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Edible ornaments

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SPORTS

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Reno rejects fund-raising counsel

Attorney general concludes Clinton, Gore did not violate election laws

■ Reno says the investigation will continue and her decision should not be viewed as an exoneration.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Janet Reno declined Tuesday to seek an independent counsel investigation of telephone fund raising by President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore, concluding they did not violate election laws. Her long-expected decision drew jeers from Republicans.

Under strong pressure for months from all sides, Reno told a news conference. "The decision was mine and it was based on the facts and the law, not pressure, politics or any other factor."

She stressed that the investigation will continue and

her decision Tuesday should not be viewed as an exoneration.

Pointing out that FBI Director Louis J. Freeh dissented from her ruling, Republicans criticized Reno's decision as too narrow and suggested she may have been affected by loyalty to the White House. Democrats called her correct and courageous.

Reno also rejected a special prosecutor to investigate former Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary, concluding that O'Leary was unaware that a contribution to one of her favorite charities may have been solicited in return for her meeting Chinese businessmen.

Reno said the only fund-raising calls investigators found by Clinton came in October 1994 and were made from the White House private quarters, not the president's offices. "This places the calls outside the scope

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—Attorney General Janet Reno

TODAY

Partly cloudy with a high in the mid-50s. Weather on 4A



Bush campaign

AUSTIN — Up 50 percentage points on his opponent and sporting the endorsement of the state's top elected Democrat, Republican Gov. George W. Bush vows to be a tireless campaigner in the re-election bid he begins today. Bush, who's increasingly the subject of presidential speculation, is formally launching his campaign with a six-day, 24-city tour of the state starting in Midland.

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Zapping beef

WASHINGTON — Searching for ways to ease food safety fears, the meat industry won approval Tuesday to zap beef with gamma rays to kill E. coli and other harmful bacteria. Some consumers were wary. "It's just the word — 'radiation.' I'm not sure it's safe," said Lucy Geller, 45, who was shopping at a suburban Maryland grocery store.

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Policing the 'Net

WASHINGTON — Almost like cyberspies, the online industry will report child pornography to law enforcement officials, Vice President Al Gore announced Tuesday at a conference on ways to make the Internet a safer place for America's kids. Roughly 10 million children now surf the net. Industry groups covering 95 percent of home internet users will help enforce existing laws against child pornography, Gore said.

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Oh Christmas tree...



F.R. Myers and his wife, Pat, scrutinize a Christmas tree at a lot off Andrews Highway Tuesday.

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Midlanders hike through make-shift forest for that perfect tree
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It's hunting season once again in Midland — time to hunt for that perfect Christmas tree to make your holiday decorations complete.

Business was brisk Tuesday at Oregon Trail Trees, as Midlanders browsed through a make-shift forest searching for just the right tree.

F.R. Myers of Midland said he wants a tree to be, "primarily symmetrical." "And the freshness is important, it has to be fresh," he said.

His wife, Pat Myers, said she looks for "something that looks like it came right out of the woods." The Myers are fans of noble firs. "Nobles are pretty nice," he said. The couple

examined each tree, looking carefully for gaps in the branches, a crooked trunk or some other flaw.

He and his wife don't shop various lots in search of a tree. "Normally not, we just pick out a tree and go with it."

Myers spoke disdainfully of an artificial tree he recently bought. "I just spent \$179 on a fiber-optic tree. I put it up and half of it didn't work," he said. "I called the company and said, 'It's coming back.'"

Candice Austin also was scouting-out Christmas trees Tuesday for her family. "We hope to buy our tree tonight (Tuesday night)."

She said her family has certain specifications for an ideal Christmas tree. "It has to be big, and it has to

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Story by Alice Ashmore

Photo by Brian Adamcik

Shaken students return to school, pray for three shot to death in prayer group

WEST PADUCAH, Ky. (AP) — A day after three students were shot to death at the end of a prayer meeting, their classmates returned to the same halls Tuesday to mourn, lay flowers and silently pray again.

Even though the memories and the pain of the rampage were still fresh, Heath High School Principal Bill Bond said it was important to go back to classes to show "we can't let one mixed-up person destroy our society."

"If someone believes in anarchy and we let that anarchy control us, then he is in control of us," Bond said. "I don't believe in letting someone control me, so we will go about our business."

But the day was anything but normal.

Students, many in tears, walked in groups and clung to each other for hugs and support. They prayed for the three friends who 24 hours earlier were shot to death just as their heads were similarly bowed and they uttered their last words — "amen." Five other students were hurt. Three remain hospitalized.

Counselors spent the morning talking with students, and teachers did their best to hold regular classes in the afternoon.

"There was very little being said. It was mainly quiet and kids praying," guidance counselor Allan Warford said. "It's a very somber scene inside."

"We're going to be looking at long-term counseling for some of these students."

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Ben Strong, left, a student at Heath High School in West Paducah, Ky., prays with his father, the Rev. Bobby Strong, right, and others outside the school before entering on Tuesday. Ben is credited with stopping a 14-year-old freshman boy who opened fire during Ben's prayer group meeting, killing three students and injuring five others on Monday.

AP Photo

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Results mixed in Kyoto global warming talks

KYOTO, Japan (AP) — Negotiators made slow progress on key issues of a global warming agreement Tuesday, but the United States appeared stymied in its efforts to extend new limits on fuel emissions to the Third World.

A U.S. Senate delegation flew into Japan, and its leader warned that any treaty deal excluding developing nations would be rejected by the Senate.

"It won't even be close," said Sen. Chuck Hagel, a Nebraska Republican.

The U.S.-Third World impasse troubled other negotiators.

"This seems to be one of the major problems that could eventually break the whole process," said Joergen Henningsen, the environment chief of the European Union, which offered to mediate the dispute.

Tuesday was the second of 10 scheduled days of negotiations, involving 1,500 delegates from 150 countries, to produce a protocol that would strengthen the 1992 Climate Change Treaty. Delegates hope to mandate cutbacks in industrial nations' emissions of carbon dioxide and other gases linked to the threat of global warming.

These "greenhouse" emissions, mostly products of fossil fuel burning, allow sunlight through but trap the heat that Earth emits back toward space.

An authoritative U.N. scientific study says continued emissions at current rates could raise average global temperatures by as much as 6 degrees Fahrenheit by 2100. That would disrupt global climate patterns unpredictably, and raise sea levels by as much as 3 feet as glaciers melt and oceans expand from heat.

In the 1992 treaty, 34 industrial nations set a voluntary goal of lowering their greenhouse gas emissions back to 1990 levels by 2000. In 1995, as it became clear almost all would fail to do so, they agreed they had to set new, legally binding goals.

The cutbacks could be achieved by phasing out coal-fired power plants, developing more fuel-efficient automobiles and taking other energy-saving steps.

The European Union has proposed 15 percent reductions below 1990 emissions levels by 2010. But the United States proposed only "stabilization" — at 1990 levels — by 2012, a position that has drawn sharp criticism from environmentalists.

In Monday's opening discussions, the American delegation shifted its ground to support "differentiation" — varying the targets for different countries, rather than setting a uniform rate of reduction across the board. And by Tuesday, it was clear the U.S. move had given the idea some powerful momentum.

"Differentiation as a concept is widely accepted," the Argentine chairman of the closed-door talks, Raul Estrada, told reporters. Other negotiators, meanwhile, reported some progress in working out timetables for emissions cuts.

Washington's negotiators said they had no specific range of differentiated targets in mind yet — except that they want to retain the

back-to-1990 level for the United States in any "differentiation" scheme.

But Estrada was pressing the Americans for a more flexible position, accepting deeper cuts below 1990 levels, a knowledgeable source said. And cuts of only 2 or 3 percent below 1990 would be insufficient, he said.

The U.S. team said it has not yet settled on criteria for determining "differentiated" targets. Japan has proposed a sliding scale of targets based on such factors as a country's per-capita emissions, which would benefit an energy-efficient country like Japan.

Developing countries have been exempted from the mandatory cutback plan throughout the two years of negotiation, since the

industrial North is largely to blame for the atmosphere's carbon accumulation, and poorer countries are unable to shoulder the burden of energy restraints.

But U.S. industry objects to future competition from China and other Third World economies able to burn all the cheap coal they want. As a result, the U.S. Senate, in a unanimous resolution, has threatened to block any treaty protocol that does not cover developing countries.

Noting that almost all industrial nations were failing to meet their previous commitments to cut emissions, he said, "That does not give a moral platform to ask anyone in developing countries to take up new commitments."

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U.S. stages landing at Kuwaiti port

KUWAIT (AP) — Amphibious landing craft roared into Shuwaik port in a cloud of mist Tuesday, carrying U.S. Marines and sailors to shore at the start of military exercises with Kuwait.

"Eager Mace 98" is the latest in a series of maneuvers to be conducted by American and Kuwaiti forces since Iraqi troops were driven from the emirate in the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

"We are here to sustain and maintain our basic war fighting capabilities," Capt. Robert McCarthy of the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit told reporters at the port just west of Kuwait City.

"The exercise allows us to keep our war fighting skills up to par and ready to go," said the Marine from East Bridgewater, Mass.

Some 4,300 Marines and sailors deployed from Camp Pendleton in California were taking part in the maneuvers, which are scheduled

to end Jan. 6.

The landing from three ships was expected to be completed in about three days.

One of the vessels, USS Peleliu, was about five miles off the coast, while the other two, USS Juneau and USS Comstock, were docked at the port.

Scores of M1A1 Abrams tanks and other armored vehicles will be driven to a training field in the desert where they will be used to train with Kuwaiti soldiers. The exercise will also involve aircraft and naval elements.

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LONDON (AP) — States and Britain nearly \$6 million new fund for victims of the 1992 Argentine dictatorship to help survivors from other countries.

Argentina indicated they would help other countries in a day of a 41 on looted Naz silent.

The United States and France have agreed to the sale of gold under the by the Nazis in much of Europe to hand over international funds.

But France decided whether the fund, said an official, speak France's decision announced Thursday.

"I would be surprised if the French lead the British States," said British lawmaker the government.

Tactics

SYDNEY, Australia — Faced with war fighters gave up the rampaging Sydney's south day and instead lives and property.

The toll — two 38 homes destroyed across scores that the blazes destructive that four people and 200 homes around uary 1994.

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U.S., Britain donate \$6 million to fund for Nazis' victims

LONDON (AP) — The United States and Britain came up with nearly \$6 million Tuesday for a new fund for victims of Nazi persecution — and urged other nations to help prevent Holocaust survivors from dying in poverty.

Argentina and Luxembourg indicated they will contribute, but other countries attending the opening day of a 41-nation conference on looted Nazi gold remained silent.

The United States, Britain and France have asked the 15 nations entitled to the remaining 5.5 tons of gold under their control — stolen by the Nazis in their conquest of much of Europe in World War II — to hand over the bullion to the international fund.

But France itself has not yet decided whether to contribute to the fund, said a French delegation official, speaking anonymously. France's decision will be announced Thursday, he said.

"I would be very upset and surprised if the French did not follow the lead of the British and the United States," said Lord Janner, the British lawmaker who persuaded the government to host the conference.

It would be unworthy of the great French tradition. I believe every country should contribute."

The head of the American delegation, Undersecretary of State Stuart E. Eizenstat, said the United States will make an initial contribution of \$4 million to the Nazi Persecution Relief Fund and hopes to offer up to \$25 million over three years, if Congress approves.

The United States decided to give the money, he said, "because of our own actions and inactions after the war and because of the urgent needs of those Holocaust survivors who have received little or no compensation in the intervening years."

Foreign Secretary Robin Cook said Britain will give \$1.7 million to the fund.

"We must avoid the second tragedy of those who survived the Nazis being left to live out their days in poverty," he said. "We are here to look for compensation for a suffering that can never be expiated. We are here to ensure we do not forget the most awful memory known to man."

Over the last 50 years, the Tri-

partite Gold Commission established by the Allies has returned more than 300 tons of gold to 10 countries whose treasuries were sacked — Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Greece, Austria, Albania, Yugoslavia and Italy.

The remaining 5.5 tons worth \$54.5 million — 3.5 tons held in the Bank of England and 2 tons in the Federal Reserve Bank in New York — will be distributed soon to 15 countries, including the successor states of Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia.

It is up to each country to decide whether to keep it or give it to the Holocaust victims. Jewish groups have argued that the remaining gold should go to individual victims of Nazi persecution who were shortchanged by the commission. Eizenstat told a news conference that all the countries entitled to gold "indicated general sympathy" to a note sent this summer by the Allies asking for the remaining gold to go to Holocaust victims — and several said they would contribute to the fund.

"We're optimistic ... that there will be a significant number," he said.

A government panel in the Netherlands said last week that Dutch gold plundered by the Nazis should go directly to the families of Dutch Holocaust victims. But Eizenstat urged the Dutch government to contribute their gold to the new fund, stressing that under its rules the bullion could still be used to help Dutch victims.

"Morally and ethically it ought to be put into this account," he said.

Eizenstat said he was especially gratified that Argentina, one of the neutral countries during the war, planned to contribute to the fund. The size of its contribution and Luxembourg's were not announced.

At the day-long, closed session, a number of countries including Switzerland presented papers on efforts to track down what happened to looted Nazi gold.

Praising the candor of the presentations, Eizenstat was especially impressed by the "very courageous" Swiss presentation, which said it was obvious that the leadership of Swiss banks must have known in 1941 that they were dealing in looted gold — and yet they failed to act.

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Tactics change as fires threaten Sydney suburbs

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Faced with walls of flames, firefighters gave up trying to put out the rampaging forest fires around Sydney's southern suburbs Tuesday and instead focused on saving lives and property.

The toll — two firefighters dead, 38 homes destroyed and a half-million acres scorched — raised fears that the blazes could be even more destructive than those that killed four people and razed more than 200 homes around Sydney in January 1994.

"Quite clearly the protection of life and property will take precedence over suppression attempts," Rural Fire Services Commissioner Phil Koperberg said.

The air over Sydney was thick with smoke Tuesday, and weather forecasters said pollution monitors measuring soot were off the scale.

More than 160 fires burned out of control across the southeastern state of New South Wales.

On Sydney's southern fringe, more than 1,000 people were evacuated as fires moved toward their houses.

Two firefighters died of burns while battling a blaze near Lithgow, a rural center across the Blue Mountains to Sydney's west, and two others suffered serious burns and smoke inhalation near Coonabarabran in the state's northwest.

Evacuation plans were in place for Coonabarabran and the nearby town of Narrabri.

"Clearly we have a grave situation," Koperberg said. "The conditions under which these firefighters are operating ... is beyond anything I have seen in 30 years."

Urban sprawl extending out into woodlands on Sydney's fringe makes far-flung suburbs especially

vulnerable to summer bush fires in this Southern Hemisphere nation.

The city has been gripped by more than a week of hot, dry weather, often aggravated by high winds that can quickly whip a fire out of control.

A strong southerly wind change caused temperatures to drop Tuesday, but also pushed fires toward new suburbs along the Georges River.

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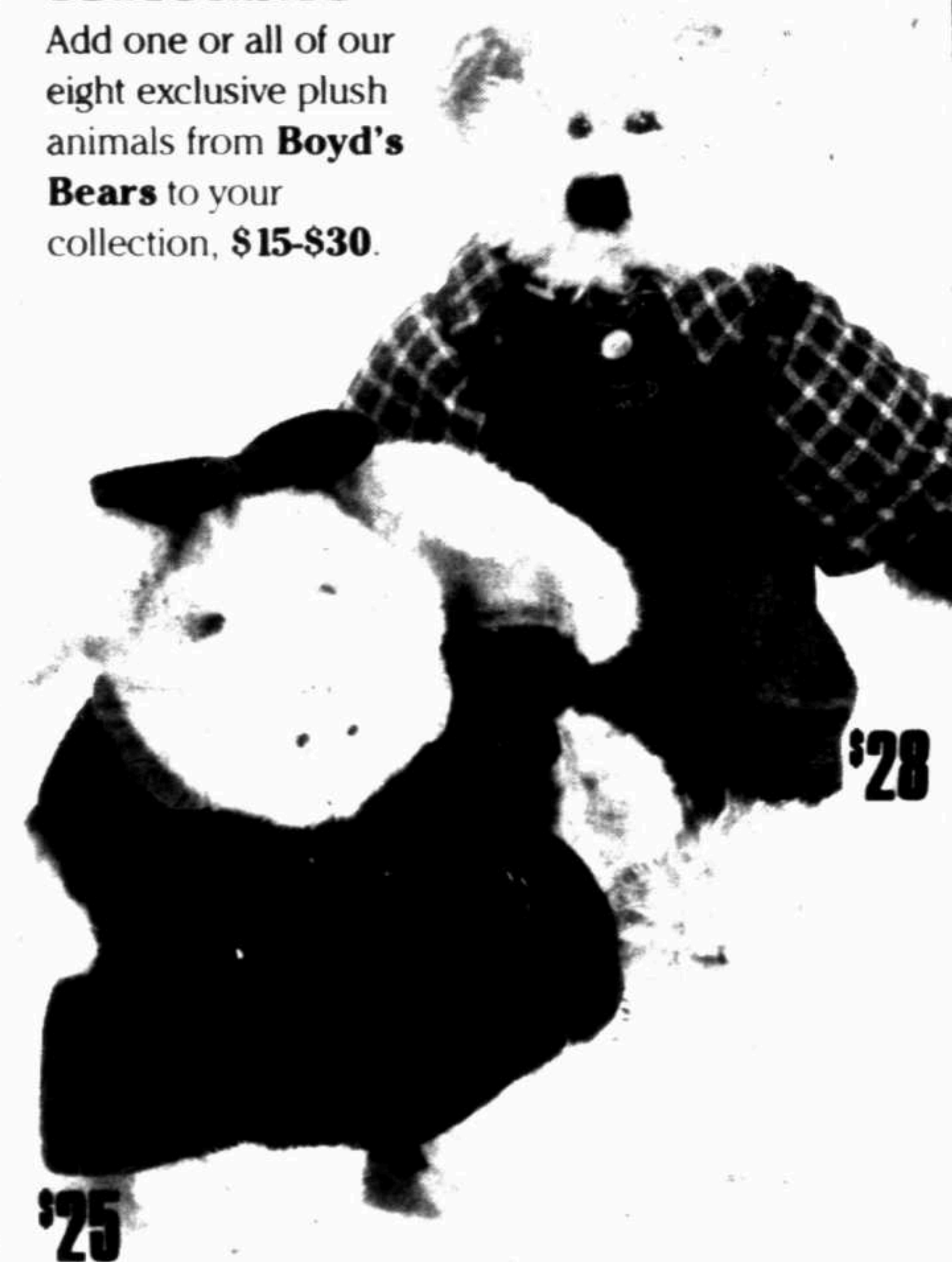
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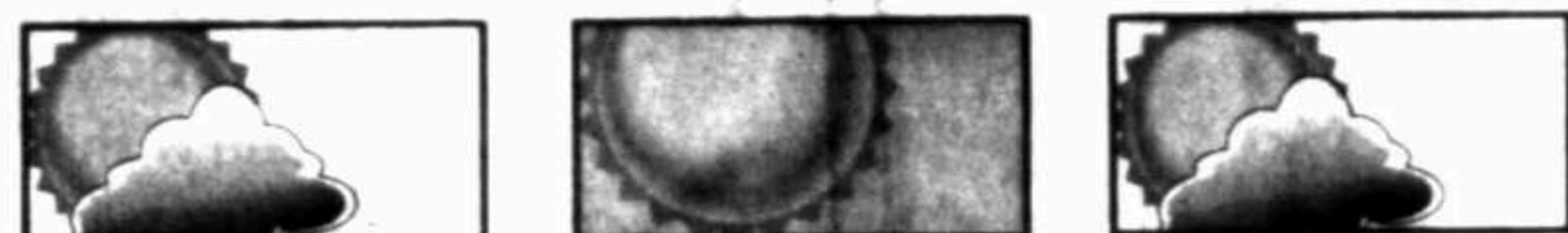
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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today
Partly cloudy
High 55
Low 28

Thursday
Partly cloudy
High 60
Low 25

Friday
Partly cloudy
High 55
Low 25

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high near 55. Winds will be from the northwest at 10 to 20 mph, according to the National Weather Service.

Tonight's forecast calls for clear skies with a low between 25 and 30. Thursday's forecast calls for sunny skies with a high near 60. After an overnight low of 45, Tuesday's high was 60, compared to the record high for that date of 80 set in 1995. The record low was 17 set in 1985.

Yesterday's precipitation
Rainfall Monday00 in.
Rainfall Tuesday02 in.
Total for month02 in.
Total for year15.79 in.

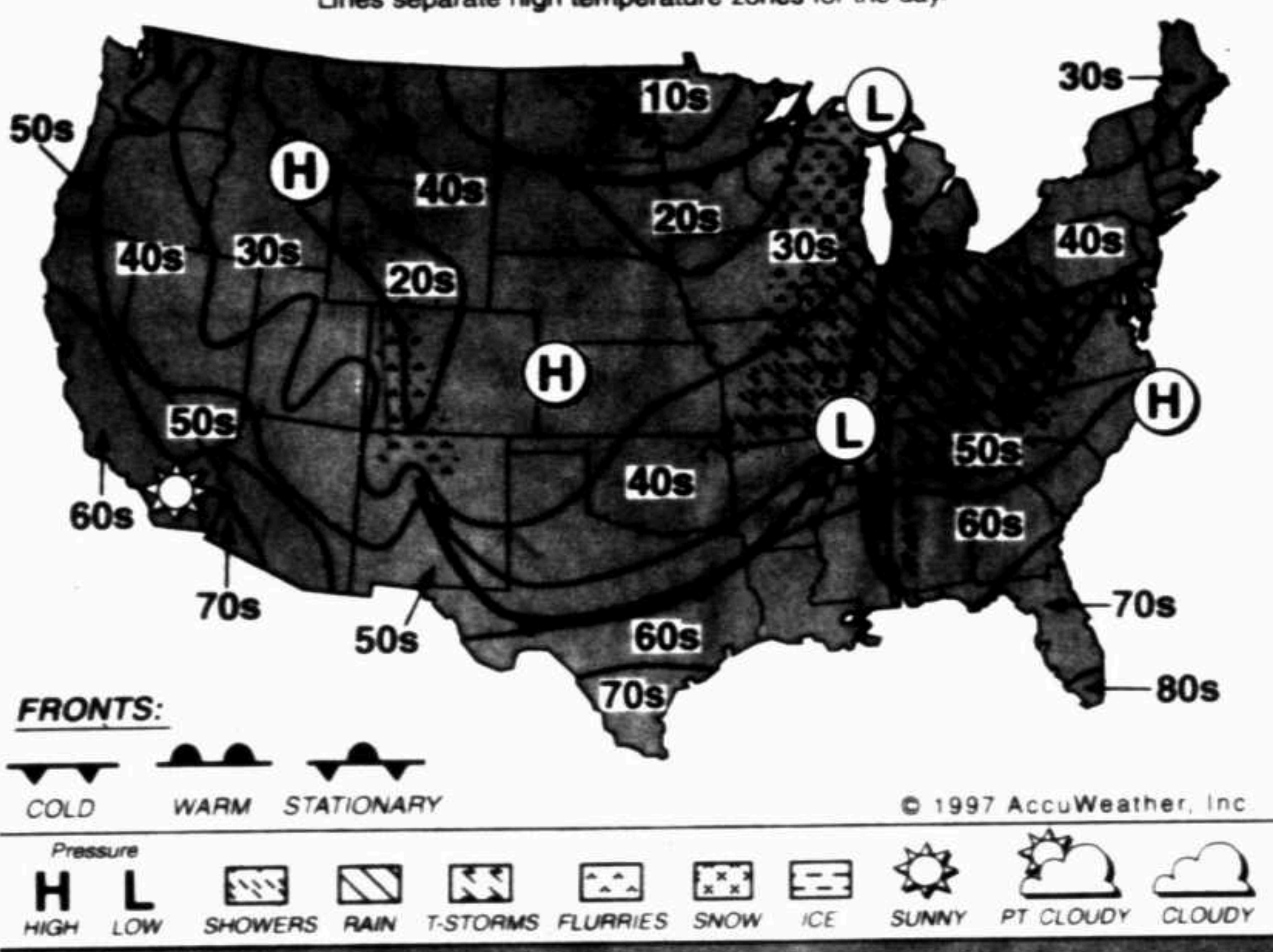
Yesterday's temperatures
High60
Low45
Normal high61
Normal low34

Sunrise: 7:33 a.m. Sunset: 5:44 p.m.

National forecast

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United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:33 p.m. EST

City	High	Low	Precip	Wind	Clouds
Albany, N.Y.	32	26	0.00	0.00	0.00
Albuquerque	42	37	0.00	0.00	0.00
Anchorage	27	24	0.00	0.00	0.00
Asheville	59	27	0.00	0.00	0.00
Atlanta	63	36	0.00	0.00	0.00
Atlanta City	46	30	0.00	0.00	0.00
Baltimore	49	33	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bilings	36	28	0.00	0.00	0.00
Birmingham	59	34	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bismarck	32	27	0.00	0.00	0.00
Boise	43	23	0.00	0.00	0.00
Boston	40	28	0.00	0.00	0.00
Buffalo	33	27	0.00	0.00	0.00
Burlington, Vt.	30	23	0.05	0.00	0.00
Casper	26	26	0.00	0.00	0.00
Charleston, S.C.	64	37	0.00	0.00	0.00
Charleston, W. Va.	46	34	0.00	0.00	0.00
Charlotte, N.C.	58	35	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cheyenne	25	25	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chicago	40	33	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cincinnati	47	35	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cleveland	38	33	0.00	0.00	0.00
Columbia, S.C.	61	34	0.00	0.00	0.00
Columbus, Ohio	43	33	0.00	0.00	0.00
Concord, N.H.	34	24	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dayton	42	28	0.00	0.00	0.00
Denver	39	29	0.00	0.00	0.00
Des Moines	39	35	0.00	0.00	0.00
Detroit	37	32	0.00	0.00	0.00
Duluth	30	27	0.00	0.00	0.00
Evansville	46	30	0.00	0.00	0.00
Faribault	-6	-11	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fargo	30	29	0.00	0.00	0.00
Flagstaff	21	02	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grand Rapids	35	31	0.00	0.00	0.00
Great Falls	38	18	0.01	0.00	0.00
Greensboro, N.C.	56	28	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hartford, Conn.	38	28	0.00	0.00	0.00
Helena	36	20	0.00	0.00	0.00
Honolulu	79	73	0.00	0.00	0.00
Indianapolis	44	36	0.00	0.00	0.00
Jackson, Miss.	62	48	0.00	0.00	0.00
Jacksonville	71	46	0.00	0.00	0.00
Juneau	34	34	0.00	0.00	0.00
Kansas City	44	38	0.00	0.00	0.00
Las Vegas	60	52	0.00	0.00	0.00
Little Rock	46	41	0.00	0.00	0.00
Los Angeles	68	53	0.00	0.00	0.00
Louisville	48	32	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miami Beach	51	39	0.00	0.00	0.00
Milwaukee	38	33	0.00	0.00	0.00
Minneapolis	36	33	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mobile	50	35	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Orleans	69	52	0.00	0.00	0.00
New York City	44	35	0.00	0.00	0.00
Norfolk, Va.	52	37	0.00	0.00	0.00
North Platte	29	25	0.00	0.00	0.00
Oakland	47	44	0.00	0.00	0.00
Omaha	40	34	0.00	0.00	0.00
Orlando	50	37	0.00	0.00	0.00
Philadelphia	48	34	0.00	0.00	0.00
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Pittsburgh	38	29	0.00	0.00	0.00
Portland, Maine	37	24	0.00	0.00	0.00
Portland, Ore.	51	39	0.00	0.00	0.00
Providence	41	29	0.00	0.00	0.00
Raleigh-Durham	56	28	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rapid City	38	32	0.00	0.00	0.00
Reno	46	20	0.00	0.00	0.00
Richmond	52	29	0.00	0.00	0.00
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St. Louis	48	33	0.00	0.00	0.00
Salt Lake City	45	31	0.00	0.00	0.00
San Diego	67	54	0.00	0.00	0.00
San Francisco	56	45	0.00	0.00	0.00
San Juan, P.R.	90	73	0.00	0.00	0.00
Santa Fe	34	33	0.00	0.00	0.00
St. Mary	30	17	0.00	0.00	0.00
Seattle	55	38	0.00	0.00	0.00
Shreveport	57	47	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sioux Falls	34	30	0.00	0.00	0.00
Spokane	41	26	0.00	0.00	0.00
Syracuse	33	27	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tampa-St. Petersburg	73	51	0.00	0.00	0.00
Topeka	42	36	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tucson	56	45	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tulsa	47	43	0.00	0.00	0.00
Washington, D.C.	50	34	0.00	0.00	0.00

RETURN: Two shooting victims in serious condition

(From 1A)

Meantime, 14-year-old suspect Michael Carneal was moved to a juvenile center. Classmates said the attorney's son would sometimes show up before classes to mock the daily prayer group.

On Monday, witnesses said he put in earplugs and sprayed the hallway with semiautomatic pistol fire. The teen-ager faces juvenile charges of murder, attempted murder and burglary for allegedly stealing the gun used in the attack.

Carneal's parents told their minister, the Rev. Paul Donner, they were stunned and couldn't explain what might have motivated their son to shoot the other students, who included some of his own closest friends. The family declined to talk with reporters.

"They really feel very deeply for the whole community and the other families," said Donner, who baptized the boy as an infant at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. "Absolutely, they have no idea."

Inside school Tuesday, a student described as a hero for persuading the suspect to drop his gun led another prayer meeting before class in the school lobby. This time 200 students — nearly half the student body — attended.

"We had just a time of silence for everyone to reflect and pray," said Ben Strong, himself a pastor's son. "I told them God's the only thing we can turn to in a moment like this."

Witnesses said Strong, a 17-year-old senior

"I just ran over there. ... I was just telling him to be calm, drop the gun, whatever. And he just kind of slouched down and dropped the gun."

—Ben Strong, prayer group leader



who was friends with Carneal, talked to the teen even as he fired randomly into the crowd.

Sheriff Frank Augustus said suspect also carried spare ammunition, two rifles and two shotguns that he had smuggled into school wrapped inside a quilt. He told curious classmates the bundle was a prop for a science project.

"I was scared once I realized it was real," Strong said. "The thing running through your mind is, you've got to stop it. You can't let it go, and I was just trying to rationalize my thoughts."

"Regardless of what anybody says, it's not that easy to run and go tackle him as you're seeing live bullets flying by. You're just try-

ing to think, should I do this? All these thoughts are running through your mind in a short amount of time. And, you know, I just started talking to him."

"I just ran over there. ... I was just telling him to be calm, drop the gun, whatever. And he just kind of slouched down and dropped the gun," Strong said.

In Washington, President Clinton offered sympathies to families of the three slain girls. "Like all Americans, I was shocked and heartbroken by the terrible news," he said.

Kayce Steger, 15; Jessica James, 17; and Nicole Hadley, 14, died hours after the shooting.

Nicole was the first one shot. Strong said that was further evidence that Carneal was spraying random gunfire, not aiming at particular students.

"Because Nicole was one of his good friends, and he would never have done that," Strong said.

One focus Tuesday turned to the search for a possible explanation, and to the fear that one won't emerge.

The sheriff said the teen told his detective that he didn't know why he pulled the trigger. The principal said he locked the freshman inside his office with a teacher to guard him until police arrived.

Bond said Tuesday that the teen-ager told English teacher Tobe Dulworth after the shootings, "It was like I was in a dream, and I woke up."

SEARCH: Cold snap sends Midlanders tree shopping

(From 1A)

be real. It can't be artificial." She is thinking of a tree in the 10- to 12-foot range. "We're really picky about the shape," she said. "We like a noble fir because it shows the ornaments really well."

She says buying a tree is a family activity at their household. "We look for it together, and it is always a family affair."

Mrs. Austin is a comparison shopper. "Christmas is expensive, you have to shop for a tree like you do a gift."

And tree decoration is a family activity as well. "We put on the Christmas music, break out the egg nog and get after it," she said.

Mark Staires, 39, says he and his family look for size and fullness in a Christmas tree. "We do the 'way too big' tree," he said with a chuckle. His children gazed eagerly from the car while their father sized-up the trees.

Staires said he thinks people tend to choose the kind of tree they had when they were growing up. "It's the way you are brought up," he said. Staires is a Douglas fir aficionado. No artificial trees for Staires either. "I always do a live tree."

The trees were cut late this year, on Thanksgiving day, because of the rain in the Pacific Northwest, said Midlander Brenda Smith, who owns Oregon Trail Trees with her husband Joe.

"We were worried they would not get here on time," she said. The trees arrived Monday by truck — all 1,000 of them. The Smiths sell out of trees by Dec. 20.

The Smiths bought the business several years ago from Harold and Judy Hall, an Oregon couple who saw Midland as a good market for Christmas trees grown in their home state. The tree stand has been in business at the same location on Andrews Highway for 14 years

now. "We pick out the trees ourselves," she said. The Smiths traveled to just outside of Portland, Ore., last June to pick out trees for this Christmas.

She said the trees are in excellent shape this year because of abundant rains in the Pacific Northwest. And there is nothing like a good cold snap to send Midlanders scurrying for a Christmas tree. "The colder it gets, or if it is snowing, the more customers we have," she said.

Rene Medrano has worked at Oregon Trail Trees for four years. "I always do this every Christmas," he says working at the tree lot really puts him in the holiday spirit. "I like seeing the little kids look at the trees."

Medrano said the children invariably choose the biggest tree. "They think the bigger the tree, the more presents you get," he said.

Mrs. Smith gives the following advice for keeping a tree fresh. "Put a fresh cut on the bottom,

keep it in water, and don't let it get completely dry."

She also advises that a tree should never be placed too close to a fireplace, and that heater vents near the tree should be redirected.

Mrs. Smith added that although Christmas trees look lovely in a picture window, the sunlight through the window can really dry a tree out in a hurry.

Both Mrs. Smith and her husband work full-time at Midland College. She said she loves her holiday work. "I enjoy the people, she said. "It's a lot of fun to see the kids running around here — they say it is like a forest."

Helping people find the perfect Christmas tree really gets her in the holiday spirit, Mrs. Smith said. And there is one other thing she loves about their Christmas tree lot. "The smell," she said, taking another whiff of the fresh pine-scented air.

MISD: Board to look into magnet school grant

(From 1A)

Ms. Coleman added that it's likely that the federal government and courts would look favorably on a collaborative effort by the parties under the federal Agreed Judgment desegregation legal guidelines.

However, board members Martha Manulik and Glen Butler expressed reservations that the district could qualify for the grant in time.

"I feel that it's a mistake to rush into this. We're not ready," Ms. Manulik said.

Ms. Manulik in the past served on the district's Section 10 committee on elementary school assignment/desegregation plans and said she believed that the idea of a magnet school was not popular with some intervenors.

"I don't believe that just because one person

says 'no' means that everyone says no," Ms. Coleman responded. "We would really like to see this thing happen. We'd be willing to go all out to make it happen."

Board member James Fuller voiced his support for the idea and said it would be a good task for whoever fills a newly created MISD grant writer position.

"This is a prime opportunity to apply that person's skills," Fuller said. "I think we need money as a district, let's go after it. We have nothing to lose."

The grant will be on the agenda of the next board meeting on Dec. 16.

Among other items, administrators presented three 1998-99 school calendar options designed by a calendar committee. The three will be voted on by MISD employees and the

results will be presented in time for the next board meeting.

The board then will decide which of the three to adopt. Members normally respect the most popular choice.

The first option calls for students to start school on Aug. 12, have a winter break from Dec. 21 to Jan. 1 and end school on May 27. The second calls for students to start Aug. 19, have a Dec. 21-Jan. 1 Christmas break and end on June 4.

The third option starts school on Aug. 17 and has a Dec. 23 - Jan. 1 winter break and ends on May 27.

The second choice would end the fall semester on Jan. 14 after a long winter break. The other two options would end the first semester before the break.

DECLINE: Republicans criticize Reno's decision

(From 1A)

... of (federal election law) which applies only to solicitations for hard-money contributions occurring within the federal workplace," she wrote.

Reno told a news conference that her campaign finance task force continues to investigate Democratic fund-raising practices that — without Gore's knowledge — diverted some of the money he raised into questionable accounts. And she said the department would continue investigating others involved in the O'Leary incident.

"Any decision not to ask for an independent counsel does not mean that a person has been exonerated or that the work of the campaign finance task force has ended," Reno said.

Reaction from the three officials was muted.

In a single-sentence statement, Clinton said, "The attorney general made her decision based on a careful review of the law and the facts and that's as it should be."

Gore, traveling in Connecticut, said, "Now that there's been a full and independent review, we can put this issue of the phone calls behind us once and for all."

"I am relieved but not surprised," O'Leary said.

But Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., chairman of the Senate committee investigating campaign finance, accused Reno of "misinterpreting the law" and said that her focus on telephone solicitations was too narrow.

At the same time, he said, "I don't think any of us are surprised" by her conclusion. Thompson said Reno's interpretation of the law had "hamstrung" the FBI in its investigation.

Reno denied that. "I want to make clear to everyone I am not imposing any constraint on the task force," she said.

acknowledged their split, but traded compliments late in the day.

Freeh pushed for an independent counsel on grounds Reno has a conflict of interest investigating her administration officials. Reno said, "I value highly" Freeh's advice. "We may not always agree. ... However, the decision to ask for an independent counsel is mine and I alone am responsible for that under the law."

Freeh said he appreciated the opportunity to fully express the FBI's views, noted that "lawyers and investigators can and often do disagree" and said he still has "a strong and amicable relationship" with Reno.

Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., who chairs a House committee investigating campaign funding, said he would call Reno and Freeh to a hearing Tuesday.

Senate GOP leader Trent Lott called Reno's decision a tragedy. Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, said she had acted courageously despite "tremendous political pressure" from Republicans.

Among Reno's findings:

— "There is no evidence that any calls were made from the Oval Office or any other official White House work space" by Clinton while soliciting money. One likely Oval Office call was a "thank you" for \$100,000 already pledged.

— Gore was unaware that some of the contributions he raised were diverted by party officials from so-called soft money accounts that pay for party and issue ads to hard money accounts that supported the Clinton-Gore re-election

directly. Investigators identified 45 people he obtained money from, but only 5 of these contributions were diverted.

Evidence from those contacted supported Gore's claim he intended to raise soft money. "There is no evidence that the Vice President was aware that part of the donations would be deposited into hard money accounts, and the donors' own descriptions of the solicitations make it clear that they interpreted the solicitations as being for soft money," Reno wrote.

Even though there is a legal question whether a 114-year-old law banning solicitation in federal offices applies to these calls, Reno said she assumed it did. Nevertheless, she said, Gore's actions were not covered because the law bars only solicitation of hard money contributions. She also said there were no aggravating factors like coercion, which the department traditionally demands before prosecuting under this statute.

The telephone fund-raising inquiry was pushed into the spotlight by demands from Republicans on Capitol Hill, newspaper disclosures and the timetables set by the independent counsel law. It led to questioning of Clinton and Gore by Justice Department lawyers and FBI agents.

But it was always just part of a broader investigation by 120 lawyers and FBI agents into numerous campaign fund-raising transactions and figures, including possible Chinese and other foreign

donations and use of the White House as a fund-raising tool. Some Republicans, including Burton, also are under scrutiny.

Indictments of at least two Democratic fund-raisers for concealing the identities of real donors are expected later this month.

And Reno must decide by Dec. 15 whether further investigation is needed into what role, if any, Clinton played in the Interior Department's denial of an Indian casino which was opposed by other tribes who contributed to the Democrats.

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Tired Yeltsin makes surprising statements

■ Spokesman demurs after Russian president announces unilateral cut of nuclear warheads.

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STOCKHOLM, Sweden — A clearly tired Boris Yeltsin gave often-surprising answers at a news conference Tuesday, forcing his spokesman to tone down a declaration he made about cutting nuclear warheads.

He also misidentified Germany and Japan as having nuclear weapons and confused listeners with references to Sweden and Finland. The Russian president, who is 66, underwent open-heart surgery in November of last year but has appeared generally strong since then.

Speaking to reporters after meeting with Prime Minister Goeran Persson, Yeltsin unexpectedly announced the weapons cut.

"I am saying here for the first time that we are unilaterally

slashing the number of our nuclear warheads by one-third," Yeltsin said, tagging his declaration onto the answer to a question.

An hour later, Yastrzhembsky said at a briefing that a proposal to deepen mutual Russian-U.S. nuclear cuts had been discussed on a preliminary basis at the Helsinki summit with President Clinton in March.

But "this issue is not on the negotiating table," he added.

Asked by reporters about Yeltsin's condition, Yastrzhembsky said that Yeltsin spoke when he was "a little bit tired" at the end of a long day. The Russian president was on the first day of a three-day state visit to Sweden.

At one point on his comments, the Russian president mistakenly listed Germany and Japan as among the world's nuclear weapons states.

He also confused listeners with a long statement about Russia's 1940s fighting with Finland, a statement that may have been more appropriate for a visit to Fin-

land than one to Sweden.

Yeltsin, who had a quintuple heart bypass operation a year ago, looked stiff and hesitant later Tuesday as he arrived for a banquet with King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia. He had appeared generally robust when arriving in Sweden on Tuesday morning.

Yeltsin had made similar surprise announcements before. In Paris last May, Yeltsin said Russia would remove nuclear warheads from all its weapons targeting the West. Russian officials later explained Yeltsin only meant taking pre-programmed targets out of the missiles.

Regarding Tuesday's statement, Yastrzhembsky said new weapons cuts will only become possible after the Russian parliament's lower house, the State Duma, ratifies the 1993 START II agreement with the United States to cut their nuclear arsenals. Washington has ratified the agree-

ment. That agreement calls for the United States and Russia each to reduce their nuclear warhead stocks to 3,500, down from an estimated 8,000.

U.S. State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said Tuesday that START II ratification remains Washington's top priority on weapons reductions, but "any reductions by the Russians in their nuclear forces would not be something we'd be against."

Yeltsin announced in September that Russia would remove 500 tons of weapons-grade uranium and 50 tons of plutonium from its military stockpiles.

Tuesday's surprise announcement came at the conclusion of Yeltsin's talks with Persson, when a reporter asked a question about security in the Baltics, which was in the focus of the talks.

Yeltsin reiterated that Russia wouldn't threaten the region. "As long as I remain the Russian president, there will be no steps on Russia's side to unleash a war."

Mir prepares to dock with Endeavour

MOSCOW (AP) — Mir's crew began tuning up their aging space station Tuesday, checking and inspecting equipment to prepare for a docking with the U.S. space shuttle Endeavour.

"We always preen our feathers ahead of international flights and crew replacements," Russian deputy flight control chief Viktor Blagov was quoted as saying by the ITAR-Tass news agency.

The crew has 15 systems to check, Blagov said.

On Tuesday, the crew was trying to locate damage in the back-up circuit of the station's cooling system. Before the January docking, they also plan to do maintenance work on the systems for water regeneration, carbon dioxide removal, ITAR-Tass said.

Space shuttle Endeavour is scheduled to pick up NASA astro-

naut David Wolf — the sixth of seven Americans scheduled to live on Mir — and drop off his replacement, Andrew Thomas.

The cooling system's back-up circuit broke down last year, but more urgent repairs delayed efforts to fix the problem.

The cooling system has malfunctioned repeatedly over the past year. In the most serious incident last spring, the previous Mir crew spent weeks in the heat while trying to patch up leaks that released poisonous antifreeze fumes. There have been no leaks since then.

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Gibraltar deal paves way for NATO overhaul

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Britain and Spain resolved a dispute over Gibraltar on Tuesday, allowing NATO defense ministers to approve a major overhaul of the alliance's military command structure.

The long-running dispute over Gibraltar was the last obstacle to the plan to streamline the command in preparation for NATO's expansion to take in Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic in 1999.

"This is a historic leap forward for NATO, with a command structure designed to cope with the dangers and uncertainties of the 21st century," said British Defense Secretary George Robertson.

However, Robertson warned that Britain would still veto implementation of the deal unless Spain agrees to lift restrictions on the movement of warplanes and naval vessels around Gibraltar by the end of next year.

"Bilateral negotiations on Gibraltar will go ahead," Robertson told reporters. "There are some Spanish restrictions which we feel close allies should not want to deal with."

With the spat between London and Madrid cleared up, defense ministers from all 16 North Atlantic Treaty Organization

nations approved the overall reform package.

As a key part of the reform, Spain will enter the integrated allied command for the first time since it joined the alliance in 1982 and NATO will install a new regional headquarters in Madrid.

Under Monday's deal, Britain dropped a threat to veto the changes unless Spain relaxed a rules excluding Gibraltar-bound military planes from Spanish airspace and banning warships dock-

ing in Spanish ports en route to or from the territory.

Robertson denied Britain had backed down. By lifting its objections, he said, Britain had created a "cordial atmosphere" which would soon lead to an agreement on military access to the territory.

The NATO reforms are designed to transform the alliance's military structure from its Cold War stance of preparation for a frontal Warsaw Pact assault, to a more flexible organization able to

respond quickly to regional conflicts, peacekeeping missions or threats from rogue states.

Gibraltar is a tiny but strategically important territory on the southern tip of Spain facing the coast of North Africa and controlling the Western entrance of the Mediterranean.

Spain conceded control to Britain in 1713, but continues to dispute Britain's claim of sovereignty and applies diplomatic pressure to regain the territory.



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Bangladesh, rebels sign peace accord

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) — Government and rebel negotiators signed an accord Tuesday to end a 22-year-old separatist war and give tribes greater control over Bangladesh's resource-rich southeastern hills.

Hours after the long-awaited accord was signed, hundreds of government supporters poured into the streets of Dhaka in celebration, waving national flags and chanting, "We want to live in peace."

But several hundred opposition activists also took to the streets of the capital, complaining the pact undermined national sovereignty.

The rebels, mainly from the Chakma tribe, have promised to surrender their arms and ammunition in the next 45 days under an amnesty provision.

The government has agreed to let three elected district councils control the area's land management and local police. The councils will be dominated by tribes, which account for two-thirds of the hill region's 800,000 people.

The three councils will in turn elect a 22-member regional council: 15 of those seats will be for tribal members and the rest for Muslim migrants.

"I'm delighted," Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina told reporters after watching the signing by chief government negotiator Abul Hsnat Abdullah and rebel leader Jyotirindra Bodhipriya Lama.

The tribal rebellion has claimed nearly 20,000 lives since it started in late 1975. It also blocked development of the southeastern hills, 110 miles southeast of Dhaka.

Chakmas are predominantly Buddhists, while most other Bangladeshis are Muslim. Thousands of Muslims have migrated to the region from overcrowded plains over the years, prompting tribal complaints that their culture is being swamped by the newcomers.

Russian explosion leaves little hope for trapped miners

MOSCOW (AP) — Trapped methane gas exploded in a deep shaft of a Siberian coal mine Tuesday, and searchers said they had little hope of finding any of 67 miners alive.

Rescue workers counted 54 bodies in the shaft by late Tuesday, while 13 other miners remained unaccounted for, Col. Yuri Krashkin of the Ministry of Emergency Situations said.

Authorities said most of the victims died of burns or inhalation of poison gases, although the blast also caused cave-ins.

The explosion — 1,080 feet below the surface — happened so quickly that the miners had no time to don emergency breathing gear, NTV television reported.

Six miners had left the shaft and were on their way out of the mine when the methane exploded early Tuesday morning. They were hospitalized with gas poisoning.

The blast obliterated the shaft in the Zyrvanovskaya mine, in the Kuzbass region of southern Siberia.

Rescue teams were sent from Moscow to Novokuznetsk, 1,850 miles southeast of the capital and 300 miles north of the Mongolian border.

Prior to Tuesday's explosion, accidents in Russia killed 191 miners so far this year, Vladimir Rossikhin, the chief safety inspector of the Russian Coal Miners' Union, told the Interfax news agency.

President Boris Yeltsin, on a state visit to Sweden, promised to assist the miners' families.

"Nature is like that, and we often cannot cope with it," he said.



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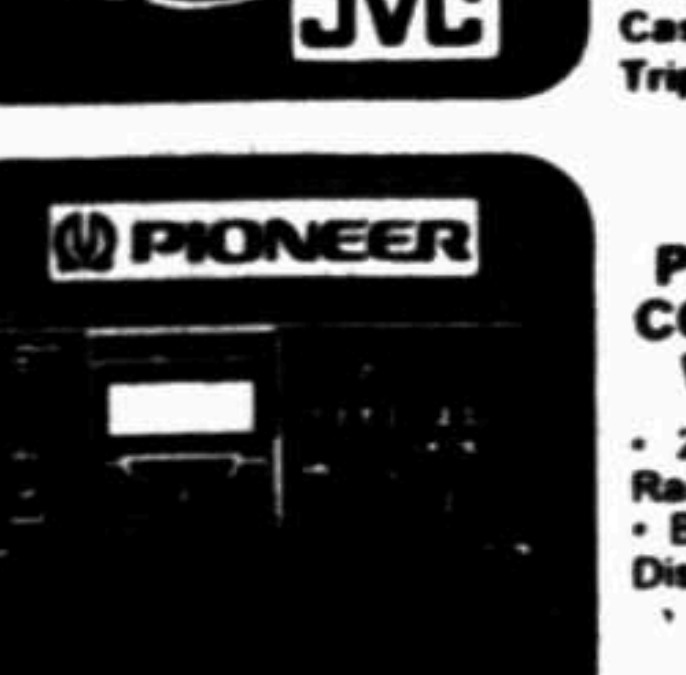
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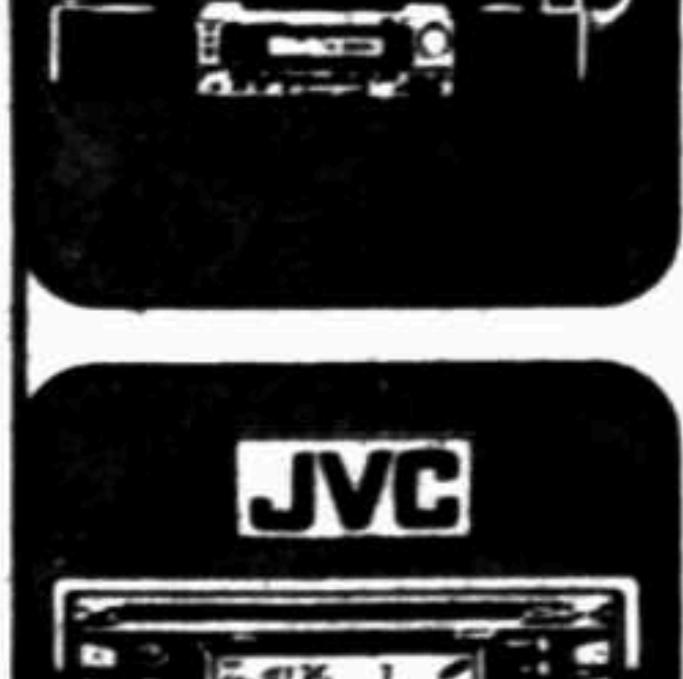
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Error could turn molesters loose on society

Midland County District Attorney Al Schorre, Assistant District Attorney Teresa Clingman and others who work in the field of criminal justice are right-fully concerned about a recent Texas Court of Criminal Appeals ruling that makes child molesters eligible for early release from prison.

Last week, the Court of Criminal Appeals ruled that child molesters are eligible for early release under laws that were passed by the Texas Legislature in 1993. Action by legislators to revise the mandatory supervision law regrettably left the crime of indecency with a child off the list of crimes for which defendants were ineligible for mandatory supervision. Thus, those defendants must be released from prison if they have served half their sentence and the "good time" they have accumulated—added to their half sentence served—equals a full sentence.

Yet the error obviously doesn't reflect either the will of the Legislature or of Texans in general. In fact, said Ms. Clingman, "I think it thwarts the efforts of the Legislature. Under the old ruling you just flat weren't eligible."

With the ruling by the Court of Criminal Appeals, human predators may now be turned out onto the streets to prey on our children. It also sends the unspoken message that our society does not place a high priority on protecting children. That message is untrue.

This travesty of justice needs to be corrected now before child molesters are turned loose to once again prey

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ANOTHER VIEW

Greenspan message should not be lost

Alan Greenspan, the nation's economic doctor, turned last week to a new patient: Social Security. He says we should take our medicine now, while we still can.

At a minimum, Greenspan suggested raising the retirement age and cutting the size of cost-of-living adjustments. Postponing the day Social Security kicks in is becoming "increasingly pressing" as the system stretches to outlast longer life spans, he said. As for COLAs, the present index overstates inflation. Greenspan also said that while privatization is worth exploring, a sudden switch would be too much of an economic shock. There is nothing Greenspan said which someone else hasn't. Just last month, Social Security commissioner Kenneth S. Apfel warned at his swearing-in of "tough choices to be made, and the sooner we make them the better."

But if the medium is the message, then perhaps the Greenspan medium will pack a sharper message than most. It stands to reason that a fellow who has proven himself capable of keeping the nation's economic house in order knows something about retirement condominiums, too.

— Journal Star
 Peoria, Ill.

JACK ANDERSON

Indonesia groans under Suharto's rotten rule

President Clinton has made it clear that he's interested in one thing more than anything else in his dealings with foreign countries: trade, trade and more trade.

In many cases, developing that trade means turning a blind eye to the actions of rapacious dictators who brazenly steal their people's wealth, or who brutally suppress dissent in territories they have usurped.

Clinton made that abundantly clear in his dealings with China, whose leader, Jiang Zemin, was recently feted at the White House. Never mind the Chinese takeover and occupation of Tibet and other disputed localities, or their suppression of internal dissent. It's the lure of trade dollars that interests this president.

Now he has demonstrated that policy once again with another country, Indonesia. It was recently announced that the United States supported an emergency International Monetary Fund loan of \$10 billion to Indonesia, and backed it with a pledge of an additional \$3 billion in direct U.S. aid, if necessary.

Though the money comes with strings attached, those conditions are unlikely to change the way that Indonesia's President Suharto operates.

Suharto, 76, has ruled the world's fourth-most-pop-

ulous country since 1965. In short order, he massacred as many as 1 million leftists, ethnic Chinese and other Indonesians to consolidate his power. He has never allowed a true democracy in the country.

His rule has made his family filthy rich, and rotten to the core. Suharto himself may not live like a king in luxury—though he did spend more than \$1 million on a family mausoleum—but the amount of wealth his family is snatching up in this impoverished country of 200 million is glutinous on a grand scale.

Our associate Dale Van Atta spoke to CIA sources about the Suhartos, and those sources' best estimate of the Suharto family fortune is between \$3 and \$5 billion—more than President Clinton has dutifully promised to that country to aid its ailing financial condition.

And that's not really all. The Suhartos actually hold sway over billions of additional dollars through their wide-ranging business empire—interests that include hundreds of enterprises from banks, cement and steel factories to toll roads and restaurants.

For more than a decade, in fact, Suharto's wife, Tien, has been irreverently referred to by Indonesian critics as "Madame Tien Percent," suggesting the portion of the overall Indonesian economy that she and her family control. Madame Tien has more of a taste for riches than her husband, favoring diamond rings, and is infamous at home for her ability to raise "contributions" for allegedly charitable causes in the manner Imelda Marcos once did in the Philippines.

Suharto's three sons, two daughters, a foster brother, a step-brother and assorted other relatives own

"state" companies which cannot help but be profitable internally because they were granted monopolies and other marketplace advantages.

To receive the IMF loan, Suharto supposedly will have to divest some of the family members of their business piggybanks, but we'll believe that when we see it. Suharto did recently remove his youngest son, Hutomo (known as Tommy), from his post as president of the national car company. But Tommy's already become a millionaire many times over from a clove monopoly Dad gave him. (Clove are extremely lucrative in Indonesia because the people prefer clove in their cigarettes.)

On top of the domestic corruption, Suharto invaded East Timor in 1975, and has refused to relinquish it, despite many calls by the United Nations and the United States for him to do so. He has murdered as many as 200,000 of the East Timorese to keep control of the eastern half of the island and the carnage continues.

With as many as 1.2 million dead in his wake, Suharto only falls behind Stalin, Hitler and Pol Pot for non-war massacred dead this century. And it is a body count a hundred times more than Saddam Hussein has ever toted up.

Yet, undeterred, Democrat Bill Clinton has decided to prop up this disgraced regime with a multi-billion dollar loan courtesy of the American taxpayer.

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



ART BUCHWALD

New treaty changes face of commerce

It didn't get much publicity, but 34 of the world's leading nations signed a treaty outlawing business bribes to foreign officials. The treaty will change the way commerce is conducted throughout the globe.

The treaty doesn't forbid bribes to political parties nor does it force countries to revoke the tax deductibility of bribes that European nations permit.

And it doesn't penalize political officeholders who receive the bribes.

Nevertheless, it's a giant step for mankind.

Those who will be affected the most by the treaty will be the brothers and brothers-in-law of heads of state. Their living depends on soliciting bribes from anyone who expects to do business in their respective countries.

This agreement will have an impact on state officials as well as civil servants who do business with foreign companies and who expect to be tipped for issuing the correct papers to them.

Here's how it worked in the past: The Seig Heil Motor Company wants to open dealerships all over the country of Saltpeter. The president of Seig Heil, Hans Schmidt, flies in and says to Dum Sum, the brother of Big Sum, the premier, "I have come to your country to make a bet with you. I bet you \$1 million I cannot open 40 Seig Heil dealerships in Saltpeter."

"Do you take me for a fool? I'll bet you \$2 million that you can't."

"You make a tough bet. All right, I will bet you \$2 million I can't do it."

"Okay, you win," Dum Sum says. "Here's the number of my Swiss bank account."

Occasionally, the wife of a head of state may also be in charge of soliciting funds from abroad. The most famous was Madame Hari of the Sweet Potato Islands.

When a telephone company executive approached her to acquire a monopoly for her country and asked her what it would take, she replied, "Shoes. I want 3,000 pairs of shoes. I want them from Neiman Marcus, Bergdorf Goodman, Saks Fifth Avenue and Balmain. I want them in alligator, patent leather, calfskin and Gucci suede."

"I'm sure that can be arranged. May I ask what you intend to do with all the footwear?"

"Wear them, dummy. My husband may wear the pants in the palace, but I wear the shoes."

The shoes were delivered and the phone company runs the entire communications industry in the country.

With the new treaty these arrangements will be a thing of the past.

For the first time business in 34 countries will be honest and above board, just as South Korea intended it to be.

Art Buchwald's column is distributed by the Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 3, the 337th day of 1997. There are 28 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on Dec. 3, 1947, the Tennessee Williams play "A Streetcar Named Desire" opened on Broadway, starring Jessica Tandy as Blanche DuBois, Marlon Brando as Stanley Kowalski and Kim Hunter as Stella Kowalski.

On this date:

In 1818, Illinois was admitted as the 21st state.

In 1828, Andrew Jackson was elected president of the United States.

In 1894, author Robert Louis Stevenson died in Samoa.

In 1948, the "Pumpkin Papers" came to light. The House Un-American Activities Committee announced that former Communist spy Whittaker Chambers had produced microfilm of secret documents hidden inside a pumpkin on

his Maryland farm.

In 1967, surgeons in Cape Town, South Africa, led by Dr. Christiaan Barnard, performed the first human heart transplant. Louis Washkansky lived 18 days with the new heart.

In 1967, the 20th Century Ltd., the famed luxury train, completed its final run from New York City to Chicago.

In 1979, 11 people were killed in a crush of fans at Cincinnati's Riverfront Coliseum, where the British rock group The Who was performing.

In 1984, more than 4,000 people died after a cloud of gas escaped from a pesticide plant operated by a Union Carbide subsidiary in Bhopal, India.

In 1991, radicals in Lebanon released American hostage Alann Steen, who had been held captive nearly five years.

Ten years ago: Four days before

his summit with Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev to sign a treaty banning intermediate-range nuclear missiles, President Reagan said in an interview with television network anchormen that there was a reasonably good chance of progress toward a treaty on long-range weapons.

Five years ago: The U.N. Security Council unanimously approved a U.S.-led military mission to help starving Somalia. The Greek tanker Aegean Sea spilled 21.5 million gallons of crude oil when it ran aground at La Coruna, Spain.

One year ago: Four people were killed in a subway bombing in southern Paris. The Justice Department barred 16 Japanese army veterans suspected of World War II atrocities from entering the United States. A judge in Hawaii ruled that the state had to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples, promoting an appeal.

WILLIAM SAFIRE

Labor decides to take the Fifth on money laundering

WASHINGTON — Two weeks after John Sweeney and his fellow union bosses took control of the Democratic Party, the labor movement finds itself hip-deep in a cesspool of corruption.

Sweeney's right-hand man, secretary-treasurer Richard Trumka, has just refused to answer questions about money-laundering on the Fifth Amendment grounds that his testimony might tend to incriminate him.

If that had happened in the clean-union, anti-Communist era of George Meany and Lane Kirkland, the man handling the dues of union members who refused to answer the law's questions about corruption would be out on his ear. But Sweeney is too tightly linked to Trumka to fire him.

Follow the money-laundering trail as laid out by the U.S. attorney in New York.

Trumka at AFL-CIO headquarters agreed to take \$150,000 from the teamsters' treasury. He then sent that money to a liberal advocacy front called Citizen Action, which skimmed one-third of it as a laundering fee, passing the remaining \$100,000 to the campaign consultants handling the re-election of the teamsters' Ron Carey.

Thus did "reformer" Carey, apparently with the secret help of Trumka, use the dues of union members—half of them opposed to him—to finance his own campaign. Asked about this abuse by the federal official investigating the stolen election, former Judge Kenneth Conboy, Trumka took the Fifth.

Sweeney thought that stonewalling was just fine. He wrote his brother union leaders that headquarters "has for some time been conducting its own internal inquiry, and has no basis to conclude that there was any unlawful conduct by Secretary-Treasurer Trumka."

Imagine that: based on the unwritten opinion of Sweeney's lawyers, Robert Weinberg and Robert Muse, reporting to Sweeney and issuing no report to the executive council, Sweeney's man is pronounced clean, need answer no questions under oath about flagrant corruption, and will continue to handle members' funds.

It struck me as odd that any secretary-treasurer could write a check for \$150,000 without the finance chairman knowing about it. I checked at the AFL-CIO and discovered that the finance chairman is also named Richard Trumka.

In olden times, say labor skates, no secretary-treasurer could expend more than \$5,000 without prior authorization from the president or the finance committee. The executive council raised that ceiling to \$25,000 last year for charitable contributions. Yet Sweeney wants his rank and file to think that his treasurer could sign a check to a political front for \$150,000 with nobody the wiser.

Sweeney claims, not yet under oath, that he knew nothing of the laundering. His strongest left-wing supporter, Gerald McEntee of the public employees' union, put the squeeze on a supplier to give \$20,000 to Carey, against the rules of using employers' money and contrary to labor's tradition against meddling in another union's election. McEntee is an AFL-CIO finance committee member—was he unaware of the \$150,000 laundering?

We may actually get to the bottom of this scandal. That's because Mary Jo White, a serious prosecutor, is at work in New York, unhampered by Reno Justice in Washington; unlike the conflicted bureaucrats here, White is getting little crooks to rat on bigger crooks.

It's also because a low-key but tenacious House Labor subcommittee chairman, Peter Hoekstra, tells me: "We want to find out how that money went through AFL-CIO headquarters without violating internal rules." He's hired the team of Joseph Di Genova and Victoria Toensing as counsel for hearings beginning next month, which means he's serious.

Before you yawn "Another day, another scandal," consider the political fallout from the rise and potential fall of John Sweeney.

Today he is the undisputed enforcer of liberalism-protectionism within the Demo-Labor Party. But in 1998 Sweeney may be to the Democrats the albatross that Newt Gingrich was to Republicans in 1996.

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FDA approves irradiation for beef

WASHINGTON (AP) — Searching for ways to ease food safety fears, the meat industry won approval Tuesday to zap beef with gamma rays to kill E. coli and other harmful bacteria. Some consumers were wary. "It's just the word — 'irradiation.' I'm not sure it's safe," said Lucy Geller, 45, who was shopping at a suburban Maryland grocery store. "It would take me a while to be comfortable with it."

The Food and Drug Administration approved use of irradiation in low dosages on beef and other red meats such as lamb, and changed the dosage levels for pork, which could already be treated with gamma rays for certain disease-causing organisms. FDA declared that the process does not make the meat radioactive and doesn't trigger other changes affecting the taste, wholesomeness or nutritional content. It kills most — but not all — bacteria such as E. coli and salmonella in food.

chemist who coordinated the review. "You do a lot of things to your food that you don't do to a living thing," she said.

The FDA acted on a 3-year-old petition from Isomedix Inc., a New Jersey company with long experience in medical sterilization that wants to offer meat processors irradiation with cobalt-60 gamma rays. There are many other ways to safely irradiate meat and other companies are in the market.

Indeed, these techniques are used on numerous foods in 40 other countries, and the World Health Organization approves. The process, pioneered by the U.S. military in the 1940s, has purified NASA astronauts' food.

Such techniques would enable meat packers to kill bacteria at the end of the production line, after it is already sealed in packages and cannot be contaminated further. This is particularly important in ground beef, where bacteria can easily get beneath the surface during grinding.

It will probably take some time before irradiated meats start to show up in the grocery store. The Agriculture Department must first develop regulations to go along with the dosage levels set by the FDA.

In addition, companies face the challenge of figuring out how to fit irradiation technology into their plants. Most irradiation facilities are large, concrete structures to which products must be transported in bulk — although the industry says the technique can be adapted to processing lines.

The food industry promises a broad education campaign to increase consumer awareness of how the process works. In addition, this year's FDA spending bill included a provision changing labeling requirements for all foods treated with irradiation so that the words can be smaller, no larger than those for ingredients.

"Some of this skepticism is to be expected," said Ben Zingman, vice president of the Grocery Manufacturers of America. "We've got to see what needs to be done to make consumers feel good about this technology."

To some critics, the FDA approval leaves many questions unanswered, such as the true long-term impact of eating treated food and whether the process diminishes vitamins and nutritional content.

"It's going to be impossible for the food industry to convince the public that a hamburger with ketchup, mustard and irradiation is safe," said Michael Colby, executive director of the Food & Water food safety group in Walden, Vt.

'We think it is safe and we think it is appropriate. But the consumer should not believe that he or she does not have to use good cooking and handling techniques.'

— Dr. Michael Friedman, the acting FDA commissioner

Dr. Michael Friedman, the acting FDA commissioner. "But the consumer should not believe that he or she does not have to use good cooking and handling techniques."

Irradiation has been available for years for poultry, pork, spices and some fresh produce, but interest in the process for beef intensified after this summer's recall of 25 million pounds of Hudson Food Co. hamburger that may have been tainted with E. coli.

Americans are eating 13 percent less beef than in 1970, but it is still by far the nation's leading meat at about 64 pounds per person every year.

The radiation dosage levels set by FDA are millions of times the amount in a typical chest X-ray, but that isn't a valid comparison, said Pat Hansen, an FDA

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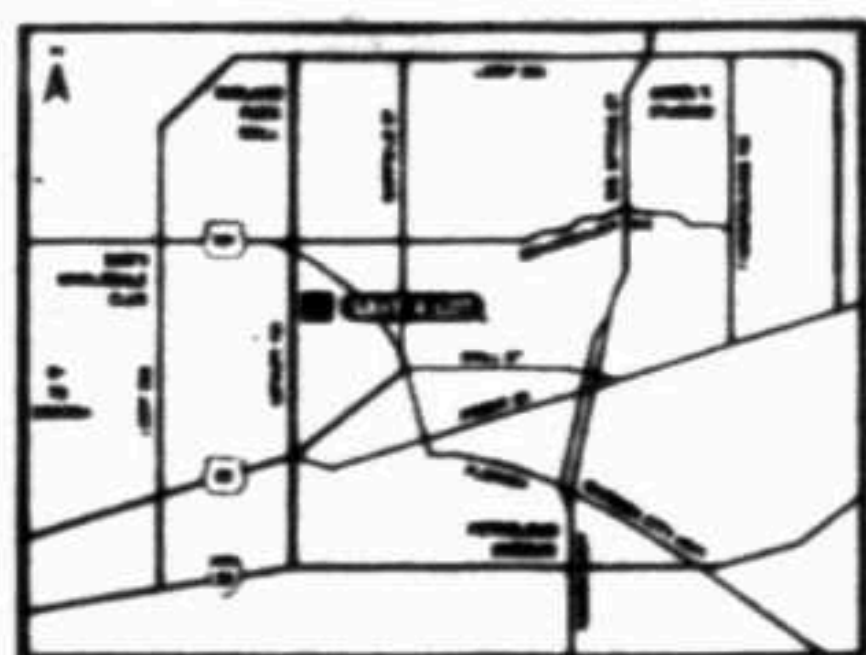
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Russia's nonnuclear military forces in dire state, study finds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Deserctions from Russia's military are rising, weapons purchases are plummeting and few, if any, Army units are ready for combat. The military's state of disrepair threatens the political and economic stability of Russia itself, according to a congressional study.

"The armed forces are becoming more politicized. Many U.S. and Russian specialists warn of a military calamity — implosion, mutiny or coup — if present trends continue," said a report written by Stuart Goldman, a specialist on Russian affairs for the Congressional Research Service.

"Many experts assert that the 'Russian military threat' is now more to Russia than from Russia," said the study, published by the group that conducts research and major studies for lawmakers on Capitol Hill.

This means that compared to the Cold War era, "the military threat to the West is greatly reduced," and the time the West would have to be warned of any crisis is greatly increased, the study said. It dealt only with Russia's conventional, or nonnuclear, military forces.

Since 1986, the study said, the size of the Russian force has become a shadow of what it was under the former Soviet Union:

- Troop numbers have fallen by over 70 percent, from 4.3 million to 1.27 million.

- The number of tanks and other armored vehicles has been cut by two-thirds, from 53,200 to 17,650.

- Artillery, combat aircraft and surface warships have been reduced by one-third. That translates to artillery pieces dropping from 29,250 to 19,150; aircraft from 7,360 to 5,160; and warships from 269 to 166.

- Weapons purchases have been "plummeting for over a decade," and in some key categories — such as in aircraft, tanks and surface warships — purchases have virtually stopped.

The ability of the Russian military has also declined, and "few, if any, of Russia's army divisions are combat-ready," the report said.

Training, exercises and far-flung naval deployments have been sharply reduced. Morale is low, primarily because troops haven't received their salaries.

"Draft evasion and desertion

are rising. Half the officers say they plan to quit the military in 1998," the report said.

The study estimates it would take at least 10 years for Russia to rebuild its nonnuclear forces.

The report also points out that since 1986, the U.S. military force has shrunk overall by 34 percent, from 2.1 million troops to 1.4 million. But the Pentagon has been able, with backing from Congress, to provide the money to keep that smaller force at a fairly high level of combat-readiness.

The study coincides with many reports emerging from Russia, indicating that soldiers have been ill-fed and lack proper pay and equipment. In May, The Washington Post reported that rations were in such short supply that there had been instances of

recruits starving to death and that "severe malnutrition is common." Brutal hazing leads to hundreds of deaths annually, the Post reported.

Other reports say the Russian military has had difficulty even tracking its number of dead from the 1994-96 war in Chechnya. While the government says about 3,000 soldiers were killed in the tiny Muslim republic, soldiers' mothers groups put the number at 5,000 to 10,000.

The congressional report concluded that if the budget crunch for the Russian military continues for two or three more years, "They must lead either to more drastic force reductions or to military collapse," the study said.

The report found that President Boris Yeltsin's government

has "taken better care of internal security forces than the Army," apparently because it believes it faces more of an internal, rather than an external, security threat.

Yeltsin has declared military reform a top priority. Proposals have been made to make even more cuts in the size of the Army, consolidate the military command structures and services, pay all salaries in arrears and move toward an all-volunteer force.

But the congressional study argues that resistance still exists within the military and from opposition political parties, bringing into question whether the reforms will be accomplished.

In May, Yeltsin put Defense Minister Igor Sergeyev in office to replace an opponent of radical military cuts.

Sergeyev, 59, who previously had the rank of Army general, has pledged to step up efforts to transform the bloated, underpaid and demoralized Russian military into a smaller and better-equipped force.

He has also pledged to cut the armed forces by 500,000 by the end of 1999 and earmark more money to develop new weapons systems.

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Senator seeks extradition of accused killer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Texas man accused of killing a woman while her quadruplet toddlers were nearby could be extradited soon from Mexico, a senator said Tuesday after meeting with the Mexican ambassador and the victim's husband.

But Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., also said Mexico's extradition of Jose Luis Del Toro will require a pledge that a death sentence be commuted if Del Toro is convicted and sentenced to die.

"The ambassador assured me that extradition could take place in a few weeks," said Torricelli, D-N.J. "Florida authorities need to be in communication with Mexican authorities with regard to their intentions."

Del Toro, 21, was arrested last month in Mexico. He faces charges that he shot Sheila Bellush, a 35-year-old mother of six, in her Sarasota, Fla., home Nov. 7.

Mrs. Bellush's 13-year-old daughter found the body. The 23-month-old quadruplets were unhurt but discovered crawling in their mother's blood.

The state attorney's office in Florida said Tuesday that it had not heard details of the Mexican government's position, and offered no comment. Mexican Ambassador Jesus Reyes-Heroles left without talking to reporters, and his embassy did not immediately return calls seeking comment.

Mexico has refused in the past to extradite suspects who could face execution, citing humanitarian concerns.

Asked about the Mexican stance, Jamie Bellush, the dead woman's husband, said he is focused only on raising the couple's quadruplets and two stepdaughters from his wife's previous marriage.

"I have to raise six children and quadruplets that will turn 2 years old this Friday without a mother," said Bellush, a native of Sussex County, N.J. "Sometimes I wake up and I think it's a bad dream."

Torricelli said that any promise that a death sentence for Del Toro ultimately be reduced to life in prison would not apply to others charged in the killing.

Two San Antonio men have been arrested and charged with conspiring in the killing. Mrs. Bellush's former husband, Allen Blackthorne, of San Antonio, has acknowledged knowing one of the men, but has denied any involvement. Blackthorne said through his lawyer he was in Texas when his former wife was killed.

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BASIN BRIEFING

Event postponed

The bowl-a-thon for the benefit of the Muscular Dystrophy Association has been rescheduled for Feb. 8. The event originally was planned for Sunday. For more information call 570-4970.

Camp Fire candy

Camp Fire Boys & Girls' annual candy sale finale is set for 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Clay/Desta Atrium. Volunteers are to be honored and children are to receive awards. There are to be refreshments and entertainment.

Buffer zones

AUSTIN — The Texas Supreme Court is considering whether buffer zones keeping anti-abortion activists away from clinics and doctors' homes may be an unconstitutional restriction of free speech. The court heard oral arguments Tuesday from anti-abortion groups appealing a ruling that found they had conspired to hinder business at Planned Parenthood and nine other clinics during the 1992 Republican National Convention in Houston. Attorneys for Planned Parenthood of Houston and Southeast Texas also made arguments. Benjamin Bull, attorney for Operation Rescue, Rescue America and two anti-abortion activists, said the court did not consider less-restrictive options, such as banning protesters from obstructing entry to clinics. The anti-abortion protesters are appealing a 1994 injunction of fixed buffer zones at Houston-area clinics and doctors' homes.

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.

Permian Basin Small Business Association, 7 a.m., 405 N. Marientfeld, Third Floor Conference Room.

Tall City Toastmasters Club, 11:30 a.m., Permian Basin Graduate Center, 688-3193 (Bob Chohessey).

Gamblers Anonymous, 4601 Neely Ave., Room 6, 7:30 p.m., 24-hour hotline 567-7916.

ARCO Articulators, 11:30 a.m., ARCO Building, 688-5760.

Singles Group, First United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m., church parlor.

Seniors Over 50, 7:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 697-3131 or 694-3236.

Company D, 403rd MP Battalion, Texas State Guard, 7:30 p.m., Texas National Guard Armory.

Midland Genealogical Society, volunteers help beginners, 14 p.m., Midland County Library.

Overeaters Anonymous, noon, 408 South G St., 694-4166; 590-7545; 694-8726 or 699-5563.

Seniors Over 50 Dance, 7:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 697-3131 or 694-3236.

Downtown Lions Club, noon, club activity building, 200 Plaza St.

MCC Womens Golf Association, 9 a.m., Midland Country Club.

Tall City VFW No. 7208 Auxiliary, 8 p.m., VFW Hall.

American Business Club, noon, Holiday Inn West.

Daybreak Rotary Club, 7 a.m., Ranchland Hills Country Club, 683-3000.

SAA—Reflections, 560-5240. The meetings are closed.

Duplicate bridge, 7 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 682-4461.

Blacksheep A.A. group, 7 p.m., Glenwood Hospital, 3300 S. FM 1788, info, 563-1200.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m., West Texas Behavioral Health System, 563-1200.

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Police arrest 2 more in weekend drive-by shooting

By Rick Lopez
Staff Writer

Police arrested two more suspects Tuesday afternoon in connection with a Saturday drive-by shooting in West Midland.

The two suspects — 17-year-old Oscar Mora Hernandez and a 16-year-old male — were arrested and detained at Midland High School and charged with engaging in organized criminal activity, a third-degree felony, police said.

The charges indicate that both teens are gang members, said Tina Sanders-Jauz, public information officer for the Midland Police Department. The warrants for the teens' arrests were obtained on Tuesday, she added.

According to the Texas Penal Code, the charge applies to members of a criminal street gang who are involved in a murder, assault, robbery, theft, kidnapping, bur-

glary, rape or act of deadly conduct.

Hernandez was taken to the Midland County Detention Center after his arrest. His bond hearing was scheduled for today, officials said.

The juvenile — whose name was withheld because of his age — was taken to the Culver Youth Home, and a detention hearing is pending, officials said.

Authorities said Hernandez claims to be affiliated with an east-side gang.

According to officers, the shooting occurred at about 9 p.m. in the back yard of a house in the 2800 block of Mariana Avenue. Shots were fired at a car occupied by a male driver and a child passenger, but no one was injured, police said. The bullet hit the center of the vehicle's windshield, police at the scene



Hernandez

said.

That night, police arrested 17-year-old Jesse Alan Sanchez on felony charges of deadly conduct. Police said that as of Tuesday night Sanchez remained in the Midland County jail in lieu of a \$25,550 bond.

Officers told the Reporter-Telegram that Sanchez was thought to be the shooter. Police said Sanchez was one of three occupants in a vehicle the suspects were in. A .22-caliber weapon was recovered from the vehicle during the initial investigation, police said.

Meanwhile, the two teens arrested Tuesday not only face state charges in connection with the shooting, but also will be subject to an investigation conducted by the Midland Independent School District.

The MISD probe will determine if the crime the suspects allegedly committed outside the school campus was in violation of the student discipline code, MISD

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Duck season



Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Thirteen-month-old Brooklynn Hale waggles on a duck ride at Opportunity Park. She is held by her mother, Jaclyn Hale.

Expansion of waste-water plant progresses with minor changes

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

Expansion of the Water Pollution Control Plant continues as city of Midland staff work to meet the waste-water treatment needs of the city's growing population.

Last week, the Midland City Council approved several minor changes in the construction plans for the plant at Cloverdale Road and Interstate 20. The changes provide for extra versatility in parts of the plant, at a cost of \$42,334.

Begun in September 1996, the total cost of the plant is estimated at \$11.7 million and should be completed by the middle of 1998, according to Rick Menchaca, assistant city manager.

"We're a little more than half way," said Kay Snyder, assistant director of the plant.

With the current population of Midland estimated at 99,000, the daily use of the plant is fast approaching its maximum capacity, Menchaca said.

The plant usually takes in about 13 million gallons of waste water each day, and has a maximum capacity of about 15 million.

When completed, the construction will increase the capacity of the plant to 21 million gallons per day, about a 46 percent increase in the amount of waste water that can be handled at the facility, Menchaca said.

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Big Spring boy's hobby makes paper come alive

By Johnnye Montgomery

BIG SPRING — Give Bryan Giles, 13, a sheet of paper and about a minute, and he can make you a crane, flapping or stationary, a fox that opens and shuts its mouth, a swan, a dog, a rabbit or any number of other animals and objects.

"I guess you'd call it a hobby," he said. "That's something I can do for my friends, and I could probably make money at it."

"I don't play soccer or things like that because I'm too heavy. There are places — like factories — where, all day long, they fold napkins into different animal and flower

shapes, for fancy restaurants and clubs.

"There are also professional artists who do origami art. I guess you could call me an artisan. I'm not good enough to be an artist."

Bryan can tell you a lot about origami, the ancient art of paper folding that may have started as early as the

Big Spring resident Bryan Giles, 13, uses sheets of paper to make a crane, a fox that opens and shuts its mouth, a swan, a dog, a rabbit, or any number of other animals and objects.

Please see PAPER/2B
Johnnye Montgomery



MC schedules day of activities to get into holiday spirit

■ Festivities kick off with alumni breakfast at 7:30 p.m. Thursday on campus.

By Richard Enos
Staff Writer

Midland College will bestow its annual Christmas gift upon Midlanders on Thursday.

The annual Midland College Holiday Celebration kicks off with events starting at 7:30 a.m. at the campus on 3600 N. Garfield St.

Elise Coombes, event coordinator, said the college tries to give back to the area as part of its role as a community college.

"It's a way to get the public involved in the community college and to add to the general Christmas celebrations around the city," Ms. Coombes said. "We just want to be part of that — just one way to be part of the community."

"I know in the past (President David) Daniel has called it Midland College's gift to the city. That's really what it is."

The celebration begins at 7:30 a.m. with an alumni breakfast in the Roadrunner Room of the Scharbauer Student Center. All MC employees and former students — not just MC graduates — are invited to attend.

Then at 5 p.m. the school will announce the MC English students who won the ninth annual Hilda Simmons Levitt Poetry Contest in a ceremony held in the Wagner and Brown Auditorium of the Allison Fine Arts building.

The contest was established by Midlander Stanley Levitt in memory of his wife, who was a student in Midland College creative writing classes.

Levitt died in 1994 and his daughter, Carol Levitt Schwartz, is continuing to underwrite the contest.

The contest awards first-, second- and third-place winner cash prizes of \$500, \$300 and \$200. A reception, which is open to the public, is to follow the awards ceremony.

A chili supper is scheduled for 5 p.m. at Scharbauer Student Center. The menu will include chili, cornbread, chips and iced tea. Cost is \$1 a bowl.

Then the carillon electronic bell tower festivities will kick off. The tower will play traditional holiday songs at 6:15 p.m. Daniel will light the Christmas lights on the tower at 6:30 p.m. and the Chaparral Singers will sing carols.

"There are lights all the way up the tower, with a white star on top," Ms. Coombes said. "It's kind of dramatic when it happens. It is a tradition for us."

The student art show will open to the public at 7:30 p.m. The show includes paintings, watercolors, ceramics, sculptures, drawings and photographs. A percentage of the sales will benefit the art student scholarship fund. The sale will continue through Sunday.

The crowning event is to be the Chaparral Singers Christmas Concert at 7:30 p.m. at the Wagner and Brown Auditorium.

For more information on the college events, call 685-4500.

CAF museum plans to build art gallery for plane nose art

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

The Confederate Air Force's World War II-vintage aircraft — including the P-51 "Old Red Nose," B-17 "Sentimental Journey" and B-29 "Fifi" — currently on display at Midland International Airport are accompanied by American Airpower Heritage Museum exhibits, including aircraft girlie "nose art."

To preserve the nose art — which graced thousands of allied aircraft — the museum plans to build an art gallery and conservation laboratory, according to Tina Corbett, the CAF's public-relations coordinator.

The Midland-based Abell-Hanger Foundation has announced a \$125,000 challenge grant toward building the gallery and laboratory. Ms. Corbett said. The museum is to raise \$375,000 from other private sources in the "Save the Girls" capital campaign in order to receive the grant.

"The Abell-Hanger Foundation has been a wonderful friend to the Museum,"

said Lucy Woodside, the CAF's development officer. "The new gallery will be a fantastic addition to the current museum building that will allow us to display the entire collection in a secure and controlled environment."

"We have the largest nose-art collection that we know of," Ms. Corbett said. "We have the pieces in best condition on display."

The museum owns 33 pieces of original nose art — including "Sack Time," "Ready for Duty," "Night Mission" and "Target for Tonight" — that were cut out of the aluminum fuselages of doomed aircraft in the post-war years when many of the airplanes were being scrapped.

Construction costs of the gallery and laboratory are estimated at \$500,000. In addition to that, \$1 million is to be raised before the groundbreaking to endow the utility, security and maintenance expenses of the gallery and conservation laboratory, Ms. Corbett said.

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Doctor's book details tour of duty in Vietnam

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

The project started out as a legacy for his family, but Robert Ordenez's book about his year in Vietnam gained another purpose.

Ordenez, now a family practice physician in Lubbock, will be at Hastings at 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday signing copies of his book, "When I Was A Boy: One Year in Vietnam." The book recounts his yearlong tour of duty with the First Marine Division from 1970 to 1971.

"The title lets you know I didn't come out of the experience a boy," he said by telephone from his Lubbock office. "I wouldn't say I came out a man; that indicates coming out of the experience confident and ready for life's experiences. What happened was quite different; I and my comrades were given a burden to handle later on. A lot of people who went to that war still carry that burden."

He said that he and his comrades were really young boys

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POLICE REPORTS

Forged prescription

Police arrested a woman at a local pharmacy Monday for trying to obtain pharmaceutical drugs with a tampered prescription, officials said.

Barbara Ann Sheriff, 40, remained at the Midland County Detention Center as of Tuesday, officials said. She was charged with felony forgery.

Police said the incident occurred at the Albertson's at 1002 Andrews Highway.

Midland Police Department Monday

Criminal mischief: Tires were slashed on a vehicle parked at 600 N. Lincoln St. It was reported by Vernon Brown.

Burglary of a habitation:

Home appliances were taken from 1608 Walnut Ave. Maria Oropega reported it at 9 p.m.

Tuesday

Assault: An assault report was made from 1901 College Ave.

Midland County Sheriff's Office Tuesday

Burglary of a vehicle: An employee of Genesis Crude Oil said that a cellular phone and two-way radio were taken from a vehicle at 4107 S. County Road 1283. A report was made at 7:54 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



Glass

George Glass

George Holt Glass, son of George W. and Mabel Holt Glass, passed away Sunday, November 30, 1997, at Midland Memorial

Hospital.

He was born December 5, 1932, in Midland, Texas. As a teen-ager, he was an accomplished skeet shooter, winning the titles of Junior National Skeet Shooting Champion twice, Texas State Champion and World Father/Son Champion.

In 1951, he graduated from Midland High School. He then joined the United States Army, where he served in the medical corps. In 1959, he received his bachelor's of business administration from Southern Methodist University.

Mr. Glass served as a vice president of the First National Bank of Midland and supported the Hospice of Midland since its inception. He was also a longtime supporter and a member of the board of the Midland SPCA. He spent much of his time taking care of wounded and unwanted animals as a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. He was an avid sportsman and conservationist. He managed the Lazy Z Ranch, in Martin County, Texas, until his death.

He is survived by his wife,

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.

Myra, of 40 years; three sons, George Holt Glass Jr., M.D., Doyle Dudley Glass and Braxton Best Glass; three daughters-in-law; seven grandchildren; his sister, Monta Jo Glass Johnson; one nephew; one niece; three great-nephews and two great-nieces of Midland.

A memorial service is scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 3, 1997, at the First United

Methodist Church Glass Chapel in Midland with the Rev. C. Lane Boyd and the Rev. Molly Krueger officiating. Interment was held Tuesday morning at Hillcrest Memorial Cemetery in Dallas, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be directed to Allison Cancer Center, 301 N. N St., Midland, Texas 79701 or to a charity of choice.

McCrary won't make another bid for seat on Commissioners' Court

By Ed Todd Staff Writer

Midland County Commissioner Guy McCrary, a Republican who first was elected in 1986, is not seeking re-election to the post that has afforded him "a great honor to ... serve the people of the Midland community" with a conservative flair.



McCrary

"Most especially," he said in a news release, "I am grateful to my wife, Jane, for her noble support of me, as I have sought to fulfill my commitment to this office."

McCrary, whose background is in banking, management and marketing, noted that "adhering to conservative fiscal principles ... is a constant challenge in county government."

"This challenge makes all the more rewarding the many achievements we have realized during my tenure on the court."

His four-year term ends next year.

McCrary listed among the court's achievements during his tenure: "developing improved quality in financial management, especially in the area of purchas-

ing"; computerizing operational functions "to increase employee productivity"; expanding criminal-justice facilities and operating capabilities; privatizing internal services and operations; improving cooperation with other community governmental entities and "building good relationships" with other local governments in West Texas; and maintaining "one of the lowest property-tax rates" among "Texas's 254 counties."

"I am proud to have been part of leading these efforts," McCrary said, "and I thank others with whom I have worked to achieve this progress."

McCrary said that he would "encourage other citizens to take a great interest in county government and to get involved in the process."

The county's political "arena will always be fertile territory for energetic people with forward-looking ideas and sound decision-making skills."

McCrary is the second member of the five-member court to announce decisions not to seek re-election.

Midland County Judge Jeff Norwood, a Republican, said last month that he would not seek re-election to a second term.

Former Justice of the Peace Keith Jobe has announced his candidacy for county judge.

DEATH NOTICES

H. Wilson Good

Midlander H. Wilson "Willie" Good died Tuesday, Dec. 2 in Midland.

Graveside services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, in Duncan, Okla. Memorial services are to be 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at First United Methodist Church in Midland with the Rev. C. Lane Boyd officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Good was born Aug. 20, 1914, in Cooper.

He worked for Mobil Oil Corp. for 50 years. After his retirement in 1983, Good started Good's Consultant Co. and worked there until 1991. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his son, Thomas Ray Good and two brothers, Lloyd Good and Lewis Good.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Maxine Ray Good of Midland; two daughters, Susan Good Hall of Midland and Jane Good Rowe of Albuquerque, N.M.; a sister Margaret Good; two brothers, Gene Good and Barton Good, and four grandchildren.

The family is requesting that in lieu of flowers, a memorial be sent to the First United Methodist Church, 305 N. Baird St., Midland, Texas, 79701 or Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas, 79702.

Donald Simmons

Midlander Donald Winfred Simmons died Tuesday, Dec. 2, at a local hospital.

Services are to be at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Burial is to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Visitation is scheduled for 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Simmons was born June 9, 1922, in Dallas.

He moved from Roswell, N.M., to Midland in 1968. He worked with Sun Oil for 37 years and retired in 1987. Simmons was involved with the Masonic Lodge, Midland Wood Carving Club and several oil-related organizations.

He is survived by his wife Glenda Bishop Simmons of Midland; a son, Donald W. Simmons Jr. of Dallas; a daughter, Diane Eliza-

beth Simmons of Richardson; a stepson, Douglas Strong of Hobbs, N.M.; two stepdaughters, Karen Adkisson of Midland and Betsy Jamal of Richmond; a brother Robert E. Simmons Jr. of Dallas; five grandchildren; and one niece.

The family requests that memorial be directed to the American Cancer Society, 2304 Wadley Ave., Midland, Texas, 79705 or Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas, 79702, or a charity of choice.

Gertrude Hodges

Midlander Gertrude Marie Hodges died Monday, Dec. 1, at a local convalescent home.

Graveside services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, at the Cook-Walden/Forest Oaks Memorial Park in Austin with Jerry Spaulding officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Ms. Hodges was born Nov. 14, 1902, in Trenton.

She moved from Austin to Midland in 1995. She was a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by her husband, David G. Hodges; two sisters; and five brothers.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews, including Cioetta Campbell and Shirley Spaulding, both from Midland.

Maude Burns

WICKETT — Maude Burns died Monday, Dec. 1, in Wickett.

Services have been scheduled for 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Burial is to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born Aug. 28, 1916.

She was a rancher in the Garden City area and worked as a nurse.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Emmitt Hill.

Survivors include a son, David Hill of Wickett; three daughters, Barbara Hix of Wickett, Flo Perry of Leona and Elaine McKinney of Carlsbad, N.M.; a brother, J.C. Riddle of Rogers; three sisters, Vaddie Ashby of Rogers, and Sug Hill and Margaret Rosser, both of Rogers; and several grandchildren; great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

BOOK: Lubbock doctor ends work with positive message

(From 1B)

— ill-equipped to go to war. He has long credited his faith in God for his survival, though the experience left him profoundly changed, more appreciative of simple things like fresh air and singing birds.

"At 21, we're old enough to vote and we're considered mature, but we're really not. The average age of the soldier in Vietnam was 19. In World War II, the average age was 26. Most of us were just kids when we went over there. I was a little older; I was 21 and had some college," he said.

A native of Albuquerque, N.M., Ordonez went back to college after returning from Vietnam. He earned a bachelor's degree in science from the University of New Mexico and then graduated from the University of New Mexico School of Medicine. He moved his family to Lubbock in 1977 to serve his residency at Texas Tech University of Health Sciences Center Department of Family Practice. He began practicing in 1981 and opened his own office a year later.

He said his book ends on a positive note. "It's uplifting, to show that there's a way in which people can overcome any circumstance," he said.

"Most war books describe the gruesomeness — the horrors of war, whereas my intention was not to focus on that part but to show the experiences we went through. And the final portion of the book shows that people can come out of any situation and I find that most people do."

"The average Vietnam vet is a successful person. A survey done of the true combat veterans — the ones who actually saw combat — shows that the average Vietnam vet has a higher level of education and a more stable marriage than his counterpart who didn't see actual combat. Unfortunately, the picture the world is given is of a crazed vet who shoots up a restaurant. A lot of those troubled veterans didn't even see combat."

"The resolution of the war came many years before this book. This is a tool to help those people who hadn't resolved their dealings with the war."

What he is proudest of, he said, is the fact that while the book contains graphic content, it contains no profanity, which makes it accessible to entire families.

"It was written in a language all people can relate to," he said. "Everyone who's read the book said the abrasiveness wasn't needed. I've not received any criticism for leaving it out."

He has spoken to students in junior high, high school and college. "They were unaware of these kinds of details from the Vietnam conflict," he said. "I've had comments from them that it brings it close to home because those of us who were there were the same age these students are now and they realize what their counterparts in Bosnia are experiencing."

PAPER: Big Spring boy takes new interest in magic

(From 1B)

first century A.D. with the Chinese. The word, he said, is a juxtaposition of two Chinese characters: ori, meaning "folding" and kami, meaning "paper."

"But the Japanese made the first animals and I think they were the first real origami artists, since the Chinese only folded paper into useful objects — not to try to make it beautiful," he said.

He said he first heard about origami a couple of years ago, at a church camp in Big Sandy, just east of Big Spring.

"I was folding some airplanes and the leader came over to me to watch. Then he said 'Do you like paper folding?,' and I said I did, and he said, 'Come to my car and I'll show you something that I got

while I was in Japan. You can have it."

"It was a little book that showed how to make all kinds of different animals and things out of paper. So I started making them. Then I went to the library and got other books."

Bryan said he has a repertoire of about 15 figures he can make fairly easily.

"I can make boats, birds, animals, boxes, Ninja stars, fortune tellers and other stuff like that. It's really so easy, and yet people think it's hard to do," he said. "I guess the favorite of most people is the kind of animal that moves. The flapping cranes, the talking foxes, the chickens."

To illustrate, he retrieves a sheet of paper from the wastebasket and begins to fold, turning,

creasing the paper with his thumb-nail, leaning over with his mouth half open as he makes a final fold, twisting the newly formed shape slightly — and voila: a flapping crane.

"Most origami is made without ever cutting the paper, but to make the talking fox, I have to cut a strip of paper," he explained. "You pull the strip of paper and that makes it open and close its mouth."

Bryan said he plans to continue to work on his origami; but during a recent trip to the library, he discovered another fascination.

"Magic," he said. "There are some really neat magic tricks that are simple to do. I've taught

myself rope tricks, disappearing object tricks, and of course, there are always lots of card tricks."

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Bush to kick off 24-city tour for re-election with stop in Midland

AUSTIN (AP) — Up 50 percentage points on his opponent and sporting the endorsement of the state's top elected Democrat, Republican Gov. George W. Bush vows to be a tireless campaigner in the re-election bid he begins today.

He will formally launch his campaign with a six-day, 24-city tour of the state starting in Midland.

"I know the polls look good. But that will not deter me from working as hard as I possibly can," Bush said Tuesday. "I'll take nothing for

granted, and I intend to win."

Bush is increasingly the subject of presidential speculation.

Only the second Republican governor in 120 years, he seeks to become the first to be re-elected since Dolph Briscoe in 1974 and the first ever to win back-to-back four-year terms.

Underlying this race is talk of a possible Bush bid for the White House in 2000, a subject the governor steadfastly declines to discuss.

"I'm not concerned about it.

What people are going to hear from me is here I need to lead (the state)," Bush said.

The latest Texas Poll, published last month, gave Bush 68 percent support to 16 percent for the only announced Democratic candidate, four-term Land Commissioner Garry Mauro. And the week Mauro announced, Bush was endorsed by Democratic Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock.

But Democrats are taking their shots.

Democratic Party Chairman Bill White said people need to "take another look" at the Bush record, which he says has done nothing for the average Texan.

"George W. Bush is a nice man. But if you take a look behind the image — and at the record — he has failed to deliver on key promises in education, insurance and crime," White said.

Mauro said Bush failed to give Texans the significant property tax rollback he promised before

this year's Legislature.

The Legislature rejected Bush's \$3 billion plan, opting instead for a more modest \$1 billion cut. And indications are that many of the state's largest school districts are raising property tax rates this year.

"If Gov. Bush thinks he's cut property taxes, he's spent too much time listening to Austin insiders and not enough time talking to Texas families," Mauro said.

Responding, Bush said flatly,

"We delivered the largest tax cut in the state's history."

Bush, who has amassed more than \$12 million for his campaign, is confident his record will carry him to another term.

He points to tougher juvenile crime laws, more local control for schools and requirements that welfare recipients work or get training to obtain benefits. The state's crime rate is down, and paroles are at the lowest rate in two decades.

DRIVE-BY: MISD also to conduct investigation

(From 1B)

spokeswoman Susan Webb said.

Municipal police must verbally notify the MISD superintendent of the arrest within 24 hours, Ms. Webb explained. After the notification, the school district will launch their own investigation to determine if the student will face any punitive action from the school district.

Ms. Webb said that the process is routine for each student arrested by authorities. She added that it is up to the student's principal to decide whether a student — pending the outcome of the school investigation — is allowed back on

the school grounds or is assigned to an Alternative Education Program.

Saturday's incident is the third drive-by shooting reported to local authorities since July, officials said.

In addition, at least one other gang-related crime occurred last week, authorities said. A Friday night stabbing left a 17-year-old male in critical condition. Officials said the young man was stabbed several times and struck in the head with an ax handle. He sustained eye and head injuries. No arrests have been made in connection with the stabbing incident.

According to the 1996 Crime In Texas Report, more than 2,000 juveniles were arrested last year in connection with incidents involving deadly weapons. Juveniles 16 years old and under accounted for 16 percent of all people arrested for illegal use or possession of weapons. Ninety-three percent of those suspects were male. The age group with the highest number of arrests for both male and female were people between 15 and 19.

Police said in earlier interviews that less than 1 percent of the Tall City's juvenile population is affiliated with gang activity.

CAF: Abell-Hanger announces challenge grant

(From 1B)

Restoration of the art pieces is important because of the corrosive nature of time and weather, according to Ms. Corbett. The nose art was donated to the CAF in the 1970s when the CAF was headquartered at Harlingen.

The CAF operation, museum

artifacts and archives, and headquarters-based aircraft and attendant parts and accessories were relocated to Midland in 1991.

On Sunday, the 56th anniversary of the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, all veterans will be admitted to the museum for free. Hours are from noon to 5 p.m.

The museum's Pearl Harbor

exhibit includes a variety of photographs and other images and an eight-minute video that highlights the event that plunged America headlong into the war.

People who are interested in participating in the "Save the Girls" campaign may call Ms. Woodside at 563-1000.

EXPANSION: Council OKs minor changes

(From 1B)

This should keep the facility ahead of the city's needs until the year 2020, Menchaca said. The projected population of Midland at that time is 130,000.

However, the current construction includes the ability to expand the capacity of the plant by an additional seven or eight million gallons per day just by adding a few pieces of equipment, Ms. Snyder explained.

This additional 25-percent increase in capacity would keep the plant up to date until the year 2030, she said.

Both the federal Environmental Protection Agency and the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission have stringent guide-

lines for expanding waste-water treatment capacity.

When 70 percent of capacity is reached, cities must start planning for eventual expansion. As the usage grows, the expansion effort must progress to the engineering and design phases to eventual construction, Menchaca explained.

The \$11.7 million for Midland's construction project comes in the form of a low-interest loan from the Texas Water Development Board to the city of Midland.

In addition to the construction at the plant itself, more land is being purchased in the Sprayberry area of the county where effluent, treated water produced in the plant, is piped.

In these extensive fields, farm-

ers contract to use the effluent from the plant to irrigate fields of livestock feed. "They grow different kinds of crops... for cattle grazing," Menchaca said.

Several sections of land are owned by the city in this area and more will be needed to utilize the treated water from this plant. "The water coming out of there is pretty clean," he said.

Changes to construction plans approved last week are minor, dealing with such items as increasing the concrete floor thickness of the main power distribution building by two inches, adding two more heavy circuits for welders in the new shop building and changing specifications on some cabinets and windows, Ms. Snyder said.



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Jewish guy from Alaska seeks love in modern world

NEW YORK (AP) — What's a nice Jewish guy from Alaska doing in New York City?

Dating as fast as he can. Jay Ramras, a talkative, green-eyed bachelor from Fairbanks, settled into a sublet apartment two months ago and started networking for single Jewish women.

Since then, he's had 50 dates (more than he'd ever had in his life) and is the subject of a weekly update in New York magazine headlined, "Nice Jewish Boy Seeks Hotblooded Jewish Girl for Love in Colder Climes."

"They're calling me the busiest bachelor in Gotham," Ramras said.

Ramras, a 33-year-old restaurateur, claims there were just two single Jewish women in his interior Alaska town of 33,000. In Alaska, men outnumber women 5-to-3.

"The only opportunity I would have there is to fall in love with a woman because she's Jewish," Ramras said last week. "I really want to fall in love with a wonderful woman who happens to be



Jay Ramras stands outside one of his Food Factory restaurants in Fairbanks, Alaska. What began as a simple quest for a bride has turned into a long-running saga for Ramras. The 33-year-old, green-eyed Alaskan landed in New York in October 1997, settled into a sublet apartment and started networking for single Jewish women.

Jewish." After trying singles services and importing dates from the Lower 48, Ramras decided to enter his Last Frontier: New York — home of nearly one-third of the nation's Jewish popula-

tion. But Fairbanks can be a tough sell for a New York City woman. "I'm an urban guy," Ramras insists, intent on debunking the myth of the Grizzly Adams bachelor looking for a mate to gut his

fish. "Fairbanks is not some Siberian leper colony."

Still, Fairbanks' high temperature Tuesday was forecast at near 0. The sun rose at 10:21 a.m., set at 3:01 p.m. — and the days are only getting shorter.

"That's quite a sacrifice, to move to a place as far away and as different as Alaska," said Hillary Black, a Manhattan book editor who is 26, Jewish and single. "I find it hard to believe that a modern woman would just pick up and move with someone she doesn't know that well for the sake of getting married."

Ramras, who started a chicken-wing stand at age 20 and owns four restaurants, said his quest began when he turned 30. It was time to settle down with a nice Jewish girl.

He flew 30 times to Seattle (which has a 30,000-strong Jewish community), bought ad space in the Alaska Men singles magazine and paid \$5,500 to a Los Angeles-based Jewish dating service, which yielded a short-lived relationship with an employee of the company.

Ramras even imported dates from as far away as Texas and Florida.

His father, a Brooklyn native who moved to Alaska 51 years ago, told him to find a gentile. But Ramras, who led the effort to build a Fairbanks synagogue in memory of his mother, calls Judaism "the bedrock of my soul."

"Marrying within my faith is too important to me," he said.

So he went to New York, with its 1.9 million Jews — 32 percent of the total U.S. Jewish population.

"Statistics brought me here," he concedes, "and LA is too weird."

Ramras is determined to live in his native state. He likes his two-bedroom downtown condo and his lakeside cabin where he goes snowmobiling.

Emily Rosenberg of Brooklyn

— 36, single and Jewish — said she knows people who have visited Alaska and liked it. But she wouldn't go. "I guess I am too much of a New Yorker."

Her friend Elana Cook, however, might consider the trek.

"Why not? Life's an adventure," said Cook, 29 and also Jewish. "Whether it's 5 degrees in Fairbanks or 75 in Miami, if you're alone your bed is just as cold."

None of the dates have gone on the record, but Ramras gets high marks from a high school chum.

"He's a great guy, very witty, extremely intelligent," said Rachel Ring, 34, of Anchorage, who is single but not Jewish.

Ramras wasn't exactly a ladies' man in high school, she said, but he was "always quite the businessman."

Academy urges mothers to nurse for full year

CHICAGO (AP) — In its most aggressive stance yet, the American Academy of Pediatrics is urging mothers to breast-feed for at least a year — six months longer than previously advised.

The guidelines, issued in an era of shortened hospital stays and more working mothers, also urge employers to provide a place for women to nurse and recommend that insurance companies pay for services like lactation consultations to teach new mothers the basics.

"In addition to individual health benefits, breast-feeding provides significant social and economic benefits to the nation, including reduced health-care costs," the academy wrote in the December issue of its journal Pediatrics.

Breast-feeding's advantages include decreasing the incidence of infant ear infections, allergies, diarrhea and bacterial meningitis. It also may protect against childhood lymphoma, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and diabetes. Breast-feeding mothers reduce their risk of ovarian cancer, early breast cancer and postmenopausal hip fractures, the academy said.

About 60 percent of new mothers breast-feed, though only about 20 percent continue beyond six months. The academy's goal is to raise that to at least 75 percent initially, hoping that 50 percent will continue through the first six months.

The academy recommends that women breast-feed exclusively for the first six months, when solids are usually introduced, and continue past the child's first birthday "for as long as mutually desired."

The new guidelines, replacing a 15-year-old policy, were called overdue by Betty Crase of La Leche League International, a breast-feeding advocacy group.

"What they are doing is coming more in line with world opinion concerning the appropriate length of breast-feeding," she said Tuesday.

Among other recommendations:

■ Mothers should begin breast-feeding within the first hour of birth and feed newborns on demand for as often as 12 times daily if needed. They should look for signs such as sucking motions, rather than waiting for a baby to cry, which is a late sign of hunger.

■ Lactation experts should monitor women during the first 12

to 48 hours after delivery, with a follow-up 48 hours to 72 hours after leaving the hospital, to make sure breast-feeding is going smoothly.

■ Milk should be pumped and stored for later use when breast-feeding directly isn't possible.

Felicia Jackson, a 36-year-old Chicago mother of two, called the guidelines excellent ideas but said they shouldn't make women who don't comply feel guilty.

She said she quit nursing her 3-month-old boy a few days ago in preparation for returning to her advertising sales job in January.

Breast-feeding "was really important to me because it's supposed to be healthier for the baby," Jackson said. She said she might have stuck with it if her employer offered a private setting to pump milk. "You have to really be able to feel comfortable," Dr. Marianne Neifert, a Denver

pediatrician who helped draft the new policy, said the guidelines present merely the ideal and acknowledged that for some women, breast-feeding may either be physically or logistical-

ly impossible. "A year of breast-feeding is better than a month," she said, "but a month is better than a week and a week is better than nothing."

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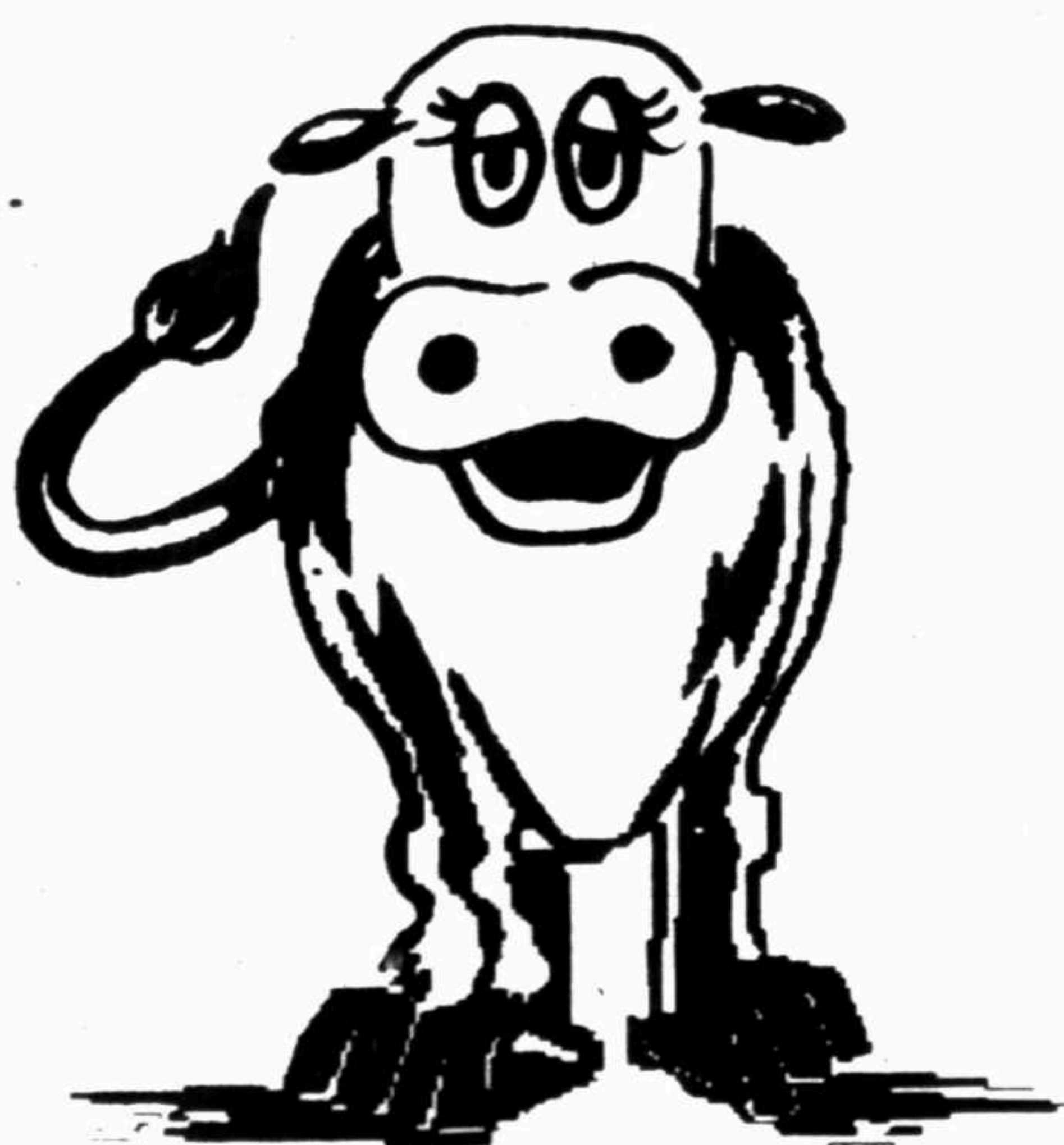


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Gore: Internet firms to help government police on-line pornography

Marcia Stepanek
Hearst News Service

WASHINGTON — Vice President Al Gore, saying that parents might someday "shut off the Internet if they think it's unsafe for kids," announced Tuesday that on-line firms will start reporting child pornography sites to law enforcement officials.

Gore said the new government-industry program calls on firms to start acting as "Internet police" to help law enforcement officials across the nation to "capture and punish those who abuse the Internet to harm and hurt our children."

Steve Case, president of America Online, the nation's largest Internet service provider, said the new policy asks Internet companies to remove child porn from their own bulletin boards and services and to notify federal and state law enforcement officials of sites that could be harmful to children.

Once alerted to a sites depicting child pornography, law enforcement officials can decide whether

to investigate further.

"Ten million children are already on the Internet, four times as many as three years ago, and soon kids will be more connected to the Internet than any other segment of our population," Gore told a conference here on ways to make the Internet safer for children without regulation. "We need to make the Internet a more family-friendly place — or we won't see this global network grow and realize its wondrous potential."

Gore also announced the creation of a national, toll-free hot line to alert parents to on-line child pornography and sexual exploitation.

But while he praised companies for developing smut-blocking software, Gore said the on-line industry must do more to ease the fears of parents about the global information network.

Many filtering tools now on the market, he said, aren't effective enough and not enough parents know how to use them. The vice president cited other Internet problems of children who are vulnerable to pedophiles who use

assumed names in on-line chat rooms, and sexual material sent in e-mail.

Gore urged the industry to improve filtering software to flag kid-friendly sites in on-line user-manuals and to make improved smut-blocking tools as widely available "and as easy to use as the TV remote."

Unless such steps are taken, Gore told the more than 400 industry representatives attending Tuesday's conference, "You might as well prepare yourself for a massive, nationwide backlash that will stunt the growth of this exciting resource."

Gore also challenged the industry to come up with ways to protect

kids from exploitative on-line marketing and to protect children's privacy.

The two-day "Internet Online Summit: Focus on Children" conference, sponsored by a coalition of high-technology companies and public policy groups, is focused on how to rely on technology, education and existing laws to screen children from inappropriate material on line — without regulation. Sponsors say the conference is being held in response to President Clinton's call last summer for the industry to do more to make the Internet more child-friendly.

Some conservative, pro-family groups Monday criticized the conference as being little more than a

public relations effort to promote new Internet products and stave off government regulation of the on-line industry.

Gore acknowledged those criticisms, saying: "There is a danger that (the conference) could degenerate into a discussion about how

to avoid regulation." He suggested that the best way to avoid regulation in the future was for industry to "devote the same resources and commitment to designing parental controls that it would devote to the design and launch of any new product."



Midland College Holiday Celebration Thursday, Dec. 4

Alumni Breakfast, 7:30-9:30 a.m.,
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Student Center. All Midland College employees and former MC students are invited to attend.

The Public is invited to attend the following events:

Hilda Simmons Levitt Poetry Contest Awards,
5 p.m., Allison Fine Arts Building.

Chili Supper, 5-6:15 p.m., Scharbauer Student Center.

Carillon music, 6:15-6:30 p.m.

Lighting of the Carillon tower, 6:30 p.m.

Opening reception for the Student Art Show, 7 p.m., Allison Fine Arts Building.

Chaparral Singers Christmas Concert, 7:30 p.m., Allison Fine Arts Building.

Fifth Annual MC Student Art Sale

6:30 p.m., Dec. 4 through Sunday, Dec. 7, Allison Fine Arts Building. The sale includes paintings, watercolors, ceramics, sculptures, drawings and photographs.

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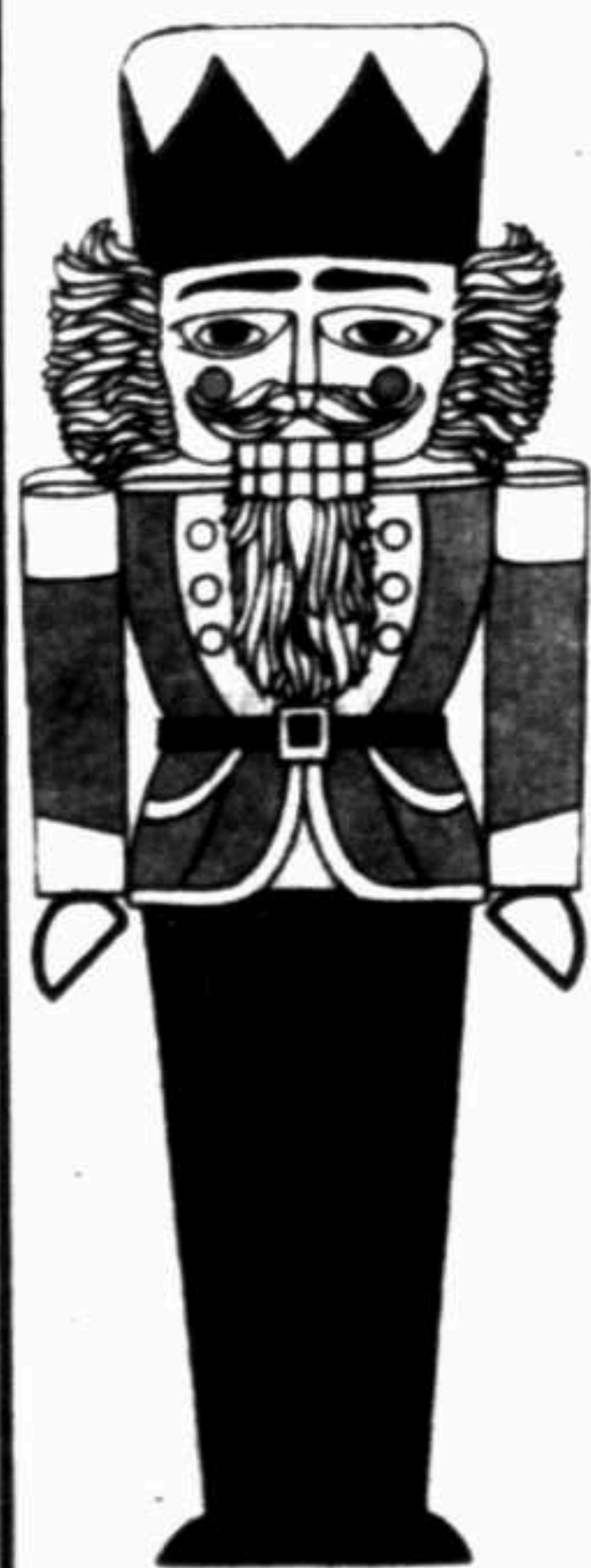
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Mother grieves for daughter she thought had survived car wreck

Associated Press

FRANKLIN, Tenn. — Kathy Getty was devastated when she was told her daughter had been critically injured in a traffic accident that killed the teenager's best friend.

Her anguish worsened four days later, when she learned the comatose girl she had been sitting with was someone else's child and her daughter was dead.

Mrs. Getty, a nurse, blames Vanderbilt University Medical Center for the mistake.

"I go in and see this child and pray for her and give her love and attention, and then four days later they tell me it's not my baby," she said Tuesday. "I have a live, comatose daughter and then they shock the hell out of me by saying she's been dead. This is so horrible."

The hospital regrets the mix-up but questions why Mrs. Getty couldn't tell the injured girl was not her daughter.

"I'm being accused: 'You should have known that wasn't your daughter.' How can you know in a situation like this?" she asked. "I mean, hospitals don't get this kind of thing wrong."

"The only thing I thought was that her hair looked a little dark. You focus on what you're given and that's what I was given — hope and life."

The hospitalized girl is 14-year-old Tiffany Moshier, the best friend of Mrs. Getty's 16-year-old daughter, also named Tiffany. Both were passengers in a pickup truck that collided with another truck on Nov. 26.

Members of the Moshier family, who had been planning their daughter's funeral, haven't spoken publicly since the mixup was confirmed Sunday.

The two young women were among six people taken to the hospital after the crash. Two died and four were injured. A relative of the pickup driver incorrectly identified the girls for a police officer in the emergency room, said hospital spokesman John Houser.

The officer approved the release of what was believed to be Miss Moshier's body to the medical examiner's office, Houser said.

The medical examiner's office sent the body on to Williamson Memorial Funeral Home, where owner Clyde Stephens said he urged the Moshier family not to look at the body until he could repair the disfigured face.

At the hospital, the real Miss Moshier was in intensive care and Mrs. Getty was allowed to see her briefly several times a day.

The girl had a tube in her throat and a cervical collar around her neck. Her face was slightly swollen but recognizable, Houser said.

Miss Moshier is petite and dark-haired while Miss Getty was blond and several inches taller.

"We're puzzled as to why a proper identification couldn't be made," Houser said.

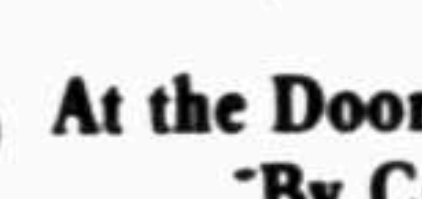
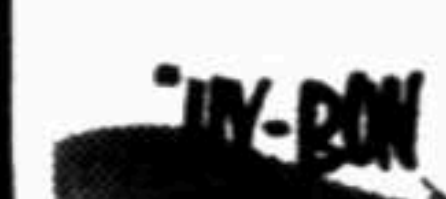
At the funeral home, the dead girl's clothing and jewelry were given to the Moshiers. On Friday, Giselle Moshier told Stephens the clothes were not her daughter's. Her husband saw the body the next day and agreed it was not his daughter.

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The Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities is seeking nominations for the local competition. Local winners will be sent to the state competition.

Categories include the Governor's Trophy, awarded to an individual for employment and empowerment of people with disabilities; the Entrepreneurship Award, given to an entrepreneur with a disability operating a business or enterprise in the private sector; Public Employer, business awards (for small and large businesses) for employment and empowerment of people with disabilities; Private Employer, business awards (for large and small businesses) for employment and empowerment of people with disabilities; and the Martha Arbutnot Award, the mayor's award for the most innovative program for people with disabilities in a community.

Deadline to submit entries to the local mayor's committee is Dec. 15. Local winners will be honored at a recognition banquet. Send nominations to: Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Awards, 700 Camp Fire Boys & Girls, 4500 W. Illinois, Suite 112.

WEST TEXAS division National Multiple Sclerosis Society will meet 10 a.m.-noon Dec. 13 at Harvest Time Church (located between Midland and Odessa on Hwy. 191) to collect toys for Toys for Tots. For information on making donations call (915) 368-4948.

The organization also provides services — including free counseling, self-help groups, help with medical equipment, information about MS and referrals to MS professionals — to anyone in the area who is in need of them. For more information call 570-5248.

MIDLAND WOMAN'S Club will host a Christmas tea 2-4 p.m. Dec. 5 at the clubhouse in Hogan Park.

RETIRED AND Senior Volunteer Program will host its fourth annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Dec. 9 at Green Tree Country Club. More than 400 volunteers have contributed more than 31,000 documented hours of community service through the agency. For more information call 689-6693.

ST. ANN'S School will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 1998. St. Ann's Catholic Church will celebrate its 100th anniversary. The school is looking for alumni to take part in the celebration. Send name (including maiden name), address, telephone number and last year attended to St. Ann's Catholic School, Attn: Alumni Committee, 2000 W. Texas, Midland, Texas 79701. For more information call 684-4563.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS Texas Coaches' Training Clinic will be 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Dec. 6 at Odessa College's Athletic Center. For more information about the school or about registering an athlete, call 684-5024.

UNIVERSITY GRADUATE Women International Group will have its Christmas party Dec. 13. For information about time and location call 520-0301.

KAPPA DELTA will host its Christmas party 6:30 p.m. Dec. 7 at 5102 Los Alamos Court. Persons attending are asked to bring "goodies" for the refreshment table, and gifts (\$5 limit) to exchange. To RSVP call 682-5451.

LUPUS AND Arthritis support group will meet 8:30 p.m. Dec. 4 in the upstairs meeting room at Westwood Medical Center, 4214 Andrews Hwy. Dr. Mohan Penmetcha, rheumatologist, will speak on lupus. For more information call 682-5422 or 686-9882.

MIDLAND RAPE Crisis Center has a 24-hour hot line — (915) 682-7273 — and free counseling. The web site is www.midlandrape.org.

FREE PRE-SCHOOL storytelling program will be 10-11 a.m. Dec. 15 at the Children's Department of Midland County Public Library, 361 W. Missouri St. "Mrs. Santa" will be the storyteller.

Children and their parents or guardians will be entertained with stories and a sing-along.

Photos will be permitted. For information call 682-4991 or 696-7820.

CONSUMING INTERESTS

Box mix brownies disappear overnight

By Linda Anderson

In my opinion, the taste gap between homemade brownies and made-from-a-boxed-mix brownies is less than the gap between, say, homemade chocolate cake and its boxed-mix counterpart.

That's part of the reasons why I found myself putting a box of Betty Crocker Stir 'n Bake Brownies boxed mix in my grocery cart during a recent visit to my favorite supermarket. The youngest taste-tester, who is a very opinionated 4 years old, argued with me for a minute,



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since he thought he wanted the "white brownies." He changed his mind when I told him the white brownies were actually carrot cake (another flavor that Stir 'n Bake mixes come in; the others are coffee cake and devil's food).

Anyway, we got a box of the brownie mix and took it home to see if it really was as easy and as good as advertised.

Really, about the only label advertising is that the brownies are "New!" (of course) and the box the mix comes in "Includes Everything," which means brownie mix, "Hershey's Milk Chocolate Mini Kisses" and even a little disposable baking pan, and all you have to do is "Just Add Water!", pour in pan and bake.

A 10.1-ounce box of the brownie mix costs \$1.69, but only makes six brownies.

Yes, they are pretty good-sized brownies and I managed to cut them up into something more like 30 itty-bitty pieces (suitable for nibbling without the massive amounts of guilt that one brownie brings), but still, the mix only makes about half the amount of brownies that a regular brownie mix makes.

One of these six brownies contains 200 calories with 70 of them from fat, according to the nutrition label on the side of the box.

The taste test was an enormous success. I made the brownies; my teen-ager and one of her friends sampled them and pronounced them "Good!"; then three teenage girls (one of them mine) spent the night at my house where the pan of brownies was resting on the kitchen counter. When I got up the next morning, the brownies,

pan and all (it's disposable, remember — they aren't that hungry) were gone. So obviously sometime in the night the three girls ate all the remaining brownies. (I thought I heard a lot of getting up and moving around during the night — they were probably getting brownies in shifts.)

I may have to buy the mix again (I may try carrot cake next time; I like carrot cake even though the youngest tester has his doubts), but \$1.69 for six brownies is kind of expensive.

Price listed is from a local supermarket. Prices at other locations may vary.

Linda Anderson is a Reporter-Telegram staff writer.

DEAR ABBY

Mother vouches for success of home-schooling

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I was appalled at the arrogance of the teacher who recently wrote, "I have never met a parent who can give his/her children the quality of education I can offer." Does she really believe she can adequately assess my child's needs and give my child a better education in a class filled with 25 other students than I can give on a one-to-one basis?

The National Home Education Institute has recently released data that indicate home-educated students typically score in the



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85th percentile on standardized tests. These results are achieved by students whose parents are often not certified teachers and who have spent, on average, \$546 per child per year to educate them. The county in which I live recently reported spending \$4,791 per student per year and cannot boast equivalent standardized test scores.

I have been a home-school mom for five years and have seen remarkable results in the home-school community. A recent example: A young man who achieved a perfect score on his SATs and was eagerly accepted into the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. — PATRICIA A. BERNHAUSEN, RICHMOND, VA.

DEAR PATRICIA: In recent months I have published letters

from home-schooled children and educators. Your letter is one of a tidal wave of articulate letters from parents rising to defend home-schooling.

DEAR ABBY: If every teacher could give the "quality education" the one teacher in California claims to give, there might not be a need for parents to teach their children at home. Obviously, when children graduate and can't read, the system has failed.

Home-schooling a child is about more than hoping the child receives a good education. It's about safety, instilling the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic, and as a Christian, teaching biblical values.

One reason we don't send our children to school is because of the retired teacher in Florida. His values are not our values. He

writes, "Parents should examine the teaching materials... to make sure they are compatible with their own beliefs." Abby, we ARE familiar with the material. We know what our beliefs are, and we intend to pass them on to our children, who are well-behaved, courteous, intelligent and interact well with others.

Parents who make the enormous sacrifice to teach their children at home can offer them an education that will far surpass any they could receive in a public school.

Home-schooling is not for everyone, but if you're concerned with the education your child is receiving, then it's something to consider. — MELISA SHREVE, QUINLAN, TEXAS

Abigail Van Buren is columnist for Universal Press Syndicate.

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Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Roll out dough on lightly-floured surface to 1/8-inch thickness. Cut into desired shapes using holiday cookie cutters. Place on lightly greased cookie sheets. Make hole on top of each cookie with wooden skewer for ribbon. Bake 12 to 15 minutes or until edges are golden. Cool on wire rack, decorate as desired. Makes about 16 large cookies or 32 smaller ones.

Recipe from National Dairy Association.

THREE CITRUS MARMALADE

4 cups prepared fruit (1 medium pink grapefruit, 1 medium orange, 1 lime, 3-1/2 cups water and 1/4 teaspoon baking soda)
5 cups sugar
1 box fruit pectin
1/2 teaspoon butter or margarine

Boil jars or rack in large pot filled with water for 10 minutes. Place flat lids in saucepan with water. Bring to boil; remove from heat. Let jars and lids stand in hot water until ready to fill. Drain well before filling.

Remove and discard colored and white parts of peel from grapefruit. Finely chop fruit, reserving any juice; set aside. Remove colored part of peel from 1/2 lime. Cut into thin slivers; add to saucepan. Remove and discard remaining colored and white parts of peel from lime. Finely chop fruit, reserving any juice; set aside. Remove colored part of peel from 1/2 orange. Cut into thin slivers; add to saucepan. Remove and discard remaining colored and white parts of peel from orange. Finely chop fruit, reserving any juice; set aside. Add 3-1/2 cups water and baking soda to saucepan. Bring to boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 20 minutes. Add prepared fruit; cover and simmer 10 minutes. Measure 4 cups into 6- or 8-quart sauce pot.

Measure sugar into separate bowl. (Scrape extra sugar from cup with spatula to level for exact measure.) Stir pectin into fruit in sauce pot. Add butter. Place over high heat; bring to full rolling boil, stirring constantly. Immediately stir in all sugar. Bring to full rolling boil and boil 1 minute, stirring constantly. Remove from heat; skim off foam with metal spoon.

Ladle quickly into prepared jars, filling to within 1/8 inch of tops. Wipe jar rims and threads. Cover with two-piece lids. Screw bands tightly. Invert jars for 5 minutes, then turn upright. After

jars cool, check seals. Or follow water bath method recommended by USDA. Makes about 7 jars, 1-cup each.

APPLE JELLY

5 cups sugar
4 cups canned or bottled apple juice
Few drops red food coloring (optional)
1 box fruit pectin
1/2 teaspoon butter or margarine

Boil jars on rack in large pot filled with water 10 minutes. Place flat lids in saucepan with water. Bring to boil; remove from heat. Let jars and lids stand in hot water until ready to fill. Drain well before filling.

Measure sugar into separate bowl. (Scrape extra sugar from cup with spatula to level for exact measure.) Measure juice into 6- or 8-quart sauce pot; add food coloring. Stir pectin into juice in sauce pot. Add butter. Place over high heat; bring to full rolling boil. Immediately stir in sugar. Bring to full rolling boil and boil 1 minute, stirring constantly. Remove from heat; skim off foam with metal spoon.

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ONE-BOWL GERMAN'S SWEET CHOCOLATE BROWNIES

4-ounce package sweet baking chocolate
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine

3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
2 eggs
1/2 cup flour
1 cup chopped pecans
1 and 1/3 cups (3.5 ounces) sweetened flaked coconut
1/4 cup milk

Heat oven to 350 degrees (325 degree for glass baking dish). Grease bottom and sides of 8-inch square pan.

Cook chocolate and butter in large microwave-safe bowl on high (100 percent power) for 1-1/2 minutes or until butter is melted. Stir until chocolate is completely melted. (Or, on stove top, heat chocolate and butter over very low heat in small saucepan, stirring constantly until melted and smooth.)

Stir 1/2 cup of the brown sugar into chocolate until well blended. Mix in eggs. Mix in flour and 1/2 cup of the pecans until well blended. Spread in prepared pan.

Mix coconut, remaining 1/2 cup pecans and remaining 1/4 cup brown sugar in same bowl. Stir in milk until well blended. Spoon mixture evenly over brownie batter. Bake 35 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out with fudgy crumbs. Do not over bake. Cool in pan. Cut into squares. Makes 16 fudgy brownies.

TRIPLE CHOCOLATE BROWNIES

4 squares unsweetened baking chocolate
3/4 cup (1-1/2 sticks) butter or margarine
1-1/2 cups sugar
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
4 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla

1 cup flour
4 squares semisweet baking chocolate, coarsely chopped
1 cup coarsely chopped nuts
Chocolate Glaze (recipe below)

Heat oven to 350 degrees (325 degrees F for glass baking dish). Cook unsweetened chocolate and butter in large microwave-safe bowl on high (100 percent power) for 2 minutes or until butter is melted. Stir until chocolate is completely melted. (Or, on stove top, heat chocolate and butter over very low heat in small saucepan, stirring constantly until melted and smooth.)

Stir sugars into chocolate until well blended. Mix in eggs and vanilla. Stir in flour until well blended. Stir in chopped chocolate and nuts. Spread in greased, foil-lined 13- by 9-inch pan.

Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out with fudgy crumbs. Do not over bake. Cool in pan. Spread Chocolate Glaze evenly over brownies. Let stand until chocolate is set. Cut into squares. Makes 24 fudgy brownies.

CHOCOLATE GLAZE: Cook 3 squares semisweet chocolate, 2 tablespoons sugar and 2 tablespoons water in small microwave-safe bowl on high (100 percent power) 1-1/2 minutes to 2 minutes or until chocolate is almost melted.

Stir until chocolate is completely melted. Stir in 2 tablespoons butter or margarine until well blended.

Cool about 15 minutes or until slightly thickened. Stir well.

Top of the stove: Heat chocolate and butter over very low heat in small saucepan, stirring con-

Mushroom chili quick cooking all in one pot

Associated Press

Two-Mushroom Bean Chili is quick and easy to make. Using fresh white and shitake mushrooms, stewed tomatoes and white kidney beans, the chili takes less than 30 minutes to prepare and serve. Serve with tortillas, garnished with shredded lettuce, diced fresh tomatoes and shredded Cheddar cheese.

TWO-MUSHROOM BEAN CHILI

2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 cup chopped onion
1 tablespoon minced garlic
2 tablespoons chili powder
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1-1/2 pounds fresh white mushrooms, sliced (7-1/2 cups)
8 ounces fresh shitake mushrooms, sliced (2 1/2 cups)
14.5-ounce can stewed tomatoes
19-ounce can white kidney beans, rinsed and drained
1/2 cup sliced ripe olives

In a large saucepan, heat oil until hot; add onion and garlic. Cook, stirring frequently, until onion is tender, about 5 minutes. Stir in chili powder and cumin; cook until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Add white and shitake mushrooms; cook, stirring occasionally, until mushrooms are crisp-tender, 6 to 8 minutes. Add stewed tomatoes, beans, olives and 1/2 cup water. Simmer uncovered, to blend flavors, about 10 minutes. Serve with tortillas, garnished with shredded lettuce, diced fresh tomatoes and shredded Cheddar cheese, if desired. Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition facts per serving: 290 cal., 14 g pro., 40 g carbo., 11 g fat, 623 mg sodium.

stantly until melted and smooth. Continue as directed above.

ONE-BOWL CREAM CHEESE BROWNIES

4 squares unsweetened baking chocolate
3/4 cup (1-1/2 sticks) butter or margarine
2 cups sugar
4 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup flour
1 cup coarsely chopped nuts
8-ounce package cream cheese, softened
1/3 cup sugar
1 egg
2 tablespoons flour

Heat oven to 350 degrees (325 degrees for glass baking dish). Microwave chocolate and butter in large microwave-safe bowl on high (100 percent power) for 2 minutes or until butter is melted. Stir until chocolate is completely melted. (Or, on stove top, heat chocolate and butter over very low heat in small saucepan, stirring constantly until melted and smooth.)

Stir the 2 cups sugar into chocolate until well blended. Mix in 4 eggs and vanilla. Stir in 1 cup flour and nuts until well blended. Spread in greased 13x9-inch baking pan. Beat cream cheese, the 1/3 cup sugar, 1 egg and 2 tablespoons flour in same bowl until well blended. Spoon mixture over brownie batter. Swirl with knife to marbleize.

Bake 40 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out with fudgy crumbs. Do not over bake. Cool in pan. Cut into squares. Makes 24 brownies.

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Traditional Butter Almond Cookies, above, are a great recipe to use when making edible tree ornaments or various cookie shapes. They are also popular at cookie exchange parties. Brown-

ies, right, are a favorite to bake and mail, especially sweet chocolate, cream cheese or white chocolate brownies.



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Special Delivery

Staff Reports

It's that time of year where the holiday invitations begin arriving — bringing with them the dilemma of what to take for a hostess gift. It's also time to bake some gifts — to have on hand for surprise visitors — and to get goodies into the mail for gifts.

Then there are the cookie exchange parties where it's not uncommon to be asked to bring four dozen cookies (two dozen to share at the party, and two dozen to exchange). Traditional Butter Almond Cookies can be cut into various shapes and made with holes to string ribbon through them and hang on trees as edible ornaments.

Cookies sure to be the hit of holiday bake sales or cookie exchanges are the elegant melt-in-your-mouth Shortbread Wreaths.

Chewy brownies are a sweet gift for the holidays, and pack well for mailing.

One-Bowl German's Sweet Chocolate Brownies are a delicious hand-held version of the classic German's Sweet Chocolate Cake. Rich and moist, these brownies are topped with a decadent mixture of sweet, flaky coconut, fresh pecans and brown sugar. These brownies can be made in advance and frozen.

Triple Chocolate Brownies are made with chunks of semisweet baking chocolate and chopped nuts, topped with an easy-to-make chocolate glaze.

One-Bowl Cream Cheese Brownies are a delightful combination of cream cheese and rich chocolate brownie batter, swirled for a marbled effect.

Then for the more ambitious preserve makers, Three Citrus Marmalade and Apple Jelly are food gifts that can last beyond the holiday season.



Photo courtesy of Homemaker Cooking Schools

Festive melt-in-your-mouth Christmas Shortbread Wreaths are liable to be the first to go at bake sales and holiday cookie exchanges.



Photo courtesy of Kraft Foods

Homemade preserves, such as Three Citrus Marmalade and Apple Jelly, are gifts that usually last beyond the holidays.

CHRISTMAS SHORTBREAD WREATHS

1 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 cup cornstarch
1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
3/4 cup butter (no substitutes), softened
Red and green sprinkles

In bowl, combine flour, cornstarch and sugar. Blend in butter with wooden spoon until dough is smooth. Form into two balls. Chill for 30 minutes or until firm. On floured surface, roll one ball into 9-inch circle; transfer to greased baking sheet. Cut out center with small round cookie cutter. If desired, scallop outer and inner edges of wreath with edge of cookie cutter or knife. Cut wreath into 12 wedges. Separate wedges, leaving 1/8-inch between. Decorate outer and inner edges with sprinkles. Repeat with remaining dough. Bake at 300 degrees for 18 to 22 minutes or until golden brown. Cool on pan for 5 minutes. Recut wreath into wedges. Remove to wire rack to cook completely. To serve, arrange as wreath on large flat serving plate.

TRADITIONAL BUTTER ALMOND COOKIES

1/2 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened
1/4 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup slivered almonds, toasted, finely chopped
1 egg
1 tablespoon milk
1 teaspoon almond extract
2-3/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/8 teaspoon salt

Packing & mailing tips

Staff Reports

The post office has provided the following mailing tips for sending homemade goodies through the mail:

■ Purchase packaging products such as tape, padded bags and corrugated boxes at the local post office.

■ To protect flavor and appearance of the goodies, pack cookies and brownies in unbreakable, sturdy airtight containers.

■ Pack containers into packing box; use box strong enough to protect containers and their contents during handling.

■ Cushion contents carefully with crumpled paper (old wrapping paper or newspapers), foam shells or unbuttered, air-popped popcorn.

■ Prevent items from shifting; do not leave any empty space in the box.

■ Include delivery name and address on the inside of the package in case the package is damaged.

■ Print address clearly on outside of the box, on one side only, with smudge-proof ink.

■ Always include the Zip Code or the Zip+4 Code, of both sender and receiver.

■ Wrapping a sturdy box with paper is not necessary.

■ Do not use string or twine on the package, since it can get tangled in the automated mail processing machinery.



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It's no fun getting goodies in the mail if they arrive in pieces. Fill up empty spaces in boxes to better protect food items and keep them from shifting.

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TV Sports

COLLEGE BASKETBALL — Men, North Carolina vs. Louisville, 6:30 p.m., ESPN.
Kentucky vs. Purdue, 8:30 p.m., ESPN.
NBA — Los Angeles Lakers at Denver Nuggets, 7 p.m., TBS.
NHL — Edmonton Oilers at Dallas Stars, 7:30 p.m., FSS.

Sports Today

JUCO BASKETBALL — Women, Hardin-Simmons junior varsity vs. Midland College, 7:30 p.m., Chaparral Center.

JUCO Poll

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — The top 20 teams in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I men's basketball poll with first place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 1 and total points:

Rank	Team	Record	Points
1	Tulsa, Okla. (10)	19-0	130
2	Indiana, Ind. (2)	2-0	82
3	Albany, Md. (2)	2-0	82
4	Midland, Texas (1)	2-0	86
5	Duke, N.C. (1)	2-0	60
6	Ball State, Ind. (1)	2-0	45
7	San Jose, Calif. (1)	10-1	42
8	Vincennes, Ind. (1)	5-1	40
9	Shelby State, Tenn. (1)	10-1	35
10	Kilgore, Texas (1)	12-1	30
11	Spartanburg Methodist, S.C. (1)	2-0	27
12	Chippewa, Wis. (1)	10-0	25
13	Northland, Minn. (1)	2-0	21
14	Utah Valley State (1)	2-0	20
15	Northwest Mississippi (1)	2-1	19
16	Northwest, Wyo. (1)	11-0	17
17	Independence, Kan. (1)	7-1	16
18	College of Southern Idaho (1)	2-0	14
19	Wallace State, Ala. (1)	2-0	14
20	Cherry Creek, S.C. (1)	2-1	11
21	Westwood, Texas (1)	12-1	11

Spinal cord injury

LUBBOCK — A Texas Tech starting defensive tackle who was injured in a two-car crash remained in critical condition Tuesday with what doctors term a significant spinal cord injury.

Stoney Garland, 21, has been breathing with the aid of a respirator at University Medical Center since he was injured Friday.

A magnetic resonance imaging exam conducted Monday revealed the spinal cord injury, said Texas Tech spokesman Richard Kilwein. Since the accident, Garland has been able to move only his head, left arm and left hand.

He also suffered a fractured clavicle and a crushed vertebra.

"At this point, the doctors are unwilling to make predictions about the spinal cord or any long-term effects of the damage," Kilwein said. "He will undergo surgery to stabilize the spine within the next several days."

Garland, a 6-foot-6, 285-pound junior transfer, was a passenger in a truck that collided with a Ford Mustang early Friday at an intersection about 1 1/2 miles southwest of campus.

Foreman protests

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — George Foreman's promoters sent a letter of protest to the governor and attorney general of New Jersey on Tuesday concerning Foreman's unpopular loss to Shannon Briggs on Nov. 22.

Foreman, 46, announced he was retiring after losing the 12-round decision, thus ending a professional career that began in 1969.

Foreman, who has a 76-5 record with 66 knockouts, won the undisputed heavyweight championship in 1973, and won the WBA and IBF portions of the division 21 years later.

The majority decision awarded the 25-year-old Briggs was extremely unpopular. The 5,220 at the Trump Taj Mahal arena in Atlantic City, N.J., let loose with thunderous jeers it was announced.

The AP had Foreman winning 116-112, and boxing journalists throughout the country paraded the decision.

Irving Azoff and Jeff Wald, Foreman's promoters, urged Governor Christine Todd Whitman and Attorney General Peter Vetere along with the Casino Control Commission and State Athletic Control Board to investigate the judges of the fight.

Azoff and Wald are involved in the music and entertainment industry.

"We polled over 100 media people, boxers, trainers and managers who watched the fight, and not one of them scored the fight for Briggs," Wald said Tuesday. "This wasn't even a controversial fight. A controversial fight is when you argue and disagree. Outside of two judges, there is no disagreement."



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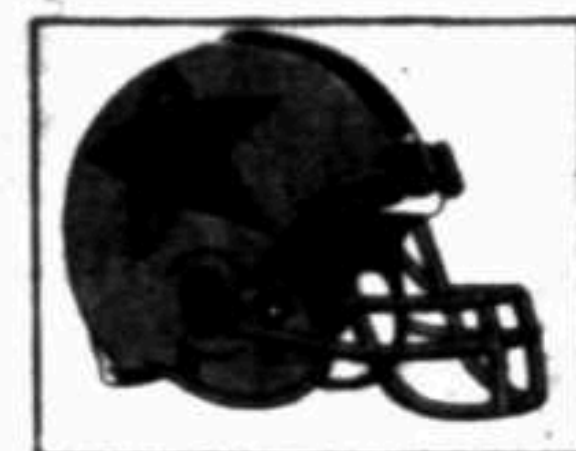
Aikman's injury report concerns 'Boys

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — The last thing the Dallas Cowboys wanted to hear Tuesday was a bad injury report on quarterback Troy Aikman. But that's what they got.

"Our trainer (Jim Maurer) is concerned right now because Troy has a very swollen right thumb," Dallas coach Barry Switzer said. "He will play (Dec. 8 against Carolina) but he might not practice. It's going to be day to day just like his back spasms. We'll keep trying to help him with those with back massages."

Switzer said Aikman hurt his thumb sometime during the 27-14 loss to Tennessee on Thanksgiving Day.



"Troy kept looking down at his hand," Switzer said. "We were wondering about it."

Aikman barely made the kickoff because of back spasms during the warmup. He rushed from the locker room to the field just in time for the Cowboys' first possession after the Oilers had punted. He then threw an interception, one of three during the day.

While Aikman will likely play, cornerback Deion Sanders, who has a fractured right rib, is doubtful. "Deion probably won't play," Switzer said. "We would like to think he could run around fast and stick one arm in there. But he's having difficult breathing, sneezing and laughing. He's in a lot of pain. I know about those things. I had one."

Running back Emmitt Smith, who suffered a bruised shoulder in the loss, will play, Switzer said. The Cowboys need Smith because backup Sherman Williams has

developed a case of the fumbles. Switzer said he would continue to use Williams.

"What do you want me to do, take him out and shoot him?" Switzer asked.

Strong safety Darren Woodson, who missed the last game with a shoulder injury, will return on Monday. Switzer said Leon Lett, who missed the first 13 games because of an NFL drug suspension, will play a lot.

The Cowboys and Panthers are both 6-7. Carolina ended Dallas' 1996 season in January with a 26-17 win in the NFC divisional playoffs.

Switzer said the Cowboys were still playing hard despite their record which has endangered a possible sixth consecutive NFC East title.

"If I looked at the film and we weren't trying hard

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Team effort gets Lady Dawgs past Lady Tors, 82-60

■ MHS improves to 5-2 as start of District 4-5A play approaches.

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

With two projected preseason starters missing due to either illness or injury prior to Tuesday night's game against Lamesa, the Midland High girls basketball team had an excuse not to play its best game of the season. Instead, most of the Lady Dawgs stepped forward, putting aside all negative circumstances and playing perhaps their most positive game of the season.

There were no real stars for MHS, but the Lady Dawgs got the kind of all-around team effort which they might need for the start of District 4-5A play at the end of next week. Midland High had five players score in double figures on the way to an 82-60 win over Lamesa at the MHS gym to improve to 5-2 on the season and put another building block in place for the remainder of the season.

Playing without guard Tarhonda (a knee injury) and forward Blanca Lane (suffering from pneumonia), the Lady Dawgs appeared sluggish out of the gate, falling behind the Lady Tors by six in the first quarter. Then they got their full court press in gear and used their size advantage to forge a 38-18 rebounding margin over Lamesa (2-3) and eventu-

ally wore down the Tors, steadily building a lead which grew as large as 25 points late in the third quarter.

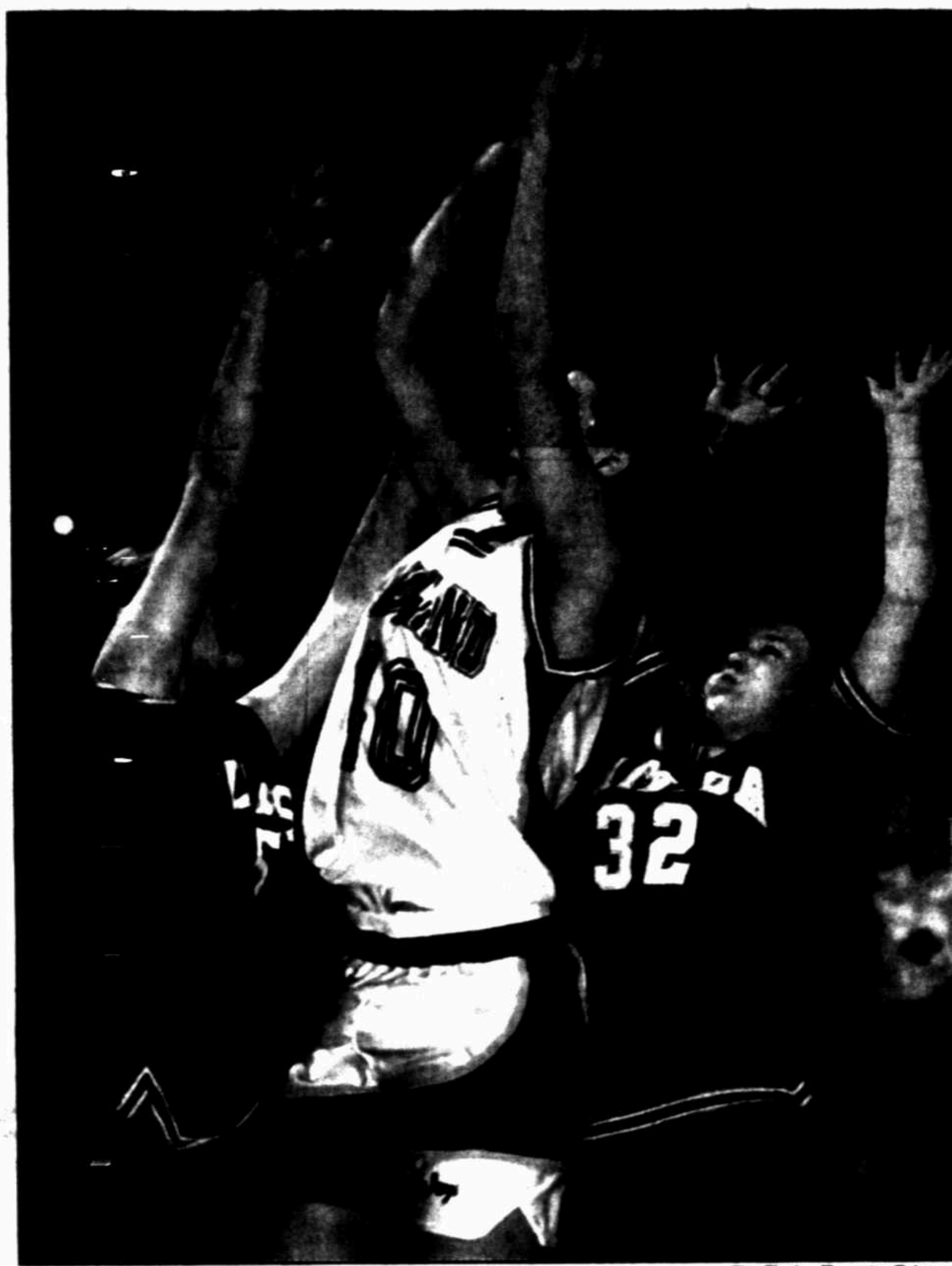
"How many times do you see five people in double figures?" asked Midland High coach Jim Raughton to no one in particular after the game. "A lot of the scores were stick backs (on offensive rebounds) and that's what we've got to do on the glass."

It was an offensive rebound by junior center Morgan Kelley which gave Midland High the lead for good at 18-17 in the second quarter. Kelley had easily the best game of her brief high school career, leading the Lady Dawgs with 15 points and eight rebounds.

Kelley was a huge factor in keeping MHS afloat while its two leading scorers, Rebecca Nobles and Heidi Lange got untracked. Nobles and Lange finished with 14 and 13 points respectively while Michelle Acosta came through with her highest output of the season, 12 points.

Just as crucial was the performance of Midland High's bench, which contributed 28 points, led by freshman Edrea Rogers with 10. Due to a lack of depth and some early foul trouble, most of the bench got some quality minutes in early and was vital to a defense which forced 33 Lamesa turnovers.

"There's some kids we want to put on the floor if we're not getting backcourt Please see MHS/2C



Midland High's Morgan Kelley goes up for a shot between Lamesa's Kathy Hogg (32) and Christa Barron. The Lady Dawgs drubbed Lamesa, 82-60 in a non-district game Tuesday at MHS gym.

No. 4-ranked Chaps pound HSU JV team

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

All in all Tuesday wasn't a bad day for the Midland College men's basketball team.

Midland College was ranked No. 4 in the nation in the first NJCAA basketball poll, then the players, unaware of the ranking, broke the school record for point differential with a 106-33 win over the Hardin-Simmons junior varsity at Chaparral Center.

The Chaps, who are a perfect 10-0 overall, broke the previous mark for the largest margin of victory (56). That record goes all the way back to Nov. 29, 1986, when that MC team defeated Western Texas College 120-56.

If it wasn't apparent right away that MC was the better team before the game, it became so not long after the opening tip. The Chaps, who also set a season-low for points allowed, held Hardin-Simmons to three field goals in the first 11 minutes in jumping out to a 34-6 lead. By halftime, the Chaps were comfortably ahead, 61-17.

"We play every team the same. We played them as hard as we played Odessa," said MC's Walter Newsome, who registered team-highs in points (17) and rebounds (11).

"We have to work on what we need to do, not play to their level. That will make us better."

For the game, five Chaps scored in double figures. Joining Newsome were Harold Arceneaux with 11 and Edward Kirk, Keith Leslie and Tech-signee Jevon Banks with 10 each.

But what may have been more impressive is that the Chaps went about their business without a hitch. In a game with teams so unevenly matched, it is not uncommon to see one play down to another's level, especially defensively.

This Chap team forced the Cowboys into 36 turnovers and held them to 23 percent shooting (10-44). It was the third straight game that MC had held a team to less than 30 percent shooting.

In the second half, the Cowboys didn't score a field goal until Craig Steele hit a 3-pointer with three minutes, 48 seconds left in the game. It is the fact that the team didn't lose its focus, even up by 70 points, that impressed MC coach Pat Rafferty.

"That is what we're trying to arrive at,"

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Travis Branham takes aim at the heels of a steer. The Midland team roper is getting ready for next week's National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas.

Midland's Branham hits rodeo's ultimate event

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

Riding high on top of his nine-year-old quarterhorse, Hooch, Midland's Travis Branham swings his lasso around his head a few times before hurling it at the hind legs of a steer.

The rope, not yet broken in, finds its target as Hooch stops on a dime and Branham tightens the line, wrapping it around the horn of the saddle. This steer is caught. Watching Branham, you get the feeling he has done it before. You get the feeling that he really has no worries despite being just days away from the biggest working week of his working life.

Branham is a rodeo cowboy, more specifically, a team roping heeler. And as is the case with any cowboy, once he started roping, there was one place where he wanted to be — in Las Vegas during the first two weeks of December, participating in the 10-day National Finals Rodeo.

"For anybody who rodeos, that is their goal — to go to the NFR," Branham said.

If the NFR is the Super Bowl or World Series of rodeo, then Branham's place in the NFR came thanks to a great last drive or last at-bat.

On the last rodeo day of the season in San Francisco, Branham had to make money. His calculations had him needing to win around \$2,000 to secure a top 15 place in the Crown Royal World Heeling standings and an automatic ticket to the NFR. In other words, win the round and finish second in the all-around (average from multiple rides). Branham even figured that a little luck wouldn't hurt.

"I didn't think I had a chance," Branham said. "They take 12 teams back and I was seventh after the first flight."

Then, Branham's team came up with a solid run, roping the head and heels of its steer in 6.1 seconds. That was good enough to give Branham and header Vic Morrison the lead in the average. And as the next six teams went after Branham and Morrison's time, only one did better.

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DeBartolo resigns as CEO of 49ers

Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — Edward DeBartolo Jr. resigned as the head of the San Francisco 49ers today amid reports that he and former Louisiana Gov. Edwin Edwards are to be indicted by a federal grand jury for gambling fraud.

In a statement from Youngstown, Ohio, DeBartolo's sister Denise DeBartolo York said she was taking over as chairman and chief executive officer of the 49ers. York's statement did not say whether DeBartolo would sell any of his shares in the team.

"Because my brother needs to put his full focus on his legal issue, he has resigned as an officer and director of the Edward J. DeBartolo Corp. and its subsidiaries, including his resignation as an officer and director of the San Francisco 49ers," she said.

She said Carmen Policy will continue to run the team's day-to-day operations and will become a minority partner, replacing her brother as the team's representative to the NFL for league business.

Edward DeBartolo Jr. and Edwards

were among at least six people who were notified that they will soon be indicted on gambling fraud charges. The Times of Shreveport and The News-Star of Monroe reported today.

The others who were sent "target letters" included Edwards' son, Stephen Edwards, the newspapers said.

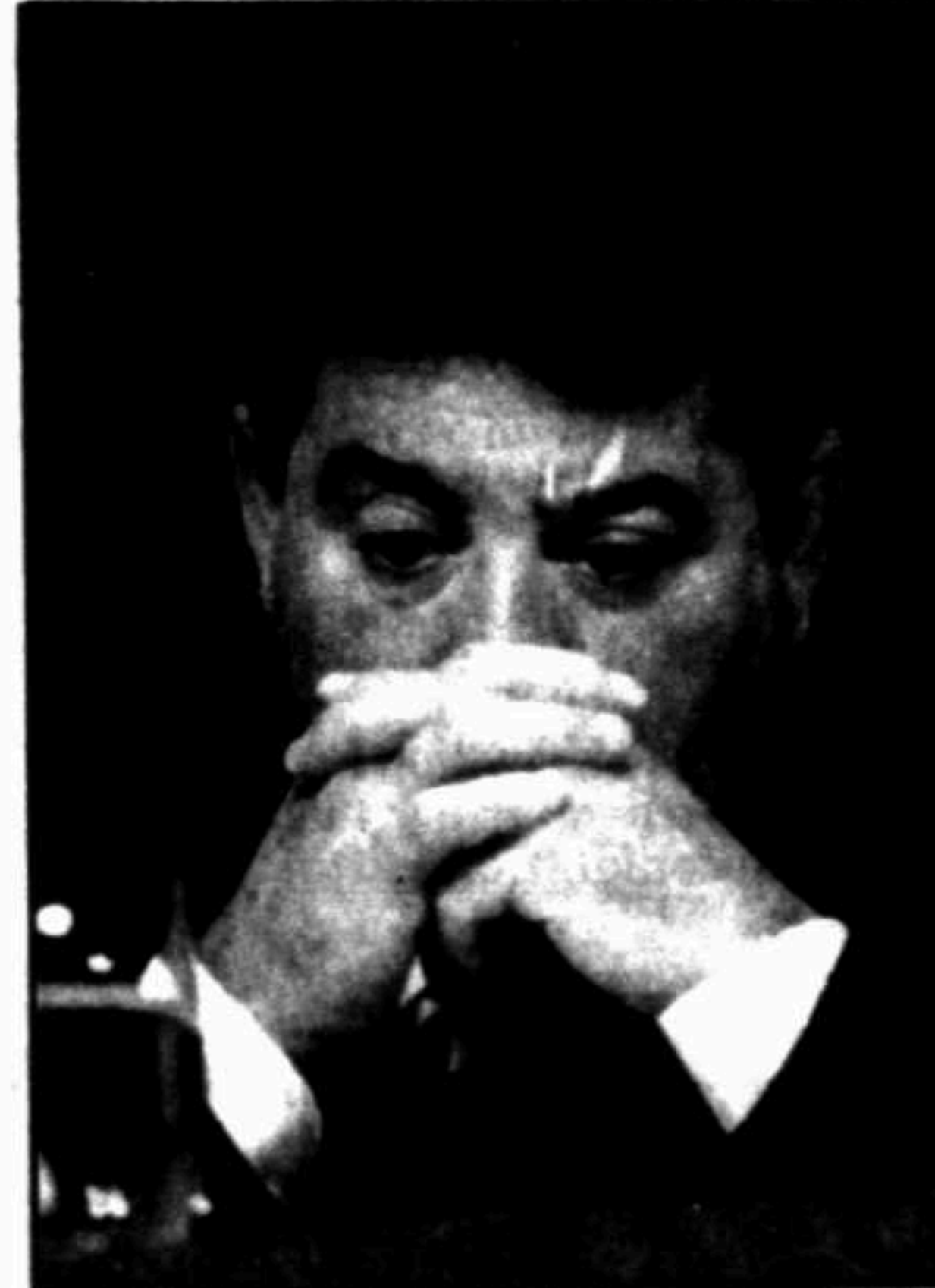
The letters are used to notify recipients of imminent indictment and invite them to testify before the grand jury if they wish to offer evidence that could absolve them.

DeBartolo's presence on the list could mean the indictment concerns events surrounding the awarding of a gaming license in March to a partnership that included DeBartolo and Hollywood Casino Corp.

DeBartolo withdrew from the project after the Louisiana State Gaming Control Board demanded that he turn over all documents he gave to the grand jury. Those documents included an "unexecuted agreement" between DeBartolo and Stephen Edwards, according to a copy of the grand jury subpoena obtained by The Times.

The State Gaming Control Board can-

Please see 49ERS/4C



Edward DeBartolo Jr. resigned Tuesday as head of the San Francisco 49ers amid reports he is about to be indicted for gambling fraud.

Chaparrals

Chaparrals, 5-5 conference record, are looking for a win against the No. 4 ranked Chaparrals, who are 9-0.

Outlook: Division I prospect who is looking on a college for next year. Wants to complete his degree and become a high school coach.

Last Year: Transferred from Colorado State. Looked at Midland College as a chance to see more playing time and develop his game.

High School: Averaged 21.1 points, 6.3 rebounds and 3.1 assists as a senior at John Hopkins High School, a team which qualified for the state tournament twice, finishing third and runner-up in the championship round. He was named All-State, All-City and was finalist for Mr. Basketball in the state of Minnesota.

Coach Pat Rafferty's comments: "James came in with a great reputation as a shooter but what he's trying to do and what we're trying to do is to have him become a well-rounded player. He has been a real asset to this team with the maturity and leadership he brings to the court. He should be a key ingredient to the team's success as the season progresses."

Lady Chap: Janice Thomas, 5-11 freshman forward

Hometown: Los Angeles

Major: undeclared

Quick State: Is the leading scorer and rebounder through 10 games this season with 13.8 ppg and 9.2 rpg for 7-2 Lady Chaparrals.

Outlook: Plans to continue her playing career while working towards a degree.

High School: Earned three varsity letters at Dorsey High School. Averaged 18 points, 13.2 rebounds, 4.4 steals, and 3.2 assists as senior. Team won the 3A City Championship in 1996. Three-time All-District and three-time MVP. She was a member of the All-City team three years and the All-L.A. Times team three years. Named Offensive Player of the Year in 1996-97. Also was a three-time track MVP.

Coach Ron Jones' comments: "I was very confident Janice was going to be a good college player. I've been very pleased with her progress and I expect her to have a great career at Midland College."

Lady Rebels fall to Andrews

ANDREWS — The Midland Lee girls basketball team dropped its fifth straight game since an opening day win over Sonora, falling 43-39 to Andrews Tuesday night in non-district action.

The Lady Rebels, 1-5 for the season, shot 25 percent (12-of-48 as a team) as Andrews outscored Lee 12-8 in the fourth quarter to win.

Lee had two players in double figures as Maurion Strambler and Tamika Thurman each hit for 12 for Elise Kail's Lady Rebs.

Lee will look for greener pastures and better shooting percentages at 5 p.m. Thursday when it plays Slaton in the first round of the Leveillard Tournament.

Andrews 43, Lee 39

Lee (1-5): Clarissa Valenzuela 0-0-0; Dee Frazier 0-0-0; Andrea Long 1-0-0; Rochelle Warren 1-2-3; Maurion Strambler 5-12-12; Heather Wells 2-0-5; Valerie Morgan 0-0-0; Julie Jay 0-0-0; Tamika Thurman 6-0-12; Allison Newton 1-0-2; Christina Brown 0-2-2. Totals: 16-4-39.

Andrews: Sutton 4-5-13; Christina 0-0-0; McKenry 2-2-6; Reynolds 0-0-0; Tharp 1-1-3; Fields 3-0-6; Galt 0-0-0; Esquivel 3-1-7; Kimberlin 4-0-8. Totals: 16-7-43.

3-point field goals: Lee 3 (Long, Strambler, Wells); Andrews 2 (Sutton, McKenry). Fouls: Lee 18, Andrews 10. Fouled Out: Thurman.

SMU blasts Texas-Arlington

DALLAS (AP) — Freshman Jeryl Sasser had 17 points, five assists and seven rebounds Tuesday night, leading Southern Methodist in an 80-56 victory over Texas-Arlington.

The Mustangs (5-0) dominated throughout the game, leading 33-16

at halftime before pulling away.

Chad Jones led the Mavs (1-5) with 15 points, while Anthony Durham and Scott Cross added 11.

Also in double figures for SMU were Stephen Woods with 12 points and Jay Poerner with 10 points and eight rebounds.

MC: Chaps break record

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said the fourth-year coach. "You don't want to play to the level of the competition."

"Around the country, you will see one team beat a team it shouldn't beat and then lose to a team that it shouldn't lose to. I want to play with the same intensity regardless of the opponent. That is how we get better."

The win, as impressive as it was, might have still come a distant second to finding out the MC was the fourth-ranked team in the nation.

"It is a good feeling but we have work to do," sophomore guard Edward Kirk said. "We can't be satisfied at 10-0; we have to work like we are 0-0."

Rafferty agrees with Kirk, saying rankings are nice, but the fact is that they mean very little.

"My first reaction is that it is a double-edged sword," Rafferty said. "On one side, it indicates that we have beaten some teams in impressive fashion, and I'm glad for the recognition it gives the program and school."

"The other side is the only poll that matters in December is the

college football poll," Rafferty added. "A ranking doesn't get you a discount price on a movie ticket or a free cheeseburger. It can be dangerous to get caught up in the rankings instead of the progression of the team."

The ranking will also put a bull's eye on this MC team, one that others are sure to want to knock off this weekend at the Lamar Classic in Colorado.

The MC women, on the other hand, have the unenviable task of having to follow the men's team as they face the Hardin-Simmons JV at 7:30 p.m. tonight.

Midland College 106, Hardin-Simmons 33

Hardin-Simmons JV: Alex Vogel 1-9-0-3; Tony Nichols 1-1-0-2; Craig Steele 1-3-0-3; Eric Hughes 0-0-0-0; Ryan Merchant 0-2-1-2; Brian Owens 0-0-0-0; Steve Able 1-4-1-3; Brad Whitaker 2-4-1-5; Robert Kirk 0-0-0-0; Gabe Hammond 0-1-2-1; Eric Enfield 2-2-6; Brandon Borne 0-3-0-0; Shea Feagan 2-9-4-6. Totals: 10-44-10-33.

Midland College (10-0): Brandon Borne 3-4-0-8; James Ware 2-7-2-9; Lance Robinson 0-7-6-6; Edward Kirk 5-6-0-0; Calvin Williams 1-3-0-2; Keith Leslie 4-6-0-10; DeJuan Daniel 4-5-1-9; Harold Arceneaux 5-7-12-11; Walter Newsome 6-10-5-12-17; Juron Banks 3-3-12-10; Dennis Orending 3-4-1-7; Doug Wade 1-3-1-3; Leander Johnson 1-3-2-4. Totals: 39-58-20-34-106.

Halftime: MC 61, HS 17. 3-Point Field Goals: 3-18 (Vogel); 5-Hughes; 3-Owens; 2-Whitaker; 0-1-Shea Feagan; 1-7-MC; 5-17 (Borne); 2-Ware; 1-Robinson; 0-2-Williams; 0-2-Leslie; 2-Banks; 3-3-Fouls: HS 20, MC 16. Fouled Out: None. Technical Fouls: None.

Turnovers: HS 36, MC 11. Rebounds: HS 24, MC 41 (Newsome 11).

MHS: Lady Dawgs cruise

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pressure like we should," Raughton said. "Substitutions depend on situations."

Midland High led by as many as 11 in the second quarter and went up 40-30 at the half. Lamesa scored five straight points to open the second half and cut the gap to 40-35, but that was the high-water mark for the Lady Tors. The Lady Dawgs went on a 27-7 run to lead 67-42 late in the third quarter, their biggest lead.

Lamesa guard Jaquiline Macias, who led her team with 14 points, scored nine of her team's points on a 13-0 run which carried into the fourth quarter, but the Lady Tors couldn't crack the 12-point barrier.

"I have three seniors. My entire team is sophomores and juniors," said Lamesa coach Rob Franklin, a graduate of MHS in 1982. "We are extremely young. We're going to take our lumps playing big 5A schools and we're one of the smallest 4A schools in the state."

While Midland High is a much bigger school, the Lady Dawgs

aren't much more experienced. They didn't put a single senior on the floor against Lamesa which played a varsity minute last season. Some inexperience and sloppiness showed when the huge lead dwindled in the fourth quarter, but by then MHS had already accomplished its mission.

"We certainly didn't play mistake-free, but all you can ask for is for them to play hard and compete," Raughton said.

Midland High won the junior varsity game 63-30 to improve to 6-1 on the season. Clarissa Leonard led MHS with 14 points while Jodi Faulkner added nine.

Midland High 63, Lamesa 30

Lamesa (2-3): Jaquiline Macias 4-6-14; Suzanne Smith 0-4-4; Marlene Meador 1-0-2; Traci Phipps 2-3-7; Tami Meador 1-3-11; Amel Barrios 2-2-7; Mindy Shook 2-0-6; Kathy Hogg 0-0-0; Melissa Mott 1-4-5; Christi Soren 1-2-4-1; Len Lifford 0-0-0; Kandis Lantz 0-0-0. Totals: 19-37-60.

Midland High (5-2): Michelle Acosta 4-5-12; Rebecca Nottels 6-2-14; Heidi Lange 4-5-13; Morgan Kelly 3-3-15; Sonia Castillo 0-0-0; Tawney Foy 1-0-2; Lindsey Jones 2-0-4; Edna Rogers 4-1-10; Eliza-Beth Green 3-1-7; Misty Calloway 1-1-2; Aimee Sample 0-0-0; Erin Rogers 2-0-4. Totals: 32-19-82.

Three-point goals: L 4 (Barrios 2, Shook 2, Phipps 2, Lange 1, Edna Rogers 1). Rebounds: L 18 (Phipps 6, MHS 26). Fouls: L 26, MHS 27. Fouled Out: Kelley, Castillo, Jones.

LOCAL SPORTS

4-3A All-District Volleyball Team

Six players from Greenwood's Class 3A state finalists were named to the first team of the District 4-3A volleyball team.

Rangerette senior Karen Gasch topped the list as the middle hitter was honored as the District's Most Valuable Player. Shiloh O'Donnell was named the Outstanding Setter, Mandy Choat was the Newcomer of the Year and Tracy Womack was one of three players selected as Defensive Player of the Year. In addition to those four, sophomore outside hitter Stephanie Willis and Katy Walker were selected to the first team.

Pat Purser, who coached the team to a 30-7 record and its first appearance in the state tournament, was coach of the year.

The District 4-3A All-District Volleyball team MVP: Karen Gasch, sr., Greenwood. Outstanding Setter: Shiloh O'Donnell, sr., Greenwood. Outstanding Defensive Specialist: (tie) Jessica Espinoza, jr., Crane; Jamie Mason, jr., Colorado City; Tracy Womack, sr., Greenwood. Outstanding Hitter: Kendra Anderson, jr., Colorado City. Newcomer of the Year: Mandy Choat, jr., Greenwood. Coach of the Year: Pat Purser, Greenwood.

First Team: Nikki Swann, Col. City; Stephanie Willis, Soph., Greenwood; Denise Ward, sr., Crane; Jana Redburn, sr., Col. City; Bettina Bradford, jr., Col. City; Katy Walker, sr., Greenwood.

Second Team: Terra Pettit, sr., Crane; Amy Alderson, sr., Greenwood; Yvonne Moore, jr., Crane; Jennifer Mills, sr., Kermit; Lisa Wood, sr., Greenwood; Tasha Johnson, Jr., Crane.

Honorable Mention: Heather Hemphill.

G-City girls still unbeaten

GARDEN CITY — The Lady Bearkats of Garden City remained unbeaten with a sound 49-24 win over Robert Lee here Tuesday night to climb to 4-0 for the season.

Tiffany Maxie and J'Layne Niehues led Garden City with 16 and 10 points respectively.

Garden City, a Class A school, will next meet Class 3A Seminole Thursday in the first round of the Crane Tournament.

Garden City 49, Robert Lee 24

Robert Lee: Milican 1-0-2; Bolding 4-0-2; Key 0-2-1; Montgomery 1-2-4; Osborn 2-1-7; Hill 0-2-3. Totals: 8-6-24.

Garden City (4-0): Bryant 1-2-4; Maxie 6-3-16; Braden 2-1-2-5; Grady 2-0-4; Chandler 1-2-4; Niehues 3-4-6-10; Batta 2-3-6. Totals: 17-14-49.

Robert Lee: 4 8 8 4-24

Garden City: 12 16 12 6-49

Three-Point Goals: RL 2 (Osborn), GC 1 (Maxie). Total Fouls: RL 17, GC 16. Fouled Out: None.

JV Score: GC 38, (Macchick 12), RL 8.

Greenwood rallies for win

GREENWOOD — The Greenwood Rangerettes scored only 11 first half points, but came roaring back for a 44-39 victory over Monahans to climb to 2-2 in the young basketball season.

Karen Gasch, one of the volleyball stars for Greenwood, led the way with 16 points and was the only Rangerette in double figures.

Greenwood will face Big Spring Thursday in the opening round of the Coahoma tournament.

Greenwood 44, Monahans 39

Monahans: Swint 1-0-2; Almanza 2-0-4; Covington 3-3-9; Enriquez 0-4-4; Franco 1-0-2; Jasso 6-1-2-6; Sanchez 1-0-2. Totals: 15-8-39.

Greenwood (2-2): Chelsea Spies 2-1-5; Tiffany Terrett 1-0-3; Kasha Burton 0-2-2; Kristi Brown 1-2-4; Courtney Jackson 2-1-5; Valerie Wooten 4-1-2-9; Kanei 7-2-4-16. Totals: 17-9-21-44.

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Sarah Koss added 10 points while Stacey Duser had 12 points for Rankin.

Midland Christian, now 3-1 for the season, will face Christian Heritage of Beaumont Friday in the first round of the Abilene Christian tournament in Abilene.

Midland Christian 42, Rankin 32

Rankin: Kayle Latzel 1-0-2; Margaret Sanchez 1-0-2; Stacey Duser 6-0-12; Jamie Bautista 0-2-2; Richele Lotfin 2-0-4; Brenda Armandez 1-2-4; Rachel Hutchens 2-0-4; Nikki Clark 1-0-2. Totals: 14-4-32.

Midland Christian (3-1): Jenny Porter 0-0-0; Sarah Koss 5-0-10; Emily Kelly 0-0-0; Kristi Cooner 1-1-3; Bethany Spradlin 6-8-19; Karen Glascock 2-1-5; Kim Spradlin 0-3-3; Katie Renteria 1-0-2. Totals: 15-10-42.

Rankin: 4 8 10 32

Midland Christian: 9 13 11 42

Three-Pointers: R 0; MC 2 (Spradlin). Total Fouls: R 19, MC 17. Fouled Out: Spradlin, Lotfin.

Mid Christian JV 27 (Sasha Hollar 12, Lyndsay Epley 9), Rankin 16.

Steers escape Rangers by 4

BIG SPRING — The Big Spring Steers, 2-3 for the season, escaped the Greenwood Rangers here Tuesday night in a non-conference basketball game, winning 57-53 in a nip-and-tuck battle all the way.

Big Spring led 13-7 after the first quarter, but Greenwood stayed in the game all the way. Myers led the Steers with 16 points while Wollenzien had 13. Greenwood (0-2) got 12 points each from Wootan and Reed.

Big Spring next plays in the Frenship tournament Thursday against Brownwood. Greenwood will play Monahans in the first round of the Coahoma Tournament Thursday at 4 p.m.

Big Spring 57, Greenwood 53

Greenwood (0-2): Gilliam 2-2-2; Pallares 3-0-6; Wootan 4-2-12; Montes 3-0-3-7; Reed 5-2-12; Johnson 1-1-2-4; Brooks 1-2-3; Ochoa 1-0-2; Selties 1-3-5. Totals: 19-11-53.

Big Spring (2-3): Myers 5-3-16; Gonzales 2-0-4; Hall 4-0-8; Rollins 0-1-1; Wollenzien 5-3-13; Womack 4-2-9; Ford 3-1-4-7. Totals: 23-8-57.

Greenwood: 10 14 14 15-53

Big Spring: 13 14 13 17-57

Three-Point Goals: G 4 (Wootan 2, Montes, Johnson); BS 3 (Myers 3). Total Fouls: G 15, BS 18. Fouled Out: Montes.

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Greenwood: 10 14 14 15-53

varsity basketball team defeated Midland Lee 74-72 in overtime Tuesday. Weldon Cooks led Midland High with 16 points while Robert O'Neal had 15 and Taylor Moody added 13, including two 3-pointers in the last 20 seconds to send the game to overtime.

J.R. Norman led Lee with 19 points while Orlando Castillo had 16, Jeremy Conaway 14 and Nick Whitley 10. Midland High is 6-1 while Lee is 4-2.

Lee sophs beat MHS

The Midland Lee sophomore boys basketball team defeated Midland High 78-56 Tuesday. Sal Torres led Lee with 21 points while Tyler Shumskis had 20 for Midland High. Lee is now 6-1 and MHS is 1-5.

Girls frosh basketball

In freshman girls basketball action, Lee White defeated Midland Gold 35-26 Tuesday. Latreka Smith had 12 points for Lee, now 2-0.

Midland Purple defeated Lee Maroon 56-46. Ashley Murray led Purple with 16 points while Jenny Jones added 12 and Becky Valdez scored 11 and had five steals. Laura Koch had 10 rebounds as Purple improved to 2-0.

For Lee Maroon, Shamera Bryson had 21 points while Shandi Neatherlin had 14 points and 13 rebounds. Maroon dropped to 0-2.

Chargers lose by 1

LENORAH — The Trinity boys basketball team lost by a point to Grady Tuesday night, 50-49. Mark Stoltz led the Chargers with 16 points, hitting four three-pointers and adding five assists.

Mike Landry added 11 points for Trinity while Ronnie Brewster added 10 points and six rebounds.

Evan McLaughlin had 12 rebounds for Trinity while Greg McCabe had 10. The Chargers are now 5-3 on the season.

The Trinity girls lost to Grady 77-39 Tuesday. Heather Bartlett led the Lady Chargers with 11 points. Trinity is now 2-2 on the season.

In JV action, the Trinity boys couldn't get off a shot in the last seven seconds Tuesday night and lost to Grady 49-48. Jeessung Yild led the Chargers with 28 points, while Nathan Firtle had five blocks and eight rebounds. Trinity is 3-2 on the season.

The Trinity girls JV lost to the Coahoma freshmen 52-25 Monday. Jessica Clay led Trinity with nine points while Becky Hart had 19 for Coahoma.



Once Texas A&M quarterback Brannon Stewart learned to not throw interceptions, the Aggies started winning. They face Nebraska in the Big 12 Championship Game Saturday in San Antonio.

Aggies stop turning over ball, start winning games

By Michael A. Lutz
AP Sports Writer

COLLEGE STATION — When the turnovers stopped, Brannon Stewart and the Texas A&M Aggies had a big turnaround.

Stewart has thrown only two interceptions this season and a string of 121 passes without a theft and the No. 14 Aggies take a 9-2 record and South Division title into Saturday's Big 12 championship game against No. 2 Nebraska.

A new offensive staff has shown Stewart how to avoid throwing interceptions and the running backs how to hold onto the ball. The result is a big boost from last year's 6-6 finish.

"I think the thing that coach (Ray) Dorr did was teach us the concepts of the passing schemes that we use in ball games," Stewart said. "He made us understand if we're trying for a leverage read or a progression read. He put us in position to make better decisions instead of just finding the open guy."

The Aggies had eight turnovers in their second game of the season last year, an upset loss to Southwestern Louisiana. For the 1996 season, the Aggies had 25 takeaways and 28 giveaways for a minus 25 turnover margin per game.

This year, they have 29 takeaways and 13 giveaways and rank third nationally grabbing 1.45 more turnovers per game than their 11 opponents.

Coach R.C. Slocum turned to quarterback coach Dorr to get Stewart and the other Aggie quarterbacks on the right page.

"Last year, we got in situations where we had turnovers from ill-advised passes. This year, we've

played the entire season and had two passes intercepted. That's a great credit to the players and to coaches Ray Dorr and Steve Marshall, our offensive coordinator."

It didn't take Dorr and Marshall long to figure out what was wrong with the Aggies last season.

"I don't know what they did last year because I wasn't here but I know that if you look around the country, the teams that are winning, aren't turning the ball over," Marshall said. "It's a mind-set. You focus on how to hold the football and how to catch the football."

Dorr went to work on boosting Stewart's confidence, severely trampled in last season's error-filled year.

"Ray is so meticulous, he has been able to put some confidence in the quarterback," Slocum said. "We said to Brannon 'look, we've got some other players here. You don't have to make spectacular plays. He really has taken that in. So he's not making some errant throws in desperation, trying to make something happen."

Stewart's passing was key in the turning point of the Aggies' season, a double-overtime victory over Oklahoma State.

Trailing 22-7 with 5:39 left in the game, Stewart passed for 58 yards in an 80-yard drive to Dante Hall's touchdown with 3:17 to play and he hit Chris Cole with a 25-yard touchdown pass and threw a two-point conversion to Sirr Parker to tie it with 43 seconds to play.

"When you're down 22-7 in the fourth quarter, you're not bubbling with confidence," Slocum said. "But we didn't throw in the towel. I told our offense we were getting short of time, that we had to make the points count."

49ERS: DeBartolo resigns

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celebrated the project after DeBartolo's departure.

Hollywood spokesman Eric Terry of Dallas said Hollywood Casino Corp. was never aware of any arrangement between DeBartolo and Stephen Edwards. But Hollywood hired a relative and an associate of Stephen Edwards, both of whom had offices in the same suite as Edwin and Stephen Edwards.

"We have been aware of the grand jury investigation in Louisiana since Mr. DeBartolo appeared before that panel last June," said NFL spokesman Joe Browne. "We will have no comment on today's media reports until our office has had further discussions with Mr. DeBartolo and the 49ers."

In her statement on DeBartolo's resignation from the 49ers, York said this was "a very difficult time" for her brother.

"In this country, everyone is

entitled to a presumption of innocence and to due process under the law. I hope everything will work out for him," York said.

"My brother's legal issue relates to the California-based DeBartolo Entertainment Corp. that he operates with a non-family partner," she added in the statement. "I am not involved in DeBartolo Entertainment in any way, and all of its operations are separate and distinct from all the operations of the Ohio-based Edward J. DeBartolo Corp., including the San Francisco 49ers."

DeBartolo, his sister and his family corporation are owners of Louisiana Downs racetrack in Bossier City.

While Edwin Edwards would not comment about receiving his target letter, he acknowledged he would soon be indicted.

"I still expect the indictments to come down between now and Dec. 12," he told the newspapers. "I still don't know what for."

Vols seek respect in SEC title game

By Tom Sharp
AP Sports Writer

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — For Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer, Saturday's Southeastern Conference championship game is a shot at more than a handsome ring. It's a chance to close some critics' mouths.

Fulmer's 53-10 record and .841 winning percentage is the best in SEC history for coaches with at least five years' experience. But it isn't enough for some Vol fans.

They point to the number of times he's beaten Florida and the SEC championships he's won: 0.

"That's the ultimate thing you're playing for, to be recognized as champions," Fulmer said Tuesday. "That's what it's all about."

"I've been fortunate to be a part of it as a player and as an assistant coach, and I very much want to be part of it as a head

coach. I think it would mean a lot to the program. It's just a hump that we need to get over."

Fulmer's winning percentage is the best among all active coaches, including icons of the profession like Nebraska's Tom Osborne, Penn State's Joe Paterno, Florida State's Bobby Bowden and Steve Spurrier of Florida.

Unlike them, however, Fulmer doesn't have a championship of any kind, much less a national title. Until this year, his Vols had never even won the SEC Eastern Division.

Much of that was due to division rival Florida, a team Fulmer has not beaten except as an interim coach in 1992. Even a victory this Saturday probably won't silence the critics whose impression of Tennessee begins and ends with its showing against the Gators, Fulmer acknowledged.

"That's a key game. It's going to

be a key game every year, something we've got to deal with at the appropriate time," he said. "There's nothing we can do about that one this week. We can maybe put some medicine on the wounds by taking care of business, but that's not the reason we're trying to beat Auburn."

"We're trying to win a championship, not to soothe wounds." His players know many people will judge them — and Fulmer — by the number of championships they win.

"Some people don't understand that Tennessee has been winning big games, they just haven't been in that limelight," said defensive end Jonathan Brown, who noted the Vols won the Citrus Bowl two years ago against an Ohio State team that featured Eddie George, Bobby Hoyer, Terry Glenn and Orlando Pace, all now in the NFL. "It just hasn't been as publicized

as the Florida games. I think this would take a little heat off coach Fulmer because a lot of people might say he's not a big-game coach or something like that," Brown said. "The players are the ones playing the game. Maybe we can take some of the pressure off our coaching staff by having a good game."

Quarterback Peyton Manning cites the Vols' main nemesis, Florida's Spurrier.

"You always hear coach Spurrier talk about championships being what you want to win," Manning said. "This game is important for Tennessee. We're excited about the SEC East, but we want the whole thing."

"I know Auburn is sitting there in the same position. These are the kind of games you need to win."

For a ring, and maybe a little silence in the peanut gallery.

Alliance bowls considering at-large teams

Associated Press

Defending national champion Florida and four other at-large teams still are being considered for the alliance bowl games — the Orange Bowl, Sugar Bowl and Fiesta Bowl.

Along with No. 6 Florida (9-2), the at-large finalists are No. 10 Kansas State (10-1), No. 7 North Carolina (10-1), No. 9 Ohio State (10-2) and No. 5 UCLA (9-2).

No. 4 Florida State (10-1), champion of the Atlantic Coast Conference, and No. 15 Syracuse (9-3), winner of the Big East Conference, already have clinched berths in the alliance.

The champions from the other participating conferences, the Big 12 and Southeastern, which receive automatic bids, will be determined Saturday. In those league title games, No. 2 Nebraska (11-0) will face No. 14 Texas A&M (9-2) for the Big 12 championship and No. 11 Auburn (9-2) will play No. 3 Tennessee (10-1) for the SEC crown.

No. 1 Michigan (11-0), the Big Ten champion, will meet No. 8 Washington State (10-1), the Pac-10 winner, in the Rose Bowl.

Manning among O'Brien finalists
FORT WORTH — Washington State's Ryan Leaf, UCLA's Cade McNown, and Tennessee's Peyton Manning are the three finalists for the 1997 Davey O'Brien national quarterback award.

The winner and runners-up will be named Dec. 11.

The three quarterbacks, selected by a 20-person advisory committee, will be honored at the 21st annual awards dinner Feb. 16 at The Fort Worth Club.

UT's Williams is Walker finalist
DALLAS — Texas' Ricky Williams, Nebraska's Ahman Green and Penn State's Curtis Enis on Tuesday were named finalists

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for the Doak Walker Award, given annually to college football's top running back.

Williams led the nation with 1,893 yards, breaking Earl Campbell's single-season school record. Green, No. 2 nationally in the regular season, has 1,698 yards going into Saturday's Big 12 championship. Enis has 1,363 yards.

"Each had an exceptional season and contributed from the running back position to the success of his team and university," said Bill Lively, executive director of the GTE-SMU Athletic Forum, which oversees the award.

The winner will be announced Dec. 11 during a college awards show on ESPN. The trophy will be presented on Jan. 20 in Dallas.

Williams expected to be Grambling coach
Doug Williams, one of Eddie Robinson's finest quarterbacks before going on to NFL greatness, will succeed his old mentor as Grambling State coach.

"I got the call and it's not me," Lee Fobbs, one of three candidates for the job, said Tuesday. "They said it's Doug, and I certainly wish him the best of luck. I hope he wins every game."

Grambling officials scheduled a news conference Thursday morning to announce Robinson's successor.

"He's not giving any interviews until the news conference on Thursday," a secretary in the Morehead College football office in Atlanta, where Williams has been the coach for the past year.

Williams returned to Atlanta late Monday from Grambling.

"I would think Doug would be the logical choice," said former Grambling sports information director Collie Nicholson. "I think he's the best choice if for nothing else his high

name recognizability would open a lot of doors for Grambling."

Oregon to face Air Force in Las Vegas Bowl
LAS VEGAS — Oregon was selected Tuesday to play in the Las Vegas Bowl, and will face Air Force in the Dec. 20 game.

After meeting for about an hour Tuesday afternoon, bowl officials decided on Oregon, with less than three weeks left before the first major college bowl of the season.

The other finalists for the bowl were Iowa, Mississippi, Mississippi State and Virginia. "Oregon has put together a solid season, and we believe they will attract many fans on Dec. 20," said Roy Woofert, chairman of the selection committee.

Michigan State had been the front-runner for the second spot in the bowl, after Air Force accepted an invitation last week.

Villanova's Finneran wins Payton Award
NEW YORK — Brian Finneran, Villanova's star wide receiver, won the Walter Payton Award as the nation's outstanding player in Division I-AA.

Finneran, who helped the Wildcats to an 11-0 regular season record and a No. 1 ranking, caught 75 passes for 1,151 yards and 17 touchdowns. He also scored 122 points, including 10 on 2-point conversion receptions.

N.C. A&T's McNeil wins top defensive award for I-AA

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Chris McNeil, a North Carolina A&T defensive end with 21 sacks this season, is the winner of the 1997 Buck Buchanan award as the top defensive player in Division I-AA.

McNeil, a 6-foot-2, 235-pound senior from Thomasville, won the award Monday night in New York. The award is voted on by coaches, sports information directors and selected media representatives.

NFR: Midlander gets chance in Las Vegas

(From 1C)

Branham finished second in the short round and the average and won \$2,837.

"Everyone was congratulating me for making it and I was scared to think it," Branham said. "I thought that I could see myself get excited and they change the books. But the good Lord said it was my time to go."

Apparently, Branham had every right to worry. In qualifying for his first NFR, Branham passed former NFR qualifier Brett Tonozi by \$162, a minuscule amount in a year-long rodeo season.

However, that \$162 gives Branham, who earned \$31,263 this year, the right to go after the big bucks. The National Finals Rodeo, which starts Friday, is a mecca for cowboys and cowgirls alike, although only the top 15 in each of rodeo's eight events will duel for a total purse of \$3.4 million.

"It is a chance to win money," Branham said. "(At the NFR) One go-round pays \$8,000 to each man, and that is well over an average rodeo. An average rodeo is \$12 (\$1,200)."

There is also a goal of winning a world championship although Branham admits that probably

will have to wait. Going into the NFR, Branham trails the current leader in the world, Britt Bockius, by \$32,637.

"The top five guys have a chance to win the world," Branham said. "I would have to double the amount of money I have."

"I would think that most people's goal is to win the world (championship). Some are serious and some keep it a dream. For me, in last position, this is a chance to win money."

There are many aspects of making the finals that Branham is waiting to experience. Branham has watched the NFR since growing up in McCamey, but the 10 days at the Thomas and Mack Center is different when a cowboy is on the other side. The action goes by a bit faster on a rodeo floor that is smaller than most on the tour, but there are other factors that will be out of the ordinary.

For one, Branham is the only heeler at the NFR who will rope without his normal partner. Morrison finished 19th in the "header" world standings, missing the finals by four slots. That means Branham will be teamed with Richard Eiguren, who qualified 14th in the header standings.

"Heeling and heading are two separate events and that means you have to rope together whether you want to or not," Branham said. "We've seen him rope before and he ropes very well, which should be obvious seeing he is the only header (that qualified without a teammate)."

There is also an experience factor. Branham says that most cowboys his age have competed at the NFR four or five times. Branham, 34, has had his PRCA card since 1992, but really didn't get his start rodeoing full-time until 1996 when a friend, five-time NFR qualifier Dennis Gates, persuaded Branham to rodeo past the winter months and try his luck in the spring and summer. Branham did so and finished his first season 23rd in the world. That gave him confidence going into this year.

"I proved to myself that I could do it," Branham said. "When this year started, my goal was to get to the finals."

In making it this far, Branham has had to live the life of a cowboy, which means hitting the road to find the next rodeo. Branham says it is not too bad in the winter as most rodeos are in Texas, but that it is worse in the spring and summers when the tour goes to the west and northwest. That leaves few opportunities to see his

wife (Peggy) and 16-year-old daughter (Randi).

"I think I spent 15 days at home in the middle of March to November," Branham said. "Being away from the family is not much fun. They are as big a part of this as I am."

He also gives thanks to God for the ability to throw a rope so accurately and for the opportunity to try these 10 additional times at the NFR.

And you can bet they will be throws that will be unlike any 10 of his life.

Cervi goes after title No. 2
Midland's Sherry Cervi has established herself as one of the Women's Professional Rodeo Association's top 15 barrel racers in the world for 1997, which means she is also headed for the \$3.4 million National Finals Rodeo.

Cervi will go head-to-head with the best cowgirls as she attempts to win her second world barrel racing championship.

The 1997 NFR is Cervi's fourth trip to the season finale and she goes in ranked first in the Crown Royal world barrel racing standings and looking for another gold buckle to go with the one earned in 1995. Cervi, who has earned over \$520,000 in her 12-year PRCA career, has pocketed \$106,583 in regular-season earnings this season.

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Pack again

By Dave Gold
AP Football Writer

Two weeks ago Packers surrendered 41 points to the San Francisco 49ers, rolling to its 10th straight loss.

Two weeks later, the Packers have reversed it.

The Packers are on a winning streak to the Minnesota Vikings, looking for a second straight win against the Vikings (8-5) at home to Green Bay.

That's the other side of the coin. The Packers have won three of their last four games, including a 23-17 victory over the Vikings (8-5) at home to Green Bay.

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Packers look Super again after big wins

By Dave Goldberg
AP Football Writer

Two weeks ago, the Green Bay Packers surrendered 467 yards and 41 points as the Indianapolis Colts got their only win this season. San Francisco, meanwhile, was rolling to its 10th straight win.

Two weeks later, the momentum has reversed itself.

The Packers, having broken losing streaks to the Cowboys and at Minnesota, look like Super Bowl winners again. The Niners are reeling from a 44-9 drubbing by Kansas City.

Moreover, the 49ers know that all 11 wins are against teams that currently have losing records and that they've lost to the only winners they've faced — the Bucs on opening day and the Chiefs.

"We've got to beat a winning team," coach Steve Mariucci says.

They get their chance Sunday at home against the Vikings, then the Broncos come to San Francisco. But even a win over Minnesota might not be convincing, because the Vikings (8-5) have lost three straight, including Monday night at home to Green Bay.

That's the other side of the coin. The Green Bay defense not only throttled the Vikings, holding them to 144 yards in three quarters and 253 for the game, but the Packers got the breaks. The biggest was Corey Fuller's dropped interception one play before Brett Favre threw an 18-yard TD pass to Robert Brooks that put the Packers ahead to stay.

"Some times you guess right and you make a play," said Favre. "I didn't that time. I didn't see Corey Fuller and he should have picked it off."

"He didn't. Our game."

It could be their game for the rest of the season.

In the two weeks after the 41-38

disaster in Indianapolis, they've beaten Dallas for the first time in eight games under Mike Holmgren and won in Minnesota, where Holmgren was 0-5. The combined score: 72-28.

The win over the Vikings ensured them a wild card. If they win in Tampa Sunday — no easy matter — they'll clinch the NFC Central.

They're also right on San Francisco's heels for home field.

If they do have to play in San Francisco, it might not be a big deal. Playing there, perhaps in mud, is not the challenge to Green Bay that playing in Wisconsin would be to the 49ers.

Two years ago, the Packers upset the Niners 27-17 in 3Com Park to advance to the NFC title game. Last season, they beat San Francisco 35-14 at Lambeau Field in the first playoff game of their Super Bowl march.

Are this year's Packers as good as last year's? Take it from the man who built them.

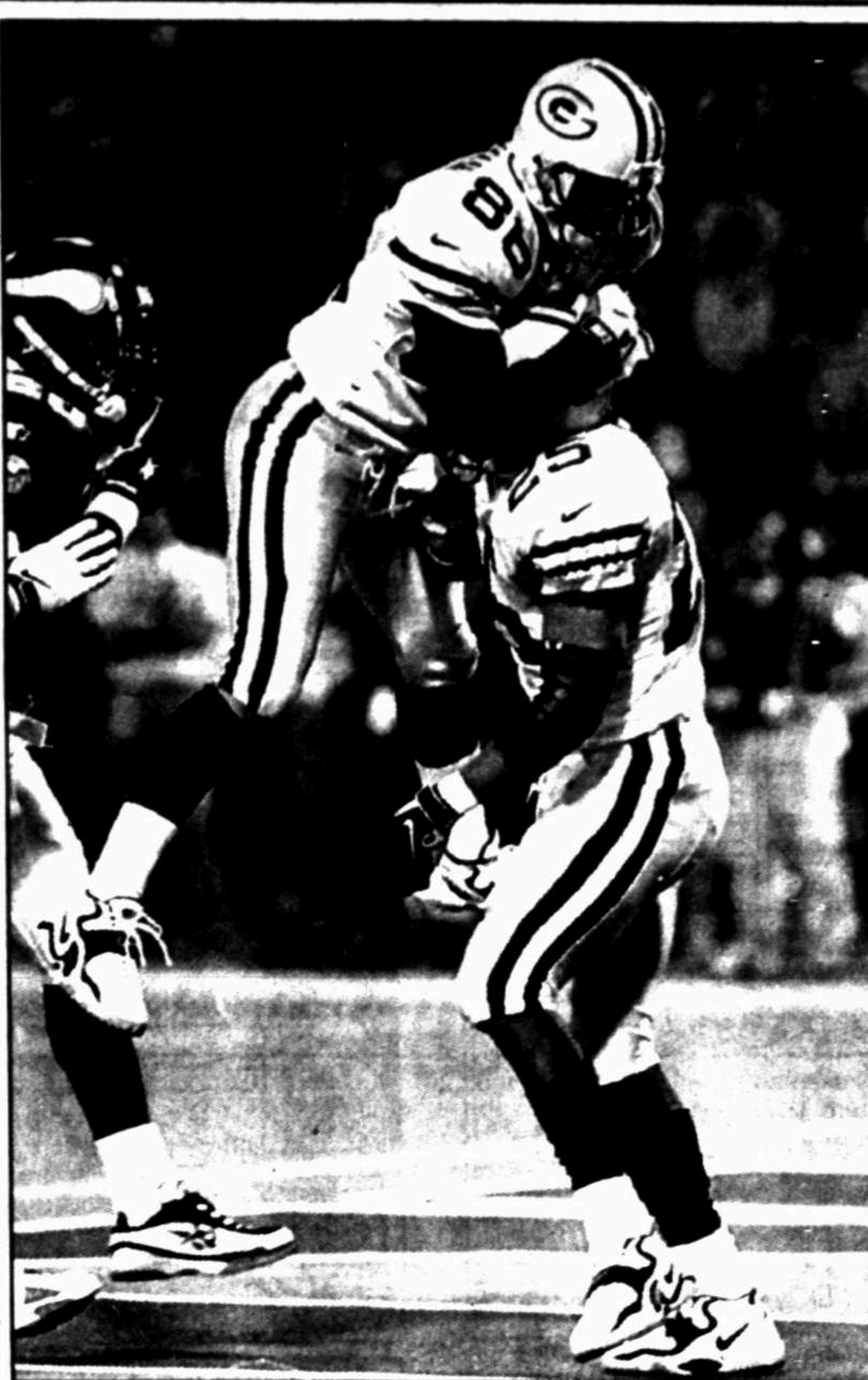
"I think we're better in some spots and not as good in others," general manager Ron Wolf said after Monday night's game. "But overall, it's a wash. I think if we're not, we're getting there."

Wolf is now concentrating on picking up extra parts for the playoffs.

Last week he signed Mark Collins, the defensive back who played 11 years for the Giants and Chiefs.

Collins, who won two Super Bowl rings with New York, adds experience to a secondary that lost starting cornerback Craig Newton for the season with a knee injury in the opener. Tyrone Williams has replaced Newsome and rookie Darren Sharper is currently playing well in Williams' nickel slot.

But Sharper doesn't have



The Green Bay Packers' Antonio Freeman congratulates Dorsey Levens (25) after Levens' third quarter touchdown in Green Bay's 27-11 win over Minnesota Monday night in Minneapolis.

Collins' experience.

So Wolf chuckled when he was asked if Collins, who was inactive Monday night, had been signed specifically for the playoffs.

"Draw your own conclusion," he said. "Just say he was signed for

— how do you say it? — his veteran status. You know, to contribute with some of the playoff experience he already has."

No, the Packers aren't thinking back to Indianapolis. They're thinking ahead — way ahead.

More Sports/1D

Dolphins give troubled Phillips second chance

By Steven Wine
AP Sports Writer

DAVIE, Fla. — Lawrence Phillips will have two assignments as the Miami Dolphins' new running back: Get into the end zone and stay out of trouble.

It's hard to say which challenge will be greater for the unpredictable, underachieving Phillips.

Jimmy Johnson and the Dolphins gave Phillips a second chance Tuesday when they signed him through 1998 following two days of negotiations. Financial terms weren't disclosed, but Phillips' agent, Steve Feldman, earlier said he wouldn't object to a minimum salary of \$162,000 with large incentives.

Phillips, 22, was leading the St. Louis Rams in rushing when they released him Nov. 20 for disciplinary reasons. He was the No. 6 pick in the 1996 draft but was plagued by legal problems while with St. Louis.

"I believe that Lawrence can help make us a better football team in the long run," Johnson said in a statement. "He understands exactly what is being asked of him, and he knows we have a disciplined program that provides very little margin of error for any player on our team. Under those conditions, I'm hopeful that he can fulfill his potential and become a productive player for us."

Johnson doesn't expect Phillips to contribute immediately. In the hopes of keeping fan and media expectations modest, the coach declined to talk to reporters about the signing, and he didn't make Phillips available for questions.

"Jimmy's feeling is that when you sign the 52nd or 53rd guy on your roster, it's not a big deal," team spokesman Harvey Greene

said. "He doesn't want to make a big deal about it."

But if Phillips' behavior is satisfactory, he could provide the solution to Miami's moribund ground game. With Karim Abdul-Jabbar at running back, the Dolphins rank next-to-last in the NFL in rushing.

"I appreciate the opportunity that coach Johnson and the Miami Dolphins organization are giving me, and I want to contribute to this team in any way that I can," Phillips said in a statement. "I realize that I've made some mistakes, but with this fresh start I want to put the past behind me. I know what coach Johnson expects of me, and I will work as hard as possible to justify his decision to give me this chance."

To make room on the roster for Phillips, the Dolphins placed backup safety Bracey Walker on injured reserve. Walker broke his leg in Sunday's victory at Oakland.

Phillips will join practice Wednesday lugging plenty of baggage. In 19 months with the Rams, he was arrested three times and spent 23 days in jail.

According to one report, the Rams fined Phillips 50 times, mostly for being overweight or missing weight-training workouts. The team president speculated that Phillips has a drinking problem.

At Nebraska, where Phillips led the Cornhuskers to the 1995 national championship, he was convicted of assaulting a former girlfriend. Since being drafted, he has been arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and disorderly conduct.

But Johnson is optimistic that Phillips will bring more talent than trouble to the Dolphins.

Neck injury threatens season for Viking QB

By Ron Lesko
AP Sports Writer

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — The three-game losing streak was the good news for the Minnesota Vikings on Tuesday.

Quarterback Brad Johnson has a herniated disc in his neck and will see a neurosurgeon Wednesday, threatening his status not only for Sunday's game at San Francisco but for the rest of the season.

"I think you take every precaution that you possibly can," coach Dennis Green said. "It wasn't like he got hit or anything like that. Brad seemed to have a little trouble holding on to the ball (Monday). It did not feel like he had total control of the ball, I guess is the best way to say it."

The Vikings (8-5), who slipped into third place in the NFC Central with Monday night's 27-11 loss to Green Bay, also might have lost

their second starting center in as many weeks. Scott Dill, starting because Jeff Christy broke his ankle last week, injured a disc in his lower back Monday and almost certainly won't play at San Francisco.

Nickel back Leonard Wheeler also is expected to miss the 49ers' game after spraining an ankle Monday.

"We don't expect anybody to feel sorry for us," Green said. "We're going to put some guys on the field that can go play — the healthier the better — and put it on the line. Two out of three games, we're in the playoffs. We have to win two of the next three ball games."

Already bothered by a sore right ankle going into the Green Bay game, Johnson woke up Monday morning with pain in his neck. Trainer Fred Zamberletti worked out most of the pain by game time, but the injury appeared to affect Johnson's performance.

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You will gain financially through your natural skills and talents. However, you cannot be too careful handling money. Funds are apt to easily slip away. Be an accountant, for your own sake. Manifesting desires is as easy as imagining them. If you are single, you meet many people, especially through January. A rich home life becomes more important in 1998; how you view relationships could change as a result. If attached, you are building on firm ground. It is important to make money decisions as a team. **AQUARIUS** makes you feel even more vivacious.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Stay in touch with objectives. A boss is feeling more easygoing. Allow the exchange of ideas that greets you. What has been a hassle might actually seem worth it. Make time for a "must" meeting, and greet co-workers positively. You are on an uphill swing. Tonight: Frolic.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
You like the news you hear. A trip is more than possible now. You will gain in many different areas of your life by this experience. It feels as if a dream come true is about to happen. Go with intuition. Clear your desk, and stay late if need be. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Close relating is important to success. Discussions are key; you share heartfelt dreams and desires with another. Making money and increasing financial and emotional security are key. Detach, and discuss the future. Tonight: Take the long-range view.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Going along with others who seem to be inspired, and feeling very happy, seem easy. Socializing and networking are primary activities. Listen carefully to feedback from a financially suave associate. Do not conclude negotiations just yet. Tonight: Enjoy others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You accomplish a lot and feel good about co-workers. The sense of camaraderie lasts throughout the day. Make time for a social get-together at the end of business. Call the doctor, and make an appointment. Take good care of yourself. Tonight: Act as if it's Friday night.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Romance could tickle your heart, whether single or attached. Make time for a special lunch with a loved one. Your smile and positive attitude flow into work. Be careful with a risk; it could be costly in the long run. Work late, if you need to. Tonight: Success and smiles mix.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Determine what you want from another. Experiment with different ideas that can affect your domestic life. Express your true, loving nature. It is important to create a safe haven for yourself. Your playful, frisky side comes out when dealing with others. Tonight: Be a live wire.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Some days are close to perfect. Follow your intuition in an important discussion. Others share more easily. An idea hatched today is likely to be dynamic, exciting and successful tomorrow. Go with your gut instincts. Tonight: Prepare a favorite meal at home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Expenses are deceptive. What you might think is going on, isn't. However, you might enjoy the haze and the happy hues. If doing holiday shopping, you find the perfect gift. Make calls, socialize and handle business in the afternoon. Talk up a storm. Tonight: Enjoy some good-natured chitchat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
You are personality-plus, full of good news and mirth. There is a strong possibility you don't have a clear perspective; take a step back. If there is something you really want, now is the time to go for it. You can pull rabbits from hats. Tonight: Tend to holiday errands.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Your smile speaks for itself. Others read you loud and clear. Whatever makes you beam is obviously good news, and a secret. But you aren't great at keeping the cat in the bag. By late afternoon, you speak out. Your magnetism and joy are contagious. Tonight: Grant a wish.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Complete work during the day, initiate a project and go for desires. A meeting with a key person proves successful. Others seem willing to help you and support your projects. Follow-through counts. You might want to assume a low profile later on. Tonight: Happily vanish.

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minimum in terms of point count and spade tolerance, North was not interested in playing at a higher level.

West led the king of diamonds and shifted to the queen of hearts, taken in dummy. A trump to the nine lost to the jack and a heart came back to declarer's jack. West grabbed the king of spades with the ace and shifted to a club. The finesse lost to East, and West ruffed the heart return for a one-trick set.

South's timing was a little off. Since East was the danger hand, an effort should be made to remove that hand's entries first. Declarer should win the heart shift in hand at trick two and immediately take the club finesse. The heart return goes to the ace, and now a trump is led to the nite and jack. West has no way to get to partner's hand for a heart ruff. No matter what the defenders do, declarer loses only two trump tricks, two diamonds and a club.

The bidding:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
Pass 1 Pass 2 Pass
2 Pass 2 Pass

Opening lead: King of ♠

By and large, bridge columnists avoid writing about partscore deals — for good reason. Often the play has to be recorded for several tricks before the crucial point is reached, and space constraints prevent a columnist from doing this. But that was not the case here.

South made a move toward game by bidding two spades after North had overcalled in clubs. But with a

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PEOPLE

Actresses agree — Harrison Ford is a lousy kisser, former co-star Mirren says

LONDON — Harrison Ford a lousy kisser?

Actress Helen Mirren, who co-starred with Ford in "The Mosquito Coast" in 1986, said on a BBC radio show Tuesday she considered him "the nicest, sweetest guy you could want to meet. But he can't kiss — he finds it impossible to kiss on screen."

Then, she added: "He's probably not very good off screen either. It's not just me — other actresses agree. Whenever we get chatting off screen and we get around to talking, we come to the same conclusion: 'He couldn't do it with me either!' He does try, but it is just not there."

Mirren, 51, who has appeared in numerous films, was nominated for an Emmy this year for her role as a detective in the PBS series "Prime Suspect."

MUNICH, Germany — After more than 25 seasons with New York's Metropolitan Opera, music director James Levine will be taking on a second job as chief conductor of the Munich Philharmonic.

The city council voted to hire Levine, 54, despite opposition over his request for a salary of \$289,000 a year plus \$34,680 for each of his 24 performances per season — a grand total of more than \$1.1 million.

Levine told Munich officials "it will be a tremendously exciting assignment."

DURHAM, N.C. — New York is a fine place for a 77-year-old actor to live. Unless you're a 77-year-old actor with two little kids.

Tony Randall told Durham leaders Monday he would move his National Actors Theatre, which he founded in New York in 1991, to the Raleigh-Durham area if he found enough support and a proper venue.

"I'm thinking that New York isn't the best place to raise two small children," he said. "I didn't have to think about that until I was 77 years old."

Randall and his wife have an 8-month-old daughter and are expecting another child in June.

Randall, who played the finicky Felix Unger on TV's "The Odd Couple," has invested \$6 million of his own money into the theater company, which no longer has a permanent troupe of actors.

PARIS — Jeremy Irons has played

tough roles before, but he had to read Vladimir Nabokov's classic novel "Lolita" several times before he could begin to imagine himself as the main character.

"The first time I read it, it just wasn't me," Irons said Tuesday in Paris, where the novel was first published in 1954.

In British director Adrian Lyne's new movie version of "Lolita," Irons plays Humbert Humbert, the middle-aged college professor who succumbs to a love affair with his 12-year-old stepdaughter, Lolita. American distributors have rejected the \$62 million film.

"After the second read, I started to feel that maybe it was possible to find Humbert Humbert in myself, but I had to look for someone in myself who wasn't myself," he said. "Humbert knows what he's doing is horrendous, and he's tortured by it. There is no good pedophile."

Stanley Kubrick directed the first film version, which was based on a script by Nabokov himself and released in 1962.

LONDON — Paul McCartney agreed to cut scenes containing full frontal nudity from his new video — jokingly dubbed "Hey, Nude!" — after learning two British television networks planned to trim the footage if he didn't.

The scenes from McCartney's video for his new song "Beautiful Night" show a man and woman swimming naked in a river.

The former Beatle played bass on the song, which also reunited him with drummer Ringo Starr.

"It's so Beatle-sounding," McCartney said. "Ringo and I locked in — the Beatles' rhythm section. I suppose we'd just played together for so many years with the Beatles that it was still there and really easy to record together."

LONDON — Princess Diana's charity fund is trying to stop exploitation of her image by applying to make her likeness a trademark.

Since Diana's death Aug. 31, her picture has appeared on a several types of souvenirs, from t-shirts to T-shirts.

"This action is being taken as a preventative move, prompted by the extensive misappropriation of her image," said Kate Knightley Day, spokeswoman for the law firm Mishcon de Reya, which represents the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund.

The fund was established to accept donations in memory of the princess. The money, now more than \$50.4 million, is to be used for charities the princess supported.

The lawyers acknowledged the trademark application was "highly unusual" but said it would not affect honest use of Diana's image in the media.

Compiled from Associated Press wire reports.

TODAY'S TV SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY EVENING		December 3, 1997		For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings	
Broadcast	Channel	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30
3	KMD	2	3	4	5
4	KPEJ	24	5	6	7
5	KOSA	7	8	9	10
6	KWES	9	10	11	12
7	KMLM	42	12	13	14
8	KOCV	36	13	14	15
9	CNBS	8	9	10	11
10	WGN	10	11	12	13
11	WTBS	11	12	13	14
12	BRV	18	19	20	21
13	BET	20	21	22	23
14	DISN	21	22	23	24
15	FAM	21	22	23	24
16	CNN	35	36	37	38
17	ESPN	36	37	38	39
18	USA	37	38	39	40
19	FX	38	39	40	41
20	ABC	39	40	41	42
21	TLC	40	41	42	43
22	NICK	41	42	43	44
23	LIFE	43	44	45	46
24	OUTDR	45	46	47	48
25	UNI	48	49	50	51
26	HSE	50	51	52	53
27	COM	51	52	53	54
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31	TNT	17	18	19	20
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35	CHTS1	31	32	33	34
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 - Exile island
 - Morse code sound
 - Gnat, for one
 - Main artery
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 - "Jaws" feature
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 - Caroline
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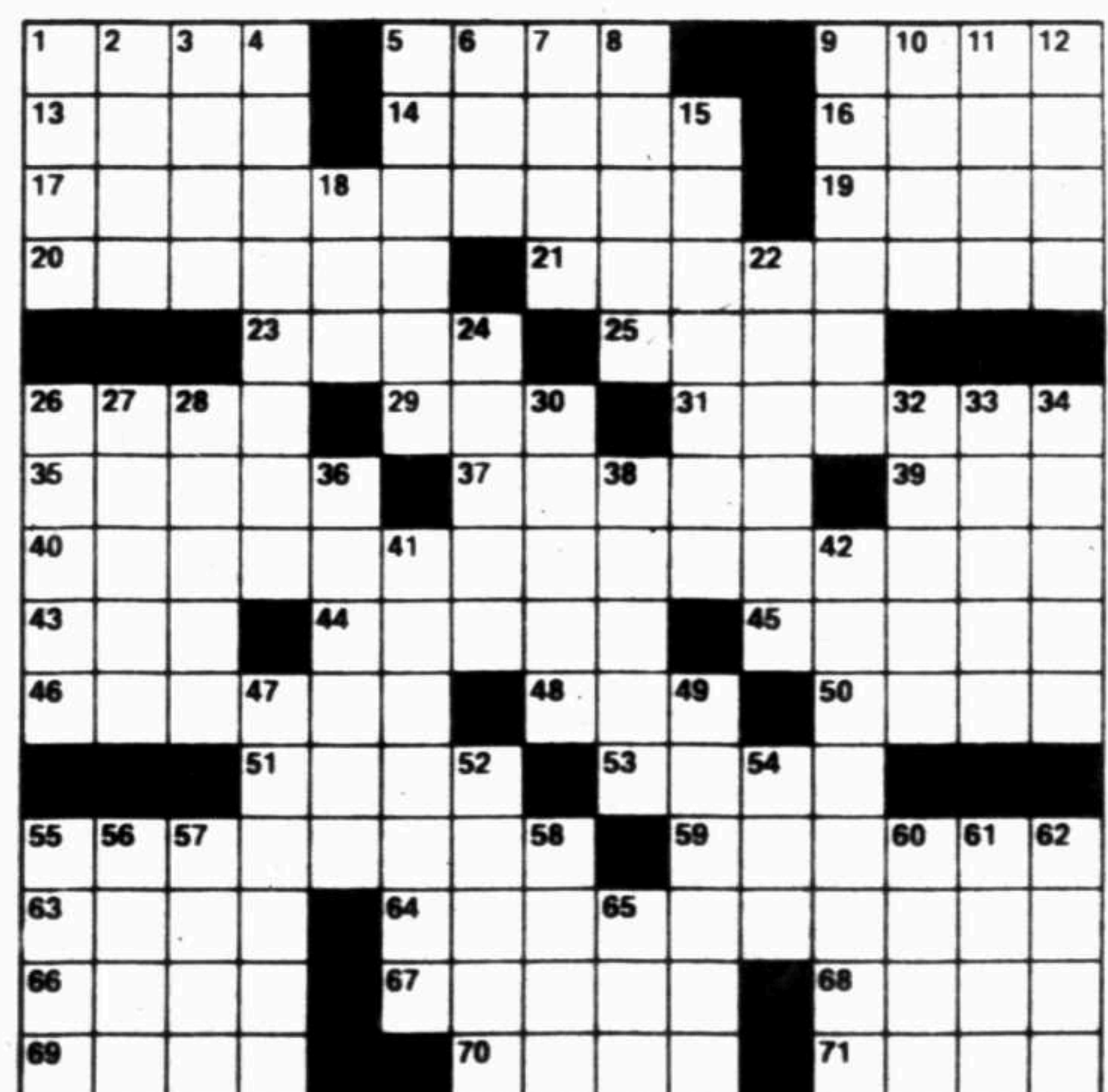
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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THE MARKET IN REVIEW

MARKET SUMMARY

NYSE

Symbol	Price	Change
IBM	157.24	+1.11
Microsoft	72.88	+0.54
Oracle	70.16	+0.76
Walmart	52.27	+1.18
Coca-Cola	55.80	+0.57

AMEX

Symbol	Price	Change
SPDR	197.49	+0.70
EWOL	188.48	+0.70
TWA	139.25	+0.70
Metromedia	109.32	+0.70
Nabors	105.53	+0.70

NASDAQ

Symbol	Price	Change
Intel	70.824	+0.70
Cisco	157.94	+0.70
Altera	141.862	+0.70
3Com	138.883	+0.70
Quantum	113.971	+0.70

LOSERS (\$2 on stock)

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IBM	157.24	-0.70
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HOW TO READ THE MARKET IN REVIEW

Here are the 1,675 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, 825 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 405 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Stocks in bold are worth at least \$5 and changed 5 percent or more in price. Underlining for 50 most active on NYSE and Nasdaq and 25 most active on AMEX. Tables show name, price and net change, and one to two additional fields related through the week.

NYSE: Stocks appear alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Names consisting of initials appear at the beginning of each letter list.

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Stock Footnotes: cc - PE exceeds 90; dd - Loss in last 12 months; e - New 52-week low during trading day; g - Dividend in Canadian \$; Stock price in U.S. \$; n - New issue in past 52 weeks; q - Closed without trading; no PE calculated; o - Split or stock dividend of 25 percent or more in last 52 weeks; trading day; v - Trading halted on primary market. Unless noted, dividend rates are annual dividends based on last declaration; pp - Preferred; pg - Holder owns (percentage) of purchase price; w - Warrant; xw - With warrant; yw - Without warrant.

Source: The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.

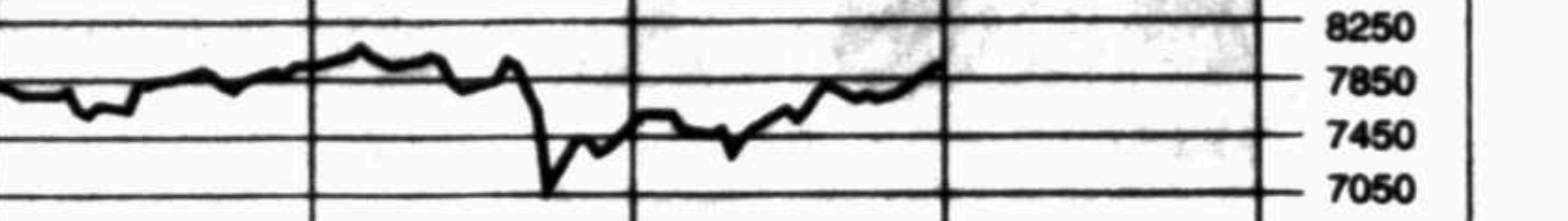
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Daily market roundup

December 2, 1997

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Dow Jones	8018.83	+57.2
S&P 500	896.66	+5.72
Nasdaq	7935.83	+57.2



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BUSINESS BRIEFING

OIL PRICES

FUTURES
Tuesday \$18.76
Previous Close \$18.66
Year Ago N/A

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Today \$16.50
Previous Close \$16.50
Year Ago N/A

NATURAL GAS PRICES

Tuesday \$2.718

Prices rise

NEW YORK — Oil prices recovered some ground Tuesday, a day after a sharp selloff on news that OPEC nations would be boosting output.

Traders said energy prices were due for a small upward swing after the bruising declines the day before, which were worsened by reports that Iraq might be allowed to sell more oil under the United Nations' oil-for-food program.

Crude oil for delivery in January settled at \$18.76 per barrel at the New York Mercantile Exchange, up 10 cents.

Natural gas prices were lower, with contracts for delivery in January settling at \$2.718 per 1,000 cubic feet, down 5 cents.

Dollar slips

NEW YORK — The dollar Tuesday slipped against the Japanese yen after Japan moved to defend its faltering currency, but it ended higher against most other major currencies.

Eisuke Sakakibara, Japan's vice minister for international affairs, said his country is worried about the decline of the yen and is prepared to take action to defend it.

Sakakibara's comments supported the yen as they were intended to do, but traders were not dissuaded from their long-term bullishness on the dollar. The dollar was trading late Tuesday in New York at 128.64 yen, down from 128.91 yen late Monday.

Meanwhile, the dollar rose to 1.7782 German marks, from 1.7771 late Monday, amid worries that Russia's struggling ruble, plus political instability in the Czech Republic, would spread to Germany.

Late Tuesday, the dollar was trading at 1.4335 Swiss francs, up from 1.4315 late Monday.

Other dollar rates in New York, compared with late Monday: 5.9490 French francs, up from 5.9475; 1.740 Italian lire, down from 1.741; and 1.4195 Canadian dollars, down from 1.4229.

The British pound was quoted at \$1.6807, down from \$1.6846.

Markets gain

NEW YORK — Technology shares were pounded by profit worries Tuesday, but the broad market was little changed after an early round of profit-taking on Monday's big rally.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 5.72 points to 8,018.83, edging higher just before the close. The Dow, which jumped nearly 190 points on Monday for its first close above 8,000 since October's sharp sell-off, never strayed more than 30 points in either direction today.

Broader stock indicators were mostly negative, although advancing issues outnumbered decliners by a small margin on the New York Stock Exchange.

Advancers issues outnumbered decliners by a 6-to-5 margin on the NYSE, with 1,625 up, 1,337 down and 521 unchanged, but decliners ruled the day on the technology-laden Nasdaq Stock Market.

NYSE volume totaled 575.28 million shares.

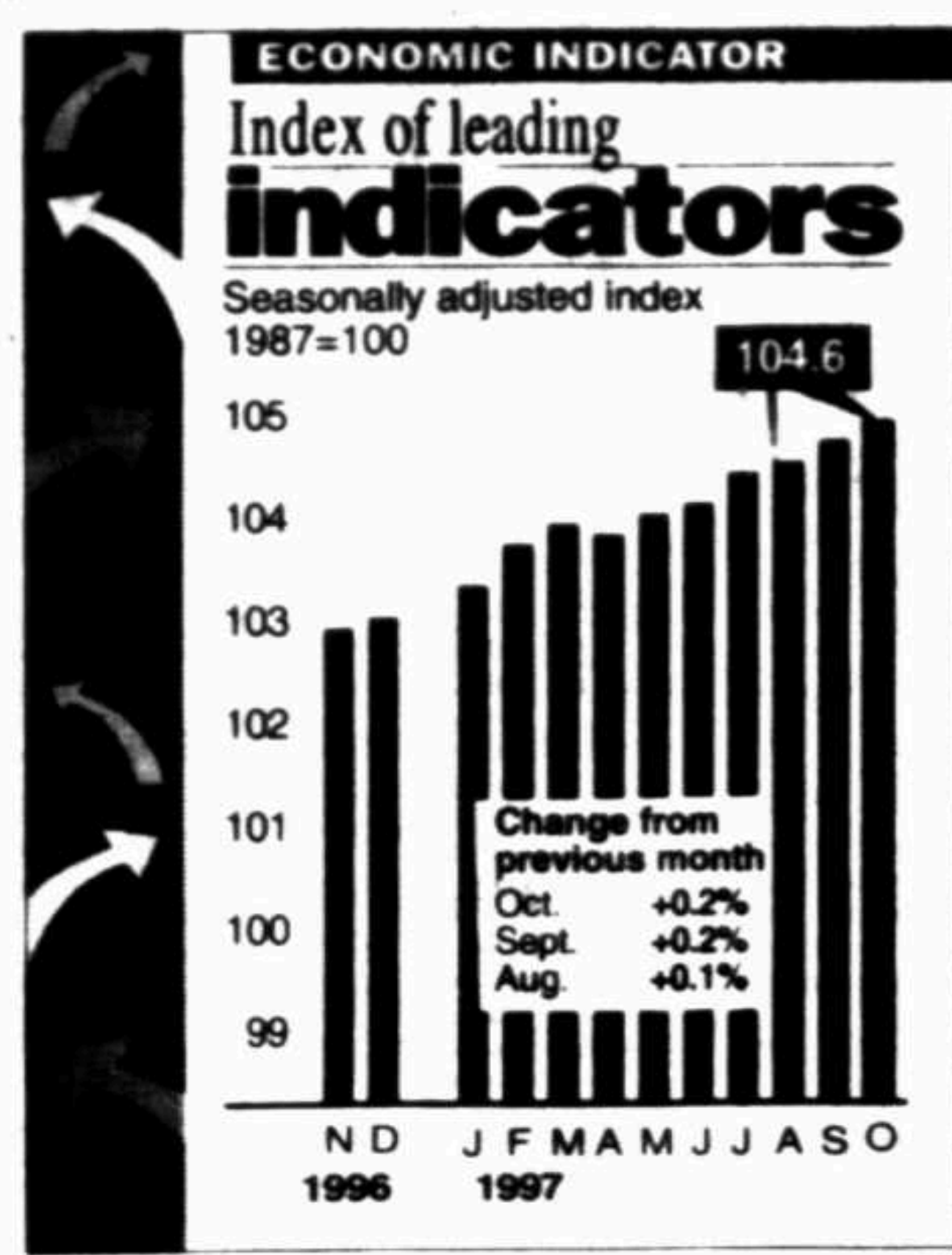
The Standard & Poor's 500-stock list fell 3.09 to 971.69, and the NYSE composite index slipped 0.09 to 507.64.

The Nasdaq composite index fell 24.34, or 1.5 percent, to 1,606.38.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies fell 1.68 to 432.48, but the American Stock Exchange composite index rose 1.57 to 665.70.

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Report indicates continued growth



■ Leading economic indicators predict modest growth into next year.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The economy's steady but cautious growth is set to continue beyond the holiday shopping season, according to a private report released Tuesday.

The Index of Leading Economic Indicators, a key gauge of future economic activity, rose 0.2 percent in October, the sixth straight monthly gain, according to The Conference Board.

"This modest increase ... projects a pretty healthy economy going into the start of next year," said Gary Thayer, senior economist at A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc. "The majority of consumers are doing pretty well right now and confidence is pretty high."

The stock market had little reaction to the report. The Dow Jones industrial

average rose just 5.72 points to close at 8,018.83 following a 190-point surge on Monday that put the blue-chip index above 8,000 for the first time since shortly before a sharp plunge in October.

Separately, an industry group reported the number of homeowners more than 30 days overdue on payments rose slightly in the three months ending in September.

The Conference Board said its Index of Leading Economic Indicators rose to 104.6 last month, matching analysts' expectations and the 0.2 percent gain of September. It edged up a revised 0.1 percent in August.

The leading index is designed to forecast economic activity six to nine months in advance.

The index has increased for six straight months, a sign economic growth faces no imminent halt, despite economic turmoil in Asia that has led to volatility on Wall Street.

Over the six months through October, the index increased 1.1 percent. During

the same period, eight of the 10 leading economic indicators advanced.

The Conference Board, a private research group, said seven of the 10 leading indicators rose in October, with the most significant coming in the lengthening factory work week and money supply. The most significant decline in September was in the difference between short- and medium-term interest rates.

Holiday sales will offer further signs of the economy's pace at the start of the new year.

A consensus of 24 retail industry analysts questioned by the International Council of Shopping Centers expect holiday sales to rise 4.5 percent over last year's level.

A recent Associated Press poll by ICR of Media, Pa. found that nearly a third of Americans expected to spend less on gifts this Christmas than in the last few years, 56 anticipated spending the same amount and only 12 percent expected to spend more.

Pool table maker cues up for business

■ Manufacturer takes advantage of new enterprise center in Port Isabel.

Associated Press

PORT ISABEL, Texas — Ask Mike Marsden what makes the perfect pool table and he will not hesitate to tell you the secret is in quality components.

"They are the slate, gum rubber and fabric (use to make the felt)," he said. "You can pay as much as \$27,000 for a pool table, but basically you are paying for cosmetic things like the fancy wood that sometimes goes into the table."

Marsden, along with his wife Nancy and partner Doug Penskofer, own U.S. Classic Billiards Inc. — a pool table manufacturing plant they opened in September.

The plant, located at the Laguna Madre Enterprise Center, is small by most standards. The three partners are the company's only employees.

The Enterprise Center is a new project sponsored by the Port Isabel/San Benito Navigation District. It was launched three months ago to work as a sort of business incubator.

Marsden, once a professional billiards player who won a national tournament 40 years ago in Florida, has been in the pool table business for nearly 20 years.

He first began learning the trade as a teenager in his home state of California working for Brunswick, a national firm that operates large plants throughout the United States.

"Back in those days we had pool tables with no pockets," he said, "so it was a lot more difficult to shoot, compared to what it is today."

Marsden and Penskofer were co-partners of a manufacturing plant in Long Beach, Calif., where as many as 100 pool tables were produced in a month.

He said the slate he uses is what he calls the largest single slab of petrified clay, each weighing 450 pounds and which he imports straight from Italy.

"Some pool tables are made with three pieces of slate put together," he said. "We like to use one continuous slab whenever possible."

The gum rubber cushions are brought from Japan while the fabric he prefers must weigh 20 ounces per square yard.

"That regulates the way the ball rolls," he said. "The more or less the weight is the more or less it will roll."

Other components of a pool table, like the leather pockets and wood, come from Taiwan and Maine.

Penskofer, who also acts as the company's chief executive officer, said making pool tables is a relatively simple task.

"If you know what you are doing it's a pretty good business," the 64-year-old Penskofer said. "I retired from the Long Beach Fire Department 22 years ago, and Mike and I have been working together making pool tables for the



A U.S. Classic Billiards Inc. pool table awaits its customer at the company's plant at the Laguna Madre Enterprise Center in Port Isabel, Texas.

last 20 or so years."

He said he still likes California, but other factors made running the business a bit too risky.

"Sometimes (theives) broke into the shop three times in one year," he said. "We like it down here. The cost of living is a lot cheaper than in California and a house costs a lot less."

Penskofer and Marsden said they found about the enterprise center through a friend, applied for the project and obtained a \$20,000 loan to start the business.

Under the terms of the project, they pay about \$1,000 month in rental fees but pay no utilities. The center even supplies some of the machinery, like forklifts.

Bob Cornelison, president of the Port Isabel/San Benito Navigation District, said the enterprise center where the billiard table maker located was built with funds from the Rio Grande Valley Empowerment Zone.

Cornelison said the district provides the property, security and maintenance, and it charges a flat fee of 25 cents per square foot in rent.

The empowerment zone is a portion of the Valley designated in January 1995 by the federal government as one of three economically depressed rural areas in the country. One of the requisites is that they must have a poverty level of at least 35 percent. The other two are in Mississippi and Kentucky.

The government allocated \$40 million for a variety of projects, including affordable housing, health care, education and small business ventures.

A company that applies and qualifies for the project is committed to stay for three years. After that, they must be prepared to start a new product or move out on their own, opening their location to another new business, Cornelison said.

Union Pacific progress to be evaluated

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal regulators this week will consider whether Union Pacific railroad has moved aggressively enough to solve the congestion and persistent service problems that have disrupted thousands of shippers nationwide in recent months.

Executives at the nation's largest railroad contend the worst headaches are largely a thing of the past, thanks to a service recovery plan implemented Oct. 1. Many customers disagree, saying their operations and financial outlook continue to be disrupted.

It's up to the Surface Transportation Board, which regulates railroad activities, to decide whose perception is more accurate. The board, which in October issued a 30-day emergency order designed to nudge the railroad back to normal operations, meets Wednesday to weigh the progress.

The rail problems have rippled throughout the U.S. economy, stranding bumper grain crops in the Midwest, clogging California ports, and disrupting production at Gulf Coast petrochemical plants, Northwest lumber yards and steel mills.

Appearing before the board on Oct. 27, Union Pacific Chairman Dick Davidson promised restoration of normal service by year's end, apologizing for the rail congestion, lack of equipment and crews, and a rash of wrecks that have plagued the railroad.

Union Pacific is seeking to make the case that further government intervention is unwarranted and that the "extraordinary" corrective actions taken by the railroad are working. At most, rail officials say, the Surface Transportation Board should extend its emergency order by 30 days.

"The serious congestion of recent months is gone," the Nebraska-based railroad said in a service recovery report filed Monday with the Surface Transportation Board. "In most corridors, shippers' products are moving much more reliably, and overall operations are regaining strength and velocity."

The railroad's rosy assessment isn't shared by some major shippers, who have filed progress reports of their own with the board in advance of Wednesday's hearing.

Formosa Plastics Corp. "fears that a return to normal service on UP will not be accomplished within the next few days or by the end of 1997, contrary to the assurances of UP President Davidson," said Formosa's traffic manager, Pablo Rodriguez.

Dow Chemical Co., whose plants in Louisiana and Texas have suffered from railroad delays, remains dissatisfied despite repeated meetings with the railroad to improve service. "Unfortunately, all this attention has not led to any measurable improvement in service on Dow traffic," said Dow official William Gebo, estimating that the disruption has cost Dow \$5 million in the last five weeks.

BUSINESS SCENE

Ruby Tuesday holds Tuesday opening in Midland

By Mella McEwen

RUBY TUESDAY has opened its doors at 2320 N. Loop 250 between Office Depot and Outback Steakhouse.

Midland's newest restaurant is described as an All-American grill with fajitas and ribs as its specialty. Its bar also features several signature drinks.

The salad bar offers 40 different items and prices range from \$4.99 to the most expensive item, a 16 ounce T-bone steak for \$12.99. A special luncheon menu includes a different soup and quiche daily.

Hours are 11 a.m. to midnight Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday.

opened a new Midland facility at 12306 W. County Road 129. The facility, located on one and a half acres, includes 3,500 square feet of office space.

Gyrodata will provide highly specialized gyroscopic and magnetic guidance services for directional drilling operations out of the Midland facility to customers throughout New Mexico, West Texas and even up to Colorado, according to Jeffrey Leonard, director of marketing for the company. At present, he said, the new facility has a manager and four employees and several company engineers out of the Houston office are working out of Midland on a temporary basis.

He explained that the company's highly specialized tool wasn't in much demand in the Midland area until the last year, when the area saw an increase in horizontal and directional drilling.

"Business in the last year has picked up enough that we felt it necessary to open a Midland facility," Leonard said.

Charlie and Nina Noel have opened

SUNSHINE STUDIO, a photography studio at 3404 W. Loop 250 North.

Both are graduates of the Brooks Institute of Photography and ran a portrait business in Ruidoso for seven years before relocating to Midland with their two sons. Charlie Noel is a native of Midland.

SUSIE'S SOUTH FORTY CONFECTIONS has opened a holiday retail center downtown in the Petroleum Building, 214 W. Texas Ave., the corner of Texas Avenue and Colorado Street.

Owner Susie Hitchcock-Hall said the location has free samples of her Texas Pecan Toffee and Fudge Richey, which are sold by the ounce or by the box, as well as other gift items. She has also made up samples of gift baskets that are available. Shoppers can also look through the company's catalog, place orders and pick up orders.

"We offer mail order service so customers can place orders, pick them up there or have them mailed out. They can take care of everything there —

tell us what you want and we'll do everything."

This is the first year she has opened a holiday store, which is designed to make shopping easier for her customers, she said.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The new MIDLAND TEACHERS CREDIT UNION facility at 1505 N. Midland Drive will open Dec. 9 in its new 8,100-square-foot building.

Established in 1955, the credit union serves more than 6,000 members who are employees or relatives of Midland Independent School District, private schools, Greenwood Independent School District and Midland College.

New services available at the new facility include drive-through banking, an automatic teller machine and safety deposit boxes.

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Associated Press

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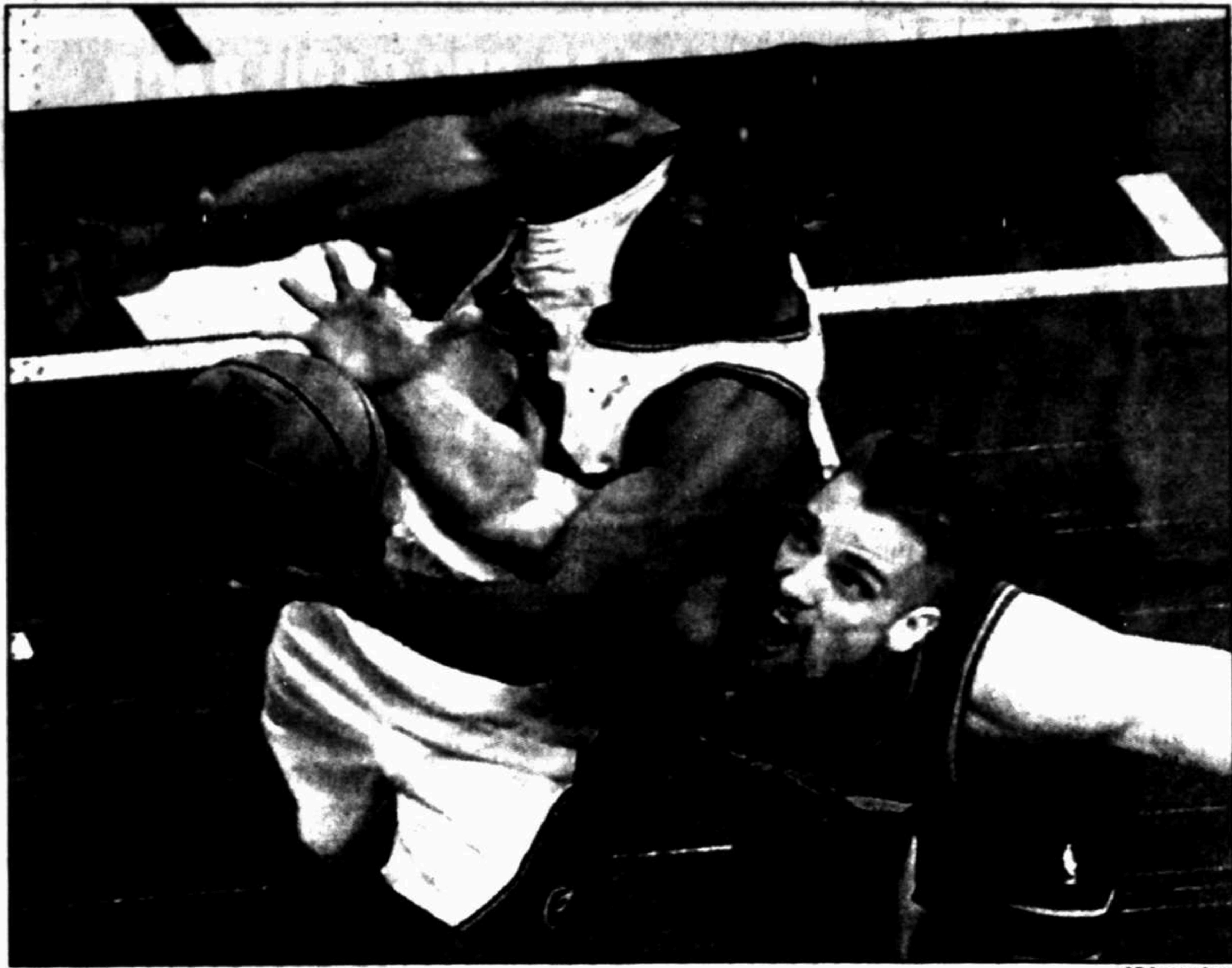
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The Washington Wizards' Terry Davis, left, and Seattle Sonics' Jim Melleme battle for the basketball during the Wizards' 95-78 win Tuesday at the new MCI Center in Washington.

Warriors ban Sprewell from practice after his attack on coach Carlesimo

By Dennis Georgatos
AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. — Banned from practice and team facilities Tuesday, Latrell Sprewell was in jeopardy of having his four-year, \$32 million NBA contract terminated following an attack on coach P.J. Carlesimo.

The three-time All-Star and leading scorer for the Golden State Warriors was suspended without pay for 10 games after two confrontations with Carlesimo at practice Monday. During the first, Sprewell put his hands around the coach's throat and reportedly threatened to "kill" him; during the second, 20 minutes later, he landed a glancing punch to Carlesimo's neck.

In the aftermath, the team tried to sort its options, which include trading Sprewell, patching things up between player and coach, or terminating his contract, signed just two summers ago.

In a letter to Sprewell informing him of the suspension, the team said it reserved the right to terminate his contract under Section 16 of the Uniform Player Contract, which says players must "conform to standards of good citizenship and good moral character" and prohibits "engaging in acts of moral turpitude."

The suspension will cost Sprewell about \$940,000 in salary.

He was in Oakland on Tuesday and was unavailable for comment. His agent, Arn Tellem, did not return phone calls.

"He cannot go to practice, he cannot be at the facility," team spokesman Eric McDowell said. "It's like a restraining order in many ways."

Carlesimo said the team has not heard from Sprewell.

"We're going to wait and see," he said. "We're going to reach out if we don't hear from him."

Published accounts of the altercation described Sprewell as the aggressor.

Carlesimo had a three-inch scratch on his neck when he appeared at a news conference Monday night to discuss Sprewell's suspension, but he refused to say how he got the mark.

Bay Area newspapers quoted team sources as saying Sprewell attacked Carlesimo after the coach made a comment during a shooting drill, and general manager

ager Garry St. Jean confirmed those reports Tuesday.

The New York Post, citing sources at practice, said Sprewell put a stranglehold on Carlesimo and quoted the player as saying: "I'm going to kill you. You better get me off this team, or that's what I'm going to do." Several players and assistant coaches separated the two, the paper said.

Sprewell returned to the gym 20 minutes later, and landed a glancing punch to the coach's head. After the second altercation was broken up, Sprewell went to St. Jean's office and found him speaking to Tellem. Sprewell grabbed the phone and told Tellem to "get me out of here today."

"That was an angry person. He was upset. I'm not going to hide it. He came up and vociferously expressed his feelings," St. Jean said. "We have guidelines that we live under. Obviously they were stepped over."

Rod Thorn, the NBA executive in charge of disciplinary matters, said the incident was a team matter and that the league would not comment until it learned more about it.

Bill Hunter, executive director of the players' union, said his group also was investigating.

"If there is a useful role for us to play, either acting on Latrell's behalf or functioning as an intermediary between the player and the organization, we plan to pursue that role," he said.

The Warriors reportedly have been listening to offers for Sprewell from other teams, including Miami (possibly for Jamal Mashburn and Dan Majerle) and San Antonio (for Sean Elliott), since word of his dislike for Carlesimo became public three weeks ago.

Sprewell is difficult to trade under salary cap rules because he is defined as a "base-year compensation player." The Warriors are paying him \$7.7 million this season, but can only receive \$5.1 million in return. In addition, the Warriors must trade Sprewell to a team with \$2.6 million in available salary cap room.

That could necessitate a three-way trade involving the only teams that are close to having that kind of cap space — Detroit, Toronto, Cleveland and the Los Angeles Clippers.

Warriors officials did not rule out the possibility of Sprewell returning to the team, although such a move would appear unlikely.

Barkley puts on show in Rockets' 11-point win over Denver Nuggets

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Charles Barkley turned playmaker to help the Houston Rockets build a big lead and hold on for their sixth straight win.

Barkley, who finished with the 20th triple-double of his career, had 10 assists in the first half alone as the Rockets built a 28-point lead en route to a 112-101 victory over Denver.

"In all modesty, I'd have to say we were putting on a clinic when it comes to teamwork and passing," Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said.

Barkley had 15 points, 12 assists and 11 rebounds and was joined by five teammates in double figures.

"I just take what the defense gives me and we were patient in our passing," Barkley said.

The Nuggets, losing for the 13th time in 14 games and winless in eight road contests, got 32 points from Johnny Newman and 22 from Danny Fortson, both off the bench.

Denver finally topped 100 points for the first time this season, stopping a franchise record 13-game streak of failing to reach the century mark.

"We're learning some things," Denver's rookie coach, Bill Hanzlik, said. "I was glad to see that we competed and got back into the game."

"We were pushing the ball up court and almost came back to win," Fortson said. "We kept working and didn't quit. I picked up a couple of sneak moves from Charles Barkley and maybe I can use them."

The Rockets were using a patchwork lineup and dressed only nine players. Starting forward Mario Elie was out with a bruised right wrist, reserve guard Brent Price was sidelined with back spasms and reserve forward Rodrick Rhodes had the flu.

The Rockets led by as many as 28 points before Denver made run beginning midway through the third quarter, eventually closing to 100-95 with less than five minutes to go on a dunk by Newman.

That was as close as they would get as the Rockets went on a 10-1 run to pull away, keyed by Matt Bullard's 3-pointer with 2:30 to go. It was one of six 3-pointers for Bullard, who finished with a season-high 20 points while starting for Elie.

"It was a lot of fun out there,"

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Bullard said, "Teams have a tough time deciding what to do with us. If they double team inside, we can shoot well outside. When we're shooting 3's like that, there's not much they can do."

Clyde Drexler added 22 points, Kevin Willis had 19 and Eddie Johnson 17. The Rockets were 12-of-26 from behind the arc.

Spurs 90, Knicks 84

SAN ANTONIO — David Robinson and Tim Duncan scored 23 points apiece to lead the San Antonio Spurs to a come-from-behind victory over the New York Knicks.

It was the sixth loss of the season for the Knicks, who have blown fourth-quarter leads in all of their defeats.

Robinson added 14 rebounds and five blocks, and Duncan had 13 rebounds to go along with his career-high in points. Vinny Del Negro added a season-high 16 points for San Antonio, which won despite shooting 25-of-45 at the free throw line.

Patrick Ewing scored 13 of New York's 15 points in the fourth quarter and finished with 25 points and 15 rebounds. Allan Houston added 22 points.

Trailing 69-63 entering the fourth quarter, San Antonio began the period with an 11-3 run to take a 74-72 lead on two free throws by Robinson with 7:01 remaining.

Ewing kept New York in the game with 11 consecutive Knicks points before Houston scored on a layup with 2:52 remaining to tie the game at 82-82. San Antonio then went on a 6-0 run to take the lead for good as back-to-back baskets by Del Negro gave San Antonio an 88-82 lead with 1:22 to play.

Monty Williams had eight of his 10 points in the fourth quarter, including two late free throws which clinched the victory.

Hawks 112, Mavericks 79

DALLAS — Steve Smith scored a season-high 28 points, 18 in the first half, and the Atlanta Hawks eased to their fourth straight victory with a rout of Dallas.

Dikembe Mutombo, Christian Laettner and Ed Gray all added 15 points as the Hawks improved their league-best record to 15-2 with their largest margin of victory this season.

Michael Finley's 18 points paced the Mavericks, who have lost 11 of

their last 12. Dennis Scott scored 15 points and Samaki Walker had 14 points, matching his career-high, and a career-best 15 rebounds.

The Mavericks managed to hang around early as the Hawks led only by 31-26 entering the second quarter.

But Atlanta got serious in the second quarter, turning up the defensive heat and outscoring Dallas 34-23 to build a 65-49 halftime lead behind Smith, Laettner (13 first-half points) and Mutombo (12 points, three blocks).

Hornets 121, Kings 102

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Glen Rice scored 14 of his 30 points in the third quarter and the Charlotte Hornets had a franchise-record 41 assists in a victory over the Sacramento Kings.

Dell Curry 18 added for the Hornets, who outscored Sacramento 36-18 in the third quarter and broke a two-game slide in which they had averaged less than 90 points.

Charlotte shot a season-high 59 percent, including a 12-for-18 performance by Rice and 8-for-10 shooting by Curry, to send the Kings to their fourth consecutive loss.

Wizards 95, SuperSonics 78

WASHINGTON — The Washington Wizards finally won a home game, opening their new \$200 million arena with a victory that snapped Seattle's seven-game winning streak.

Juwan Howard and reserve Tracy Murray had 18 points apiece for Washington, which lost all five of its games at the US Airways Arena this season.

It was 74-63 after the third quarter, and the Wizards pulled away by opening the final period with a 12-5 spree that made it 86-68.

Suns 90, Bucks 86

MILWAUKEE — Rex Chapman's jumper with 23 seconds left and his two free throws seconds later gave Phoenix the victory.

George McClooney scored a season-high 16 points in his first start of the season, including a big 3-pointer to tie the game at 86-86 with 57.9 seconds left.

The Suns finished with six players in double figures as they rebounded from a 22-point road loss to the New York Knicks three days ago.

The Bucks lost to the Suns for the 14th time in their last 15 games, including six of the last seven in Milwaukee.

Big 12 basketball getting no respect

By Doug Tucker
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — If not for the Jayhawks, the Big 12 would be absent in this week's national rankings.

Poll voters say Kansas, unbeaten and No. 2 going into Tuesday night's game against defending national champion Arizona, is the only team in the conference that merits consideration among the nation's elite.

Right now, it's merely an embarrassment. But if this condition persists into March when NCAA bids are handed out, it will be much more than that. It will be a financial disaster.

Will it persist? "I don't think so," Oklahoma State coach Eddie Sutton said Tuesday. "Some teams in our league have played tough schedules. Some probably just haven't jelled yet."

Oklahoma, Missouri, Nebraska, Texas and Oklahoma State are

probably the Big 12's best bets to climb into the rankings, most coaches agree.

"There's more than one (top 25) program in this conference," said Baylor coach Harry Miller. "No question about it."

"I think Oklahoma will eventually get there," Miller said. "I would suspect they've run into some pretty good people. I still think Nebraska can be a very special team."

Many people have pointed to Texas' early schedule as a killer.

"Tom's a brave soul," Miller said of Longhorn coach Tom Penders. "That's a tough meat grinder he's got for those guys to go through. I do think those teams are capable of being special."

Miller also suggests that everyone pay attention to Oklahoma State.

"You've got to watch out for old Eddie," he said. "You don't keep him down for too long. I think he may have a little better team than some people think. Nebraska will

be better. Oklahoma definitely will be. I guarantee you they will be there."

Perhaps the most disappointed program is Texas Tech's. The Red Raiders are 0-3.

"We're not very good defensively and we've not been shooting the ball very well. When you have that combination, it adds up to 0-3," said coach James Dickey. "We've got to get better in a hurry."

The shooting slump has even affected Cory Carr, last year's leading scorer in the conference, who's shooting just 39 percent.

But Dickey agrees with his counterparts that better days and better rankings lie ahead for the Big 12.

"All of us are going to be chasing Kansas, there's no doubt about that," he said. "But there's no doubt in my mind there are several top 25 teams in this league, and will be there at the end of the year. We'll have at least six teams in the NCAA and more in the NIT. We'll be a conference to be reckoned with at the end of the year."

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Court case could change PGA Tour

By Ron Sirak
AP Golf Writer

Sometime Wednesday, Casey Martin will step onto the first tee in Haines City, Fla., hit his drive in the first round of the PGA Tour qualifying school, then climb into a cart and ride away.

Most likely, later this month a federal magistrate in Oregon will hold a hearing to decide if an injunction allowing Martin use of a cart because of a leg disability should be extended to the PGA Tour and the Nike Tour.

A key point in that hearing — if not the central point — will be this question: Is the stamina needed to walk four or five miles part of the physical challenge required of a professional golfer?

Is walking, and the strain that can result, as much a part of the total package of a pro as rhythm, touch, power and the nerve to make a 4-foot putt with a championship on the line?

Based on the memory of Ben Hogan trotting the course on shattered legs after his car crash, on the image of a dazed Ken Venturi finishing the 1964 U.S. Open in 100-degree temperatures near heat stroke and the return of Jose Maria Olazabal from crippling foot problems, the answer is yes.

Walking is part of the essential nature of competitive golf.

While Martin should be allowed to pursue a career in golf — in fact, it should be ensured that every barrier that might obstruct his pursuit of a career in golf be removed — he is not entitled to the right to be a competitive golfer under a different set of rules.

He should no more be allowed to ride a cart during competition than someone with a problem with depth perception should be allowed to use a sighting device to help judge distances even though USGA rules prohibit use of any aid beyond one's senses.

There are about 25 million golfers in the United States. More than 23,000 of those golfers are PGA of America professionals eligible to teach the game, sell equipment and run pro shops.

But only 291 players had PGA Tour cards in 1997. That is about one-thousandth of 1 percent of all American golfers and 1 percent of all professional golfers.

Clearly, touring pros are a highly select group possessing a rare combination of abilities.

Does the issue that Casey Martin raises demand a rethinking of

outdated and overly purist attitudes about the game, or does it require such a radical change in competition so as to alter the basic nature of the sport?

The latter seems to be the case. The Americans With Disabilities Act, under which Martin sued, covers disabled individuals discriminated against in employment, by state and local government or in public accommodations.

The court will first decide if Martin's case fits one of those three categories. The court will also decide if Martin's ailment is a disability that affects a major life function, entitling him to coverage under the act.

Martin, 25, played on Stanford University's 1994 NCAA championship team and was runner-up in the second round of the PGA Tour qualifying tournament despite a progressively worsening muscle and bone condition in his right leg that causes him pain when he walks.

The PGA Tour allowed the use of carts in the first two rounds of qualifying to expedite play but bans them in the grueling 108-hole final stage of qualifying to simulate PGA Tour tournament conditions.

There is no question Martin is a good golfer and he likely possesses the shotmaking ability of a professional. But is he entitled to the aid of a cart to compensate for his physical disability?

That is something the courts will decide.

Does the PGA Tour undermine its case by allowing the use of carts on the senior tour, thereby seeming to say that walking is not part of the skill of golf?

That is something the courts will have to consider.

Should the window of opportunity be opened as wide for the disabled as for any other American?

Yes.

Is Casey Martin a talented athlete with a ton of courage?

No doubt about it.

Would the introduction of carts on the PGA Tour radically change the nature of the competition?

Yes.

The words written by Grantland Rice after Hogan lost an 18-hole playoff to Sam Snead in the 1950 L.A. Open less than a year after his car crash seem to fit here.

"His heart," Rice said, "was simply not big enough to carry his legs any longer."

Walking is part of the mix of championship golf.

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Americans may get Brazil or Columbia in World Cup draw

By Salvatore Zanca
Associated Press Writer

MARSEILLE, France — Steve Sampson learned Tuesday he will coach the United States through the World Cup, and the Americans found out they could draw a first-round group that might include Germany, England and Colombia.

Or the Americans could get lucky and draw Romania, Scotland and South Korea.

In seeding the teams for Thursday's World Cup draw, the FIFA World Cup organizing committee determined the United States won't have an African opponent in the first round. That means the United States could be in a very strong group or a very weak one.

But Sampson, who took over from Bora Milutinovic on April 14, 1995, definitely will be in charge.

"We are very confident that he and his players are up to the challenge ahead," U.S. Soccer Federation president Alan Rothenberg said.

As the Americans struggled in qualifying for the 32-team tournament, which runs from June 10-July 12, Rothenberg refused to say whether he would exercise Sampson's 1998 option. But the United States finished with a tie at Mexico and decisive wins at Canada and at home over El Salvador, getting the second of three spots from the North and Central American and Caribbean region.

"I'm a human being. Certainly the indecision was a little bit worrisome," Sampson said. "The only real bother was the concern of my family. And obviously the concern of getting ready organizationally for the next six, seven months."

The Americans are 20-16-11 under Sampson, and his .543 winning percentage is the best among coaches of the U.S. team. Sampson said he thought he could take the team "to the second round, if not the third."

"Our goal is to achieve one better than the last time around," Sampson said.

In 1994, the Americans were a No. 1 seed as the host nation and drew Colombia (a No. 2 seed), Romania (a No. 3 seed) and Switzerland (a No. 4 seed). They finished third and advanced to the second round before losing to

Brazil, the eventual champion, 1-0.

With the expansion of the tournament from 24 teams to 32, the four wild-card spots in the second round have been eliminated.

"This is going to be a bigger challenge than 1994," Rothenberg said. "We're not playing at home and you have to finish first or second in your group."

If FIFA had stuck with its mathematical formula, the United States would have been No. 16 and the final No. 2 seed. However, after determining the No. 1 seeds, FIFA divided the rest of the field by region. That means the U.S. team will have one opponent from among each of the following:

—Argentina, Brazil, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Romania and Spain, the No. 1 seeds.

—Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Denmark, England, Norway, Scotland and Yugoslavia, the unseeded European teams.

—Chile, Colombia, Paraguay, Iran, Japan, Saudi Arabia and South Korea, Asian teams and unseeded South American nations.

The Americans can't play the other nations: Mexico and Jamaica from CONCACAF; Nigeria, South Africa, Cameroon, Tunisia and Morocco from Africa.

In determining the seeds, FIFA used a combination of performances in the 1986, 1990 and 1994 World Cups and its rankings system.

"Sixty percent of the weighting was given to the performances in the last three World Cups and 40 percent to the current world rankings," general secretary Sepp Blatter said.

Not seeding England sets up the possibility of a first-round meeting for the English against Germany, a rematch of the 1996 European Championship semifinal the Germans won on penalty kicks.

"If we'd been seeded it would've made the path a bit easier," England coach Glenn Hoddle said. "But if we're going to do well, we've got to play the cards we're dealt and meet these people."

In other news, the organizing committee decided that players who received a red card in their final qualifier will be suspended for their team's first match, but that yellow cards will be wiped clean.

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BUTCHERS: Now hiring 2 experienced butchers. Approximately 35-40 hours per week. Table trim beef only. Be prepared to perform a live demonstration during interview. Benefits available. Apply in person only. Cattle Baron 418 W. Wadley, Midland.

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Local distribution is swamped! We need 15 people to help in distribution, delivery and marketing. Shipments arriving daily. Earn up to \$100 daily. Call Mr. Price at 570-4198

DOMINO'S PIZZA

Now Hiring Drivers

Earn \$9 - \$14/hour

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FOR RESUMES: that get results call 699-1919. Also, Cover letters. Professional, quick service, affordable.

FURNITURE MOVERS: with experience. Heavy lifting and Class C drivers. license required. Leave name/number (915)499-4026

GENERAL: First Presbyterian Child Development Center seeks part time Secretary and part time Spanish Teacher. 683-0851

GENERAL: Midland Powerports is seeking a full time employee to handle our Finance and Insurance Department. Must be out-going and people-oriented, computer experience helpful. Will train right individual. Contact Tom at 5200 W. Hwy 80, Midland or call 520-2080

GROUNDSCAPE/ Houseman: Full time position. Must be pool certified. Apply Lexington Hotel and Suites, 1003 S. Midkiff. No phone calls please

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Delivery Collections person needed for fast paced retail purchase store. Our Company offers "Paid Vacation," "Paid Holidays," "Company Advancement," "401(K) Retirement," "Bonuses." All applicants are drug tested and must have clean driving record. Serious inquiries only. No phone calls please. Apply at 3303 W. Illinois, Space 8

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Warehouse distribution needs 15 people. FULL TIME. Great Earning Potential. Call Sandy at 570-4199

HONEST HARD WORKING HOUSEKEEPER: to work for honest, hard-working family. Laundry ironing, cleaning. Full-time. Must have references. Call 685-0987

HAIRSTYLISTS & Nail Tech: stations for lease. Clientele preferred. Come by Inez & Company Hair Salon, 206 N. Midkiff, Suite 2A

JANITORIAL: Cleaning personnel needed. Please apply in person at 1307 N. Big Spring, 8:30 to 5:30. Monday through Friday.

HAIRSTYLISTS: relocate to beautiful salon before Christmas rush! 2 openings. Hair Scapes Salon, Water 599-5999 or 697-1794

JOB DEVELOPER: Job coach needed to assist individuals with disabilities in obtaining and maintaining employment. Reliable transportation. In-home phone a must. \$6.75 per hour to start. Call 520-6650

LAWN MAINTENANCE: Person 12 Day 3 Days per week. 682-2423

LINE ATTENDANTS & dishwashers: Full time. No experience. Contract Mr. Chambers in person at Furr's Cafeteria, 1116 N. Midkiff

LOCAL INSTRUMENT Technician: for field service work. Requires AAS in electronics or equivalent military experience, clean driving record and drug test. A must. Send resume to Box B-1040, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702

LOOKING FOR Bar Tender and Kitchen Help: Apply in person at 4400 N. Midland Drive

MECHANIC: Mechanic Helper/ Hands. Apply in person, Patriot Oil, 1-20 & Midkiff

PART TIME cashiers: needed for all shifts. Apply in person E. Z Mart, 2210 N. Big Spring. No phone calls please

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS VA MEDICAL CENTER, BIG SPRING, TX

LVN - Full Time permanent vacancy: at our community based clinic in Odessa, Texas. Clinic Hours are 8 am - 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday. Clinic experience preferred. Excellent federal benefit package includes: Vacation and Sick Leave, Family Leave, Retirement, Health and Life Insurance, Uniform Allowance, Additional Pay Given for Specialty Certification and Cash Award

RN's - (2) Full Time permanent vacancies: at our community based clinic in Odessa, Texas. Clinic Hours will be 8 am - 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday. Clinic Experience required. Excellent federal benefit package includes: Vacation and Sick Leave, Family Leave, Retirement, Health and Life Insurance, Uniform Allowance, Additional Pay Given for Specialty Certification and Cash Award

ICU RN - Full Time permanent vacancy: at VA Medical Center, Big Spring, TX. This position is assigned 12 hour tours of duty. Excellent federal benefit package includes: Vacation and Sick Leave, Family Leave, Retirement, Health and Life Insurance, Uniform Allowance, Federal Holidays

LVN - Full Time permanent vacancy: at VA Medical Center, Big Spring, TX. Excellent federal benefit package includes: Vacation and Sick Leave, Family Leave, Retirement, Health and Life Insurance, Uniform Allowance, Federal Holidays

RN's/ Hobbs, NM: Two (2) Full Time permanent vacancies at our community based clinic in Hobbs, New Mexico. The clinic is expected to open in January - March 1998. Clinic hours will be 8 am - 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday. Clinic experience required. Excellent federal benefit package includes: Vacation and Sick Leave, Family Leave, Retirement, Health and Life Insurance, Uniform Allowance, Additional Pay Given for Specialty Certification and Cash Award

Phone or Write:

Walter A. Dickerson
Resource Management Service (05)
VA Medical Center
300 Veterans Blvd
Big Spring, Texas 79720
(915) 264-4828
1-800-472-1365 ext. 7015

NEEDED LVN'S AND RN'S

Responsible for management of day to day nursing care needs of both acute residents. Strong assessment and supervisory skills. LTC experience preferred. Excellent benefit package. EOE

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7801 San Machel Drive
Odessa, Texas 79765
(915)563-5707

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At North Odessa Clinic. High School Diploma or GED. Full-time flexibility required. Duties include reception desk, patient education and lab work. Knowledge of office procedures and ability to meet people. Medical background and bilingual ability helpful. Requires a high degree of integrity to ensure maximum confidentiality. Must be in agreement with goals and objectives of Planned Parenthood of West Texas, Inc. Application and job description available at the Executive Office 910-B South Grant, Odessa, Texas 79761 and at the North Odessa Clinic 1171 E. 42nd in Odessa. Closing date: December 9, 1997 at 5 pm. EOE M/F/D/V

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Attn: Personnel

***NURSING UNIT COORDINATOR**

Manor Park, Inc. is now accepting applications for a Nursing Unit Coordinator. Experience a plus. Must enjoy and be dedicated to the care of the elderly. If this sounds like you, complete application at Manor Park, Inc., 2208 N. Loop 250 W. Midland, TX 79707 or send resume attention of Personnel. EOE M/F

***SPANISH SPEAKING RN's AND LVN's**

needed to work PRN or full time. Sign-on bonus and possible benefits and salary. Must have home health experience. Call 570-4475 and ask for Jackie.

ACTIVITY DIRECTOR: Manor Park, Inc. is seeking to fill the open position of Activity Director for our Special Care Center (for Alzheimer's and related disorders). Qualified candidate must be a Certified Activity Director. Experience with working with the elderly with dementia or other mental challenges a plus. Excellent benefits. Please submit resumes to the Personnel Director, Manor Park, Inc., 2208 N. Loop 250 West, Midland, Texas 79707. EOE M/F

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915-580-2500

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Send replies to:
Box P-06055
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram
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Midland, TX 79702

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Midland based loss control and safety consulting firm seeks a Loss Control Representative for immediate employment. Candidate with the following experience will be considered:

- 10 years experience in a safety or loss control position
- Regulatory reporting, severance law, fire and gas
- Completion of OSHA 500 or 501 course a plus
- Good written and verbal skills required
- Knowledge of insurance coverage helpful

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Oil & Gas Revenue Accountant

Degree required: 3-5 Years experience in revenue distribution a must. Familiarity with Federal and State regulatory reporting, severance law, fire and gas, balancing issues. Strong analytical skills required. Proficiency in Excel, Word and previous use of an automated oil & gas accounting system preferred. Competitive benefits. Salary DOE. Applicants should mail resume to:
PO Box 10629
Midland, TX 79702

Human Resources Insurance Administrator

Growing Midland Based company seeking applicant responsible for all phases of Human Resources and risk Management. Candidate must have extensive knowledge and experience in payroll, employee benefit programs, policies and procedures, and employment law. Applicant should possess knowledge and experience in all property and casualty policies, claims handling (including job related injuries), administration of safety programs. Accounting degree helpful, but not required. Send resume and salary requirements to Box PJ-3017, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702

311 Medical Help Wanted

MEDICAL: Opening for LVN for physician's office. Full time, good benefits. Send resume to Box T-5071, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650 Midland, TX 79702

MEDICAL: Wanted to work in doctor's office. Neurodiagnostic Technician. EEG and Evoked Potential skill a must. NCV preferred but not necessary. Write to Box B-04008, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702

312 Professional Help Wanted

ENTRY LEVEL staff accountant: position open for Midland based oil & gas company. Flexible hours, pleasant working environment. Salary DOE. Send resume to EnerQuest Resources, LLC, P.O. Box 11150, Midland, Texas 79702

GEO-TECH: Small Independent Oil Company seeks part time Geo-Tech. Flexible hours, pleasant working environment. Salary DOE. Send resume to EnerQuest Resources, LLC, P.O. Box 11150, Midland, Texas 79702

312 Professional Help Wanted

INTERNATIONAL OILFIELD: Company has a local opening for a Sales Engineer. Must have an engineering degree. Should have a personable manner. Full benefits. Company vehicle. Salary depends on experience. Send resume to Box PJ-3018, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702

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DOG GROOMER: We have an immediate opening for an experienced Dog Groomer at the Andrews Veterinary Clinic. Percentage based salary with all equipment provided. Call 523-4355

314 Clerical Help Wanted

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314 Clerical Help Wanted

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Permanent, Full-time position. Word, Excel and Quickbooks experience a plus. Land experience necessary. Pay \$8.50 - \$10 per hour. Call:
DP PERSONNEL
682-0033 Never a fee!

***LAND SECRETARY**

Must have previous land experience and be proficient in Microsoft Word and Excel. Windows for this long term position. Call:
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***LORETTA'S ANSWERING SERVICE**

Telephone secretaries for evening shifts, including weekends. Type minimum 35 wpm. Apply 10 am - 4 pm, Monday-Friday at:
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*Word Processing
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TEMPORARY RESOURCES
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ACCOUNTING CLERK: Experienced in collections, P/R, A/R & A/P general accounting procedures. Resume only, no phone calls. 1211 N. Whitaker, Odessa, TX. Attn: Dawn. Equal Opportunity Employer

ACCOUNTING Manager: position open for Midland based oil & gas company. Experience with liquids, jobberships, convenience stores helpful. Degree in accounting required. Knowledge of PC spreadsheets needed. Send resume and salary requirements to "Accountant Position", 211 N. Colorado, Midland, TX 79701

CLERICAL: Midland Co. F.S.A. is now hiring a temporary employee, must be able to meet the public, work with IBM computers, type 60 wpm. An experienced helpful, interested applicants must apply in person at 1219 S. Fairgrounds Rd., between 8 am & 5 pm Monday through Friday. Salary based on CO-3 level. Final date to apply is 12/12/97. Candidates will be considered without discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, political affiliation, personal sponsorship, physical or mental handicaps, age, marital status or other non-race factors.

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Tuesday's unlisted clue: CLAIM
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Wednesday's unlisted clue hint: - OLD MEN

Angry **Int** **Peev** **Unhappy**
Annoyed **Contented** **Put** **Upset**
Dejected **Miffed** **Teed** **Waxed**
Disgusted **Offended** **Ticked**

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DON'T BE MAD

Word search puzzle grid with words hidden in it. Words include: DISGRUNTED, MAD, CLAIM, etc.

PUM

TRICO INDUSTRIAL equipment company. This position is responsible for the repair and/or replacement of pump parts and/or causes of pump problems. You will be delivering using company school graduate or years related experience. Competitive salary. Please send resume to Suite 1220, Midland, Pre-employment drug employer.

310 Help Wanted

LEASING AGENT: Position available at P.O. Apartments 15 - 20 including weekends. A person at 4700 Polo Pk. E.O.E.

310 Help Wanted

SALESPERSON: need cold calling, no stuffy. Weekly salary. Must be oriented and out-going. person, Patriot Oil Co. 3301 W-120, Midland.

310 Help Wanted

MANUFACTURING MA: Young, growing ed company seeking in with experience in pr control and management. Must starting and have a manage & motivate employees. Pu experience a plus. provided. Send resume. Box 60276 Midland, TX

310 Help Wanted

ENGINEER & GEOL: both have two years experience in evaluation, drilling, cor facilities, waterflood and installation. Re- entry. Day work. Approved RRC operat 683-1475

Oil Field Service: hiring Shop and personnel. Wellhead experience a plus. depending on experience 687-0516 for interview between 8-5.

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READY TO SETTLE

Single white mom, 25, outgoing, friendly, enjoys country music, enjoys sports, basketball, looking for a single black male, 18-30, games Ad 824-

ONE YELLOW ROSE

Outgoing, friendly, Hispanic mom, 34, 5'2, um build, smoker, oc, drinker, enjoys going out, home, seeks Hispanic dad, 29-45, ble serious relat Ad 1123

LET'S GO OUT

Active single white female, 52, non-smoker, non-diner, dining out, moving, talking, open-minded, male, 21-38 Ad 2

WHAT'S INSIDE CO

Single white female, 35, non-smoker, enjoys long walks, children, time at home and family, seeking compatible, hearted single Hispanic male, 30-45 Ad 4275

A DREAM COME TRUE

Friendly single white female, 58, smoker, enjoys doors, camping, the seeks honest, compatible, medium-build white male, 42-50 Ad 1

ONE ON ONE

Spontaneous single female, 18, 5'7, Midland, enjoys t, drawing, reading, w, seeks caring, compatible single Hispanic male, 29, for a monogamous, Ad 1333

Personally Speaking

range, lifestyle or credit, any adverse claims made caution or reply to

PUMP REPAIR IV

TRICO INDUSTRIES, Inc., a major oilfield production equipment company has an opening for a pump repairman. This position is responsible for performing quality rod tubing and/or hydraulic pump repair, including tubing and/or pump assembly. You will also be responsible for analyzing causes of pump problems and counsel customers. In addition, you will be responsible for customer pick-up and deliveries using company vehicles. Requirements are: high school graduate or equivalent, mechanical ability, and 1-3 years related experience. In return, Trico offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefits package. Please send resume to Trico Industries, 731 W. Wadley, Suite 1220, Midland, Texas 79705 or fax to (915)686-9908. Pre-employment drug screen required. Equal opportunity employer.

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