that allow us to converse without lifting the handset.

Some of the people never pick up their handsets. Instead, they yell into the speaker so the caller can hear them. They turn the volume up as loud as it will go so they can hear their party anywhere in the office. This is very disturbing to those who are trying to concentrate on their work.

Many of these same people use the speakers to retrieve long personal messages from their voice mail.

I am offended when my co-workers are too lazy to pick up their phones. Certainly, hands-free has its benefits, but where do you draw the line? Abby, what is the proper etiquette in this situation? — FRAZZLED IN FLORIDA

DEAR FRAZZLED: No one should use the telephone in a manner that disturbs those nearby. Talk to your supervisor about the disruption and ask that a company policy be formulated and given to employees. Offer to help write the policy and to hold a training session on telephone etiquette should management deem this a good idea.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Greg" for almost a year. He is 32 and I am 27. For the last three months, Greg has been pressuring me to move in with him. Every time he brings it up, I change the subject.

He began our last conversation with me by saying, "So, when are you moving in?" I told him I can't move in with him unless we are married. He became angry and said, "Marriage is only a piece of paper."

I said it's the only right thing to do. We haven't spoken since.

At this point, I don't know what to do. Please help me. — OLD-FASHIONED IN L.A.

Time off vanishing

ST. LOUIS (PRN) — Results from a new national poll show that three-quarters of American workers will not take any extra time off from work to celebrate this holiday season. The poll, conducted by Maritz AmeriPoll (R), found that those who do take time off will take an average of four-and-a-half days (in addition to company paid holidays).

The survey found that 34 percent will take one to two additional days off, 40 percent three to five days, and 23 percent six or more days. Those with higher incomes (over \$55,000) take an average of 4.7 days, while people with incomes less than \$35,000 take 5.3 days.

DEAR OLD-FASHIONED: From my perspective, you have done everything right. You have made your position clear. Now stick to your guns.

Greg will either come around and decide to marry you, or he won't. If he doesn't, consider yourself lucky to have come to your senses before investing any more time with a man whose values differ so greatly from your own.

DEAR ABBY: In the scheme of things, this is not a big deal, but we would like to share with your readers a pet peeve that we jewelers have.

Sometimes customers come into our store for repairs and have trouble removing a tight ring, so they lick their fingers to facilitate its removal. This is gross!

How would you like to be handed a spit-filled ring and then have to examine it to determine what repairs are necessary?

Jewelers have lubricants available for ring removal, and it is not necessary to share your spit — not to mention germs — with us.

Abby, on behalf of jewelers everywhere, we hope you print this — FED UP WITH SPIT IN WHITEFISH BAY, WIS.

DEAR FED UP: While this may not be the most appetizing letter I've ever received, it is a problem for jewelers that deserves to be addressed: Readers, if your ring is so tight you must lick your finger in order to remove it, it's time to have it resized, or retire it.

Jewelers, place your lubricant in an obvious location where customers can't miss it. Put a sign by it, if necessary, explaining its purpose.

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know."

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

Realistic Barbie still not created

By Elizabeth Schuett
N.Y. Times News Service

GIBSONBURG, Ohio — It is my strongly held belief that perfection, in whatever form it chooses to manifest itself, is irritating. And those who would strive to achieve it are B-O-R-I-N-G!

Case in point... Barbie. But she's only a doll, you say? Wrong. Mattel's billion-dollar babe with the wasp waist, minuscule hips, legs longer than a bowling alley, and a bust that defies Newton's laws (all of them), is an aberrant symbol of a sick mind. Nobody looks like that and lives.

Except, Barbie. She's lasted 38 years. But not without help.

Did you know Barbie had her first face-lift when she was only eight? Ten years later, she had another. Truth is, she's had it all done. No wonder her knees don't bend.

Admittedly, I'm old enough to be Barbie's mother, but I'm not jealous. Just because she's had hips and tucks and I'm in need of a retaining wall, that doesn't spell sour grapes.

Sonja Henie dolls were the rage when I was a kid. She was a slender beauty with ice skates and perfect legs.

I had to have her.

And then I never played with her because who can cuddle something that's all angles and blades?

Perfect Sonja was soon relegated to the corner of my dresser where her flawless red velvet skating costume collected dust. I went back to my old baby doll, the one I could hug without risking contusions.

My only child, a son, was born in 1967, one year after Barbie underwent her first cosmetic surgery. Since Matchbox cars and bugs were his passion, Barbie and her Corvettes, campers, and townhouses were not an item around our place.

So, in an effort to be fair, I did a little journalistic research (I talked to one person).

My student teacher, a lovely young lady of considerably fewer years than "Barbie the Perfect," allowed me to grill her.

I wasn't expecting what I heard. She said: "When I played with Barbie, which would have been from about 1960 to 1965, she didn't have a profession. She was 'Malibu Barbie' or 'Pretty Hair Barbie' but never 'Doctor Barbie' or 'Teacher Barbie'."

"I soon grew tired of playing with a doll who never seemed to amount to anything. All of her identities cluttered my bedroom floor with beauty, style, pursed lips, and half-shut, sultry eyes."

"Did this image affect or influence my transformation from child to young woman? Who knows?"

"However it would have been nice to see a slightly plump Barbie struggling to become a professional in the outside world and a mom and wife at home."

Just the other day I read where it's back to the drawing board for Barbie. She's scheduled for a makeover designed to give her a "more realistic" profile.

Barbie's new look will include a thicker waist, slimmer hips, a new nose, and softer, straighter hair.

And then she'll look just like us? Yeah, right. And next they're going to carve some wrinkles around her eyes and calculate the Barbie equivalent of an all-over, six-inch droop.

And when the new and decidedly "more realistic" model rolls off the production line sometime in 1998, they're going to name it "Doctor Mom," right?

Uh huh... sure.

Elizabeth Schuett, a teacher and writer in Gibsonburg, Ohio, can be reached at eschuett@mvonline.com.

Long skirts: They're baaack

By Anne-Marie Schiro
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — Women have voted. Despite the efforts of designers to get them into miniskirts, urban women have shown a preference for ankle-length skirts for day and evening.

Saks Fifth Avenue has a black wool full skirt by DKNY; a charcoal gray wrap skirt and a pin-striped gray skirt, both by D, and a black knit skirt by Bazar de Christian Lacroix. Barneys New York has a black skirt by Kasada Collection, a black-on-black criss-cross-pattern skirt by Isabel Marant, a velvet skirt by Josephine Loka and a velvet-bordered black skirt by St. Vincent.

Neiman Marcus has a cashmere pull-on skirt by Donna Karan, a wool crepe skirt by Calvin Klein and a wool gauze skirt by Charles Chang Lima.

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CASA DE AMIGOS

Casa de Amigos is located at 1101 E. Garden Lane. For more information about services provided call 682-9701. Activities include:

- Monday: 9 a.m. billiards/bowling; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10:15 a.m. crafts; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. games.
- Tuesday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. gem and mineral; 10:15 a.m. sing-a-long; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. bingo.
- Wednesday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10:15 a.m. advisory meeting; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. table games.
- Thursday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. adult classes; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. games.
- Friday: 9 a.m. billiards; 10:15 a.m. crafts; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. Bible study.

MIDLAND YMCAs

The Midland YMCAs have many activities scheduled for Prime Time adults. For more information regarding available activities and classes contact Central YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring, 682-2551; Alamo YMCA, 901 N. Midland Drive, 694-2528; Northeast YMCA, 2301 Butternut, 682-8469.

Scheduled activities at the Central YMCA are:

- Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 8 a.m., 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Low impact aerobics; 7 a.m. YMCARDIAC (YCT) Therapy, call for appointment before beginning class.
- Call for information, Y's Way to a Healthy Back.
- By appointment, Specialized Strength Training for Seniors.
- Scheduled activities for Alamo YMCA are:
- Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Arthritis Water Class.
- Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 10 a.m. Aqua Aerobics; by appointment, Water Rehab Therapy.

SOUTHEAST SENIOR CENTER

The Southeast Senior Center, 1803 E. Indiana, is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information about services offered, call 685-7231. Activities include:

- Monday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics, needlework and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.
- Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. quilting, crafts and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.
- Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics, choir and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.
- Thursday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics and table games; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.
- Friday: 9 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. Bible class and table games; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. movie and center bingo.

MIDLAND SENIOR CENTER

The Midland Senior Center is located in Kingsway Mall, 3303 W. Illinois, Space #18. For more information call 681-7636. Activities for Dec. 1-5 include:

- Monday: 9 a.m. billiards, cards, dominoes and exercise; 9:30 a.m. art class; 10 a.m. Kitchenettes; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. ceramics for fun; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards.
- Tuesday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards, dominoes and ceramics; 9:30 a.m. line dancing for fun; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. art class; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes, cards, billiards and ladies billiards; 1:30 p.m. FitPro exercise class.
- Wednesday: 9 a.m. billiards, ceramics, cards, dominoes and exercise; 10 a.m. Gospel singing; 11:30 a.m. lunch; noon Just One Club; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards.
- Thursday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards and dominoes; 9:30 a.m. country western dancing and country line dancing; 10 a.m. tree trimming; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. art for fun; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards; 1:30 p.m. FitPro exercise class.
- Friday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards and dominoes; 10 a.m. advisory board meeting; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards; 1:30 p.m. creative writing class.

MISSION ADULT DAY CARE CENTER

Mission Adult Day Care Center of Midland is open 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 2510 W. Ohio. For more information call 570-8710. Weekday schedule includes:

- 8 a.m. light breakfast or snacks; 9 a.m. visitation, dominoes, special events; 10 a.m. exercise, R.O.M., discussion, current events, Dear Abbey, devotion prayers; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. rest period; 2:30 p.m. snacks.
- Men's bowling, second Friday of each month; women's shopping trips, first Friday of each month.
- Birthday parties and visits by the Kitchenettes are monthly.
- Licensed professional staff includes nurses, activities director and certified nurses aids present daily. Transportation is insured.

COM AQUATICS-SENIORS AND THERAPEUTIC EXERCISE

City of Midland Aquatics has programs of water exercise for seniors. The schedule is:

- Monday: 7-11 a.m. water walking; 8 a.m.-noon, aquatic physical therapy by appointment; 10:15-11 a.m. seniors/therapeutic deep aerobics; noon-12:45 p.m. or 1-1:45 p.m. arthritis exercise.
- Tuesday: 7-9:30 a.m. water walking; 9:30-10 a.m. stretch and strengthen; 10 a.m.-noon aquatic physical therapy by appointment; 10:15-11 a.m. seniors/therapeutic aerobics; 12:30-1:30 p.m. arthritis plus; 7-8 p.m. healthy happy hour.
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- Saturday: 11 a.m.-noon water walking.

CITY OF MIDLAND HOUSING AUTHORITY

Recreation and leisure activities at Hillcrest Manor, Langtry Village and Parker Place are managed by City of Midland Housing Authority and coordinated through Community and Senior Services. The schedule is:

- Tuesday: 2:30 p.m. arts and crafts at Langtry Village; 3:30 p.m. senior update at Hillcrest Manor.
- Wednesday: 2 p.m. bingo at Hillcrest Manor.
- Thursday: 10 a.m. arts and crafts at Parker Place; 3 p.m. bingo at Langtry Village.

RSVP

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is recruiting persons 55 years and older to volunteer with non-profit agencies. RSVP will match volunteers' skills and interests to community agencies' needs. The program is sponsored by Community and Senior Services, 3301 Sinclair. For more information, call 689-6693. A sample of current opportunities include:

- Children's Dental Clinic needs a receptionist to greet children and parents, distribute and help with paperwork, make name tags, collect fees and schedule appointments. Shifts are 5-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Casa de Amigos.
- Midland Rape Crisis Center needs an interpreter to assist Spanish-speaking clients during regular office hours. Duties may also include general office work or assisting staff. Shifts are two hours a week.
- Midland Neighborhood Housing Services needs an office assistant to answer phones and direct calls, make copies, schedule appointments, greet visitors, etc. Shifts are 1-5 p.m. one day a week. Orientation provided.

Volunteer believes in sharing God's gifts

By Lana Cunningham

"One of my gifts from God is compassion — people feel free to share with me."

And Peggy Armstrong feels free to share with them — all the gifts God has given her. She started her sharing with the Auxiliary at Memorial Hospital and Medical Center 30 years ago, then advanced to the Presbyterian Women's group and the Stephen Ministry at First Presbyterian Church.

"It's a natural," said the tall, outgoing woman who exuded a spirit of energy and warmth. "Our gifts are something we love to do. Like working at the hospital, it's not what I can give, it's what I can give back."

When Mrs. Armstrong and her husband, Jack, moved to Midland with their four children in 1966, they knew no one. Her engineer husband, who had worked in different parts of the world with Exxon, took a job with Core Lab.

After a year, Mrs. Armstrong decided to make some friends, and the Tennessee native joined the hospital auxiliary as a means to do just that. She was familiar with the medical field, having studied two years in college to be a lab technician. ("But I fell in love and got married.")

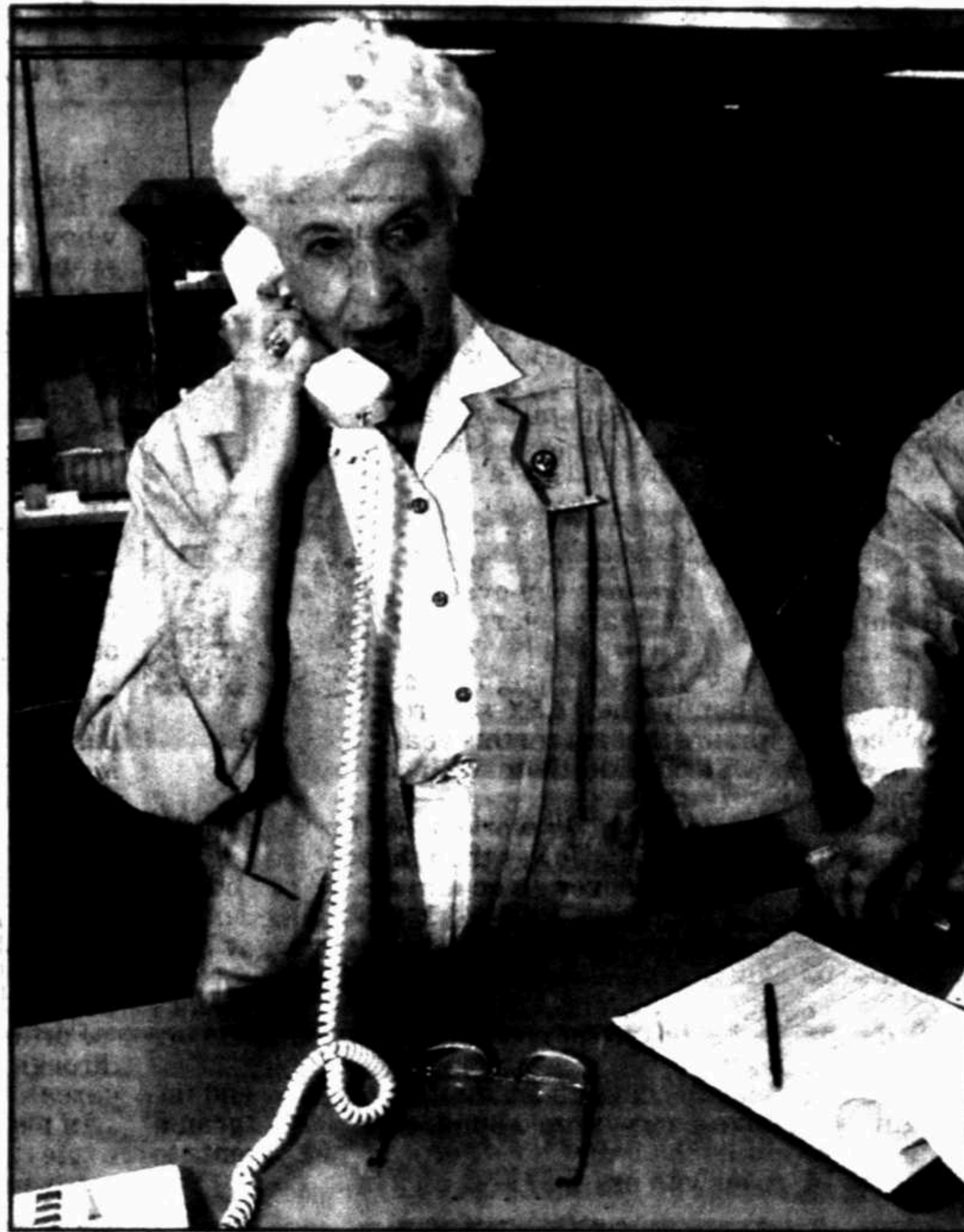
She met people at the hospital and forged friendships while working her hours. For a time, Mrs. Armstrong worked two days a week.

She also honed her leadership skills, serving as auxiliary president from 1977-78 and in other positions, along with being an advisor on the board.

Today she has accumulated 7,700 hours and works every Thursday at the Information Desk doing what comes naturally to her — delivering flowers and mail, along with a warm hello, and giving directions.

"We can always use more people at the hospital," she said. "There are so many areas to work in and we do orientation on the job. Someone works with you the first few times."

Working at an assigned place isn't the only to make friends in the



Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Peggy Armstrong believes in sharing the gifts God has given her with others. She does this by volunteering for various organizations, including the Auxiliary of Memorial Hospital and Medical Center, where she has accumulated 7,700 volunteer hours. She also volunteers for the Stephen Ministry at First Presbyterian Church, where she has taken leadership training.

Auxiliary. Recently the smell of fresh-baked sweets filled Mrs. Armstrong's home as she readied for the annual bake sale. "The sale brings in \$500 to \$600 and it goes into buying equipment for the hospital," she explained.

It wasn't long before Mrs. Armstrong began sharing her gifts with others at church, starting with the women's organization. Eventually she headed the group as president and then moved up to

the Tres Rio Presbytery. This district runs from Coahoma to El Paso to Sanderson to Seminole. As president, she attended the four district meetings. "I love the connectional church. I have friends in a lot of churches."

Her face is a familiar one at the Presbyterian national meetings and on the Synod Board, which covers Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas and Oklahoma.

But those positions and all the

corresponding work weren't using all her gifts. When the idea of a Stephen Ministry was brought up at church, Mrs. Armstrong signed on. She attended the first class and later took leadership training.

"This is crisis care," she said of the ministry. "We give care, not cure." It is formed after Stephen, described in the Bible in Acts chapters 6 through 8, who was one of seven persons commissioned to provide caring ministry.

"We do not do counseling; we just share God's love. Our biggest thing is listening. It's Christian caregiving," said Mrs. Armstrong, who helps teach the current class.

The Stephen Ministry was started by a Lutheran pastor who saw he could not give one-on-one care to everyone who needed it. Today the Stephen Ministry is active in 5,000 congregations worldwide and in about 75 denominations, according to information in a brochure. The lay people take a 50-hour training course and are paired with someone who needs the one-to-one confidential help.

"We say that we'll walk the walk with you," said Mrs. Armstrong. "It can be someone going through a divorce or death in the family to sending a kid to college or a new baby causing stress in the family to a serious illness." Dealing with loss of family was a familiar topic to Mrs. Armstrong, who saw many of her family members die within a seven-year period.

Meanwhile, the lay ministers meet twice a month with their leaders for support and supervision. "We hear what the Stephen minister is trying to achieve with that case. The supervisor helps the caregiver."

A case may be resolved in three to four months, or it may take as long as two years. "And sometimes that person will say he wants to stay friends but wants to end the formal caring," she said.

For the Stephen minister, it's time for another case. And for Mrs. Armstrong, it means another person has been helped through the crisis.

"The joy of being able to share God's love with somebody has been wonderful to me."

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Volunteering is way to use individuals' talents

By Alexandria L. Rose

David McClelland, a behavioral scientist at Harvard, has studied motivational needs extensively since the mid-1950s.

He has identified three types of motivational needs that affect senior citizens. Looking at these three categories can be a useful way to think about and assess motivational needs and related values.

The three types of motivational needs defined by McClelland are:

- Achievement: Need to establish and meet goals; enjoy success.
- Power: Need to have a say in what happens; enjoy influencing others.
- Affiliation: Need to feel part of a group; enjoy harmony.

All of us, regardless of age, experience all three motivational needs to varying degrees over time and circumstances. As a senior citizen, take stock in what you need as motivation

to dispel the myth that seniors are old and gray and ready for the rocking chair.

Generally a person with a high need for achievement likes to exceed expectations, willingly takes on extra work, enjoys working independently, handles pressure and lots of work well, prefers that tasks and outcomes are clearly defined, and constantly sets higher and higher personal goals.

A person with a high need for power is intrigued by status/prestige, often volunteers for leadership positions, articulates ideas well, prefers to be in control of situations and others, likes to design procedures and work processes, and is willing to take high risks and be different from others.

Those who have a high need for affiliation avoid risks if possible, are first to help people in trouble, exhibit a high degree of loyalty, have low tolerance for intense conflict, and seek to build warm and friendly relationships.

Where in Midland will you look to find the

motivation to keep you out of the rocking chair? The need for volunteers, either from the ground floor up or as a part of an already-established team is abundant.

See your church, the Red Cross, United Way, Chamber of Commerce, etc.

Those of you who already spend time helping others find that the rewards are bountiful. Some of you have been "promoted," some receive applause at awards events; others are asked to give presentations or talk about your work.

Perhaps you are written up in the organization's newsletter or the Reporter-Telegram.

Still others find that the work they do helps to balance their need for achievement, power and affiliation, and that is all that matters.

So, go out and be motivated!

Alexandria L. "Alex" Rose is district coordinator for District 10, American Association of Retired Persons.

Expert: TV programming leaves seniors out in cold

By David Steinberg
Hearst News Service

SAN FRANCISCO — Every 40 seconds another American turns 50. Every day, more than 5,000 turn 65. Americans 65 and older have outnumbered teenagers since 1983.

Yet TV programmers and sponsors continue to target viewers age 18-to-49. That demographic segment is shrinking by 7 million in the 1990s, according to Vicki Thomas of Thomas & Partners of Westport, Conn., consultants for companies aiming for the mature market.

That's not the only reason television viewership is continuing to drop. In the past three seasons, Thomas reports, audiences for the three big networks (NBC, CBS, ABC) have decreased 22 percent.

"Television — thanks to national advertisers and their advertising agencies," Thomas writes in Aging Today, the American Society on Aging's bimonthly paper, "seems hopelessly stuck on airing programs that appeal to shrinking youth markets."

"Television is losing its largest viewing audience," says Frank Conaway, president of Primetime Advisory Network. "Americans over the age of 50 are beginning to tune out because programming is too violent, vulgar, boring, youth-oriented and insulting to their intelligence."

Last year, the American Association of Retired Persons published a status report titled, "Virtually Invisible: The Image of Midlife and Older Women on Prime Time TV." The report noted that TV dramatic fare has "always under-represented middle-aged and older persons in general and aging women in particular. While older men have been barely visible on TV, older women have been virtually invisible."

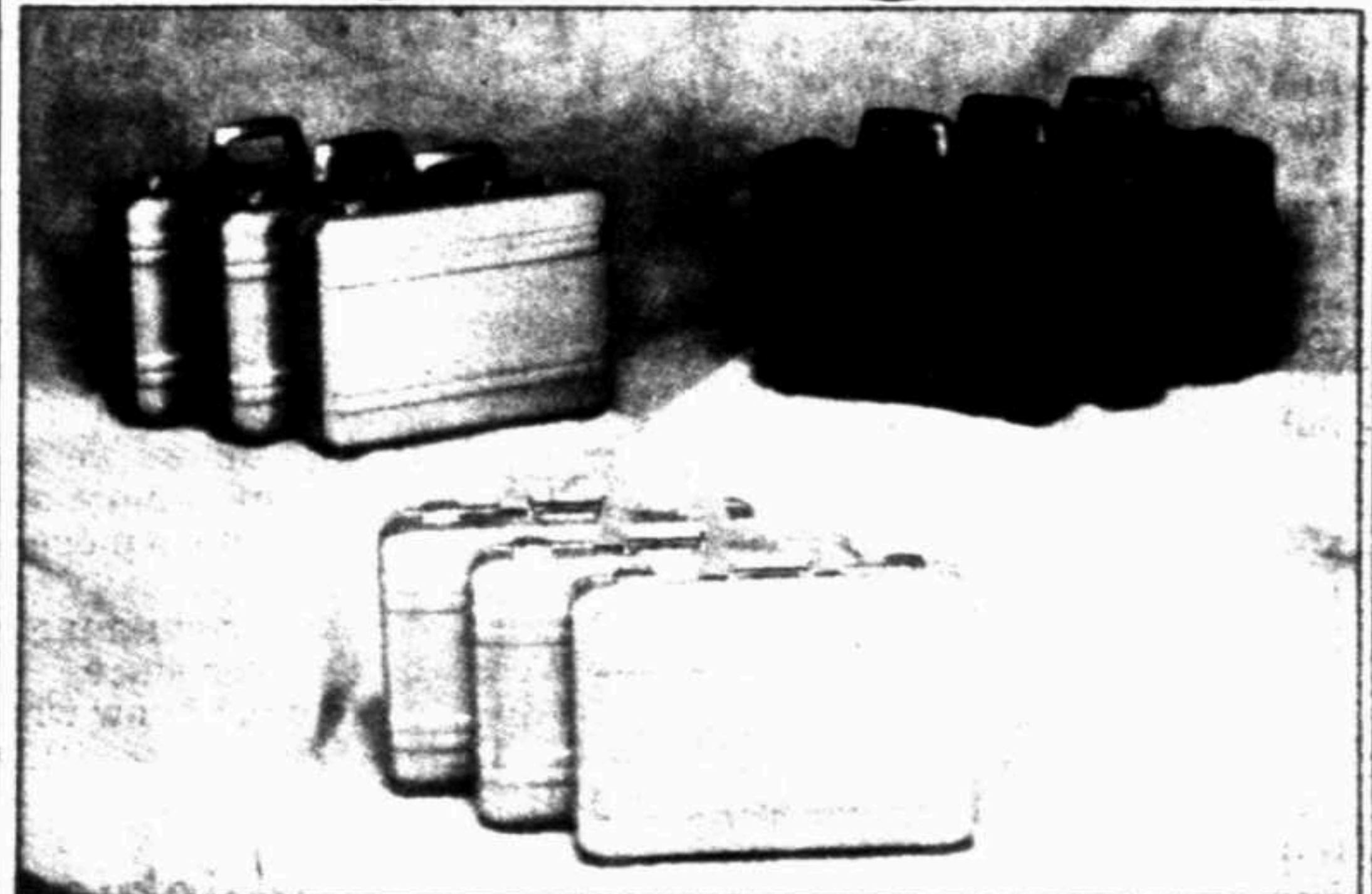
In this fall's season, Bob Newhart and Judd Hirsch are seen in "George and Leo," as an odd couple of fathers-in-law, with the mild Newhart contending with Hirsch's shtick as ex-Las Vegas hood.

The youthfulness of ad agency creative teams means more galloping gonads and errant estrogen on the screens.

Paul Kleiman, who edits the superior Aging Today, offers his concepts of "Shows We'd Like to See":

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- "The Gen-X Files" — Mysterious Men in Black try to sell young FBI agents on cutting old-age security for those "greedy geezers," as if the clever conspiracy hunters don't know they'll want help in their old age, too.
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Prime-time plots take lessons from nighttime soaps

By Matthew Gilbert
New York Times News Service

As fans of the nighttime soap opera know, "Melrose Place" is very dead. It never did have much of a soul; still until last year it housed a wayward, hot-to-trot heart that beat in time with its classic ancestors, notably "Dynasty" and "Dallas." What's a weekly melodrama to do when it has already gone through incest and infertility and alcoholism and adoption and brought at least one of its blow-dried villains back from the Great Beyond?

No, "Melrose" is so dead you can smell its corpse from the Knots Landing cul de sac to the vineyards of Falcon Crest. But does it really matter that we no longer have any traditional nighttime soap operas with their foamy dialogue and operatic villainy? Do fans of the nighttime "story" need to turn to daytime TV and its Playboy-and-girl clutches, or to real-life TV miniseries like the Louise Woodward trial? No indeed, as the serialization of prime-time television has turned even the grittiest of dramas into continuing, addictive narratives that aren't as far from "Dallas" as they may seem.

Just about every prominent show on TV right now, from "ER" to "Friends," borrows from the conventions of soap opera, while steering clear of the excess and cheese that have marked the genre. Our huge squad of cop and legal dramas, from "NYPD Blue" and "Brooklyn South" to the more austere "Homicide," depend on plots that hinge on the personal lives of the series regulars and that reach across episodes and seasons. It's not easy to pop into a show like "Chicago Hope" without catching up on the latest developments, never mind "The X-Files," which frequently unfolds like a game of insider Dungeons and Dragons. With their urban and unsentimental atmospheres, the dramas have a docudramatic feel — but without soap opera, they would be "Man-

Throughout this decade, TV genres have undergone plenty of readjustment and blurring of lines. The nightly news has lifted from the newsmagazine format, and the newsmagazines have picked the pockets of drama, and the dramas have soaked up a dollop of suds. There are enough soap-worthy plots on the hourlong series to keep you abuzz all week long: the death of a cop's abusive wife on "Brooklyn South" on Mondays; a sperm donation to a lesbian couple — one of whom is murdered — on "NYPD Blue" on Tuesdays; a Hodgkin's disease diagnosis on "Party of Five" on Wednesdays; a couple dealing with HIV on "ER" on Thursdays; and a sexually abused cop on "Homicide" on Fridays. Meanwhile, all these shows consistently return to the romantic entanglements and attendant melodramas of their characters. Doug and Carol getting back together on "ER" for instance, or Bobby and Diane's engagement banter on "NYPD Blue."

The Fox shows such as "Party of Five," "Ally McBeal," and "Beverly Hills 90210" more obviously rely on their soap origins. Yet they are hybrid melodramas that are too polite, too reality-based, and sometimes too come to be out and out soaps. The setup of "Ally McBeal" is a classic soap formula: the love triangle with Ally working in a law office alongside her former boyfriend and his wife. But the execution derives mostly from the self-conscious wit and pacing of thirtysomething.

The sitcoms also have become more serialized and melodramatic.

San Francisco residents resist peace sculpture

SAN FRANCISCO (NYT) — Thirty years after the flower children gathered in this city to spread the message "Make love, not war," a proposal to place a giant peace sign in Golden Gate Park has provoked complaints from city residents who would rather see the legacy of the Summer of Love put to rest.

In recent months, Stanlee Gatti, president of the San Francisco Art Commission, has tried to invigorate the city's landscape with various ideas for public sculpture, including an 18-foot carved stone foot by the Seattle artist Buster Simpson. This time, Gatti wanted to honor the summer of 1967 by placing a giant peace symbol in the park, where many of the events of that summer took place.

Gatti considered commissioning such a piece from Claes Oldenburg, the American artist whose work helped define pop art in the '60s. But Gatti changed his mind when he learned that a San Francisco artist had already designed a peace sign.

Tony Labat, 46, built a 12-foot sculpture of a peace sign in 1987 to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the gathering of young people in the Haight-Ashbury district in the summer of 1967. The sculpture has been exhibited in several museums. The piece proposed by Labat for San Francisco's central park, to be called "Big Peace," would be twice as large and made of stainless steel.

ic but — despite the intensity of the breast cancer twist on "Murphy Brown" — in a less obvious manner than the dramas. If you haven't watched "Seinfeld," all along, you'll miss many of its sly references, which give the series a sense of unending story by referring back to particular events — the death of George's fiancée by envelope glue, for instance. Ellen Morgan has come out of the closet and found a girlfriend on "Ellen," and Roz is pregnant on "Frasier." Jill is contemplating an affair on "Home Improvement," and Jamie and Paul had a baby on "Mad About You," a show that began as a low-concept sitcom about a fast-paced urban relationship. Early next year Phoebe will become a surrogate mother on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," or

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"Friends," which is still toying madly with the Rachel and Ross romance.

At one time, the average hour-long drama or sitcom was mostly self-contained and worked on an episode-by-episode basis. Once the series premise had been established (Mary Richards moving to Minneapolis after her breakup on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," or

the hippie cops getting off on probation on "The Mod Squad") major life events occurring during the course of a series were the exception. Marcus Welby got a patient, treated him or her, end of story, next show.

Not that the networks are jettisoning self-standing episodes in their efforts to hook viewers. The number of "special episodes" on

TV has reached some sort of peak. They are everywhere, usually pegged to a high-profile guest star. Emma Thompson on "Ellen," cast members from "All My Children" on "Spin City," Tony Bennett on "Suddenly Susan." Recently, a two-part story arc started on "Law and Order" and finished on "Homicide," with actors from each show visiting the other. Such gimmicks create publicity, draw in new viewers, and goose the ratings — usually during the sweeps months — without disrupting the flow for the regular fans.

With all the viewing options borne on cable's wings, network series are competing harder than ever to hook viewers. And what better way to hook us than to

stimulate our addictive tendencies? TV, after all, is something of an expert in turning us into couch potatoes, and soap opera is one of its most powerful instruments. Our "Friends" should become our friends.

But serialization also encourages TV shows to add dimensionality to their characters and plot lines, and gray areas to their moral viewpoints. The broad-canvas approach that "Hill Street Blues" pioneered is now the norm on nightly drama. You get the social issues as well as the private struggles, without the heightened, distancing and sometimes cartoonish emotionality of traditional soaps. You get plenty of plot turns, but no one is about to tell you it was all just a long, strange dream.



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"This year no one is laughing at Miramax as it prepares 'Scream 2' for a Dec. 12 release. Some are already predicting it will be one of the big hits of the season."

"A film like 'Scream 2' is a perfect holiday release because it is targeted to young moviegoers — teens through mid-20s. This is an audience which made the original 'Scream' a \$100 million sleeper hit, and just made the film 'I Know What You Did Last Summer' into the sleeper success of the fall," Grove said. "You know that audience is there, you know there's not an awful lot aimed at them, and so 'Scream 2,' which is now a franchise film, is perfect."

With millions of children and adults on vacations, the five weeks between Thanksgiving and New Year's can add up to nearly 20 percent of annual ticket sales. Gill, whose studio has three films besides "Scream 2" opening in coming weeks — "The Wings of a Dove," "Good Will Hunting," and "Jackie Brown" — agreed that the holiday season has become as important as summer to film executives and theater owners.

"Summer's a little longer, but you can distribute very nicely over Christmas. And with so much product, it's even more important to get a sizable opening weekend," he said. "If you look at the weekends of Dec. 19 and 25, there are so many big movies, it's insane. You didn't see that in June, for example."

In addition to "Titanic" and "Jackie Brown," other films opening between Dec. 19 and Christmas include the latest James Bond installment, "Tomorrow Never Dies"; "Home Alone 3"; Woody Allen's "Deconstructing Harry"; and "As Good As It Gets," starring Jack Nicholson.

"It's a very, very busy time," said Debbie Allen, producer of "Amistad," starring Morgan Freeman and Matthew McConaughey, and directed by Steven Spielberg. The director's last "serious" film, "Schindler's List," was released in December 1994 and went on to earn more than \$100 million and a fistful of Oscars. "Amistad," based on the true story of an 1839 mutiny by 53 Africans on a slave ship, opens Dec. 12.

"This is what LL Cool J calls a 'beetified' time, but I'm not complaining," said Allen, better known as an actress, director, and choreographer. "These last weeks are like, 'Bop! Flash! Go! The Concorde is taking off. Hurry up, honey, and pack a lunch.'"

"Amistad" is already being mentioned as a possible Oscar contender. And lest anyone forget it, this is the time of year when studios show off their prestige films, which must be released before New Year's to be eligible for Academy Award consideration.

"I think studios realize that Academy voters have notoriously short memories, and tend to favor the films they've just seen," said Orlando Peters, who has written about film for BLK and Spin. "That's why all the so-called important films — like Martin Scorsese's 'Kundun,' and 'The Boxer' with Daniel Day-Lewis, and 'Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil' — come out at the end of the year."

"At this time of year, there's more an appeal to quality and 'the best film of the year' and all that business," Gill said. Mira-

max considers "The Wings of a Dove" and "Good Will Hunting" as worthy of Academy Award attention.

To avoid the December traffic jam at the local cineplex, the holiday season began Nov. 7, the earliest ever. The early-opening strategy worked last year when Ron Howard's thriller, "Ransom," starring Mel Gibson, opened Nov. 14, and made more than \$100 million. Last Friday offered "Starship Troopers," the buggy science-fiction yarn, and "Mad City," a social drama with Dustin Hoffman and John Travolta. These early openings have created a "two-tiered holiday structure," Grove said.

"Unless they are huge successes which just do dynamite business, they can expect to play through until mid-December when the next round of holiday films open," Grove said. "Then you have that big period between Christmas and New Year's, which is one of the most lucrative times of the year."

And while many films are targeted for mature audiences, there are always movies for the younger set, since this is "traditionally the time of year when parents take young children to see films," Grove said. Disney is re-releasing "The Little Mermaid," the film that restored the studio's animated glory in 1989. Disney also has the live-action "Mr. Magoo," with Leslie Nielsen. DreamWorks offers "Mouse Hunt," with Nathan Lane, and Fox has the animated "Anastasia" and the Macaulay Culkin-free "Home Alone 3."

"These films are all targeted for very young audiences, and over the course of the holiday season, they will probably find an audience," Grove said. "It's a good time of year for them, and you have to strike while the iron is hot."

With so many films unleashed on the public in such a short period of time, the most important thing for filmmakers and

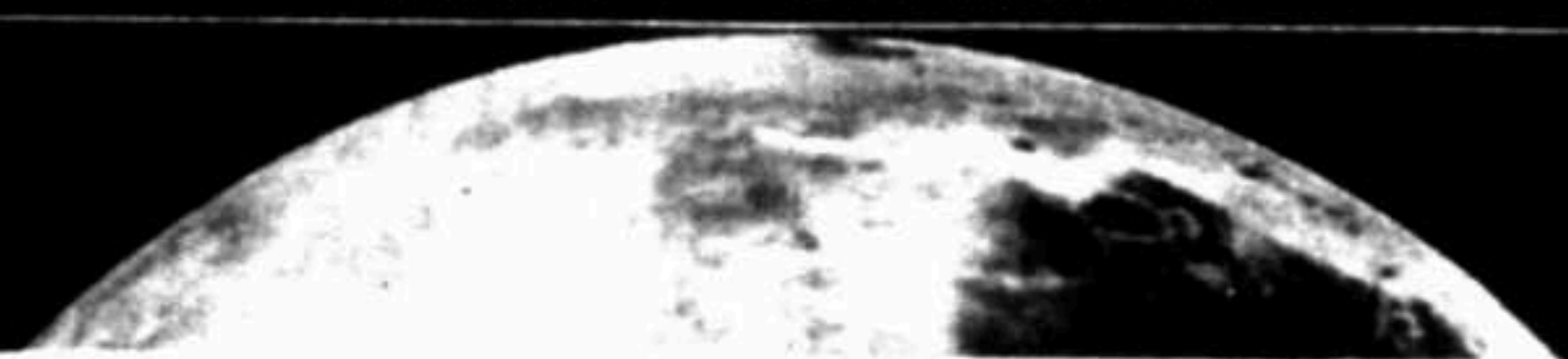
executives to remember, Gill said, is that "it has to be a good movie because there is so much competition to attract moviegoers."

But Allen, who fought for 13 years to bring "Amistad" to the screen, said she refuses to view the holiday movie season as a contest.

"I don't think about the word

'competition,'" she said, "and I know that might sound terrible and silly coming from a producer. I think it's more important to think about the quality of the work and what we're going to bring to moviegoers. And in that way, I don't think you compete with anyone but yourself."

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Chiang also pointed out that the staples of female adult-contemporary — Mariah Carey, Whitney Houston, Toni Braxton and Janet Jackson — have gone in a more r&b direction with their music, leaving Dion "the only one left with a mainstream, offend-nobody approach."

Charlie Rafols, another L.A. music director, said Dion has the ability to make lyrics sound personal.

"She speaks to the heart," Rafols said. "With Celine, you don't have to be up on the latest trends. A good song is a good song. And she really knows how to put a good song across."

The duet with Streisand stems from Babs' invitation after Dion performed the Bryan Adams/Streisand duet "I Finally Found Someone" at the Oscars last spring.

"It's a dream come true to work with her," Dion said.

Dion's longtime producer, David Foster, plus Linda Thompson and Walter Afanasieff, were asked to compose a song for the pair. "Tell Him" has Streisand reassuring an uncertain Dion that it's OK to admit her love to a boyfriend.

The singers recorded their vocals separately, "but when I heard her voice, I almost passed out. I almost lost it. I just started crying," Dion recalled.

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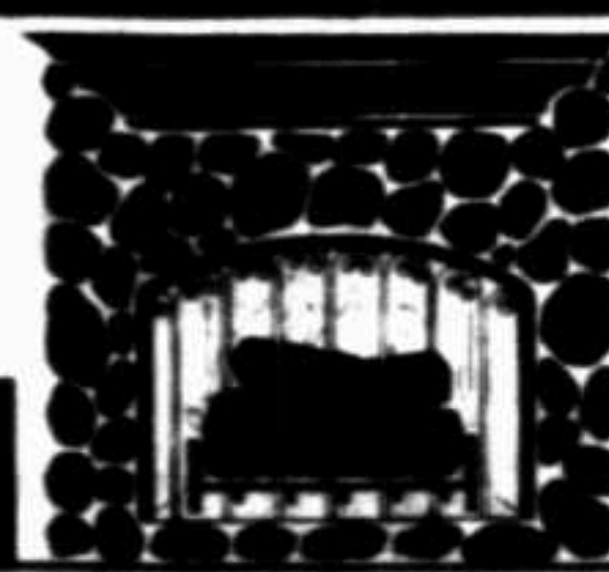
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BASIN BRIEFING

Alamo city growth

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — In a state where bigger is better, San Antonio is bearing about its leap ahead of Dallas in population to become the second-largest city in Texas.

U.S. Census Bureau figures released last week also showed San Antonio jumping from its previous ranking of 10th-largest city in the nation to No. 8.

"I guess the people in Dallas are going to have to stop talking about 'Big D' and start talking about 'Big S.A.,'" San Antonio Mayor Howard Peak said with a chuckle.

Seriously, though, Peak pointed out the Dallas metropolitan area, which includes surrounding areas, is larger than San Antonio's. And that is a more "realistic" population figure, he said.

Heywood Sanders, an urban administration professor at Trinity University in San Antonio, agreed.

"It's an enormous difference in terms of metropolitan area," he said.

Dallas had a metropolitan area of 2.96 million in 1995, and San Antonio had 1.46 million. Houston, meanwhile, had a metropolitan area of 3.7 million people, according to Sanders' figures.

Dallas grew from 1,007,618 in 1990 to 1,053,292 in 1996 and now is the third-largest city in Texas and ninth-largest in the nation, the Census Bureau said.

The city of San Antonio grew from 959,295 in 1990 to 1,067,816 in 1996.

Houston remained the largest Texas city and the fourth-largest in the country with its 1996 population of 1.7 million.

One reason San Antonio has grown larger than Dallas is because it has had more opportunities to annex outlying unincorporated suburbs, Sanders said, noting that Dallas is surrounded by other incorporated cities that cannot be annexed.

"In part, we're growing because as a city we're constantly spreading out and covering more and more territory," Sanders said. "We're a big city without much around it."

But the census numbers provided plenty of fodder for local newspaper columnists and townspeople, some of whom are fiercely proud of San Antonio and not content with sitting in the shadows of Houston and Dallas.

Especially Dallas. San Antonio Express-News columnist Roddy Stinson, recalling a similar battle between the two cities over population 20 years ago, cheered the notion of Dallas eating San Antonio's dust.

"And no one enjoys watching the grimy Dallas faces in the rearview mirror more than this longtime chronicler of the Big D decline," he wrote.

Express-News columnist David Anthony Richelleu reminded readers that for 200 years San Antonio was the largest city in Texas and that it relinquished that title only in 1930.

"Big D forgot that San Antonio has history on its side," he wrote.

Fascination with San Antonio's size is partly due to "hometown boosterism" and a "peculiar local pride in being able to say, 'We've beaten Dallas,'" Sanders said.

TODAY'S AGENDA

For information on checking out books, library hours and how to get a library card, call the Midland County Library Information Line, on CITYLINE, 560-2400, Category 7100.

Myrtle-Tree ministries, Women's Bible Studies, noon, 312 W. Illinois, 683-1370, 683-5670.

Overeaters Anonymous, noon, 408 South G. Info, 694-4106, 580-7545, 694-6726 or 699-5583.

Recreation lessons for those with mental retardation, 682-9771.

Tall City Road Riders, dinner ride, 7 p.m., leave from Texas Am. Bank, 684-5310.

Beyond Choice support group, for those dealing with post-abortion issues, 1:30 p.m., Dot, 683-3775 or Kim, 580-HELP.

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Police set up radar checkpoints



Midland police officer Raymond Miller uses radar to check the speed of a motorist moving west on Cuthbert from Garfield.

By Richard Enos
Staff Writer

A new Midland Police Department program is providing citizens with a wakeup call to observe and obey posted speed limits.

Earlier this week, officers set up a radar checkpoint at a residential area at the intersection of Cuthbert Avenue and Maberry Street. Temporary road signs warned motorists of the upcoming checkpoint.

The checkpoint will be the first of many set up in future months, according to Tina Sanders-Jauz, Midland Police Department's public information officer. Police believe that many people do not observe road signs and unknowingly speed.

"They're hoping motorists will notice all signs," Ms. Sanders-Jauz said. "Officers will tell you that speed is related to almost every accident."

The one-way stretch of Cuthbert just east of the Cuthbert-Andrews Highway intersection was a good candidate for the program, Ms. Sanders-Jauz said.

The residential street has no stop signs or lights and people have a tendency to zip through the neighborhood. Motorists have been ticketed for traveling as fast as 80 miles per hour in the 30 mph zone.

Ms. Sanders-Jauz said the department will con-

tinue to use the checkpoints so that Midlanders will learn to observe speed limit signs in town.

Earlier this week officers set up the first checkpoint at the Loop 250 service road between "A" and Big Spring streets.

Police traffic division officers Ray Miller and Ron Sanders issued nine speeding tickets in a 30-minute period for vehicles traveling from a low of 42 mph and to a high of 58.

"It's just something we decided to do to help out the citizens," Miller said of the checkpoint.

Ron Sanders said he hopes the department will soon receive enough checkpoint warning signs to conduct four or five checkpoints a day.

"Our main goal is to (teach) the public to watch the signs," he said. "People are just driving and not looking at all the signs. Speed is a involved in almost every accident. If we can get people to watch their speed we can cut down on the accidents."

Nick Salinas, 21, was among the motorists police pulled over. He was traveling at about 50 mph. He was one of the few motorists who dealt with the situation cheerfully.

"They're just doing their job," he said. "I didn't even see (the signs), but they're just doing their job."

"That's the problem, people aren't looking at the signs at all," Miller said afterwards.

Cut your own Christmas tree



Galen Bock looks through some of the more than 400 pine trees he and his wife have planted to be cut as Christmas trees. The Bocks raise El Dorico pines, which are well suited to the West Texas climate.

Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram

Local tree farm helps cultivate holiday spirit

By Rick Lopez
Staff Writer

A big chunk of today's Christmas trees come packed in a box from a discount store. And it has been suggested that these store-bought replicas can dull the romance of having a traditional holiday.

However, there is a way for Midlanders to still experience the pleasures of choosing a natural tree. Once again, bundled-up families can make a trek to the outskirts of Midland and choose one of dozens of Afghan pines that have thrived in rich soil for years. Earmuffed dads can still saw off living pines, mount them to their station wagons and take them home, where a collection of baubles and bows await an annual decorating ritual.

More than 10 years ago, Galen and Becky Bock turned an acre of land behind their Greenwood home into a tree farm that opens every autumn.

The Bocks started their farm in 1986 after a friend who owns and operates a larger one in New Mexico shared his cultivating secrets with them. In their spare time, the Bocks — with the help of their teenage son Tim — watered the trees by hand, pulled weeds and opened their doors to the public. When they saw families roaming their backyard for trees

they could call their own, the Bocks realized that 11 months of tedious work had paid off for a second income.

The farm, located at 1105 S. County Road 1129, now has nearly 600 pines and a steady stream of clients who call the Bocks every year to reserve a tree suited to their needs.

"These are different from scotch pines. These do not have an aroma ... so people with allergies like these a lot," Ms. Bock said.

So how does vegetation as delicate as a Christmas tree survive the arid conditions of the Permian Basin?

"These Afghans — or El Dorico pines — adapt to the West Texas climate. If you start looking you'll find them everywhere," Bock said. The trees are usually used as decorative shrubbery and can be spotted at the ClayDesta Plaza and Odessa College.

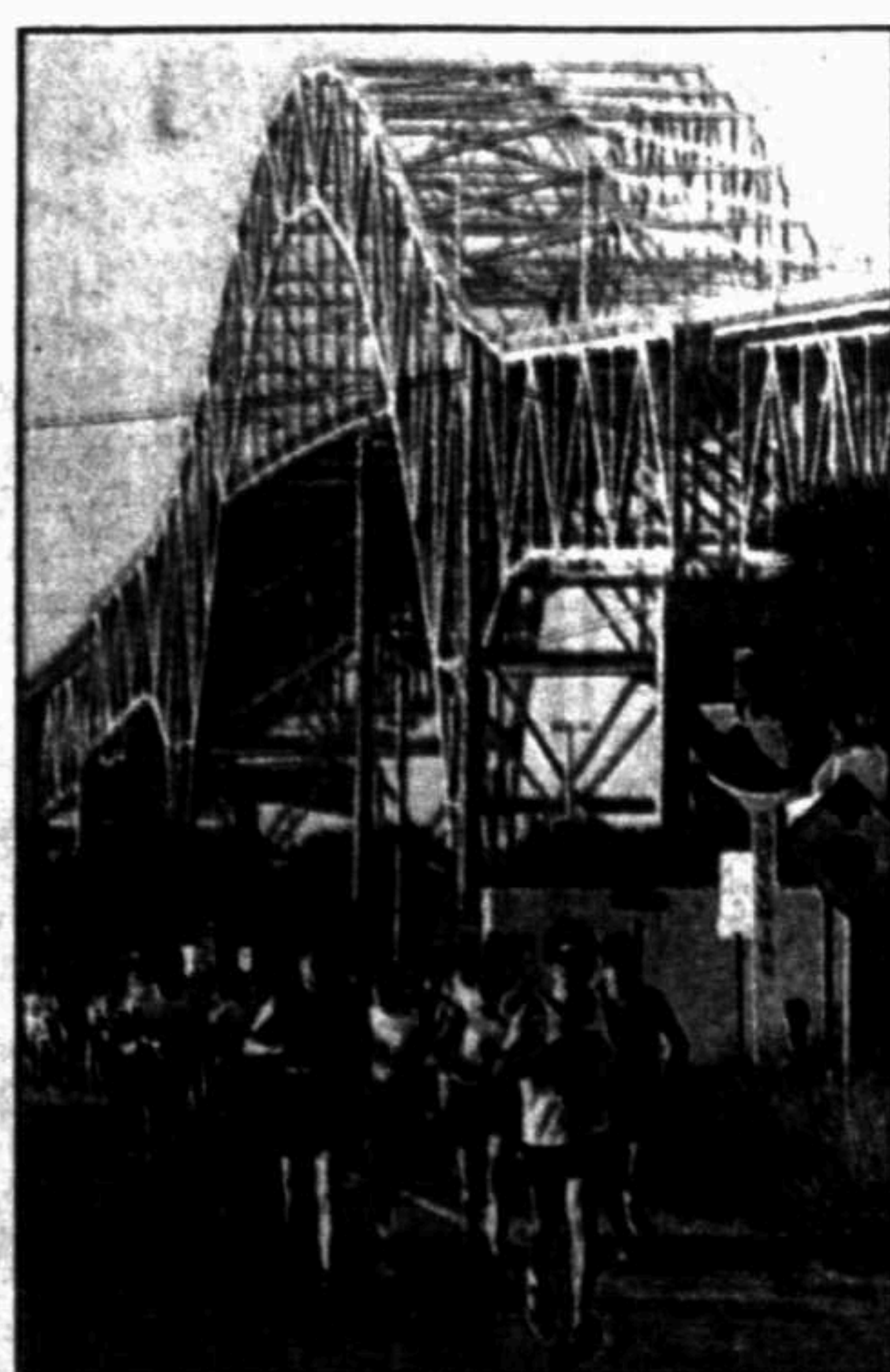
The trees are kept alive by a drip watering system and their dead branches are trimmed periodically. The best part about tree farming, the Bocks said, is that they do not have to keep planting new seedlings each year. The trees are cut above the spine so that the strongest branch at the base is left on the stump and regenerates.

Please see FARM/2B



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram
The trees are cut above the lowest branches so that the tree can regrow each year, as seen on this tree.

Turkey Chase



Participants in the 16th Annual Turkey Chase are shown Thanksgiving Day in Corpus Christi, Texas, with the bay bridge in the background on North Beach, Thursday. Approximately 200-250 people participated in the 4.1 mile Fun Run or 2 mile Wake Up Walk.

AP Photo

Abuse charges tarnish image of nationally known military school

HARLINGEN (AP) — Recruitment materials describe the Marine Military Academy as a prep school grounded in tradition, one that teaches students to study and grow by instilling confidence, pride and trust.

But a new image has emerged of the 32-year-old academy, that of a school where young boys have been terrorized by their peers, suffering physical and sexual abuse by students who routinely go unpunished.

The critics describe a school where illegal drugs, alcohol and tobacco are commonplace and administrators open the door to delinquents to bolster their budget.

Their allegations are included in affidavits, sworn statements and letters, provided to The Associated Press, that are part of a class-action lawsuit filed against the academy last week by the parents of 11 former cadets.

The lawsuit is the latest blow to the academy, which schools 450 students in grades eight through 12 from 29 states and several countries.

Last month, two cadets were charged with attempted murder for allegedly slashing the throat of a classmate as he slept in his barracks.

Still reeling from that incident, academy officials now find themselves defending their institution as a place where discipline — not discord

— rules.

"This school stands for the basic core values of honesty, integrity and becoming the best you can be," said Barry Zale, an academy graduate and school trustee whose son is a sophomore cadet.

He insists the parents' allegations are "totally without merit."

"You cannot have a school of 500 boys in it without having problems," said Zale, a Dallas businessman. "Does hazing go on? I'm sure it does to some degree. Do we condone it? No. Is it bad to a point where people are getting hurt? Absolutely not."

In the lawsuit, the parents accuse the academy of committing fraud and breach of contract by providing inadequate supervision that led to the physical and sexual abuse of their children.

The plaintiffs, 10 Texas parents and a New Jersey family who are not identified, seek unspecified damages and reimbursement of the \$16,000-a-year tuition.

While the lawsuit contains no specific allegations of abuse, materials provided to the AP by the parents' lawyers portray an institution where children lived in fear.

The materials include a sworn statement

Please see ABUSE/3B

POLICE REPORTS

Traffic accident

A two-vehicle accident on the overpass of Highway 191 at FM 1788 Wednesday night sent a San Angelo man to Memorial Hospital and Medical Center in Midland.

The man, whose identity was not released by the Texas Department of Public Safety, was listed in critical condition Thursday, according to hospital officials.

"We closed the overpass because we thought it was going to be a fatality," said DPS Trooper Bryan Rippe. The overpass remained closed for an hour and traffic was diverted around the accident scene. "It's one of the worst accidents I have ever seen someone live through."

The man was not wearing a seat belt and was partially ejected from the vehicle. The driver of the other vehicle, a woman, received minor injuries in the collision.

Both vehicles were traveling westbound when one vehicle crossed over the center lane and collided with the rear of the other vehicle.

Burn victim

A 13-year-old Midland boy was airlifted to University Medical Center Burn Unit in Lubbock after being badly burned in an accident on Wednesday. Details of the accident are sketchy, as Midland Fire Department officials could not be reached because of the Thanksgiving holiday. The boy was listed in critical, but stable, condition with burns over 45 percent of his body, according to officials at University Medical Center.

Midland Police Department Wednesday

Theft: Margaret Olin told police a concrete bird bath was taken from the front yard at 204 W. Cowden.

Theft: Lisa Buescher told officers that the front license plate was stolen from her vehicle at 1004 S. Midkiff. The incident was reported at 10:30 a.m.

Burglary of a vehicle: Police arrested a man in the process of burglarizing a vehicle at 1300 S. Midland Dr. A car window was broken and the back seat torn out of the vehicle. An estimated \$800 in damage was

done to the vehicle. Alberto Louis Granado was arrested and charged with burglary of a vehicle and evading detention.

Criminal mischief: Eduardo Rodriguez reported tires damaged on a vehicle at 4408 W. Loop 250 North. Damage is estimated at \$200. The suspect is known to the victim. The report was made at 1:45 a.m.

Criminal mischief: The front windshield of a new vehicle was reported smashed by Rogers Ford, 4200 W. Wall St. Damage to the vehicle was estimated at \$400. Abe Horton made the report to police at 4 p.m.

Theft: Anthony Pastorina of Mr. Gatti's at 614 W. Wadley reported a theft to police. The report was made at 4:30 p.m.

Burglary of a vehicle: Windows were smashed on two vehicles in the alley behind 5200 Lavaca. Damage to both vehicles totaled \$400.

Aggravated assault: Ronnie Wilkerson told police he was assaulted with a knife at 4318 Thomason. The assailant is known to Wilkerson. The report was made at 1 p.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office Wednesday

Theft: Michael Thornton of 6312 S. County Rd. 1210 reported a theft to sheriff's officers at 2:50 p.m.

Theft: Outgoing mail was taken from a residence at 1113 S. County Rd. 1083. Thomasine Handley made the report at 4:44 p.m.

Thursday

Assault: Brenda Gonzales Porras reported an assault occurred at the intersection of County Road 115 and County Road 1200. She was transported to Memorial Hospital with facial wounds. The incident was reported at 3 a.m.

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

OBITUARIES



Richard Edens

He was born January 6, 1947 in El Paso, Texas to Woodrow and June Edens. He was reared and educated there. He attended college in New Mexico, before serving in the U.S. Air Force. He served in Vietnam. After his discharge he returned to El Paso and began a career in law enforcement. He joined the Midland Police Department in October of 1982. He later joined the K-9 division and was currently working as

a patrolman. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He was an avid hunter. Mr. Edens is preceded in death by his father W.J. "Woody" Edens.

Mr. Edens died Tuesday at a local hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Ann Edens of Midland; his sons, Richard A. "Ritchie" Edens, Jr. of Irvine, California, Matthew Edens of Irvine, California, Brent Edens of El Paso, Texas; and Christopher Guthrie of San Vito, Italy; his daughter, Jennifer George of Midland, Texas; his mother and step-father, June Brieden and Arthur Brieden of El Paso, Texas; his brothers, Bill Edens and Greg Edens, both of El Paso, Texas; his sisters, Edie McAlanis and Paula Davis, both of El Paso, Texas; two grandchildren, Elizabeth George and Haylea George, both of Midland; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services have been scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29 at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Dale Stinson and Reverend Jerry Cheshire officiating. Ellis Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

The family requests memorials be directed to: Hospice of Midland, Inc., P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702

DEATH NOTICES

Tommie Jo Oliver

Graveside services for Tommie Jo Oliver, 75, of Midland have been set for 2 p.m. today, Nov. 28, at Resthaven Memorial Park with the Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Pipkin Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Oliver died Tuesday, Nov. 25, at her home.

She was born Oct. 10, 1922, in Colorado City and moved to Midland in about 1956. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include two sisters, Meda Cochrane of Midland and Geta Carpenter of Odessa; one nephew and two nieces.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lester M. Oliver, and her son, Lester M. Oliver, Jr.

Bernice Clark

Services for Bernice Clark of Midland are set for 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Eddie Norris officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park with Ellis Funeral Home in charge

of arrangements.

Mrs. Clark died Wednesday in a local hospital.

She was born April 15, 1914, in Paducah. She married James Allen Clark on May 20, 1938, in Paducah. They moved to Midland in 1957.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1989, and by her grandson, Danny Clark, in 1993.

Survivors include her daughter, Betty Ann Clark of Midland; her son, Stephen Anderson Clark of Wichita Falls; her brother, L.V. Clark of Fort Worth; and two grandchildren.

Harland Hanks

Harland Hanks of Midland died Thursday in a local care center. Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Reva Draper

Reva Draper of Midland died Thursday in a local hospital. Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

There is no charge for death notices of residents or former residents of Midland or for those who have Midland relatives. We also publish death notices for residents of the surrounding West Texas area.

Free death notices include date and place of death, service and burial information, funeral home handling arrangements, date and place of birth, brief biography, survivors and memorials. A longer, more detailed obituary is available for a charge. It may include tributes, expanded biography, organizational associations, notes of appreciation, pallbearers, honorary pallbearers and a photo.

Deadline for both free death notices and paid obituaries is 4:30 p.m. and information must be either received from or verified by a funeral home.

Ruth Hall

Funeral services for Ruth Lemaster Hall are set for 3 p.m. Friday, November 28, 1997, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. A.L. Hall officiating. Funeral arrangements will be under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Burial will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa.

Mrs. Hall died in a local care center Thursday morning.

Ruth Lemaster Hall was born in Fort Worth on March 14, 1905. She was reared in Muskogee, Oklahoma and Breckenridge, Texas. Mrs. Hall received her bachelor's

and master's degrees in education from Sul Ross University in Alpine. She was an educator in Odessa for many years. She moved to Midland to be near her family. She was a member of South Memorial Baptist Church and the Texas Retired Teachers Association. She is preceded in death by her husband, A.B. Lemaster.

Survivors include her sons, Dr. David R. Lemaster and Dr. A.J. Lemaster, both of Midland; her daughter, Jo Ann Millwee of Midland; and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Memorials should be directed to South Memorial Baptist Church, 1700 Carter, Midland, Texas 79701.

Sandra Miller

Sandra Miller of Midland died Thursday in a local care center. Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Howard Lawrence

Howard Lawrence of Midland died Thursday. Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Lawrence Black

Lawrence M. Black, 91, of Odessa died Wednesday in Big Spring. Services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home.

Winifred Morrison

Winifred Morrison died Thursday in a local hospital. Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

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"It naturally tilts up on its own and forms a new tree," Ms. Bock said. The trees, however, have to be at least 5-feet tall before they are cut. It takes a small branch between two and three years to reach that height, she said.

Besides liking their odorless needles, some prefer Afghan pines for decoration because their strong branches easily can support heavy ornaments made of crystal or glass.

"They carry a substantial weight," Ms. Bock said, adding that their not-so-bushy branches do not distract from the ornaments' beauty and call for less clean-up.

Some people with vaulted ceilings also prefer to have a 12- or 14-foot tree inside their home.

"People do not have a real perspective of how big a tree really is. They grow pretty tall out here. I try to relate their size to a piece of furniture, like an armchair or something," Ms. Bock said.

But most of the Bocks' clients like the fact that their tree can be delivered to their home and erected for no additional fee.

"This year, a lady we know called and told us, 'You know what kind of tree I'm looking for. Just cut it, put it on the stand and take the check from the table.' We had been selling trees to her for several years, so we did exactly what she told us to," Ms. Bock said.

The Bocks predict selling about 60 of the trees this year, Bock said. The family has a list of clients they contact, who usually get first dibs on the nicer ones. Though sales begin as early as mid-October, some trees have been purchased as late as Christmas Eve. Most families, Bock said, tend to start decorating their Christmas trees after Thanksgiving.

The Bocks give their clients an "old-fashioned recipe" for keeping

the tree healthy and fire retardant until it is ready for disposal.

"It's a family secret, so we only give it to our buyers," Bock said.

Though the trees are pretty safe from nature, once in a while a bird will choose a bushy tree as a nesting site.

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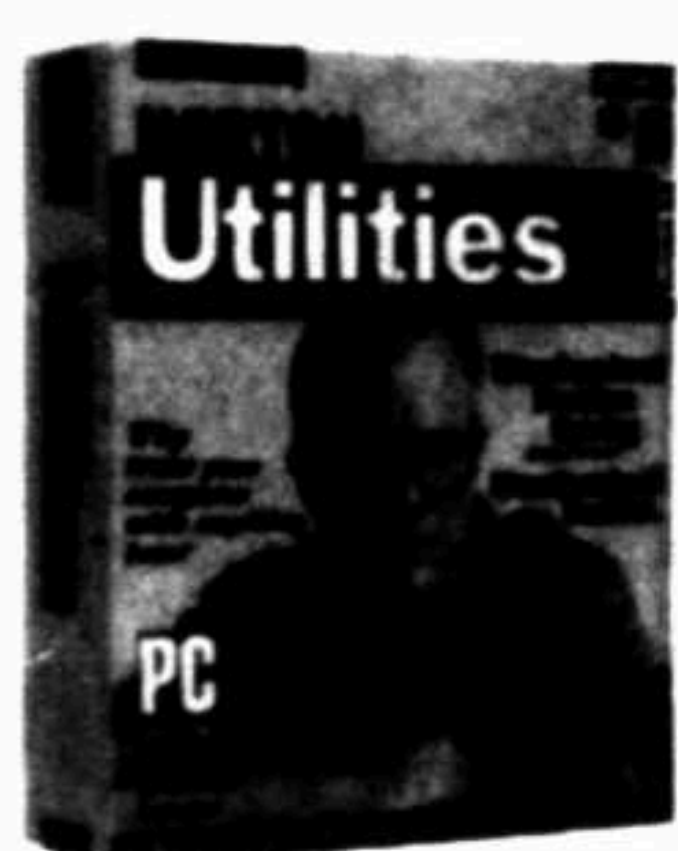
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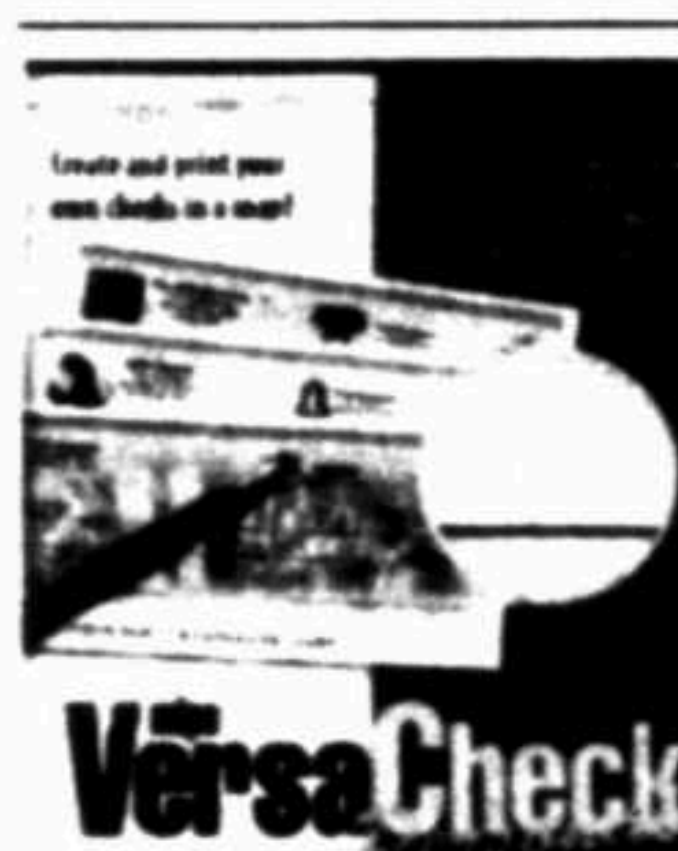
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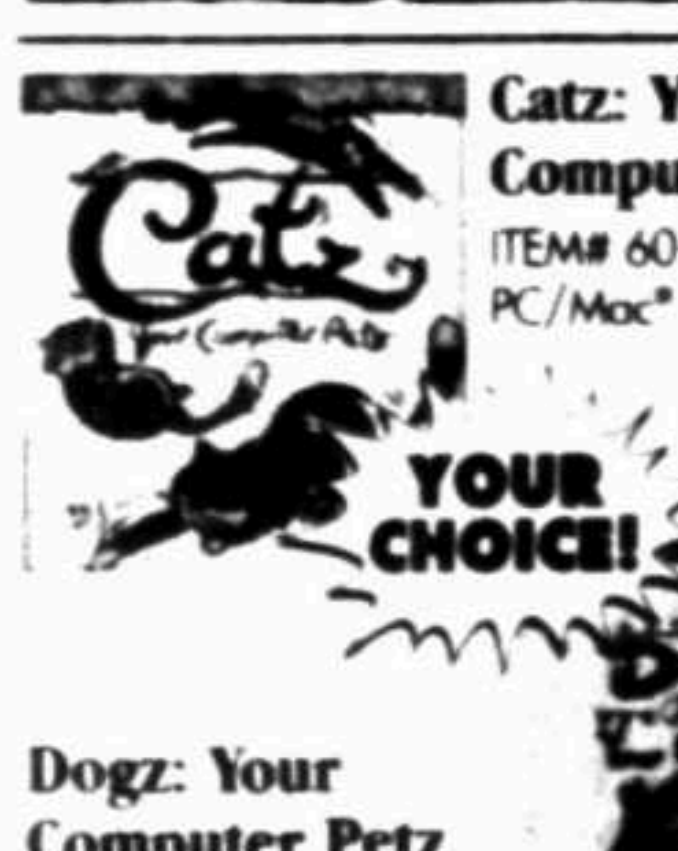
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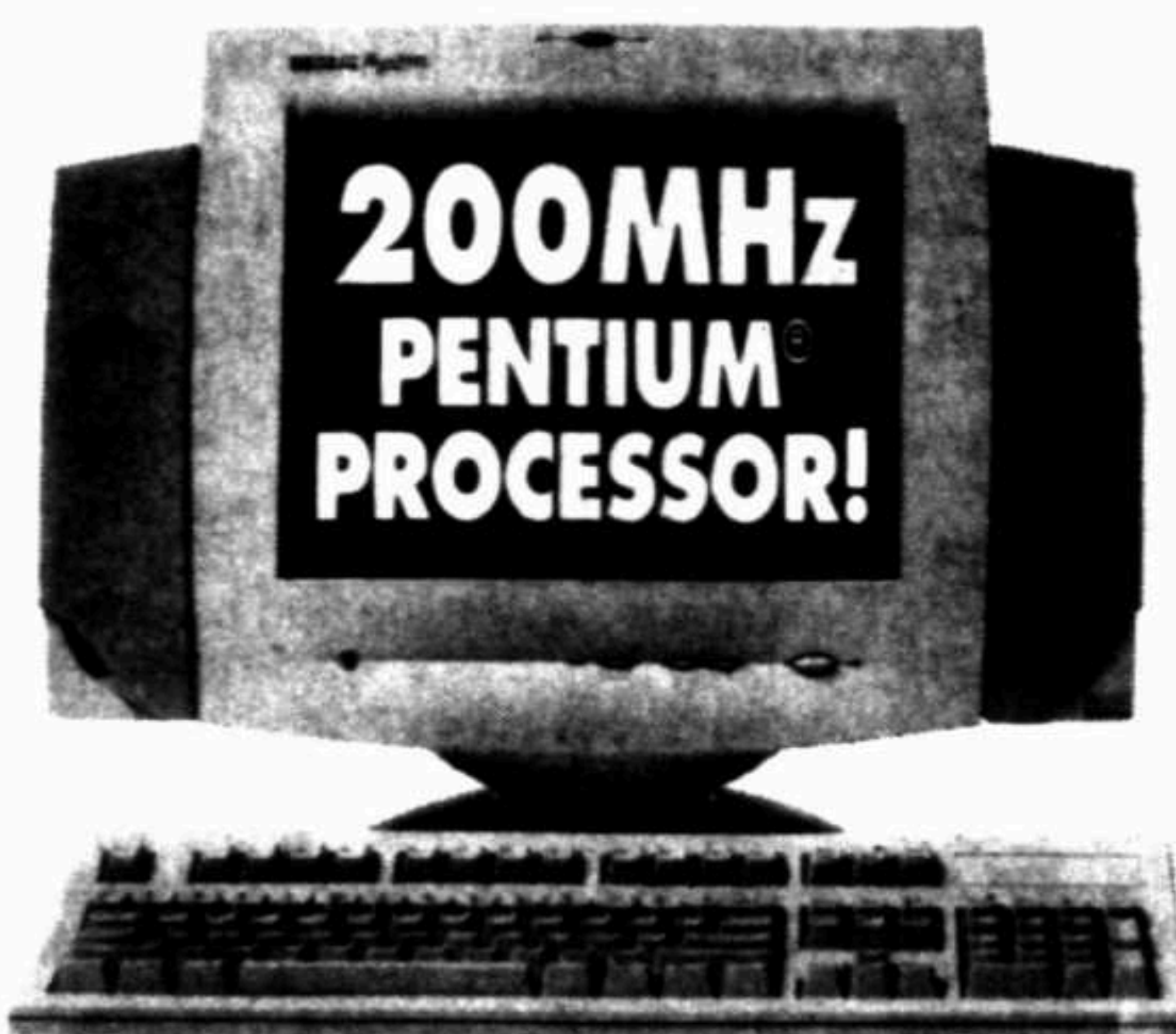
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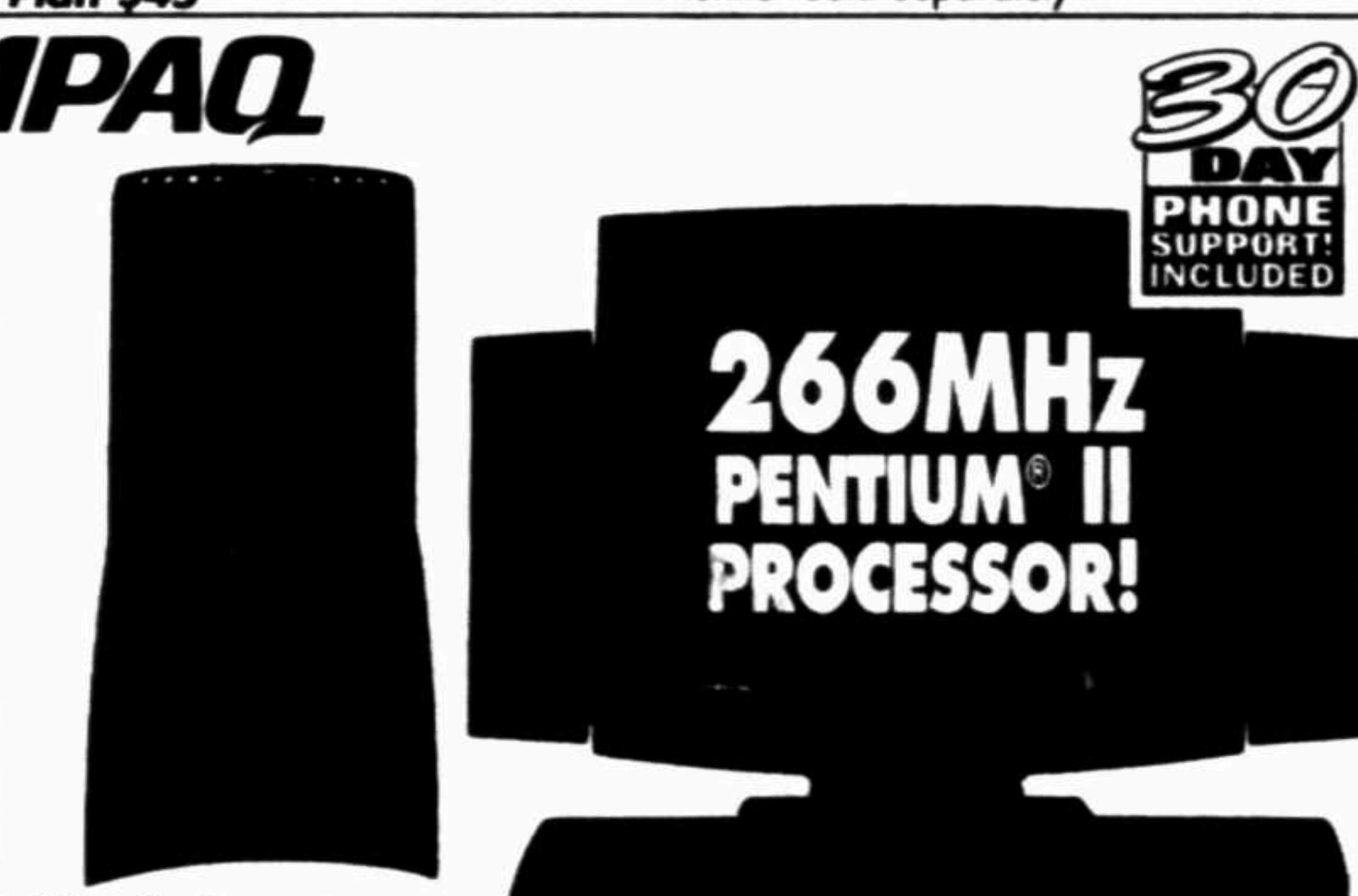
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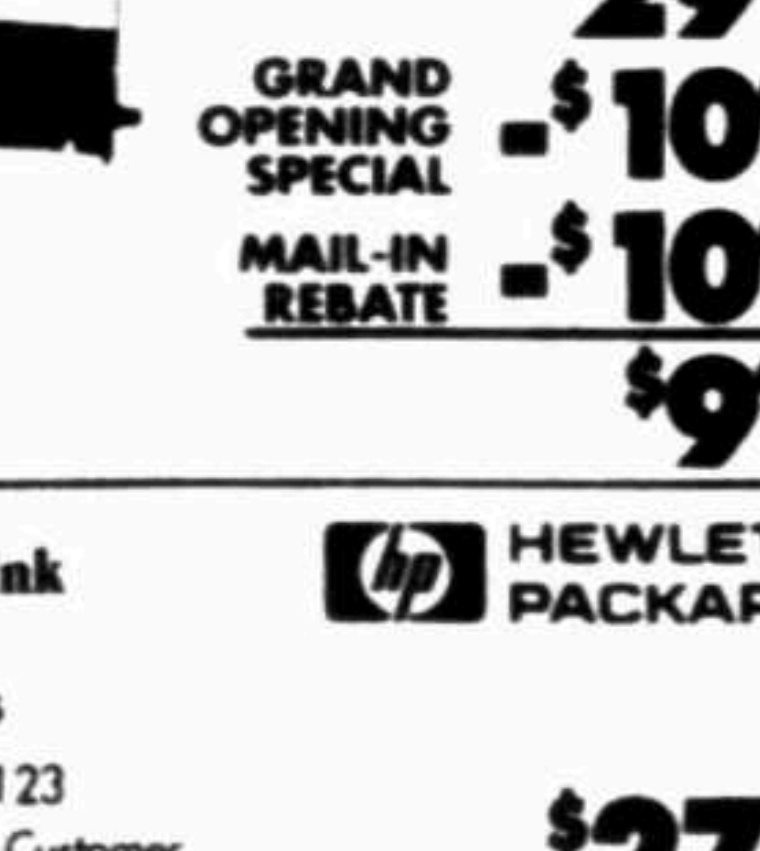
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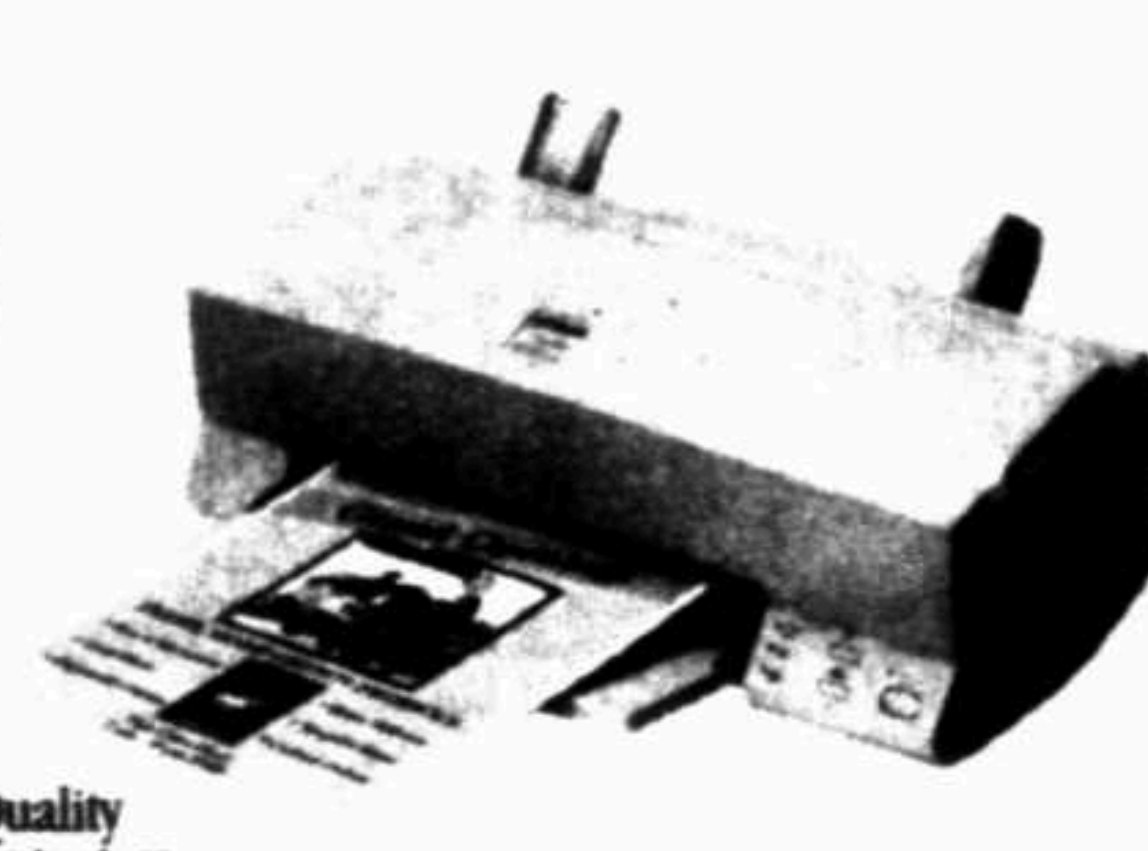
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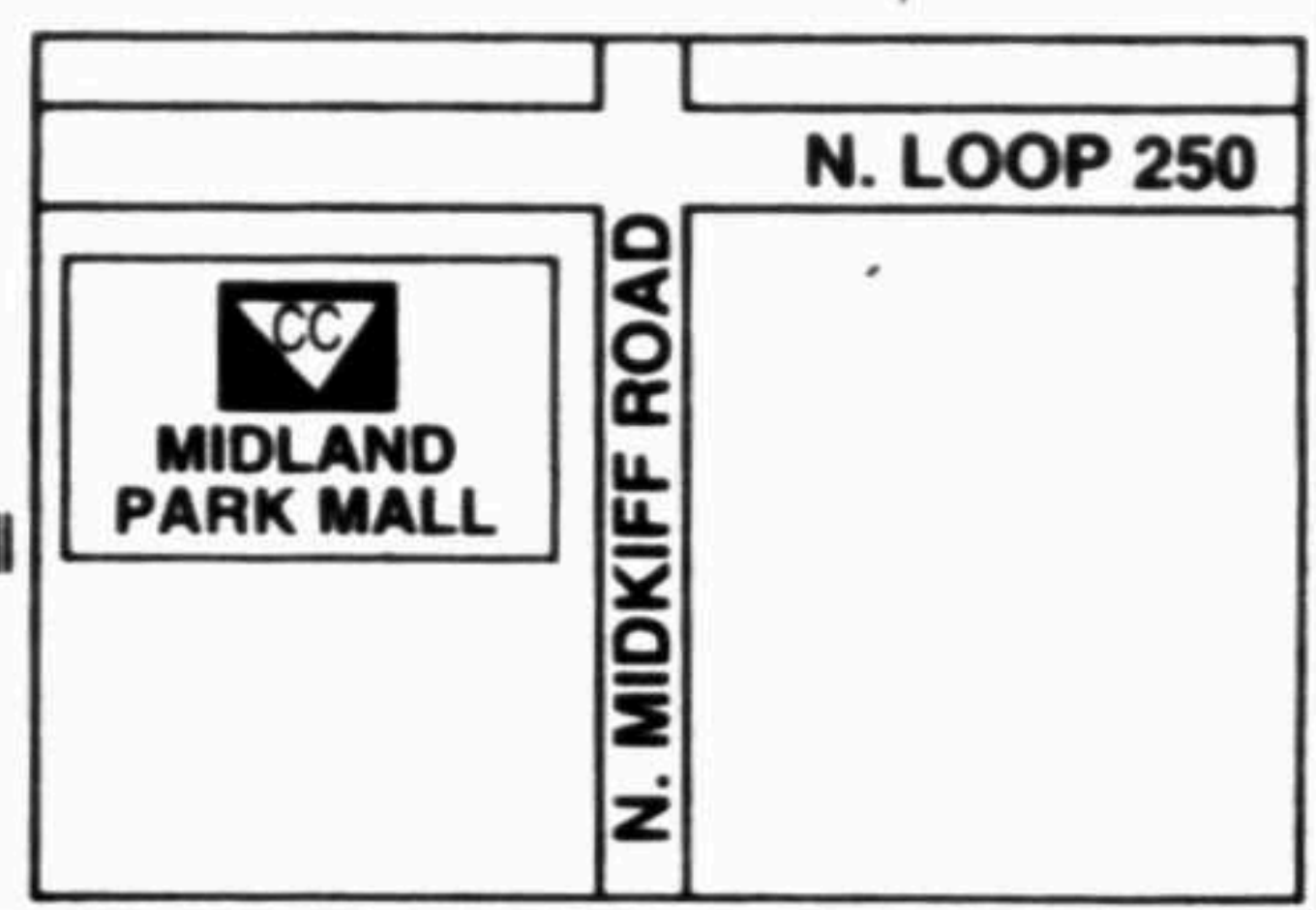
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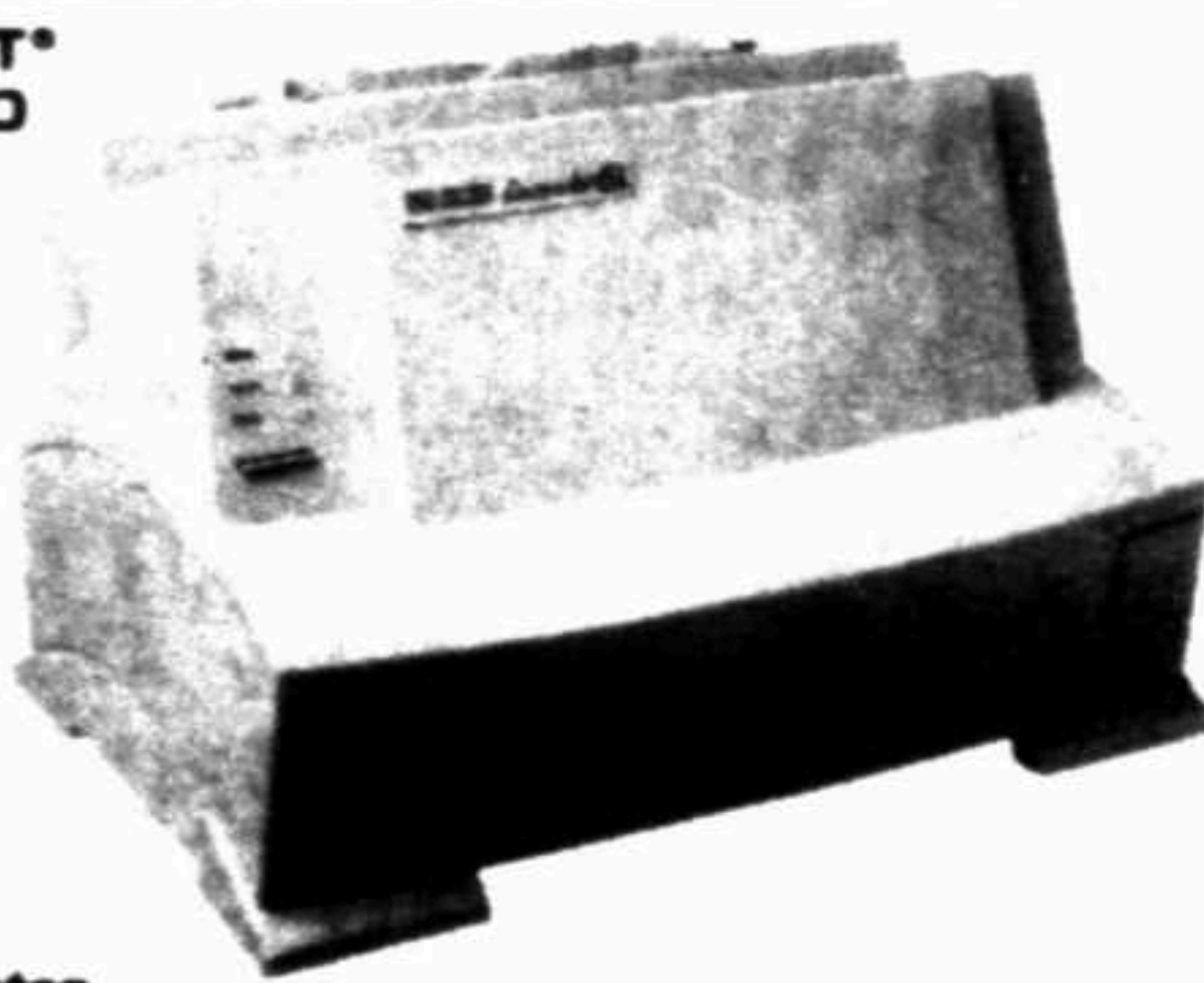
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Builders 'out on bale' in Ellis County

By Jennifer Chamberlain
Waxahachie Daily Light

WAXAHACHIE — An enterprising inventor and several dedicated volunteers have been "out on bale" in Ellis County, building what is believed to be the first straw-bale house in the Metroplex.

Dubbed the "straw-bale experience," the house-raising event last weekend was overseen by Matts Myrman, a national expert in the field of straw-bale building. Myrman led members of the group step-by-step through the building process with the goal of raising the walls in a single weekend.

The group gathered in the early morning chill on a piece of property on the former Supercollider site just outside of Waxahachie. They arrived to find the framework for the house in place and two trailers of straw bales standing on either side of the structure. They hoped to leave with the exterior of the building completed.

The project was the brain-child of Paul Olivier, who recently moved to Waxahachie from Belgium to begin his own recycling company, Engineering, Separation & Recycling, Ltd. Olivier's company is currently working on a major recycling project with Chaparral Steel of Midlothian, as well as several other innovative environmental projects.

In keeping with his conservation philosophy, Olivier sought to build his guest house and office complex in the most environmentally sound manner possible. He settled on a straw-bale structure with a framework of recycled steel.

"Twenty million tons of straw are produced as a by-product of our grain and cereal production," said Olivier. "When it decomposes, it produces methane gas and greenhouse gases, but if we take significant amounts of it to use to make houses, not only do we prevent that straw from decomposing, we are also not tearing down the forests or destroying trees, which are nature's way of dealing with CO2."

By using an abundant and renewable material, straw-bale construction presents a number of advantages over conventional building techniques. In addition to providing a profitable means of disposing of waste straw, the technique significantly reduces the need for lumber and other non-renewable resources.

"A normal house would require up to 5,300 cubic feet of wood," said Robert Olivier, who coordinated the straw-bale project of ESR. "Straw-bale construction knocks off over 2,000 cubic feet — that

means you save about 20 100-foot trees."

Another advantage of straw-bale construction is that it produces an amazingly energy-efficient structure. With thick walls and excellent insulation, straw-bale houses can significantly reduce energy costs in both hot and cold climates.

Contrary to popular conceptions, straw-bale houses are both durable and fire-resistant. Straw-bale structures built at the turn-of-the-century in Nebraska are still standing to this day. Furthermore, once the straw has been sealed with stucco or some other type of coating, the walls are as fire-resistant as wood or other building materials.

According to Myrman, another advantage of straw-bale construction is that because the technique is relatively simple, it allows the owner of the house to become personally involved in the building process.

"Another advantage for many people, is that they can be involved in building the walls, even if they have no construction experience," said Myrman. "I can guarantee that they will feel differently about that house if they are involved in building its walls. If you and your friends and relatives have built those walls, you will have a sense of ownership very different than what you would have with someone

else doing the work."

Straw-bale construction can be a very inexpensive way of building a house when the owner gets involved in the building process.

Consequently, the technique has been used in other parts of the country for low-cost construction projects including Habitat for Humanity.

If Olivier's guest house project is successful, he plans to use the technique for the construction of the company's office complex which will also be located on the Supercollider site.

Last weekend, however, the building team had only one goal in mind — to complete the smaller building. After a brief instructional session with Myrman Saturday, members of the group were hard at work, measuring, cutting and stacking bales for the house. Most of the participants had no previous building experience, but were soon building like experts, and having a lot of fun in the process.

"Straw-bale kind of becomes a metaphor for the way people start thinking about other aspects of their lives," said Myrman. "It somehow gets people examining the impact of their choices and that's a very optimistic kind of thing."

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Lee Harvey Oswald's brother stands by lone-assassin theory

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — It has been 34 years since Robert Oswald last saw his kid brother, and he's found no explanation of why Lee Harvey Oswald killed President Kennedy.

In a copyright story in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Robert Oswald, 63, said he believed his brother killed Kennedy alone and irrationally. After declining interviews for 20 years or so, Oswald said he had decided to talk now, partly to help other families that might be trying to cope with infamous wrongs done by their relatives.

"My heart just ached when I saw the father and mother of John Hinckley," he says, referring to Ronald Reagan's would-be assassin in 1981. "And you think of what the families of people like Tim McVeigh go through."

Oswald and his family now live in Wichita Falls, where they have tried to survive without stigma since the summer of 1964. Close friends try to broach the subject, but Oswald hangs firm with his belief that his brother was a lone assassin.

Eddie Seyler began playing golf with Oswald in the mid-1960s and once asked Oswald what he thought of the theory that his younger brother had been part of a larger plot, contrary to the Warren Commission report that said Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone.

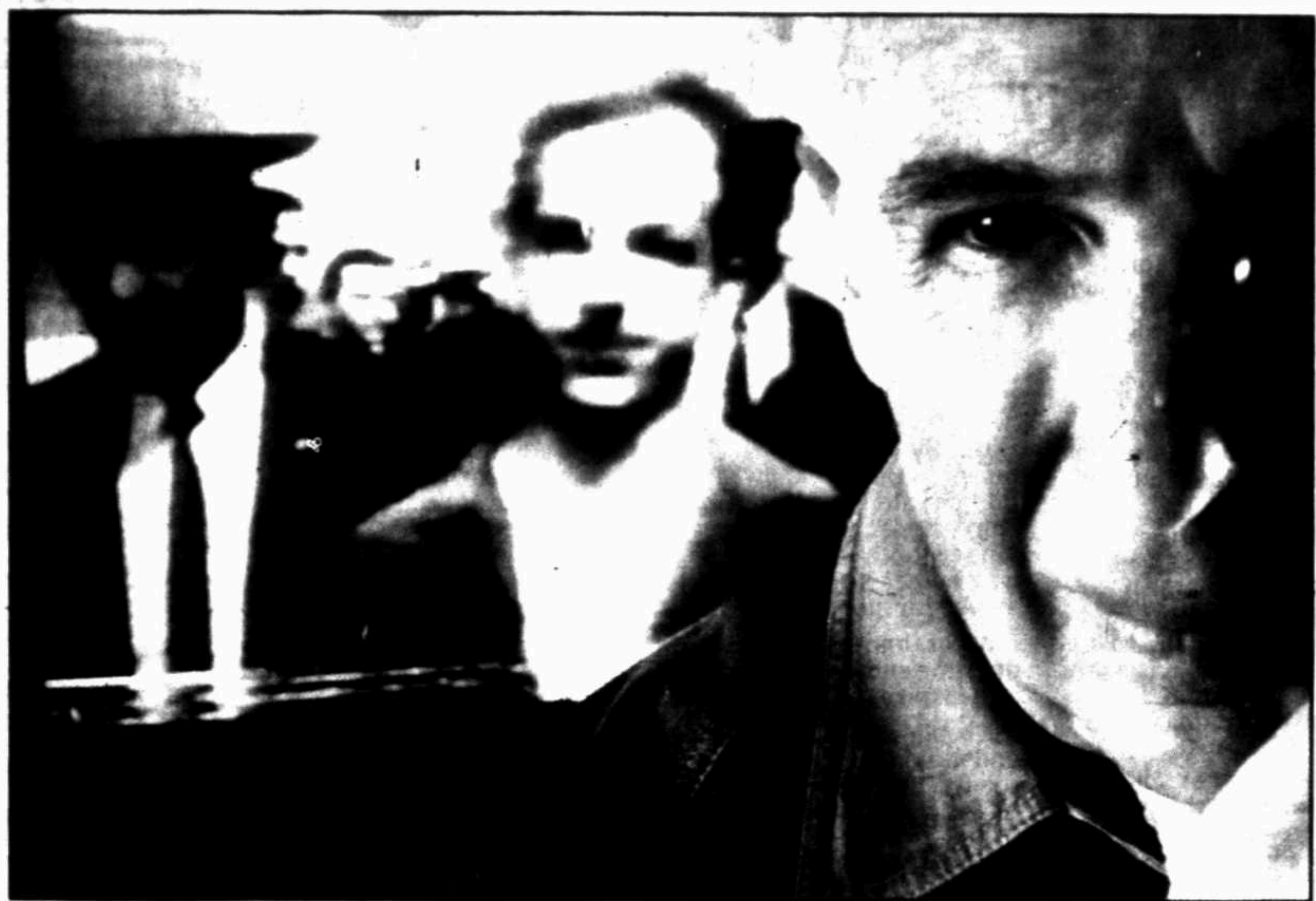
"Eddie, it's nonsense, I think," Robert would say.

Seyler would press a little deeper.

"Eddie, I believe he was the only one involved."

Oswald said he doesn't talk to his grandchildren about the assassination or their great-uncle, Lee, hoping to avoid confusion and concern.

"You can either light a situation or defuse it, and we chose a long time ago to (defuse) it," he



Robert Oswald, brother of Lee Harvey Oswald, poses in Dallas on Oct. 29. Oswald believes his brother acted alone in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in 1963, but he still doesn't know why. The monitor, background, shows Lee Harvey minutes before he was shot by Jack Ruby.

said. "Why put all of that on kids?"

Robert's daughter Cathy, 40, remains leery of talk about her uncle. The Democrat-Gazette said that, 26 years ago, a high school history teacher asked whether she was related to Lee Harvey Oswald. Stunned, she could not make her lips move. She picked up her books and started walking hurriedly for the door.

"Cathy Oswald, I better get you out of my class before you assassinate me," the teacher said.

"It knocked the air right out of me," she remembers.

There's nothing in Oswald's living room to suggest that Lee Harvey Oswald ever existed, but photos on a bedroom wall indicate his pledge to never forget his kid brother, the newspaper reported.

Oswald remembers sleeping next to his brother in a New Orleans orphanage — his mother placed them there after their father died — and remembers standing before his brother's open casket in a Fort Worth cemetery, mumbling a prayer and kissing his cheek.

"There but for the grace of

God, go I," Robert Oswald sometimes says. He means simply that, absent grace and fortune, he may have been pointed like his brother toward a tormented life.

A year to the day before Kennedy's assassination, Robert, Lee and their step-brother John gathered at Robert's home for their first meeting in nine years. Their mother wasn't invited.

A silent movie made during the Thanksgiving Day reunion shows Lee Harvey Oswald — in brown pants, white shirt and a

gray vest — sitting on an end of a couch in Robert's living room, watching a 6-year-old Cathy dance.

Suddenly, Lee's wife Marina comes to the armrest alongside. Lee points out the camera to her without ever quite looking at her. He suddenly seems distanced from the frivolity.

Near the end of the movie, Robert sits down on the floor directly in front of Lee, holding Robert's 2-year-old son, Robert Jr., in his lap. Robert Sr. beams.

"I was feeling good," Robert reflects. "We didn't talk about politics or anything heavyweight that day. Just family stuff. Enjoying each other and the kids."

It was the last time Robert saw Lee until after the assassination.

In early 1963, Robert's employer, Acme Brick Co., transferred him to Malvern, Ark. He received a letter from Lee in mid-March with a Dallas post office box as a return address. In September 1963, Acme transferred Robert again, to its Denton plant. Robert wrote Lee seeking another reunion, but never

received an answer.

Nov. 22, 1963, started out to be just another Friday. As Robert worked in his office, he thought he heard the name Oswald on the radio while commentators discussed Kennedy's death. Then he heard Lee Harvey Oswald's name clearly.

"Something must have shown in my face," he recalls, "because this receptionist took a look at me and started crying."

"That's my kid brother," Robert Oswald said to no one in particular.

In a recurring dream, Robert Oswald comes close to finding an explanation. On his command, Lee Harvey Oswald writes an explanation furiously while his big brother paces. He starts to hand it over, then says, "Just a minute" and takes the paper back.

"He looks at his writing on the paper, then tears it all up and throws it away. And he looks at me and says, 'I don't know why,'" Robert Oswald says. "And I think it will always be that he doesn't know why. I think that's the truth of it."

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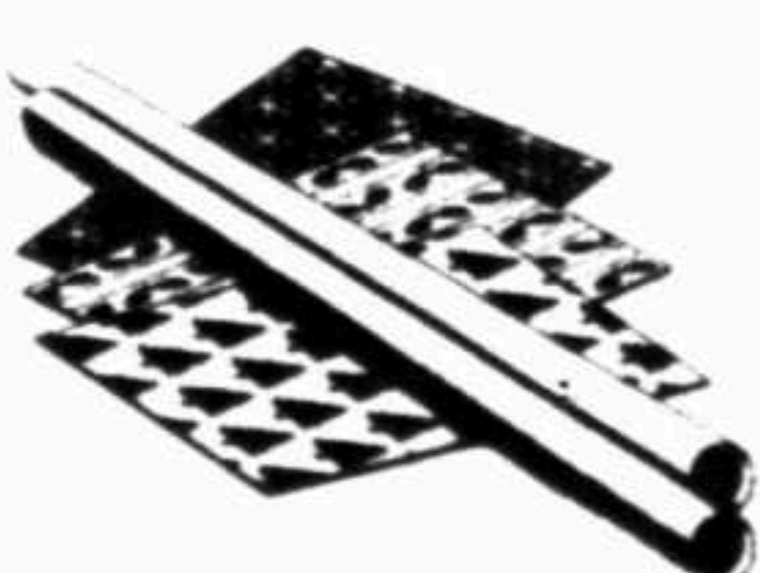
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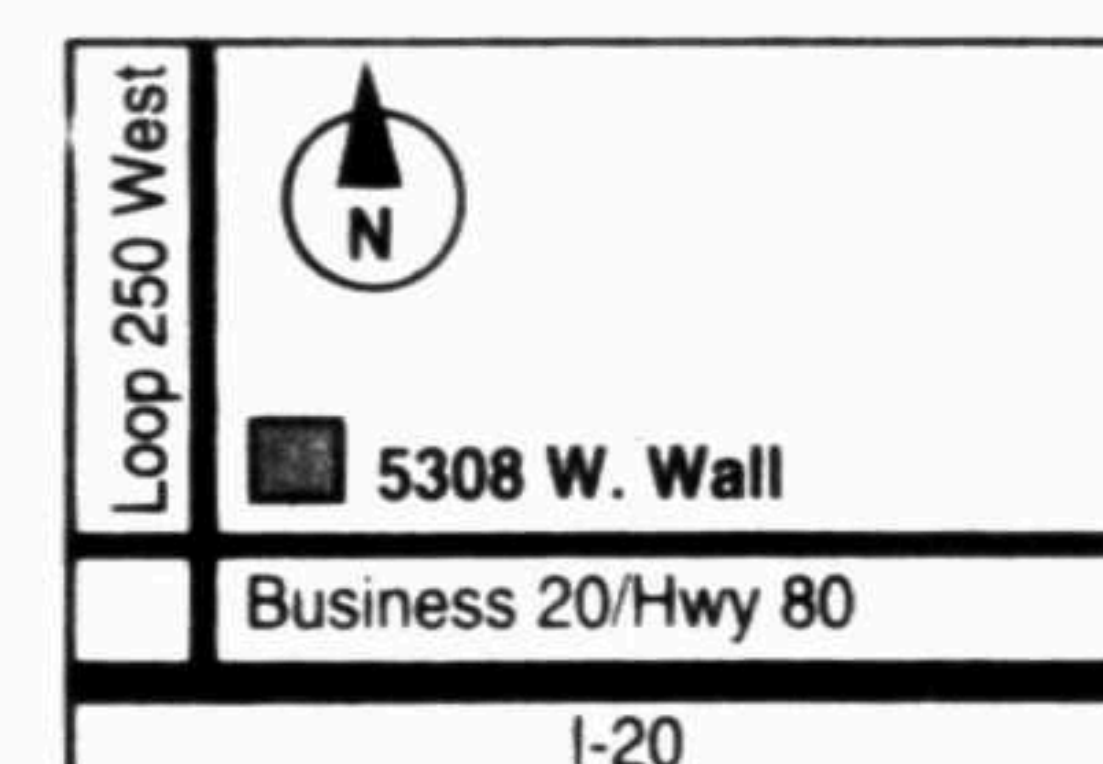
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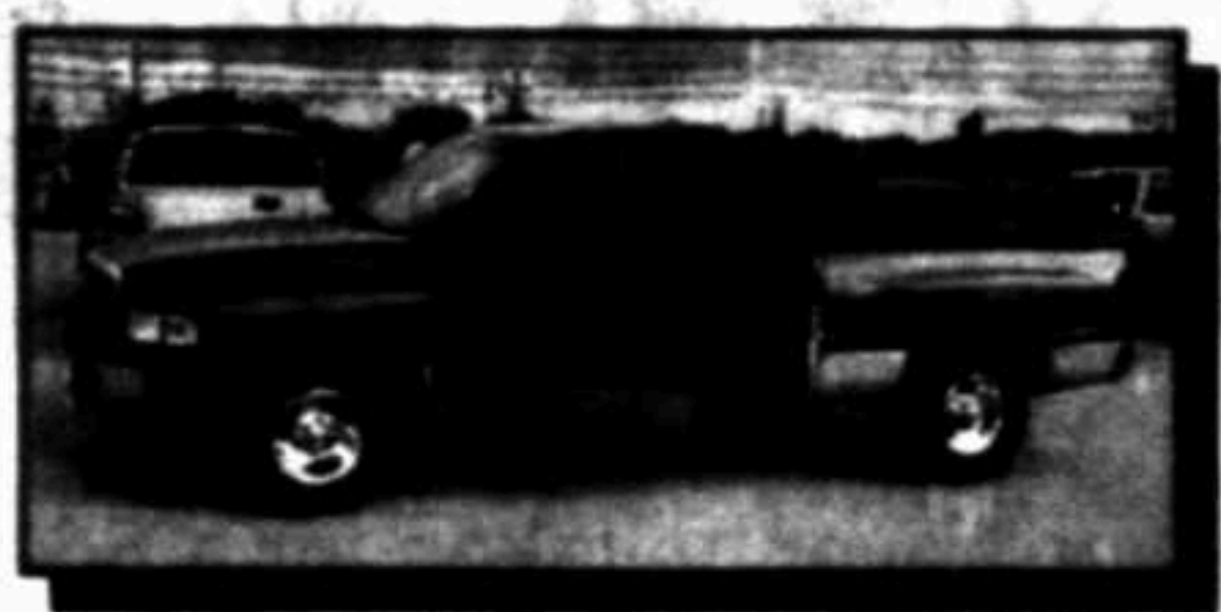
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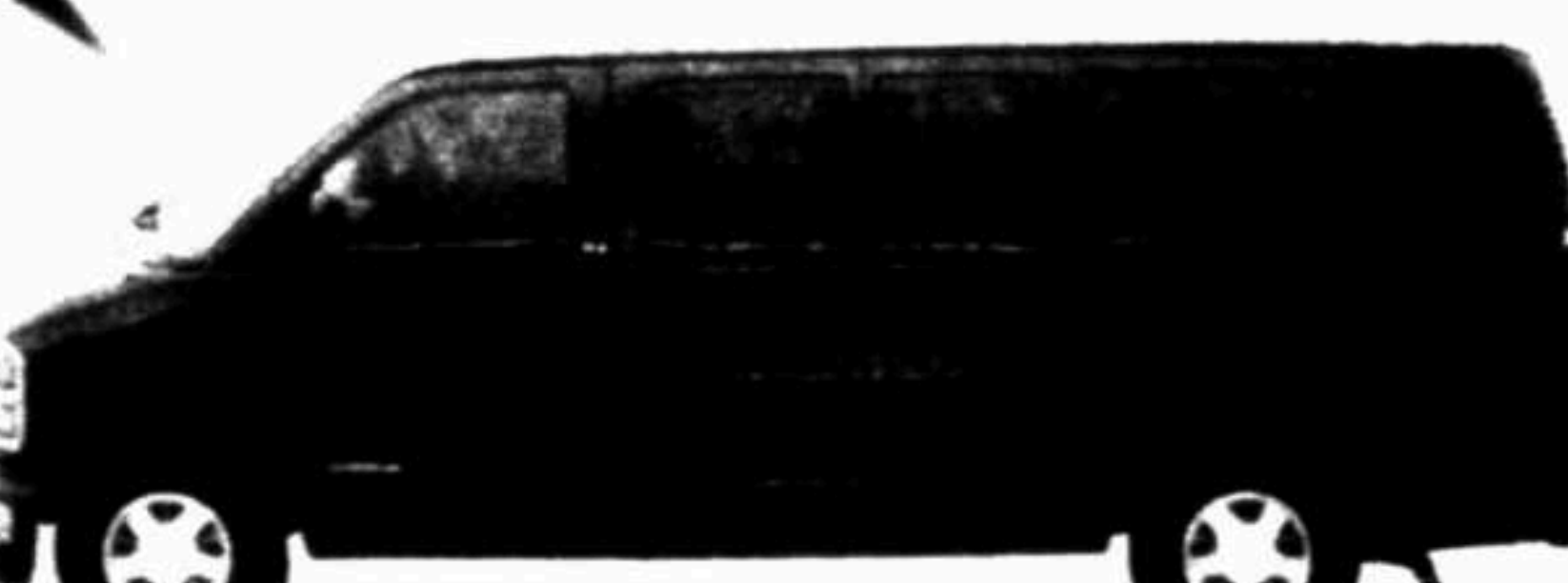
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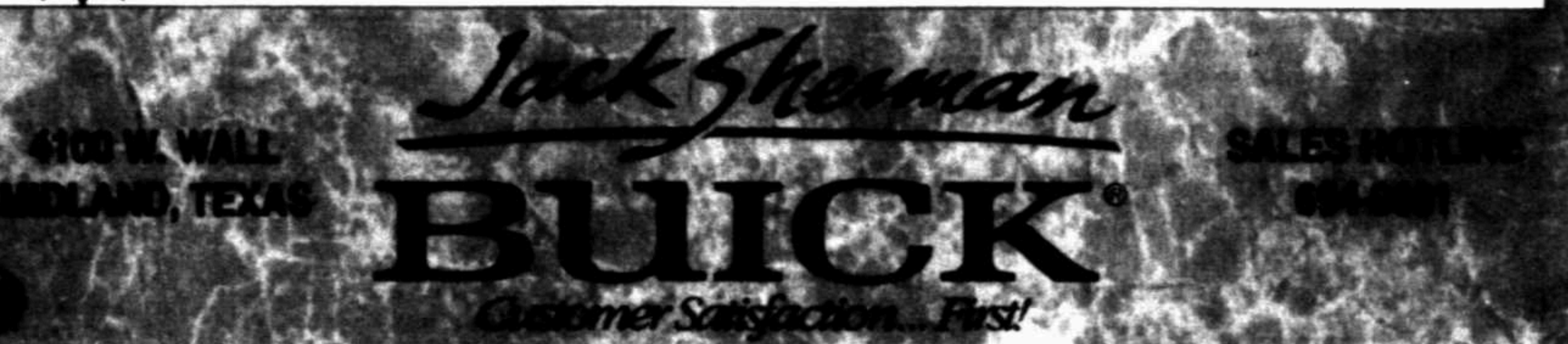
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LINE ATTENDANTS & dishwashers. Full time. No experience necessary. Contract Mr. Chambers in person at Furr's Cafeteria. 1116 N. Midkiff.

LOCAL INSTRUMENT Company needs Electronics Technician for field service work. Requires AAS in electronics or equivalent military experience. Clean driving record and drug test must. Send resume to: Box B-1040 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram. P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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NAIL TECH Station for lease in an established salon, with high traffic and centrally located. Call 694-2517, between 9-5 Tuesday thru Saturday.

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6-7 1/2 CHRISTMAS TREE bought at Miss Casey's has lights and ornaments \$100 firm. 694-8017.

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SILVER JEWELRY Sale Friday, 11am until 5pm. Great Christmas Gifts. See at 211 E. Florida.

HOT DOG Machine. Cotton Candy Machine, Popcorn Machine, Nacho Warmer, Oxygen tank with balloon adapter, ice Machine, Menu Board with letters and numbers. Persons interested call 694-9940.

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WASHER GAS DRYER, Kenmore, nearly new, \$650. Kenmore refrigerator, \$600. 12 quart humidifier, \$75. GE Microwave, \$100. Call 694-1592.

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16' SIOUX STYLE Teepee includes poles, covers, stakes, door and liner. \$400. 689-3351.

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BARGAINS ON vacuum cleaners all brands. Rainbow, Kirby, Dirt Devil, Sharp, Janasonic, Onick, Hoover, Eureka, Riccar, and lots more. corner of Midkiff and Wall. 520-6464.

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CAROUSEL With turn table and music (8 animals) 3 foot high. \$500. NordicTrack \$200. 570-6870.

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ALMOND GE Appliances electric range top, electric self cleaning wall oven, dishwasher, Almond cast iron double sink, 19" color TV, bathroom wall mirror. All in good condition. Call 694-7614.

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COOK STOVES: Heaters, Refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers 3/4 wood bed and bath furniture. 570-4851.

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BEAUTIFUL WEDDING ring set. Brilliant diamonds, from Jenkins Jewelry. Paid \$3,000. Selling for \$1,200. 520-0152.

415 Misc. Wanted
SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687-5039.

432 Household Furniture
CRADLE TWO car seats, stroller & toddler bed. Call 682-4764.

435 Household Appliances
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MATTRESS sets, dinette sets, bunk beds, daybeds and Futon couches. Reasonable prices. Also catalog orders available. Credit Cards. Layaways welcome. Wood & Son Appliances. 2811 W. Wall. 699-1224.

437 Household Furniture
WEDDINGS OFF. Must sell magnificent wedding set (hardly worn). Original retail \$3,750. \$2,200 or best offer. Call Tony at 686-8447.

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SWEET GIGGLES
Outgoing, friendly single Hispanic male, 18, 5'3", enjoys reading, fun-loving single male, 19-25. Ad# 1590.

DISCOVER ME
Friendly single white male, 20, 5'5", medium build, smoker, enjoys traveling, movies, camping, seeking single white male, 20-30. Ad# 1175.

ARE YOU THERE?
Friendly single white female, 27, 5'6", from Blackwell, enjoys dancing, reading, seeking single white male, under 45, for friendship maybe more. Ad# 2525.

ROMANTIC LADY
Reserved single Hispanic male, 19, 5'5", medium build, non-smoker, social drinker, from Odessa, enjoys cooking, movies, walking in the park, seeks honest, sincere single Hispanic male, 18-35, for possible relationship. Ad# 1128.

ONE YELLOW ROSE
Outgoing, friendly, single Hispanic male, 34, 5'2", medium build, smoker, occasional drinker, enjoys going out, staying home, seeks single Hispanic male, 29-45, for possible serious relationship. Ad# 1123.

LET'S GO OUT
Active single white female, 27, 5'2", non-smoker, non-drinker, likes dining out, movies, seeking talkative, open-minded single male, 21-38. Ad# 2349.

WHAT'S INSIDE COUNTS
Single white female, 29, 5'8", non-smoker, enjoys dancing, long walks, children, quiet times at home and family time, seeking compatible, warm-hearted single Hispanic male, 30-45. Ad# 2349.

A DREAM CAN BE TRUE
Friendly single white male, 41, 5'8", smoker, enjoys the outdoors, camping, the movies, seeks honest, compatible, sincere, medium-built single white male, 42-50. Ad# 2468.

ONE ON ONE
Spontaneous single Hispanic female, 18, 5'7", lives in Midland, enjoys traveling, drawing, reading, writing poetry, seeks caring, compatible single Hispanic male, 18-29, for a monogamous relationship. Ad# 1333.

A HOMEOWNER
Divorced white male, 51, 5'3", 120lbs, brown hair, medium build, smoker, disabled, enjoys bowling, free markets, lives in Midland, seeks drug-free single/divorced white male, 50-60, for companionship, maybe more. Ad# 5555.

MUTUAL RESPECT
Single white male, 34, 5'6", medium build, smoker, disabled, enjoys fishing, hiking, romantic walks and dinners, seeks caring, honest, single white male, under 45. Ad# 1813.

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JOIN US
Humorous single white male, 40, 5'7", slim, reddish-brown hair, green eyes, employed, enjoys reading, the outdoors, swimming, dancing, country life, seeking funny, honest single white male. Ad# 9957.

LET'S GET TOGETHER
Widowed white female, 68, 5'4", 160lbs, red hair, hazel eyes, outgoing, friendly lives in Snyder, enjoys movies, seeks honest, affectionate single white/Hispanic male, 58-70. Ad# 1928.

LOVE TEXAS!
Full-figured single white female, 52, 4'11", grayish brown hair, non-smoker, non-drinker, has a variety of interests, lives in Midland, seeks single male, 44-50, non-smoker, non-drinker, for friendship first, maybe more. Ad# 2366.

ANGELIC
Single white female, 18, 5'5", brown hair, friendly, sweet, enjoys playing pool, races, bowling, seeking respectful, open-minded, confident, funny, mature, loving single male. Ad# 1979.

WILL MAKE YOU LAUGH
Spontaneous single white female, 34, 5'6", brown hair, green eyes, serious, humorous, enjoys reading, dancing, outdoor sports, seeks truthful, kind, warm-hearted single male. Ad# 2362.

NO HEAD GAMES
Laid-back single white male, 41, 5'7", brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys fishing, taking walks, barbecues, quiet times at home, seeking sincere, honest single male, under 45. Ad# 8833.

LOVES THE SIMPLE LIFE
Single white female, 35, 5'5", 125lbs, long blonde hair, hazel eyes, flexible, likes listening to music, shopping, dining, plays, drives in the country, seeking strong, compatible, goal-oriented single male. Ad# 6515.

TREAT ME RIGHT
Slightly overweight single white female, 30, 5'4", brown hair, blue eyes, considerate, nice, employed, enjoys fishing, reading, writing, seeks handsome single male, who can be a good listener. Ad# 4844.

DEFOIST MY HEART
Single white male, 42, 6'2", average-built, non-smoker, shy, lives in Odessa, likes dining out, camping, fishing, hunting, movies, seeks compatible single female, 28-45, for friendship. Ad# 2220.

ARE YOU THE ONE?
Slim single Hispanic male, 19, 5'7", smoker, interests include law enforcement and martial arts, seeking slender single Hispanic female, 18-25. Ad# 2635.

NOT A PARTY ANIMAL
Single Hispanic male, 31, 5'11", 175lbs, short black hair, brown eyes, non-smoker, lives in Ft. Stockton, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, seeks single Hispanic female, 21-40, without children at home, with similar interests. Ad# 4147.

THE BEST OF TIMES
Expressive single white male, 41, 5'10", medium build, smoker, employed, lives in Midland, likes golf, bird hunting, going to the lake, barbecues, seeks single female, 35-42, without kids at home, with similar interests. Ad# 4147.

WILL SPOIL YOU
Congenial single white male, 32, 6'1", non-smoker, lives in Midland, likes movies, dining out, concerts, seeks compatible single black female, 18-35, for companionship and friendship. Ad# 7734.

RECIPE FOR LOVE
Dynamic single white male, 46, 6'1", medium build, smoker, non-drinker, from the Odessa area, enjoys fishing, bowling and playing pool, seeks single white female, 38-45, physique unimportant, children okay. Ad# 1817.

FAMILY-ORIENTED
Single white male, 20, 5'10", 165lbs, smoker, enjoys country music and dancing, long walks, active, sports, camping, looking interested in meeting a slender single white female, 18-25, kids are a plus. Ad# 1169.

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Single white male, 41, 5'10", medium build, smoker, lives in Midland, enjoys golf, outdoor activities, sports, camping, looking for a medium-built single white female, 30-42, without children at home, with similar interests. Ad# 7414.

CHARISMATIC
Single black male, 35, 6'2", heavyset, non-smoker, people person, creative, outgoing, likes horseback riding, travel, romantic evenings, looking for non-smoker, single female, 25-37. Ad# 1062.

CIRCLE THIS AD
Congenial single white male, 44, 5'11", 175lbs, from Odessa, seeks honest, sincere, monogamous single white female, 34-49, non-smoker, non-drinker, enjoys traveling, bowling, family life. Ad# 1114.

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Recycle your unwanted items!
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MOVING SALE. 3411 W. Industrial. Saturday & Sunday. Pool table, ping pong table, refrigerator, more!

INSIDE: 3406 Golf Course. Jewelry, Jewelry! Shop for Christmas 8-5. Thursday, Friday and Saturday!

FRIDAY ONLY 8-5. 4006 Roosevelt. CD & Ham radios, couch, chair, clothes, knicks knacks.

79705

2609 N. "L" STREET. Remodeling sale, chairs, freezer, interior doors, bike, shutters, cooktop, luggage, and much more. Saturday only 8 am.

2822 GODDARD PLACE. Friday & Saturday. 8 until noon. Truck tool box, commercial steel shelving, lawn mowers, bikes, portable bar, lighting fixtures, Mary Kay Cosmetics, draperies, window blinds, headboard & footboard, winter clothes and much more.

MOVING SALE. Saturday 8:30-12. 2413 Northtown Court. Furniture, clothing, and miscellaneous.

79707

SATURDAY ONLY 9-3. Girls 4-7, boys 8-12. coats, women, bike, brass knobs, table and chairs, bed spread and curtains, linens, wash stand, and miscellaneous. 4607 Tammy Cove.

3207 MARK LANE. Friday & Saturday. 8 am. Lots of Christmas things.

4304 GREENBRIAR. Saturday only 7-12. Washer, refrigerator, bed, etc.

★WOODEN ROCKING horse with wicker seat sold by accident, great sentimental value. Willing to buy back with profit. Sold at garage sale at 4500 Tantoran. Saturday 11-22-97. 694-6442.

★Saturday 8-2. 4007 ST. Andrews. New craft items for decoration and Christmas gifts, under \$10. girls clothing size 4-10. miscellaneous household.

79707

3906 BUCHANAN. Friday through Sunday, 10am - 4pm. Inside sale, everything goes, furniture, appliances & sporting goods. 1967 Chevrolet pickup.

SATURDAY 8-2. 3910 Standford. Childrens desk, camera, both children and adult coats, clothing, shoes, good Christmas items, lots of miscellaneous.

AREA SALES

10-40% SALE!!! Saturday 10-6, November 28th. Ruby Begonia's Marketplace, 2030 Andrews Highway, Odessa.

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435 Household Appliances

GE FROST FREE Refrigerator with icemaker. New condition. \$400. Call 688-5128.

BIGGEST & BEST selection of washers, dryers, range, refrigerators. All with warranty. Delivery available. 520-8080.

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DICK'S FIREWOOD: Oaks, Mesquite, Pecan & Cedar. We deliver. 1-915-453-2151. Fax 1-915-453-4322.

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JIM'S GOLF CLUBS: Custom Clubs. King Cobra II or Big Bertha irons, clubs. \$184.1 set. Reshatter. \$14.50. Regrip. \$3.00. 3115 Haynes. 694-1334.

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KEY To Abbreviations

Bdrm. Bedroom
Ba. Bath
Kit. Kitchen
Dbl. Double
A/C. Air conditioning
Mst. Bdrm. Master Bdrm
Gar. Garage
Bldg. Building
Cond. Condition
N-QA. Non-Qualifying Assumable
Qualifying Assumable
Ac. Acre
3/2 3/2 Bdrm/Ba./Gar.

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Arizona at Arizona State, 5:30 p.m., FSS.

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Puerto Rico Shootout, second semifinal, 2:30 p.m., FSS.

Preseason NIT, championship game, 6:30 p.m., ESPN.

Great Alaska Shootout, first semifinal, 6:30 p.m., ESPN.

Great Alaska Shootout, second semifinal, 11 p.m., ESPN.

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WPHL — Odessa Jackalopes at Amarillo Rattlers, 7 p.m. **RADIO: KQIP (96.9 FM).**

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PREP BASKETBALL — Midland High boys at Arlington tournament.

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Tough Ticket

NEW ORLEANS — If you don't have a ticket for the Bayou Classic, plan to watch Eddie Robinson's final fling on television. Getting into the Grambling coach's last game is the toughest act in town.

"The calls are still coming in, but the tickets are long gone," said Grambling athletic director Robert Piper. "Nobody can get them, but lots of people are still trying."

Always a sellout, the 74,000 tickets to this year's game between Southern University and Grambling State were gone even quicker this year.

"We reached a sellout last week," said Southern ticket manager David Hawkins. "The good seats went the first day, and the more favorable tickets went in a matter of two days."

The matchup will be held Saturday in the Louisiana Superdome. Kickoff is at 1 p.m.

Southern (9-1) would be enough to make tickets scarce. The Jaguars can claim the Southwestern Athletic Conference championship by beating Grambling — something they've done for the past five years. They have already wrapped up a slot in the Heritage Bowl on Dec. 27.

Robinson, who started coaching at Grambling in 1941, has a record of 408-164-15. His teams have won all or part of 17 SWAC titles and eight black-college national championships.

Seldon charges

GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP, N.J. — Former WBA heavyweight champion Bruce Seldon's manager said Thursday the boxer is innocent of charges he sexually assaulted a minor.

"He denies having sexual contact with her, and he denies knowing her age," said Rocco DePersia, the boxer's manager and lawyer.

On Wednesday, police said a 15-year-old girl arrived at headquarters that afternoon, claiming that nine days ago Seldon picked her up while she was walking in Atlantic City. She said he took her to his house in Gloucester Township and that he raped her three times.

That never happened, DePersia said, noting the 30-year-old boxer, nicknamed "The Atlantic City Express," lives with his father, who was home.

"When the facts come out, we think he'll be cleared," the manager said, adding that Seldon thought the girl was 18.

Mustangs take on task of beating 4A's No. 1 Denison Yellow Jackets

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

For better or worse, it's the type of challenge which is as cut and dried as a team can face come playoff time: Facing the No. 1 ranked team in the state.

That's the obstacle for the Andrews High football team Saturday afternoon at Jones Stadium in Lubbock. The Mustangs must get past top-ranked Denison in the 2 p.m. Class 4A Division II regional round game to continue their season.

It's not overstating it — certainly not from the Andrews perspective — that the playoff sledding is getting tougher by the week at this point, and it probably won't be any tougher for the Mustangs from this point

on. What helps Andrews is that there has been an appropriate build-up to this juncture for the Mustangs.

Last Saturday in Lubbock, the Mustangs faced the specter of No. 8 Dumas, which carried a 10-0 mark into the area round game. If Andrews was at all intimidated by the Demons, it didn't show as the Mustangs romped to a surprisingly easy 42-6 win. Now Andrews (9-3) takes on an even bigger giant — the biggest 4A giant in the state, in fact.

"I know that we matched up with Dumas very well but Denison has great team speed and we'll have to contain that," said Andrews coach Mike Lebby in comparing the two ranked foes.

Denison (12-0) has been at the top of the 4A poll for

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Chaps put 7-0 mark on line in Chap Shootout

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

It has been a long time since a Midland College men's basketball team started the season with a 7-0 record. Then again, it has been a long time since a recruiting class like this one has arrived on campus.

At 8 p.m. at Chaparral Center, that recruiting class prepares to keep its run going.

Tonight, MC will do battle with Lamar (Colo.) in the first round of the Chap Shootout. That game follows the 6 p.m. game between Odessa College and Western Oklahoma.

"The tournament will be entertaining from a fan's standpoint, because the teams will get up and down," MC head coach Pat Rafferty said. "We will see some different things, but we are focused on what we can do."

What Rafferty's team has done this year is win. The start is the best in Rafferty's four years as MC's head coach, but Rafferty says the team isn't concerned about records.

"We don't think about that," Rafferty said. "We think 'Let's go out and beat whoever is in front of us. Whoever is in front of us is who we are going to whip.'"

Rafferty's team has been whipping teams by an average of 22 points. A lot of the credit for the team's success goes to the defense that MC has played in the first seven games. MC is giving up just 64.9 points a game and hasn't allowed a team to score more than 70 in the last five games. That kind of defensive intensity is something Rafferty has always stressed.

"We will guard people and get after it. That will be a constant," Rafferty said. "I've got guys that are receptive and believing in an identity of getting after it defensively. They see the value in it."

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Chang, Sampras lead U.S. team into Davis final

By Nesha Starcevic
Associated Press Writer

GOTEBORG, Sweden — Pete Sampras and Michael Chang have a combined singles record of 9-4 against the Swedish opponents they face on the opening day of the Davis Cup final. But there are some trends that could worry the Americans.

Jonas Bjorkman beat Chang in straight sets the last time they played, and Magnus Larsson is the only player to have beaten Sampras twice this year.

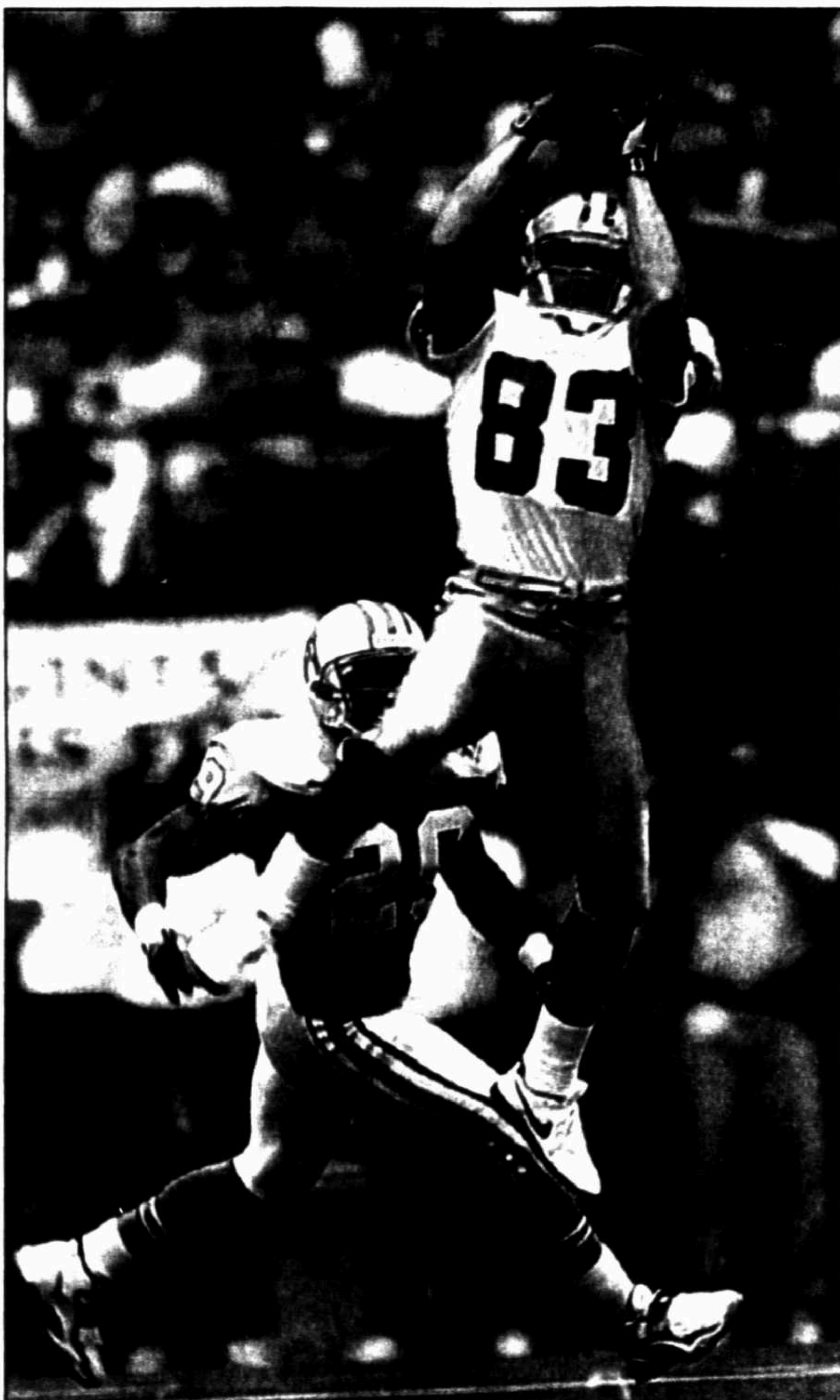
"He's beaten me before, he's confident," said Sampras, who lost the last two encounters against Larsson, ranked No. 25 in the world. Sampras leads 6-3.

"He's played me tough, not only this year," Sampras said after Thursday's draw. "He's an awkward player, lanky, not an easy guy to play. He serves quite big and backs it up with big groundies"

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THANKSGIVING FOOTBALL

Death of Dallas' Dynasty?



Dallas' Anthony Miller (83) leaps to grab a 35-yard reception against Tennessee Oilers defender Darryll Lewis (29) during the Oilers' 27-14 win Thursday in Irving.

■ Tennessee's 27-14 victory puts Cowboys' playoff chances in serious jeopardy.

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — The Tennessee Oilers delivered what could be the fatal blow to the Dallas Cowboys' flawed season. The Oilers (7-6) intercepted below-par Troy Aikman three times and returned a fumble for a touchdown Thursday to beat the five-time defending NFC East champions 27-14. The loss dropped the Cowboys to 6-7 and put them in danger of missing the playoffs for the first time in seven seasons.

Darryll Lewis intercepted two passes and jarred the ball loose from Eric Bjornson so Marcus Robertson could return a fumble 42 yards for a touchdown. Robertson also intercepted a pass as Tennessee produced five turnovers against the mistake-prone Cowboys.

An unhappy and under-fire Dallas coach Barry Switzer called the game "an embarrassment."

"You can't beat anybody if you have five turnovers," he said. "I don't know if we can get into the playoffs now. I don't want to figure that out right now. Does 9-6 get in there? I don't know. We have 10 days (Carolina on Dec. 8) and we'll see if we can get our wounded well."

Switzer said the Cowboys won't just go through the motions.

"Nobody quits on this team because it has been places no other team has ever been," three Super Bowls in the 1990s.

Aikman, who took a strong muscle relaxant to calm back spasms incurred during warmups, was unusually wild and made poor decisions as Tennessee intercepted two passes and cashed them into touchdowns in the first period.

Aikman, the second-least intercepted passer in the NFL, wasn't on the sidelines when the game started, but dashed onto the field after Dallas forced the Oilers to punt on their first possession.

"I don't attribute that (the spasms) to the interceptions," Aikman said. "In the locker room they did grab me good and locked me up. It's a real long shot for us to make the playoffs now."

Cowboys receiver Anthony Miller

Please see **DALLAS/4D**

Sanders runs wild in Lions' rout of Bears

By Harry Atkins
AP Sports Writer

PONTIAC, Mich. — While Barry Sanders is running out of records to break, others are running out of words.

"Somebody made the comparison that he was in a Lamborghini and I was in a Chevy S-10," Chicago linebacker Barry Minter said after Sanders destroyed the Bears on Thanksgiving Day. "You can't ask just one guy to tackle Barry Sanders when you're 10 yards off the ball and have to catch up."

Sanders became the second-leading rusher in NFL history with a 167-yard, three-touchdown performance as the

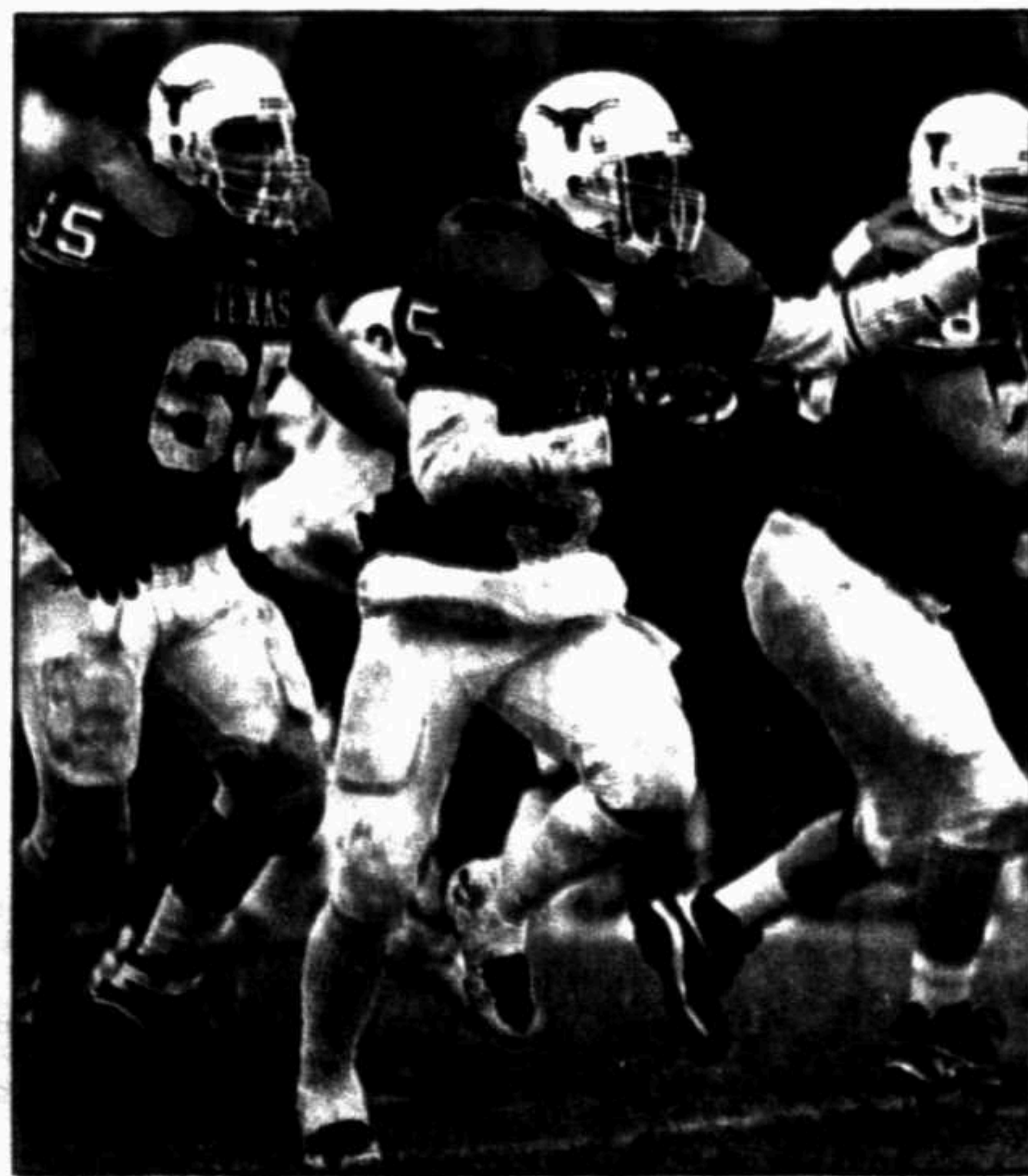
Detroit Lions kept their slim playoff hopes alive with a 55-20 comeback win over the Bears.

"I knew Barry was a great back, but I didn't know how great," Lions coach Bobby Ross said. "I don't know what else he can accomplish. The guys love him. They love to block for him. It's just perfect. It really is."

It was the most points ever scored by the Lions (7-6) in a regular season game, breaking the old record of 52 which had stood for 45 years. It also was the most points ever allowed the Bears.

The sensational performance by Sanders almost over-

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Quarterback James Brown, center, the Longhorns' all-time leading passer, will play the last game of his career when the 'Horns face No. 15 Texas A&M today in College Station.

Rivalry means more to Aggies, 'Horns than Big 12 title game, coach's future

By Michael A. Lutz
AP Sports Writer

COLLEGE STATION — After Friday, No. 15 Texas A&M will advance to the Big 12 championship game, the Texas Longhorns will enter an off-season game of discontent and UT coach John Mackovic's future will become clear.

The Aggies (8-2, 5-2) will play in the Big 12 title game against No. 2 Nebraska regardless of the outcome of the 10 a.m. Friday kickoff at Kyle Field. But they'd like to take the outright Big 12 South title with them instead of a three-way tie with Oklahoma State and Texas Tech if they lose.

The Longhorns (4-6, 2-5), the defending Big 12 champs, will try to salvage a season gone sour but even a victory over the Aggies may not save Mackovic's job.

The 104th meeting of the Longhorns vs. the Aggies ties for third among NCAA Division I rivals for the most games played between two teams.

"I would rather go 1-10 and beat A&M than go 10-1 and lose to A&M," Texas center Ryan Fiebigler said.

"I want to go out winning this game and have the bragging rights for the rest of my life."

The feelings run just as deep in Aggieland.

"A lot of people think we're out for revenge (for last year's 51-15 loss) but in a game like this, revenge is not a factor," Aggie guard Steve McKinney said. "They want to beat us and we want to beat them no matter what the last game's score was."

Texas quarterback James Brown will play his final college game.

"This will be my last game here at Texas and you always want to go out on a winning note," Brown said. "A&M knows we're not double-digit underdogs. They know it's going to be a game."

It could be Mackovic's last game with the Longhorns, too.

The school's athletic council met Tuesday amid speculation that Mackovic would be dismissed at the end of the season. Mackovic has declined to discuss his job security. The Aggies are his immediate problem.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL — Texas at Texas A&M, 10 a.m., ABC.
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COLLEGE BASKETBALL — Men, Puerto Rico Shootout, first semifinal, noon, ESPN.

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Great Alaska Shootout, second semifinal, 11 p.m., ESPN.

NHL — Colorado Avalanche at Florida Panthers, 3 p.m., ESPN.

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NHL — Dallas Stars at Phoenix Coyotes, late.

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WPHL — Odessa Jackalopes at Amarillo Rattlers, 7 p.m. **RADIO:** KOIP (96.9 FM).

JUCO BASKETBALL — Men, Chap Shootout, Chaparral Center. Odessa College vs. Western Oklahoma, 6 p.m.

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PREP BASKETBALL — Midland High boys at Arlington tournament. Lee boys at San Angelo tourney.

Tough Ticket

NEW ORLEANS — If you don't have a ticket for the Bayou Classic, plan to watch Eddie Robinson's final fling on television. Getting into the Grambling coach's last game is the toughest at in town.

"The calls are still coming in, but the tickets are long gone," said Grambling athletic director Robert Piper. "Nobody can get them, but lots of people are still trying."

Always a sellout, the 74,000 tickets to this year's game between Southern University and Grambling State were gone even quicker this year.

"We reached a sellout last week," said Southern ticket manager David Hawkins. "The good seats went the first day, and the more favorable tickets went in a matter of two days."

The matchup will be held Saturday in the Louisiana Superdome. Kickoff is at 1 p.m.

Southern (9-1) would be enough to make tickets scarce. The Jaguars can claim the Southwestern Athletic Conference championship by beating Grambling — something they've done for the past five years. They have already wrapped up a slot in the Heritage Bowl on Dec. 27.

Robinson, who started coaching at Grambling in 1941, has a record of 408-164-15. His teams have won all or part of 17 SWAC titles and eight college national championships.

Seldon charges

GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP, N.J. — Former NBA heavyweight champion Bruce Seldon's manager said Thursday the boxer is innocent of charges he sexually assaulted a minor.

"He denies having sexual contact with her, and he denies knowing her age," said Rocco DePersia, the boxer's manager and lawyer.

On Wednesday, police said a 15-year-old girl arrived at headquarters that afternoon, claiming that nine days ago Seldon picked her up while she was walking in Atlantic City. She said he took her to his house in Gloucester Township and that he raped her three times.

That never happened, DePersia said, noting the 30-year-old boxer, nicknamed "The Atlantic City Express," lives with his father, who was home.

"When the facts come out, we think he'll be cleared," the manager said, adding that Seldon thought the girl was 18.

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Mustangs take on task of beating 4A's No. 1 Denison Yellow Jackets

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

For better or worse, it's the type of challenge which is as cut and dried as a team can face come playoff time: Facing the No. 1 ranked team in the state.

That's the obstacle for the Andrews High football team Saturday afternoon at Jones Stadium in Lubbock. The Mustangs must get past top-ranked Denison in the 2 p.m. Class 4A Division II regional round game to continue their season.

It's not overstating it — certainly not from the Andrews perspective — that the playoff slugging is getting tougher by the week at this point, and it probably won't be any tougher for the Mustangs from this point

on. What helps Andrews is that there has been an appropriate build-up to this juncture for the Mustangs.

Last Saturday in Lubbock, the Mustangs faced the specter of No. 8 Dumas, which carried a 10-0 mark into the area round game. If Andrews was at all intimidated by the Demons, it didn't show as the Mustangs romped to a surprisingly easy 42-6 win. Now Andrews (9-3) takes on an even bigger giant — the biggest 4A giant in the state, in fact.

"I know that we matched up with Dumas very well but Denison has great team speed and we'll have to contain that," said Andrews coach Mike Lebby in comparing the two ranked foes.

Denison (12-0) has been at the top of the 4A poll for

Please see **ANDREWS/2D**

Chaps put 7-0 mark on line in Chap Shootout

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

It has been a long time since a Midland College men's basketball team started the season with a 7-0 record. Then again, it has been a long time since a recruiting class like this one has arrived on campus.

At 8 p.m. at Chaparral Center, that recruiting class prepares to keep its run going.

Tonight, MC will do battle with Lamar (Colo.) in the first round of the Chap Shootout. That game follows the 6 p.m. game between Odessa College and Western Oklahoma.

"The tournament will be entertaining from a fan's standpoint, because the teams will get up and down," MC head coach Pat Rafferty said. "We will see some different things, but we are focused on what we can do."

What Rafferty's team has done this year is win. The start is the best in Rafferty's four years as MC's head coach, but Rafferty says the team isn't concerned about records.

"We don't think about that," Rafferty said. "We think 'Let's go out and beat whoever is in front of us. Whoever is in front of us is who we are going to whip.'"

Rafferty's team has been whipping teams by an average of 22 points. A lot of the credit for the team's success goes to the defense that MC has played in the first seven games. MC is giving up just 64.9 points a game and hasn't allowed a team to score more than 70 in the last five games. That kind of defensive intensity is something Rafferty has always stressed.

"We will guard people and get after it. That will be a constant," Rafferty said. "I've got guys that are receptive and believing in an identity of getting after it defensively. They see the value in it."

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Chang, Sampras lead U.S. team into Davis final

By Nesha Starcevic
Associated Press Writer

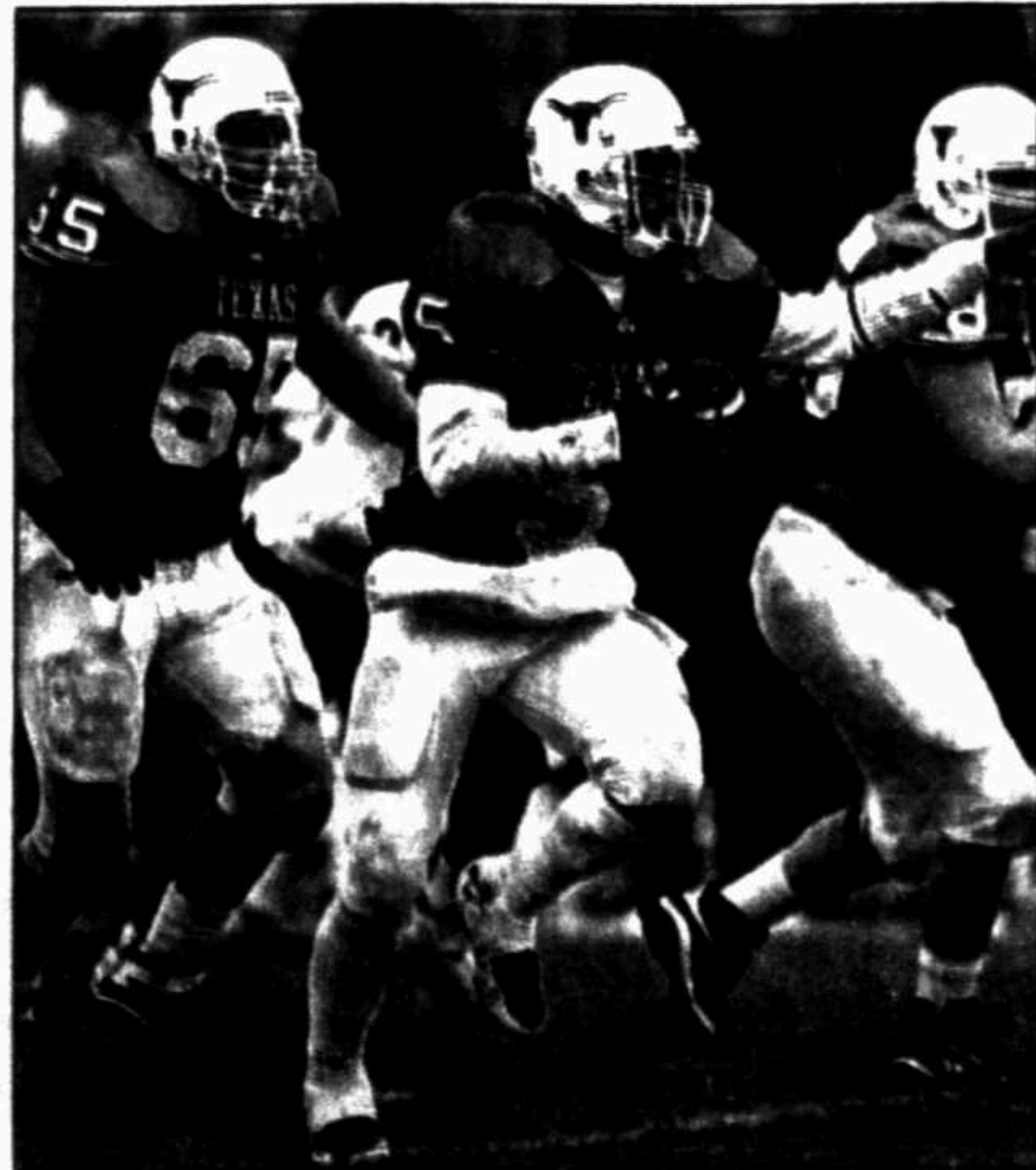
GOTEBORG, Sweden — Pete Sampras and Michael Chang have a combined singles record of 9-4 against the Swedish opponents they face on the opening day of the Davis Cup final. But there are some trends that could worry the Americans.

Jonas Bjorkman beat Chang in straight sets the last time they played, and Magnus Larsson is the only player to have beaten Sampras twice this year.

"He's beaten me before, he's confident," said Sampras, who lost the last two encounters against Larsson, ranked No. 25 in the world. Sampras leads 6-3.

"He's played me tough, not only this year," Sampras said after Thursday's draw. "He's an awkward player, lanky, not an easy guy to play. He serves quite big and backs it up with big groundies."

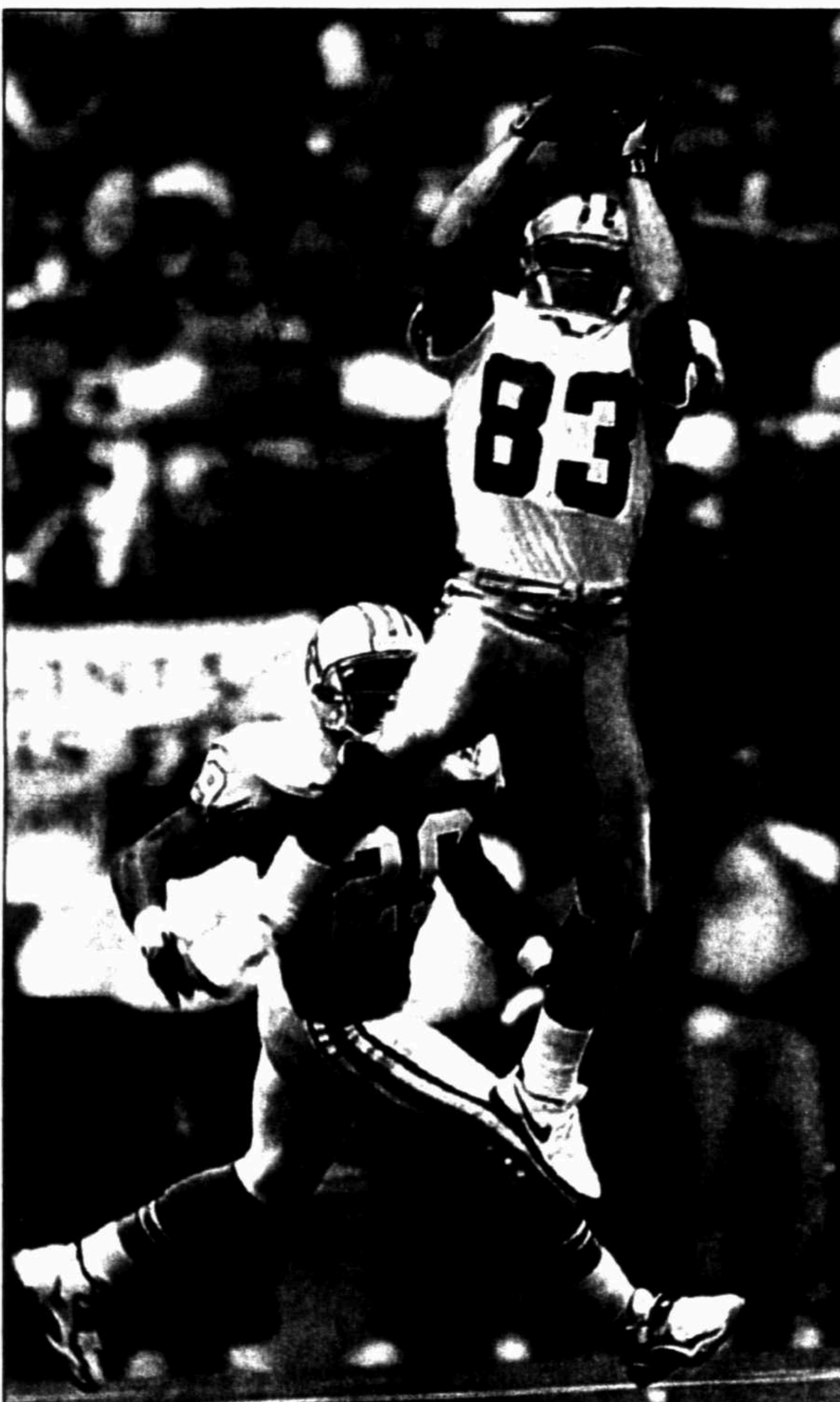
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Quarterback James Brown, center, the Longhorns' all-time leading passer, will play the last game of his career when the 'Horns face No. 15 Texas A&M today in College Station.

THANKSGIVING FOOTBALL

Death of Dallas' Dynasty?



Dallas' Anthony Miller (83) leaps to grab a 35-yard reception against Tennessee Oilers defender Darryll Lewis (29) during the Oilers' 27-14 win Thursday in Irving.

■ Tennessee's 27-14 victory puts Cowboys' playoff chances in serious jeopardy.

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — The Tennessee Oilers delivered what could be the fatal blow to the Dallas Cowboys' flawed season.

The Oilers (7-6) intercepted below-par Troy Aikman three times and returned a fumble for a touchdown Thursday to beat the five-time defending NFC East champions 27-14. The loss dropped the Cowboys to 6-7 and put them in danger of missing the playoffs for the first time in seven seasons.

Darryll Lewis intercepted two passes and jarred the ball loose from Eric Bjornson so Marcus Robertson could return a fumble 42 yards for a touchdown. Robertson also intercepted a pass as Tennessee produced five turnovers against the mistake-prone Cowboys.

An unhappy and under-fire Dallas coach Barry Switzer called the game "an embarrassment."

"You can't beat anybody if you have five turnovers," he said. "I don't know if we can get into the playoffs now. I don't want to figure that out right now. Does 9-6 get in there? I don't know. We have 10 days (Carolina on Dec. 8) and we'll see if we can get our wounded well."

Switzer said the Cowboys won't just go through the motions.

"Nobody quits on this team because it has been places no other team has ever been," three Super Bowls in the 1990s.

Aikman, who took a strong muscle relaxant to calm back spasms incurred during warmups, was unusually wild and made poor decisions as Tennessee intercepted two passes and cashed them into touchdowns in the first period.

Aikman, the second-least intercepted passer in the NFL, wasn't on the sidelines when the game started, but dashed onto the field after Dallas forced the Oilers to punt on their first possession.

"I don't attribute that (the spasms) to the interceptions," Aikman said. "In the locker room they did grab me good and locked me up. It's a real long shot for us to make the playoffs now."

Cowboys receiver Anthony Miller

Please see **DALLAS/4D**

Sanders runs wild in Lions' rout of Bears

By Harry Atkins
AP Sports Writer

PONTIAC, Mich. — While Barry Sanders is running out of records to break, others are running out of words.

"Somebody made the comparison that he was in a Lamborghini and I was in a Chevy S-10," Chicago linebacker Barry Minter said after Sanders destroyed the Bears on Thanksgiving Day. "You can't ask just one guy to tackle Barry Sanders when you're 10 yards off the ball and have to catch up."

Sanders became the second-leading rusher in NFL history with a 167-yard, three-touchdown performance as the

Detroit Lions kept their slim playoff hopes alive with a 55-20 comeback win over the Bears.

"I knew Barry was a great back, but I didn't know how great," Lions coach Bobby Ross said. "I don't know what else he can accomplish. The guys love him. They love to block for him. It's just perfect. It really is."

It was the most points ever scored by the Lions (7-6) in a regular season game, breaking the old record of 52 which had stood for 45 years. It also was the most points ever allowed the Bears.

The sensational performance by Sanders almost over-

Please see **LIONS/4D**

Rivalry means more to Aggies, 'Horns than Big 12 title game, coach's future

By Michael A. Lutz
AP Sports Writer

COLLEGE STATION — After Friday, No. 15 Texas A&M will advance to the Big 12 championship game, the Texas Longhorns will enter an off-season of discontent and UT coach John Mackovic's future will become clear.

The Aggies (8-2, 5-2) will play in the Big 12 title game against No. 2 Nebraska regardless of the outcome of the 10 a.m. Friday kickoff at Kyle Field. But they'd like to take the outright Big 12 South title with them instead of a three-way tie with Oklahoma State and Texas Tech if they lose.

The Longhorns (4-6, 2-5), the defending Big 12 champs, will try to salvage a season gone sour but even a victory over the Aggies may not save Mackovic's job.

The 104th meeting of the Longhorns vs. the Aggies ties for third among NCAA Division I rivals for the most games played between two teams.

"I would rather go 1-10 and beat A&M than go 10-1 and lose to A&M," Texas center Ryan Fiebigler said.

"I want to go out winning this game and have the bragging rights for the rest of my life."

The feelings run just as deep in Aggieland. "A lot of people think we're out for revenge (for last year's 51-15 loss) but in a game like this, revenge is not a factor," Aggie guard Steve McKinney said. "They want to beat us and we want to beat them no matter what the last game's score was."

Texas quarterback James Brown will play his final college game.

"This will be my last game here at Texas and you always want to go out on a winning note," Brown said. "A&M knows we're not double-digit underdogs. They know it's going to be a game."

It could be Mackovic's last game with the Longhorns, too.

The school's athletic council met Tuesday amid speculation that Mackovic would be dismissed at the end of the season. Mackovic has declined to discuss his job security. The Aggies are his immediate problem.

Please see **RIVALRY/4D**

Fourth-ranked Heels blow out No. 7 UCLA

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — How much does UCLA miss Jelani McCoy and Kris Johnson? An awful lot, judging by the Bruins' embarrassing season-opening loss to North Carolina on Thursday night.

No. 4 North Carolina handed UCLA its second-worst loss ever, routing the No. 7 Bruins 109-68 in the first round of the Great Alaska Shootout.

Antawn Jamison scored 23 points and Vince Carter added 22 as the Tar Heels (4-0) manhandled the Bruins, who played without suspended starters McCoy and Johnson.

"We obviously had them out-manned. I felt sorry for coach (Steve) Lavin and the team," said North Carolina coach Bill Guthridge. "I think if they get the other two back, they'll be good. They'll be a national contender with McCoy and Johnson."

Johnson and McCoy were suspended for violating athletic department rules. They both reportedly failed drug tests.

Without them, UCLA was overpowered by North Carolina. The Tar Heels shot 63 percent from the field and outrebounded the Bruins

Top 25 Roundup

45-28, including 11 boards by Jamison.

The only time UCLA lost by more points was last season at Stanford, which beat the Bruins 109-61.

Still, Lavin saw encouraging signs from his team.

"The thing I liked about the team is they stayed together," Lavin said. "No one pointed fingers, no one made excuses, no one pouted."

"I just don't want to see our players drop their heads," he added. "It doesn't matter if you fall down, if you get up."

Five Tar Heels finished in double figures. Ed Cota finished with 14, while Makhtar Ndaiye and Ademola Okulaja each had 12 for Carolina.

"We were very unselfish, and that's what we have to be to be a good team," Guthridge said.

North Carolina broke the game open early in the second quarter with a 12-0 run for a 34-20 lead. The Tar Heels later scored 14 straight points to build a 50-29 advantage with a minute left in the first half.

Baron Davis scored 13 points and J.R. Henderson added 12 for

UCLA, which shot 41 percent from the field.

North Carolina will play the winner of the Seton Hall-Alaska Anchorage game on Friday.

No. 19 Louisville 75, Hofstra 66 BAYAMON, Puerto Rico (AP) — Louisville coach Denny Crum has been around the game long enough to know that rankings can mean nothing when two teams step on the court.

Now he hopes his players know that, too.

The 19th-ranked Cardinals opened their season Thursday with a 75-66 win over a determined Hofstra team in the first round of the Puerto Rico Shootout. Twice the Cardinals opened double-digit leads, but the Flying Dutchmen refused to go away.

"Everyone has to learn how to prepare mentally," said Crum, who is in his 27th season at Louisville. "We have so many guys who haven't been through it, they don't know what to expect. I think some of them learned something about themselves."

One thing the Cardinals learned is that they have a star-in-the-making in freshman Marques Maybin. Maybin scored a team-high 22

points, the second most scored by a Louisville freshman making his first start.

"It wasn't a fluke," said Hofstra coach Jay Wright. "They got it done, so you have to give Louisville credit. But I told our guys this is something. We can use it to believe in each other and believe in what we're doing."

Roberto Guitierrez led Hofstra (1-2) with 18 points.

Louisville (1-0) twice opened double-digit leads, only to have the Flying Dutchmen storm back. With Louisville leading 48-45 in the third quarter, Maybin hit a key 3-pointer to thwart a Hofstra rally.

Louisville jumped out to a 23-12 first-quarter lead. Hofstra responded with an 11-0 run to tie the score midway through the second quarter.

Hofstra took its first lead at 27-25, but Louisville's Nate Johnson hit a 3-pointer with 1:37 left in the half to put the Cardinals ahead 32-29.

In the third, Louisville jumped out to a 46-35 lead and seemingly was on the verge of putting away Hofstra. But Mike Renfro hit a 3-pointer to start a 10-2 run to cut the lead to 48-45 entering the final quarter.

LOCAL SPORTS

Junior tennis goes to state

Midland's USTA Junior tennis team has earned a spot in the State Championship Playoffs in the 12s Division scheduled for

Nov. 22 in Houston. The team members are Claire Logan, Abby Smith, Adrienne Wiggins, Michael Monroe, Guy Ellis and Christopher Compton. The team advanced playing mixed doubles and singles in a round robin format with teams from Austin, Dallas, Houston and Fort Worth.

Walker looks for fresh start after terrible rookie season

By Dwain Price

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

DALLAS — Samaki Walker's rookie season was a nightmare.

Indeed, there were not many nights last season when Walker didn't wonder why he had to suffer so.

Starting with a strength deficit in his right quadriceps that forced him to miss his entire rookie pre-season schedule, Walker's NBA career has been filled with one disappointment after another. He wound up missing 34 games last season because of various injuries, giving Mavericks fans enough ammunition to wonder when, or if, he was going to contribute.

Well, Walker's time has arrived. On a team that sorely needs aggressive play, the 6-foot-9, 258-pounder seems to be the only Maverick who doesn't mind getting physical as Dallas (3-10) tries to snap a 10-game losing streak tonight at Reunion Arena against the Toronto Raptors (1-13).

Tuesday night against the San Antonio Spurs, Walker had five points, seven rebounds, two steals and a blocked shot in 25 minutes. He was active at both ends of the court, often finding himself giving up four inches while guarding All-Star center David Robinson.

"I was really happy with the energy Samaki brought. I wish he could have made a couple of his field goal attempts, but I thought he gave us real good energy the times he was in the ballgame," Mavericks coach Jim Cleamons said of Tuesday night, when Walker hit just two of eight shots.

"I thought he went after the ball extremely well on the boards, and he's been doing that the last three

or four games, so I'm very happy with what he's doing with his minutes. We'll get him some more minutes on the floor."

Kurt Thomas was expected to give the Mavericks that much-needed physical presence. But he has suffered four fractures on his right ankle in the past year, and his future remains in limbo.

"Kurt is a physical player, but unfortunately he probably won't be back this season," Walker said. "A.C. (Green) is getting up there in age, so we need somebody who is going to come in and mix it up."

"We need to have that, quote unquote, dirty player. Somebody who can be the aggressor, get some rebounds, fight and scratch, and do whatever it takes to win."

That's the role Walker doesn't mind assuming, especially if it translates into more playing time.

"I thought if I could come in and play with some energy, then it's possible that it would spread out to the rest of the players," he said.

"Right now I'm not really a main focus of the offense, so I just have to find a way to contribute anyway I can."

Walker wishes he could turn back the clock and start his rookie campaign over. He has heard the whispers surrounding the Mavericks swapping the sixth pick in the 1996 draft with the Boston Celtics for the ninth pick; Eric Montross, now with the Philadelphia 76ers, was thrown in the deal.

The Celtics wound up with Antoine Walker with the sixth pick, who is turning into a stellar pro. Meanwhile, the Mavs wound up with Samaki Walker, who is still fighting to get minutes on a struggling team.

ANDREWS: Game features top tailbacks

(From 1D)

most of the second half of the season and reached the state finals last season before losing to LaMarque. Last week, the District 7-4A champion Yellow Jackets routed Stephenville 43-18 to advance.

It might appear that the Mustangs are over-matched against Denison, as most other teams would be too. Then again, Andrews didn't appear to have an advantage last week against Dumas and it didn't matter.

"We're making a plan to win and it doesn't matter that this is the No. 1 team in the state," Lebby said. "Our kids respect that but they aren't intimidated by it. We feel very good about our chances."

The feature attraction of this game to neutral observers will be a matchup between two of the best 4A tailbacks in the state. Shaun Williams hasn't been much of a secret in the Permian Basin, gaining 2,268 yards and scoring 30 touchdowns for Andrews. He had a string

of five straight 200-yard games broken last week against Dumas, but nobody on the Mustangs could complain about his 195 yards and four touchdowns.

Denison will counter with senior Chris Robertson, who has been recruited by several major colleges. The 6-foot-1-inch, 205-pound Robertson has run for 2,081 yards on 222 carries and scored 29 touchdowns for the Yellow Jackets. Quarterback Terrance Riddick has passed the ball with enough effectiveness to keep some heat off Robertson, throwing for 896 yards and eight touchdowns.

It's safe to say that a ground-oriented game on both sides of the ball can be expected.

"We've got to take care of the football on offense and on defense we've got to tackle well," Lebby said. "When you play somebody who's got great speed (missing tackles) can happen."

A new wrinkle for the Mustangs will be playing on the artificial turf at Jones. Andrews did scrimmage another playoff team, Odessa

High, on the plastic surface at Ratliff Stadium before the regular season, but Denison has had more experience on artificial grass.

The speed of both teams could be increased on the surface, which could work slightly in Denison's favor, but Lebby says that it shouldn't be much of a factor. What Andrews must do is take care of business the best it can and hope everything else falls into place.

"We're as healthy as we've been and all of our key players are still with us," Lebby said. "We've got to play as good as we can play and that's the way it's supposed to be."

While Lubbock isn't a home field situation for the Mustangs, they should feel comfortable there. They won last week at Lowrey Field with good support and don't have nearly as far to travel to Jones as does Denison, which is near the Oklahoma border north of Dallas.

"We had a great crowd last week, and I'm sure we'll have an even better one this week," Lebby said.

MC: Chaps face Lamar College of Colorado

(From 1D)

"They come from championship programs, and you don't win championships unless you defend."

Another factor in MC's success is that this is a deeper team than in past years. Rafferty's previous teams have had the star power, but lacked the depth that this team thrives on. Instead of scraping the bench to go three or four deep, Rafferty can go six or seven deep.

"Our depth is better," Rafferty said. "When we have a casualty, it will not be felt as bad."

It also helps offensively. The Chaps are averaging 86.9 points a game and spreading the wealth. In every game this season, three different Chaps have poured in at least 10 points or more. In the Chaps' 89-70 win over Central Arizona, five players hit for double figures.

There have also been four dif-

ferent Chaps (sophomore post Harold Arceuneaux, sophomore freshman DeJuan Daniel, sophomore Edward Kirk and sophomore James Ware) lead the team in scoring.

"That is part of our success. Close to five guys are averaging double figures and our leading scorer can be four or five guys," Rafferty said. "In past years, you could stop D'Juan (Baker) or Cedric (Goodwyn) and beat Midland. I don't know if you can say that (this season)."

So, they have the defense and depth. What does that mean? This weekend, it means continuing to prepare for the Western Junior College Athletic Conference season, which starts in January. The Chaps haven't won the WJCAC title since 1985-86. Also, the "Green and Gold" hasn't placed in the top

four and earned a Region V appearance since 1994-95.

The overall picture is what Rafferty is building for, and that is why he will not put too much emphasis in one particular game before the WJCAC season starts. However, MC fans have to be pleased with wins over two WJCAC schools, South Plains College and Howard College.

A win tonight combined with an Odessa College win over Western Oklahoma would set up a meeting with OC. It should be noted Howard, South Plains and OC are three of the four teams that qualified for the

region tournament last season.

Rafferty, however, will not jump ahead.

"I don't care who we play, we will get after it," Rafferty said. "If that is Odessa, fine. If that is Western Oklahoma, we will get after them too."

After seven wins to open the season, other teams might want to take notice.

Schedule for the Chap Shootout (all games at Chap Center):

Tonight
6 p.m. - Odessa College vs. Western Oklahoma
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LIONS: Sanders hits No. 2 in NFL history Cowboys suffer another loss in nightmare season

(From 1D)

shadowed the fact that the Lions, who ran off 35 unanswered points, once trailed 17-3 and were behind 20-17 at halftime.

Sanders began the comeback with a 40-yard TD run with 47 seconds left in the second quarter. The Bears (2-11) appeared almost powerless to stop Sanders as he added a 25-yard scoring dash in the third quarter and zig-zagged his way to the end zone from 15 yards out early in the fourth quarter.

"Every game the guy does something that when you think you've seen it all," Chicago coach Dave Wannstedt said, his words trailing off. "You've got to give him credit."

Sanders, who had rushed for a total of only 53 yards in the first two games, now has 1,594 yards on the strength of 11 straight games of 100 or more yards, a streak that began against the Bears in Week 3. In the process, Sanders moved past Eric Dickerson (13,259) into second place on the all-time NFL rushing charts with 13,319 career yards, and now trails only Walter Payton (16,726).

"It's nice that now I won't have to hear about passing someone for a while," the good-natured Sanders said. "Walter took the record an awfully long way, and there is no guarantee that I will ever get there. It won't be for a few years if I do."

No other player in NFL history has rushed for 11 straight 100-yard games in a season. Marcus

Allen had an 11-game streak, but it was spread over two seasons.

The Bears, starting the game with almost perfect execution on both offense and defense, scored on three straight possessions.

Eric Kramer, who completed 13 of 26 passes for 259 yards, hooked up with Ricky Proehl for a 53-yard gain during a seven-play drive that ended in a 2-yard TD run by Raymont Harris.

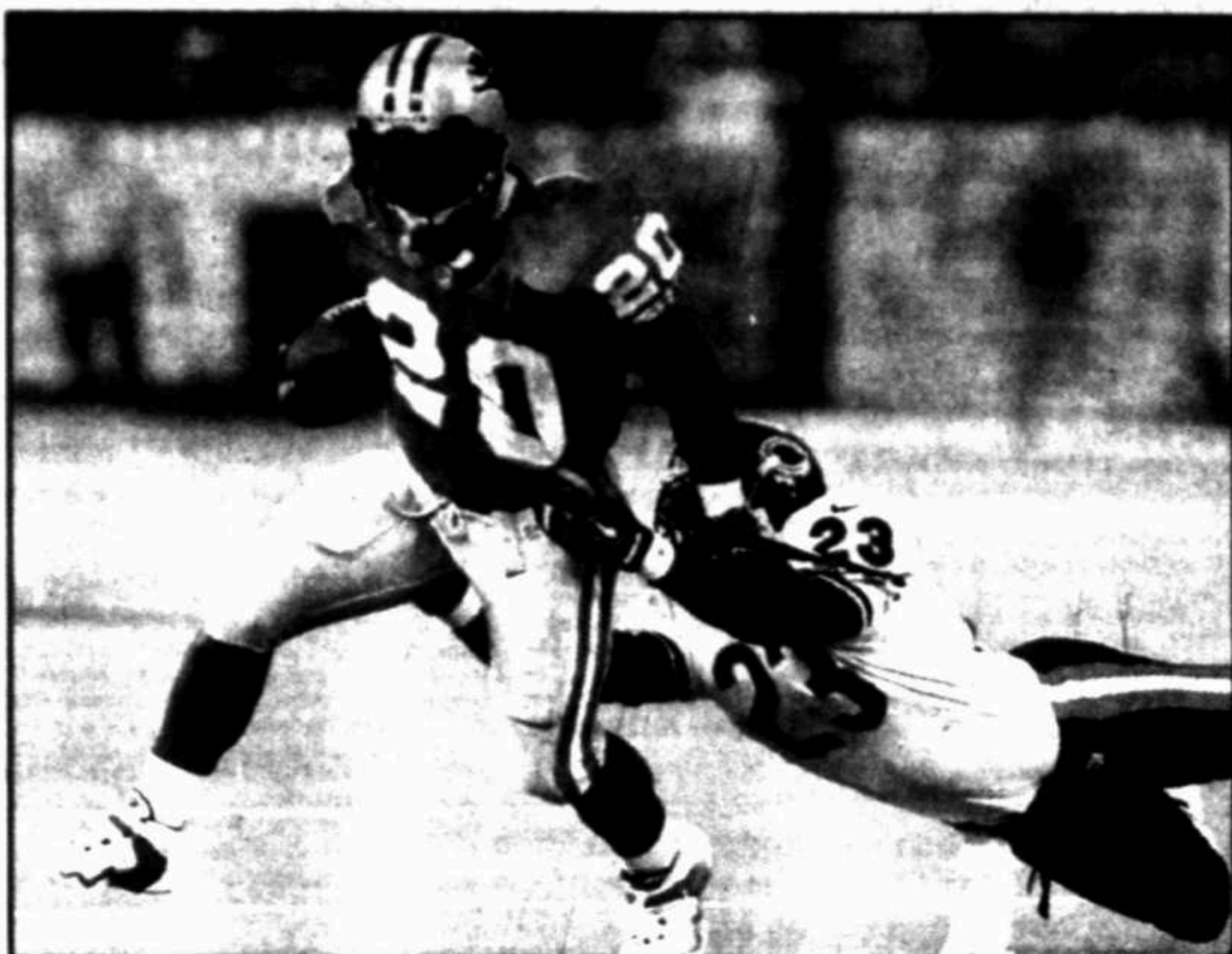
On the only play of the next Chicago possession, Kramer teamed up with Proehl for a 78-yard touchdown.

After Jason Hanson and Jeff Jaeger traded field goals of 40 and 52 yards, the Lions finally put a scoring drive together. Sanders ran for 15 and turned a short pass into a 12-yard gain before Scott Mitchell, who was 20 of 31 for 282 yards, found Herman Moore in the end zone for an 8-yard TD toss.

The Bears responded with a 32-yard field goal, but a trademark 40-yard touchdown dash by Sanders narrowed Chicago's lead to 20-17 shortly before halftime. Sanders slipped through a hole off right tackle and sprinted for the corner of the end zone, pulling away from defenders.

"It seemed like the minute he hit that first touchdown run, the wind went right out of our sails," Chicago defensive end Mark Thomas said.

Sanders opened the second half with a 14-yard run, and minutes later Hanson's 29-yard field goal



Detroit's Barry Sanders (20) breaks away from Chicago safety Marty Carter for a 25-yard touchdown run during the third quarter of Detroit's 55-20 win Thursday at the Pontiac Silverdome. Sanders moved into second place on the NFL's all-time rushing list on the play.

tied it 20-20.

The Lions needed only four plays to go 60 yards for a TD on their next possession, with Mitchell finding Johnnie Morton alone behind blown coverage on a 50-yard scoring play and a 27-20 lead with 6:57 left in the third quarter.

Moments later, Kramer's fumble was recovered by Detroit's Luther Elliss.

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Still wearing his sweaty undershirt and shiny game pants, Michael Irvin stormed out of the Dallas Cowboys locker room following Thursday's 27-14 loss to the Tennessee Oilers carrying his street clothes and refusing to talk to reporters.

Even without words, his message came across loud and clear.

A season that seemed so promising in August continued its three-month pratfall as Dallas fell to 6-7. The Cowboys haven't had a losing record this late in the year since 1990 — the last season they missed the playoffs.

"Nobody is saying anything about the playoffs now," said Vinson Smith, a Cowboy from 1990-92 who returned this summer expecting more than this. "You'd like it to be a bad nightmare, but it's not."

Ending the season with three straight victories won't guarantee Dallas a spot in the playoffs, although it would be a good start. The Cowboys need an epic collapse by the rest of the NFC East to have any chance at a sixth straight division title.

"Realistically, I think we're a real long shot right now," Troy Aikman said. "We just need to win the next three."

Aikman was in the locker room

trying to work the knots out of his back when this game began. He returned for the first series, then threw interceptions on his second and fifth passes, allowing Tennessee to go ahead 14-0.

He would throw another interception and Dallas would lose two fumbles — one that was returned for a touchdown, another at the Tennessee 1.

"We weren't good enough today to overcome what we gave them," coach Barry Switzer said.

"This is getting very frustrating," said Tony Casillas, another veteran who was around for the glory days and now is enduring the demise. "We fought hard and clawed to give ourselves a shot to win, but we just couldn't do it."

Injuries made it even more of an uphill battle. Aikman had his sore back (although he refused to blame it for his accuracy problems), Deion Sanders broke a rib on his right side shortly before the second Oilers touchdown and Emmitt Smith was lost early in the second half with a bruised left shoulder.

"We're a long way from where we were," Aikman said of the current Cowboys compared to the 1991-96 versions. "We haven't played particularly well all season long."

As of now, it looks as if the season won't be lasting much longer.

COWBOYS NOTES

Associated Press

Michael Irvin caught five passes for 118 yards, moving him up to 12th on the NFL career list in both categories. His 653 career receptions pushed him past Charley Taylor and his 10,483 career yards passes Harold Jackson. The 2-yard touchdown catch by Tennessee lineman Erik Norgard in the first quarter was his first reception this season. It was only the second score of his nine-year career. Emmitt Smith's 22 yards rushing left him 37 shy of 1,000, and it was by far his worst in eight Thanksgiving games. He had been averaging 108 yards per game on

the holiday. It was the second time he failed to score in eight Thanksgiving games. Tennessee improved to 4-0 against NFC East teams this year and 4-0 on Thanksgiving. The Oilers are 3-0 against the Cowboys on the holiday, but 5-4 against them overall. The last time the Cowboys were under .500 after Thanksgiving was 1990, when they were 5-7 en route to 7-9. Dallas lost at home for the first time this year, and dropped to 20-9-1 on Thanksgiving. Houston cornerback Anthony Dorsett played his first regular-season game at the stadium where his father, Tony, forged his Hall of Fame career.

DALLAS: 'Boys in danger of missing playoffs

(From 1D)

said the rest of the offense failed at hurting Aikman.

"He was kind of hurting and everything. But that means there are a lot of other guys that have to step it up, and we just didn't do it. And, once we got ourselves into such a big hole, we just kept trying to climb out of it but we kept making too many mistakes and turnovers," said Miller, who caught five passes for 86 yards.

Robertson picked off Aikman's wayward pass into double coverage intended for Steptert Williams and returned the ball 48 yards before Aikman hustled over to knock him out of bounds at the Dallas 11.

"That interception got the fire and the momentum going for us," Lewis said. "We got rolling from there. We proved we're a defense capable of making big plays."

The Oilers scored on a fourth-down play when Steve McNair rolled out and hit center-guard Erik Norgard, who had reported in as a tight end, from 2 yards out. It was Norgard's second career touchdown.

"I didn't have time to think. I just reacted," Norgard said. "I knew I would be open."

Again Aikman was off-target, and Lewis picked off a pass and returned it 34 yards to the Dallas 1 as the crowd began to boo. McNair scored on a sneak for a 14-0 Tennessee lead.

Tennessee coach Jeff Fisher said the game-plan was to blitz

Aikman into mistakes. The Oilers succeeded.

"We got pressure on the quarterback, and every time I looked up I saw Troy getting off the ground," Fisher said. "We had some big plays on defense that really helped us. We talked about what we had to do and we went out and did it."

The first-half turnovers left the Cowboys' defense to attempt repeated stands close to its own end zone, rookie linebacker Dexter Coakley said.

"I think, in the first half, we were in situations that we didn't expect," he said. "Things suddenly changed a lot for the defense. The defense had to go out there and really play fundamentally sound football and just escape with three (points)."

Aikman, whose second and fifth passes were intercepted, settled down and hit Michael Irvin with a 19-yard touchdown pass on an 81-yard drive in which the quarterback was 4-of-4 for 78 yards. He also hit Irvin with a 37-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter.

After Al Del Greco's 29-yard field goal made it 17-7, the Oilers struck with another turnover. Bjornson caught 10-yard pass from Aikman but fumbled. Robertson picked up the ball and dashed 42 yards for the score.

Tennessee's only second-half score came on a 19-yard field goal by Del Greco.

"We wanted to control the ball and establish the run," said Eddie George of the Oilers. "Third-down plays were a big key."

Injuries also hounded the Cowboys. Cornerback Deion Sanders suffered a fractured right rib when he was tackled on a punt return in the second period. Running back Emmitt Smith suffered a bruised shoulder in the third period and didn't return. Smith gained only 22 yards on 10 carries.

Robertson sprained an ankle in the second half and didn't return.

"You'd like it to be a bad nightmare, but it's not," Dallas line-backer Vinson Smith said about the Cowboys' first home loss of the

year. The Cowboys have three games left and trail the New York Giants (7-4-1) and Washington (6-5-1) in the NFC East. The team has been beset by injuries, rumors of coach Barry Switzer's firing and an offense that can't score touchdowns.

Typical of Dallas mistakes was a lost fumble by Sherman Williams on the Tennessee 1-yard line with 4:11 to play. Williams was hit by Rayna Stewart, and James Robertson recovered to kill off all hopes of a Dallas comeback.

Tennessee beat all four NFC East teams it played this year, including the Giants, Washington and Arizona. The Oilers are 3-0 against Dallas on Thanksgiving Day.

The Oilers trail Jacksonville and Pittsburgh, both 8-4, in the AFC Central.

"We're still in the race," Fisher said. "We need to keep winning. Next up is Cincinnati. Nobody knows who we are, but we had a big win in front of the entire country. It gave us a chance to showcase our players. Maybe more people know about our team now."

McNair hit 9 of 17 passes for 81 yards while George rushed 34 times for 110 yards.

"We had a lot of long drives and made a lot of third-down plays and that took time off the clock," McNair said. "We knew it was going to be a physical battle. And we got a big jump from our defense."

Aikman completed 27 of 42 passes for 356 yards.

Oilers-Cowboys Stats					
Tennessee	14	10	0	3	-27
Dallas	0	7	7	0	-14
First Quarter					
Ten—Norgard 2 pass from McNair (Del Greco kick).					
7:28 Tennessee 7, Dallas 0.					
Ten—McNair 1 run (Del Greco kick), 1:54.					
Second Quarter					
Dal—Irvin 19 pass from Aikman (Cunningham kick).					
10:39					
Ten—FG Del Greco 29, 5:52.					
Ten—Robertson 42 fumble return (Del Greco kick).					
1:33					
Third Quarter					
Dal—Irvin 37 pass from Aikman (Cunningham kick).					
8:11					
Fourth Quarter					
Ten—FG Del Greco 19, 9:44. Drive: 21 plays, 90 yards.					
13:18					
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First downs	14	16
Rushes-yards	49-164	13-46
Passing	81	340
Punt Returns	2-19	4-21
Kickoff Returns	3-40	6-149
Interceptions Ret	3-108	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	9-17-0	27-42-3
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-00	2-16
Punts	5-45-2	4-46-5
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	5-2
Penalties-Yards	6-64	6-59
Time of Possession	36:02	23:58
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS		
RUSHING—Tennessee: George 34-110, R Thomas 6-28, McNair 9-26, Dallas: E Smith 10-22, Sh Williams 2-12, Aikman 1-12.		
PASSING—Tennessee: McNair 9-17-0-81, Dallas: Aikman 27-42-3-356.		
RECEIVING—Tennessee: Wycheck 3-39, R Thomas 2-20, C Sanders 1-14, R Lewis 1-7, Norgard 1-2, George 1-minus 1, Dallas: Sh Williams 7-56, Irvin 5-118, Miller 5-86, Bjornson 5-66, E Smith 3-20, Galbraith 1-5, LaFleur 1-5.		
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None		

RIVALRY: A&M, UT meet again

(From 1D)

A&M, recovered from last year's disappointing 6-6 finish, has balanced its offensive attack with the emergence of Brannon Stewart as the quarterback everyone expected him to be last year after he transferred from Tennessee.

In the last four games, Stewart has completed 62 percent of his passes and has a string of 114 attempts without an interception.

"The big thing I'm doing this year is making fewer mistakes," Stewart said. "I thought I played pretty well last year but this year I'm not turning the ball over and I know more what I'm doing."

The Aggies also have Sirr Parker (747 rushing yards) and Dante Hall (850) to maintain the Aggies' running attack.

"This is one of the most fiercely competitive rivalries in the country," Mackovic said. "We will fight as hard as we can, and when that day's over, you live with it for an entire year. It means a lot to fans, players and alums."

The Longhorns have Brown, who put on a courageous performance in beating the Aggies at Kyle Field two years ago, and led last year's trouncing of the Aggies in Austin.

And, Texas has Ricky Williams, the nation's leading rusher, who needs just 35 yards to surpass Heisman Trophy winner Earl Campbell for the Texas single-season rushing record. Campbell set the mark of 1,744 in 1977, his Heisman season.

"Hopefully we can do a good job blocking and get Ricky his yardage on Friday and he'll end up leading the nation in rushing and scoring, too," Fiebigler said. "It's something we definitely take pride in."

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AP Sports Writer

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By Paul New
AP Sports Writer

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Frost leads 'Huskers back into title hunt

By John Moesman
AP Sports Writer

BOULDER, Colo. — In 1996, Scott Frost bore the brunt of the blame for his team's poor — by Nebraska standards — season. This year he's being praised in all quarters, and justifiably so. After two straight national championships behind quarterback Tommie Frazier, the Cornhuskers slipped to 11-2 last season behind Frost, losing in the inaugural Big 12 championship game to Texas and finishing sixth nationally.

This year, they're back in the hunt for the national championship, bringing a No. 2 national ranking and a 10-0 record into Folsom Field for Friday's game with disappointing Colorado.

The Huskers lead the nation in rushing (402.6 yards per game), total offense (518.6) and scoring offense (48.4), a testament to Frost's consistently poised play.

"Scott has developed some confidence and some inner toughness that maybe he didn't even know he had," Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said. "He certainly has performed admirably under some criticism. I thought he played well for us last year. In the minds of many people, he still isn't Tommie Frazier."

But I don't think last year he had quite the supporting cast Tommie had and certainly didn't have the amount of playing time or the experience.

"This year, he's really developed into a very good quarterback. And for our style of offense, he's been exceptionally productive. He has very good speed, and he's doing things much more aggressively."

Frost needs 60 yards rushing and 56 passing to become one of 10 Division I quarterbacks to rush and pass for 1,000 yards in a season.

Asked the difference between Frost in 1996 and today, Colorado coach Rick Neuheisel said, "Confidence. That was evident from watching the game against Washington (a 27-14 win in September). He's very comfortable in their scheme."

"And the experience of having brought his team down the field to win a game late against Missouri is a very big confidence boost. Even though the last pass (to tie it in regulation) was a bit lucky, he was the one that got them all the way down the field. I thought it was a brilliant performance."

After two years as one of college football's top backups, Colorado's John Hessler might have expected the same kind of accolades this

year. They haven't been forthcoming.

Blamed, sometimes unfairly, for Colorado's problems, Hessler has a chance to make amends on Friday.

"John is going to have to hit 60 percent of his passes if we expect to stay in the game," Neuheisel said. "I think he can."

Despite leaky pass protection and the lack of a ground game to keep defenses honest, passing remains Colorado's forte on offense. The Buffaloes rank second in the conference in passing, averaging 219.4 yards per game. Hessler has completed 54 percent of his passes for 2,116 yards, 11 touchdowns and 14 interceptions.

The Buffs' ground game, however, averages an anemic 139.8 yards per game.

The Huskers have won the last five meetings, including 17-12 in Lincoln last year.

Nebraska, which boasts a 38-game conference winning streak, will play Texas A&M in the Big 12 championship game on Dec. 6 in San Antonio.

If the Huskers can keep winning, they likely will get a chance to play for the national championship in the Orange Bowl. The Buffaloes (5-5, 3-4) need a win on Friday just to become bowl-eligible.

Bobo hopes to finish Georgia career with win

By Paul Newberry
AP Sports Writer

ATHENS, Ga. — Mike Bobo is the first to admit that his college career didn't turn out like he planned.

A knee injury sidelined him during most of his sophomore season. A coaching change and the lingering effects of surgery made his junior season a washout. Instead of bowl games and championships, Bobo had to settle for boos and second-guessing.

"All the stats and what I could have accomplished, that's gone," Bobo said. "I realized when I came into my senior year that I had not done what I wanted to do."

But, if the measure of a player is not how he starts but how he finishes, Bobo's legacy should be a favorable one. He was the quarterback who directed Georgia on the long road back from mediocrity.

"I wanted to leave with a positive feeling about this football team and the direction it's heading," Bobo said. "I think we've done that this year."

After going 11-12 over the last two seasons, No. 14 Georgia (8-2) closes out the regular season Saturday against Georgia Tech with an outside chance to win the Southeastern Conference East title (third-ranked Tennessee would have to lose to Vanderbilt).

Even if they don't win a championship, this Bulldogs team will be remembered as the one that ended a seven-year drought against Florida and earned the school's second bowl invitation since 1992.

As for Bobo, he's been the top-rated quarterback in the SEC all season — take that, Peyton Manning and Tim Couch — finally having the kind of year he always dreamed about when he was a naive 18-year-old from Thomasville High School.

"He's like one of those old Western movies," center Brad Stafford said. "He was the guy who got left behind because they didn't think he was one of the best gunfighters. He wasn't ready to be in the action. He was sitting back, holding down the fort, but he got tired of waiting. He

came to the fight and actually won the day."

Bobo has completed 63.3 percent of his passes for 2,336 yards, with 15 touchdowns and only six interceptions in his signature season.

"This season has to be tremendously rewarding to him personally because of all the heartbreak he's had here," coach Jim Donnan said.

Bobo fractured a knee in the fourth game of his sophomore season, knocking him out for the rest of the year. When he returned as a junior, his mobility was limited and there had been a coaching change. The adjustment to Donnan's system was slow and arduous, and the Bulldogs were 5-6 in 1996.

"You have to earn the trust of the players," Donnan said. "Mike has been a coach's son and there have been some excellent coaches who have trained him. Anytime where you get into a situation where it's your third quarterback coach in four years, there will be a certain amount of comparisons."

Once Bobo accepted his new coach and Donnan accepted that

his quarterback didn't have the same mobility as he had before his injury, everything fell into place.

"The kid deserves a lot of credit, as much as anybody on this team, because of what he hasn't done as much as what he's done," Donnan said. "He hasn't made many mistakes."

Penn football player may be ineligible

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A University of Pennsylvania football player may have been academically ineligible this year after he dropped a course and became a part-time student, school officials say.

Mitch Marrow, an all-Ivy League defensive tackle last year, completed two classes this semester, a course-load that made him a part-time student at Penn and might have made him ineligible under NCAA guidelines.

He was accepted for an independent study course, making him full-time, a day before the last game of the season, Nov. 15 against Cornell.

Marrow played in Penn's 33-20 victory, but on Wednesday the associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences overruled the late addition, putting the fifth-year senior's eligibility in question again. Under NCAA rules, only full-time students can play collegiate sports.

If Marrow is declared ineligible, games in which

he played may have to be forfeited and the university could face sanctions.

"We have already begun an internal investigation just to find out what exactly happened and who it involved," spokesman Shaun May said. "There's been a lot of different stories about what happened."

May said Penn does not know whether Marrow was eligible. Under some circumstances, an athlete in his final semester may take two courses in his final semester and remain eligible, but Penn officials are not sure that rule applies to Marrow.

"That's where the rule gets a little murky," May said.

The NCAA can take no action until Penn rules whether he was a part-time or full-time student, said David Berst, NCAA executive director for enforcement and eligibility appeals. Then, if there is still "some legitimate question," the NCAA may investigate.

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Rogers trio provides reception bonanza

By Jake Rigdon
Temple Daily Telegram

ROGERS — It didn't take long for Rogers to catch on to its new "Black Gun" offense this season. In fact, they haven't stopped catching on, and catching ... and catching ... and catching ...

The Eagles' wide receiver trio — Josh Whatley, Nelson Kortis and Michael Williams — have combined for 193 receptions for 3,049 yards this season, tops in the state for any classification.

"Our receivers take pride in catching the ball. It's not just a skill that you're born with, these kids have to work on it every day," said Rogers coach Joel Berry, whose team takes an 11-1 record into Friday's 7:30 p.m. game against Charlotte in Seguin High's Matador Stadium. "I think it's obvious we have some of the best at their position in the state."

The winner of the Charlotte-Rogers game will face the winner of Friday's Crawford-Refugio game in the quarterfinal round of the Class 2A playoffs next week.

The Eagles' top wide receiver last season, Patrick Hutka, had a team-high 35 catches for 480 yards. Hutka is now the one throwing the passes, and has thrown for a state-high 3,410 yards and 41 touchdowns.

But much of his success has to be attributed to one of the most prolific receiving corps in 2A history. Whatley has already broken a 2A record with 97 receptions, and his 1,257 receiving yards leads the state. The senior needs only 268 yards and 12 more receptions to break state records for any classification.

Kortis and Williams have taken up the slack all season when teams have double- and triple-teamed Whatley. Kortis has caught 52 passes for 976 yards, and Williams, Whatley's cousin, has 44 for 816. The two juniors have also combined for 22 touchdown receptions.

"I feel like we are the best (in the state)," Whatley said. "We've put up the numbers and we block well enough for each other, that I think we've proved that."

Of the three, Whatley has the best hands and is the better possession receiver. He has a team-high 14 touchdown receptions, but has been held to just one touchdown on seven catches for 56 yards the last two weeks.

"Defenses have done a good job of covering Josh lately with double teams, but that just leaves me open," said Williams, who's caught 11 passes for 231 yards and four touchdowns the last two games. "But Josh is the best. He doesn't miss anything."

Even the team's starting tailback, sophomore Eric Brown, has gotten into the action, especially as of late. Five of Brown's 14 catches have gone for touchdowns, including a crucial "Hail Mary" pass to end the first half of next week's 34-33 overtime win over Industrial. Brown also averages a team-high 18.7 yards per catch, and is fourth on the team with 262 yards receiving. The team's other starting receiver, Bobby Sirkis, has caught four passes for 53 yards.

Coltart 2nd at Aussie Open

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Peter Lonard of Australia broke the course record with a 9-under-par 63 as Australian Open began Thursday and took a two-stroke lead.

Former Midland College golfer Andrew Coltart of Scotland, winner of last week's Australian PGA, was in second place.

Australians Stephen Allan and Stephen Leaney shared third at 66, one stroke ahead of four more Australians.

Lonard, whose playing partner was Greg Norman, had nine birdies on the 7,031-yard Metropolitan Golf Club, where Norman and Brad Faxon shared the course-record broken by Lonard.

Norman fired a 68 as he launched his bid for a sixth Australian Open title. Jack Nicklaus is a six-time winner of the event, but Gary Player holds the record with seven.

"Peter played beautifully today," Norman said. "It was actually a pleasure to be out there and watch him play."

Phil Mickelson of the United States faltered with a double bogey at the final hole to finish with a 69 in his first Australian tournament.

Smith, Ozaki brothers share Casio World Open lead

IBUSUKI, Japan — Chris Smith, the first player to earn the Nike Tour's "Battlefield Promotion" to the PGA Tour, shot a 5-under-par 67 today for a share of the first-round lead in the Casio World Open.

Smith, who won three times on the Nike Tour to advance to the PGA Tour, had five birdies in a bogey-free round on the Ibusuki course. He led the Nike Tour money list with \$225,201, and earned \$120,768 in six PGA Tour events.

Japanese brothers Jumbo and Joe Ozaki and countryman Hitoshi Kato also opened with 67s.

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Booster Clubs...

The Midland High Softball Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Dec. 15 in Conference Room A at Midland High School.

The Lee Softball Booster Club will meet on the first Thursday of every month. Meetings will be held at 7 p.m. in the Lee High School cafeteria.

The Midland Lee Soccer Booster Club is holding its meetings in Conference Room A at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of each month through April. The next meeting will be Dec. 1 to discuss team picture information.

The Midland Lee Soccer Booster Club is holding its meetings the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Lee library. The meeting Dec. 1 will be held to complete pre-season business.

Aquatics...

Pre-competitive swimming is being offered at the Mabey Aquatic Center. The program will teach elementary age swimmers techniques of competitive swimming while improving their strokes. It is open to swimmers who can swim at least 25 yards of freestyle and backstroke. The cost is \$35 per month on a year-round basis. For more information, call 684-7755.

COM Aquatics is holding water aerobics classes Monday through Saturday at Mabey Aquatic Center. Classes are at 6:15 a.m., 7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. There will also be a pre-school exercise class offered in conjunction with the 9 a.m. water aerobics class. All classes are open to the public and swimming skills are not necessary. Deep and shallow water classes are offered. For information, call Julie Harvey at 684-7755.

COM Aquatics is offering beginning diving lessons throughout the school year in its indoor heated Olympic Diving Pool. Participants need to be able to swim in deep water. The COM diving program also offers competitive team practice and competitions for most ability levels all year long. Please contact coach Maxwell for more information at 684-7755.

Volleyball...

Registration for YMCA youth volleyball for boys and girls in grades 3-8 is underway. The fee is \$25 for YMCA members and \$38 for non-members. For more information, call 682-2551.

Basketball...

The Permian Basin Basketball Official's Association is seeking persons interested in officiating basketball games from the junior high to varsity level in the area. For more information call Mike Lowrance at 520-9602, 682-1726 or Jeff Ryan at 699-5001, 688-0700.

The YMCA is taking registration for youth basketball for boys and girls in elementary school. The deadline is Dec. 6. The program costs \$25 for YMCA members and \$38 for non-members. The program is also seeking officials for games. For more information, call 682-2551.

The Converse Midwest Winter Youth Shootout is scheduled for Jan. 10 at Frontier High School in Red Rock, Oklahoma. Boys and girls in grades 3-8 are eligible. For information, call (405) 377-HOOP.

Soccer...

Midland Soccer Association Spring Registration runs from Dec. 1, 1997 through Feb. 1, 1998. Participants must be four years or older before Dec. 31. Fee is \$40 for recreational players and \$44 for club players. There will be a \$10 late fee after Feb. 1. Signups will be from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1909 W. Wall, Suite N. For more information, call 684-5425.

Registration for grades 7-8 will be held through Dec. 8. The fee is \$25. Signups will be from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1909 W. Wall, Suite N. For more information, call 684-5425.

Baseball...

Texas Tech is conducting the Larry Hays Holiday Baseball Camps in January 1998. Sessions for 6-13-year-olds will be held Jan. 4, 1998 with registration beginning at 1 p.m. at the athletic training center. Instruction runs from 1:30-5:30 p.m. with a fee of \$55. Camp for those 14 and older runs Jan. 2-3 with registration at 8:30 a.m. and instruction running from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. each day. The fee is \$110. To register, send name, address, t-shirt size and age with a \$15 deposit for the 6-13-year-olds and a \$25 deposit for 14 and older to Red Raider Baseball Camp, Texas Tech University, Box 43021, Lubbock, Texas. 79409-3021. For more information, call Greg Evans at (806) 748-1146.

The Midland Junior Baseball Association is accepting applications for anyone interested in coaching an AABC club team. The team club age brackets are for players 13, 14, 16 and 18 and under. Applications will be accepted through Jan. 3, 1998. For more information, contact Ronnie Lynch at 699-1405 or 559-8514.

Softball...

A Softball Clinic for both defense and hitting will be held Dec. 19-20 at the MUGS Softball Complex and will feature coaches from the University of Oregon, including head coach Rick Gamez, a former head

coach at New Mexico State, and Richelle Woodard, former Midland High softball coach. Defense will be stressed from 9 a.m. to noon and hitting from 2-5 p.m. Registration is limited. For more information, call 694-5508 or 520-6502.

Tennis...

Midland College is holding a men's doubles tournament Dec. 6-7 for open, A, B and C brackets. Cost is \$7 per person. Deadline to enter is Dec. 4. For more information, call Lance or S.D. Armstrong at 687-4046.

Football...

The Midland Colts of the Pan American Football League are holding tryouts for their spring 1998 football season Dec. 6-7 at 2 p.m. at Alamo Junior High. For questions, call 1-888-SEMI-PRO.

Miscellaneous...

The Flatlanders Ski Club is planning the following trips: Steamboat Colo., Jan. 14-18, 1998; Telluride, Colo., Feb. 18-22, 1998; Lake Louise, Canada, March 22-29, 1998 and New Zealand, July 24-Aug. 1, 1998.

The Midland Wrestling Club is a non-profit group of athletes participating in Olympic freestyle and collegiate wrestling. A team is forming for the upcoming Texas Interscholastic wrestling season. For more information, call Larry at 685-0531 or Rick at 694-1115.

The Dust Devil Divers Scuba Club is planning a trip to Grand Cayman Jan. 4-11. For more information, call 570-8761.

The Odessa Jackalopes are offering five skating programs at the Ector County Coliseum. There skating lessons (\$50), public skating (\$4 per session and \$2.50 for skate rental), hockey lessons for ages 7-17 (\$75 includes skae rental, Jackalopes Youth Hockey League for ages 7-17 (Registration is \$84 and for more info on league contact

Bob Flanner at 683-4251, "Stick Time", which is open for pick-up hockey games. (\$7 per session). For more information on any of these programs call 683-4251.

Midland College is hosting its second disc golf tournament Nov. 28 starting at 10 a.m., weather permitting. The tournament is a

novice tournament with a \$10 entry fee. Registration begins at 9 a.m. A doubles tournament for advanced players is scheduled for 4 p.m. if there are enough interested players. Registration will be \$10 per team. For information, call Lee Almaguer at 685-4739 or Tommy Ramos at 685-4701.

The Midland Inline Hockey League is holding registration for the Spring 1998 season Dec. 1-2 and 4-5 from 6-9 p.m. and Dec. 6 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Midland County Exhibit building. Proof of age is required for new players to the league. For more information, call 520-2425.



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ground strokes). He's very talented. He moves well. He's confident, he's beat me before. But I feel like I'm playing well. I just need to go out and do it."

Sampras, who clinched the ATP Tour World Championship for the fourth time, won eight titles this year (including Wimbledon and the Australian Open). He finished a year as the world's top-ranked player for the fifth consecutive time.

The Americans have been practicing on the fast indoor carpet of the 11,000-seat Scandinavium hall since the weekend.

Chang, whose match against Bjorkman will open the three-day series, has had a disappointing indoor season this autumn, going 1-5. He lost 6-4, 7-5 to Bjorkman at the ATP championship in Hanover, Germany, earlier this month. It was Chang's first defeat against Bjorkman in four encounters.

"I think I was able to learn a little bit from that match," Chang said. "It's a whole new situation, a whole new ballgame. I'm hoping to be able to turn things around here in Sweden."

For Saturday's doubles, Todd Martin and Jonathan Stark were nominated for the Americans, while Bjorkman and Nicklas Kulti make up the Swedish pair. The doubles teams can be changed, however, up until one hour before the start of the match. The fourth player on the Swedish team is Thomas Enqvist.

The reverse singles are scheduled for Sunday.

Sweden's hopes hinge on Bjorkman beating both Chang and Sampras and picking up a potentially decisive point in the doubles. Sweden has never won the title without winning the doubles.

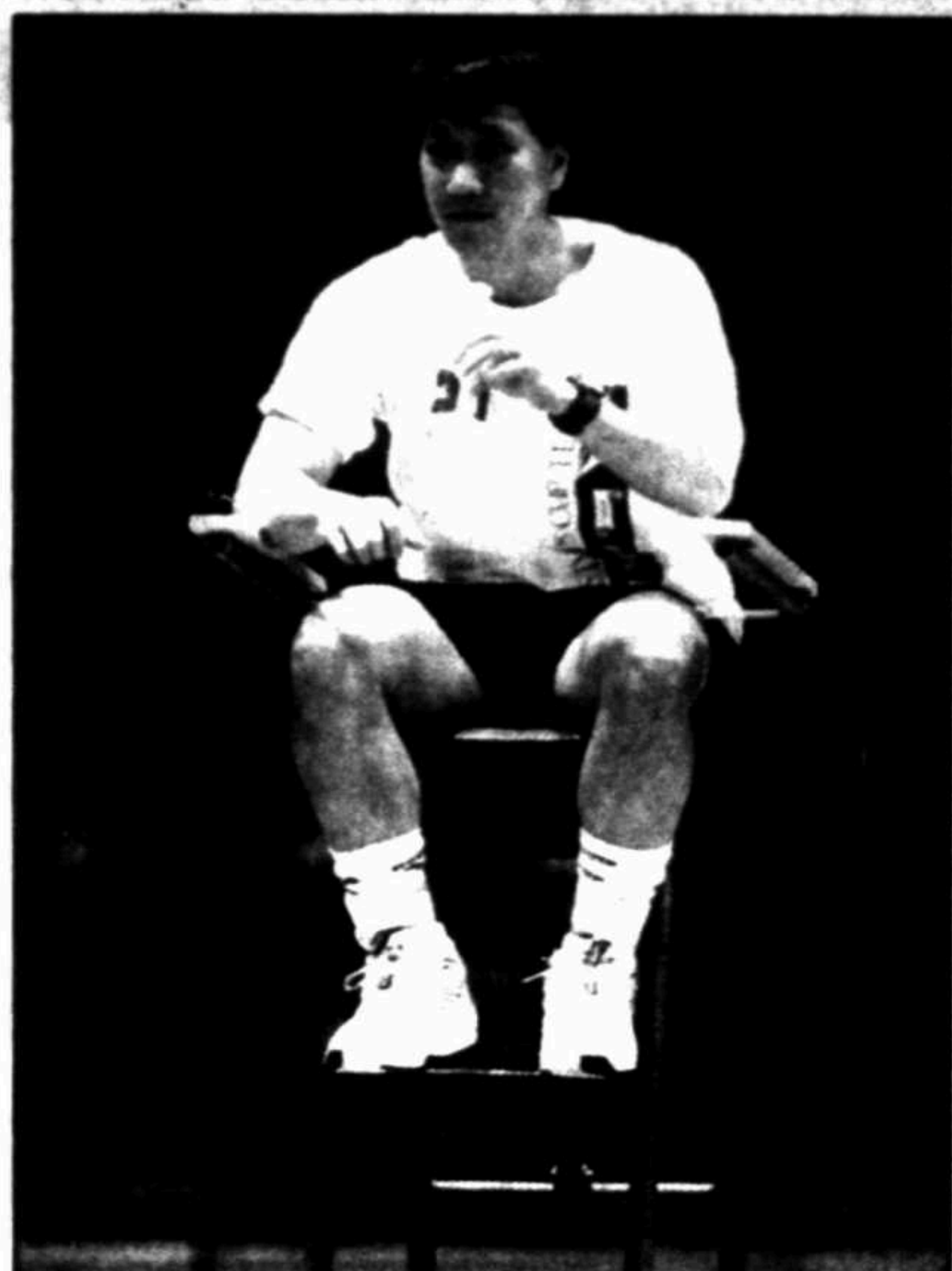
But Swedish captain Carl-Axel Hageskog said he picked Larsson as his second singles player because of his record against Sampras.

"Magnus has a really good chance to do something big against Pete," Hageskog said. "And Jonas has good memories from the Hanover match against Michael."

Bjorkman, 25, is one of the new stars of tennis. He started the year ranked No. 69, but has won three titles this year and shot to No. 4.

"There couldn't be a much better way to finish the year, if I could be part of this team winning the Davis Cup," said Bjorkman, whose record against Sampras is 1-7. Larsson is 1-0 against Chang, ranked third in the world.

Either the United States or Sweden have contested the Davis Cup final every year since 1981, except 1993. The only time the United States faced Sweden in a final during that period was in 1984. The Amer-



AP Laserphoto
Michael Chang takes a break in a judge's chair during practice for the Davis Cup championship round, which starts today in Goteborg, Sweden. The United States team will face Sweden.

icans lost, also in this city on Sweden's West Coast.

The United States is by far the most successful nation in the most prestigious tennis team competition. This will be the 86th edition of the Davis Cup final, with the United States making its 59th appearance. The Americans have won the title a record 31 times. Australia is next best, with 26 victories.

The United States leads the Swedes 7-2 in Davis Cup play, but both defeats came in Goteborg. The last time the Americans won the title was in 1995 at Moscow, when Pete Sampras' heroics earned a 3-2 victory over Russia.

Sweden, runner-up to France last year, is in its 11th Davis Cup final and has won the title five times, the last in 1994 against Russia.

American captain Tom Gullikson shrugged off the Americans' bleak record in Goteborg.

"We have a very healthy team this time around. Everybody's playing quite well. We certainly plan to put the '94 (semifinals) match and the ghost of '84 behind us as well," Gullikson said. "I think our guys are the best players in the world. We feel we should do well if we play well."

Nagano promises high-tech Olympics

NAGANO, Japan (AP) — Some athletes won't be able to pick up their equipment unless a machine recognizes the iris patterns in their eyes.

A fingerprint check will be needed to enter the labs that test for doping.

"This is going to be the high-tech Olympics," Makoto Kobayashi, director general of Nagano's 1998 Olympic organizing committee, said Thursday. "We'd like to show Japan's technology to the rest of

the world."

The latest technology is intended to do everything from helping to control traffic and forecast weather to improving the sights and sounds relayed to television viewers.

On the security side, the iris checks will be for competitors taking their guns out of the storage room for the biathlon, a sport that combines target shooting with cross-country skiing.

To take athletes and coaches to

the skiing and skating sites, 41 buses with new gasoline-electric hybrid engines will be used to keep down pollution. Three electric cars and 60 natural gas vehicles are also in the fleet.

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Big-name figure skaters skip NHK Trophy

NAGANO, Japan (AP) — With Michelle Kwan, Tara Lipinski, Elvis Stojko and Todd Eldredge skipping this year's NHK Trophy figure skating, the spotlight is on Chen Lu, Tanja Szewczenko and Ilia Kulik.

Chen was the 1995 women's world champion but has faded during the past year. She is seeking her third NHK championship following titles in 1995 and 1996.

Szewczenko, kept out of compe-

tition for 19 months because of illness, has just come back and won in the Nations Cup four weeks ago.

Kulik is seeking his first NHK title. Last year, he was the runnerup behind Stojko, who jumped a rare quadruple although he touched his hand to the ice after landing.

Competition began Thursday with the ice dancing compulsory program, won by Russians Pasha Gritschuk and Yevgeny Platov, the 1994 Olympic gold medalists and

four-time world champions. They earned all marks between 5.4 and 5.9 of a possible 6.

The Russian pair, who won at the Lalique Trophy two weeks ago, are seeking their second championships series victory this season.

"We didn't make any mistakes; we skated clean," Gritschuk said. "But I was a little disappointed with the marks. I found them a little lower than we expected. But everything else was good."

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