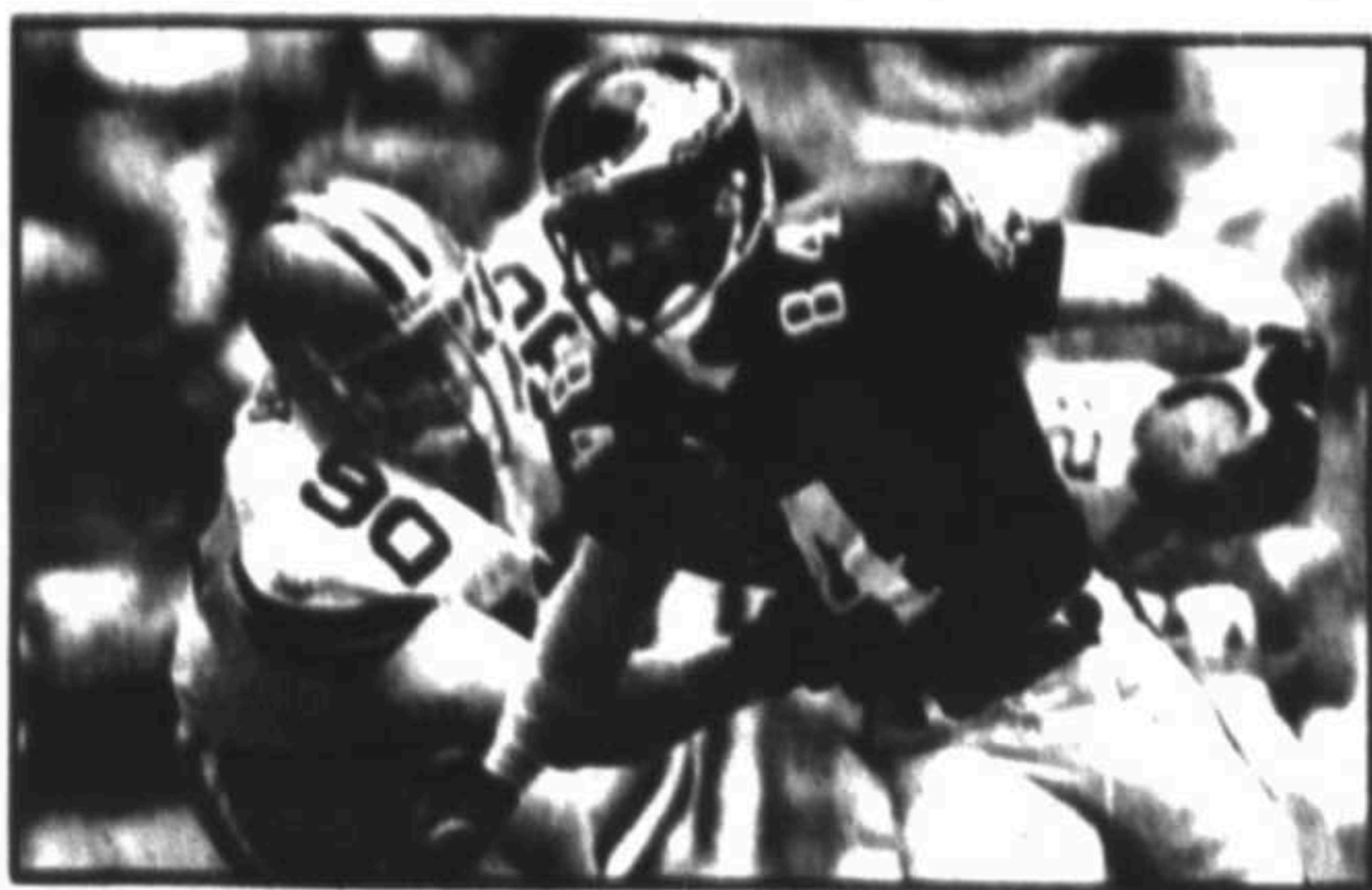




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Eagles sore

The Cowboys held Philadelphia to just 227 yards and one offensive touchdown, but still managed to get blown out again by the Eagles./1C



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The Taliban offered to surrender their last northern stronghold if Arab and other foreign fighters loyal to Osama bin Laden in the city are spared./7A

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Smith, Bonilla to miss representing Midland County in Congress

By Stewart Doreen
Staff Writer

Midland County's relationship of more than a decade with U.S. Reps. Henry Bonilla and Lamar Smith, both Republicans from San Antonio, looks to be coming to an end.

After the three-judge federal district panel issued an order this past Wednesday adopting new congressional districts for Texas, their representative area will not include parts of Midland County, instead leaving Larry Combest (R-Lubbock) as the lone representative of the county.

For Bonilla, District 23's representative, he was forced to lose a number of West Texas counties, including Loving, Winkler, Fictor, Midland, Ward and Crane. The total number of West Texas constituents lost totaled approximately 111,000.

"I fought hard to keep all my constituents, but when it came down to drawing the final lines, the court was forced to make a few changes," said Bonilla, whose area is still the largest geographically in the state, covering two

time zones and almost 800 miles of the Texas/Mexico border. "I have great pride in the state and federal court system, but I sure will miss the people in and around Midland and Odessa. We've been through some good times, and I can only hope I've added something to their communities and their lives."

Smith's 21st district had included all or parts of counties from San Antonio to San Angelo to Midland. After the lines were redrawn, he will oversee an area predominately in the Texas Hill Country.

Smith, though, expressed regret about losing Midland, a place he called his "second home."

"I am disappointed I was not able to keep Midland and West Texas," Smith said. "I represented Midland since 1987 when I was first



Smith



Bonilla

elected. I will miss a lot of friends and supporters I made in Midland, and that is certainly something I will regret."

Losing the two congressmen in 14 months when the new lines will take effect means Midland County will have only one voice in Washington — albeit a very influential one in Combest, the chairman of the House Agriculture Committee and a senior member of the House Small Business Committee.

"I really think having one is probably the better position to have," said Midland's Chad Weaver, a member of the State Republican Executive Committee. "I think if you have one dedicated to this area exclusively, he will probably be more focused and you can probably establish better dialogue with him over time."

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Big Spring losing long-time congressman in new district

By Stewart Doreen
Staff Writer

BIG SPRING — For a third time, redistricting has stung Howard County.

After the three-judge federal district panel issued an order this past Wednesday adopting new congressional districts for Texas, Howard County is set to lose its longtime congressman — U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm (D-Abilene), who has represented Big Spring and the rest of Howard County since 1979.

It adds to the county's recent legislative losses. In July, the Legislative Redistricting Board moved Howard County out of its state House and Senate districts. So residents already were preparing for the potential loss of their state representative — David Counts (D-Knox City) — and their state senator — Robert Duncan (R-Lubbock).

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Giving assistance in New York



LEFT: Leland Hart, with the Texas Department of Health, recently traveled to ground zero as part of the National Disaster Medical Systems. BELOW: This photo taken by Leland Hart at ground zero shows the now-familiar shattered skeletal facade of one of the World Trade Center towers.

Left photo by Brian Adamcik Reporter-Telegram Below photo courtesy of Leland Hart

Midlander says he saw true heroes while offering aid to relief workers

By Evan A. Pierce
MRT Correspondent

Leland Hart doesn't like to be called a hero. Indeed, he firmly believes there are many other people far more deserving of that name. But after listening to the Midlander's experiences in the aftermath of the terrorists attacks on the World Trade Center, there can be little doubt he is deserving of the label ... especially in the eyes of his wife, Kathy Hart.

"In my eyes, he's a hero," she said. "I'm very proud of him. He has a heart for helping people and that's what he did, because in his heart that's what he does."

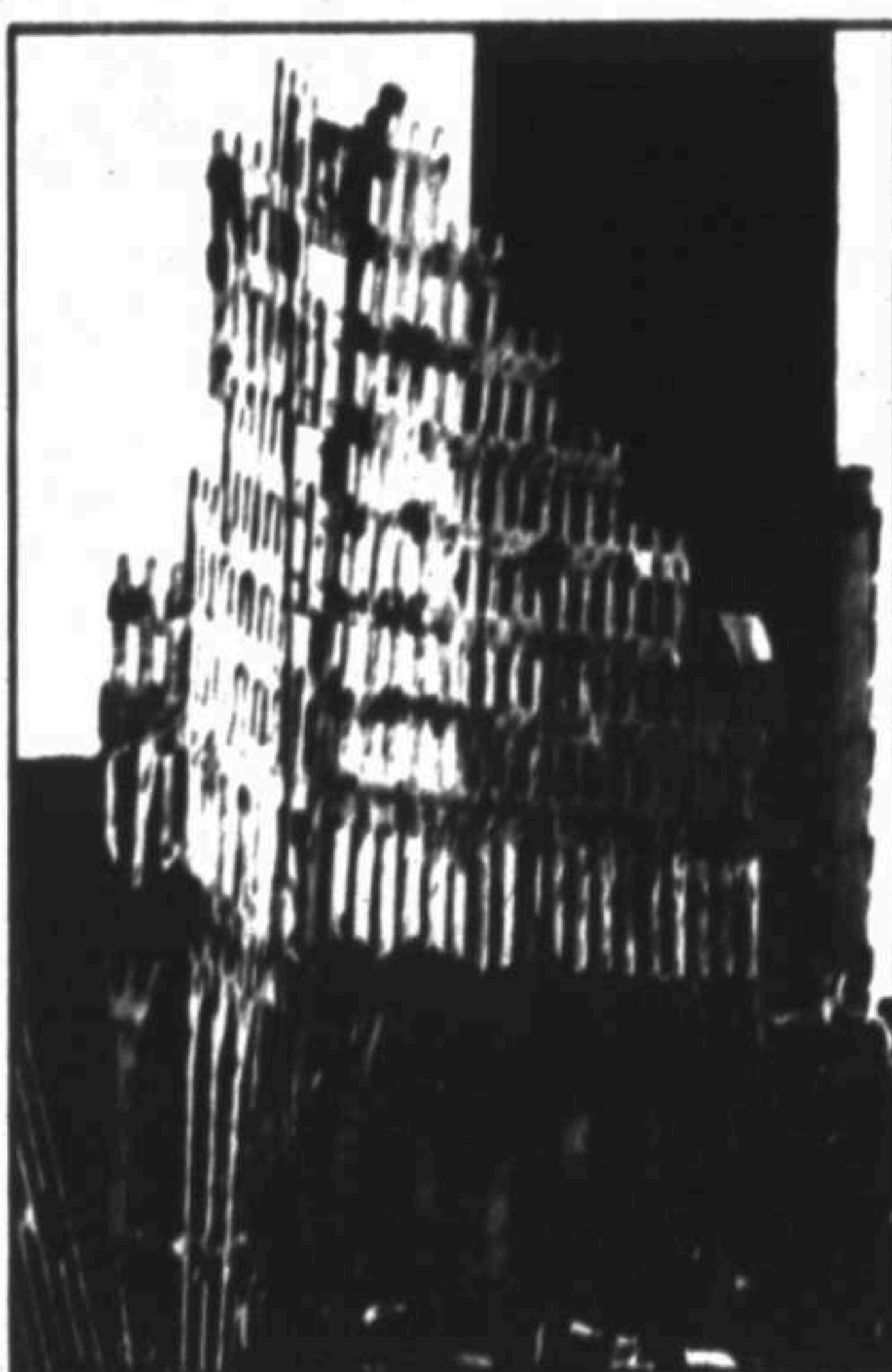
Still, Hart disagrees. "I don't consider myself one (a hero)," Hart said. "However there are some real heroes in this thing."

And he has seen them up close and personal.

Hart, who works for the Texas Department of Health, went to New York City with National Disaster Medical Systems, which is overseen by the United States Public Health Services.

"I'm a member of TX-1 DMAT (Disaster Medical Assistance Team)," Hart

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Administration says bin Laden on run, but war is far from over

By Robert Burns
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaida network are on the run in Afghanistan and their Taliban supporters are in disarray, but the American-led military campaign to crush them is far from over, senior administration officials said Sunday.

Secretary of State Colin Powell and Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz, in separate talk show interviews, both said they have no reason to believe bin Laden has escaped Afghanistan.

"I have seen no intelligence or information to suggest" he has left, Powell said on ABC's "This Week."

The Taliban's envoy to Pakistan said Saturday that bin Laden had left Afghanistan, but that has not been substantiated. Later, the diplomat said he meant only that bin Laden was outside areas under Taliban control.

Powell, Wolfowitz and national security adviser Condoleezza Rice all suggested bin Laden's room to maneuver is shrinking, his options narrowing.

"It's getting harder for him to hide as more and more territory is removed from Taliban control," Powell said. "I don't think there's any country in the region that would be anxious to give him guest privileges if he showed up."

Wolfowitz described bin Laden as "in very great danger" of being killed or captured.

"This is a man on the run who's doing his best to hide," Wolfowitz said on CBS's "Face the Nation."

Added Rice: "We're beginning to narrow his possibilities for hiding."

U.S. bombing continued Sunday in the Kandahar area in southern Afghanistan and the Kunduz area in the north. The Pentagon also reported that 75 strike aircraft participated in Saturday's attacks in six target areas near Kabul, the capital. In keeping with its usual practice of reporting details only

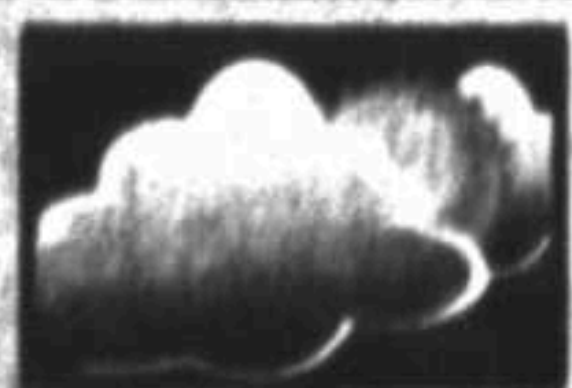
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AP Photo
National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice is interviewed on NBC's "Meet the Press" in Washington Sunday, regarding the situation in Afghanistan.

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Greenwood ISD to take next step in study

By Hillary S. Condon
Staff Writer

Now that the Greenwood Independent School District board of trustees has approved the hiring of the Hunter, Corral and Associates architectural firm to manage its facilities study, the next step is to begin a preliminary look at the needs of the district.

Monte Hunter, who will be conducting the study, has requested information from the trustees and the district for the next step in the process.

"We get the ages of all their systems, mechanical, carpets and all that, ... they also give us how much money they spend on insurance, utilities and so on, and also past enrollment," Hunter said. "We compare the ages of all their systems to the normal life expectancies, and of course, we do a visual inspection, too. But we kind of use that as a benchmark to see whether they're getting the normal life, or more or less."

Hunter said the most important piece of information is the educational goals of the district.

"They'll give us an educational plan, and that is one of the most critical things that they'll give us," he said. "Because we want to make sure, when we do our assessment, that we understand what they're trying to teach and how they're trying to do it, to determine what improvements need to be made to accommodate their educational plan."

In addition to supplying this information about the study, Greenwood ISD Superintendent Glenn Barber said the trustees also will hear a report from a community member about an immediate need of the school district — water. The district completed a study this month of some property, to see if it could supplement the district's diminishing water supply.

"We just need to see if we can find another source of water," he said. "We talked about that at the last meeting, the 13 acres we have, (and) there was no water on that property. None to speak of, I think two wells that could bring about a gallon (or) two gallons a minute, which is nothing — and the other three were dry."

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Male arrested after three-hour standoff on assault charge

By D. Lance Lunsford
Staff writer

A 19-year-old male was arrested on a charge of aggravated assault of a peace officer and three other charges Sunday night at Wildflower Apartments after a three-hour standoff.

Jeffery Percy was additionally charged with resisting transport, public intoxication and disorderly conduct after he surrendered.

The arrest stemmed from an altercation with a Midland Police officer who lives in the apartment and is contracted as a security officer.

Percy was taken into custody after the officer was contacted about an argu-

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Leonid meteor shower impresses stargazers from United States, Asia

By Andrew Bridges
Associated Press

MONTEVIDEO, Chile — The rush of shooting stars painted a sky that glowed with a soft, hazy light as Leonid meteors streaked across the night sky and drew stargazers alike as the Leonid meteor shower made its annual appearance in the night sky.

At the peak of the Leonid meteor shower, as many as 1,500 meteors per hour streaked overhead, according to NASA estimates.

Along Mount Wilson, hundreds of cars clogged the road leading to the observatory high above the Los Angeles basin as stargazers sought out dark spots to watch the display.

Patty Kuehn, 44, said she had never seen a single meteor before heading to the Los Angeles basin late Saturday.

"It's getting exciting because the more I see, the more I want to see. It's such a novel event," Kuehn said.

Streak after streak of light shot across the sky as this type of comet debris burned up harmlessly in the atmosphere. The brightest streaks left shimmering, smoky trails that hung in the sky for a few seconds.

"There are the little 'wee' ones, then there are the 'woosh' ones — those ones you have to stand up and look with your head," Susan Kitchener said on Mount Wilson.

The shower was less intense than the 4,000 per hour some had predicted, but nonetheless it was a more impressive display than astronomers have seen in years.

"I'm seeing more (meteors) in the last six hours than I have in the whole year," said George Frank, who teaches astronomy at the University of New Mexico, as he watched in the U.S. state of New Mexico, southeast of Albuquerque, N.M.

The best viewing in the United States was between 2 and 4 a.m. EST, but people in the East Coast reported seeing meteors as early as dawn. Some meteors could be seen even in New York City, where light pollution normally makes it difficult to see the stars.

In a park at Fairmount, N.Y., 15-year-old Ben Kamenetzky said he counted 40 meteors in about 30 minutes.

"When you see a lot, it's exciting," he said.

But many other people across the Asia-Pacific region who had given up a good night's sleep were disappointed by bad weather. Skies in Tokyo clouded over after sunset. Conditions in Sydney, Australia, were worse with heavy rain throughout the day.

But about 150 Chinese who gathered at midnight on the roof of a 34th-story hotel during a stormy observation in Beijing were rewarded when the first meteor tore across the sky leaving an ephemeral fiery trail in its wake.

"There are many more shooting stars than I expected, and they're really clear," said Zhou Lei, a 16-year-old

high-school engineering student. "I had never seen so many shooting stars before. It was really amazing."

It was a once-in-a-lifetime spectacle, said Ben Kamenetzky.

The Leonid shower occurs each November, when the Earth's orbit takes it through the trail of particles shed by the comet Tempel-Tuttle as it orbits around the sun once every 33 years.

Most particles are smaller than a grain of rice. They enter our atmosphere, heating up and streaking across the sky. The meteors are called Leonids because they appear to come from the direction of the constellation Leo.

The last major Leonid shower occurred in 1998, when stargazers counted as many as 1,500 meteors per hour. Astronomers expect another such shower in 2006.

Comets are believed to contain just fine examples of the materials that can be used to build life. They are made of ice and dust, and they are rich with organic compounds like those that are the building blocks of life.

On the Net:

NASA's Leonid project
http://leonids.nasa.gov
SpaceWeather.com http://www.spaceweather.com

Leonid meteor shower

The Leonid meteor shower will be visible Nov. 18 as the Earth passes through a cloud of dust particles belonging to Comet Tempel-Tuttle.

1 Every 33 years: Comet Tempel-Tuttle, a ball of ice and dust, passes close to the sun. Most recent pass was in February 1998.

2 A trail of dust is left orbiting in space behind the comet.

3 Once a year, in mid-November, Earth's orbit crosses through the dust trail.

4 Particles burn up as they enter Earth's upper atmosphere, appearing as a shower of meteors, or "shooting stars."

To an observer on Earth, the meteors appear all over the sky but appear to come from the constellation Leo, so the shower is called the Leonids.

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Poll finds three-fifths would get smallpox vaccination if available, half have long-term bioterror concerns

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three-fifths of Americans say they would want a smallpox vaccination if it were widely available, according to an Associated Press poll that suggests continued uncertainty about bioterrorism.

About half of the respondents say they are concerned about the threat of a smallpox attack and think last month's anthrax attacks are the beginning of an extended campaign, according to the poll conducted for The AP by R.R. of Media, Pa.

Some of those still concerned about bioterrorism say they are really nervous because they do not know what's coming next.

"To me, now, anything can happen," said Michelle Hunt, a 30-year-old retail clerk from Brooklyn, N.Y. "If it's out there, it could happen. I try not to worry about it."

The U.S. government is stockpiling the smallpox vaccine in case of terrorist attacks, but has no plans to routinely vaccinate the general public. Smallpox vaccine is made with a live virus related to smallpox, so it can cause some very serious side effects. Experts estimate that if every American were vaccinated against smallpox, some 100 people would die from the vaccine.

A majority of Americans indicated they would get the vaccine if it were available, even after they are informed of the possible risks.

"Smallpox is incredibly contagious and they only have 15 mil-

lion vaccinations," said 28-year-old Bradford Hubbard of Tucson, Ariz. "If people would use anthrax against us, why is it so hard to use smallpox?"

Asked if he would want to get the smallpox vaccine, even though it carries some health risks, Hubbard said, "Absolutely."

Among the risks: About 1 in every 10 million people vaccinated would get encephalitis, which can cause permanent brain damage or death. Another 250 would get a smallpox-like rash that should be treated if not properly treated.

People with weak immune systems — patients who have AIDS, cancer or organ transplants — are taking high doses of steroids, are most at risk for the side effects, as are people with the skin condition eczema.

The anthrax attacks through the mail, which rattled the nation

throughout October, had attached a bit of fear to the idea of a smallpox attack in New York City, N.Y., may revive public concern.

People are even split about whether the anthrax attacks are part of a long-term campaign.

The number who think the anthrax attacks are likely to continue in the coming months is 44 percent, down only slightly from

the height of the anthrax scare in mid-October, according to the poll of 1,000 people taken Nov. 6-11. The poll, conducted before the discovery of the 1998 letter, has an error margin of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Young adults between 18 and 24 were twice as likely as those over 65 to think the anthrax attacks are the beginning of a long-term campaign.

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Phillips Petroleum buys Conoco Inc. for \$15.4 billion in stock

By Danny M. Boyd
Associated Press

HOUSTON, Oct. 18 — Phillips Petroleum Co. said Sunday it will buy Conoco Inc. for about \$15.4 billion in stock, creating the nation's third-largest oil and gas company.

Phillips, which bought the refining company Frito Corp. earlier this year, will gain extra strength as a producer of petroleum. The combined market value of the new company would be \$15 billion based on Friday's closing price of each company's shares.

Phillips would also assume roughly \$8 billion in debt. Under terms of the deal, described by the two rivals as a merger of equals, the combined company, ConocoPhillips, would have reserves of 8.7 billion barrels of oil equivalent, daily production of 1.7 million barrels and \$18.6 billion in debt and preferred securities.

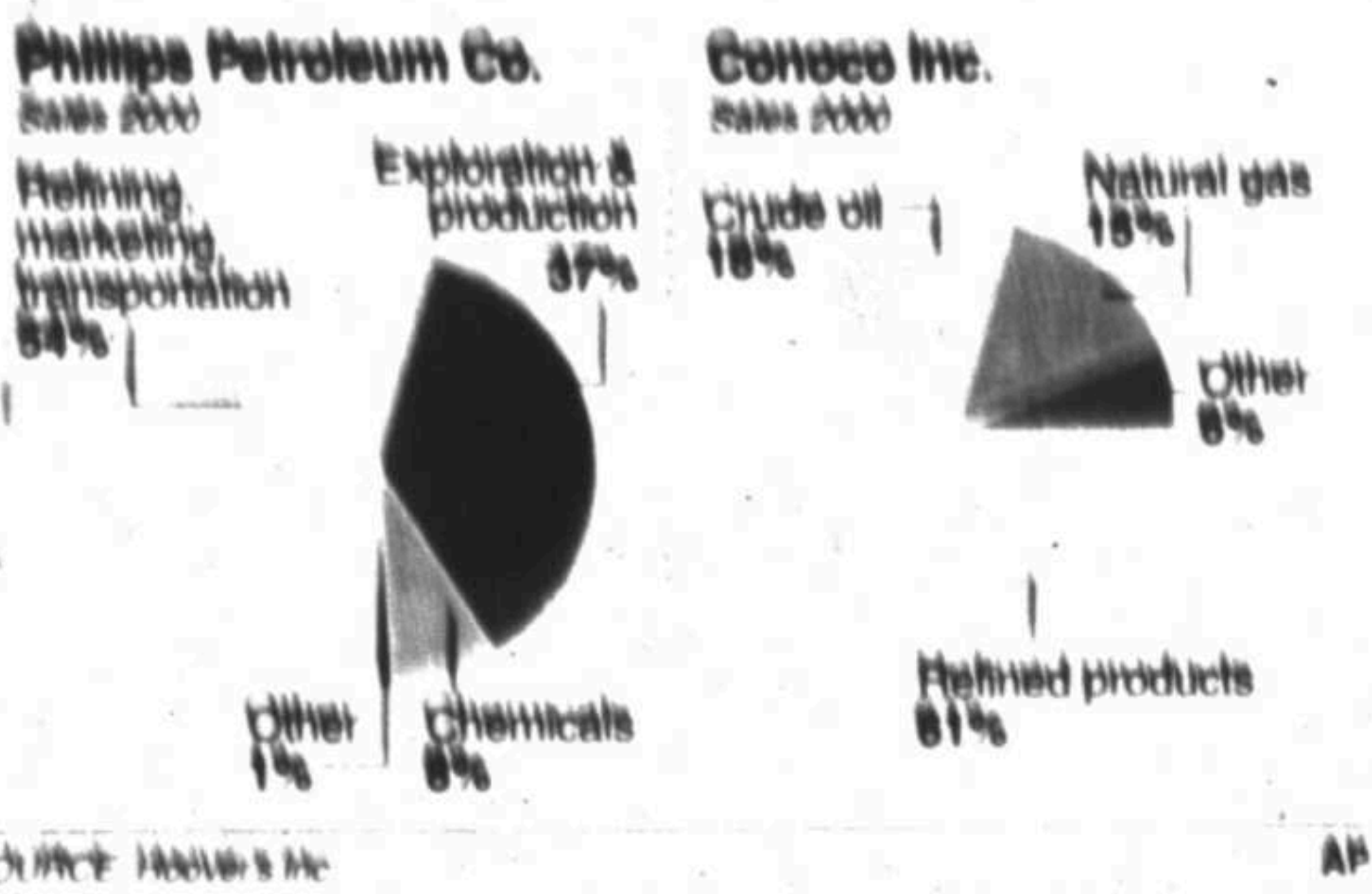
The deal was approved Sunday by the boards of both companies. It is expected to close during the second half of 2002 pending regulatory and shareholder approval.

The agreement would create the world's sixth-largest oil and gas company, in terms of reserves and production, at a time of tremendous industrywide consolidation. The deal would give ConocoPhillips the No. 1 spot in the United States behind Exxon Mobil Corp. and ChevronTexaco Corp.

ConocoPhillips would be based in Houston, home to Conoco, but keep a reduced

Phillips and Conoco to merge

Phillips Petroleum Co. and Conoco Inc. have agreed to merge, creating a corporation with more than \$80 billion in assets and \$35 billion in equity. The new firm will be based in Houston and will be the nation's third largest integrated U.S. oil company.



presence in Bartlesville, Okla., where Phillips employs 2,400 at its headquarters and research facility.

"This is really a growth story for Conoco and Phillips," said Conoco chairman Archie W. Dunham, who is delaying a planned retirement to serve as chairman of the combined company.

Phillips chairman James Mulva will be chief executive and president of the new company and become chairman when Dunham retires in 2004.

"What we saw was just an ideal time for us to put our growth plans together," Mulva said. Conoco and Phillips have a combined global work force of 58,000 employees and expect to save at least \$750 million annually by merging.

Mulva said most of the savings should come from realized operating efficiencies instead of job cuts, but an undisclosed number of jobs will be eliminated in Bartlesville.

Analysis said the deal would give the company better strategic balance.



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"They really needed to beef up their exploration portfolio around the world," said Greg Gillespie, senior energy analyst with Howard Weil in New Orleans. "Conoco has a presence in some areas that Phillips is interested in, including the Gulf of Mexico and the Mackenzie Delta in Western Canada."

There have been several big energy mergers recently. In September, the Federal Trade Commission approved Chevron Corp.'s acquisition of Texaco Inc. That deal followed BP

Amoco's takeover of Atlantic Richfield Corp. and Exxon Corp.'s acquisition of Mobil Corp. in 1999, as the world's largest oil companies look for size and breadth to gain a competitive edge.

Phillips shareholders are to each get one share of ConocoPhillips stock for each Phillips share they own. Conoco shareholders will get .4677 shares of the new stock. Phillips shareholders will end up with a 58.6-percent stake in the new company.

Phillips sells gasoline at more than 12,000 locations under the Phillips 66, Circle K and 76 brands.

The company has more than 5 billion barrels of oil in reserve. Last year it merged its gas gathering and processing operations with Duke Energy and combined its chemicals division with ChevronTexaco.

Houston-based Conoco has oil and gas exploration activities in 20 nations and has 3.7 billion barrels of oil in reserve. Earlier this year, it acquired Gulf Canada Resources.

The company also operates nearly 6,000 miles of pipelines nationwide and has stakes in nine refineries in the United States, Europe and Asia. It operates more than 7,000 gas stations in Europe, Thailand and the United States.

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Custom-fit Pennyrich and Jeunique bras make the difference

Physician: Properly-fit bra vital to breast health

A properly fit bra not only feels better, but promotes better breast health. Pennyrich Shop owner Jo Smith says William C. Hixie, M.D., D.O., Ph.D., the former executive director of the Well Breast Foundation, explains this very well. The following is a series of quotes from a paper by Dr. Hixie:



Jo Smith at the Pennyrich Shop custom fits bras for comfort and health.

breast on each woman. Hence the importance of custom-fit bras.

The correctly fitted bra provides a woman proper support, relief from her sore shoulders, a midriff and a

busline. It aids in the reduction in breast size by facilitating improved drainage of accumulated breast fluid afforded by improved circulation. She looks pounds lighter and feels younger and more youthful and womanly.

Unlike off-the-rack bras, Pennyrich and Jeunique bras are custom fitted to your size and configuration. They come in over 300 sizes. They allow for individual differences between right and left breasts. For more information on custom fits, go by and see Jo.

Pennyrich also carries Amieva breast prostheses. Jo reminds mastectomy patients that the end of the year is almost here. It's time to get what you need before your insurance deductible starts over. Jo files Medicare claims and she accepts assignment on Blue Cross/Blue Shield, as well as Midland Memorial Hospital Insurance.

Jo has a good selection of breast medical legwear, including knee high, thigh high and

bodyhose in 18-20, 20-30 and 30-40 mmHg. This legwear improves circulation and is available tax-free if you have a prescription for it.

Remember, Pennyrich also carries Feet lean, which can extend the life of your undergarments, sleepwear and other items. Plus, there is a complete selection of all-natural Rejuvenamettes skin care, which bring out the best of your natural beauty.

Swimsuits and cover-ups are in stock year-round at Pennyrich. And the shop is a great place for Christmas shopping for robes, gowns and loungewear.

The Pennyrich Bra and Linenry Shop is located in Old

Town Midland at 311 Dodson Street. The shop has served the area for 28 years, carrying a complete line of breast prostheses, mastectomy bras, custom fit bras, lingerie and swimwear.

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Midlanders should step up to challenge, pick up application

There has been a great deal of discussion concerning economic development in our community over the past several years, particularly in leading up to the Nov. 6 election.

Now that voters have approved a quarter-cent sales tax to fuel economic development in Midland, interest in this vital issue is more important than ever.

Through Dec. 5, the Midland City Council will be accepting applications for the five seats that will make up the 4A board which will govern the economic development fund. The new quarter-cent sales tax will begin to be collected in April.

We hope Midland Mayor Mike Canon and members of the City Council will have a large pool of qualified, diverse applicants from which to choose.

Our city needs talent, enthusiasm and energy, and if you believe you might fit the bill, it's your obligation to our community to step forward and step up to the challenge.

It's easy to sit on the sidelines and criticize. It takes courage to step up to the plate.

The only word of warning we would have for applicants is that this will not be a cozy, glamorous board on which to sit. It's not about getting your name on the letterhead.

Rather, this is an important job that will be instrumental in setting the future course of our community. There will be tough questions to address.

What kinds of business and industry do we hope to attract?

Should economic development grants be issued to prop up or expand existing businesses?

If you are interested in serving on the new 4A board, you can go to City Hall and pick up a packet for application. Applicants are encouraged to list on their application reasons as to why they would be an asset to the 4A board. Each of the five members of the 4A board will be registered voters of the city, have no outstanding debt with the city and not already serve as an elected official.

Deadline for application is Dec. 5. The City Council is scheduled to review applicants during the Dec. 11 meeting and narrow down the field. The City Council hopes to appoint the five-member board by the Jan. 8 or Jan. 22 meeting.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Nov. 19, the 323rd day of 2001. There are 42 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On Nov. 19, 1863, President Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address as he dedicated a national cemetery at the site of the Civil War battlefield in Pennsylvania.

On this date:

In 1794, the United States and Britain signed Jay's Treaty, which resolved some issues left over from the Revolutionary War.

In 1831, the 20th president of the United States, James Garfield, was born in Orange, Ohio.

In 1919, the Senate rejected the Treaty of Versailles by a vote of 55 in favor, 39 against, short of the two-thirds majority needed for ratification.

In 1942, during World War II, Russian forces launched their winter offensive against the Germans along the Don front.

In 1949, Monaco held a coronation for its new ruler, Prince Rainier III, six months after he succeeded his grandfather, Prince Louis II.

In 1959, Ford Motor Co. announced it was halting production of the unpopular "Edsel."

In 1969, Apollo 12 astronauts Charles Conrad and Alan Bean made man's second landing on the moon.

In 1977, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat became the first Arab leader to visit Israel.

In 1983, President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev met for the first time as they began their summit in Geneva.

In 1988, shipping heiress Christina Onassis died in Buenos Aires, Argentina, at age 37.

Ten years ago: The U.S. House of Representatives sustained President Bush's veto of a bill that would have lifted his ban on federally financed abortion counseling.

Five years ago: Fourteen people were killed when a commuter plane collided with a private plane at an airport in Quincy, Ill. The United States vetoed U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali's bid for a second term.

One year ago: President Clinton ended a historic visit to Vietnam. Attorney Charles Ruff, who represented President Clinton during the Monica Lewinsky scandal and his impeachment trial, died in Washington, D.C., at age 61.

GEORGE WILL

History shows Americans support war efforts

WASHINGTON — During the Second World War, one of the many posters exhorting Americans to aid the war effort with small exertions and privations showed a hand pouring fat from a frying pan, and read: "Save waste fats for explosives. Take them to your meat dealer." And Americans gathered almost 85,000 tons of fat in 1944 alone. Rationing allowed weekly portions of eight ounces of sugar per person, four ounces of butter and enough coffee for one cup a day. Forty percent of the vegetables consumed in America were raised in "victory gardens" in back yards, parks, etc.

During the current war, Americans are told that it is patriotic to crank up consumption — to go to a mall, a movie and anywhere on a plane. This is the peculiar context in which the president is attempting bifurcated leadership. He must keep the country focused on war far away and involving, so far, few Americans in combat, but the country must also regain its jaunty equilibrium, meaning its money-spending ways.

Washington worries about the trajectory of the public's patience. Worriers warn that patience might be exhausted by hardships at home or casualties abroad. However, the country has an impressive record of sustaining support for high-casualty conflicts.

In two days in Tennessee, at Shiloh, in April 1862, when each side suffered 10,000 casualties,

the nation learned that the butcher's bill of the Civil War would be ghastly. Yet the war did not end until three Aprils later. Granted, President Lincoln thought he would lose the 1864 election, and secession would succeed, unless that summer's battles produced victories. The Union may have been saved by Sherman taking Atlanta. Which proves only that public support for war is sustained by victories.

It is frequently asserted that Vietnam proved that the nation now has a decisively different, softer sensibility — one shaped by graphic journalism, which gives casualties lacerating immediacy. But public opinion tracked with government policy until that policy became wobbly. Public support for the war did not recede until the elites who had confidently embarked upon escalation lost confidence. Only when it became clear that the nation's leaders did not have the will to win, or did not know how to, did the public say, sensibly, "Enough, already."

If casualties are not apt to erode public support for the war, what about privations? The oddity is that any serious privations, meaning the consequences of a severe and sustained recession, are apt to be self-inflicted, in the sense that the public will be suffering the consequences of its own attitude.

Economists are weighing in for and against various stimulus packages being cobbled together in Congress, but the point of the package is less economics than political psychotherapy. What the country needs is an attitude adjustment — a confidence infusion. That is something politicians, who are professionals at measuring and messaging public opinion, can do without kibitzing from economists.



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WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY JR.

Iraq must be seen as 'qualified target'

The Northern Alliance gang in Kabul reports our Air Force had a really good hit, an American rocket that opened up a Taliban compound that seems to have been a library/laboratory for ultimate war. It stored, in the account of The Associated Press, "room after room filled with papers, formulas and maps ... some with handwritten Arabic notations." The Times of London reported written "descriptions of how the detonation of TNT compresses plutonium into a critical mass, sparking a chain reaction, and ultimately a thermonuclear reaction."

There is a way of contriving an optimistic reading of the Kabul compound library, with scattered notes on weapon construction. We can say we don't have much to fear from people who need Atom Bombs for Dummies manuals. That's true, but also it is apparently true that not a great deal of sophistication is required, given presumptive knowledge of modern scientists, to piece together a nuclear device.

On the specific question of such weaponry in Afghanistan, we bear in mind that President Bush has declined to say that we know the enemy to be without a nuclear repository. Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld would go no further than that he "doubted" they had such weapons. We know two Pakistani nuclear scientists sympathetic to the Taliban were brought in and questioned in Islamabad. Stretching away from believable commentators on the question, we get to the statement of Osama bin Laden, that in the event the United States used chemical or nuclear weapons he would retaliate in kind.

How far they are (were) from developing a dirty bomb is a fit study for the Rand Corp. in years to come. What is a fit subject for the moment is concern over the critical need to take the loose information we've gotten from the sorcerers' apprentices loose in Afghanistan and apply it to strategic action elsewhere, specifically Iraq.

One reasons reasonably in the matter of nuclear weapons. If we learned at midnight that the Swiss had developed a nuclear bomb, we could turn over in our

beds and go back to sleep. On the other hand, we know there are active leaders in the world who, if they had the stuff and could profitably deploy it, would not hesitate, for moral reasons, to do so.

Saddam Hussein used chemical weapons against the Kurds in northern Iraq. In decades to come it will strike Western moralists as simply unbelievable that, in the 1990s, the United States failed to force its hand against Iraq, notwithstanding that it had international sanction for probing the country for its little quaries of biological, chemical and nuclear weapons.

With the confidence that has come to us this week on the tide of our achievements in Afghanistan, we need to press on in the direction of pursuing al-Qaida wherever it festers, and Iraq is the most qualified target.

In The New York Times, William Safire worried last week about the presidential decision to empower military courts to administer justice. He proposed an arresting compromise, namely to inform Osama bin Laden, or whoever is left in the crypt in which he is found, that we require the surrender of the al-Qaida organization wherever it is encysted, whether in Pakistan or in Libya or in the Philippines or in Indonesia. They must themselves up or endure the relatively undiscriminating brunt of general wars in the style of ours against Afghanistan.

The idea of an ultimatum is appealing, and ours to Saddam Hussein would be: Remove yourself and your court to the island of Elba or on Day 3 the following airfields, arsenals and military camps will be bombed; on Day 5, the following industrial centers; on Day 7, the internal transportation system. Upon your removal, with guaranteed personal safety, an Iraqi unit will exercise power in Baghdad under a U.S./U.N. mandate to identify and eliminate every trace of atomic/biological/chemical research and material.

Remember, too, that we are discovering in Afghanistan the true human subculture, which is the response to liberation, expressed there by shaving beards and removing burkas from the women. After Iraq cooled down, even as France cooled down after Napoleon was finally, verifiably off, we could expect the relief, felt particularly in Iraq, and derivatively in humankind.

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

JACK ANDERSON & DOUGLAS COHN Judicial system must function to protect innocent

WASHINGTON — The American legal system was not created to protect the guilty; it was created to protect the innocent. This simple truth has been overlooked by the presidential order authorizing military tribunals to replace regular courts in cases of foreigners accused of terrorism.

Vice President Dick Cheney said, "The basic proposition here is that somebody who comes into the United States of America illegally, who conducts a terrorist operation killing thousands of innocent Americans — men, women and children — is not a lawful combatant. They don't deserve to be treated as a prisoner of war. They don't deserve the same guarantees and safeguards that would be used for an American citizen going through the normal judicial process."

And he is quite correct — if the person is guilty. But the proposition turns justice on its ear, because in America, the presumption is of innocence. The vice president wants to deny due process for someone "who conducts a terrorist operation" — but what about the rights of someone who did not conduct a terrorist operation?

Respected conservative columnist William Safire wrote that such a court "can conceal evidence by citing national security, make up its own rules, find a defendant guilty even if one-third of the officers disagree, and execute the alien with no review by any civilian court. ... Non-citizens face an executive who is now investigator, prosecutor, judge, jury, and jailer or executioner."

A distinction must be drawn between surveillance, detention and trial. Clearly, when national security is at stake, or when mass murder is threatened, extraordinary measures must be taken, which is why there are few objections to the new rules concerning phone taps and other surveillance methods, and why there are few objections to temporary detentions. But trials are another matter. People incarcerated and awaiting trial can do no harm. The risk is that terrorists might be set free in a trial. But there is also the risk that innocent people will remain in jail if they are not given the full panoply of rights normally granted for a defendant to put on a case.

What this comes down to is that the liberalized surveillance methods should be sufficient to make sure ample evidence is gathered to keep the guilty in jail. Conversely, the absence of such evidence should, in most cases, result in charges being dropped.

History is replete with examples of judicial abuses when judicial rights are absent, whether it was the infamous Inquisition, England's pre-1641 Star Chamber trials, or America's Civil War trials. The power to take away an individual's freedom lies at the heart of our form of government, a government based upon majority rule and minority rights. The Bill of Rights was added to the Constitution to protect individuals from what James Madison described as a tyrannical majority, by which he meant that all who hold the reins of power — whether monarchs or people elected by a majority of citizens — will abuse that power if it is unchecked.

And in America, that "check" is the rule of law based upon the Constitution. And just as the Constitution was created to protect the people, the judicial system was created to protect the innocent.

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By Ellen Knickerbocker
 Associated Press

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Taliban, seeking safety for bin Laden loyalists

By Ellen Knickmeyer
Associated Press

BANGI, Afghanistan — The Taliban offered on Sunday to surrender their last northern stronghold if Arab and other foreign fighters loyal to Osama bin Laden in the city are spared, an anti-Taliban commander said. The northern alliance, meanwhile, agreed to a conference on neutral ground to plan a multiethnic government.

The offer to surrender Kunduz came after U.S. bombers unleashed their heaviest strikes so far on the city. Warplanes were also reported in action near the Taliban southern stronghold of Kandahar and areas of eastern Afghanistan where bin Laden is believed to maintain camps and hide-outs.

In Washington, National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice said the advances on the ground were reducing bin Laden's room to maneuver. "We think that the more that we are stripping away his protection... that we're beginning to narrow his possibilities for hiding," Rice told CNN's "Late Edition."

Secretary of State Colin Powell said the northern alliance had agreed to take part in U.N.-brokered talks with other Afghan factions about forming a new power-sharing government in Afghanistan.

The head of the alliance, Burhanuddin Rabbani, said Saturday his group supported such a conference but wanted it to take place in the capital, Kabul. The United Nations favors a neutral site.

Following talks in Tashkent, Uzbekistan with U.S. envoy James F. Dobbins, the alliance's foreign minister, Abdullah, said the meeting "will be held outside Afghanistan," possibly as early as this week.

That would represent a major concession by the alliance, which clearly wanted the conference to take place in a city under its control. Abdullah said some locations proposed by the United Nations "were acceptable to us," citing Germany, Switzerland and Austria.

"It is my understanding based on the discussions we had today that the issues of venue and timing of such a meeting are agreed," Dobbins said.

The United States had been putting heavy pressure on the northern alliance to drop Kabul as a venue for the talks. Powell expressed hopes the meeting organized by the top U.N. envoy for Afghanistan, Lakhdar Brahimi, would take place in days.

"We've got to get this moving," Powell said on "Fox News Sunday."

He told ABC's "This Week" that the United States believes any new power structure in Afghanistan should include women. However, he said, "we're not going to dictate what they do with their government."

Rice echoed those comments.

"We have to remember that Afghanistan is a place where women were educated, where girls were educated, where lots of women were doctors and teachers. This is not a new concept," she said on NBC's "Meet the Press." "But certainly, we cannot choose the members of the next Afghan government."

The United States launched its military campaign against Afghanistan on Oct. 7 after the Taliban refused to hand over bin Laden, the top suspect in the Sept. 11 terror attacks in the United States.

The Afghan Islamic Press, a private Pakistan-based news agency, reported more than 70 people were killed by U.S. bombing around Kandahar and in eastern Nangarhar province. The claim could not be independently verified.

B-52s struck Taliban positions outside Kunduz, unleashing their biggest bombs yet in the area.

Flames shot into the air after bombs hit, and cracking booms carried across the valley floor toward the northern alliance's own foxholes in opposing ridges. Avalanches of soil cascaded down hillsides. Taliban soldiers could be seen running out on the distant ridges, trying to find cover.

Refugees fleeing Kunduz say a hard core of Taliban soldiers and allied Arab, Chechen and Pakistani fighters are in control after fleeing other districts across the north in the past week.

The refugees told of terror at the hands of Taliban troops and foreign fighters. The foreigners, fearing they will be killed if the city falls, were reportedly blocking Afghan Taliban trying to surrender.

One refugee, Dar Zardad, said Taliban killed eight boys in their late teens after some of the youths laughed at the militia fighters. Zardad and other refugees in Bangi, a village about 30 miles to the east, recounted how fighters shot and killed a doctor when he delayed responding to their summons to come treat wounded Taliban troops.

Witnesses said at least 100 Taliban soldiers were shot, apparently by gunmen from their own side, as they approached northern alliance lines in an attempt to surrender.

Still, Taliban leaders in the city were negotiating with alliance commanders by radio.

The Taliban said they would surrender if the alliance guaranteed that non-Afghans fighting alongside the Islamic militia would not be killed and if the surrender were witnessed by U.N. representatives, an alliance commander, Nahidullah, said in the city of Taloqan, about 40 miles to the east.

There was no immediate word whether the opposition alliance has accepted the offer. Northern alliance forces had moved a multiple-rocket launcher and two tanks up to the road that is the eastern

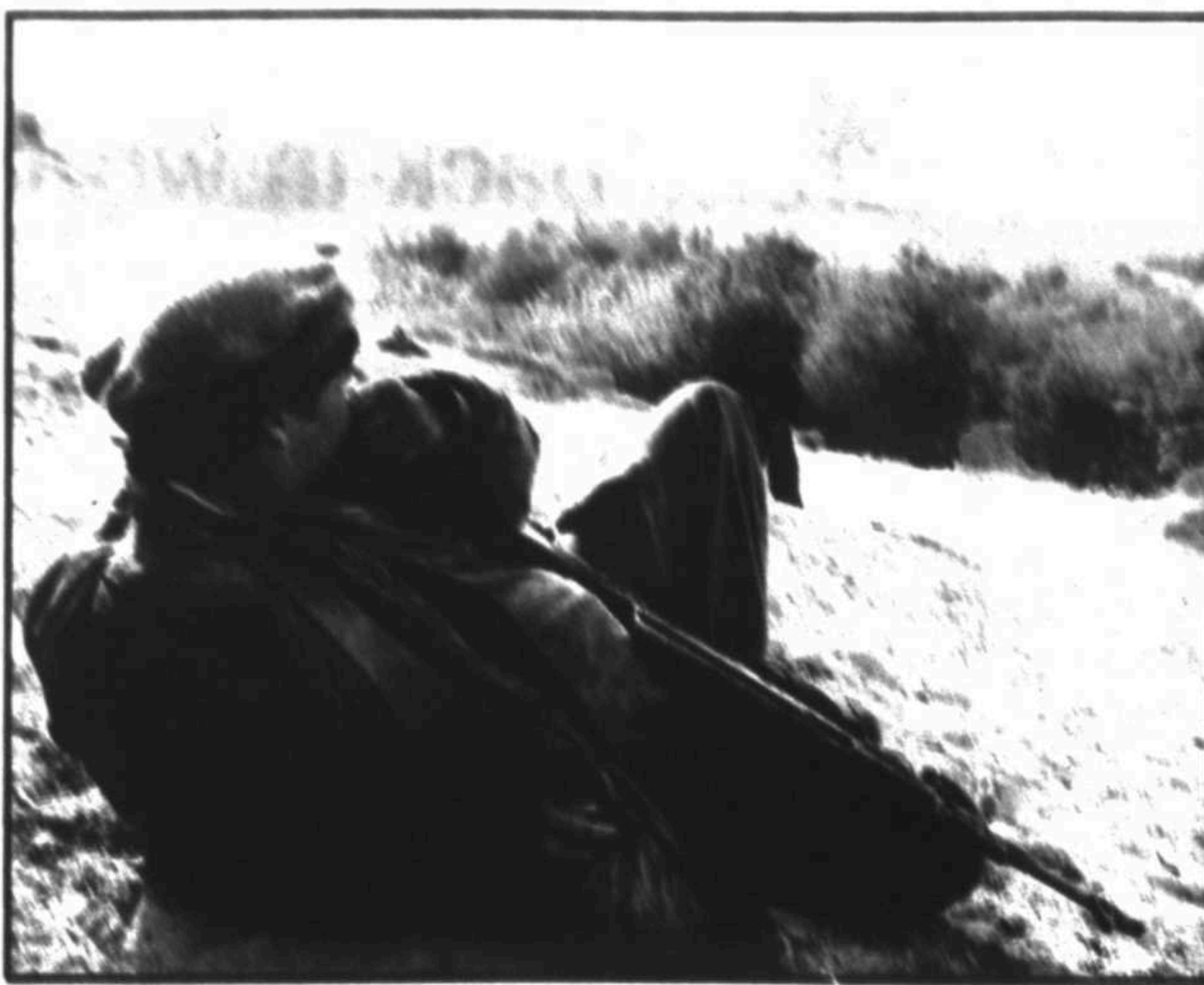
approach to Kunduz, but there was no sign an attack was imminent.

The Taliban were barring people from leaving Kunduz, telling them, "If you leave the USA will bomb all the city," said Zardad, the refugee. He said he made it out of the city only after Taliban beat him with their rifle butts.

Other refugees said Kunduz residents were hiding indoors and closing their shops for fear of summary execution by the Taliban. Foreign fighters, using local translators, were broadcasting loud-speaker announcements saying they would be taking the offensive against northern alliance troops laying siege to the city.

In the western city of Herat, northern alliance officials showed journalists a mass grave near Shindand military airport that they said contained the bodies of 27 anti-Taliban fighters massacred by the Taliban. They said the Taliban killed the men — many of whose bodies had bound hands — sometime before the Taliban fled the city last week.

In Kandahar, meanwhile, the Taliban appeared still in control despite a reported deal last week for their supreme leader, Mullah Mohammed Omar, to leave the city. However, the situation there was said to be tense, and sources in the city, contacted by telephone from Pakistan, said the Taliban had extended the nighttime curfew to keep people off the streets.



A northern alliance fighter watches a U.S. airstrike against Taliban positions near the town of Khanabad, 15 miles east of the provincial capital Kunduz, Sunday. American warplanes struck Taliban positions on Sunday outside Kunduz, the Islamic militia's sole remaining stronghold in northern Afghanistan, which is under siege by troops of the opposition northern alliance. AP Photo

The sources spoke on condition they not be named.

Afghan sources in Pakistan, also speaking on condition of anonymity, said a delegation of tribal leaders was in Kandahar trying to negotiate a transfer of power. The report could not be independently confirmed.

In Quetta, Pakistan, Ahmed Karzai, younger brother of anti-Taliban leader Hamid Karzai, said opposition forces clashed with Taliban fighters late Saturday in Uruzgan province north of Kandahar but had no further details.

Local leaders not connected to the northern alliance have taken control of several areas in southern Afghanistan. The northern alliance, which is made of several factions, has seized cities in the north.

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Expectations of royal baby has put Japan's ancient monarchy back in world spotlight

By Kenji Hall
Associated Press

TOKYO — They will soon have their first child, but Prince Naruhito and Princess Masako don't get to name their baby or give it its first bath.

The parents' minor roles in a choreography of ancient Shinto rites and court customs, however, belie enormous expectations.

It has been more than eight years since Naruhito wed the former diplomat, and Japan has waited anxiously for an heir to the Chrysanthemum Throne.

Masako, 37, is now expected to give birth by early December, and a boy — women cannot ascend the throne — would put to rest concerns about a succession crisis.

The milestone is a rare chance for the imperial household to take center stage, a welcome change for a monarchy stripped of most of its political power after World War II — when troops went into battle in the name of the late Emperor Hirohito — and given a much lower profile.

Their duties now center on bestowing cultural awards, throwing banquets for visiting dignitaries and making occasional goodwill appearances. Mostly they keep behind the moats and stone walls of the Imperial Palace. At times, they are still referred to as the "people above the clouds."

The royal baby will change that.



AP Photo

Crown Prince Naruhito and Crown Princess Masako wait for the arrival of Swedish Crown Princess Victoria at the Japanese Imperial couple's residence Togu Palace in Tokyo for a luncheon in this Oct. 16 file photo. The couple expect their first baby in late November or early December.

Millions of Japanese are expected to tune in for hours of nonstop coverage. Magazines are already abuzz with speculation over when the baby will be born.

The palace has announced virtually nothing other than to say the baby is expected later this month or early next. One tabloid — quoting anonymous sources — has put the date at Nov. 22.

"A baby is extremely important for the royal family because it keeps them in the news with a new and very cute celebrity," said Kenneth Ruoff, an Oregon State University professor who has

written about the emperor in the postwar era.

In 1960, when Naruhito was born to then-Crown Prince Akihito and Princess Michiko, now Japan's emperor and empress, radio broadcasts trumpeted the news, and the dailies made it their front-page story.

Oddly, for all the print devoted to the ceremonies, none of the major newspapers carried photographs of the newborn for more than two weeks.

This time, the public may get an early glimpse of the infant. Though live coverage isn't likely, television cameras are expected to be allowed to tape the

ceremonies that begin hours after the birth and culminate in the bathing and naming rituals on the seventh day.

As Naruhito and Masako watch, a steward will bathe the baby, while two scholars, clad in the multilayered robes of millennia-old court fashion, pluck the strings of wooden bows to ward off evil spirits. Nearby, the royal household's chief of protocol, also robed, will recite from the Chronicles of Japan, an eighth century text believed to be the country's oldest written history.

After the bath, Akihito will

reveal to the chamberlain the child's name and a princely title that will stick until adulthood. The chamberlain will then deliver the news to the prince and princess.

Once the initial euphoria dies down, some observers think the media will again train its attention on Masako.

In recent months, the Japanese media has left the pregnant princess alone, hoping to avoid the criticism they suffered after Masako's miscarriage in December 1999.

The press went into a frenzy when the earlier pregnancy was announced, leading the crown prince to publicly complain that the coverage had put too much pressure on the princess.

Questions will inevitably focus on whether Masako, a successful career woman with a fluency in five languages and knowledge of international trade, can reshape and open up Japan's secretive and tradition-conscious royal household.

So far, the princess has not changed the imperial family as much as it has changed her.

Since giving up her post at Japan's Foreign Ministry to marry Naruhito, Masako has kept a low profile. She is reserved in public, always mindful of walking a few steps behind her husband, and refers to him not by his name but as the prince.

"People were disappointed that Masako didn't stir up things at the palace right away. As a mother,

Rites for the Imperial baby

Centuries-old ceremonies held for the coming birth of Japan's Princess Masako and her child.

Belt ceremony (Oct. 26, 2001)
In the ninth month of pregnancy, on the Chinese zodiac calendar's Day of the Dog

Performed to pray for a safe birth. Dogs are believed to experience little pain during labor. The princess dons a meters-long red-and-white silk sash in an act of prayer to Japan's Shinto gods.

Announcement of child's birth

Sword ceremony
On birthday or the next day

A white-sheath sword in a red-brocade bag is put at the baby's bedside as a charm. Formal skirt is added for a girl.

1st Bath
On the seventh day from birth

A court lady bathes the



Princess attends the "belt ceremony" in formal "Uchiki-bakama" style.

baby while an attendant reads excerpts from the chronicle of Japan, the country's oldest official history dating back to the 8th century.

Naming ceremony

On the seventh day from birth
The Emperor names the child.

SOURCES: Imperial Household Agency, Dictionary of The Japanese Imperial Household, Associated Press

she will have another chance: she can raise her child her own way and push for more openness, or she can follow outdated palace customs," said Naoki Inose, a TV commentator.

While a "Chrysanthemum curtain" has kept the people from knowing much about the royals, it also has helped preserve the throne's mystique and prestige. Many Japanese consider the 1,500-year-old monarchy an embodiment of the nation's oldest traditions.

But tradition could complicate

things if the baby is a girl.

Although Japanese mythology holds that the royal family is directly descended from the sun goddess, the postwar constitution doesn't allow a reigning empress. The most recent reigning empress was Gosakuramachi, who assumed the throne in 1762.

The imperial family hasn't had a boy since Naruhito's younger brother, Prince Akihito, was born in 1965. The last seven births, including Akihito's own two daughters, have been girls.

Kremlin begins talks with Chechen rebel representative after two years of war

MOSCOW (AP) — A prominent representative of Chechnya's rebels met with an envoy of President Vladimir Putin on Sunday for the first face-to-face talks on ending hostilities since renewed war broke out in the separatist region two years ago.

Viktor Kazantsev, Putin's envoy for Chechnya, met behind closed doors at Moscow's Sheremetyevo-2 international airport with Akhmed Zakayev, a representative of Chechnya's rebel president Aslan Maskhadov. Zakayev flew in from Turkey.

Kazantsev said the two-hour meeting "went exclusively along the lines of the recent statement" by Putin, according to the Interfax news agency.

He was referring to a speech Putin made Sept. 24 outlining Russia's response to the terror attacks in the United States, in which he urged Chechen rebels to discuss disarmament and abandoning their separatist fight.

"The parties aired their intention to seek a lasting peace in Chechnya," Kazantsev's adviser Maxim Fedorenko said, according to Interfax.

The war has been locked in a bloody stalemate for more than a year. Russian forces have not fulfilled Putin's 1999 vow to crush the rebels, and while the insurgents kill Russian soldiers in ambushes and mine blasts almost every day, they have not mounted large-scale attacks.

The Sept. 11 attacks and the worldwide response appear to

have profoundly affected the war in Chechnya. Analysts say the U.S.-led anti-terrorism campaign means the rebels can no longer expect aid Russia claims they receive from Islamic extremist organizations abroad.

At the same time, Putin's support for the campaign has been accompanied by efforts to bring Russia closer to Western economic and security organizations whose members have accused Russia of using excessive force in Chechnya.

Russia insists it is fighting international terrorism in Chechnya. After Putin signaled close cooperation with the anti-terror campaign, the United States softened its criticism, endorsing Russia's allegations of ties between the

rebels and Osama bin Laden.

During a summit with the Russian leader last week, President Bush said the United States is "encouraged by President Putin's commitment to a political dialogue in Chechnya."

Kazantsev and Zakayev had spoken by telephone several times since Putin's statement, but the two had not met in person. Kazantsev said the dialogue would continue, but did not say when.

Putin, who built his popularity largely by taking a tough stance on Chechnya, had repeatedly rejected Western calls for a negotiated settlement of the latest war there, which began in 1999. As prime minister that year, he vowed rebels would be "rubbed out" even in toi-

let stalls.

But as the war dragged on with no end in sight, Russian officials warmed to the idea of talks, although insisting they center on rebel disarmament.

Even Communist Party leader Gennady Zyuganov spoke favorably of the talks on Sunday, saying "dialogue is always better than war," according to Interfax.

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DAVE BARRY

In Kingdom of Tonga, beware of 'flying fox,' investment advisers

I hate to give you something else to worry about, but you need to be aware of this situation in the Kingdom of Tonga.

The Kingdom of Tonga, as you know if you just now looked it up in the encyclopedia, is a nation way out in the Pacific Ocean consisting of roughly 170 small islands (the exact number depends on the height of the waves). Tonga boasts a monarchy-style government and an ecology that features a huge fruit bat whose actual, legal bat name is the "giant flying fox."

The giant flying fox has a wingspan of up to two meters, which — when converted from Metric to Normal — means this thing is basically a commuter aircraft with claws. So my advice would be, if you are ever in Tonga, do NOT allow your small children to walk around outdoors at night holding fruit. ("Hey! That thing took Timmy's apple! Also, Timmy!")

But the giant flying fox is not the issue at hand. The issue at hand is the Tongan financial scandal, which has been reported in a fascinating series of recent news stories. To summarize in a nutshell: The government of Tonga has lost \$26 million. Now, that is nothing to the U.S. government, which can waste \$26 million in a single day merely by launching a drive to eliminate government waste. But \$26 million is a LOT of money in Tonga, where the entire annual government budget is \$38 million, or, in local currency, 86 million Pa'anga (one Pa'anga equals 100 seniti).

Tonga raised the \$26 million by selling Tongan citizenships to people who, for one reason or another, needed a new country. (For example, Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos bought them.) The monarch of Tonga, King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV, did not want to keep the \$26 million in Tonga because he felt — and this is a direct quote from a news article by the Agence France-Presse — "the government would only spend it on roads."

So the \$26 million was deposited in a checking account in the Bank of America. One day it was noticed by a man named Jesse Bogdonoff, who worked for the bank and also had a company that sold magnets to cure back pain. Bogdonoff became a financial adviser for Tonga, in which capacity he persuaded the king — I swear I am not making any of this up — to proclaim him Tonga's official court jester. (For the record, here in the United States, we do not have an official court jester. We have Congress.)

In 1999, Bogdonoff left the Bank of America and persuaded the king to put Tonga's money into a new company in Nevada called Millennium Asset Management. What happened next will shock you, especially if you believe in the old investing maxim, "You cannot go wrong with a financial adviser who is both a court jester AND a seller of health magnets." It now appears that Millennium Asset Management no longer exists. Tonga's money is GONE.

As you can imagine, this has been BIG news in Tonga. Several government officials have resigned, including Deputy Prime Minister Tevita Tupou, who was replaced by Police Minister Clive Edwards, who, according to Agence France-Presse, "is also the kingdom's hangman." There are rumors that at least some of the missing money was lost in a dot-com company set up by the king's son, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Tupouto'a. If you have access to the Internet, you must run, not walk, to your computer right now and check out the Tonga Visitors Bureau Web site (www.vacations.tvb.gov.to). There you can see a wonderful photograph of the crown prince dressed in a uniform featuring chest medals and a hat from Big Bob's House of Comical Military Headgear. The crown prince is gazing into the distance with an expression that reflects either (a) visionary leadership, or (b) the realization that a lizard is loose in his pants.

Speaking of wildlife: Elsewhere on the Tonga Visitors Bureau Web site you can see a photograph of a giant flying fox swooping downward, its eyes presumably fixed on a piece of fruit. Or little Timmy.

But my point is this: We must help the Kingdom of Tonga, a nation that has always been a staunch ally of America, in the sense that it never declared war on us. Or, if it did, we never found out about it. So I urge you to keep your eyes peeled, and if you spot \$26 million that doesn't seem to belong to anybody, pick it up, put it in a box, and send it to me. I promise to guard it as if it were my own.

Whatever you do, DON'T send the money to the Tongans. They'll just spend it on roads.

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Person to Person

With Johnnye Montgomery



Robert Hinds is the band director at Bowie Junior High School in Odessa

Musician Robert Hinds

He blows through here and the music goes round and round, whoa-ho-ho-ho, ho-ho and it comes up here. Ella Fitzgerald sang it, but Robert Hinds does it, and the sound it makes when it comes around and out can be sweet or sad, or so cool that it will bring you to your feet.

It's trumpet-playing and Robert is never more eloquent than when he's playing the trumpet. If you attended the Bob Newhart performance at Chap Center in October, you heard the Last Minute Band, where Robert was a member. He said had a lot of fun with the band, which was literally put together at the last minute.

"I'd have to say that the Bob Newhart thing was one of my highlights, but I've been really lucky, and I've had some great experiences."

Robert's real job is directing the Bowie Junior High School band in Odessa, but he's been a musician for practically all his life. He played violin beginning at age 3 in Amarillo, where he grew up. His father was a trumpet player, and when Robert entered junior high, he joined the band. He chose the trumpet as his instrument in band, but he continued to play violin in the school orchestra. He said he didn't take formal trumpet lessons until he was a junior in high school.

"I could always go to my father and he would help me whenever I needed help," he said. "I started in junior high just like we start kids here. But when I was a junior in high school, I started studying with a wonderful trumpet professor, David Ritter, at West Texas State College at Canyon."

Along the way, Robert's playing has landed him in the company of some music greats such as Winton Marsalis, Doc Severenson, Clark Terry and Arturo Sandoval.

He's won awards at the Greeley Jazz Festival in Greeley, Colo., and he once played at The Landing in San Antonio. Robert said it was just a case of being in the right place at the right time.

"I happened to be down in San Antonio at a music convention, and the Jim Cone Jazz Band, which usually plays at The Landing, was on tour and there were some local guys filling in," he said. "I was messing around on my trumpet in the music hall, and one of the trombonists who was going to play that night invited me to the jam session. So I got to play on the main stage at The Landing with some of the top jazz players in the country."

"I was scared to death, but it was a great night."

He said luck also figured in his chance to play for Winton Marsalis.

"I was standing in line backstage after a concert, waiting with a crowd of other people, and one of the stage hands came around and told us that because there were so many of us, Winton wouldn't be able to see us unless we had our horns with us," said Robert. "It just happened that I had my trumpet out in the car, so I ran out and grabbed it, and got back in line."

"He asked me to play for him, and I played some jazz for him, and then I played one of the concertos that I was working on for my senior recital. He was super nice — very open, very interested in jazz history."

Closer to home, Robert said the one thing he misses about Amarillo is the jazz scene. "Amarillo is larger, there are more opportunities to play," he said. "There's not much opportunity here for local musicians. We have the West Texas Jazz Society, but they mostly bring in musicians from out of town."

However, Robert does play with a local band, Kay Kay and the Rays. Robert said that although

this band is primarily a blues band, it's still a lot of fun.

"We have two trumpets, three horns and a saxophone, and a regular combo set of lead guitar, bass, lead vocalist and drums, and we released a CD this month, called 'Texas Justice,'" he said.

As for his junior high band, Robert said he has seen some very good players.

"The kids here really work hard, and we have a very good program. I've got an especially good French horn class. They all have good ears and match pitch real well, and you don't always get that. I'm really proud of them."

However, Robert said he's equally proud of students who may not have as much natural talent, but are willing to work hard.

"When you're a band director, you're going to get a cross-section of talented kids who work, talented kids who don't work, and kids who may take longer to develop what they have."

"But I keep telling my kids that what makes them so special is that what they do is unique. In the entire seventh grade, there will be only four beginner saxophones. Not everybody can do what they do."

Robert's wife, Diane, who plays piano and clarinet, was a music therapist when they lived in Amarillo. Now she is a full-time mother. They have a 2-year-old daughter, Emily, who Robert said already is showing great musical talent, singing and banging on the piano. They are expecting a second child in May.

Robert said he feels that kids in the Midland-Odessa area are very fortunate to have an elementary music program.

"This is so important, because music is an essential venue for expressing our ideas, and who we are as a society."

"We're going to have music no matter what, so it's great that we can start music education for kids when they're young."

One woman's mission: Help youths worldwide, examine roots of terrorism

By Verena Dobnik
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Lauren Rosenzweig took on a mission after her husband, Phil, was killed on one of the hijacked airliners that struck the World Trade Center.

In his name, she's requesting donations to a youth organization trying to sniff out the roots of terrorism in feuding lands.

"I don't want him to have died in vain," she said.

Rosenzweig saw a television report on Seeds of Peace days after her husband died and included an appeal for contributions to their efforts in the obituary.

His friends, co-workers at Sun Microsystems, and even a few strangers have pitched in, raising about \$40,000.

"What I wanted to do was to give the money to an organization that would make this not happen again," Rosenzweig told the 120 youths who attended a Seeds of Peace conference held in New York last week.

The delegates also had attended the Seeds of

'What I wanted to do was to give the money to an organization that would make this not happen again.'

— Lauren Rosenzweig, widowed by Sept. 11 terrorist attacks

Peace summer camp in Maine, where children from areas in conflict come together to debate world problems and make friends with youngsters they might otherwise have regarded as enemies.

"Getting to know each other is the answer," Rosenzweig said Saturday by phone from her home near Boston. "Every little step toward getting to know another human being makes it that much harder to kill them."

Last week's conference featured discussions on what creates tensions in areas such as education, religion, the media and government.

Please see ROOTS/2B



Jordan's Queen Noor, fourth from left, poses with a group of youths attending a terrorism conference in New York, Nov. 11. The youths represent polar opposites on the world stage of hatred, Muslim, Christian, and Jewish teens from adversaries such as Israel, the Palestinian territories, Kosovo, Pakistan and India. The five-day conference was held at the United Nations Church Center in New York. AP Photo

TALKIN' TEXAS

Our founding fathers had a vision

By Tumbleweed Smith

The early American Indians believed that you should judge every action on what effect it will have in seven generations. The people who wrote our Constitution took that a step further. They must have eaten some powerful brain food back in 1776.

They created a democracy, a system of government operated by elected representatives of the entire country. And it still works.

We citizens of the United States can choose the way of life that appeals to us. Our mates, homes, work, hobbies, clothes, cars and religions are matters of choice.

Lately we have been seeing a way of life quite different from ours.

Where religion is only a part of our lives, for some people in foreign lands, it is their whole life. It doesn't look too appealing. They are living the same way they did 2,000 years ago. They think living in ignorance and poverty is some sort of spiritual obligation. They consider things like commerce and industry as sinful, only for infidels — a 15th-century term denoting a person of a religion other than one's own.

They live under a theocracy, a Greek word from "theos," meaning God, and "kratos," meaning power. It is a form of government by a priestly order that claims to be divinely directed. They think God destroyed the World Trade Center.

The old European political theory that kings ruled by divine right went out in the late 1600s.

In theocracies like Afghanistan and Iran and Iraq, the government might be a council of clerics or a charismatic leader who claims a special call from God and gains office by force of arms.

Ancient civilizations lived in theocracies for some of their early history. The United States keeps church and state separate. It is a sound principle. Just take a look at the countries where religion is everything and you can see the absolute worst living conditions: straw huts for houses, no pavement, a life span of 40 years, hunger illness, women used solely for procreation and 10-year-old kids with bazookas wanting to kill people. We have witnessed meanness and criminal activity unparalleled in our experience. We are dealing with a country whose main export is an illegal substance.

In the last 25 years, numerous Muslim groups have attempted to establish Islamic theocracies. The Islamic community, founded by prophet Muhammad in 622, originally covered the land now occupied by Iraq, Syria and Egypt. There are pressures from fundamentalist Muslims to move toward theocratic forms of government in other countries.

Islamic ideals are used to win liberation from foreign domination or from some ruling elite, to encourage economic renewal and to revitalize Islamic culture. Ayatollah Khomeini smuggled religious sermons into Iran to turn Iranians against the shah. Saddam Hussein tried unsuccessfully to start a holy war during the Gulf War in 1991. Taliban imposition of religious law in Afghanistan is an effort to restore Islamic customs. As a rule, theocracies tend to be short-lived because the religious leaders are rarely skilled in economic matters and have difficulty maintaining a complex modern economy.

Tumbleweed Smith is a Big Spring storyteller and folklorist.



Smith

ROOTS: Queen Noor talks to group

(From 1B)

"What we wanted to do is ask people to focus on the elements in their society that contribute to violence," said Barbara Zasloff, a Seeds official.

Queen Noor of Jordan also addressed the group.

"You have stared hatred in the face and refused to give in," she said.

Among the participants were Fareed Yaldrum, an Indian from Bombay, and Shyam Kapadia, a Pakistani from Punjab, both 17, who have become close friends since attending

the Maine summer camp.

"To be honest, I didn't know Pakistanis and Indians are so much the same," said Shyam. "My enemy isn't an enemy, he's just a human being."

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'Harry' throws invincibility cloak over competition

LOS ANGELES (NYT) — "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," cast a powerful spell over audiences during the weekend, grossing a staggering \$93.5 million at the box office — by far the biggest debut in motion picture history.

The Warner Bros. film quickly shattered just about every major industry box office record as audiences jammed into multiplexes to be among the first wave of moviegoers to see the magical adventures of a bespectacled 11-year-old boy invited to attend wizard school.

Based on the best-selling book by J.K. Rowling, "Harry Potter" already had legions of fans and had been one of the most anticipated movie openings ever.

"The studio is thrilled with the performance of 'Harry Potter,'" said Dan Fellman, Warner Bros. head of distribution. "(Director) Chris Columbus did a fabulous job transferring the vision and imagination of J.K. Rowling onto the big screen, and the audiences from (ages) 8 to 80 responded with great enthusiasm."

While final numbers will be reported Monday, the weekend estimates for "Harry Potter" easily outdistanced the \$68.5 million record set earlier this year by "Planet of the Apes" for the largest non-holiday weekend opening.

It also leaped past the \$72.1 million record set by "Lost World: Jurassic Park" for the biggest three consecutive days of ticket sales.

"The \$72.1 million from 'Lost World' was the number to beat," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of Exhibitor Relations, which tracks the box office. "The film will also hold the top three single day records if the estimates hold."

On Friday, "Harry Potter" broke the record for the best single-day take with \$31.6 million, topping the previous best of \$28.5 million by "Star Wars Episode I: Phantom Menace" in its opening day in 1999.

On Saturday, "Harry Potter" broke its own record by taking in \$32.9 million. Warner Bros. estimated the movie's Sunday ticket sales at \$29 million, which would give the film the No. 3 best one-day gross.

"We saw the level of antici-

tion building and building as it got closer to the release date," Dergarabedian said. "The marketing was so strong. You couldn't look anywhere without seeing some reference to Harry Potter. The level of awareness was at unprecedented levels."

In a year already filled with numerous box office records and overall ticket sales expected to surpass \$8 billion for the first time, "Harry Potter" is setting new box office standards.

The film is positioned to become the fastest movie to make \$100 million Monday, its fourth day of release, if it continues at its frantic pace. "The Phantom Menace" took five days to cross that figure in 1999.

"Harry Potter" began breaking film industry records even before its release by being launched on an unprecedented 8,200 screens, easily eclipsing the record held by the first "Mission: Impossible" movie

which debuted on less than half that many.

While the film's 2-hour and 32-minute running time limited the number of screenings in each theater, the large number of screens seems to have more than compensated.

"When you have this level of interest in moviegoing, it really helps everybody," Dergarabedian said. "In the wake of Sept. 11, people are looking for an entertainment diversion that's close to home and relatively inexpensive. People aren't traveling as much so what are they going to do? A movie like 'Harry Potter' is perfectly timed."

With several more major releases still to come including "The Lord of the Rings," "Ali" starring Will Smith and "Vanilla Sky" with Tom Cruise, the movie business surpassing the \$8 billion barrier in 2001 "is a foregone conclusion," Dergarabedian said.

DEAR ABBY

Bullies' taunts fall silent after teen gains self-esteem

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letter from "Bullied in Delaware,"

who was critical of an article she had read about how to prevent bullying, I had to write.

I am a 17-year-old girl who was teased and tormented from first grade on.

Because of it, I became depressed and began eating my problems away, which led to the nickname "Big Red" and other undignified labels. When I reached the summer of my sophomore year, I was at an all-time low. A good friend offered me some advice that changed my life:

"If you hear something long enough, you begin to believe it. You've been told all about your outward 'flaws' for so many years, your perception of yourself has become blurred. Every day you look in the mirror and see what the bullies have told you. Stop seeing illusions. See yourself for who you truly are."

From that day on, each time I looked in the mirror, I told myself OUT LOUD that I was beautiful and a special human being. Once I began to feel respect for myself, others did too.

Abby, please print this to help other girls and boys avoid the hell of living with no self-esteem because of the destructive words of others. This letter comes from someone who has been caught in the worst of it, and who has come out happier. — PROUD TO BE



Pauline and Jean Phillips

ME IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR PROUD TO BE

ME: Your friend gave you terrific advice. However, you deserve the credit for carrying it a step further with your daily affirmations. I'm told that many successful people — athletes in particular — use visualization techniques to improve their performance. Not only did you do that, but you added audio. I wish you continued success.

DEAR ABBY: I know you are an animal lover. I hope you will consider this wonderful item I received from a friend worthy of space in your column. — GERARD IN BLOOMFIELD, N.J.

DEAR GERARD: It certainly is, as I'm sure my pet-loving readers will agree. With apologies to Rudyard Kipling, please read on:

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"If you can resist treating a

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"If you can face the world

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"If you can relax without

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Tumbleweed Chapter of the Smocking Arts Guild of America 7 p.m., Grace Presbyterian Church, call 697-3579 or 683-5748.
West Texas Songwriters Association, Coors Warehouse, 7 p.m., 689-0213.
Texaco Toastmasters Club, 11:30 a.m., Texaco Heritage Center, 688-2932.
Clogging, basic & intermediate levels, 7 p.m., 2800 W. County Rd. 130 (Cotton Flat & S. Midkiff).
Midland Area AIDS Support

Group (MAAS), for family & friends of people with AIDS, 7 p.m. 684-6161 or 684-7821.
The 12 Step Group of Al-Anon, 6 p.m., 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-C, 699-2005.
Course in Miracles, spiritually based self-help support and study 7 p.m., 4500 W. Illinois Ave. 694-8047.
West Texas Singles, dance lessons, 550-6960.
Midland Rape Crisis support for incest survivors. For group information call 682-7273.

DEATH NOTICES

Paul Erdmann

Paul Erdmann died Wednesday, Nov. 14, in Jacksonville, Fla. Services are scheduled for 2 p.m. today, Nov. 19, in St. Luke's United Methodist Church with the Rev. Richard Edwards officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born in Homewood, Ill., March 8, 1931. After graduating from high school, he served in the United States Army from 1952 to 1954. He later attended Illinois Wesleyan University on the G.I. Bill and graduated in 1958.

He was employed with Skelly Oil Co. and Sun Oil Co. In 1989, he started P.C.I., Inc. In addition to serving as president of P.C.I., Inc., he also was the consultant for the city of Midland for military affairs.

He is survived by his wife, Florence Erdmann of Midland; one son, Earl Erdmann of Midland; one daughter, Laura Houston of Atlanta, Ga.; four grandchildren; and a sister, Lucille Sholeen of Glenwood, Ill. Memorials may be directed to Mayo Foundation, Transplant Program, 4500 San Pablo Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32224.

Fredra Montgomery

NEW BRAUNFELS — Fredra Lucille Montgomery, 80, died Saturday, Nov. 17, at McKenna Memorial Hospital.

Services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20, at Zoeller Funeral Home with the Rev. Ray Still officiating.

She was born on Dec. 9, 1920 to John and Rose Roach in Rising Star.

She was preceded in death by her husband Milton E. Montgomery; and her parents.

She is survived by one son, Michael Montgomery of Round Rock; one daughter, Sandra Barker of New Braunfels; one brother, Merle Roach of Midland; one sister, Edna Butler of Rising Star; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are under the direction of Zoeller Funeral Home.

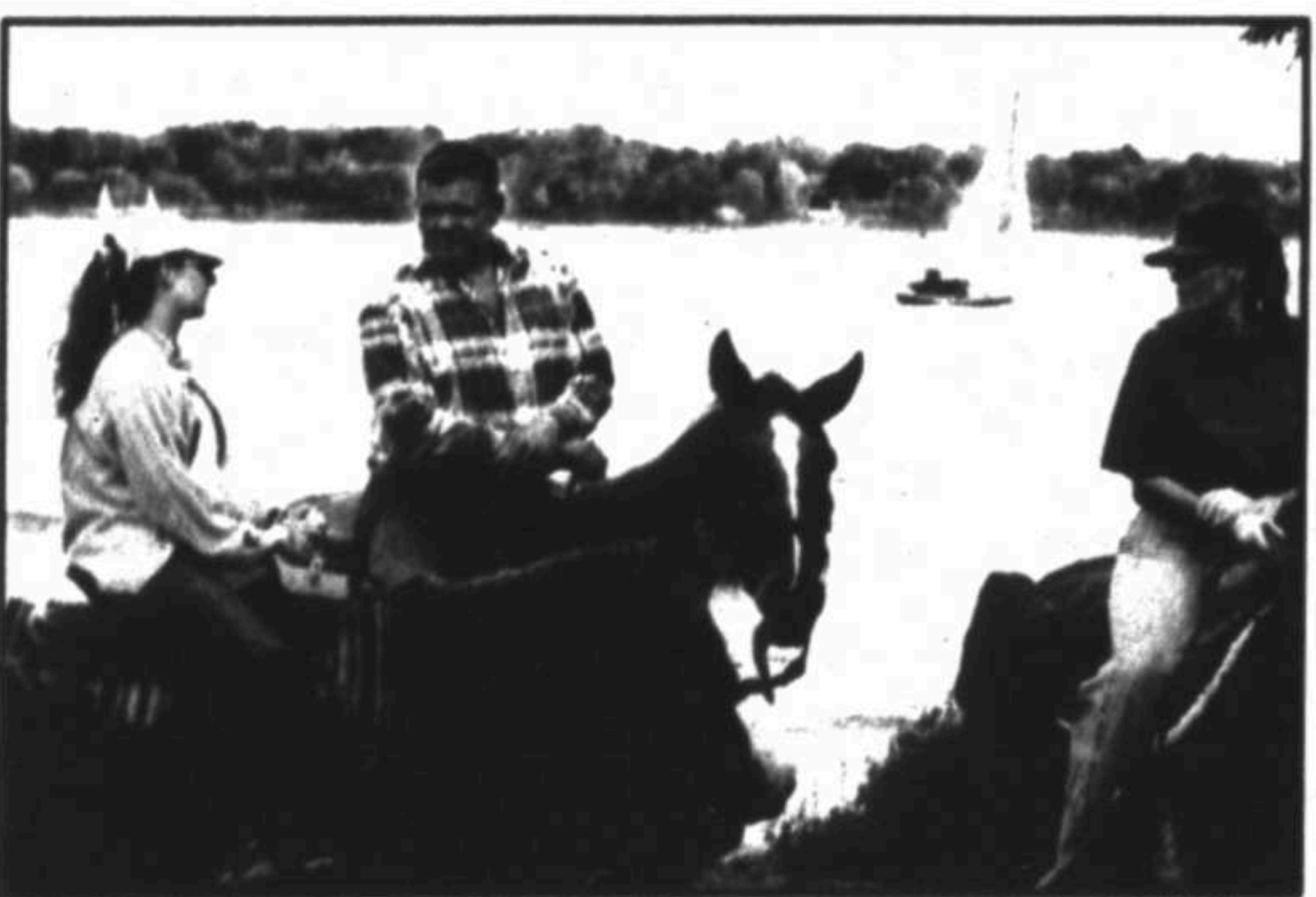
Lee Woodard

Services for Lee Woodard are scheduled for 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20 at the Golf Course Road Church of Christ.

Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Shirley Traugher

Services for Shirley Traugher are pending with Ellis Funeral Home. She died Sunday, Nov. 18, in a local hospital.



AP Photo
From left, Becky Rau, on Braze, Mark Burns, on Rusty, and Connie Ward, on Blaze, enjoy the unseasonably warm Sunday afternoon, at White Rock Lake in Dallas. North Texans have been enjoying pleasant, spring-like temperatures right up to the start of the holiday season, but a cold snap is expected just in time for Thanksgiving week.

Cold snap expected to stop unusually warm November

DALLAS (AP) — Sweater weather was on its way back to Texas after an unusually warm start to November, meteorologists said Sunday. But the cold snap expected just in time for Thanksgiving week probably won't result in a freeze or even an extended stretch of cold weather.

North Texans have been enjoying the pleasant temperatures right up to the start of the holiday season.

"I'm looking around out here and here and people are fishing and in shorts, and it's Thanksgiving in just a few days," said Roger Patrick, 34, who was painting a landscape for an art class at White Rock Lake on Sunday afternoon.

Patrick said his initial thought is that he loves the unseasonable warmth.

"It's hard to complain because I'm outside more than ever," he said. "At the same time, I have to say I also enjoy the changing of the seasons, and I miss seeing that."

So far this month, the thermometer at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport has recorded an average high of 73.6 degrees, well above November's normal high of 66.8, said meteorologist Larry Nierenberg of the National Weather Service in Fort Worth. The average low this month has been 56.5 degrees, more than 10 degrees above November's normal average low of 45.4, he said.

However, all that could change early Monday.

"Mother Nature's going to remind us that it's November," Nierenberg said. "Once this cold front comes through, we will have high temperatures in the lower 50s."

Paul Lewis of the weather service's Houston office said the same

front will make its way to Southeast Texas, which has recorded an average of 78.8 degrees daily in November, compared to a normal average of 72.

"I'd say we've been above normal, but that's about to change," Lewis said. Houston-area highs will be in the upper 60s to low 70s this week, he predicted.

A coming chill in the air is welcome news to workers at businesses like the Burlington Coat Factory on Town East Boulevard, whose Sunday manager declined to give her name.

"It's been pretty light as far as the coats go," she said. "They don't come in until it gets cold. So tomorrow we'll be swamped."

The average date of Dallas-Fort Worth's first freeze, Nov. 17, came and went in a balmy breeze, but seven more warm weeks would have to pass for the area to beat the record for the latest first freeze, Jan. 4, 1972. The area's earliest recorded freeze date is Oct. 22, reached in 1898. Last year, the first freeze arrived Nov. 13.

Renee Fisher, general manager of Redena's Garden in Dallas, said gardeners have been reluctant to remove plants that should already have been cleared from flower beds for the start of cold weather.

"They don't want to take them out because they still look so good," she said.

As a result, they may end up planting winter annuals like pansies later than normal, and the plants won't have time to establish good root systems.

"They'll have trouble getting their winter plants to grow," she said.

OBITUARIES

Reverend Davis Edens

Memorial services for Reverend Davis B. Edens, 75, of Lubbock will be at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at St. Luke's United Methodist Church with the Reverends Ted J. Dotts Jr., Charles E. Lutrick and Jerry Huggins officiating. He died November 17, 2001. It was his wishes to have his remains donated to Texas Tech University Health Sciences for the advancement of biomedical sciences.

Arrangements are under the direction of Franklin Bartley Funeral Home.

He was born November 21, 1925. He married Patsy Ruth Kirk, January 18, 1948 in Big Spring, Texas. He was a graduate of Big Spring High School and McMurry University, Abilene, Texas. He attended Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

He served United Methodist Churches in Texas and New Mexico for nearly forty-one years.

He served on numerous Annual Conference Boards; McMurry University Board of Trustees (eighteen years); Methodist Mission Home Board, San Antonio, Texas (eleven years); Methodist Home for Children Board, Waco, Texas (eleven years). He served as Chairman of the Board of Health and Welfare of the New Mexico Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church (six years). He served as a member of the Landrum Homes Retirement Center, Carlsbad, New Mexico (six years).

He was a member of Seekers Sunday School Class of St. Luke United Methodist Church and the Retired United Ministers Group.

Survivors include his wife, Patsy, three daughters, Davela Parker and Mary Nell Westmoreland, both of Denver City, and Patricia Edens of Midland; one son, D. Kirk Edens of Midland; a sister, Nell Patty of Abilene; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends in the St. Luke United Methodist Church fellowship hall immediately following the memorial service.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be sent to the Endowment Fund at McMurry University, South 14th and Sayles Blvd, Abilene, Texas 79697; St. Luke United Methodist Music Ministry, 3717 44th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79413; Hospice of Lubbock Inc., 1102 Slide Road, Lubbock, Texas 79416 or the Carillon Endowment Fund, 1717-B Norfolk Avenue, Lubbock, Texas 79416.



Kenneth T. Pharr

Kenneth T. Pharr passed away Saturday, November 17, 2001 at a local retirement home.

Kenneth Trumann Pharr was born in Silverton, Texas on October 21, 1924. His parents were James C. Pharr and Hula Pharr. Kenneth was one of four children.

Survivors are his wife, Beverly K. Pharr, whom he married in 1948, and three sons, Kenneth Keith Pharr, and wife Cindi of Gilbert, Arizona, Stephen Lloyd Pharr, and wife Peggy, of St. Clair, Missouri, and Richard Dean Pharr and wife Diane, of Midland, Texas. Other survivors are one sister, Jean Kent of Parachute, Colorado. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive, and 12 grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were one daughter, Susan Kaye Pharr Worrell, and also one brother and one sister.

At an early age the family moved to Lubbock, Texas and Kenny attended school there. He played football at Lubbock High School. He was very active in Boy Scouts and obtained his Eagle Scout Award.

Kenneth served in the U.S. Navy for three years and served aboard the U.S. Quincy, a heavy cruiser, and was in the Invasion of Southern France, and also the surrender of Japan.

After his years in service, he attended Coffeyville Junior College, Coffeyville, Kansas, and played football on the winning Red Ravens football team in 1946 and 1947. He received The "Most Valuable Player" award in 1947.

Kenneth then attended University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico, and was a member of the Lobo football team. He graduated in 1951 with a BS degree. Later in 1954, he graduated with an MS degree from Texas Tech, Lubbock, Texas.

Next several years he coached and taught school at Lordsburg, New Mexico, and then at Fort Scott, Kansas. Following 12 years of coaching he went into Administration and served as Principal of Douglass High School, Douglass, Kansas, and also at Bluestem High School, Leon, Kansas. He also served as

Superintendent of Schools for 20 years at Leon, Kansas, Chase, Kansas, and for 10 years at Troy, Kansas. Kenneth retired in 1987, and moved to Douglass, Kansas. In 1994 he and Beverly moved to Manor Park, a Continuing Care Retirement Home, in Midland, Texas.

Kenneth is a member of the Fannin Terrace Baptist Church. He also was a member of the United School Administrators, belonged to Joppa Lodge 220, Wichita Consistory, and Midian Shrine in Wichita, Kansas. He also belonged to the American Legion in Douglass, Kansas.

Many, many thanks to the nurses and nurses aides at Mabee Health Center for the wonderful care they gave Kenny.

Memorial services are scheduled for 3:00 PM Tuesday in Manor Park Retirement Home, with Dr. Doug Lamb of Fannin Terrace Baptist Church officiating, assisted by Reverend Gale Wilson. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions could be made to Hospice of Midland, 911 Texas, Midland, Texas 79701 or to Manor Park Inc., 2208 North Loop 250 West, Midland, Texas 79707.



Louise Willis

Louise Willis left this world in her home on Saturday, November 17, 2001. She was born July 16, 1911, the seventh child of James Samuel and Verda Ethredge Kenley.

She was a Past Matron of Midland Chapter #253 and a 60+ year member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She was also a Master of the Grand Cross of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

She is survived by two daughters and their husbands, Margo and Don Davis of Centennial, Colorado, and Wilma and Charlie Wheat of Midland, Texas; five grandchildren, Deborah Ellis, Charlotte Davis, Michael Davis, Patricia Richardson, and John Davis; and five great-grandchildren, Sarah Ellis Johnson, Zachary Ellis, Kimberly Stephan, Kendra Stephan and Tyler Richardson. She is also survived by five step-grandchildren, Vi Lea Borland, Colleen Jeske, Steven Wheat, Toni

Wheat, and Tracy Trout. She is also survived by nine step-great-grandchildren, Misty Borland Phiffer, Crystal Borland Brown, ViLacia "Lacey" Borland, Jason and Devon Jeske, Sean and Candice Trout, and Jamie and Jordan Holm. Louise was also blessed with three step-great-grandsons, Theron "Tigger" Brown, Aiden Lee Brown, and Jacob Devin Phiffer.

Graveside services are scheduled for 1:00 PM Tuesday, November 20, 2001 in Resthaven Memorial Park with Reverend Bob Porterfield of West Kentucky Street Baptist Church officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials be directed to Hospice of Midland, Allison Cancer Center or to Chapter 253 of the Eastern Star.



Mrs. Minnie Mary German

Minnie Mary Hudspeth German was born April 3, 1902 in Ore City, Texas to James Harvey Hudspeth and Sarah Catherine Loyd Hudspeth. She was reared and educated in Ore City and graduated from high school in Longview. She married R.T. German on January 15, 1926, he preceded her in death in July of 1979. She was a member of the Midland Country Club, the Texas Garden Club, the Petroleum Club, the Women's Club and the First Methodist Church of Midland.

Mrs. German is survived by her grandchildren, Jennifer German Baez, Aric H. Gibson, Dr. Carl D. Reimers, Thomas B. Reynolds, Watt W. Reynolds and adopted daughter, Tanya Ciotti; nine great-grandchildren and six nephews and two nieces.

Visitation with the family will be 6:00-8:00 PM Monday, November 19, 2001 in Ellis Funeral Home.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10:00 AM Tuesday, November 20, 2001 in First United Methodist Church with Reverend Jan Reed of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials be directed to the First United Methodist Church of Midland, the Ore City Cemetery Association or other charities of choice.

Islanders look to bridge's reopening; questions remain

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND (AP) — For two months, Arnulfo Martinez has risen earlier to get to his pizza shop job across the glittering Laguna Madre, meeting his co-workers at a marina on the edge of Port Isabel and taking a charter boat to South Padre Island.

"It could be worse," Martinez, 34, mused as the Texas Hospitality, normally a pleasure boat for tourists, slogged past congregating pelicans and gathered speed to cross the bay. He grinned at the spray of saltwater in his face.

When a barge struck and destroyed the midsection of the Queen Isabella Causeway in the wee hours of Sept. 15, killing eight people, Martinez had reason to fear for his \$5.25-per-hour job. Without its only bridge, the island was cut off from the delivery trucks that brought dough, cheese and sauce.

Families from northern Mexico canceled plans to stay in their beachside condos. Nightlife seekers from across the Rio Grande Valley stayed on the mainland. Chambermaids, waitresses, and T-shirt shop workers were laid off.

"It hurt, believe me, it hurt," said Janet Nunez, a bartender who has lived on the island some 20 years. She has watched it rise from a sleepy outpost where everyone knew everyone to a sort of third coast with visitors coming each year from farther away. "We don't have the tourists who come and drink. We don't have a lot of your Valley people. We try to save our boss money by getting out early."

In one month's time, the food bank in Port Isabel — where a good number of low-wage island workers live — increased service from 10,000 pounds of food to 60,000 pounds.

The island's only real customer base became its permanent residents, and their small numbers quickly became apparent.

"It's kind of sparse, isn't it?" John Weber, of Coshocton, Ohio, said last week as he took in the clusters of tightly rolled hotel beach umbrellas along an expanse of empty beach. The Webers had

planned their family vacation before the bridge collapse, and didn't cancel because it coordinated with other family plans. Weber and his 11-year-old son, Zach, combed the empty beach with a metal detector.

Few doubt that the island will rebound quickly once the causeway reopens Wednesday. Gov. Rick Perry will be on hand for the ceremony, which will take place more than a month earlier than expected thanks to good weather and 24-hour labor. The early opening will make the Houston-based contractor, Williams Brothers Inc., eligible for an estimated \$725,000 bonus.

It also will make arrival easier for the expected flocks of "Winter Texans," retirees who bring their motor homes down from places like Minnesota and Manitoba each year. Country music fans now will be able to drive to the island for country star Garth Brooks' free Nov. 28 concert. February is just around the corner, along with thousands of well-funded college students on Spring Break.

Still, questions remain. Among them: Who bears responsibility for the collapse? And what changes will be made to prevent a similar tragedy?

Blame could come to rest on the captain of the Brown Water V tugboat, who apparently lost the four barges he was pushing to an angry current, tapping a bridge support with the force of some 6,500 tons of steel. Another possibility is the U.S. Coast Guard, blamed by Brown Water V for failing to properly maintain the depth, width, and buoy markings of that section of the Intracoastal Waterway.

The tugboat captain, David Fowler of Mobile, Ala., declined to testify during the October fact-finding hearings. His attorney, Sheldon Weisfeld, said a misaligned buoy caused Fowler to push the barges into a shallow area edging the Laguna Madre channel.

The boat hit shoaling, which caused it to slow down. By losing power, that affects the control of the barge," Weisfeld said.

The Coast Guard's preliminary investigation found that all navigational aids were in order and that the channel's depth was properly maintained.

Ray Marchan, a Brownsville attorney representing two of the injured and four of the dead, says that if Brown Water V knew of the dangers, it should have been able to prevent the accident.

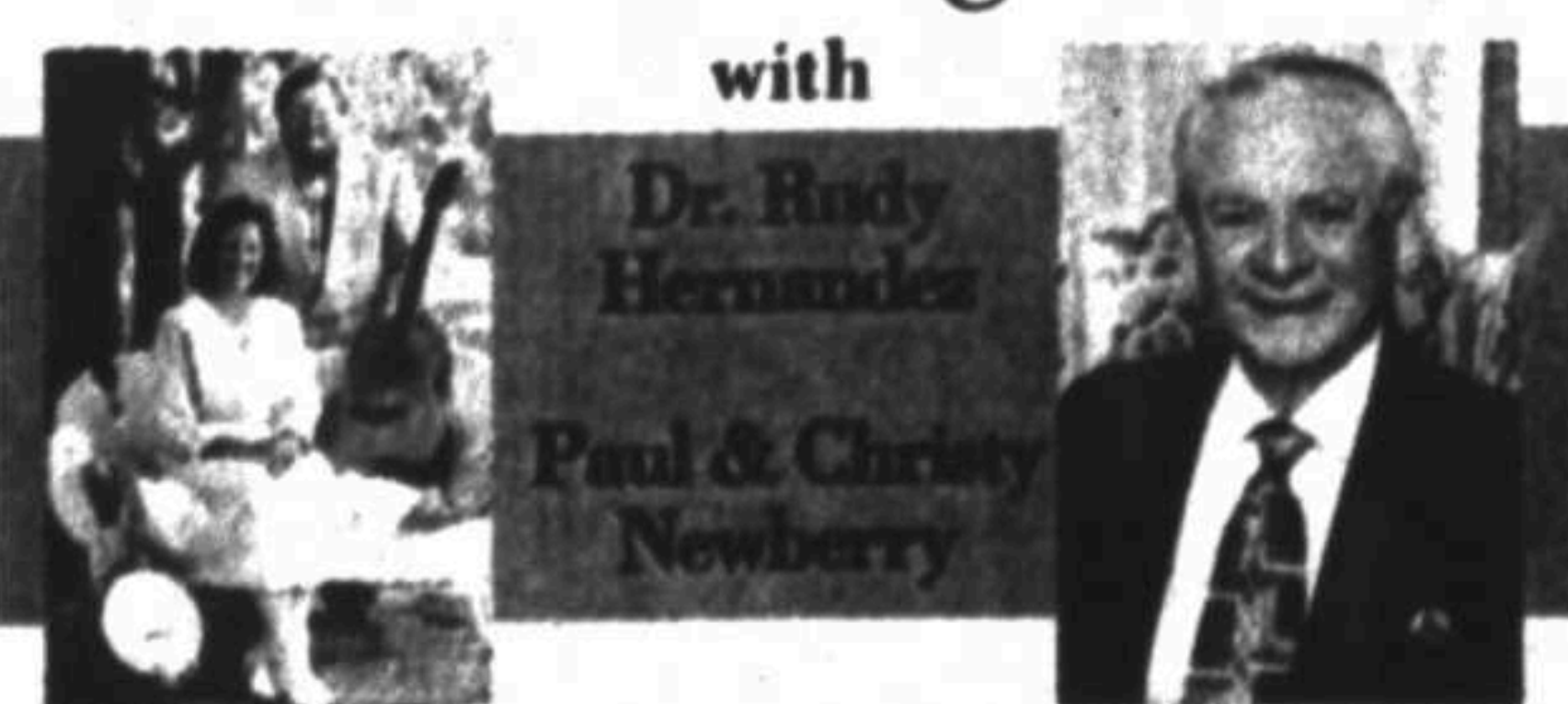
"There are those people I represent who are so happy to be alive but yet feel guilty and confused that they are alive," Marchan said. "The saddest case is of the young orphan that was left."

Jackie Paddock will be raising the toddler left behind by her daughter and son-in-law, who ran a tattoo shop on the island. She waited more than a week for the wreckage and the bodies to be retrieved.

As far as preventing a recurrence of the tragedy, James Wilson, the retired Coast Guard officer assigned as hearing officer in the case, has forwarded recommendations of mariners familiar with the Intracoastal Waterway to Coast Guard higher-ups.

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'Journey Through Heartsongs'

Child's poems are 'gift that will live beyond him'

By Stephen Manning
Associated Press Writer

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. — For a first-time author, Mattie Stepanek has had quite a literary debut.

His book of poetry, "Journey Through Heartsongs," is among the Top 10 on The New York Times best-seller list. He talks peace with former President Jimmy Carter and counts TV talk show queen Oprah Winfrey and comedian Jerry Lewis among his friends.

He's also a much sought-after public speaker, with a schedule packed with television appearances, book signings and motivational speeches.

Not bad for an 11-year-old boy. "I'm careful not to let it go to my head," he said of his newfound fame. "My mom says my hat still has to fit my head by the end of the year."

His mother, Jeni, calls him a "52-year-old boy." But considering all that Mattie has faced in his short life, it's understandable that he's mature beyond his years.

Mattie has a rare form of muscular dystrophy, a disease that took the lives of his three siblings and left him dependent on a ventilator that feeds oxygen through a tube attached to his neck.

He uses an electric wheelchair to motor around the basement apartment he shares with his mother. The wheelchair is attached to an extension cord that powers his ventilator.

With closely cropped blond hair and wire-rimmed glasses, Mattie is small for his age. He fidgets in his wheelchair like any adolescent forced to sit in one place for too long. His ventilator, strapped to his chair, constantly wheezes in the background.

The chair, which he nicknamed "Slick," is covered with pockets and nooks that hold things he has accumulated from friends and admirers. His favorite fishing hat and a religious icon are tucked in one side with some multi-colored glass stones Ms. Winfrey gave him.

Mattie nearly died this summer from his disease and spent five months in the hospital. But he's not afraid of death — he often writes about it in his book. His poetry is full of life, hope and the inner voice that he calls a "heartsong."

"It's our inner beauty, our message, the songs in our hearts. Some of us feel we can spread it. My life's mission is to spread peace to the world. I'm not sure everyone is listening to their heartsongs now, especially with the national tragedy," he said.

That's probably why the boy's poetry has had such an effect on people since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Ms. Winfrey has featured Mattie on her show four times, including once with Carter. Mattie and his mother have been swamped with e-mail, cards and phone calls from people wanting to thank him.

"He's had an overwhelming response from people saying, 'You've made me stop and think about these life storms I'm going through and put things in per-

spective,'" said Ms. Stepanek, 42, who also has muscular dystrophy and uses a wheelchair. "That is giving the world a gift that will live beyond him."

Ms. Stepanek, who is divorced, is a doctoral student at the University of Maryland. She has an adult form of muscular dystrophy that affects her muscles and does not lead to the deterioration of the respiratory system.

Mattie says his first poem came to him when he was 3 years old — he dictated it to his mother. He doesn't remember the poem, but Ms. Stepanek said it was about Mattie's older brother, Jamie, who was dying at the time.

Many of Mattie's poems focus on the death of Jamie, who was 4 when he died in 1993. Mattie never knew his other siblings. Katie was 2 when she died and Stevie lived just six months.

Mattie's career as an author started with his own gift, given to him by an Alexandria, Va., publisher.

Mattie says he has always had three specific wishes — to meet Ms. Winfrey, speak with Carter and publish a book of his poetry. So as he lay in the intensive care unit of Children's National Medical Center in Washington this summer, hospital officials tried to meet his unusual requests.

They got a response from Cheryl and Peter Barnes, owners of VSP Books, a company that produced mostly children's books. Not knowing how much time Mattie had left, VSP printed a paperback edition of his poetry in less than a week. It was titled "Heartsongs."

"We thought we were going to print 50 books and say, 'Here you go, kid,'" said Ms. Barnes. "What happened was this tremendous demand through people who knew him and saw his poems."

VSP held a news conference in his hospital room to promote the book and from there, sales took off. Mattie came out with his second work, "Journey Through Heartsongs," in October.

Between the two editions, Mattie has sold more than 250,000 of the books with covers that he illustrated with painted hearts bearing musical notes.

Copies of Mattie's books have just been sent to reviewers, Ms. Barnes said.

She acknowledges that part of his appeal is because of his age and illness, but she believes people are also touched by the quality of his work. "The poetry stands on its own," she said. "Mattie couldn't write what he writes without going through what he did."

The foreword to "Journey Through Heartsongs" was written by Carter, who called Mattie while he was in the hospital. Mattie idolizes the former president for his peacemaking efforts, and the two have spoken several times since then about peace.

"He proves that finding peace within one's self can lead to harmony among families, communities and nations," Carter wrote in Mattie's book.

Lewis wrote a blurb on the back of the book jacket. (Mattie was featured in the final hour of Lewis' recent Muscular Dystrophy Association telethon.)



AP Photo
Mattie Stepanek, 11, gets a hug from his mother, Jeni, at their home in Upper Marlboro, Md. Mattie has fought a battle with a rare form of muscular dystrophy most of his life, but has managed to become an accomplished poet along the way.

Mattie's poetry

"On Being a Champion"

"A champion is a winner,
A hero ...
Someone who never gives up
Even when the going gets rough.
A champion is a member of
A winning team ...
Someone who overcomes challenges
Even when it requires creative solutions
A champion is an optimist,
A hopeful spirit ...
Someone who plays the game,
Even when the game is called life
... Especially when the game is called life.
There can be a champion in each of us,
If we live as a winner,
If we live as a member of the team,
If we live with a hopeful spirit,
For life."

"About the Author"

"I am Mattie J.T. Stepanek.
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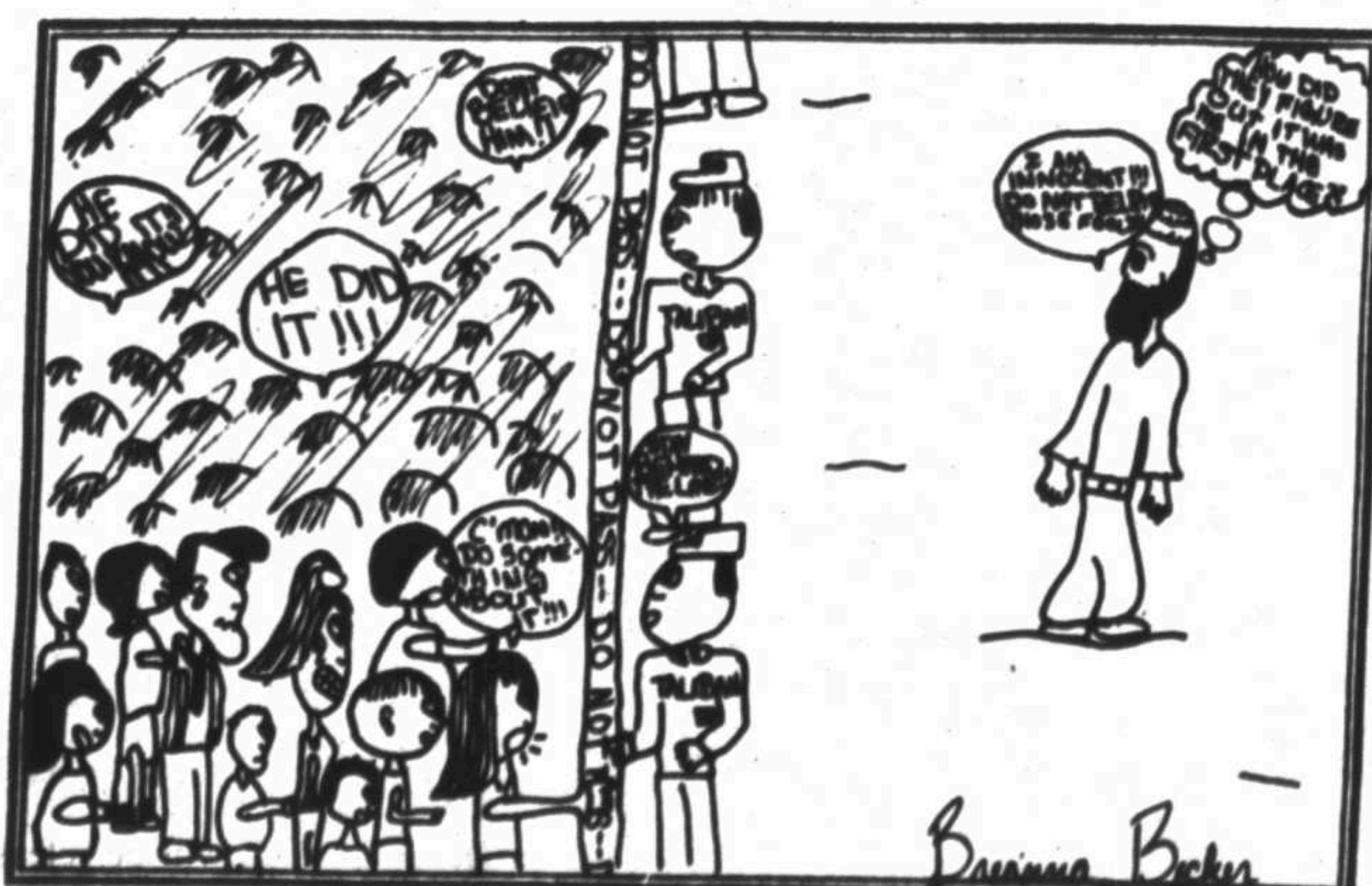
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I am always brainstorming ideas and stories.
I am a survivor, but some day, I will see
My two brothers and one sister in Heaven.
When I grow up, I plan to become
A father, a writer, a public speaker,
And most of all, a peacemaker.
Whoever I am, and whatever happens,
I will always love my body and mind.
Even if it has different abilities
Than other people's bodies and minds.
I will always be happy, because
I will always be me."

— From "Journey Through Heartsongs" by Mattie Stepanek

Political cartoonists



The following political cartoons were drawn by members of Kim Bolla's sixth-grade journalism class in the GEM program (Gifted Education of Midland). Each cartoon represents research, incorporates elements of editorial cartooning and reflects the student's opinion.



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By Terry V
Sports Editor

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Rebels get used to missing Thanksgiving

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

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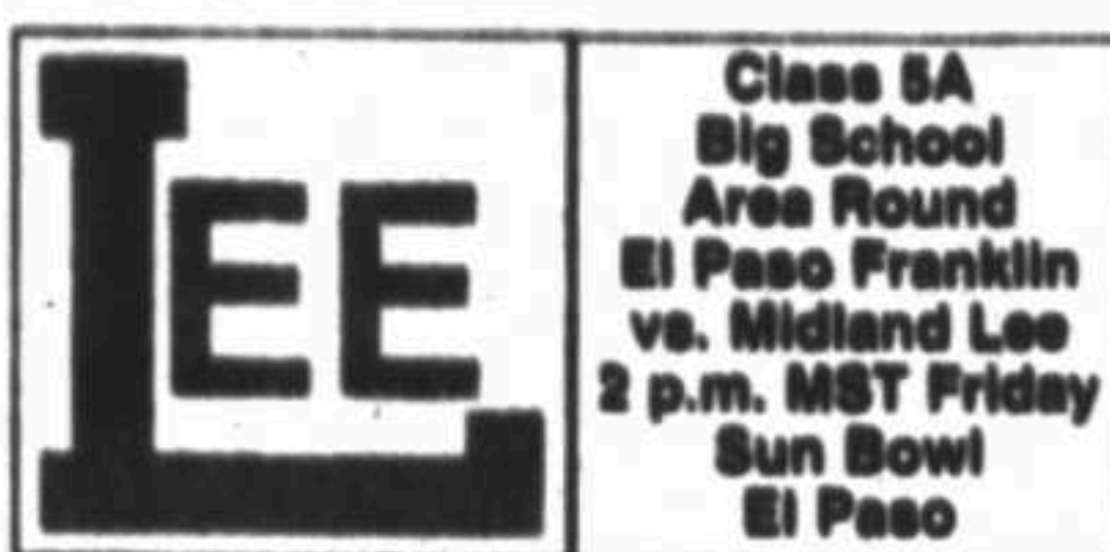
Just think about it. This is the week of Thanksgiving. If you're still playing, you have to give up all the time off while working for advancement in the state playoffs. If you lose this week, you've pretty much given up your Thanksgiving holidays for nothing.

However, if you win, it's worth every minute of it.

And it's sure nothing new to the Midland Lee Rebels, who will spend part of Thanksgiving Day on the road headed for El Paso and the Sun Bowl where they will face the Franklin Cougars at 2 p.m. (MST) on Friday in the Class 5A Big School area playoff game.

"Lee never takes a vacation," was the way Rebel offensive lineman Tyler Richardson put it. "This is playoff time and this is where we spend our vacation every year. It's nothing new."

This isn't the usual trip for Lee to El Paso. Usually, the area round against the El Paso teams is just another step for District 4-5A teams in the playoff run. But there is drama this year.



All season, Franklin was ranked as the No. 2 team in El Paso behind Andrews. Even when Andrews had one loss, Franklin stayed at No. 2 until the two teams met near the end of regular season play. Franklin then defeated Andrews, 30-27, in overtime to haul down El Paso's No. 1 ring.

Grijalva sensed that this might be the year for big things to

happen early in the season when he told the El Paso media, "I think El Paso is getting close. The time will come when somebody unseats Midland Lee. These guys (Franklin) have another goal this year besides just playing 12 games. We're hungry for a chance to play the three-time defending state champion. That's always an incentive."

While Franklin has used the win over Lee as its springboard for the season, Lee, too, hasn't forgotten its last trip to the Sun City.

"We were embarrassed and unsound," said Lee coach John Parchman. "I don't think we have to build this game up to our kids. I think they all want another shot at this one."

Franklin got its 10th win of the season last Thursday with a 28-6 bi-district win over El Paso Hanks. Lee defeated Lubbock Coronado, 50-22, on Friday to set up the "Second Showdown".

Parchman noted Sunday that if Lee can beat Franklin on Friday, the Rebels will have won 77 games in the last seven years, fulfilling

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DALLAS COWBOYS

Flogged by Philly



Philadelphia safety Damon Moore puts a hit on Dallas running back Emmitt Smith, dislodging the football. The Eagles took advantage of four Dallas turnovers and whipped the Cowboys, 36-3, Sunday in Irving.

Eagles return two interceptions for scores, earn second blowout victory over Cowboys

By Stephen Hawkins
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — The Dallas Cowboys held Philadelphia to just 227 yards and one offensive touchdown.

But they still managed to get blown out again by the Eagles.

Philadelphia returned two interceptions for touchdowns, including Jeremiah Trotter's 50-yard return on the final play of the first half, and the Eagles started six drives within 50 yards of the goal line in their 36-3 win over the Cowboys on Sunday.

"What you saw there was a replay of the first game," Cowboys coach Dave Campo said, referring to the 40-18 score in the first game between the teams. "We needed to protect the ball,

and we didn't do it."

The Eagles got their only offensive TD after a Dallas fumble at the 25. And even though they failed to score from inside the red zone for the first time, they converted five other times.



"Turnovers put the defense in bad situations," said safety George Teague. "But because of our defensive mentality, we have to get out there and try to stop them with a short field."

Despite their 2-7 record, the Cowboys have only been blown out of two games — both against the Eagles (6-3). Both times, they gave away the game in the second quarter.

This time, it was the Cowboys' worst loss since

losing 43-3 at home to Minnesota on Nov. 13, 1988.

It doesn't get any easier than Trotter's interception return — on a pass by Ryan Leaf that didn't make any sense — that gave the Eagles a 20-0 halftime lead.

"You don't get chances like that every day, so I wanted to make the most of it," Trotter said. "We knew that Leaf tended to make that throw."

The Cowboys, on their own 40 with just 15 seconds left, let Leaf take a deep shot downfield, but the pass was incomplete. Instead of throwing deep again or even taking a knee, Leaf threw a short pass. Trotter stepped in front of Randy Chavirini and ran untouched to the end zone.

Campo said the out-route was called with the thought the Cowboys could get in field-goal

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Gordon clinches 4th Cup

By Mike Harris
AP Motorsports Writer

HAMPTON, Ga. — Jeff Gordon's fourth Winston Cup championship has put him in elite company.

The Rainbow Warrior, who led the Winston Cup points for most of the 2001 season, joined NASCAR's two greatest stars, Richard Petty and Dale Earnhardt, as the only drivers with more than three titles.

The latest crown, considered virtually inevitable for more than a month, finally came Sunday as Gordon finished sixth to Bobby Labonte, whose own championship reign ended in victory at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

Labonte, an easy winner of the title last year, took the NAPA 500 when Gordon's Hendrick Motorsports teammate, Jerry Nadeau, the defending race champion, ran out of gas with a half-lap to go in a bid for his second career victory.

"I'm just blown away," a relieved Gordon said after climbing out of his No. 24 Chevrolet. "This is our fourth time doing this, and it seems like the first time all over again. Each one gets sweeter than the last."

Although he had a virtually insurmountable lead over Ricky Rudd, finishes of 25th and 28th in the last two races had left Gordon frustrated and uncharacteristically grim going into the penultimate race of the season.

Even with another subpar performance, Gordon would have clinched the title simply by starting the New Hampshire 300 on Friday. That wasn't the way the 30-year-old champion wanted to get the

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Jeff Gordon hoists the Winston Cup trophy after Sunday's NAPA 500 in Atlanta. He clinched the Cup with a sixth-place finish in the race.

Miami takes No. 1 spots in both polls

By Richard Rosenblatt
AP Football Writer

Miami flexed its muscles on the field, and the results were felt in the polls.

The Hurricanes not only strengthened their grip on No. 1 in the AP media poll on Sunday, they regained the top spot in the USA Today/ESPN coaches poll.

Following a 59-0 rout of then-No. 14 Syracuse, Miami gained eight more first-place votes and took a 31-point lead over No. 2 Nebraska in The Associated Press Top 25 poll.

In voting by the 72 sports writers and broadcasters on the AP panel, the Hurricanes (9-0) collected 52 first-place votes and 1,777 points. Nebraska (11-0), which did not play on Saturday, had 20 first-place votes and 1,746 points.

Last week, Miami led in first-place votes, 44-28, and in points, 1,768-1,756.

Missing this week? Florida State. The Seminoles (6-4) are out of the AP Top 25 for the first time since Sept. 17, 1989, ending a streak of 210 consecutive polls — second longest, behind Nebraska's 338 straight polls.

Florida, at 197 consecutive polls, is now second.

Two weeks ago, Nebraska jumped over Miami in the coaches poll even though the 'Canes won on the road by 11 points (18-7 against Boston College), and the Huskers won at home by 10 points (31-21 against Kansas State).

In the coaches' poll, Miami had 33 first-place votes; Nebraska had 25. Last week, Nebraska led 30-28.

In the BCS standings, which will be released Monday, Miami is expected to remain second

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Lewis wants to fight Tyson after big win

By Ed Schuyler Jr.
AP Boxing Writer

LAS VEGAS — Lennox Lewis has his championship belts back. Now he wants Mike Tyson. "Since the Evander Holyfield fight (in 1999) I've been waiting for Tyson," Lewis said Sunday after regaining the WBC-IBF heavyweight titles on a fourth-round knockout of Hasim Rahman.

The 36-year-old Lewis might not have to wait much longer.

"HBO is committed to making a Lewis-Tyson fight," HBO president Ross Greenburg said. "We will negotiate with our brethren at Showtime."

Tyson congratulated Lewis for recapturing the title. "He said he wants me," Tyson said. "Well I really look forward to it."

Lewis has a multifight contract with HBO, while Tyson is tied to Showtime.

"We already have had many discussions with



Lennox Lewis, right, lands a knockout blow to Hasim Rahman during their IBF heavyweight title rematch Saturday night at the Mandalay Bay resort in Las Vegas.

Showtime and now it's time to make it happen," Greenburg said.

Making it happen probably would be easier without Don King, who promoted Saturday night's rematch at Mandalay Bay.

Rahman has a multifight deal with King, but Lewis had a contract with the promoter only for Saturday's match.

Lewis called King "a truly great promoter," but

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Winston Cup champion Jeff Gordon, right, picks up car owner Rick Hendrick, in Victory Lane after clinching the points title at the NAPA 500 Sunday at Atlanta Motor Speedway in Hampton, Ga.

RACING: Gordon celebrates; Nadeau laments his bad luck

(From 1C)

clinger, though.

"We needed to bounce back," Gordon said. "This team has a lot of pride and we didn't want to win it on another bad day."

His fourth title in nine years leaves Gordon three behind Petty and Earnhardt, who was killed in the February in the season-opening Daytona 500.

Gordon, whose previous titles came in 1995, 1997 and 1998, saluted Earnhardt, whom he succeeded as the biggest winner among active drivers.

"Dale Earnhardt taught me how to race for the championship and a lot of other things," Gordon said. "We miss him a lot."

"I'm so proud to win this Winston Cup championship. I know if he was here he'd be the first one over congratulating us."

While Gordon was celebrating with his Hendrick Motorsports team, Nadeau was lamenting his bad luck.

"Half a lap to go and I just wasn't able to get there," Nadeau said. "We just ran out of fuel and I'm not sure why."

Labonte, who has suffered through a frustrating season, led only 13 of the 325 laps and lost the lead to Nadeau with 20 laps remaining. But Nadeau's Chevrolet, which had built a lead of almost a full straightaway, suddenly began swerving back and forth as the driver tried to slosh more gas into the engine.

The engine finally quit as the car hit the end of the back straightaway and Labonte's No. 18 Pontiac roared past the coasting No. 25 Chevy as the two came off the fourth turn.

"They said he was close," Labonte said. "He ran me hard there and my tires gave out, but

I just tried to stay within sight of him. He just whipped up on us until he ran out of gas."

"We'll take them any way we can get them. We've had some bad luck at times this year, and something finally went our way at the end."

It was Labonte's second victory of the year and the 18th of his career. It also was his fifth victory at this track, all of them coming in his last 11 starts at the suburban Atlanta track.

Gordon came into the 500-mile race with a 305-point lead over runner-up Rudd and knowing he could wrap up the championship in several ways, including simply finishing ahead of Rudd's No. 28 Ford.

The struggling Rudd had a miserable day, bouncing off a wall in the early going because of a deflating tire and finishing six laps down in 35th. Worse, he lost second place to Tony Stewart, who finished ninth.

"We figured it was just a matter of time before Jeff wrapped it up," Rudd said. "We've been fading hard the last three weeks, and I'm not really sure what's wrong. We've got to get back on the program." Stewart leads Rudd by 26 points heading to Loudon, N.H., for the race postponed in September after the terrorist attacks.

Sterling Marlin and top series rookie Kevin Harvick, Earnhardt's replacement at Richard Childress Racing, also got past Nadeau at the end, finishing second and third—more than 2 seconds behind the winner.

Dale Earnhardt Jr., who started from the pole, was dominant through most of the event, leading seven times for a race-high 171 laps before fading at the end and finishing seventh.

Division have already got a break. Keller Fossil Ridge upset state ranked Lewisville, 26-23. Duncanville, long a state power with a lot of playoff experience under the belt, lost to Arlington, 24-3. If Lee beats Franklin, the Rebels will play either Fossil Ridge or Arlington next week.

Tickets: The Memorial Stadium ticket office will be open today and Tuesday only for the purchase of Lee-Franklin tickets. Since the game is in the Sun Bowl, all tickets will be general admission. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for students if purchased in Midland. All tickets will be \$7 at the Sun Bowl. The ticket office at Memorial Stadium will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Tuesday.

LEE: Rebels extend playoff win streak to 17

(From 1C)

a goal set at the beginning of his head coaching stint at Lee.

"When we came here seven years ago, we passed out a dime to every kid," Parchman said. "It was a symbol that we wanted to have 10-win seasons every year. Well, we will have averaged 11 wins a season over seven years if we can win on Friday."

"To maintain that kind of pace over an extended period of time is really a hard thing to do."

Lee also has a 17-game playoff winning streak going since losing to Amarillo High in the 1997 bi-district round on a snow-covered field in Amarillo.

Looking Ahead: Teams still alive in the Region I Big School

3, followed by No. 4 Oklahoma (10-1), No. 5 Texas (9-1), No. 6 Oregon (9-1) and No. 7 Tennessee (8-1).

Maryland (10-1), Atlantic Coast Conference champions after a 23-19 win over North Carolina State on Saturday, moved up two spots to No. 8, followed by No. 9 BYU (11-0), and No. 10 Illinois (9-1).

BYU dropped one spot after a 24-21 win over Utah.

New Top 25 teams this week are Georgia Tech, Fresno State, Arkansas and Boston College. The Razorbacks (7-3) and Eagles (7-3) cracked the Top 25 for the first time this season.

In the AP poll, the top seven teams remained unchanged. Florida (9-1), after its 37-13 win over Florida State, was No.

North Texas earns long-awaited bowl berth along with first Sun Belt crown

Associated Press

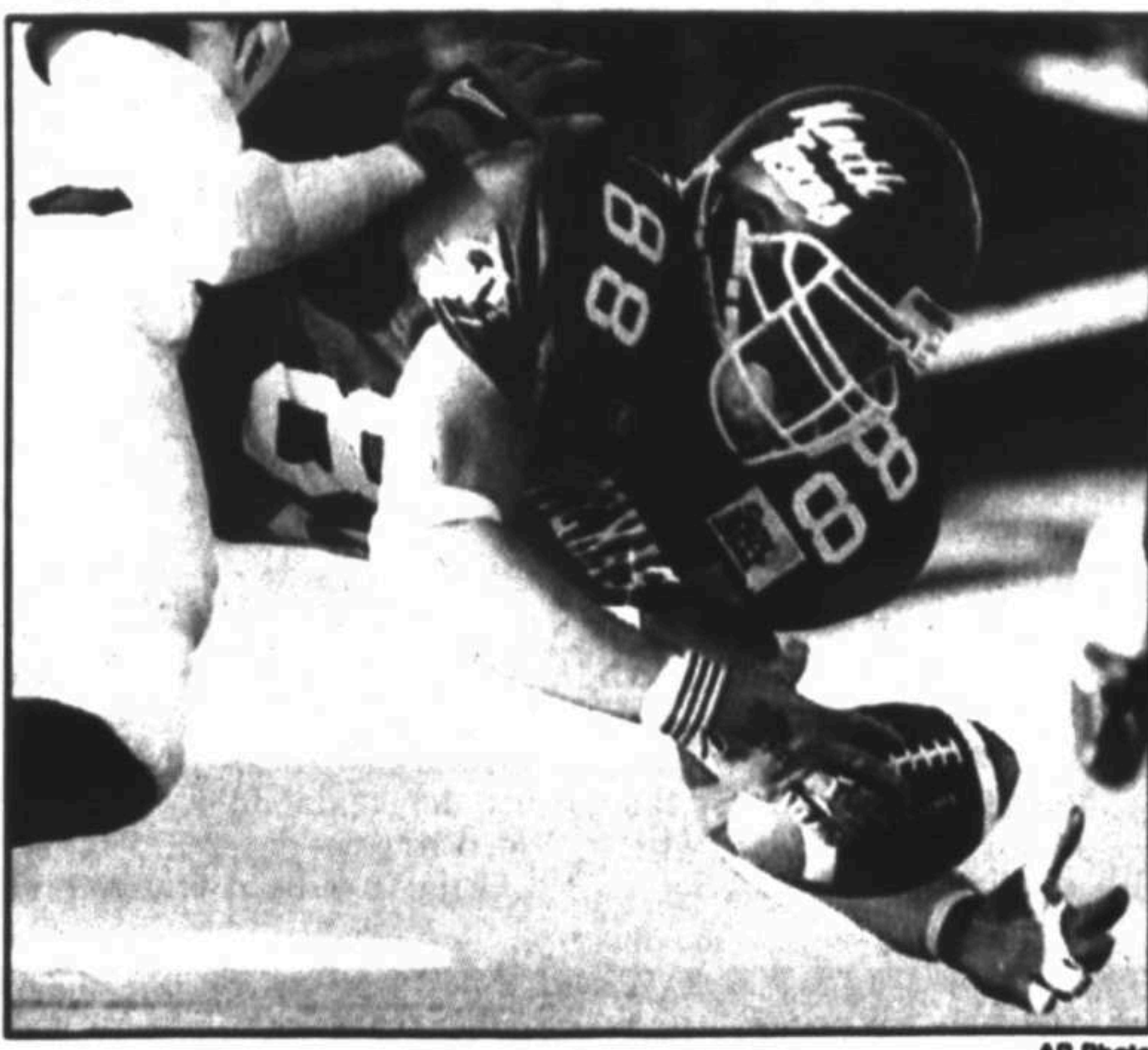
MOSCOW, Idaho — North Texas is going bowling for the first time in 42 years.

The Mean Green clinched the Sun Belt Conference title and a spot in the New Orleans Bowl with a 50-27 victory at Idaho late Saturday night. It is the first UNT bowl berth since the 1959 Sun Bowl.

North Texas (5-5, 5-1 SBC) has won five straight games, a streak that started with a 24-21 win over Middle Tennessee State on Oct. 13. UNT and Middle Tennessee finished tied for the inaugural Sun Belt title, but the Mean Green took the tiebreaker.

The New Orleans Bowl is Dec. 18. The Mean Green will play a team from the Mountain West Conference.

Sun Belt commissioner Wright Waters said a waiver of the NCAA's six-win requirement for bowl teams would be a formality because of the league's contract with the bowl. But the Mean Green could make even that unnecessary by winning its Dec. 1 season finale at Troy State. That replaces a



North Texas tight end Randy Gardner, a Midland High product, recovers a fumble during a win over Louisiana-Lafayette on Nov. 10. On Saturday, the Mean Green won its fifth straight game, beating Idaho to clinch the Sun Belt championship.

Sept. 15 game at Arkansas that was canceled after the terrorist attacks.

UNT, which hasn't had a winning season since moving up

to Division I-A in 1995, is 24-53 in the division. It has won just 13 games under fourth-year coach Darrell Dickey, and before the five-game winning

streak had won consecutive games only one other time — a two-game winning streak his first season.

North Texas led just 20-19 before scoring 16 points in the 43 seconds of the third quarter after two fumbles by Idaho (1-9, 1-5), which outgained the Mean Green 570 yards to 402.

Patrick Cobbs, who rushed for 111 yards, scored the first of his two touchdowns on a 2-yard run with 43 seconds left in the third quarter. After another Idaho turnover, Scott Hall threw a 26-yard TD to George Marshall with 19 seconds left, and then the Mean Green added a safety on the final play of the quarter.

Hall completed 12 of 18 passes for 145 yards and two TDs. Idaho quarterback John Welsh was 31-of-51 for 409 yards and a touchdown.

The UNT roster includes several players from Midland: Luke Conder, Nick Conder, Randy Gardner and Andy Brewster.

The Mountain West Conference consists of BYU, Colorado St., Utah, New Mexico, UNLV, Air Force, San Diego St. and Wyoming.

Webb wins; Sorenstam gets record

Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — No one played better than Karrie Webb. No one looked happier than Annika Sorenstam.

The best two women golfers shared the spoils Sunday in the season-ending LPGA Tour Championship, where Webb capped off a year of big wins with a 4-under 68 on tough, blustery Trump International for a two-stroke victory over Sorenstam.

So why did Sorenstam have a spring in her step and a smile on her face as she walked down the 18th fairway?

The tournament seemed out of reach, and so did her goal of setting the LPGA record for lowest scoring average. Holding nothing back, the super Swede put on a tremendous charge by playing the final 10 holes in 6 under.

She hit her magic number — 65 — that gave her a season average of 69.42 to break the record that Webb set two years ago by .01 strokes.

"I'm walking on clouds," Sorenstam said. "I pretty much knew what I had to shoot today. Knowing the conditions and the course, I knew it would be a tough thing to do. But I wasn't going to let it go if I had a chance. To play the back nine in 5-under is

a miracle."

It almost was enough for her ninth victory of the year.

Trailing by five strokes with four holes to play, Sorenstam hit 7-wood into 12 feet and made eagle on No. 15, then hit an 8-iron from 156 yards to 4 feet for birdie on No. 17.

She pumped her fist and let out a yell when the birdie putt dropped, knowing she was at her magic number — 7-under. Only after her two-putt for par on the 18th did Sorenstam learn that 6-under would have broken the record.

"All that work, and then they tell me," she joked.

Sorenstam thought a 65 would be good enough to win, but Webb was too tough.

The 26-year-old Aussie hit the ball pure in a wind that required every shot to be struck almost perfectly. She led by at least three strokes until the very end, then watched from the 17th tee as Sorenstam holed her birdie putt to cut the margin to two strokes.

The 17th is where so many hopes this week were drowned in either the water right of the green or the stream to the left, which cuts behind the green under a waterfall. Unfazed, Webb hit 7-iron to 12 feet for a routine par.

Then on the 18th, with bunkers left and a

large lake down the right side, Webb split the fairway for a stress-free walk to her 26th career victory.

"I've had a good year, and to finish it off with a win really tops it off," Webb said.

She finished at 9-under 279 and won \$215,000 for her third victory of the year.

All of them were big — a U.S. Open by eight strokes, the LPGA Championship by three strokes to make her the youngest to win the career Grand Slam, and the Tyco/ADT Championship with a score that belied how difficult the conditions were.

Sorenstam finished at 281. No one else broke par.

"At any other regular event, it would have been close to 20-under," Webb said.

Janice Moodie, playing with Webb in the final group, three-putted three times on the front nine and never had a chance. She closed with a 74 and finished at 288. Rose Jones had a 73 and finished another stroke back.

Along with setting the scoring record, Sorenstam earned \$115,000 to become the first \$2 million woman in golf. She finished her record-setting season with \$2,105,868.

Webb went over the \$1.5 million mark for the third straight season.

South Africans take Cup in wild finish

Associated Press

GOTEMBA, Japan — After missing a par putt to leave his team on the verge of elimination, Retief Goosen delivered a million-dollar 5-iron to help win the World Cup.

Goosen, the U.S. Open champion, and South African teammate Ernie Els beat Denmark's Thomas Bjorn and Soren Hansen on the second playoff hole Sunday to win the \$1 million first prize.

Els tapped in for par, then watched as Hansen missed a 7-footer that would have extended the match, in which four teams — including Americans Tiger Woods and David Duval — made the playoff with four-round totals of 24-under 264.

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Duval and Woods appeared all but out of it after a slow start but reached the playoff with an incredible finish that included three straight birdies from the 15th and a scrambling eagle on the 18th for a 5-under 67.

It didn't look good for the Americans when Duval's approach shot on 18 landed in the rough to the right of the green. Woods then made the shot of the day with a chip from 10 feet off the green that bounced on the top of a hill and rolled in.

New Zealand had a three-stroke lead heading into the final round and had a chance to win it outright on 18, but could only manage par after Michael Campbell's approach sailed over the green and David Smail was

forced to chip on from the rough. Campbell missed a 7-foot birdie putt and New Zealand finished with a 70.

"It was a shame because it really wasn't a bad spot," said Smail, a regular on the Japanese tour. "It was just sitting down and sort of hard-packed and I thought the ball would roll a little further than it did."

Bjorn and Hansen knocked down seven birdies for the day's best round of 7-under 65.

Goosen won the this year's U.S. Open in a playoff and Els captured the 1994 U.S. Open in a playoff with Loren Roberts and Colin Montgomerie.

"I've been in a few playoffs this year so I'm getting used to it now," Goosen said.

Louisville wins big in Pitino's debut

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Rick Pitino might be coaching his fourth college team, but one thing remains the same: He always wins the first game.

The new Louisville coach improved to 4-0 in college debuts, as the Cardinals beat South Alabama 92-38 Sunday night before a sellout crowd at Freedom Hall. Pitino also won his debuts at Boston University, Providence and Kentucky.

"What we wanted to do was play incredibly hard and get a victory, which we did," Pitino said. "In this environment, we wanted to have incredible hustle and play great defense."

"We were on our toes. We were in control the whole game."

Reece Gaines scored 18 points for Louisville as Pitino won for the 14th time in 16 college season openers.

The Cardinals employed Pitino's trademark full-court pressure from the opening tip and blew the game open early. South Alabama finished with 36 turnovers and set a Freedom Hall record with the fewest points by a Louisville opponent.

"We're really excited about playing this style," said Gaines, one of nine players back from last year's team. "We reached one of our overall goals, and that's to play great defense with great effort. We're playing a different style of basketball."

Wearing a pinstriped black suit and a shimmering gold tie, Pitino appeared out of the arena's north tunnel to a standing ovation about two minutes before tipoff.

Pitino was hired in March to replace Hall of Fame coach Denny Crum. Pitino resigned two months earlier as coach and president of the Boston Celtics after 3 1/2 unsuccessful seasons.

He inherited a Louisville team that went 12-19 last season.

"I'd say a 50-point victory is progress," he said.

Pitino popped a breath mint before dropping a red towel and sinking to one knee in front of Louisville's bench as the game began.

He applauded from a baseball catcher's stance as Erik Brown converted an early steal into a fast-break layup. Seconds later, he screamed at Ellis Myles for not getting back on defense.

All part of an impressive start that resulted in Louisville leading 47-15 at halftime.

BOXING: Tyson is expected to fight Mercer

(From 1C)

Tyson has said he would not fight again for King. He and King are suing one another.

In boxing, however, yesterday's enemies are today's friends, especially when megabucks are involved.

The 35-year-old Tyson, a former undisputed champion, is expected to fight Ray Mercer on Jan. 19 at a site to be determined. The match has not been announced officially.

John Ruiz is the WBA heavy-

weight champion, and will defend his title in a third bout against Holyfield on Dec. 5 at Foxwoods Resort Casino at Ledyard, Conn.

Lewis had become undisputed champion by outpointing Holyfield, but was stripped by the WBA for not giving Holyfield a rematch.

A Tyson fight would be a mandatory WBC title defense for Lewis.

Lewis appeared headed for a Tyson bout when he was upset by Rahman on a one-punch knockout in the fifth round April 22 in South Africa.

Lewis admittedly took Rahman too lightly in that fight. Not this time.

"When we went to camp, everybody was focused and they kept me focused," Lewis said.

The first two rounds were a battle of jabs. Lewis then hurt the 29-year-old Rahman with a couple of rights to the head in the third, and shook him with another right 20 seconds into the fourth round.

The end came at 1:29 of the fourth, when Lewis landed a left hook and crashing right to the jaw that dropped Rahman flat on his

back. He struggled up at the count of 9 but fell again and referee Joe Cortez signaled the fight was over.

"He couldn't handle my movement," Lewis said. "I gave him different looks."

Rahman's championship reign of 209 days was the shortest in heavyweight history — four days shorter than that of Leon Spinks, who won and lost in fights with Muhammad Ali in 1978.

"He had his 15 minutes of glory," Lewis said. "The titles were on loan. They're now back with me."

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SPORTS SCOREBOARD

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East

W	L	T	Pt	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	7	0	0	67	180
Miami	6	0	0	67	180
New England	5	0	0	50	223
Indianapolis	4	0	0	44	244
Buffalo	1	0	0	11	153

Central

W	L	T	Pt	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	2	0	0	77	155
Baltimore	2	0	0	60	174
Cleveland	5	0	0	56	171
Cincinnati	4	0	0	44	140
Tennessee	4	0	0	44	159
Jacksonville	3	0	0	33	151

West

W	L	T	Pt	PF	PA
Oakland	7	0	0	77	250
Seattle	5	0	0	56	175
Denver	5	0	0	50	228
San Diego	5	0	0	50	246
Kansas City	2	0	0	22	171

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

W	L	T	Pt	PF	PA
Philadelphia	6	0	0	56	165
N.Y. Giants	4	0	0	44	128
Washington	4	0	0	44	128
Arizona	3	0	0	33	154
Dallas	2	0	0	22	132

Central

W	L	T	Pt	PF	PA
Chicago	2	0	0	77	201
Green Bay	3	0	0	67	208
Tampa Bay	4	0	0	44	183
Minnesota	3	0	0	33	155
Detroit	2	0	0	22	165

West

W	L	T	Pt	PF	PA
St. Louis	8	0	0	89	279
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Atlanta	5	0	0	56	178
New Orleans	4	0	0	56	209
Carolina	3	0	0	44	154

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Jets	at	Miami
Seattle	at	Buffalo
Atlanta	at	Green Bay
Philadelphia	at	Dallas
Cleveland	at	Baltimore
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Monday's Game

N.Y. Giants	at	Minnesota
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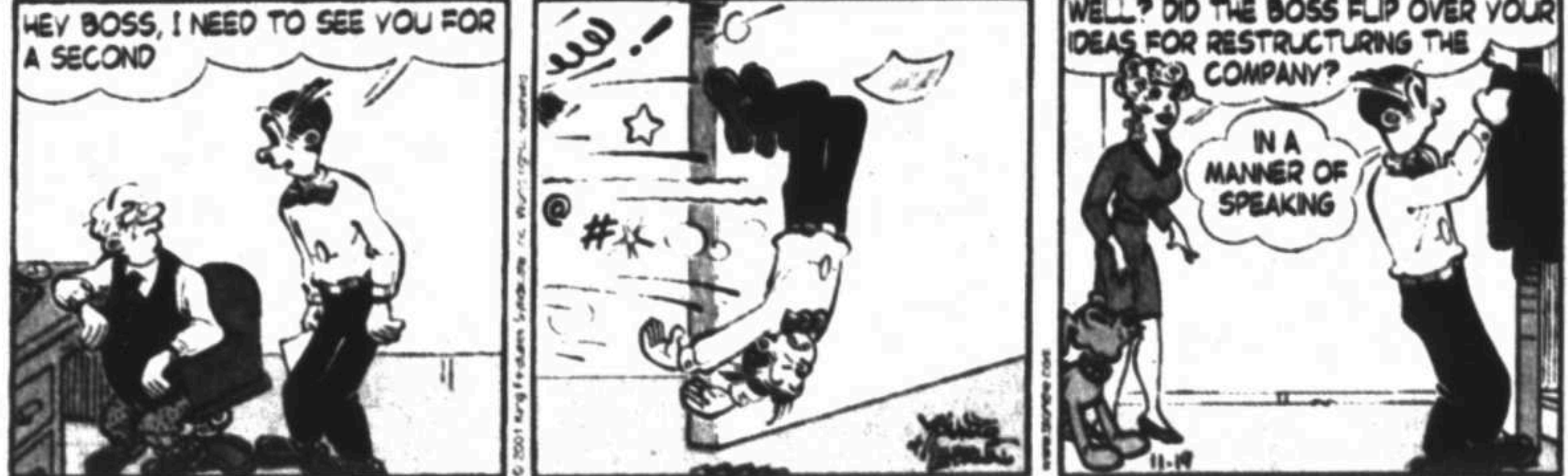
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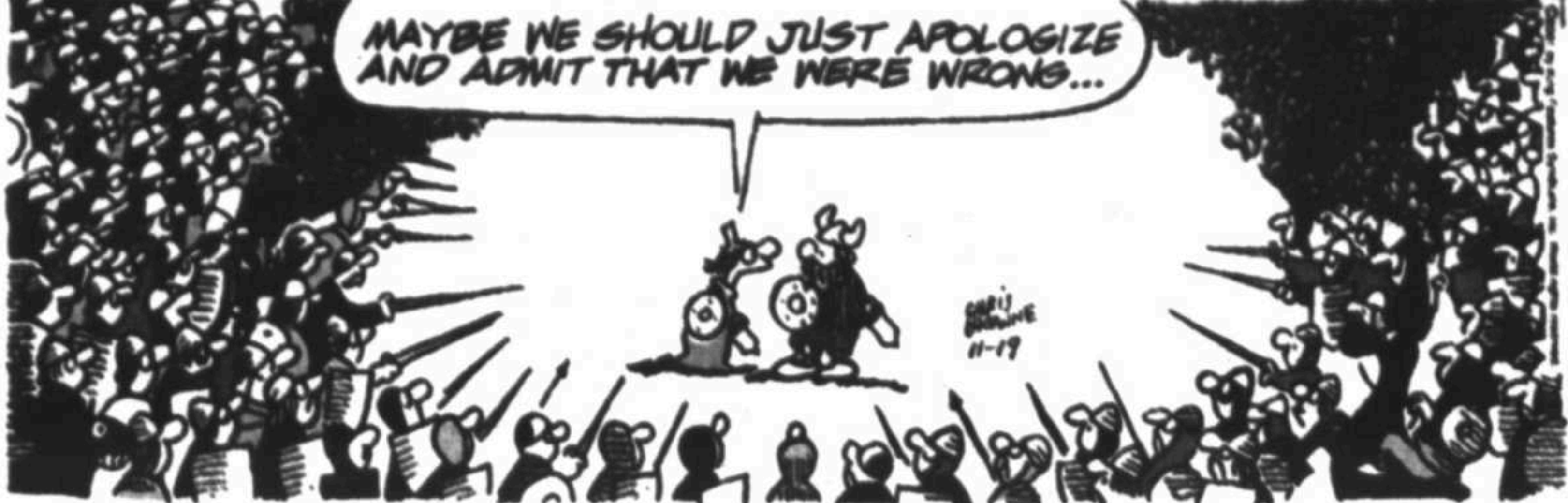
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PEOPLE SPEAK

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Spears says song captures how she feels about turning 20

LOS ANGELES — Just days from her 20th birthday, pop star Britney Spears says her new ballad, "I'm Not a Girl, Not Yet a Woman," is her favorite song because it captures her state of mind.

In the song on her new album, "Britney," Spears sings of being at an age where she feels she's "caught in the middle."

"It's really where I'm at right now," Spears said in Sunday's edition of the Los Angeles Daily News. "Yes, I'm on the verge of being a woman. I need my own identity. I need to grow and do things on my own."

Spears, who leaves her teen-age years behind on Dec. 2, is on tour through late December.

NEW YORK — Like the troubled girl she played in "Boys Don't Cry," Hilary Swank says she often felt as if she didn't belong anywhere.

At age 6, she and her family moved into a trailer park in Bellingham, Wash., because her father decided to sell trailers.

"Some people looked at us like, 'You're poor, and you don't wear the right clothes,'" Swank tells Sunday's Parade magazine. "It was petty and hurtful."

She discovered a love of acting three years later when she wrote and performed a skit for a school project. In high school, she discovered that her successes isolated her from her classmates.

"One day, the kids I grew up with threw a note at me," she recalls. "It said, 'You think you can act, but you suck. You think you're pretty, but you're not.' I felt betrayed."

Swank, 27, says her mother always told her to follow her heart. "She gave me the freedom to be myself. And because of that, I was always different," she said.

Swank won a best actress Oscar for her role as a social and sexual misfit in the 1999 movie "Boys Don't Cry."

CINCINNATI — Harry Belafonte smiled at calls of "Day-O" as he participated in a peace walk through an inner-city Cincinnati neighborhood marred by rioting in April.

The 74-year-old singer, actor and activist known for his 1957 "Banana Boat Song," along with 25 others promoted the message of peace in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood, where a police officer shot an unarmed black man on April 7, starting a three-day riot.

"I hope that this walk becomes a tradition," he said Saturday as some of the group stopped to buy fruit from a sidewalk vendor. "We want people to feel that they have been a part of the process of peace."

Belafonte, active in the civil rights movement to end segregation and build racial equality in the 1950s and 1960s, said watching the violence and rioting on television bothered him.

"I was surprised," he said. "I thought things were a little more together here."

Belafonte was in Cincinnati as part of a two-day Urban Peace & Freedom Summit, sponsored by the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center.

ROCHESTER HILLS, Mich. — The Material Girl's childhood home went to the highest bidder in just 12 minutes.

Sam Michael, representing an Ohio real estate group, bought Madonna's former Oakland County home and a few items of rock memorabilia with a bid of \$331,000 Saturday afternoon.

"I had no idea this was going to happen," Michael told The Detroit News for a Sunday story. "It was very exhilarating."

Michael said he hopes to profit by reselling the 1.3-acre wooded property.

About 15 people walked through the four-bedroom house and 10 registered to bid by posting \$25,000 deposits. The auction drew online participants from as far as Nevada and Florida — some of whom wanted to turn the home into a shrine. Others, carrying cameras instead of checkbooks, simply came to see where Madonna spent her teen years. Posters, pictures and an encyclopedia on Madonna were arranged on an outside table. Some of her hits played over a loudspeaker.

The singer lived at the residence with her father, stepmother

and seven siblings from the age of 12 until she left for the University of Michigan. Her father and stepmother stayed there until July, when the house was sold for \$270,000.

Saturday marked the second try at selling the home after an

Internet auction on the Web site eBay attracted pranksters who bid as high as \$99 million.

Compiled from Associated Press wire reports.

TV TONIGHT

MONDAY EVENING

NOVEMBER 19, 2001

For Complete Information
Please Check Movie Listings

	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) KMD	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
(3) KPEJ	24	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
(7) KQBA	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
(9) KWES	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
(12) KMLM	42	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
(13) KOCV	36	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
(16) WGN	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
(11) WTBS	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
(18) UNB	42	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
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(32) A&E	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
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(36) LIFE	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36
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(43) FSN	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43
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(49) HALL	49	49	49	49	49	49	49	49	49	49	49	49
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(66) MAX	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	66
(67) MAX2	67	67	67	67	67	67	67	67	67	67	67	67

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Nov. 19, 2001:

You gain through detaching and viewing the big picture. If you find that you are getting sucked into something you don't like, pull back and think your way out of it. If given the opportunity to travel or to go back to school, or any other type of enlightening experience — go for it. Learn to understand others better. Exchanging ideas, brainstorming and debating lead to greater awareness. If single, you will be attracted to someone very different from yourself, possibly a foreigner. CAPRICORN understands you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Bright ideas mark your day. Think about being in charge. Emphasize with a boss. Don't be so quick to make a judgment. Talk about finances, especially if you want to refinance your home or restructure your budget. Tonight: Work late.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Make inquiries as soon as possible. The more feedback you get, the better the decision you will make. Worry less about gossip. Stick with facts. Handle a legal or professional issue. Find an expert in the field. Strength comes when you understand your limits. Tonight: Rent a movie.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You whip out suggestions one after another. Your swift mind and natural ingenuity easily overwhelm others. Give someone the space to put in two cents! Surprises surround finances and a partnership. Tonight: Respond to another's loving gesture.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ People seek you out this morning. In fact, you might have difficulty starting your work, as the phones ring overtime! Lighten up about another's request. You can always say "no" nicely. A meeting proves instrumental to your plans. Listen well. Tonight: Sort through invitations. Lucky you!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ All work and no play could make the Lion a bit sad. Stop. Think of the long weekend ahead. You prove to be a dynamic source for ideas; others tap into your resourcefulness. Co-workers support an important change in your schedule or procedures. Tonight: Work as late as you need to.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ If you would like to extend your weekend or network more than usual, others will fill in for you. Return calls, as news surrounds you. A loved one wants time. A flirtation could develop into a lot more if you let it. Tonight: So what if it is Monday?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Realize that, as much as you would like to, you cannot escape a domestic matter. Your feedback remains key, at least financially. Check in on an older friend or relative. Make sure he feels up to snuff. Sometimes others get depressed before the holidays. Tonight: Extra work comes home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Others respond to your inquiries and suggestions. You encourage dialogue when others hit a dead end. Use your lunch break to get some important Thanksgiving errands done, even if it is simply buying chocolate or cookies for the office. Tonight:

Visit with a friend over dinner. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ You're great at checking out investments and are willing to jump on a good deal. Once more, you demonstrate unusual monetary insight as you review your budget. Don't be surprised if others seek you out for feedback and advice, especially today! Tonight: Use your instincts with a purchase.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Reverse your path, if need be. Your strong direction helps those around you. Work as a team. Communicate with others. Use your mind, but don't hesitate to tap into your charisma, too! Tonight: Whatever the Goat wants.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Stand back. Use your intuition with those in charge. You're right on target and, as a result, you make the proper decisions. Presently your strength lies in working behind the scenes. Make calls. Clear out work. Tonight: Do whatever it is that you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Be sensitive to friends as well as associates. Discussions behind the scenes might not exactly be honest. Do a better job of listening and reading between the lines. Make calls and seek out experts. You come up with unusual ideas that impress many. Tonight: Hang out with a friend.

BORN TODAY Talk-show host Larry King (1933), business executive Ted Turner (1938), former president James A. Garfield (1831)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q1 — Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ J62 ♥ K76 ♦ K4 ♣ AQ632
The bidding has proceeded:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1♠ Pass 1♥ Pass
What do you bid now?

A — You have a balanced minimum with only three-card support for partner's suit, so rebidding one no-trump despite the fact that a full spade stopper is missing seems routine. However, that plus the ruffing value in diamonds makes us prefer a raise to two hearts.

Q2 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ 75 ♠ AKQ9864 ♦ 7 ♠ AK10
The bidding has proceeded:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1♥ Pass 1NT Pass
What do you bid now?

A — Forget about counting points, no matter what method of valuation you use. You have nine tricks in your own hand, and as little as the queen of clubs in partner's hand will be enough for game. Rebid four hearts. If you jumped to three hearts think-

ing it was forcing, brush up with Bidding 101.
Q3 — Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ J1083 ♥ AJ7 ♦ A96 ♠ A87
The bidding has proceeded:
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1♠ Pass 1♣ Pass
2♠ Pass ?
What do you bid now?

A — There is no doubt you are going to bid game, but in which strain? You should protect against the possibility that partner raised spades with only three-card support by giving partner a choice of final contract. Jump to three no-trump, which allows partner to correct to four spades with four-card support.

Q4 — Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ K95 ♥ 73 ♦ J106 ♠ AQJ96
The bidding has proceeded:
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
1NT Pass 2♠ ?
What action do you take?

A — It sounds as if partner is going to be on lead no matter whether the final contract is in a suit or no-trump, so you should seize this opportunity to direct a lead. Double the

Stayman two-club inquiry to show strength in that suit.

Q5 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ A ♥ Q73 ♦ 872 ♠ AJ10762
The bidding has proceeded:
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1♦ Pass 2♣ Pass
2♦ Pass ?
What do you bid now?

A — It is tempting to rebid your six-card club suit, but is it right? Switch your spade and diamond holdings and it would be, but with your actual holding it is more encouraging to raise partner's suit. Bid three diamonds.

Q6 — Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ 872 ♥ Q10762 ♦ 93 ♠ K106
The bidding has proceeded:
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1♥ Pass 2♣ Pass
What action do you take?

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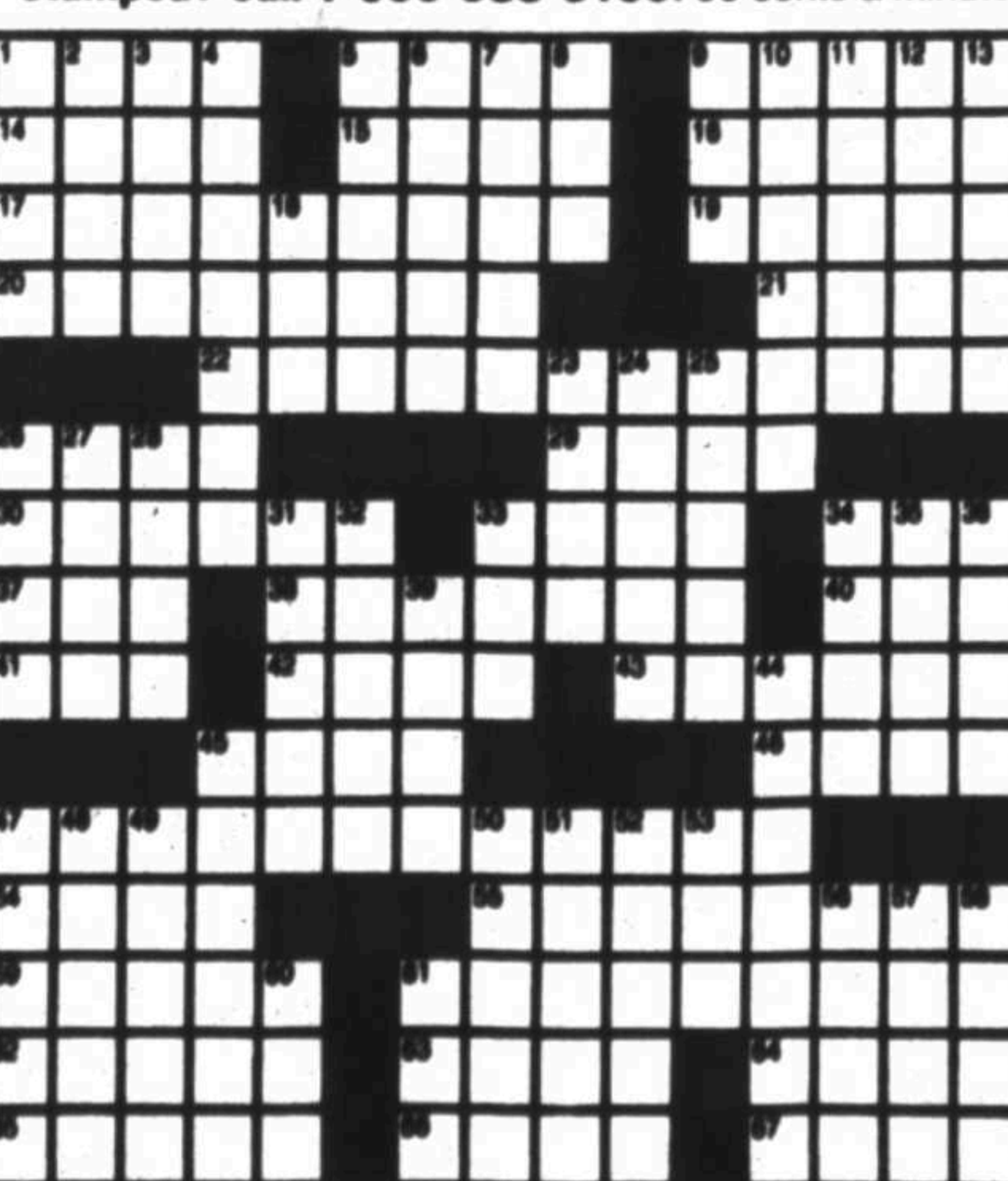
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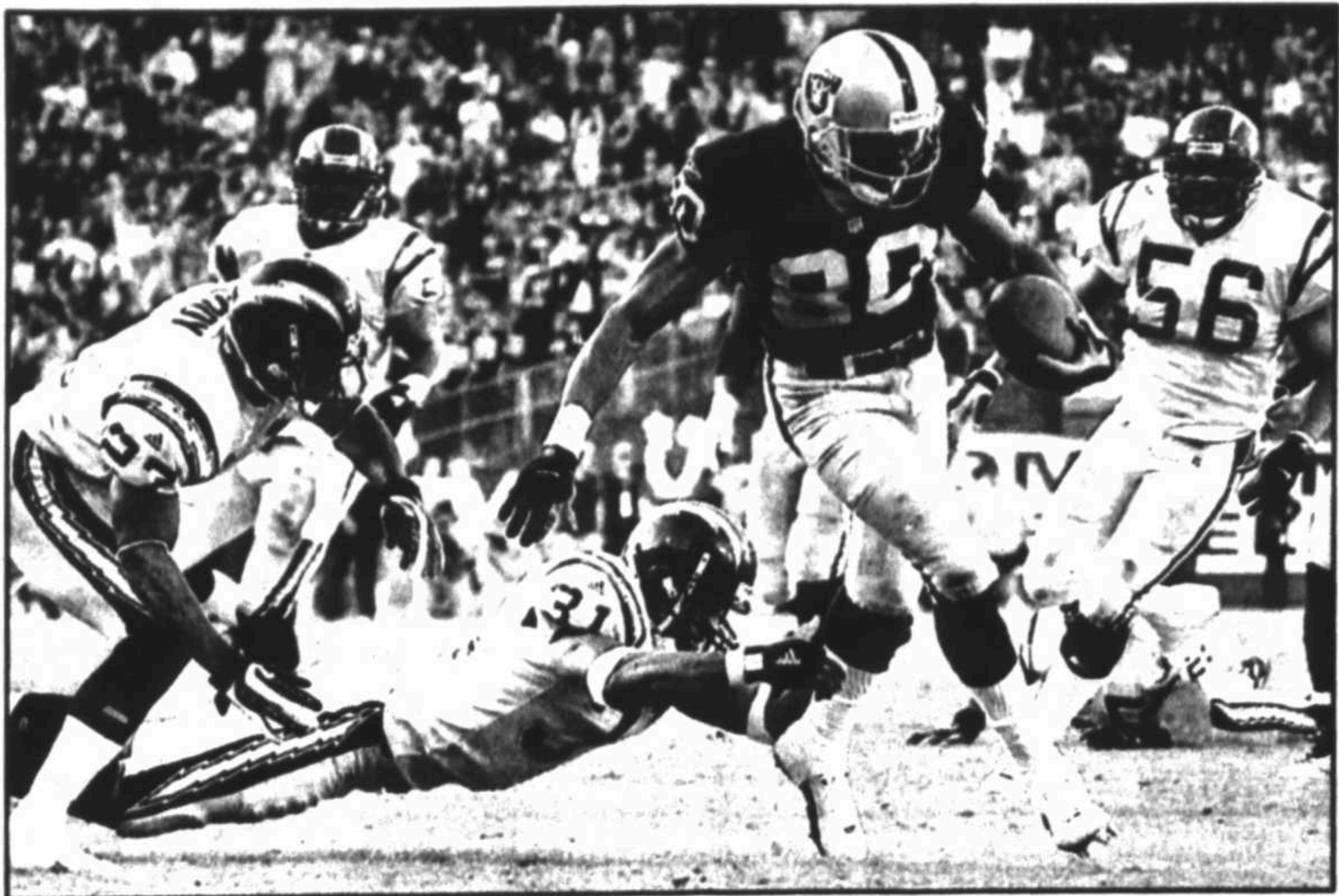
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Oakland receiver Jerry Rice (80) breaks a tackle attempt by San Diego's Jason Perry on his way to his third touchdown of the day during a 34-24 Oakland win Sunday in Oakland, Calif. At right is the Chargers' Orlando Ruff; at left is Tay Cody.

49ers rally to force overtime; Cortez makes winning kick

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Jeff Garcia threw a 7-yard touchdown pass to Terrell Owens and made a 2-point conversion with 1 second left in regulation. Then the quarterback helped set up Jose Cortez's 26-yard field goal Sunday that lifted San Francisco to a 25-22 win over the Carolina Panthers.

It was the fourth time this season Garcia rallied San Francisco (7-2) to either win or tie a game in the waning moments of the fourth quarter. The 49ers are 3-1 in overtime in 2001.

And it gave the 49ers a season sweep over the Panthers (1-9), dropping Carolina coach George Seifert to 4-2 against the team he coached to two Super Bowl titles. It was Carolina's ninth straight loss this season.

Garcia finished 34-for-54 for 305 yards, three touchdowns and two interceptions.

Bears 27, Bucs 24
TAMPA, Fla. — Jim Miller threw three touchdown passes to Marty Booker and the Bears held on when Martin Gramatica's 49-yard field goal bounced off the right upright as time expired.

The Bears (7-2) have won twice in overtime this season after wiping out double-digit deficits in the closing minutes of regulation. This time, they nearly let an 11-point lead slip away in the final seven minutes.

Tampa Bay pulled within three on Brad Johnson's quarterback sneak and 2-point conversion pass to Mike Alstott with 2:29 to go. The Bears were unable to run out the clock, and the Bucs (4-5) moved in position to tie, but Gramatica missed.

Rams 24, Patriots 17
FOXBORO, Mass. — Despite injuries to five players, four on defense, the Rams (8-1) rode Kurt Warner's 401-yard passing effort. Warner overcame an injured right thumb that cut his practice time last week, and capitalized on three New England turnovers.

The Patriots (5-5) sputtered even though St. Louis' defense was missing first-round draft picks tackle Damione Lewis (broken right foot) and strong safety Adam Archuleta (concussion), plus linebacker Mark Fields (sprained ankle) and end Leonard Little (sprained knee). Wide receiver Az-Zahir Hakim left in the first quarter with a sprained left ankle.

Cardinals 45, Lions 38
TEMPE, Ariz. — Jake Plummer passed for 334 yards and four touchdowns, two to David Boston, as the Cardinals rallied from 10 points down to keep the Lions winless.

It was the sixth consecutive time Detroit (0-9) has lost by a touchdown or less.

Plummer led the Cardinals to a fourth-quarter comeback for the 14th time in his career and second time this season. Arizona (3-

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6) had just 13 touchdowns in its first eight games.

Redskins 17, Broncos 10
DENVER — Kent Graham threw two touchdown passes in the fourth quarter as the Redskins won their fourth straight after opening the season with five losses.

Graham led the Redskins to all their points, replacing Tony Banks after he suffered a concussion and was carried off the field late in the first half.

Following a Denver fumble with the score 10-3, Graham capped a 50-yard drive with a 5-yard touchdown pass to Michael Westbrook.

In the snow, Washington finished with six fumbles, three of which it lost, and seven dropped passes. Denver (5-5) had six fumbles, two of which were lost, and five drops.

Raiders 34, Chargers 24
OAKLAND, Calif. — Jerry Rice caught three of Rich Gannon's four touchdown passes, including a 20-yard score with 2:46 to play.

Rice caught eight passes for 131 yards in his biggest game since joining the Raiders (7-2) in the offseason — and his first 100-yard receiving game since the 1999 season finale with the 49ers.

Oakland won its 10th straight regular-season home game, the longest streak in the NFL.

Ronney Jenkins scored on a 93-yard kickoff return for the Chargers (5-5), who lost their third straight after a promising start. Jenkins also had a 67-yard return that set up a field goal.

Steelers 20, Jaguars 7
PITTSBURGH — Kordell Stewart hit Hines Ward for a 28-yard score and also ran for a TD. Stewart, forced to carry the offense with Jerome Bettis held to minus yardage for much of the game, threw for 266 yards and ran for 51 for the Steelers (7-2).

Ward had nine catches for 112 yards, his first 100-yard game in the NFL.

Falcons 23, Packers 20
GREEN BAY, Wis. — Green Bay melted down on an unseasonably warm day at Lambeau Field.

Needing about 15 yards to get in field-goal range, Brett Favre instead threw a deep pass that Ashley Ambrose intercepted at the 2 with 1:08 remaining. Ambrose also picked off Favre's first pass on a day when temperature at kickoff was 59 degrees — more normal for Atlanta (5-4).

Favre lost for just the 12th time in 75 home games, was intercepted three times and fumbled twice, losing one. The Packers (6-3), winners of nine straight at home, also lost safety LeRoy Butler, who was making his 128th consecutive start, to a broken shoulder blade.

Saints 34, Colts 20

NEW ORLEANS — Aided by an official's call that could have put Indianapolis (4-5) ahead at

halftime, the Saints (5-4) held on as Aaron Brooks shook off a slow start and four sacks, throwing for 249 yards and two touchdowns.

Near the end of the first half, Peyton Manning ran in from the 33 after faking a spike. But officials appeared to be faked out as well, blowing their whistles to halt play. According to Jim Daopoulos, an NFL supervisor of officials, field officials ruled that whistles blew with a second left on the clock, although television replays showed no time remaining.

Mike Vanderjagt kicked a 52-yard field goal to make it 17-17 at the half.

The victory spoiled the homecoming of Manning, a New Orleans native, and Indianapolis coach Jim Mora, who coached the Saints for 10 1/2 years.

Jets 24, Dolphins 0
MIAMI — New York's typically opportunistic defense scored on interception returns of 60 yards by Aaron Glenn and 63 yards by Victor Green, helping the Jets beat Miami for the eighth consecutive time.

The Dolphins (6-3) were shut out at home for the first time since 1970. The Jets (7-3) earned their fourth victory in a row and are 5-0 on the road.

Seahawks 23, Bills 20
ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Shaun Alexander rushed for 93 yards and scored the go-ahead touchdown as the Seahawks (5-4) spoiled the day for Jim Kelly.

Kelly, who quarterbacked the Bills to four Super Bowl appearances, had his No. 12 retired and his name placed on Ralph Wilson Stadium's Wall of Fame at halftime.

Browns 27, Ravens 17
BALTIMORE — Anthony Henry had three of Cleveland's four interceptions against Elvis Grbac.

Grbac committed five turnovers, yet the Ravens (6-4) nearly overcame those miscues and a 17-0 deficit. But with Cleveland nursing a 20-17 lead, Tim Couch moved the Browns 58 yards in 12 plays for the clinching touchdown with 4:02 left.

Baltimore's Shannon Sharpe, who had seven catches for 78 yards, set an NFL record for career receptions by a tight end. He has 669, seven more than Ravens senior vice president of football operations Ozzie Newsome amassed during his Hall of Fame career with the Cleveland Browns.

Titans 20, Bengals 7
CINCINNATI — Derrick Mason returned the opening kickoff 101 yards, and Kevin Dyson caught a 28-yard touchdown pass for Tennessee (4-5), which was coming off a 16-10 loss to Baltimore that could have scuttled its season.

The Titans were jumping and hugging in celebration on the sideline as Mason returned the opening kickoff against the Bengals (4-5), who started badly and never recovered.

Tom and Joy Harlan were second in the gross.

Greg and Dawn Dearsley had the best net score, trailed by Don and Carolyn Deramus.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE						Northwest Division						First Period—1, Colorado, Blake 4 (Messner, Podem), 18:31						18 shots—16 saves, Minnesota, Roloson 5-4-3 (17-15), A—18:064 (18:064).					
Atlantic Division						W L T Pts GF GA						Second Period—2, Colorado, Blake 5 (Hejduk, Sauter), 5:04 (pp)						Rangers 2, Thrashers 2					
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N.Y. Islanders	5	2	1	25	53	45	Edmonton	13	5	1	30	65	Third Period—0, Colorado, 0-0 <td>N.Y. Rangers</td> <td>.....</td> <td>0</td> <td>2</td> <td>—</td>	N.Y. Rangers		0	2	—					
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Pittsburgh	8	7	3	2	21	43	Minnesota	7	8	4	19	52	21. New Jersey 6-15-12 (33 Power-play goals—2, Colorado 2-1-1)		0	2	—						
New Jersey	8	7	1	2	19	46						New Jersey 0-2, Goales—Colorado		0	1	—							
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Montreal	8	8	2	1	19	42	Los Angeles	5	11	2	2	14	50			0	1	—					
Buffalo	6	11	1	1	18	53									0	1	—						
Southeast Division						W L T Pts GF GA						Kings 2, Wild 2, OT Los Angeles 2, Wild 0-2-2 Minnesota 2, Wild 0-2-2						19:23.					
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Washington	7	11	2	0	16	48										0	1	—					
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Tampa Bay	6	10	1	1	14	34	Colorado 2, New Jersey 0									0	1	—					
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Chicago	12	6	4	0	28	66	Columbus at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.										0	1	—				
St. Louis	9	6	3	1	22	50	Florida at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.										0	1	—				
Nashville	7	10	3	0	17	51	N.Y. Islanders at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.										0	1	—				
Columbus	5	11	4	0	14	39										0	1	—					
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DALLAS: Cowboys' Smith runs for 80 yards in return to lineup

(From 1C)

range. But the throw to midfield came with no time left.

Emmitt Smith, back in the Cowboys' lineup after missing two games with a sprained right knee, was stripped by Bobby Taylor to start the second quarter. Taylor recovered at the 25, and five plays later, Donovan McNabb threw a 2-yard TD to Chad Lewis for a 7-0 lead.

Smith had 80 yards on 15 carries. He tweaked the injury late in the game, but the Cowboys said it wasn't anything that should keep him out of the Thanksgiving Day game against Denver.

Leaf, the No. 2 overall pick by San Diego in 1998, has lost both of his Dallas starts. He was 11-of-26 for just 102 yards with two interceptions that were returned for touchdowns. He fell to 4-16 as an NFL starter.

"I'm not losing my confidence," said Leaf, who was 14-of-22 for just 114 yards in last week's 20-13 loss at Atlanta. "A lot of things went wrong, but I can definitely learn from them."

William Hampton returned Leaf's other interception 33 yards for a touchdown with 2:51 left in the game. Leaf was under heavy pressure and made another ill-advised pass toward the sideline.

The Eagles have won four of five games and swept the season series against the Cowboys for the second straight year — the first time they've done that since 1988-90.

David Akers had a career high

Eagles 36, Cowboys 3

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Second Quarter
Phi—Lewis 2 pass from McNabb (Akers kick), 8:29.
Phi—FG Akers 24, 5:59.
Phi—FG Akers 40, 2:22.
Phi—Trotter 50 interception return (Akers kick), :30.

Third Quarter
Phi—FG Akers 26, 10:00.
Phi—FG Akers 28, 1:23.
Phi—Hendrickson 33 interception return (Akers kick), 2:51.

Fourth Quarter
Phi—FG Akers 30, 3:24.
Phi—Hendrickson 33 interception return (Akers kick), 2:51.

Individual Statistics
RUSHING—Philadelphia, Staley 26-102, McNabb 4-24, Detmer 2-minus 2, B. Mitchell 2-minus 10, F. Mitchell 1-minus 10, Dallas, Smith 15-80, Galloway 2-22, Hambrick 3-17, Wiley 2-13, Leaf 1-0.
PASSING—Philadelphia, Staley 4-31, Lewis 3-16, Pinkston 2-30, Thrash 2-17, F. Mitchell 2-15, B. Mitchell 1-11, Martini 1-4, Reeder 1-3, Dallas, Hamrick 5-57, Galloway 2-20, Smith 2-10, Lucky 1-9, Harris 1-6.
KICKING—Dallas, Hilbert 47 (59), 41 (WR).

with five field goals, including kicks of 24 and 46 yards in the final four minutes of the second quarter. He added three field goals (26, 28, 30) in the second half.

Duce Staley ran for 102 yards on 26 carries.

Philadelphia was without leading rusher Correll Buckhalter, one of three Eagles suspended. Terrance Carroll was arrested Fri-

day night on a marijuana charge, and Buckhalter and Darrell Crutchfield — who were not charged — were with him.

"We have enough veterans that they just kind of blanked that out, then moved on," Eagles coach Andy Reid said.

The Eagles almost had another touchdown in the second quarter.

After McNabb's TD pass, Dallas ran just two more plays before Leaf fumbled a snap that Trotter recovered at the 31. A pass interference call put the Eagles at the 2, but Darren Woodson's interception at the goal line ended that drive.

Jon Hilbert, signed last week to replace injured kicker Tim Seder, got the only Dallas points with a 30-yard field goal with 12:08 left. He missed his first two attempts.

His 41-yarder early in the second quarter was wide right after Mike Solwold's low snap.

Solwold was signed after the release of Randy Chevier, whose bad snap last week led to Seder's sprained right ankle. Seder was injured when being tackled after chasing down the errant snap.

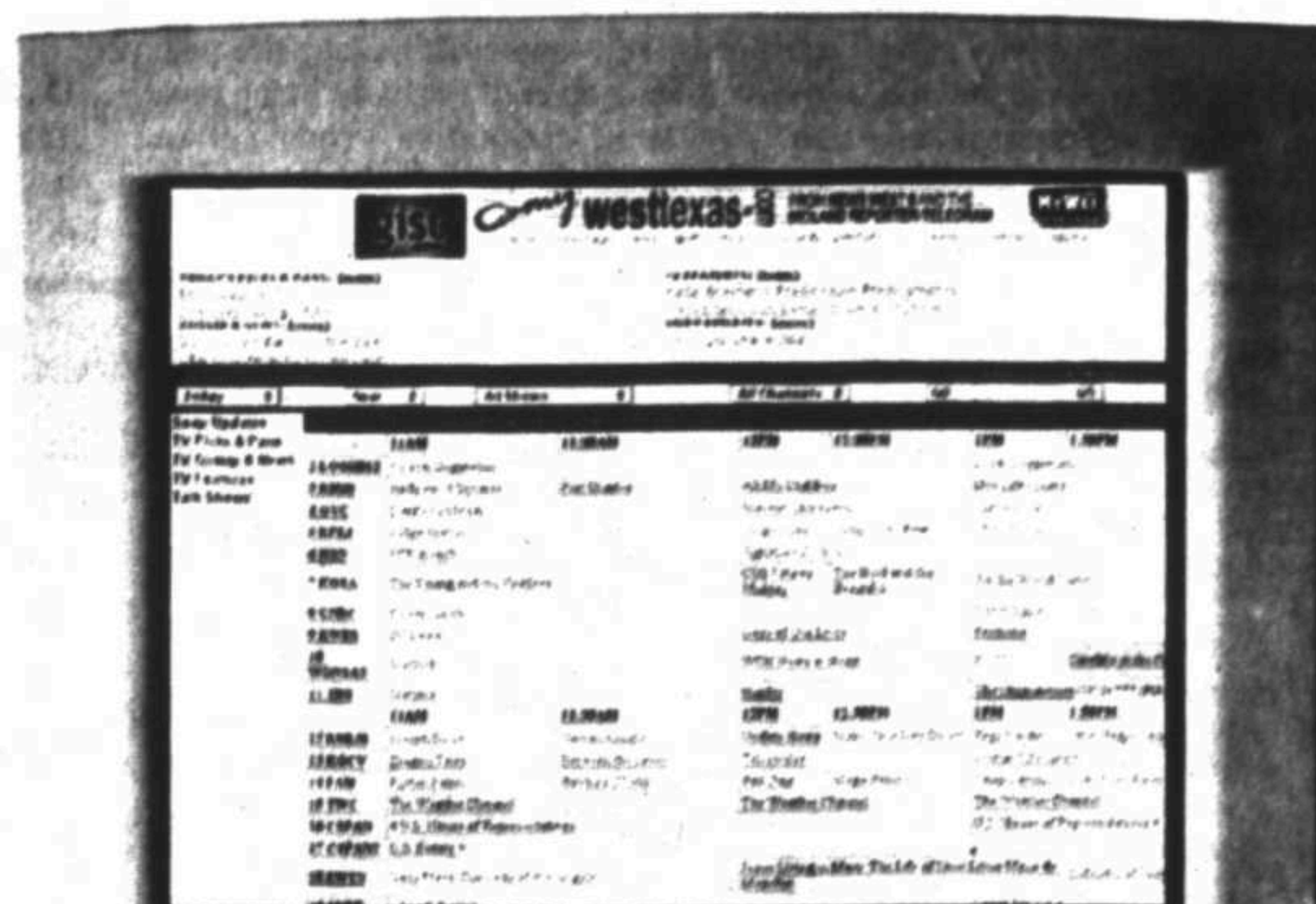
The Cowboys don't have much time to recover with Thanksgiving only four days away.

"It hurts to lose like that. There is a 24-hour rule and we must move on, but this is going to hurt all week through," said rookie linebacker Markus Steele. "We'll try to go out on Thursday and take out our frustrations on Denver."

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LOCAL SPORTS

Lady Mustangs win tourney

SAN ANTONIO — The Midland Christian girls' basketball team captured the championship of the Bracken Christian Shootout Classic over the weekend.

The Lady Mustangs (4-0) downed Carrollton Christian, 59-47, in the championship game. Paige West, the tournament's Most Valuable Player, scored 26 points for MCHS in the game. Amy Lowery added 12 points and grabbed 16

rebounds.

West also scored big in the semifinals, pouring in 24 points as MCHS beat San Antonio Christian, 84-41. Hayley Whiteside added 13 points for MCHS, and Kristin Stallings scored 10.

In the first round, MCHS ripped Castle Hills Baptist Academy, 74-35. Lowery led the way with 15 points, while Stallings and Whiteside contributed 14 and 13 points, respectively.

Whiteside was named to the all-tournament team. Lowery wasn't, but she easily could have been, coach Dub Huckabee said, after she averaged 15 rebounds

in the three games. The Lady Mustangs will host Reagan County tonight at 7 p.m.

Green Tree Turkey Shoot

The team of D'Anne McNaughton and T.J. Greenwood took best gross score honors at Green Tree Country Club's Turkey Shoot this weekend.

Tom and Joy Harlan were second in the gross.

Greg and Dawn Dearsley had the best net score, trailed by Don and Carolyn Deramus.

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Hewlett-Packard CEO goes on defensive

By Brian Bergstein
Associated Press



Hewlett Packard Company Chief Executive Carly Fiorina pauses to answer a question during a speech in San Francisco, Sept. 7. The sons of both Hewlett-Packard Co. founders lambasted the company's \$21 billion plan to acquire Compaq Computer Corp., casting doubt on the already unpopular deal and challenging the leadership of Fiorina.

PALO ALTO, Calif. — Since Hewlett-Packard Co. CEO Carly Fiorina stunned everyone with plans to acquire rival Compaq Computer Corp., she has found herself in a familiar position: defending her strategy.

Criticism has rained down from all directions this year on Fiorina, who in 1999 became the first outsider to lead HP in its storied 63-year history.

Accused of misjudging the technology downturn that forced the company to lower targets for Wall Street and cut 7,000 jobs, Fiorina assured analysts in December that revenue would rise 15 percent in fiscal 2001. Instead, it has dropped 5 percent.

Some observers have said Fiorina moved too fast in her "reinvention", which sought to make of a tougher competitor of HP. Others said she wasn't moving fast enough. Some analysts suggested she spin off HP's printer division. Others told her to abandon the personal computer business.

Although HP's board has shown nothing but support for Fiorina, one of Silicon Valley's favorite parlor games this summer was guessing how long she would last. In May, a New York Observer columnist implored: "Pack it in, babe — you stink."

The heat didn't relent after the HP-Compaq deal was announced on Labor Day. The stocks of both companies immediately plunged, chopping the deal's value from \$25 billion to less than \$20 billion.

Then the deal hit a stumbling block last week when members of both the Hewlett and Packard families said that they will vote against the merger.

Analysts say merging the mammoth organizations will be extraordinarily difficult.

"This is going to be the biggest integration challenge anyone's ever faced," said Lehman Bros. analyst Daniel Niles.

Last year, Fiorina tried but failed to acquire the consulting arm of PricewaterhouseCoopers for as much as \$18 billion. That makes the stakes in the Compaq deal that much higher.

"From Carly's perspective, either the deal happens, or she's out of a job," said David Katz, chief

investment officer of Matrix Asset Advisors, a large HP and Compaq shareholder that has asked the boards to scrap the deal.

Still, there is some sign Fiorina and Compaq chief Michael Capellas might be getting people to see things their way.

The influential Gartner Dataquest research firm strongly criticized the acquisition at first and said there was just a 40 percent chance it would go through.

But after taking a longer look, Gartner vice president Eric Rocco says buying Compaq could be "a success in many ways" — notably because it would make HP No. 1 in sales of PCs and servers and spur its high-tech services business.

The research firm now says there's a 70 percent chance the deal will happen — with European regulators and poor stock performance still posing potential threats.

"If they can make it work, Carly will go down as one of the great CEOs, because this will have been a bold stroke," said Niles, of Lehman Bros.

Fiorina, 47, says she's somewhat troubled by all the negative attention, and points out that the company has earned \$506 million in the first three quarters, despite a horrible environment.

She is accustomed to searching for perspective. After studying medieval history and philosophy at Stanford University, Fiorina dropped out of law school, worked as a receptionist at a real estate firm and taught English in Italy before deciding to go to business school in the late 1970s.

She spent nearly 20 years rising through the ranks at AT&T and Lucent Technologies before taking the HP job. Her biggest task has been consolidating 83 business units into four and getting the lumbering giant to move faster.

"I think sometimes the most important thing a leader can do is provide balance," she told The Associated Press. "So if the natural momentum of the organization is to maintain the status quo, then the counterweight a CEO has to provide is to challenge people with change."

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EXPERIENCE — Saleswoman, marketing posts and other executive positions, including head of North American network systems, at AT&T Corp., 1980-1986. Helped lead spinoff of equipment research division into Lucent Technologies Inc. in 1986. President, Lucent's global service provider business, 1986-1990. Chief executive, Hewlett-Packard Co., 1990-present, named chairman in 2000. Also a board member of Cisco Systems Inc.
FAMILY — Husband, Frank Fiorina; two stepdaughters, one granddaughter.
QUOTE — "It sounds maybe naive in retrospect but the attention on my gender, the attention on me as an individual, really has surprised me."

Intellectual fastball

For those who think filing lawsuits is the real national pastime, Oyez Baseball is the perfect game. An interactive quiz that went online this month at baseball.oyez.org, the game asks visitors to take a swing at deciding which major league baseball players share traits with the 108 past and present justices of the U.S. Supreme Court. Clicking the correct choice — for example, matching John Marshall Harlan, the "tobacco-chomping justice," with the spitball pitcher Gaylord Perry — yields a home run and earns the crowd's cheers.

Right answers have more to do with legal philosophy than personal style in Oyez Baseball, which takes its name from the courtroom equivalent of "Play ball!" Jerry Goldman, a political science professor at Northwestern University, and Paul Manna, a former student of his, developed the game as a way to teach new audiences about the lesser-known Supreme Court justices.

"They've been buried by history and this is a way to revive some interest in them," Goldman said. The game is based on "The Law-Baseball Quiz," an essay by the legal scholar Robert M. Cover that was published in The New York Times in 1979.

Finding the best match for Justice Harry Blackmun, who migrated from the court's conservative bloc to its liberal side,



proved to be an intellectual knuckle ball. Manna pushed for the pitcher Tom Seaver, who altered his style to prolong his career. But Goldman argued that Blackmun was not a Hall of Famer, as Seaver is, so they chose Bobby Thomson. Just as Thomson, as a 1951 New York Giant, smacked the pennant-winning Shot Heard Round the World, Blackmun will be remembered for a single swing: He wrote the majority opinion in the Roe v. Wade abortion case.

Breaking barriers

Some barriers were made to be broken. The speed of sound. The four-minute mile. Sixty-one home runs in a season. Now Panasonic has smashed another benchmark. Its new digital music player with removable storage, the SV-SD80 audio player, weighs in at less than one ounce.

What makes the new player's Slim-Fast figure possible is the SD Memory Card, the mini-storage disc that can store as much as 64 minutes of music in what digital player manufacturers like to call (with some exaggeration) "near CD quality" sound. The SD Audio Player, which is priced at \$299.95, is the latest addition to Panasonic's e-wear line of digital audio players, which support MP3 and WMA standards and feature silver and blue good looks. The line is designed for people who need a way to listen to digital music at the gym, where they may be trying to break some weight barriers of their own.



They shall call it mini-me

A few years ago, while travelers were carrying around 7-pound laptops and pretending that they didn't have shoulder strain, some computer makers had a lovely idea: Why not make a truly light computer — say, less than 2 pounds — that would function like a laptop but sync with a desktop, just like a Palm? Thus was born the subnotebook, a promising technology that arrived at the wrong time. Squeezed between the growing power of hand-helds and the shrinking prices of laptops, it never found its niche.

That hasn't stopped NEC from trying. Its 1.8-pound MobilePro 790, at \$899, runs Windows 2000 for Hand-Held PC with Mini-Me versions of Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint and Internet Explorer. It has an 8.1-inch diagonal screen, a 56K modem and a nearly full-size keyboard. Subnotebooks can't do everything a laptop can do, but they boot up instantly and they have long battery life, making you the envy of everyone in the airport lounge.

Compiled from staff and N.Y. Times wire reports.

Questions? Comments? Suggestions? Nancy Adamson is the WebZone page editor. Her e-mail address is banshee@mrt.com.

Q&A

Free software stifles pesky pop-up advertisements

By J.D. Biersdorfer
N.Y. Times News Service

Q. How can I disable or block those pesky pop-up advertisements from Web pages?

A. The persistence of pop-up advertisements, those extra little windows that pop up on top of or under your Web browser as you try to surf, seems to have inspired many programmers to write free software that stifles the popping. Pop-Up Stopper 2.4, available at www.panicware.com, is an excellent freeware program that works with most versions of Windows and Internet Explorer 5 or later. The program is easy to configure and work with, and you can allow new windows for order forms and other hyperlinked pages to pop up by pressing the Control or Shift key while clicking on the link.

The Google Web Directory (directory.google.com) has a long list of software that can help block pop-ups and other forms of Web advertising on just about any computer platform, including Windows, Macintosh, Unix and Linux. You can find links to those fil-

tering programs by typing "ad filters" in the search box.

Some commercial programs for broader filtering are available in trial versions or free versions for home use, like AdSubtract SE (free, at www.adsubtract.com) and WebWasher (trial version, at www.download.com); they can be configured to prevent banner advertisements and other types of images from appearing as well.

Q. I've been trying to convince my 85-year-old dad to get a computer, but his eyesight is poor and he has trouble seeing the cursor even on my 17-inch screen. Is there some sort of large-type display or magnification device that would help?

A. Both Apple Computer and Microsoft have included features in their operating system software that can make it easier for visually impaired users to see the computer's screen. For example, most machines running Windows 98 or later versions come with the Microsoft Magnifier program, which can enlarge a portion of the screen and also change the colors within the magnified area for better contrast and viewing. You

can usually find Microsoft Magnifier by going from the Start menu to Programs and then Accessories and looking in the Accessibility area. Under Options, you can change the screen image to a high-contrast display with larger fonts and icons.

Most installations of Windows 98 and later versions come with an Accessibility Wizard that can help you find the best options for your needs, but you may need to load some of the optional programs from your Windows system CD-ROM. Microsoft's Web site has a section devoted to aiding impaired users — including links to third-party products that can help — at www.microsoft.com/enable.

Apple Computer has similar features built into the Macintosh operating system, like Close View, for magnifying the screen, and the option of having the Mac read alert messages out loud. You can find detailed information on the Mac's accessibility options and third-party software at www.apple.com/disability.

Q. If I buy a computer with the new Windows XP operating system already installed, will there be an easy way to move files from my old com-

puter?

A. The old method of transferring files between computers on floppies or Zip disks will still work, but Windows XP has a built-in File and Settings Transfer Wizard utility that can help you move a lot of your data. The wizard will work with older computers that are running Windows 95 or later; you will need a cable to link the two machines for the file transfer. The Files and Settings Transfer Wizard will allow users to move things like their Internet Explorer Favorites list, screen-saver programs and desktop shortcuts to the Windows XP computer. The wizard will also let you move your e-mail files, folder and taskbar preferences, and specific files and folders, like My Documents and My Pictures, to the new machine.

Circuits invites questions about computer-based technology, by e-mail to QandA@nytimes.com or mail to Questions, Circuits, The New York Times, 229 West 43rd Street, New York, N.Y. 10036-3959. This column will answer questions of general interest, but letters cannot be answered individually.

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