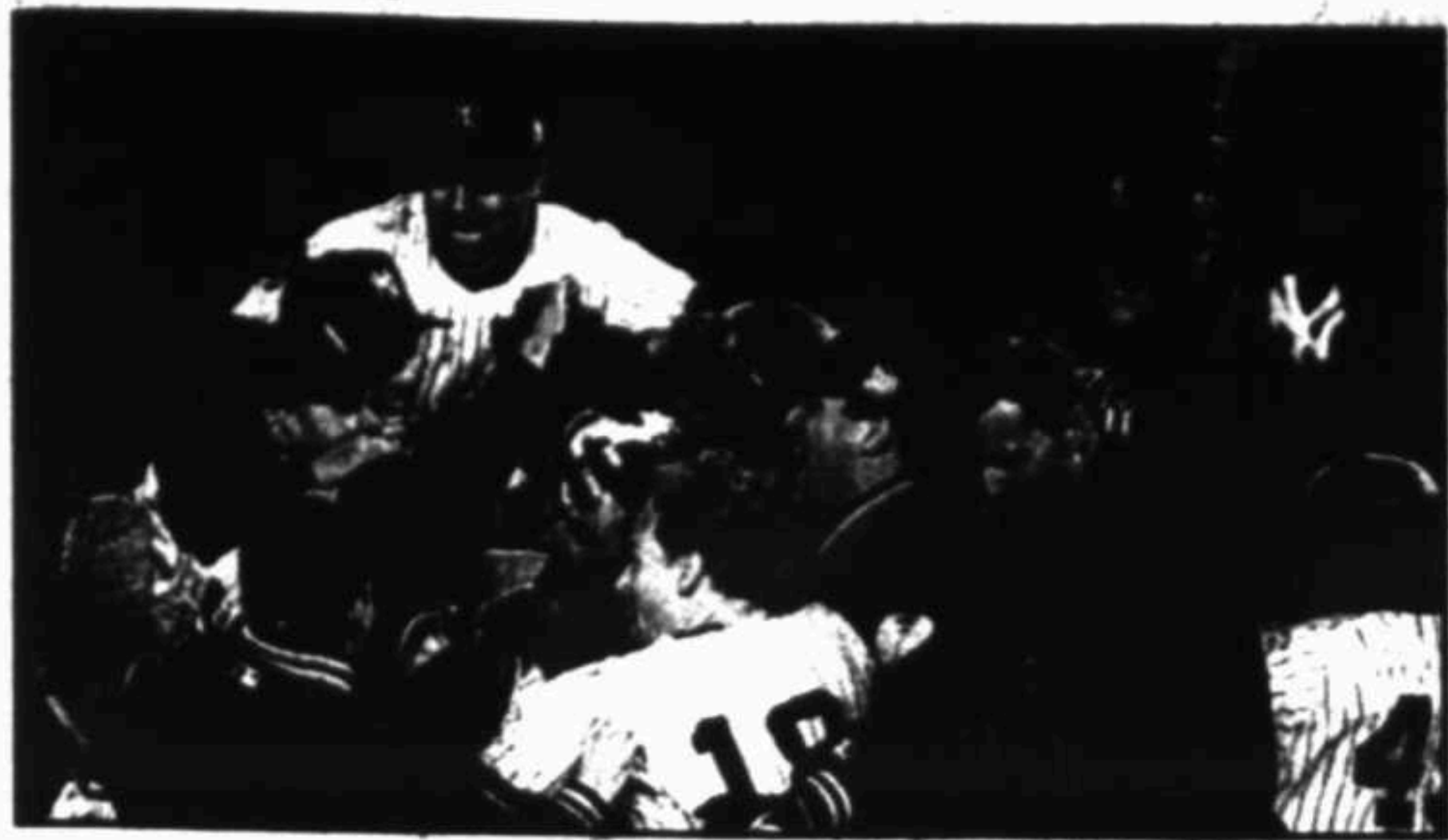




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Goalie of woman's national team excites fans in Odessa

By Richard Acosta
Staff Writer

ODESSA — Not since Elvis performed at the Ector County Coliseum in the late 1970s have so many women in Odessa been worked up into a frenzy. On this occasion, however, it was not the king of rock 'n' roll but the queen of the shoot-out that had Permian Basin residents in awe.

U.S. Women's National Soccer Team goalie, Brianna Scurry, spoke at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin to waves of soccer moms, dads, sons and daughters Wednesday night.

Scurry said that although her family is from Galveston, this is her first time to come to Texas

as a speaker and hopes that she can have a positive impact on the kids in the crowd.

"You know, if I can touch just one kid out there today then I think all this is worth it," Scurry said. "I don't necessarily want to inspire them in sports but in whatever they want to do with their lives."

Her presence, however, seemed enough to overwhelm dozens in the crowd — many of whom were young girls — with excitement.

Ashley Gutierrez, 11, who plays soccer for the Flames in Odessa, said she was so excited when she found out about Scurry coming to Odessa, she actually started screaming.

"She's my role model," Ashley said. "I started playing soccer because of her. I look up to her so much."

Ashley was not alone in her enthusiasm about

the gold medalist. Charmagne Griffard, 12, who has played soccer for two years, looked forward to hearing the message Scurry brought to West Texas.

"I think she is the greatest, and I know whatever she says will make everyone excited," Charmagne said. "I still can't believe I'm going to get to meet a world-famous soccer player. I just think she is the greatest."

The admiration felt by the fans is something Scurry said is a big part of why she enjoys speaking at venues around the country.

"Without the fans we would be nothing," Scurry said. "Women's athletics is really coming into its own. There is quite a bit of a following with the U.S. team and the WNBA. But

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Brianna Scurry, goalie of the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team, spoke at UTPB Wednesday night.

Brian Adamcik
Reporter-Telegram

Trucker dies in tanker explosion

Truck veers out of control and turns over, witness tells troopers



Lamesa firefighters battle a tanker fire Wednesday afternoon in Ackerly, about 25 miles north of Big Spring. The driver was killed in the accident. He has not yet been identified.

U. Frank Williams
Reporter-Telegram

By Art Sinclair
Staff Writer

ACKERLY — The driver was killed when a tanker truck loaded with diesel fuel turned over and exploded near the town of Ackerly in Dawson County about 12:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The truck was traveling north on U.S. Highway 87 when it went out of control and turned over twice, coming to rest in a bar ditch, according to the Department of Public Safety.

An unidentified witness told DPS troopers on the scene that he saw the truck veer out of control and roll over before two giant explosions ripped the tanker apart, igniting a blaze that took firefighters more than an hour to bring under control.

Black smoke could be seen for more than 15 miles an hour after the explosions.

Dawson County Justice of Peace Denise Dyess pronounced the driver of the truck dead at the scene. Ms. Dyess said the driver may be identified from dental records.

Dawson County Sheriff Terry Brown said this was the worst highway explosion and fire in recent memory.

There were no visible identification marks on the tanker truck following the fierce blaze. Brown said that the truck might have been loaded with diesel fuel at the Big Spring Fina refinery.

The explosion and fire occurred less than a mile from the Ackerly school. No one else was injured in the explosion and fire.



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

"This (settlement) is probably the most significant event at MISD in the last 25 years."

— Superintendent Joseph Baressi Jr.

MISD proclaims settlement is a victory

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

Despite local opposition, the Midland Independent School District is proclaiming that a settlement between the district and the U.S. Justice Department is a victory.

"This is probably the most significant event at MISD in the last 25 years," said Superintendent Joseph Baressi Jr. at a Wednesday press conference.

Tuesday night, the MISD school board voted 5-2 to accept a settlement agreement from the Justice Department.

The most prominent feature of that settlement would put an end to the cluster system, after this school year, and would return grades four, five and six to their neighborhood schools. The 2000-2001 school year would mark the first time in

more than 23 years that all Midland students would attend neighborhood schools. Busing among clusters would no longer exist in Midland.

Additionally, the district would create two magnet schools in predominantly minority areas. The themes of those schools have not been determined; however, Baressi said that they will be of the highest quality possible.

The settlement agrees to dismiss the district's elementary gifted and talented program and facilities from the lawsuit without any mitigation.

The district also has agreed to adopt a new curriculum guide this summer for its Bilingual and ESL Department, to implement that curriculum guide next year and also will begin presenting an annual report to the school board. Two other areas of the settlement call for the

district to encourage minority student participation in co- and extracurricular activities, and minority faculty and staff recruiting.

As for the last area of the settlement, the district is required to alter its course enrollment at the secondary level. Currently, MISD has a three-tier system for secondary course enrollment — general, advanced and honors, with honors being the highest. The district has agreed to change that to a two-tier system of advanced and honors. The change would occur in 2000-2001 on junior high campuses and at the high school level in 2001-2002.

In general, the settlement has gained rave reviews from MISD officials and staff. However, trustees George Lara and James Fuller and several plaintiff-intervenor have concerns

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Midland native, ex-GOP committee member, dies

■ Linden Heck Howell was 46 when she had a pulmonary embolism.

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Midland native Linden Heck Howell, the first woman to serve as political director for the Republican National Committee and who served as campaign director for Texas during the 1984 Reagan-Bush campaign, died Oct. 23 in Key West, Fla.

She suffered a pulmonary embolism. She was 46.

Memorial services are planned for 1 p.m. Saturday at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

"It's like losing a member of the family," said State Rep. Tom Craddick, noting that Ms. Howell worked on his first campaign. "It's been awful for the Hecks and for our family, too."

Ruth Cole said that Ms. Howell's friends "are all in a state of shock. It's a terrible

tragedy."

Ms. Howell was born Jan. 3, 1953, at Midland Memorial Hospital. She attended Lee High School, where she was involved in speech and debate and worked on the Rebelee yearbook. She graduated from Lee in 1971.

She was a charter member of the Pickwick Players at Midland Community Theater.

Joe and Ann Hathaway recalled spending time with Ms. Howell this summer after attending funeral services for longtime Midlander Bill Shaner.

Hathaway recalled how she entertained them with stories of she and her brothers taking their father to Europe so he could fulfill his wish of visiting the site of the Normandy invasion.

Mrs. Hathaway said, "I enjoyed her so much and thought she was so delightful that afterward I called her mother and told her Linda was so enthralling and such a shining presence. She was someone I could listen to for hours."

She received a bachelor's degree in government from Texas Tech University and a law degree from the University of Texas. While

in law school, she worked part-time for the Republican Party of Texas; she became executive director of the Nevada Republican Party after graduation in 1979.

Craddick called Ms. Howell "a fine person with great qualities. She did a lot for the development of the Republican Party across the nation."

In addition to her work with the GOP national committee and service on the Reagan-Bush campaign, Ms. Howell worked as legislative director for the late John Tower, U.S. senator from Texas.

After marrying J. William Howell, an IBM

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Linden Heck Howell

Russian troops seize four villages in move to surround Grozny

By Russian Musatev
Associated Press

GROZNY, Russia — Russian jets screamed over the Chechen capital on Wednesday, bombing houses and killing scores of people as ground forces fought to approach the city from three directions.

The attacks were some of the heaviest against Grozny since Russia launched its campaign to wipe out Chechnya-based Islamic militants.

President Boris Yeltsin said Russian troops would not stop their offensive until they "destroy the

center of international terrorism in Chechnya."

Chechen military headquarters said 116 people, mostly civilians, were killed in Wednesday's air and artillery attacks, but the figure could not be confirmed. Streams of desperate civilians fled to the countryside.

Huge plumes of smoke rose over Grozny as pairs of Russian jets roared over the city. Bombs and rockets destroyed houses and apartment buildings, including the home of warlord Shamil Basayev.

Basayev's fighters were among those who twice attacked the

neighboring Russian republic of Dagestan in August and September, prompting Russia to launch the campaign to eliminate them. Russian officials also blame the militants for apartment bombings in Russia last month that killed some 300 people.

Russia has repeatedly said its military actions are limited to attacking rebel positions. Air Force Chief Anatoly Kornukov said Wednesday that "peaceful civilians both in and outside Grozny are spared missile and bombing strikes."

But Chechen Vice Premier Kazbek Makhachev called

Wednesday's raids "state terrorism ... a slaughter of the people."

Scores of civilians, including women and children, have been killed by the attacks on Grozny and other Chechen towns in recent weeks, according to independent observers.

Yeltsin said Wednesday that Moscow was determined to press ahead with its campaign.

"Russian soldiers and officers are bringing peace back to the long-suffering Chechen land," he said in his most extensive comments yet on the fighting.

Yeltsin left Moscow on Wednesday for a vacation, appar-

ently content to let his officials handle the war.

Meanwhile, Russian forces in eastern Chechnya took control of four villages and surrounded two others, Russian Defense Ministry spokesman Gennady Alyokhin said. Russian forces in the region were focusing air and artillery raids on the nearby city of Gudermes, he said.

The four captured settlements — Azamat-Yurt, Stepnoye, Nizhni Gerzel and Kadi-Yurt — lie along a strategically important

highway running east to Dagestan and just a few miles from Gudermes, the Russian military command said.

Gudermes, Chechnya's second-largest city, is 20 miles east of Grozny. Seizing it would be a major step toward full Russian control of eastern Chechnya. The city has been well fortified by militants.

The offensive in the east came as Russian tanks and soldiers closed in on Grozny from the north.

Iranian president visits France, hoping to boost Western ties

PARIS (AP) — Iran's president began the first visit to France by an Iranian leader since the 1979 Islamic revolution on Wednesday, urging respect among nations during a trip that prompted French authorities to tighten border security and raid the offices of an Iranian opposition group.

President Mohammad Khatami, who is locked in a fierce power struggle with conservative clerics in Iran, was kept apart from angry protesters who held demonstrations in Paris. On the three-day visit, the moderate president is aiming to fortify Iran's timid ties to the West.

French police, fearing violence from Iranian opposition groups, stepped up security and staged a pre-dawn crackdown on members of Iran's largest exile organization. Up to 40 people, most apparently members of the People's Mujahadeen of Iran, were detained.

France also increased border controls along frontiers with Germany and Italy, sending back many Iranians trying to enter the country to protest Khatami's presence in France.

Interior Minister Jean-Pierre Chevènement, justifying the measures, spoke of "serious and precise threats."

The Iranian president, on his second trip to Europe since his 1997 election, has reached out to the West, seeking dialogue over confrontation. But his power struggle with hard-liners in Tehran means he must tread carefully.

The visit comes during a period of increased tension between various factions in Iran, and many cases of alleged human rights abuses, including the charging of 13 Iranian Jews as spies.

After a lengthy meeting with French President Jacques Chirac, Khatami said he sought a world in which all nations have equal weight, "where all nations respect each other, a pluralistic world, a

world without domination, where all countries live in peaceful coexistence."

Khatami expressed the wish that, in such a world, nations could "profit from the respective possibilities."

Khatami's visit to France was the first by an Iranian leader since France harbored Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini before his victorious return to Tehran two decades ago. Since then, France has had rocky relations with the Islamic Republic.

The visit by Khatami falls into a diplomatic void — neither official nor private — and his agenda remained vague.

A speech planned at the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization was canceled, apparently because adequate security could not be assured.

When police raided the French headquarters of the People's Mujahadeen of Iran early Wednesday, they surrounded their compound north of Paris and briefly detaining some militants.

A Washington-based Mujahadeen member, Hedayat Mostowfi, said by telephone that masked police with dogs dragged him from his bed at a Paris apartment rented as a "temporary office" for the Khatami visit.

The Mujahadeen, which the U.S. State Department lists as a

terrorist organization, has an army based in Iraq.

Up to 2,000 people attended a Mujahadeen-sponsored demonstration. A second demonstration led by France's main Jewish group protested the March arrest of 13 Iranian Jews to be tried as spies.

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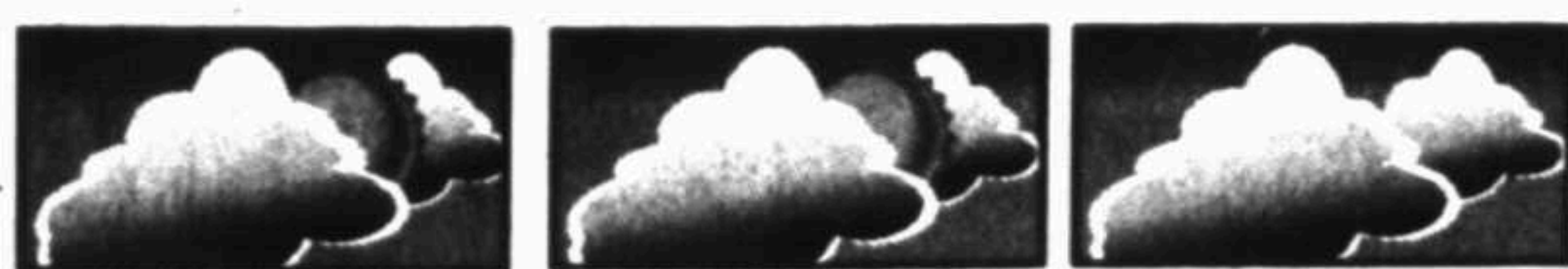
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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today
Partly cloudy
High 79
Low 49

Friday
Partly cloudy
High 78
Low 50

Saturday
Cloudy
High mid-60s
Low 40s

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with highs around 80. The winds are expected to be from the south at 5-15 mph. Tonight is expected to be cloudy with lows around 50-55. Friday is expected to be partly cloudy with highs around 80. The extended forecast calls for increasing clouds Friday night with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows are expected to be in the 40s. Saturday will see skies turning cloudy and colder with a slight chance of rain. Highs in the 60s to near 70. Sunday will be cloudy with a slight chance of rain and decreasing clouds in the afternoon. Lows will be in the 30s with highs of 65-75.

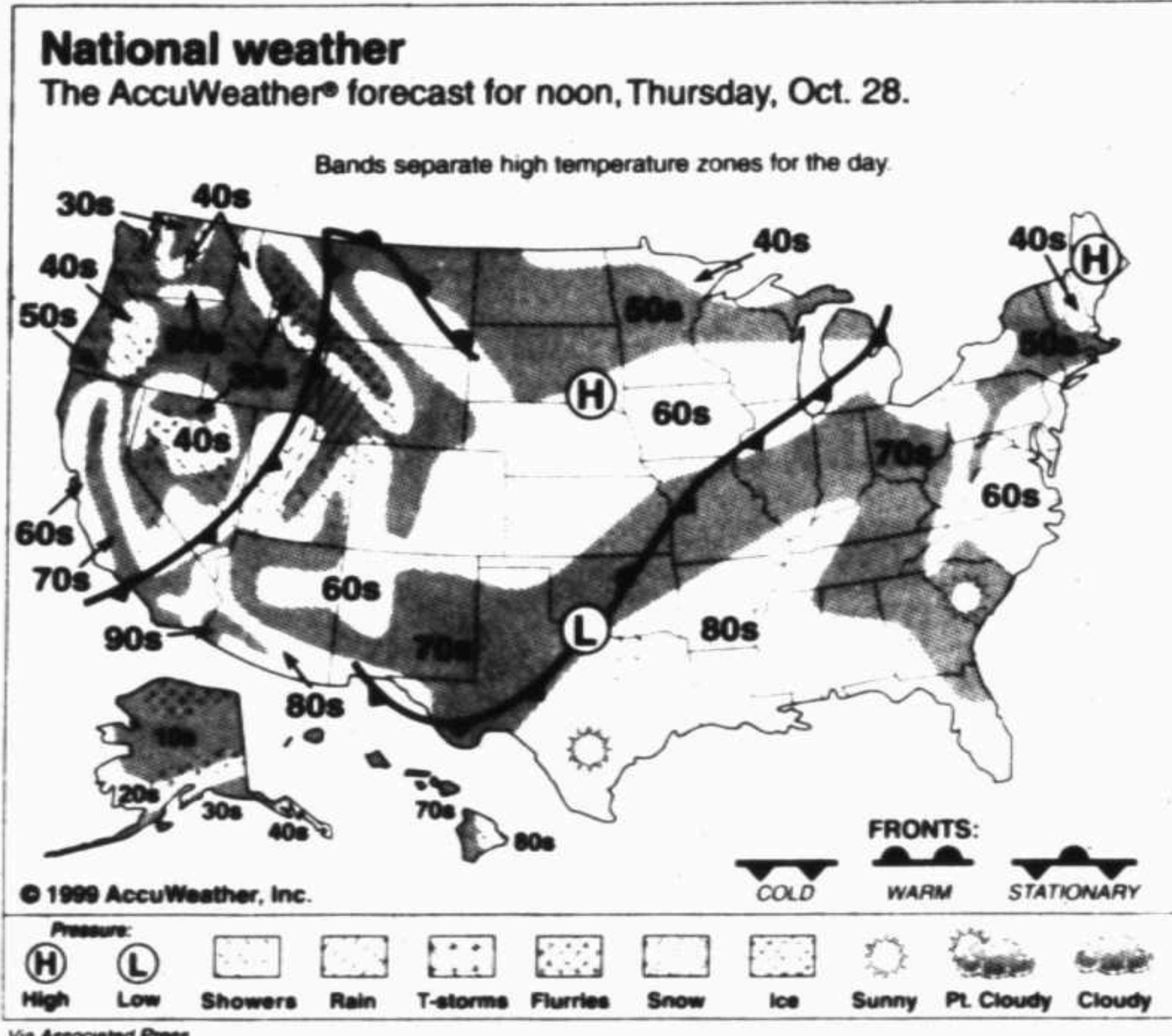
Yesterday's precipitation
Rainfall Wednesday .00 in.
Rainfall Tuesday .00 in.
Total for month .09 in.
Total for year 7.59 in.
Normal total (year to date) 13.15 in.

Yesterday's temperatures
High .81
Low .42
Normal high .74
Normal low .46

Pollen count
Trees: Low Weeds: High
Grass: Absent Molds: Low
Dust: Moderate
Courtesy: John D. Bray, MD.

Sunrise ... 8:02 a.m.
Sunset ... 7:03 p.m.

National forecast



United States temperatures

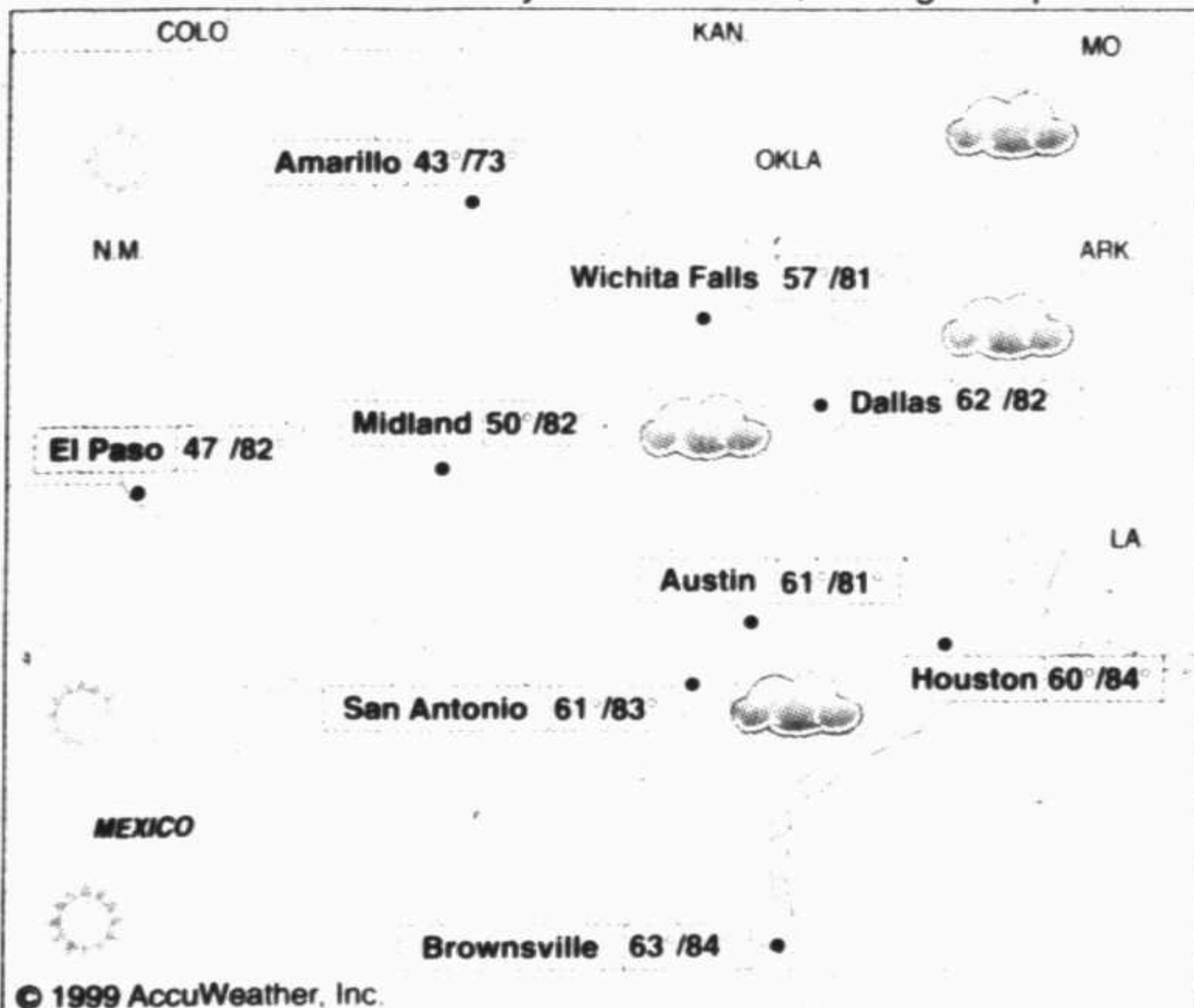
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Albuquerque	73	48	cl		
Anchorage	29	24	sn		
Asheville	71	36	cl		
Atlanta	75	46	cl		
Baltimore	63	40	cl		
Baton Rouge	80	45	cl		
Bellingham	43	41	cdy		
Birmingham	78	45	cl		
Boston	56	47	cdy		
Bridgeport	61	43	cdy		
Buffalo	45	40	cl		
Burlington, Vt.	41	36	cl		
Caribou, Maine	39	35	cl		
Casper	52	49	cdy		
Charleston, S.C.	76	45	cl		
Charlotte, N.C.	74	46	cl		
Chattanooga	77	41	cl		
Cheyenne	66	39	cl		
Chicago	61	35	cl		
Cincinnati	65	34	cl		
Cleveland	51	34	cl		
Colorado Springs	73	39	cdy		
Columbia, S.C.	76	38	cl		
Columbus, Ga.	78	45	cl		
Dayton	61	33	cl		
Daytona Beach	76	60	cdy		
Denver	75	46	cl		
Des Moines	82	49	cdy		
Detroit	53	35	cdy		
Duluth	52	32	cl		
Evansville	74	38	cl		
Fairbanks	9	5	01		
Fargo	64	41	cl		
Flagstaff	67	37	cdy		
Fresno	81	51	cdy		
Grand Junction	70	39	cl		
Grand Rapids	54	29	cl		
Great Falls	41	32	49	cl	
Green Bay	56	24	cl		
Greensboro, N.C.	70	41	cl		
Harrisburg	61	37	cl		
Honolulu	85	74	01	cl	
Indianapolis	66	41	cl		
Jackson	45	39	33	m	
Jacksonville	84	49	cdy		
Jaxville	73	39	cl		
Lake Charles	79	48	cl		
Lansing	54	22	cl		
Las Vegas	83	60	cdy		
Lexington	68	41	cl		
Lincoln	86	41	cdy		
Los Angeles	74	58	cdy		
Louisville	71	44	cl		
Madison	61	32	cdy		
Medford	51	42	62	m	
Memphis	82	49	cl		
Miami Beach	82	69	04		
Midland	55	39	cdy		
Mpls-St. Paul	71	43	cl		
Mobile	79	48	cl		
Montgomery	78	39	cl		
Nashville	76	42	cl		
New Orleans	78	51	cl		
New York City	59	52	cdy		
Newark	61	47	cdy		
Norfolk, Va.	83	46	cl		
Oklahoma City	82	50	cdy		
Omaha	86	45	cdy		
Orlando	79	61	cdy		
Paducah	80	39	cdy		
Peoria	71	42	cdy		
Philadelphia	61	44	cl		
Phoenix	88	65	cl		
Pittsburgh	52	35	cl		
Portland, Maine	55	35	cl		
Providence	61	41	cdy		
Raleigh-Durham	71	38	cl		
Rapid City	57	36	cdy		
Richmond	66	40	cl	cl	
Sacramento	70	54	cdy		
St. Louis	79	45	cdy	m	
Salem, Ore.	47	34	63		
Salt Lake City	67	47	cdy		
San Diego	69	60	cdy		
San Francisco	69	54	m		
San Jose	79	57	m		
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Savannah	77	43	cl		

State forecast

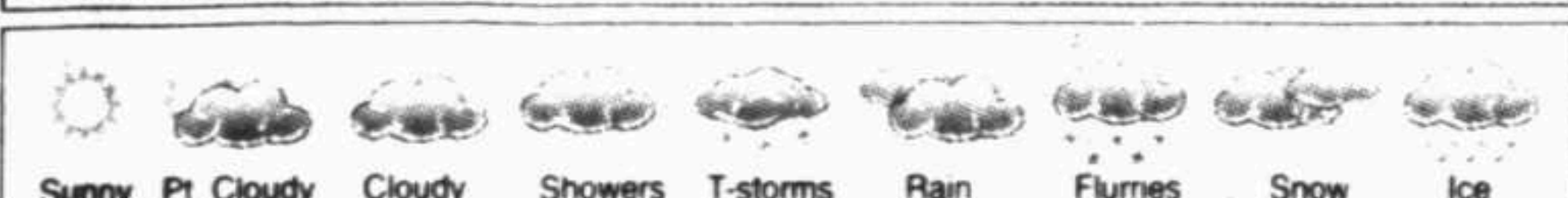
Texas weather

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AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions, low/high temperatures



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Texas temperatures

City	High	Low	Pcp	Wind	Other
Abilene	83	53			
Alice	82	55			
Amarillo	82	47			
Arlington	85	49			
Austin/Bergstrom	82	43			
Beaumont	78	51			
Brownsville	84	58			
Chadron	86	44			
College Station	82	50			
Corpus Christi	80	46			
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Dalhousie	80	43			
Dallas Love Field	85	54			
Del Rio	83	58			
Denton	86	52			
DFW Airport	86	54			
El Paso	78	82			
Fort Stockton	82	54			
Fort Worth Alliance	82	54			
Galveston	74	63			
Georgetown	81	46			
Guadalupe Pass	79	58			
Haltom City	83	56			
Hondo	80	48			
Houston Intercontinental	81	48			
Huntsville	80	56			
Jacksonville	81	44			
Kingsville	81	55			
Laredo	84	59			
Longview	83	48			
Lubbock	80	49			
Lufkin	80	48			
Marfa	79	43			
McAllen	84	57			
McKinney	86	47			
Mineral Wells	88	51			
New Braunfels	82	48			
Palacios	77	56			
Paris	82	48			
Rockport	79	62			
San Angelo	83	55			
San Antonio	80	49			
San Marcos	81	46			
Tyler	82	50			
Victoria	82	54			
Waco	85	49			
Whita Falls	85	53			
Wink	84	54			

SOCCER: Goalie of U.S. woman's team loves talking across country

(From 1A)

without fan support we may not be enjoying the success we have."

With success comes quite a bit of attention. Stories about the World Cup game credited the win to Scurry's one save in the shoot-out. Scurry said that she has had the opportunity to speak around the world on a number of talk shows.

Scurry said it is just part of being a champion.

"I really love doing this but it takes up a lot of my time," Scurry said. "I don't get in the weight room as much as I would like, but it is worth it."

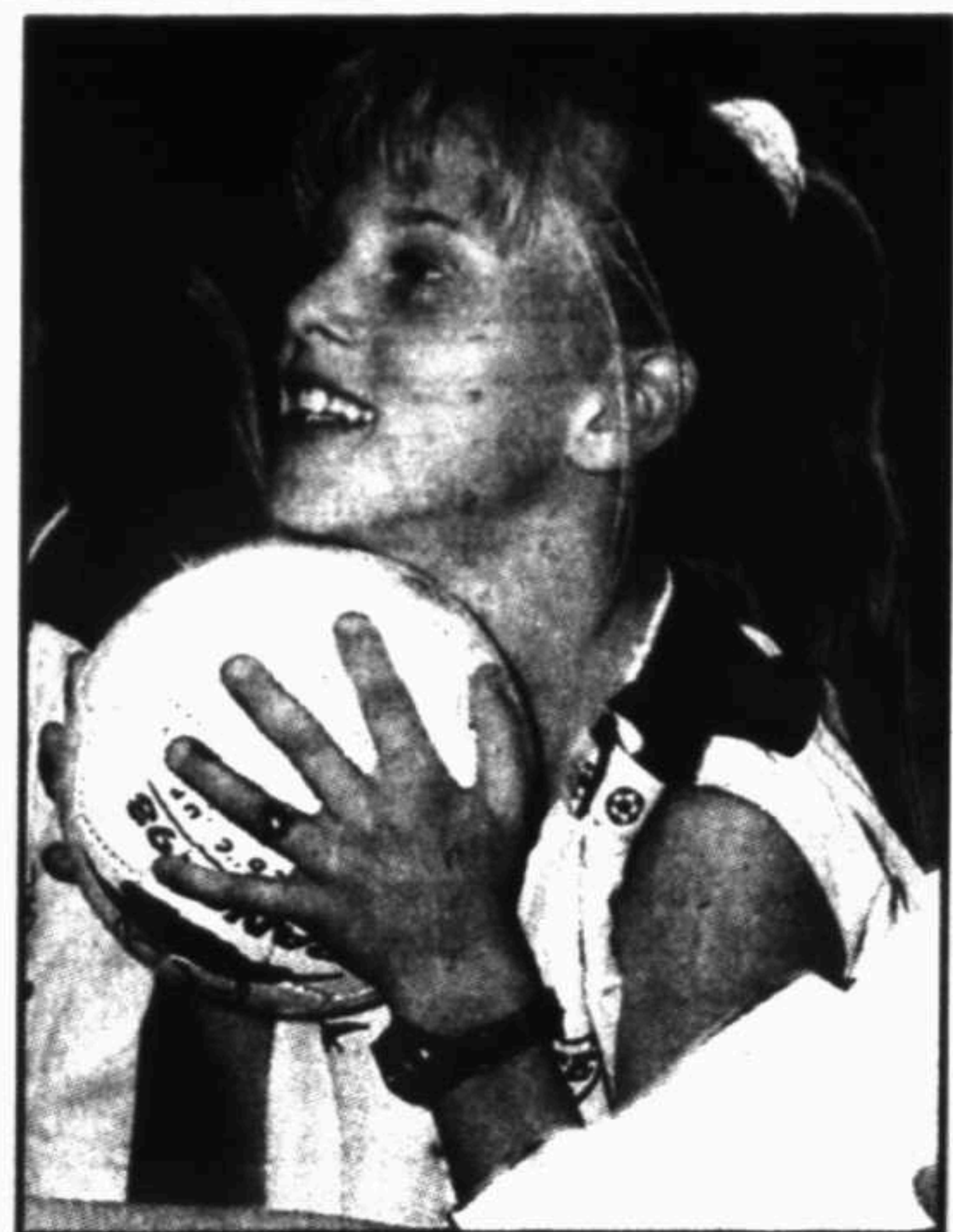
Scurry was the top college goalkeeper in 1993 and received two national goalkeeper of the year awards after her senior season. Scurry was the starting goalkeeper at the 1995 FIFA Women's World Cup in Sweden and was on her way to compete in the U.S. Women's Cup in 1995 when an auto accident thwarted her chances to compete. Despite a back injury that left her unable to play, Scurry rejoined the team at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta. Scurry started and played every minute of the United States team's five matches and helped the team take home a gold medal.

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Scurry has been the team's No. 1 goalkeeper since 1994. She has won a gold medal with the 1996 Olympic team and the World Cup in 1999.

Through the end of 1998, the U.S. women's team had played 103 full-international matches since Scurry's debut on March 16, 1994, against Portugal in Silves.

When not on the field, Scurry is active in volunteer work for AIDS awareness and research and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.



Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram
Odessa Tiffany Brownlee, 10, listens intently to soccer goalie Brianna Scurry.

Gore, Bradley spar during first debate

HANOVER, N.H. (AP) —

Pressed in campaign debate about President Clinton's personal behavior, Al Gore said Wednesday night he shared the public's disappointment and anger over the Monica Lewinsky affair and sought to provide "as much continuity and stability" as possible during the impeachment crisis.

"He's my friend," the vice president said of Clinton, fielding the first question from a voter in the first debate with presidential campaign rival Bill Bradley.

Bradley, too, was pressed on a potential campaign hotspot, Gore's criticism of his Senate retirement in 1996 at a time when Republicans had taken control of Congress.

"The things I wanted to do I couldn't do in the Senate," he said, referring to stops at Stanford, in the private sector and at Notre Dame. In a gentle jab at Gore, who has been in government continuously since 1976, Bradley said that by leaving office, he had been able to "encounter people where they live their lives."

In a followup poke, he added, "If you're going to do this, you ought to deal with the big problems and you ought to have big solutions to big problems." Clinton often has been criticized for advocating bite-size solutions to problems.

Gore and Bradley sat on stools in a Dartmouth College auditorium for the 60-minute debate, co-sponsored by CNN and WMUR-TV. The first primary election ballots of the 2000 campaign will be cast in New Hampshire in February, and the polls show Bradley with a lead, having overcome Gore's enormous early advantage.

Gore sought to take the offensive 15 minutes before the television cameras were switched on — and again as the scheduled hour was wrapping up, when he

said he would gladly remain to answer any remaining questions.

He took questions for more than 90 minutes after the TV lights dimmed and Bradley departed the scene.

Onstage for introductions, the vice president turned to the audience and said: "What do we do now? ... Why don't you start asking some questions while we're waiting."

With that, members of the audience did.

The first question was about bipartisanship, and both pledged to work with Republicans and Democrats.

Only a few moments into the debate, Gore was asked about Clinton.

"I understand the disappointment and anger that you feel toward President Clinton, and I felt it myself. I also feel that the American people want to move on and turn the page and focus on the future and not the past," Gore said.

"He's my friend. I took an oath under the Constitution to serve my country through thick and thin, and I interpreted that oath to mean that I ought to try to provide some — as much continuity and stability during the time that you're referring to as I possibly could."

Gore also noted there were "some real hard fights" on economic and other issues at the time.

The two rivals pledged their support to an overhaul of campaign finance laws, to reduce the role of big money. And they agreed, in general terms, about the need to expand health care coverage.

On military involvement overseas, Bradley advocated a United States role — but not "full responsibility" — in multilateral groups like the United Nations and NATO. "There is no way we

have the resources or the wisdom to be involved in all 32 ethnic wars in the world."

Asked to identify his biggest mistake, Gore replied sheepishly. "My choice of words when I claimed to have taken the lead in the Congress for inventing the Internet" — a comment that earned him ridicule from Republicans and standup comics alike.

Asked to describe the characteristics of effective leadership, Gore said, a president must have a "vision of the future" and feel compelled to strive towards it.

Bradley said "absolute integrity" is essential.

The debate rules weren't designed for the two men to address one another directly.

But at one point, Bradley took issue with a claim about his health insurance proposal that Gore had made. "I dispute the cost figure that Al has used," he said.

Bradley spoke emphatically about his support for gay rights. "I support gays being able to serve openly in the military. If gays can serve openly in the White House, in Congress, in the courts, in the Treasury Department ... why can't they serve in the military?" he asked. "It just doesn't make any sense."

When Gore got a similar question, he said Bradley's answer had been eloquent, then followed up by saying he supports legal protection for same-sex domestic partnerships, but "not the same sacrament, not the same name," as marriage.

The size of the television audience was problematic — the show was aired at the same time as Game 4 of the World Series. Gore campaign put a full-court press on Bradley, providing itemized, written rebuttals to his answers during the debate and dispatching three Cabinet members to tout his performance to reporters afterwards.

Hemingway's son gives book of father's poems to Library of Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Admirers of Ernest Hemingway rarely think of him as a poet — just not that kind of guy — but his eldest son John was at the Library of Congress on Wednesday to present the author's first book: "Three Stories and Ten Poems."

It was published in Paris in 1923 when Hemingway, later to win the Nobel prize for his novels, was 24. This copy is dedicated to his first wife, Hadley — John's mother.

John, 76, was born the same year. Now he wears a rounded white beard, much like Ernest Hemingway in his later years.

John told a news conference that his father had never spoken to him about his verses. "But you know that a great deal of his early work was in poetry," he recalled.

Six poems were published in "Poetry: A Magazine of Verse," and editor Harriet Monroe described the author then as "a young Chicago poet now abroad who will soon issue in Paris his first book of verse."

Later, many were written to Mary, Hemingway's fourth and last wife. One threatens jokingly to "hang myself from your Christmas tree" if she doesn't accept him as a Valentine.

Another poem, written earlier, is clouded with thoughts of death. It includes the lines: "Eternity is scarcely found 'Till we're underneath the ground."

"Where thudding hooves will never sound."

Hemingway killed himself at 61.

He was bitter about World War I, in which he was wounded on the Italian front. He wrote:

"Soldiers never do die well;

"Crosses mark the places,

"Wooden crosses where they fell;

"Stuck above their faces."

John said his father also wrote many poems about World War II, when he was a correspondent, "mostly about separation from his girl friend."

A.E. Hotchner, a close friend for the last 14 years of Hemingway's life, also gave the library a large collection of photos, manuscripts, home movies and 15 spoils of magnetized wire recordings. He was not sure of the contents of the recordings, he said, but knew they included Hemingway reciting two long poems to Mary.

MISD: Baressi expects judge to approve settlement

(From 1A)

about the settlement.

Attorneys for the plaintiff-intervenors have not yet signed off on the settlement, according to Rick Strange of Cotton, Bledsoe, Tighe and Dawson, who represents the district in the lawsuit.

If the plaintiff-intervenors formally protest the settlement, U.S. District Judge Edward Prado might be called upon to decide the issue.

Strange and Baressi, however, both think that with two of the three parties in agreement, the lawsuit would be settled.

"It's literally possible" that Prado might deny the settlement, Baressi said. "But highly unlikely."

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Armenian premier, six others assassinated in parliament shooting

By Avet Demourian
Associated Press

YEREVAN, Armenia — Gunmen seized Armenia's parliament in a torrent of automatic weapons fire Wednesday, killing the prime minister and at least six other people before holding up in the building with dozens of hostages.

With the bodies of Prime Minister Vazgen Sarkisian and Parliament Speaker Karen Demirchian still on the podium where they fell, the attackers demanded to see the president.

"They said it was a coup and called on the journalists to inform people about it. They said they were going to punish the authorities for what they did to the nation," said one reporter who was in the chamber during the afternoon attack.

As day turned to night, police said up to five gunmen held dozens of hostages in the main chamber of the parliament building. A man identified as the gunmen's leader, Nairi Unanian, spoke in a telephone interview with a local television station.

"This is a patriotic action," he said. "This shake-up is needed for the nation to regain its senses."

He said the deaths were unintended except for Sarkisian, who he claimed had failed to serve the

nation. "The country is in a catastrophic situation, people are hungry and the government doesn't offer any way out," Unanian said.

Armenian television broadcast footage of the stunning attack, showing at least two men in long coats firing automatic weapons in the parliament chamber. Some lawmakers dove under their desks, others fled into the streets.

One of the attackers approached the prime minister and said: "Enough of drinking our blood," according to reporters present during the attack. The premier calmly responded, "Everything is being done for you and the future of your children."

The attacker — identified by reporters as Unanian, an extreme nationalist and former journalist — opened fire.

The other gunmen included Unanian's brother and uncle, the reporters said.

The attack was likely to plunge Armenia into a major political crisis. The country, which became independent following the 1991 Soviet collapse, has been plagued by political and economic turmoil for the past decade.

President Clinton said he was shocked and saddened by the attack.

"I condemn the senseless act against individuals actively

engaged in building democracy in their country," Clinton said in a statement. "The victims and their families are in our thoughts and prayers."

Hundreds of police and soldiers ringed the parliament building in central Yerevan. Two armored personnel carriers took up positions in the grounds and President Robert Kocharian was personally directing security operations.

The gunmen were demanding talks with Kocharian, the country's top leader, but officials did not say if any other demands had been made.

A TV cameraman, Gagik Saratikian, who was allowed inside the chamber after the attack, said the gunmen appeared calm, directing him to film scenes

in the wrecked hall. "We're not terrorists, be calm," he said one of the assailants told him.

His footage showed the bodies of Sarkisian and Demirchian sprawled on the podium, where they had been gunned down.

The motive for the attack was not clear, although speculation centered on the Armenian enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh, which has dominated Armenian politics for the past decade.

The enclave was under the control of the neighboring Soviet republic of Azerbaijan, whose territory surrounded it. The enclave declared independence in early 1988 and drove Azerbaijani troops out with Armenia's help.

The Armenian government,

although composed of nationalists such as Sarkisian who made their political careers by championing the enclave, has been seeking a solution.

U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott was in Yerevan on Wednesday as part of efforts to secure a deal, leaving just hours before the shooting.

Unanian reportedly had been a

member of the Armenian Revolutionary Federation, known as Dashnak, the country's oldest political grouping, founded as a secret nationalist organization in 1890. The government has tried to suppress the group.

However, Dashnak said Unanian had been expelled several years ago and the party had nothing to do with the attack.

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Political mix changing again for 2000, later

A couple of developments appear to signal that change is coming once again to the national political scene. One is the fact that Pat Buchanan, once a stalwart of the most conservative wing of the Republican Party, has left the GOP for the Reform Party.

Actually, Buchanan says, he made the switch "because the Washington elite of the GOP has left me."

And New York developer Donald Trump says he will follow Buchanan to the Reform Party.

Close behind that revelation is the increasing influence of Hispanics in both state and national politics. Although a hefty majority of Hispanics traditionally have voted for Democrats, the Republicans have been actively courting Hispanics at all levels of government.

The numbers make that fact unavoidable. If a politician ignores the influence of Hispanic voters today — or any other significant voting bloc — he's likely not to gain or stay in office for long.

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That, of course, is the name of the game for those in politics. They must stay aware of where their votes come from and whom they actually are serving in political office. That is how political alliances develop. It's the old "you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours" bargain.

The changes now taking place in political circles — the dissatisfaction of some national politicians with either of the two major political parties and the changing demographics that are altering the face of political loyalties — mean that the presidential election of 2000 and other future elections will offer a new mix to both candidates and the public.

That's nothing new. It has happened throughout the nation's history. But what it says is that politics is not the same now that it was eight or 10 years ago, nor will it be the same in 50 years.

It's not the same old political game any longer.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Oct. 28, the 301st day of 1999. There are 64 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 28, 1919, Congress enacted the Volstead Act, which provided for enforcement of Prohibition, over President Wilson's veto.

On this date:

In 1636, Harvard College was founded in Massachusetts.

In 1793, Eli Whitney applied for a patent for his cotton gin (the patent was granted the following March).

In 1886, the Statue of Liberty, a gift from the people of France, was dedicated in New York Harbor by President Cleveland.

In 1893, Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky conducted the first public performance of his Symphony No. Six in B minor ("Pathétique") in St. Petersburg, Russia, just nine days before his death.

In 1922, fascism came to Italy as Benito Mussolini took control of the government.

In 1936, President Roosevelt rededicated the Statue of Liberty on its 50th anniversary.

In 1940, Italy invaded Greece during World War II. In 1958, the Roman Catholic patriarch of Venice, Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli, was elected Pope; he took the name John XXIII.

In 1962, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev informed the United States that he had ordered the dismantling of Soviet missile bases in Cuba.

In 1965, Pope Paul VI issued a decree absolving Jews of collective guilt for the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

Ten years ago: The Oakland A's won the earthquake-interrupted World Series, completing a four-game sweep of the San Francisco Giants. Twenty people were killed in the crash of a commuter plane on the island of Hawaii.

Five years ago: President Clinton visited Kuwait, where he praised U.S. ground forces sent in response to an Iraqi threat, and all but promised the troops they'd be home by Christmas.

One year ago: In London, the High Court ruled that former Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet was immune from prosecution in British courts (however, the House of Lords later overturned the decision, saying Pinochet's arrest could stand).

GEORGE WILL

Luxury tax caused loss of jobs, industry

WASHINGTON — Once when Paul Hindemith, composer of very modern music, was rehearsing one of his especially dissonant compositions, he interrupted the orchestra, saying, "No, no, gentlemen. Even though it sounds wrong, it's still not right."

Contemporary politics, a kind of atonal music, produces moments like that. Consider Rep. Patrick Kennedy's, D-R.I., proposed legislation to succor the yacht industry and assuage the pains of its most put-upon customers.

The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 was the budget agreement by which President Bush broke his "read-my-lips" vow not to agree to new taxes. The act was, as omnibus bills tend to be, an eye-of-newt-and-hair-of-toad brew of this and that and some other things, and it included — in the name of fairness, of course — a stern tax on "luxury items."

Those items included automobiles, aircraft, jewelry and furs over certain prices. And yachts costing more than \$100,000.

In 1990 there were no luxury excise taxes, all of them having been repealed in 1965. But perhaps every quarter-century or so government — it cannot help itself — must go on a "fairness" bender, the memory of the hangover from similar misadventures having faded.

In 1990 the Joint Committee on Taxation pro-

jected that the 1991 revenue yield from the luxury taxes would be \$31 million. The actual yield was \$16.6 million. Why? Because — surprise! — the taxation changed behavior: fewer people bought the taxed products. Demand went down when prices went up. Washington was amazed. People bought yachts overseas. Who would have thought it?

According to a study done for the Joint Economic Committee, the tax destroyed 330 jobs in jewelry manufacturing, 1,470 in the aircraft industry and 7,600 in the boating industry. The job losses cost the government a total of \$24.2 million in unemployment benefits and lost income tax revenues. So the net effect of the taxes was a loss of \$7.6 million in fiscal 1991, which means the government projection was off by \$38.6 million.

This illustrates the shortcomings of "static analysis." Concerning which, consider an imaginary case.

It has been calculated that if the federal government imposed — in the name of fairness, of course — a 100 percent tax on all the earnings, from the first penny, of all millionaires, which is to say if the government confiscated all their earnings, the sum would suffice to run the government for just six weeks. The problem with that calculation is that it reflects "static analysis." That is, it does not allow for behavioral changes the tax would provoke: No one would earn the one-millionth dollar, thereby triggering the confiscation, so the revenue yield from the 100 percent rate on millionaires would be zero.

But back to reality. "Practical politics," Henry Adams famously said, "consists in ignoring facts." But facts are famously stubborn things, par-

ticularly when they involve unpleasantness for one's constituents. In 1993 Congress repealed the excise taxes on boats, aircraft, jewelry and furs. It also indexed, phased down and scheduled the expiration of the tax on cars.

Now comes Kennedy with "The Boat Building Investment Act," which he calls "exactly the opposite of a luxury tax." Indeed it is.

Its centerpiece is a 20 percent tax credit for purchasers of American-made luxury yachts over 50 feet long. So the purchaser of a \$1 million yacht would get a \$200,000 credit against his federal income taxes.

However, this would not be an unlimited benefit for the upper crust. The credit would be capped at \$2 million, so the government would help only with the first \$10 million that a purchaser spends on a yacht.

You probably have not heard of Kennedy's legislation. Do you think you might have heard a media uproar about it if its author were a Republican? Just a thought.

Kennedy says America lags behind other nations in "supporting" boat manufacturers, so this bill also would spend \$25 million annually on "export assistance" — for example, marketing American-made yachts at overseas expositions — and training employees of America's yacht-builders. This is necessary, Kennedy says, to "continue the revitalization" of the industry after the "near-fatal experience when the luxury tax was implemented."

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LETTERS

Sports complex will help Midland grow for the future

Vote for the proposed sports complex. Midlanders need to decide where this city is headed. Are we pro-growth or are we going to do nothing and watch our city slowly die? I think we have already addressed that question. We tore down an airport terminal that we were ashamed of and replaced it with one we are proud of. Guess what, that beautiful new terminal hasn't defaulted, but is doing quite well.

I know of no other community where the parents are so involved with their children. These parents are determined that their children will be well educated. They also want their children to know how to play and get along with each other. The many supervised activities available to the children of Midland accomplish these goals. Thousands of Midland children will ultimately benefit from the building of the proposed sports complex.

A longtime Midland resident recently told me he had only attended two high school football games in the last five years. He said the parking was horrible and the stadium was built when he was playing for MHS. He does, however, attend games played at Chap Center for the opposite reasons. He has voted — Yes!

Midland needs more playing fields of all kinds — the present ones and the proposed ones. Soccer, baseball, softball, football, track and band are all booming. Midland is a can-do and will-do place!

Twenty five cents of every \$100 is so little you would have the spend \$300 or \$400 to save enough taxes to buy a Coke! For most of us our homes are our largest single investment. If we don't encourage growth in Midland we will ultimately lose big time though devaluation of our homes. Houses don't appreciate when people are moving out much faster than moving in. We must make Midland an attractive place to live.

Parents you are doing a lot of the right things for your children. Don't quit, don't put it off, go vote for them and the new sports complex. Do it now!

Charlie Tierce

Longing for sports complex is covetous, greedy, unfair

Some old sayings, proverbs and scriptures helped me decide to vote against the sports complex, per-

haps they'll help you.

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

How would you like to be taxed for a movie theater or bowling alley?

"You shall not covet... anything that belongs to your neighbor." — The Bible.

Taxes for personal glory, though legal, are not moral. The sports complex represents, at least covetousness, if not stealing.

"A penny saved is a penny earned," — Benjamin Franklin.

Many in government indebted us knowing Americans will not let bureaucratic folly lead us into impoverishment.

"Taxes should be proportioned to what may be annually spared by the individual." — Thomas Jefferson.

Tax and spend supporters of the sports complex say: "It is just a quarter of a cent." If it is so little, why did our city council find everything in their budget more important than the complex?

Tom Craddick promised "school vouchers will pass within two years." If so, 30 percent of students will find alternate schools. Imagine smaller attendance at football games.

Twice Midlanders rejected "economic development sales taxes." The voters told the city and their paid partner, the Midland Chamber of Commerce, it is wrong to tax people for products and services they do not use.

■ The 15 percent of Midlanders who vote, ought to pay for what they want without taxing others.

■ Over half of every dollar earned is taken in taxes. That's enough!

■ The Midland City Council is not willing to cut their budget to support the sports complex, why should taxpayers?

■ Why should we be taxed so the RockHounds can send millions to owner Miles Prentice in New York City?

■ Remember, all taxes are collected under the threat of life imprisonment. Do you really want to go to a glorious stadium knowing that some less fortunate Midlander is doing without so you can sit in a more comfortable stadium seat?

Join the chamber of commerce, get involved with your child's school, speak the truth and love to your neighbor. Midland is a great place filled with "conservative" people. Let's keep it great. Say no to new taxes and the sports complex.

Mark Kimball

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D.C. 20515 or call (202) 225-4236, Fax (202) 225-8628; or 4305 N. Garfield, Suite 228B, Midland, Texas 79705, or call 687-5232, Fax 687-5234.

Representative: Henry Bonilla (R), District 23, 1427 Longworth, Washington, D.C., 20515-4323 or call (202) 225-4511, Fax (202) 225-2237; or 4400 N. Big Spring, Suite 211, Midland, Texas 79705, or call 686-8833, Fax 686-8819.

Governor: George W. Bush (R), State Capitol Building, Austin, Texas 78701 or call (512)463-2000, Fax (512) 463-1849.

CAL THOMAS

Gore to oil companies: Let them eat crude

Vice President Al Gore said last week, in a bid for the largely uncommitted environmental vote, that if he becomes president he will sign an executive order banning any new offshore drilling for oil and gas along the California and Florida coasts.

What would the oil companies do with their 36 existing leases off California and 146 off Florida for which they have already paid billions of dollars, but have yet to begin drilling? Gore seems to be saying, "Let them eat crude." To a liberal like Gore, all big things — from oil companies to SUVs — are evil, except big government.

Has Gore considered what would happen to oil prices should he ban offshore drilling? What about our current over-dependence on foreign oil? Remember the Arab oil boycott 25 years ago that produced long lines at gas stations and rationing?

Gore said his proposal would be part of a bold environmental agenda. That means additional regulations and an unnecessary depletion of the American way of life, including the freedom to drive the types of cars we want. He said this agenda would be the centerpiece of his presidential campaign.

Most of that campaign will be based on bogus science, a theology of Earth worship and an appeal for even more government control of our lives, lest we burn up and die in a nation run by Republicans.

Before "environmentalism" became a creed, there were conservationists who cared about the quality of air, land and water. Conservationists, though, saw the world as full of opportunities. Environmentalists see the world as full of problems which only government can solve.

A 1998 Heritage Foundation report on the environment compared environmentalists and conservationists. Environmentalists believe nature is best left undisturbed, because humans harm whatever they touch and people who disturb nature are guilty of a crime. Conservationists believe the balance of nature includes humans and solutions to environmental problems can be balanced with human needs and development objectives.

Environmentalists think every risk is avoidable and that the federal government should invest our money into eliminating risks at any cost. Gore writes in his book, "Earth In The Balance": "I have come to believe that we must take bold and unequivocal action: we must make the rescue of the environment the central organizing principle for civilization." That's a little over the top, isn't it? Especially if there is no crisis, other than one made by people whose only objective is power over others.

Environmentalists believe regulations are necessary and good, but conservationists think regulations can be good or bad, and can create more risk and offer less protection. Environmentalists believe centralized command-and-control regulation is necessary, but that means more federal bureaucrats and administrative agencies making decisions for us. Conservationists believe a wealthier society is a healthier society, and those who own resources need freedom and incentives to implement efficient, effective solutions.

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By Anjette M.
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Thousands of unexpected extensions because the prepared for Y2K heating, teacher payroll says.

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Study finds schools not readied for Y2K bug

By Anjetta McQueen
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Students in thousands of schools may get unexpected extended winter vacations because their districts are not prepared for Y2K problems affecting heating, food service and teacher payrolls, the government says.

An Education Department survey released Wednesday said 36 percent of public elementary and secondary school districts are unprepared to fix date-sensitive computer systems. And 39 percent of colleges — where tuition-aid records and longtime research could be threatened — told the department survey they were not ready.

"This is disturbing," Marshall Smith, acting deputy secretary of education, said at a news conference. "Once you're within a three-month span, a lot of things can go wrong. Schools and colleges ought to commit resources to have some independent verification of compliance if they haven't done so already."

"This should be done before we send our students back to those schools," he said.

The Year 2000, or Y2K, problem refers to concerns about possible computer breakdowns on Jan. 1, 2000, because some computers were originally programmed to recognize just the last two digits of a year and may misinterpret "00" as 1900. Many computers can be reprogrammed simply, but others have embedded microchips that must be replaced — making the process of getting ready more complicated and time-consuming.

With New Year's Day falling on a Saturday, Smith said, school districts that haven't made the necessary repairs — which at current count could be nearly 5,000 — have extra days to make sure buildings are safe or otherwise ready for students.

Officials acknowledge that Y2K-related failures in schools would have little direct impact on classwork other than lessons involving information technology. Some failures could shut down heaters, possibly causing frozen pipes to burst, block out school security cameras, block access to student and payroll records or shut off cafeteria freezers.

The Fairfax County School system in northern Virginia will bring in security, communication, building and technology experts to check its 200 schools on New Year's Day to ensure schools are ready to open on Jan. 3, the scheduled return date from the winter holiday.

"This is based on plans we have in place all the time," said district spokeswoman Kitty Porterfield, who added that independent experts reviewed the plans. "We had flooding when the hurricane came in, and pieces of those (emergency) plans went into effect. This is not solely uncharted territory."

With two months to go — a tight deadline by industry standards — virtually every school surveyed pledged to be ready by Jan. 1. Even the ones that said they weren't ready when the survey was taken earlier this month felt they would be ready. The survey — a follow-up to ones earlier this spring — relied on self-reporting. The margin of error is plus or minus 2.5 percentage points.

The best estimate — just 4 percent of school districts say they won't meet the deadline — could still affect 600 school systems.

Some people are skeptical, even angry at the delays. Parents are uncertain of school schedules. College students worry about getting their grants and loans on time. And teachers are wondering when they would get paid in the event of a breakdown.

"Many of our people feel school districts have not prepared for this problem," said Jamie Horowitz, spokesman for the million-member American Federation of Teachers' union. "They had a lot of time to address this. This is one of those mistakes that shouldn't happen."

Despite optimistic predictions for overall preparations for Y2K, the Clinton administration has warned that schools, some cities, small hospitals and small businesses are foot-dragging on contingency plans for computer failures. Many schools — often the largest public buildings in a community — have a unique role as designated shelters and command centers in case of other emergencies.

John Koskinen, chairman of Clinton's Council on Year 2000 Conversion, said that in the next two months, schools and colleges need to concentrate on fixing their systems, making sure they are independently tested and developing contingency plans in case of failure.

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House votes to prohibit federal drugs for assisted suicide

By John Hughes
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House stepped into the emotional debate of physician-assisted suicide Wednesday, voting to bar doctors from using federally controlled drugs to help patients die.

The House voted 271-156 for a bill sponsored by House Judiciary Chairman Henry Hyde that penalizes doctors who aid in a suicide but encourages them to treat the pain of dying patients.

Opponents said the bill would discourage pain treatment for millions of Americans. Doctors will be so worried about losing their licenses to prescribe drugs, and spending at least 20 years in jail for aiding in a suicide, that they will decline to dispense needed medication, they said.

"For the first time we've got law enforcement making medical decisions," said Rep. Darlene Hooley, D-Ore.

Hyde, R-Ill., dismissed suggestions that his bill would create a medical "Gestapo," saying federal drug agents already review prescriptions. He said the bill adequately protects doctors who treat pain, while authorizing \$5 million for more training and education to improve end-of-life care.

"Suicide is the ultimate act of despair and facilitating the intentional killing of a human life is the opposite of healing," said Hyde.

The measure is a major setback for Oregon, the only state that has legalized physician-assisted suicide for patients with less than six months to live. All 15 patients who died under the law during its first full year in 1998 used controlled substances to end their lives.

During the House debate, some members spoke of the debate in

personal terms — a child who died of leukemia, a parent who died from cancer — but used those experiences to draw opposite conclusions.

Some Hyde supporters compared physician-assisted suicide to euthanasia and abortion and invoked the name of Dr. Jack Kevorkian.

Oregonians painstakingly tried to point out the protections in their law that limit the circumstances when people can take their lives. "Please read the Oregon statute before you vote," pleaded Rep. David Wu, D-Ore.

With the House passage, attention now turns to the Senate.

The Senate version by Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., has not yet cleared a committee, but Nickles said he hopes to pass the bill this year. Oregon Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., has pledged a filibuster if the bill reaches the Senate floor.

Senate action, previously thought by many to be unlikely in 1999, becomes more of a possibility because of a federal budget fight that is expected to keep lawmakers in the nation's capital into next month.

Wyden said he faces a "very uphill" battle, citing Nickles No. 2 position as the majority whip.

Assisted suicide opponents have been pressing for legislation since June 1998, when Attorney General Janet Reno ruled that federal drug agents cannot move against doctors who help terminally ill patients die under Oregon's Death With Dignity Act.

But while last year's version of Hyde-Nickles fell flat, this year's bill has won more support from medical groups because it encourages pain treatment and gives doctors some assurances they wouldn't be prosecuted if a patient died accidentally from pain medication.

The American Medical Association and National Hospice Organization are among the groups that support the measure after opposing last year's bill, although several other medical

groups and several state medical societies oppose this year's Hyde-Nickles bill.

Oregon House Democrats were pleased they garnered more than the 146 votes that would be need-

ed to sustain a veto — although President Clinton has not yet said whether he would veto the bill.

Assistant Attorney General Robert Raben wrote Oct. 19 that the administration supports the

part of the bill that encourages pain treatment but opposes the section that would make physician-assisted suicide a federal crime with "harsh mandatory penalties."

PRESS RELEASE

Carter's Furniture Has The Coolest Recliner In America "Ultimate Seating for "Armchair" Quarterbacks

Midland, Texas-Attention sports fans—you'll never have to leave your recliner again. Your voices have been heard and your pleas have been answered. Trips to the refrigerator during the big game are a thing of the past. La-Z-Boy has introduced the first recliner ever with a built-in electric cooler. And it's available now, at Carter's Furniture just in time for football season.

The newest creation from the world's leading producer of reclining chairs is called "Oasis" and is armed with a thermo-electric cooling unit located underneath the flip-up arm pad. Available only from La-Z-Boy, this exclusive innovation is large enough to hold up to six 12-ounce cans.

"For years our customers have told us their ideas for the perfect 'sports fan' chair—you know—the kind that you can just hunker down in without having to get up between plays," says Tim Carter, owner of Carter's Furniture. "Here it is. This chair has it all for the fan who doesn't want to miss a moment of the action."

In addition to the beverage cooler, "Oasis" has everything else an armchair quarterback needs for the big game.

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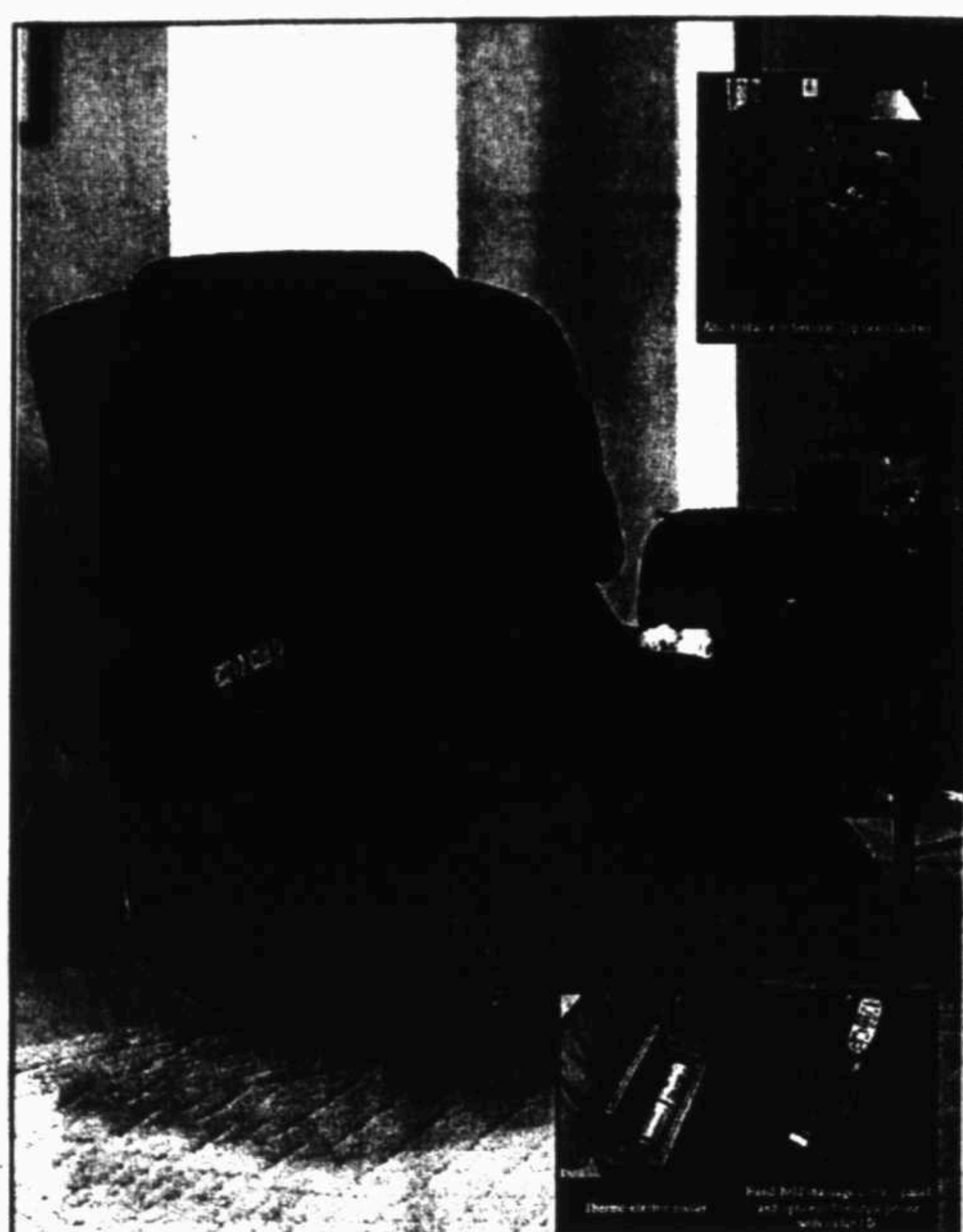
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But the bells and whistles aren't the only reasons armchair quarterbacks will love "Oasis"—this chair is as comfortable as it is unique. Plush and overstuffed, "Oasis" offers mounds of soft seating that span 41-inches from arm to arm. And it's curved back design



and sectioned wings will cradle even the toughest sports fanatic.

"Who needs skybox seats when you can get front-row luxury in your own living room?" said Carter. "Oasis" is the ultimate recliner for the true sports fan. Combined with our famous La-Z-Boy comfort and quality, there's no denying that this is definitely the coolest recliner in America."

"Oasis" is available in a wide array of fabrics and leathers—chairs upholstered in team colors will be available later this year—and is priced to retail around \$899. Carter's Furniture located at 501 E. Illinois is one of more than 6,000 La-Z-Boy retailers located throughout the United States. Headquartered in Monroe, Mich., La-Z-Boy is one of the nation's largest manufacturers of upholstered furniture and the world's leading producer of reclining chairs.

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Two Internet stock promoters found shot to death in mansion

COLT'S NECK, N.J. (AP) — Two men who promoted penny stocks via the Internet were shot to death gangland-style inside a mansion in a crime that has baffled investigators.

"This was an execution. Reasons, we're not certain yet," Monmouth County Prosecutor John Kaye said.

Friends found Alain Chalem, 41, and Mayir Lehmann, 37, face down early Tuesday on the marble floor of the estate Chalem shared with his girlfriend and her 13-year-old son.

Chalem had been shot in the chest and five times in the head, while Lehmann, who lived in Woodmere, N.Y., was shot in the leg and once in the back of the head. Their cellular telephones were inches from their hands.

The men promoted stocks for investors on a Web site operated from the mansion. Investigators said they had no idea if the trading had anything to do with their slayings. And Kaye said there was no sign of burglary.

The prosecutor said he had no

suspects and no murder weapon.

"In this county, there are about a dozen homicides a year and they are not 'whodunits,'" Kaye said. "This is an unusual killing."

Chalem had lived on the 16-acre estate for seven or eight months with Kimberly Scarola, 39, and her son. Ms. Scarola had gone to Florida, several days before the shootings, and her son was with her ex-husband, Kaye said.

Friends found the wrought-iron gates to the home open, the front door unlocked and no signs of forced entry. The white brick home with a towering fountain is in a wealthy community of 8,500 about an hour from New York City.

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Staff Writer

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Hurta voted to Appraisal District board

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

In a 4-0 vote, the Midland County Commissioners' Court on Wednesday cast its allotted 563 votes out of a pool of 5,000 ballots for Midland banker David Hurta to be the county's representative on the five-member Midland Central Appraisal District board of directors.

And in a related resolution, the court also cast a unanimous vote to "proceed with the concept of a five-member" MCAD board of directors.

The court, in a 3 to 0 vote in mid-October, had nominated Hurta, 50, to succeed Walt Holton, who has been the county's representative on the MCAD board since 1981.

The five-member board sets policy for the MCAD, which is governed by Texas statute and the Texas Tax Code. Through its appraisers, the MCAD values county-wide property for ad valorem (property) tax purposes.

"Why isn't the college and the hospital represented (on the MCAD board)?" Commissioner Randy Prude asked in noting that the MCAD board is without representation by Midland College and the Midland County Hospital District that includes Midland Memorial Hospital.

The MCAD board membership is made up of five directors appointed by votes cast by the Midland Independent School District trustees, the Midland City Council, the Midland County Commissioners' Court, and by the Greenwood

ISD trustees. The Midland ISD trustees command almost 64 percent of the votes: 3,192 out of 5,000.

Midland County Tax Assessor-Collector Kathy Reeves is a nonvoting, ex-officio member of the MCAD board.

"It doesn't seem fair that it's not really a representative deal," Prude said, adding "that nothing that any of the other entities do or say matters" since Midland ISD appointees make the majority vote: three out of five.

Texas law governing the state's 254 appraisal districts "provides for the cities, counties, and school districts" to cast votes and to have representatives on appraisal-district boards, according to Midland County Attorney Russell Malm. "It (the statute) applies to every county,

every city, every school district, every appraisal district in the state."

To expand the board makeup to include representatives of other taxing entities, such as the college and hospital districts, would require an amendment to the statute, Malm said. "It's not a statute that just applies to Midland County."

The concern for expanded representation on appraisal-district boards "apparently it is a statewide issue," Prude said. "On the mathematical formula, the school board automatically controls everything that happens on that board" since the public-school district collects the majority of property taxes county-wide.

Simply, the rule is this: Whoever col-

lects the most taxes gets the most votes.

In Midland's case, the MISD collects almost 64 percent (\$60.4 million) of the approximately \$95 million in property taxes collected by the four entities: MISD, the city of Midland, Midland County and Greenwood ISD. Overall, MISD collects 55 percent of the \$110 million in taxes collected by the six county-wide entities: the public schools, city, county, hospital district and the college.

The current setup "may be good; it may be bad," Prude said. "I'm not saying whether it's good or bad. It's not mathematically representative. But I can't solve the problem. Apparently, I thought we could do something about it.

Please see COMMISSIONERS/3B

Porras trial Prosecution rests its case

By Art Sinclair
Staff Writer

The prosecution has rested its case in the Porras-Blakely fraud trial, in U.S. District Court in Midland. Special Agent Don Copeland of the Internal Revenue Service finished two days of intermittent testimony at midmorning Wednesday. The final witness called by Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark Roomberg was an expert on trust matters, Robert Sommers, of San Francisco, who is noted for his involvement in fraud cases, which involve various types of trusts. Sommers is a syndicated columnist who writes for the San Francisco Examiner.

Sommers described the legal requirements for a legal trust. He then spent 20 or 30 minutes describing various sham trusts he has encountered, both in his law practice and a number of illegal trusts described in his column. Sommers also has a Web site where he answers queries about both legal and illegal trust.

Asked whether the trusts in the Porras case met all the requirements of a legal trust, Sommers replied, "The Christi trust setup, by Mrs. Blakely's father, funded by property he acquired during his lifetime, appears to be a legitimate trust with Mrs. Lucille Christi Blakely as the sole beneficiary."

Roomberg followed up with a question about the questionable Lucille Christi Blakely trust in which her son David Porras and his partner Bill Edmiston placed both corporate and individual assets. "In my opinion," Sommers said, "it is a sham trust. A legitimate trust

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Physics is fun!



Thomas Landry demonstrates how sound waves created from beating a brass drum can blow over a piece of paper.

Bush hosts physics program

From Staff Reports

Bush Elementary School hosted a Mobile Ed Productions "Physics is Fun" activity Wednesday. This activity allowed students to learn about Sir Isaac Newton and his laws of physics, as well as the inventions of Robert Van de Graff and Nikola Tesla. "Van de Graff and Tesla pioneered experiments in static electricity and are responsible for many modern pieces of electronics we have today," said Jill Arthur, Bush's principal.

Ms. Arthur also said students learn about gyroscopes, with large working models presented to the audience. The program ended with a segment dealing with Newton's third law, the law of action and reaction. In this segment, the audience is introduced to a pulse ram engine. Mobile Ed Productions explained how Newton's Third Law applies to jet engines. For more information call Jennifer Galloway or Sandra Love at 689-1870.



Garret Luna, a fifth-grader at Bush elementary, volunteers for an experiment demonstrating motion and a spinning wheel.

Photos by Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Lighter sparks blaze, officials say

By Rick McLaughlin
Staff Writer

A 4-year-old boy playing with a cigarette lighter appears to be the cause of a residential fire Wednesday afternoon at the Ashton Way Apartments, 2610 N. Midland Drive., according to Midland Fire Inspector Stuart A. Sherman.

"The incident is still under investigation, but the preliminary investigation indicates the cause was a 4-year old boy playing with a cigarette lighter. He admitted he did it and the evidence seems to point in that direction," said Sherman.

No one was injured and damage was limited mostly to heavy smoke damage and some heat damage caused by a smoldering mattress, which was pulled from the house and soaked with water in the yard of the apartment fourplex.

Two other units in the fourplex suffered some smoke damage, said Sher-



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram
A Midland firefighter drags a smoldering mattress out of an apartment at Ashton Way Wednesday afternoon. The fire, which caused heavy smoke damage, was ignited by a boy playing with matches and lighters, officials said.

man. Ventilator fans were used to air the units.

Firefighters from the central station were called to the complex of 178 apartments about 3:25 p.m. with 12 firefighters and five units, including three engines, an ambulance and a rescue unit.

Hospital finances feel impact of Balanced Budget Act

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Midland Memorial Hospital posted an operating loss in September, the first loss since 1985 as the hospital feels the effects of the federal Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

As the hospital closed the books on its fiscal year, which ended in September, it was reported the hospital had operating revenues of \$8.83 million in September and operating expenses of \$9.66 million, leaving a deficit of \$857,000 for the month. For the year, the hospital had revenues of \$121.9 million, expenses of \$120.3 million, leaving an operating

excess of \$1.6 million for the year.

Bob Dimit, president of the Midland County Hospital District Board of Directors, said at Wednesday's monthly meeting that the hospital is lucky it is run efficiently enough that it can sustain a nearly \$1 million loss, but other hospitals, particularly rural hospitals, are not that strong financially.

"The Balanced Budget Act could be the death of a lot of the medical infrastructure, especially in rural areas," he said.

Lawrence Sanz, vice president of finance for the hospital, explained that the act is affecting the hospital — and other hospitals throughout the country — in several ways, primarily by reducing the

reimbursement hospitals receive for bad Medicare debt from 100 percent to 60 percent, and in reducing the increase in payments hospitals receive under the Diagnostic Related Group contract.

Dimit said that the hospital's finances were performing acceptably until August, when it broke even, and September, when it posted a loss. What concerns him is the steep growth in what are called contractual reductions, the discounts the hospital is contractually obligated to give insurers under managed care plans and the government for Medicare and Medicaid participation.

Please see HOSPITAL/3B

Big Spring-Star Tek deal hits another financial snag

By Art Sinclair
Staff Writer

Uneasiness dominated the mood of the Moore Development of Big Spring board of directors Wednesday afternoon as the final agreement with Star Tek has hit another financial snag. Officials of the Star Tek call center are now telling the Moore board that they must loan Star Tek USA \$2.5 million before they will open a center in Big Spring. Members of Star Tek management spent last week in Big Spring hiring a management team.

Everything seemed to be in order with Star Tek's signing of the general agreement with the Moore board. Now officials say the company executive who signed the agreement was not fully authorized to enter into such an agreement.

Star Tek USA officials bluntly told Moore board officials that the only thing Big Spring had going for it was the anti-

pated \$2.5 million loan, which the parent corporation refuses to guarantee.

There is also a dispute over collateralization of the loan. The only collateral would be the computer and office equipment, which depreciates rapidly in value. At this point, Star Tek has not even agreed to put up the equipment as collateral.

Charles Beil, president of the Moore Board said after the meeting, "The bottom line is: 'Do we want to loan them \$2.5 million for approximately 375 jobs?'"

Western Container, which recently moved its administrative staff to Midland, was the next issue faced by the Moore board. Alf Marsh, general manager of Western Container-Big Spring requested a \$350,000 grant to build new offices for the Big Spring facility.

"I plan to ask corporate for \$6 million in capital this next

Please see STAR TEK/3B

Ed Todd

Want a quick gathering? Ring the dinner bell — they'll come runnin'

If you want to get folk together posthaste, just ring the dinner bell. They'll not tarry unless there's something they've just got to do that overpowers hunger. Imagine that!

The dinner bell, in all of its forms, works on critters, too. Hunger is a strong motivator. They'll show up if the fixings are appealing and, here's the crux, if they are not already satiated. And in that sense, and others, man and beast share much kinship.

My grandparents had an old dinner bell between the back



Todd

porch and the smokehouse. And when grandmother had the garden-rich dinner, the main noon meal for working folk, prepared and ready to be served, she or one of the young'uns would pull the rope that tilted the bell which, again and again, would bang up against the clapper and sing a timely note.

Today's social-gathering bell, the invitation, draws folk together. Whatever the occasion, to honor or to celebrate, a common draw seems to be food and, occasionally, music.

Without the good eats, the turnout surely would suffer and, certainly, the humor would.

A full belly seems to temper the restless soul, makes for conversation outside the hunger realm, tempts acquaintances and strangers to be friends and to be polite, and makes way for philosophical com-

ment.

Yes, much, if not all, is well when there is food a plenty, which suggests prosperity. Crankiness subsides.

Now, my critters, known by Herd, Stringfoot, Scratch and the winged Greyhound and family, are quite content when their plate is full of scrumptious vittles, and their food supply is not threatened.

Of all the critters, the dog has the seemingly highest survival instinct. Her snarl and nip are quick teaching tools to warn any intruder to keep away from her dinner plate. The more prized the meal, the more caution I, as provider, exercise.

It is good and wise to respect critters' proclivities.

But the message which I have gleaned through

the years from home-prepared meals is simply this: It is more than a token of love and well-wishing. Good cooking is love in action.

When mother and grandmother and, from time to time, the aunts and sisters-in-law, and friends offered up meals, the act was well-intentioned. It assured survival for a time. It was love — as in goodwill.

Food is a basic need and takes precedence over clothing and shelter, though that may be hard to image in our society, where food is plentiful. But this sustenance called food is the world's number-one drawing card.

Ed Todd is a writer for The Midland Reporter-Telegram.

Area briefs

Green performs

Recording artist Pat Green performs at The Ranch 4400 N. Big Spring St. at 9 p.m. tonight. Green, who has opened for such entertainers

as Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, Jerry Jeff Walker and Robert Earl Keen, is on tour promoting his latest CD entitled "Live at Billy Bob's." Tickets are \$10. For more information call 682-5911.

Today's Agenda

For information on checking out books, library hours and how to get a library card, call the Midland County Library at 688-8991.

The Permian Basin Stamp Club will meet at the General Mail Facility, Midland International Airport, 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome. For more information, call Mike Cherrington at 699-0202.

Flatlanders Toastmasters Club, Chevron Bldg., 15 Smith Rd., 11:30-12:30 p.m., 987-7286.

Post traumatic stress disorder support group for women, 6 p.m., Community National Bank, 601 E. Florida Ave., 570-9412.

Optimist Club of Midland, noon, Best Western Side-walk Cafe.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) No. Tx139, 7 p.m., 1007 Austin St., 694-8643.

Project ADAM, (Alternatives to Domestic Assault for Men), 570-0467.

Midland Gem and Mineral Society, 7 p.m., Sibley Center by SE entrance of Hogan Park. Call 686-7442.

Permian Toastmasters, noon, Permian Basin Graduate Center, 684-0044.

Parents Anonymous, 7 p.m., for location and other information, 570-1084.

Survivors of Homicide Support Group, 7:30 p.m., second-floor classroom at law-enforcement building, 400 S. Main St., 688-8909.

Northside Lions Club 7:30 a.m., Plaza Club at Clay-Desta, 694-5624.

National Association of Retired Federal Employees 6 p.m., Mr. Gatti's.

Overeaters Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., 408 South G St.

Compulsive Eaters Anonymous, noon, First United Methodist Church, 694-2860.

Palmer Drug Abuse Program Parent Group, 7 p.m., second floor First Baptist Church, 685-3645.

POLICE REPORTS

Midland Police Department Tuesday

Assault: Assault by terroristic threat was reported at 505 S. Tilden St. at 5:29 p.m.

Theft: Theft was reported at 4400 W. Wadley Ave. at 7:17 p.m.

Robbery: Attempted aggravated robbery of a pizza delivery driver was reported at 1221 E. Oak Ave.

Midland County Sheriff's Office Wednesday

Auto theft: A green 1998

Jeep Cherokee was reported stolen at 1205 W. County Road 137 at 12:22 p.m.

Theft: Theft was reported at 2406 W. County Road 123 at 2:01 p.m.

Burglary: Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported at 1904 S. Ranking Highway at 9:30 a.m.

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

PORRAS: Witness defined legal and sham trusts to jury

(From 1B)

must have a trustee who protects the interest of the designated beneficiary. In this case, Ms. Blakeley is the designated trustee, but David Porras and Bill Edmiston received regular disbursements from the trust.

"Furthermore, it is the responsibility of an individual or trustee to pay taxes on money earned. There were no fiduciary tax returns filed in a timely manner. In my opinion, the Lucille Christi

Blakely trust does not qualify as a legitimate trust under regulations set out by the Internal Revenue Service."

Sommers concluded his testimony at 11:25 Wednesday morning and U.S. District Judge Royal Furgeson recessed the trial until this morning at 9 a.m., when the Defense is expected to begin its case which is expected to take a couple of days. The case is expected to go to the jury on Monday or Tuesday of next week.

McConaughy's lawyers to ask county attorney to dismiss charge

AUSTIN (AP) — The lawyer for actor Matthew McConaughy wants to meet with the Travis County attorney to ask that a charge stemming from an early morning disturbance be dismissed.

Fred Weber, the actor's lawyer, said he will ask Travis County Attorney Ken Oden to drop a charge of resisting transportation against the 29-year-old actor.

"Once they get all their paperwork in, we'll see if there is some way to resolve it," Weber said. "Hopefully we can get (Oden) to dismiss it."

Weber said the search on McConaughy's home was illegal.

"They went into his house without any type of warrant, the police were in a place they shouldn't have been," he said.

OBITUARIES



Elisa Garibay

Elisa Salazar Garibay, 52, died Tuesday, October 26, 1999 at Memorial Hospital and Medical Center. She was born on November 17, 1946 in Midland where she was raised and educated. She was a homemaker most of her life. She volunteered at Crockett Elementary for several years and was involved in various church and community service projects. She was a former member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church and a current member of Our Lady of San Juan Catholic Church.

A Vigil Service is scheduled for Thursday, October 28, at 7:30 p.m. at Reyes-Garcia Chapel. The funeral Mass will be held on Friday, October 29 at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of San Juan Catholic Church with Father Thomas C. Kelley officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery. The funeral arrangements are under the direction of Reyes-Garcia Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Walter Garibay Jr., Sammy Gutierrez, Adam Munoz, Vicente Hernandez Jr., Ralph Hernandez, Arthur Salazar Jr. and Edward Sotelo.

Survivors include her husband, Edward F. Garibay Sr. of Midland; two sons and their wives, Edward Jr. and Ruth Garibay of Seattle, Washington and Cipriano and Elizabeth Garibay of Niles, Michigan; her parents, Miguel B. and Lila Hernandez of Midland; five brothers, Arturo Salazar, John Hernandez, Vicente Hernandez, Mike Hernandez and Adolfo Hernandez, all of Midland; four sisters, Delia Jimenez of Lubbock, Flora Munoz of Midland, Linda Sotelo of Monahans and Viola Hernandez of Midland; four grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Memorials may be directed to Our Lady of San Juan Catholic Church, 1008 W. New Jersey, Midland, Texas 79701.

discharged on November 10, 1945. He met and later married Louisa Costilla on January 25, 1947 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Midland. He was employed with Energas Company formerly known as Pioneer Natural Gas Company for 35 years and retired in February 1987. He was a life time parishioner at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

The funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, October 28 at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Art Flores officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery. The funeral arrangements are under the direction of Reyes-Garcia Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Jason Armendariz, Anthony Paredes, Nicholas Corrales, Steve Paredes, Raymond Revilla Jr. and Samuel Lerma. Honorary pallbearers are Carlos Romero, Arthur Salazar and Jeremy Armendariz.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Victoriano and Sabina Armendariz; a brother, Adisado Armendariz; a sister, Ausencia A. Bustillos; a daughter, Maria Armendariz; a son, Marcelino Armendariz; and three grandchildren, Cecilia Villarreal, and Robert and Jennifer Ann Romero.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Louisa Costilla Armendariz of Midland; three sons, Terry Armendariz, Paul Armendariz and wife, Anna, and Marcelino Armendariz and wife, Hilda; six daughters, Josie Villarreal and husband, Martin of Las Vegas, NV, Teresa Revilla and husband, Raymond Sr. of San Antonio, Mary Armendariz of Midland, Patsy Byrd and husband, Billy of Midland, Gracie Corrales and husband, Moses M. of Midland, and Diana Mendez and husband, Mitchell of Midland; three brothers, Cristino Armendariz, Jesse Armendariz and Victoriano Armendariz, all of Midland; four sisters, Nancy Rodriguez and Minnie Lopez, both of Midland, and Frances Armendariz and Lupe Ramirez, both of Dallas; 21 grandchildren, Elisa Paredes, Anna Gonzalez, Isabel Villarreal, Jason and Veronica Armendariz, Samuel Lerma, Jeremy and Amber Armendariz, Angelica and Jennifer Navarette, Jessica and Carlos Romero, Raymond Revilla Jr., Nicholas, Monique and Madison Corrales, Arthur and Ashley Salazar, Vicente, Miryera and Lorzano Mendez; nine great-grandchildren, Anthony and Alexandra Paredes, Amanda and Ava Gonzalez, Valerie and Samantha Lerma, Alec Armendariz, Raymond Revilla III and Jonathan Rodriguez; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Memorials may be directed to Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine, P.O. Box 7, Midland, Texas 79702.



Linden Howell

Linden Heck Howell died on Saturday, October 23, 1999 in Key West, Florida. She was born in the newly built Midland Memorial Hospital on January 3, 1953, attended public schools in

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Deadline for both free death notices and paid obituaries is 3:30 p.m. and information must be either received from or verified by a funeral home.

Midland and was graduated from Lee High School in 1971. She was one of 33 honor graduates in that class and participated in many extra curricular activities. She earned speech and debate letters, 3 academic letters, and was editor-in-chief of the Rebel Lee yearbook. She was a Charter Pickwick Player at Midland Community Theatre. Other honors included the National Honor Society and the Latin National Honor Society, Girls' State and National Merit Commended Student, and American High School Who's Who.

In 1975 she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in government from Texas Tech University and in 1979 a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Texas. While attending law school, she worked part-time for the Republican Party of Texas—the beginning of her extended career in politics. In 1979, she became Executive Director of the Nevada Republican Party and remained in that position through the 1980 Reagan-Bush presidential campaign. In 1981 she joined Nevada Senator Paul Laxalt's staff in Washington, D.C. as an administrative aide with the Senate Judiciary Committee. Two years later she joined the staff of Texas Senator John Tower as his Legislative Director. In 1983, she was the political director for the Republican National Committee, the first woman to hold that position. During the 1984 Reagan-Bush campaign, Senator Tower appointed her as campaign director for the State of Texas. After the '84 election, she worked for a short period in the Department of Labor and then left government service for the private sector. While in Washington, D.C., she was an active member of the Junior League.

In 1986-1987 she was the Executive Director of the Center for Office Technology, a consortium to provide information and education regarding new technology in the workplace. In 1988, she returned briefly to politics to manage the campaign of Congresswoman Barbara Vucanovich of the Northern District of Nevada. She then became Vice President of Operations for E.R.I., an environmental research firm in New York. She continued in that job until she married J. William Howell, an executive with IBM. They lived in Annapolis, Maryland until they were transferred to Tokyo. After four years in Japan, they formed Howell Associates to work with IBM and other corporate clients in Hanoi who were reentering that country after trade relations with that country were resumed.

In 1995 they returned to the U.S. and established their home in Portland, Texas. They enjoyed living back in Texas near much of their family, and they loved living on the Gulf Coast because her husband, Bill Howell, had been a "blue water" sailor since his youth. In the bay area she was active in the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church of Corpus Christi, and she had been an active member of the Pi Beta Phi Alumni.

Linden's interests were manifold and she adapted easily to each new environment in which she lived. In Tokyo, she was

Show Chairman of the prestigious Japanese Print Show, sponsored by College Women of Japan. She became a fan of sumo, and she learned to speak Japanese. In Hanoi, she supervised the construction of the first new housing to be built to Western standards in Hanoi, having lived in the Hotel Metropole for the first nine months of their stay. The Far East fascinated her and she became a student of oriental fine arts, especially ceramics, fabrics, florals and Japanese lore.

Upon her return from the Far East, she became Vice-President and General Counsel for Heck Exploration Company, Inc., of Midland, Texas.

Though she had effectively left politics far behind, she still retained the responsibility of civic duty. She was appointed to the Texas Commission on Humanities by Governor George Bush, and had just accepted nomination to a third term as Chairman.

Through her husband's love of "blue water" sailing, she developed her own love of sailing—and she lovingly polished, scraped and painted their acquisition "Wavedancer." She became an expert navigator using all of the newest technology.

While "Wavedancer" was docked in Key West, a pulmonary embolism took her life, a life that had so much more potential yet to offer. Her death was a great tragedy, softened only by the wonderful memories of the past. She lived in Midland half of her life, and she was always at home here. From the Pickwick Players at Midland Community Theatre to selling raffle tickets among the crowds at Summer Mommers, she did everything with ardent fervor. She was, in everything she undertook, the talented enabler. Those in politics who knew her considered her to be the consummate campaigner. To those who knew her socially, she was a vibrant, articulate, entertaining communicator. And to those who loved her splendor in all its forms.

Survivors include her husband, J. William Howell of Portland, Texas; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Heck of Midland; her brother, James A. Heck of Austin and his wife, Cathy, and daughters, Ellen, Julianna and Margaret; and a brother, Douglas G. Heck of Midland and his wife, Claire, and their children, Adam and Sarah. Also surviving are Michael and Sherry Howell of Rockville, Maryland, Christopher Howell of Virginia Beach, VA, Michelle and Abi Temple of Virginia Beach; and four grandchildren.

Memorials in lieu of flowers can be sent to the Texas Council of Humanities, Austin, Texas, or the Institute of Asian Cultures in Corpus Christi, Texas, or Pickwick Players of Midland Community Theatre in Midland, Texas, or to anyone's favorite organization.

A memorial service for Linden Heck Howell will be held at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Midland, Texas at 1 p.m. Saturday, October 30, 1999, following a private interment service. The Reverend Frank Fuller of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church of Corpus Christi, Texas will officiate. Ellis Funeral Home of Midland, Texas is handling the arrangements.

DEATH NOTICES

Bill Orloff

William Frederick Orloff died Wednesday, Oct. 27, at his home.

Funeral services are to be 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, at First United Methodist Church. Burial is to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born May 5, 1923 in Dadeville, Mo.

Junior Gunter Jr.

Rollin Gunter died Tuesday, Oct. 26, at a local hospital.

Funeral services are to be 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 29, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Burial is to follow at Monahans Cemetery.

He was born Sept. 22, 1942 in Monahans.

He was in the trucking and heavy equipment business, until retiring. He was attended West Kentucky Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rollin Sr. and Yelma

Pool Gunter; a brother, Jackie Dale Gunter; and a granddaughter, Kalie Len Gunter.

Survivors include a son, Rollin Gunter III of Santa Anna; three daughters, Sherri Copley of Ballinger, and Stacie Berry and Kim Wilson, both of Coleman; a brother, Jerry Gunter of Midland; eight grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Midland, P. O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702.

Ada Hendrickson

TULSA, OKLA.—Former Midlander Ada Mae Sallee Hendrickson, 89, died Friday, Oct. 15, at a Tulsa hospital.

Graveside services were 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18, at the I.O.O.F. Cemetery with the Rev. Calvin Brannon officiating under the direction of Grace Memorial Chapel.

She was born Dec. 27, 1909 at Newkirk, Okla. She also lived in Iowa and the

Ponca City, Okla. area. She was a teacher.

She was preceded in death by her husband, T. R. Hendrickson; two sisters, Mary Ellen Rains and Ester Sutherland; and a brother, Howard Sallee.

Survivors include a brother, Menard Sallee of Claremont, Calif.; four nieces and a nephew.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church of your choice.

David Gifford Sr.

ROWENA—David Alan Gifford Sr., 37, brother of Midlander Becky Kunkel, died Tuesday, Oct. 26 near Miles.

Masonic graveside services are to be 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 29, in the Old Rannels Cemetery with the Rev. Myron Halford officiating. Visitation will be 6 p.m. Thursday at Rains-Seale Funeral Home in Ballinger.

He was born April 13, 1962 in San Angelo.

He was a mechanic for Paske Shop in Ballinger. He was a mem-

ber of Ballinger Masonic Lodge #643 and Crossroads Gun Club of Rowena.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Meagan Erynn Gifford; a brother, Arlin Lynn Gifford; and his father, Jimmie Gifford Sr.

Other survivors include his wife, Christy Lancaster Gifford of Rowena; three children, Amber Gifford of Junction, and David Gifford Jr. and Patricia Gifford, both of Rowena; his mother and stepfather, Lola and Bill Dean of Ballinger; a brother, Jimmie Gifford Jr. of La Grange; his grandmother, Lorene Anderson of Ballinger; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Eva Saenz

STANTON—Eva Saenz, 46, died Monday, Oct. 25, in Midland.

Funeral services are to be 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 28 at St. Joseph Catholic Church with the Rev. Arturo Pestin and the Rev. Ernie Sanchez officiating. Burial is to follow at St. Joseph Catholic

Church under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel.

She was born Oct. 1, 1953 in Brownfield.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and a Cursillista. She was a teacher at Stanton Headstart for 13 years.

Survivors include her husband, Adan Saenz; a son, Matthew Saenz; two daughters, Maria

Saenz and Hope Saenz; her father, Cruz Arguello, all of Stanton; four sisters, Sally Hinojosa and Josie Armendariz, both of Stanton, Damiana Cordova of Austin and Andrea Aguirre of Odessa; and a brother, Frank Arguello of Round Rock.

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HOSPITAL: Board president foresees future losses because of act

(From 1B)

Unless the hospital finds ways to adjust to the ramifications of the Balanced Budget Act, Dimit said, "we'll see these losses every month."

He said preliminary efforts to address the issue are plans to "look at operations that lose us money and if we're going to be able to continue those services, to be more efficient on the cost side, not have as much wastage. And we do have some control in negotiating contracts outside of the government."

Another hope, he said, is the fact that the government has delayed or allowed hospitals to ignore a number of initiatives contained in

the act because of their financial impact on hospitals. And, he said, industry groups are lobbying government to make changes to the regulations to ease the financial impact on hospitals.

"We want to cut costs and make the industry more efficient, but right now we're destroying infrastructure," he said.

Still, Dimit said, the hospital's liabilities and long-term debt have dropped sharply and the fund balance posted a 5 percent growth for the year.

In other action, the board approved two renovations to the hospital:

■ Board members accepted a

bid from Campbell Construction to add a third operating room to the hospital's Surgi-Care unit.

■ Board members also agreed to solicit bids to renovate the hospital's oncology unit, a project estimated at \$2.3 million. Margaret Robinson, director of patient services, said that area has not been renovated since 1970. She added that \$1.88 million of the funds for the renovation come from the state's settlement with the tobacco industry, which the hospital received earlier this year. There is also a chance, she said, the hospital will receive additional funds from the settlement this fiscal year. The renovation is expected to begin in

April and last into next fall.

The hospital will host an open house Nov. 16 for its new Heart Institute and adjacent catheter labs, which are expected to be put in use in mid-November.

Dr. Harold Rubin, hospital president, reviewed accomplishments for the year and cited accreditations received by the Joint Commission on Hospital Accreditation, the Council on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities and the American College of Surgeons. Another accomplishment, he said, was the sale of the hospital's interest in HMO of Southwest Texas to Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Texas for \$1.2 million.

STAR TEK: Other deals discussed

(From 1B)

year to purchase new, faster equipment to keep our competitive edge. We are closing down four more lines this next month and sending them to our new Hattisberg plant. They can produce bottles for less money with their new streamlined equipment."

Barbara Morrison, director of human resources for Western Container-Big Spring, spoke highly of the Big Spring team. "We have the highest efficiency of all our five other facilities even with our slow machines. If corporate allows us to rebuild the lines replacing old machines with modern, faster machines, we will insure the future of Western Container-Big Spring."

Morris predicted that, with the new machines, the Big Spring facility could increase its productivity 60 percent within the next five years. The board voted to approve the grant of \$350,000 to Western Container as a vote of confidence for the Coca-Cola-owned company. President Beil called Western Container, "One of the best business neighbors we have."

The management team of the

Total-Fina Refinery in Big Spring asked the board for \$25,000 to help cover legal fees in their attempt to execute a management buy out of the Southwest division properties of Fina Refining. There are a total of nine bidders for the refinery at this time.

Company officials of Fina say they still hope to conclude a sale of the Fina refinery interests by the first of the year. The Moore board voted unanimously to grant the management group the \$25,000, in hopes that the refinery could be kept in local hands.

The final item on the Moore board agenda at Wednesday's meeting was approval of an incentive plan for Solitaire Homes of Oklahoma. Solitaire is one of the most respected manufactured housing builders in the nation and has been for more than 30 years.

Solitaire has expressed interest in opening a facility in Big Spring utilizing the space recently vacated by Signal Homes, which employed 100 workers. The motion was tabled in lieu of receiving further information for Solitaire Homes.

COMMISSIONERS: District members vote without MISD coercion

(From 1B)

But it's a statewide issue."

Bob Dimit, who is president of the Midland County Hospital District board of directors, said on Wednesday that the hospital board "would like to have a say in the appraisal district" and is "absolutely interested" in that function.

Charlene Wurtz Romero, president of the Midland College board of trustees, was not immediately available for comment.

Midland County Judge Bill Morrow noted that David Grimes, a veteran MCAD board member appointed by the Midland ISD trustees, told him that he "never has been instructed how to vote by the school board on any matter."

Grimes noted that the Midland ISD trustees "trust the people that they have asked to do that" — serve on the MCAD board. "Never once have they indicated how I should vote, or how we (directors) should act as a group," Grimes said. "They leave it up to

the best judgment of the people who are willing to serve."

"There's no other reason to be on there if you are not trying to do your best" to serve the community, Grimes said. "The appointed MCAD board members 'have to comply with what the (Texas) Legislature says. It is a state-of-Texas deal."

Prude noted that Morrow had "pointed out that Mr. Grimes said that no one has put any pressure on him to do something" on the MCAD board.

"That wasn't my issue," Prude said. Rather, Prude said that to him "the issue" was fair representation.

"You've got three out of five votes" controlled by Midland ISD appointees to the MCAD board. "It really doesn't matter" how the minority votes are cast.

"The lack of representation is the reason why we (Americans) fought a revolution (from 1775 to 1783)," Prude said. "If somebody is going to do something that affects your family, you'd like to have a say in it."

MHS 1951 football champs in parade

From Staff Reports

Midland High School's 1951 championship Bulldog football team will be represented in force in the school's Homecoming Parade at 6 p.m. today beginning on A Street north of MHS near Wadley-Barron Park.

"We ran off the single-wing formation in those days," recalled Midlander Roy Kimsey, who played wingback and tailback on the 1951 team which won the district championship that year.

"Tugboat" Jones was the team's coach. "It's been 48 years since Mid-

land High has won a district championship," Kimsey noted.

The appearance of almost a score of the team members at the Homecoming event "might serve as an inspiration to springboard them (the 1999 MHS team) hopefully into another district championship," Kimsey said. "Midland High School is doing so well this year" in the football arena.

"Once a Bulldog always a Bulldog," Kimsey said. "Absolutely."

Of the championship team's 39 players, about 30 are living, Kimsey said.

So, far 17 of the 1951 players are to be in the parade, Kimsey said.

Joining Kimsey in the

team's reunion are to be: Dan Black, Bill Erskine, Jesse Hatfield, Bill Leonard, and Dick Spencer, all of Midland; David Breith of Denver City; Keys A. Curry Jr. of Houston; Pete English of Huntsville; Jim Ten Eyck and Jay O. Schlichting, both of Dallas; Robert Keisling of Kent, Wash.; James McKandless of Lubbock; Dan Ratcliff of Waxahachie; Loren Roberts of Abilene; Ronnie Rone of Arlington, and M.A. Rose of Ruidoso, N.M.

Larry Mayfield, who was a 1951 MHS cheerleader now living at Lake Kiowa, is to be at the reunion.

Juvenile offender program unveils new phase

By Rick McLaughlin

Staff Writer

The Midland Police Department's "First Time Offender" program is entering a new phase.

First launched in January of this year, the new program includes contact, by a police officer, with a first-time juvenile offender.

"Now, every first-time offender who enters the program will also be enrolled in a Teen Leadership class that will help them deal with self-esteem, peer pressure, job skills, relationships with peers and help them to realize their mistakes," said Tina Jauz of the Mid-

land Police Department's Office of Public Information.

The first Teen Leadership class will be tonight from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Midland County Justice Court. Future classes will be scheduled after the orientation.

The Midland Police Department has 18 juveniles enrolled in the First Time Offender program. "It is believed that a child's behavior can best be impacted early in life," said Jauz.

The Police Department also recognizes that, too often, the first offense is not subject to criminal penalty. This results in the offenders believing there are no

consequences to their actions.

"Early intervention by police officers in minor or major violations by juveniles should make an impact on the child and parents," said Jauz. "Impact is achieved by the presence of the officer involving parents, and monitoring the child's activity first contact with the criminal justice system. The goal is to decrease the number of subsequent offenses by first time, young offenders," she added.

The MPD received a \$44,689 grant to help fund the First Time Offender program.

United Way ready to wrap up campaign

From Staff Reports

Success stories are what fundraising is all about. The United Way of Midland's 1999 campaign drive has plenty of success stories.

Some of them will be revealed from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at the Midland Hilton and Towers ballroom as the group's 1999 campaign finale luncheon unfolds.

Swing dancers will entertain, and following lunch and a brief program — which will include the United Way finale video, produced by 1999 campaign chairman Bill Dingus and featuring the music of the Dixie Chicks and Acro Permian's own Sue Roseberry — organizers will unveil the total amount raised to benefit United Way of Midland's 16 agencies.

The United Way of Midland's mission statement is, "To increase the organized capacity of people to care for one another."

Midland agencies that benefit from community contributions include the American Red Cross of Southwest Texas; Big Brothers Big Sisters; Boy Scouts; Boys and Girls Club of Midland; Camp Fire, Inc.; Casa de Amigos; CENTERS for Children and Families; Community and Senior Services; Freewill Foster Home; Midland Need to Read; Midland Rape Crisis Center; Palmer Drug Abuse Program; Safe Place (formerly Permian Basin Center for Battered Women and their Children); Girls Scouts of the Permian Basin; Salvation Army and the YMCA.

K. Michael Conaway is the board president of the United Way of Midland and Cynthia Benson is the organization's executive director.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Oct. 28, 1999: You're especially grounded and creative this year. You prosper because of your dealings with others. You're seen as someone who can be trusted. Popularity soars. Opportunity knocks on your door. If you are single, picking the right person could be challenging with as many suitors as you are likely to have. Someone who might be very different, highly educated or from a foreign culture proves to be an excellent choice. If attached, your partner comes through for you. **CANCER** encourages your instinctive responses.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Keep reaching out for others. Listen to a financial guru you know and trust. He has interesting insights that can help you. Conversations illuminate information and give you the status of a confusing situation. You'll learn where another is coming from. Tonight: Bring work home. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Be your ever-cheerful self. You inspire confidence from those in your daily life. Neighbors and siblings understand what you're trying to accomplish. Evaluate news. You might know more than you want to share about what motivates others. Tonight: Errands and a visit with friends. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Beam in what you want. Your sixth sense helps you communicate, especially about money. You don't have to commit to any plan of action until you are ready. Clear out extra work; get a head start on the weekend. Tonight: Treat another to dinner.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Take some time this morning to clear up a personal matter. Another responds favorably to your inquiries because of the sensitivity you demonstrate. Attend a meeting. Don't hesitate to network and reach out for others. Tonight: Beam in what you want. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Despite your good intentions, there might be something about the end result of a job that puts you into a funk. No question about it, you do an excellent job of handling various demands. However, you might want a little more. Tonight: First, check in on a parent. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Listen to feedback and reach out for others at a distance. A friend is demanding, but it's worth it to try to make him happy. Accept an offer that could entail travel, taking a workshop or doing some studying on your own. A call from someone at a distance brings only good news. Tonight: Whatever your idea of fun is. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Your ability to detach makes you a surefire winner. You gain because of your mental capacities and your ability to understand where others come from. Let another add more to your life. Tonight: A must-show. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Others listen to what you say. Your impact is a lot greater than you think. Popularity increases. With all the associations you've made, you have many more options than you are aware of. Listen to what another puts on your plate. Zoom in on what you want. Tonight: Watch a favorite movie or

TV show. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ You're sought after; there is little you have to do. Make a point to get together with others. Your good will and the surrounding positive attitude help clear out any backed-up projects. Let your sense of humor come into play. Schedule a work lunch. Tonight: Nurture a friend. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Allow more spontaneity into your work and you'll find new ways of making money. Make sure you have what you need to network. You make a strong impression on others; they really like what you represent. Tonight: Visit with a special friend. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Recognize how important a child or loved one is to you. Buy a token of your affection during your lunch break. Making another feel good makes you beam all day. Work flows smoothly. Co-workers are in the mood to clear their desks. Tonight: Bring any leftover work home. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Home-related matters could preoccupy you for a good part of the day. Your sense of humor emerges when dealing with someone who is young at heart. You might not always feel this playful at work, but others appreciate your levity. Tonight: Talk up a storm. **BORN TODAY** Actress Julia Roberts (1967), actress Annie Potts (1952), actress Jami Gertz (1965)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Mind Your ABCs

Both vulnerable. South deals.

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♦ 852	♣ A94	♦ QJ7	♣ K8652
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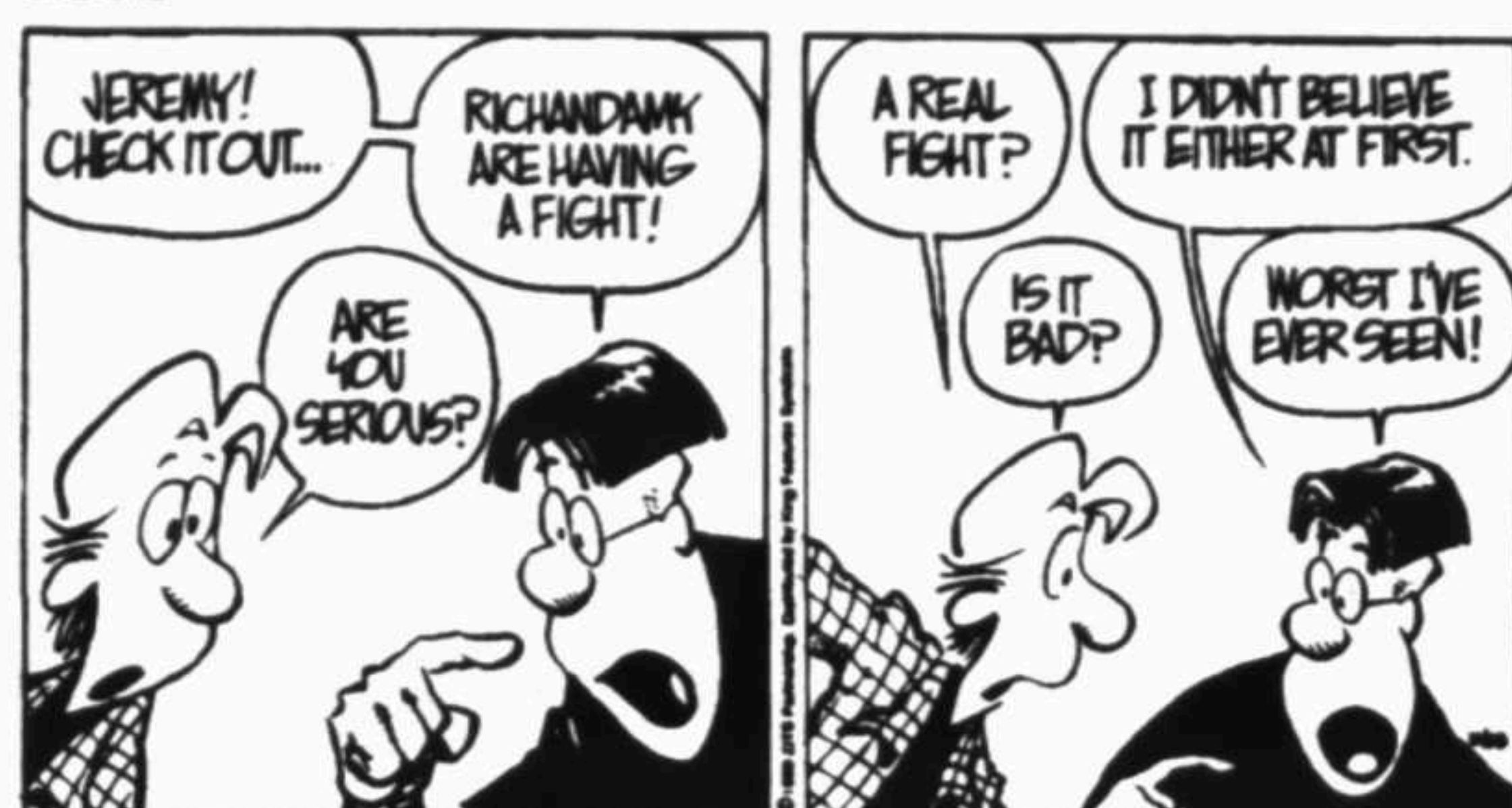
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In the lexicon of bridge, A stands for Avoidance — keeping the danger hand off lead. Considering the trump suit alone, South took an anti-percentage play. However, it was a technical masterpiece and guaranteed the contract at the possible cost of an overtrick. South's two-heart rebid in this sequence promised a six-card suit. Therefore, North could afford to jump to game with confidence. West led the queen of clubs, taken with dummy's ace as declarer discarded a diamond from hand. Holding nine trumps headed by the ace-king, playing for a 2-2 split is the normal way

to tackle the suit. As the cards lie, that would lead to the contract's defeat. As soon as East gained the lead, a diamond shift through South's king would net the defenders three tricks in that suit to go with their trump trick — down one. South appreciated the fact that East was the danger hand and had to be kept off lead if at all possible, so at trick two declarer led a heart from dummy and, when East followed with the eight, declarer inserted the nine. Although that lost to West's 10, the contract was untouchable. Declarer would win any return, draw trumps and then play off four rounds of spades, discarding another diamond on the last spade. Since the ace of diamonds is offside, declarer must still lose two diamond tricks, but that, together with the trump trick already banked, gives the defender only their book.



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DENNIS THE MENACE



"I FORGET... ARE WE CHASING SOMETHING, OR IS SOMETHING CHASING US?"

FAMILY CIRCUS



"Could I take PJ in for 'Show and Tell' tomorrow?"

BABY BLUES



TV TONIGHT

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5	KPEJ	24	5	Home Improvement	Judge Judy 14563	The Night of the Headless Horseman 10428	Action 2848	Mad About The Nanny 98957	48 Hours 45568	News 379916	Jerry Springer 9799	Politically Incorrect	Unhappily Ever After
7	KOSA	7	7	News 7515	Entertain. Tonight	Diagnosis Murder 46312	Chicago Hope: Upstairs, Downstairs 25732	48 Hours 45568	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (TV-14)	News 7795183	Late Show With David Letterman (TV-14)	Politically Incorrect	Unhappily Ever After
9	KWES	9	9	News 2867	Sinfeld 3119	Baseball: World Series, Game 5 857684	Chicago Hope: Upstairs, Downstairs 25732	48 Hours 45568	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (TV-14)	News 137970	Late Show With David Letterman (TV-14)	Politically Incorrect	Unhappily Ever After
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24	BRAV	24	24	Inside Actor's Studio	Inside Actor's Studio	Inside Actor's Studio	Inside Actor's Studio	Inside Actor's Studio	Inside Actor's Studio	Inside Actor's Studio	Inside Actor's Studio	Inside Actor's Studio	Inside Actor's Studio
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PEOPLE TODAY

Foundation honors ex-first ladies

NEW YORK — Former first ladies **Barbara Bush**, **Rosalynn Carter**, **Betty Ford**, **Lady Bird Johnson** and **Nancy Reagan** have been honored for their contributions to health and education.

The Charles A. Dana Foundation gave each woman \$100,000 to be donated to the nonprofit organizations of her choice. The foundation, created in 1950, has donated more than \$249 million to health and education programs.

Mrs. Reagan, 68, was unable to attend the Tuesday night salute because of a fractured rib. But the others were there. "They're heroines to me," said Mrs. Bush, 74. "We rarely get together except for a library opening or a funeral."

SANTA ROSA, Calif. — **Snoopy** is getting a new doghouse in the scenic groves of California's wine country. "Peanuts" creator **Charles Schulz** is planning a 17,000 square-foot museum in Santa Rosa for **Charlie Brown**, **Lucy** and all the other characters in his comic strip.

The Santa Rosa City Council approved zoning for the building Tuesday. Schulz, 77, is expected to apply for a building permit next month.

"I'm thrilled they're going to build it," said Mayor Janet Condon. "A lot of artifacts will be on display. It will be a real tourist attraction."

The museum will feature galleries to display Schulz's work, along with a research center and a 99-seat theater. Schulz started drawing "Peanuts" in 1950 and has lived in Sonoma County for the past 40 years.

NEW YORK — **David Merrick**, producer of Broadway hits including "Hello Dolly" and "42nd Street," is planning to marry his longtime companion, **Natalie Ting Lloyd**.

Merrick's lawyer said he expects Merrick, 88, and the Shanghai-born Ms. Lloyd, 45, to marry "quite soon."

The plan was disclosed last week when Merrick asked that a judgment be entered in the divorce case filed by Etan Merrick, who was his third and fifth wife.

She was granted a divorce four years ago on grounds of abandonment, but the judgment was never entered. Mrs. Merrick opposed entry of the judgment before financial



AP Photo
Former first ladies **Betty Ford**, from left, **Barbara Bush**, **Lady Bird Johnson** and **Rosalynn Carter** were honored Tuesday for their contributions to health and education. **Nancy Reagan** was also honored but was unable to attend the event.

issues like alimony and child support were settled. Merrick's fortune is estimated at \$14 million.

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — **Greg Louganis** has picked up a new habit.

The Olympic gold medal-winning diver is starring in the musical comedy, "Nunsense A-Men," which opens Friday and runs through Dec. 5 at the Hollywood Playhouse.

Louganis, who won four gold medals in two Olympics and later disclosed he was HIV-positive, will pull on a habit six times a week for his role as Sister Robert Ann, a streetwise nun who always wanted to be a star. All the nuns in this production are men.

The former diver, author and motivational speaker says he likes working in an ensemble cast.

"There's always someone there to hold your hand," said Louganis, 39. "It feels more supportive, I guess."

Louganis said he doesn't consider himself a role model.

"We're all human. We all make mistakes," he said Tuesday. "Role model, in my mind, is perfection and one can't be that. I try to encourage young people to be their own heroes and their own role models."

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

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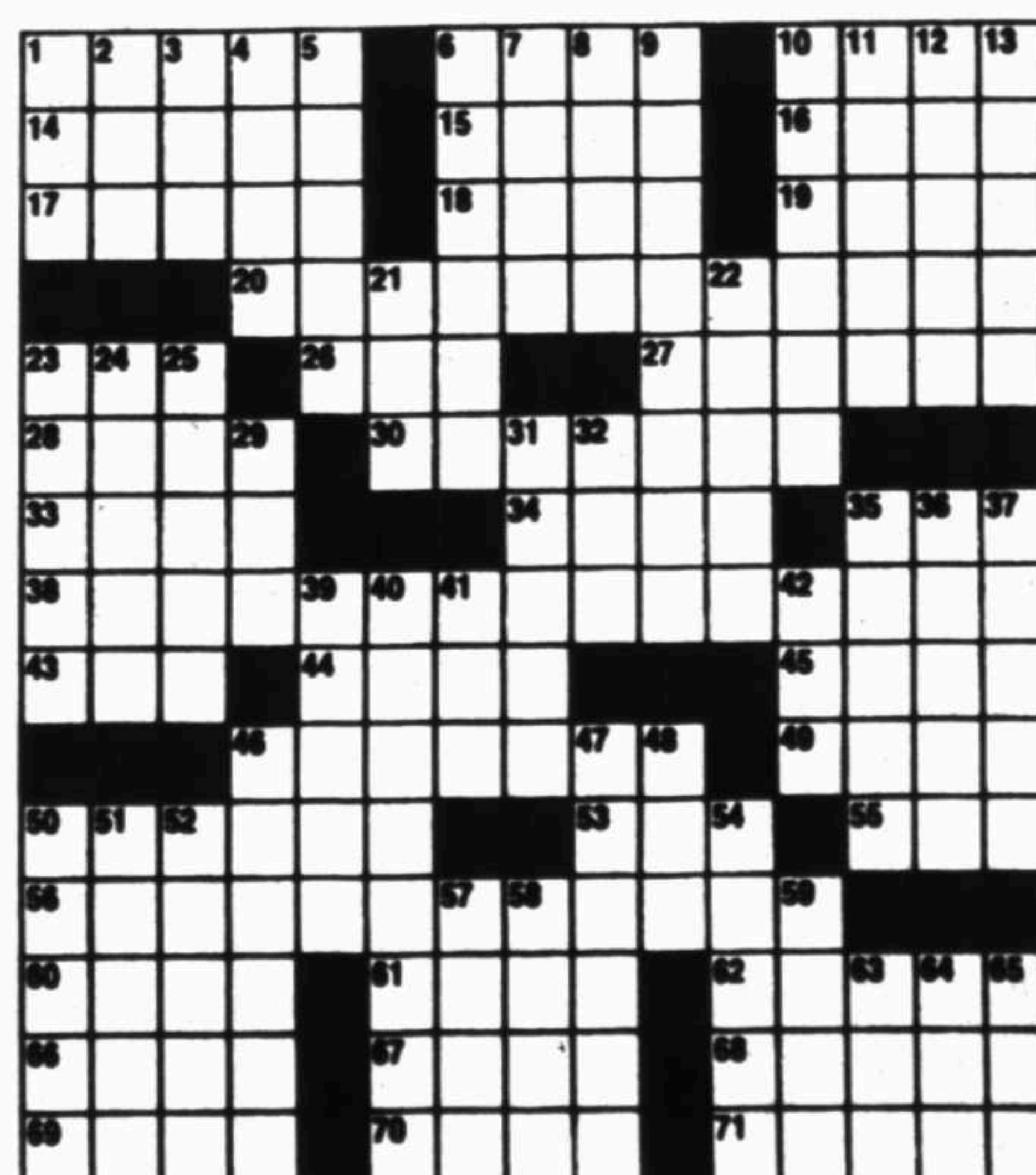
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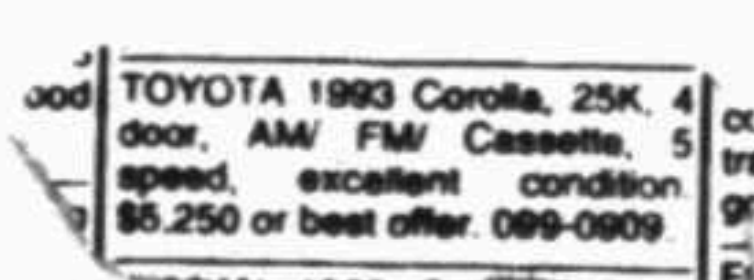
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Fund-raiser alleges Ickes directed Jesse Jackson fund raising

By Pete Yost
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Commerce Department official John Huang has told federal investigators that White House aide Harold Ickes called him at his government office in 1995 and asked him to "round up" donations for the congressional campaign of Jesse Jackson Jr., legal sources say.

Federal law prohibits government employees such as Ickes, who since has left the White House and now advises Hillary Rodham Clinton's prospective Senate campaign, from soliciting campaign donations from subordinates. It is a felony punishable by up to three years in prison.

The Justice Department conducted an initial inquiry into Huang's allegations but concluded there was no need to seek an independent counsel to investigate Ickes, according to legal sources familiar with Huang's testimony.

Huang told the investigators he donated \$1,000 to Jackson and raised an additional \$6,000 to satisfy Ickes' request, the sources told The Associated Press, speaking only on condition of anonymity.

At the time of Ickes' alleged call, the White House was closely watching the plans of Jackson's father, the Rev. Jesse Jackson,

who was weighing a possible challenge to President Clinton as an independent presidential candidate. Ickes had worked in the elder Jackson's 1988 presidential campaign.

Jesse Jackson Jr., now a congressman from Illinois, said Wednesday the FBI interviewed him about three months ago.

"I did not talk to Mr. Ickes during my campaign about fund raising, about raising any money for our efforts and I indicated this to the FBI," Jackson said.

His father, asked whether he had ever talked to the White House about supporting his son's campaign, said, "No. I have no knowledge of that, no recollection of that at all."

The elder Jackson said he had spoken frequently to Ickes in 1995, but "Harold did not do a fund raiser for us" and "to my knowledge" did nothing else. "The only time the administration was involved was when Vice President Gore came out" to Chicago on the eve of young Jackson's election victory, he said.

Ickes, a White deputy chief of staff and architect of Clinton's 1996 re-election, steadfastly has denied breaking any fund-raising laws. Ickes and his lawyers, Robert Bennett and Amy Sabrin, did not return calls this week to their offices seeking comment. Huang's lawyer, Ty Cobb,

declined comment.

The GOP-led House Government Reform Committee, which is investigating fund raising in the 1996 campaign, will consider Thursday whether to grant Huang immunity from prosecution.

That would free the fund-raiser to tell his story in public at a time when Mrs. Clinton is gearing up for a likely New York Senate campaign. Ickes is a key strategist.

Justice officials said the department would not consider Huang a "subordinate" of Ickes under the law even though Huang was a presidential appointee. The officials said Huang's assertion that Ickes asked him to raise money rather than give his own money would not be regarded by prosecutors as a solicitation under the law.

But a legal expert said Ickes' alleged conduct is "so close to the line that certainly it's not what officials should be doing."

"If it doesn't violate the letter of the law, it certainly violates the spirit," Georgetown University law professor Paul Rothstein said.

According to the legal sources, Huang told Justice last winter that Ickes called him at his government office and set up an Oct. 2, 1995, job interview at the White House. Ickes said he was trying to "round up people" to support Jackson and asked Huang to

raise \$10,000 to \$15,000 for Jackson from Asian-Americans, the sources said.

Huang told investigators he believed it was wrong for him to solicit donations under laws regulating federal workers' political activities. But he told Ickes he would try to help. Huang said he left a voice mail message for Ickes that the money had been raised and then took the donations to Jackson's campaign office. Huang told Justice the two never discussed the matter again, and Ickes never gave any indication anything was improper, the sources added.

At the time, Huang was a deputy assistant secretary at the Commerce Department but was seeking Ickes' help to land a job with the Democratic Party for the 1996 election. Huang became a key fund-raiser for the party in the Asian-American community, a job that landed him in hot water.

Huang has been sentenced to probation on charges he conspired to violate federal fund-raising laws.

A brash New Yorker and loyal Clinton defender, Ickes is no stranger to controversy.

Attorney General Janet Reno rejected an independent counsel investigation into allegations that Ickes lied to a Senate committee about Clinton administration efforts on behalf of the Teamsters union in a 1995 strike.

Oil overflow spills into Delaware River

DELAWARE CITY, Del. (AP) — A storage hold overflowing on a barge loading oil from a refinery dock early Wednesday, spilling about 100 barrels of oil into the Delaware River.

A sensitive bird rookery on Pea Patch Island, located less than a mile from the Motiva refinery, wasn't threatened by the spill, officials said. But about a dozen mallards were caught in the oil, and a firm that rescues animals from oil spills was called to assist the cleanup.

A barge crew was pumping oil into the barge before dawn

Wednesday and didn't notice the hold was overflowing until about 100 barrels had spilled, said Jan Morrill, a spokeswoman for Motiva, operated jointly by Shell, Texaco and Saudi Aramco.

Workers tried to contain the spill with booms, but the oil spread several miles down the coast from Delaware City, officials said.

Teams from the refinery, the Delaware Bay and River Cooperative, and the state Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control expected to have the oil cleaned up Thursday.

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Fish story: Caviar crackdown lands importers in federal court

By Tom Hays
Associated Press

NEW YORK — It's a multi-million-dollar plot stretching from Eastern Europe to the United States. Another Russian money laundering scandal? A heroin ring?

No, it's caviar — thousands of pounds of Russian sturgeon roe allegedly smuggled in suitcases, bound for New York City's gourmet stores.

Two businessmen are on trial in Brooklyn federal court in a case that highlights an international endangered-species law and the lucrative black market for the world's finest fish eggs.

Eugeniusz Koczuk, the 48-year-old owner of an import company called Gino International, and his associate Wieslaw Rozbicki, 37, are the first people to be prosecuted under new provisions in the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species. They could get five years in prison and be

forced to forfeit \$2 million if convicted.

Prosecutors say the caviar the men imported was a protected wildlife product that should have been declared to the proper agencies.

Defense attorneys call the case overkill and say their clients are honest importers caught in a complex regulatory web. Rozbicki is "bewildered and feeling quite overwhelmed by all of this," said his lawyer, Roger Adler.

Under provisions of the endangered species agreement, which involves the United States and 142 other countries, three types of Caspian Sea sturgeon were added to a list of threatened animals.

For centuries, the sturgeons' eggs have been harvested to produce prized beluga caviar, as well as lower-grade sevruga and ossetra caviar.

Since last April, anyone carrying more than a half-pound of



AP Photo
Wieslaw Rozbicki, left, and Eugeniusz Koczuk try to hide their faces as they leave Brooklyn Federal Court Tuesday. Rozbicki and Koczuk are on trial for allegedly smuggling thousands of pounds of Russian sturgeon roe, with a retail value of about \$8 million, into the U.S. in suitcases, bound for Manhattan's gourmet outlets.

caviar into the United States must produce permits showing it was legally harvested. The

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service also has begun DNA-testing caviar shipments to make sure

they really contain the premium varieties like beluga, which retails for about \$80 an ounce in the United States.

The regulations are aimed reversing a 70 percent drop in the population of Caspian Sea sturgeon over the last 20 years.

Before the rules went into effect last year, the Fish and Wildlife Service held a seminar for importers and retailers. Koczuk and Rozbicki, who worked out of Koczuk's Connecticut home, signed up.

But investigators say they ignored the restrictions and instead paid off-duty Polish airline employees \$500 each to smuggle tins of Caspian caviar in their luggage on flights from Poland to New York.

Records show the company sold 19,000 pounds of caviar for millions of dollars between April and November of 1998. During that period, the defendants received permission to import only 88 pounds, prose-

cutors said.

The alleged scheme began to unravel when investigators got a tip that seven couriers would be arriving from Warsaw last October. The suspects were met by federal agents, who found "caviar, and nothing but caviar" in 16 suitcases, 1,000 pounds in all — prosecutor Cynthia Monaco said.

A week later, agents raided Koczuk's home and seized another 1,000 pounds of allegedly smuggled caviar from refrigerators in the garage.

Koczuk's attorney, Andrew Bowman, told jurors the defendant had obtained a proper permit, but someone in Poland failed to forward it.

"There is nothing that says that if you are in possession of caviar or you eat caviar or you sell caviar, you are in violation of the law," he said.

Reliable treadmill may be better than high technology

Associated Press

An often-ignored measurement taken during routine treadmill "stress tests" can predict a heart patient's risk of early death even better than many expensive, high-tech approaches, researchers say.

Cleveland Clinic researchers found that the heart's recovery rate — how much the heartbeat slows after someone exercises to exhaustion and stops — can help doctors spot those patients needing aggressive treatment.

That, in turn, could save health care dollars by sparing healthier patients risky follow-up tests and procedures for heart disease, the nation's biggest killer.

"We have so many sophisticated tests to do that we sometimes overlook the obvious," said Dr. Gerald F. Fletcher, a professor at the Mayo Medical School in Jacksonville, Fla.

The study is reported in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

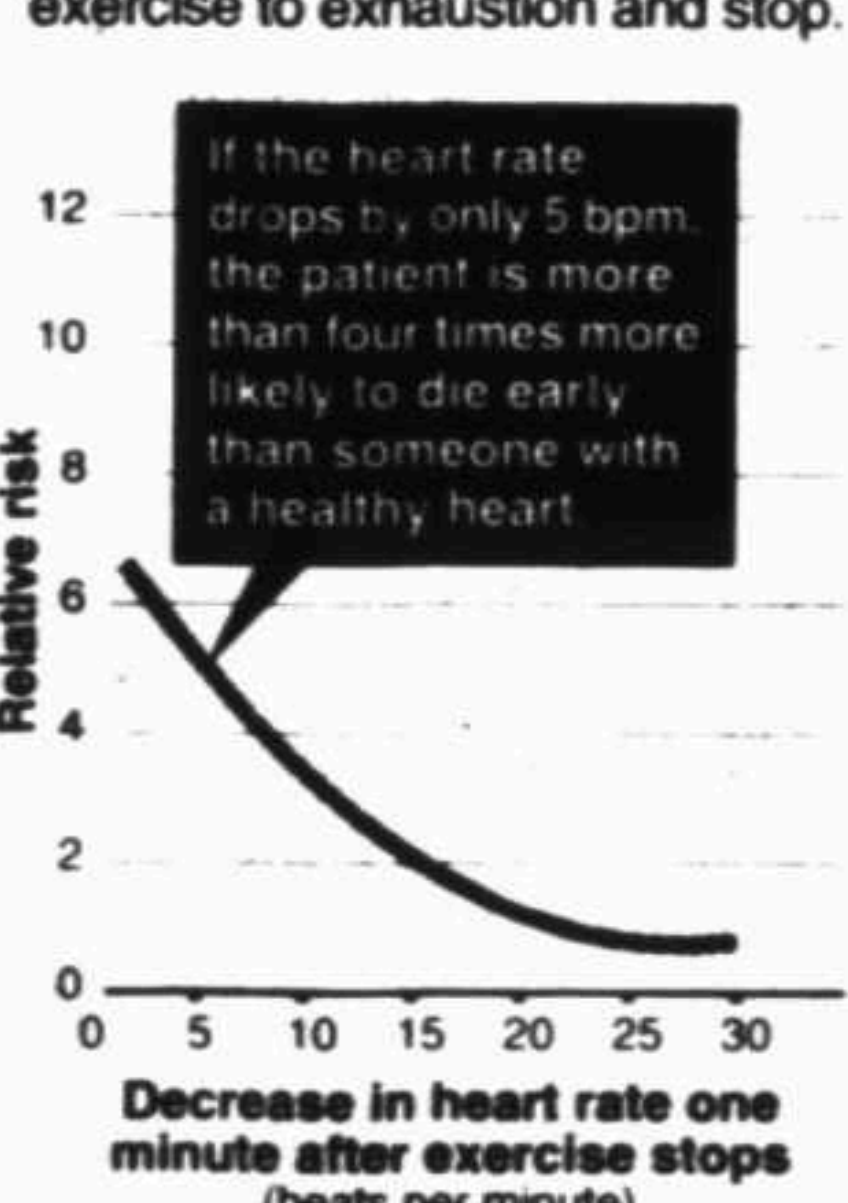
"It's already changed my clinical practice," said Dr. Michael S. Lauer, director of the Cleveland Clinic's exercise laboratory. "It's terrific news."

Exercise stress tests, used since the 1960s, involve having a patient walk on a treadmill while his or her heart rate, blood pressure and the heart's electrical currents are monitored. The test costs about \$600.

Since the mid-1980s and early '90s, however, doctors have used more sophisticated tests also involving a treadmill: stress echocardiograms, or ultrasound

Measuring risk

Researchers have found that heart patients' risk of early death can be predicted by how much their heartbeat slows after they exercise to exhaustion and stop.



images of the heart pumping, costing around \$1,500; a nuclear imaging technique called thallium scintigraphy, costing about \$2,400; and a nuclear "video" showing sections of the heart that are not pumping properly.

Normally, when someone exercises to exhaustion and then stops, the heart rate drops 15 to 25 beats per minute. Lauer and colleagues found that for patients whose heart rate fell less than 12 beats one minute after exercising, the risk of dying within six years was four times greater than for those above the cutoff.

"That was the number that best discriminated between people who were going to live and people who were going to die," Lauer

Researchers found that the heart's recovery rate — how much the heartbeat slows after someone exercises to exhaustion and stops — can help doctors spot those patients needing aggressive treatment.

Normally doctors focus on other results from a treadmill test: how the patient feels, his endurance, how much his heart rate increases, and changes in the heart's electrical currents.

Fletcher said the study convinced him doctors should add heart-rate recovery to those four factors to get the best picture.

The researchers studied records from standard treadmill stress tests of 2,428 adults treated at the clinic for suspected heart problems from 1990 through 1993.

The researchers found 19 per-

cent of patients whose heart slowed less than 12 beats per minute in the first minute after exercise were dead within six years. Of those with a normal heart-rate recovery, only 5 percent died in that time.

After adjusting for the patients' age, medication use, heart rate during exercise and at rest, and other factors, the patients with abnormally low heart-rate recovery still were twice as likely to die.

"That may throw a flag up that maybe this person's at greater risk and they need to be watched closely," said John M. Jakicic, a pro-

fessor at Brown University School of Medicine.

Lauer said the recovery rate as measured by a treadmill test was twice as good as thallium scintigraphy at predicting death.

Patients who are thought to have heart problems during initial testing sometimes undergo heart bypass operations or angioplasty, in which a tiny balloon is threaded into an artery to clear away a clog. These procedures can cost tens of thousands of dollars, and the complications can include bleeding, heart attack, stroke and death.

Heart-rate recovery could be an indicator of some other risk factor, given that scientists don't fully understand how hormones and electrical signals from the brain tell the heart when to speed up or slow down, said Dr. Edward M. Dwyer, chief of cardiology at New Jersey Medical School in Newark, N.J.

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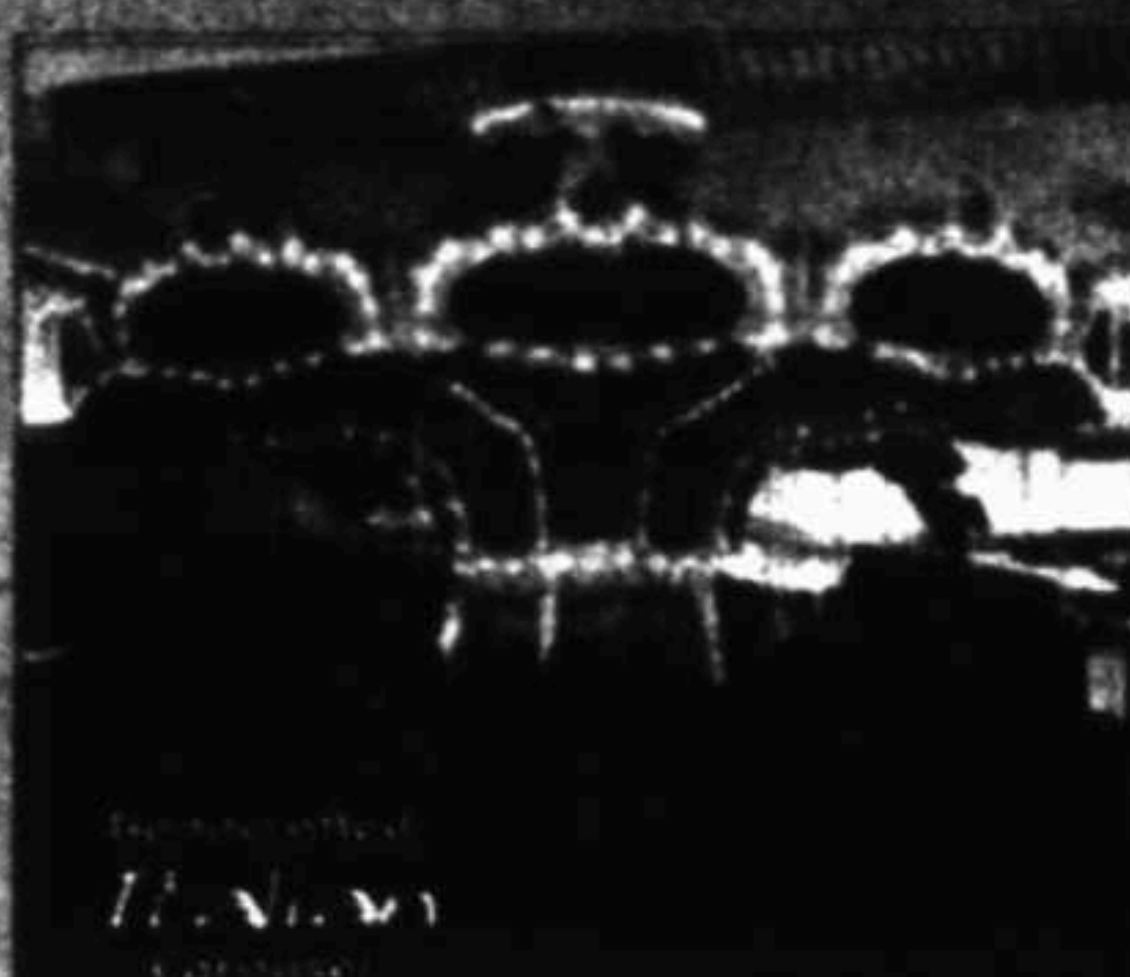
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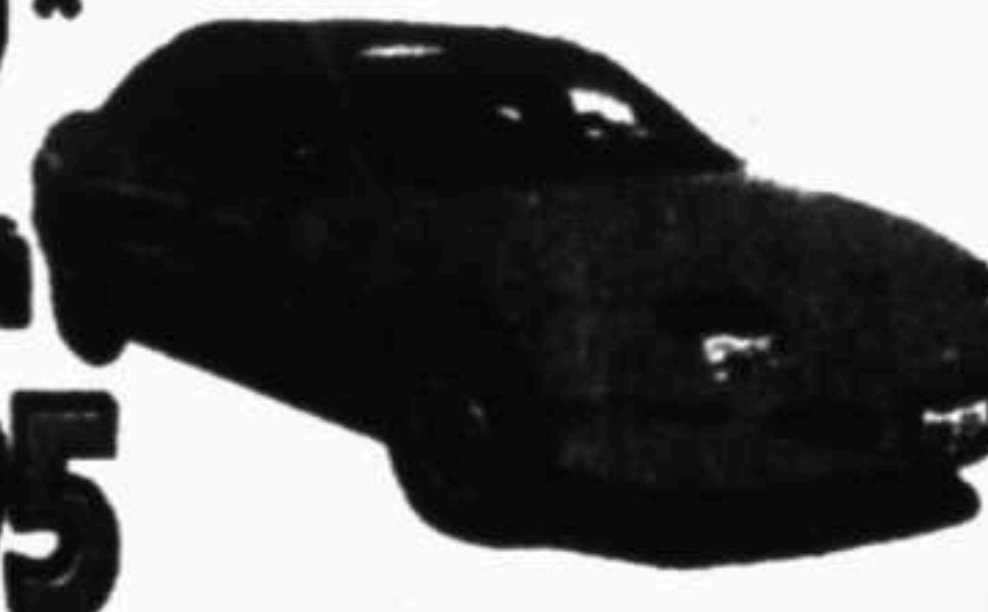
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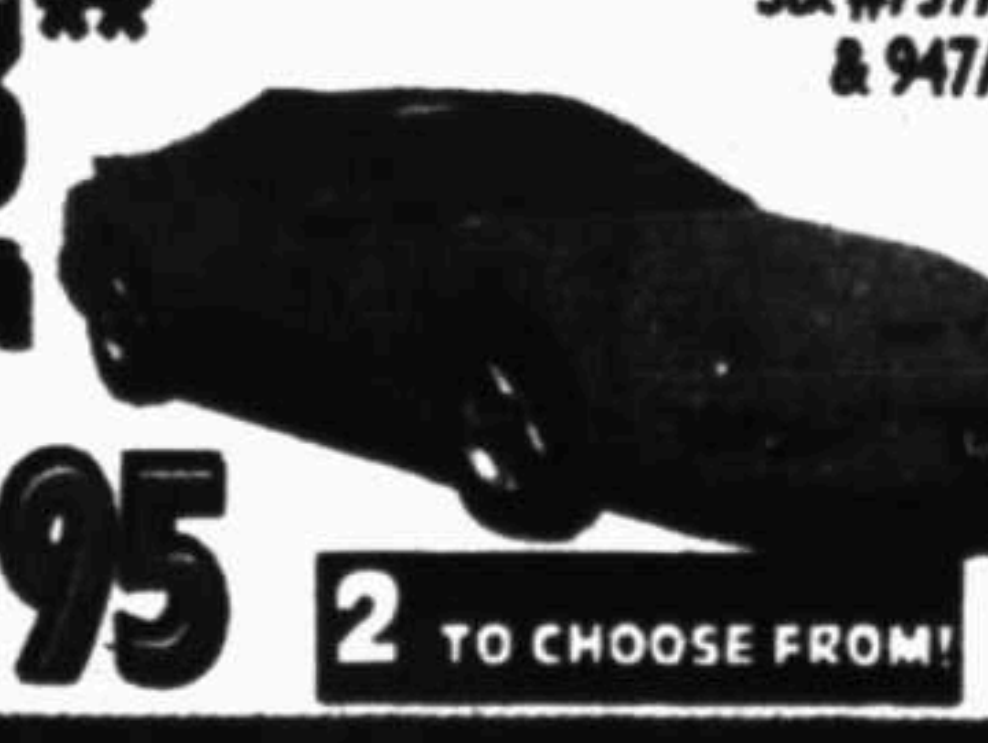
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Yankees win World Series

■ New York seals "Team of the Decade" series with sweep of Atlanta. It was the 25th world championship in 77 years for the "Franchise of the Century."

By Ben Walker
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — The Rocket can rest now. The ring is his.

Roger Clemens pitched the New York Yankees to their second straight World Series sweep, shutting down the Atlanta Braves 4-1 Wednesday night and ending his quest for the one and only prize that eluded him.

With raucous fans waving yellow, plastic brooms all over the ballpark and Clemens bouncing around on the mound, the Yankees won their record 25th championship and third in four seasons.

"This must be what it's like to be a Yankee," Clemens said. Game 4 marked New York's 12th Series victory in a row, matching the mark set by its Murderers' Row teams.

Clemens waited his entire career for this moment and, at last, commanded the October stage. Showing the form that earned him five Cy Young Awards and 247 wins in 16 seasons, Clemens shut out Atlanta into the eighth to outduel John Smoltz.

Brought to the Bronx this spring from Toronto in a trade for David Wells that many Yankees fans disliked, Clemens walked off the mound to rousing cheers, tipping his cap and holding both hands high to acknowledge the ovation.

Mariano Rivera, who had two saves and

a win in the Series, was selected MVP.

"I wasn't thinking about it," he said. "It just happens."

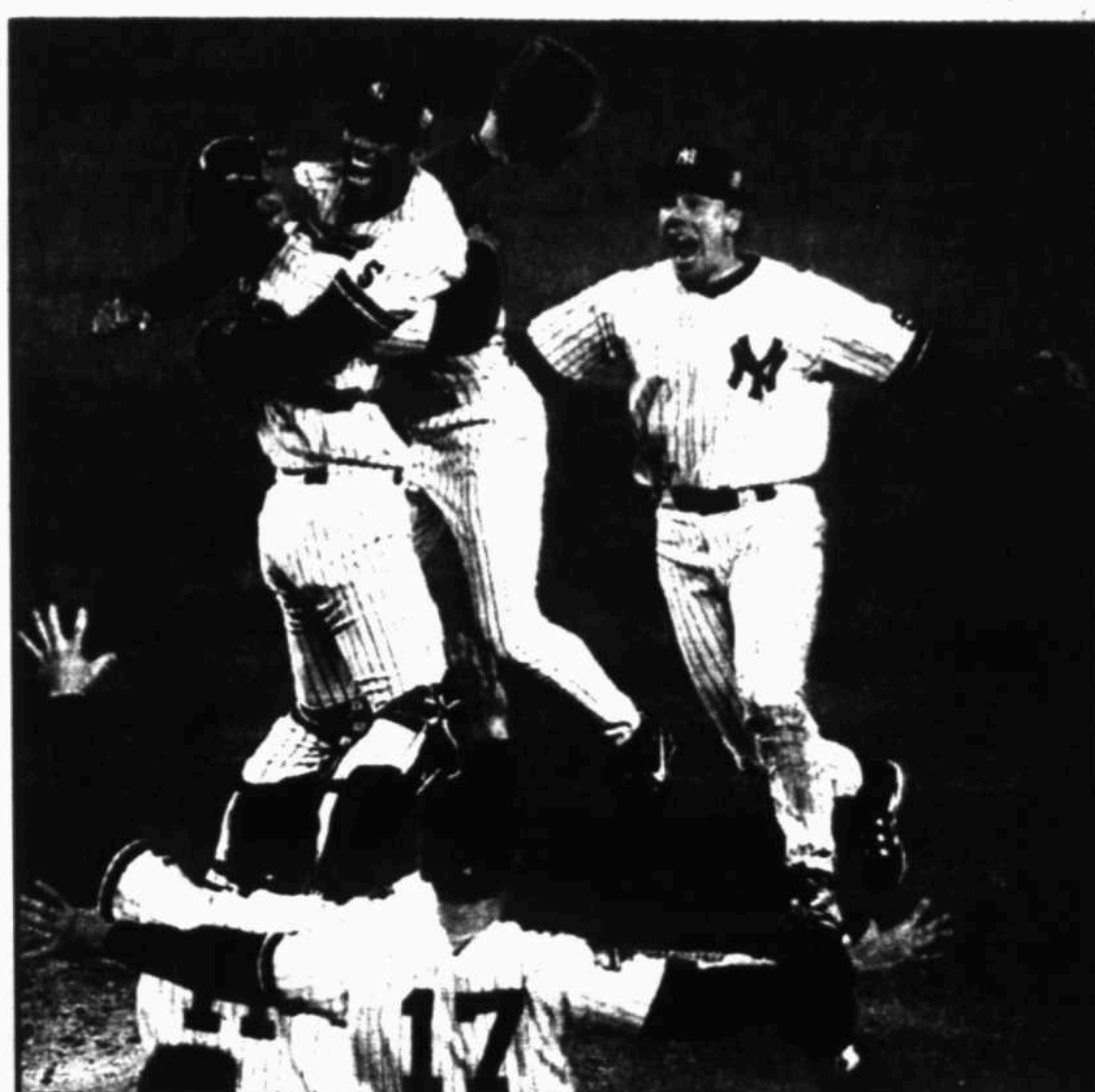
The Yankees finished off a week in which they simply overwhelmed the club that had best record in the majors, and accomplished a lot more along the way they:

— Became baseball's first repeat champion since Toronto in 1992-93.

— Posted the first set of consecutive Series sweeps since the Yankees in 1938-39. New York beat San Diego four straight last year.

— Completed an incredible run in which they won 18 of 19 postseason games. The only loss came when Clemens was beaten

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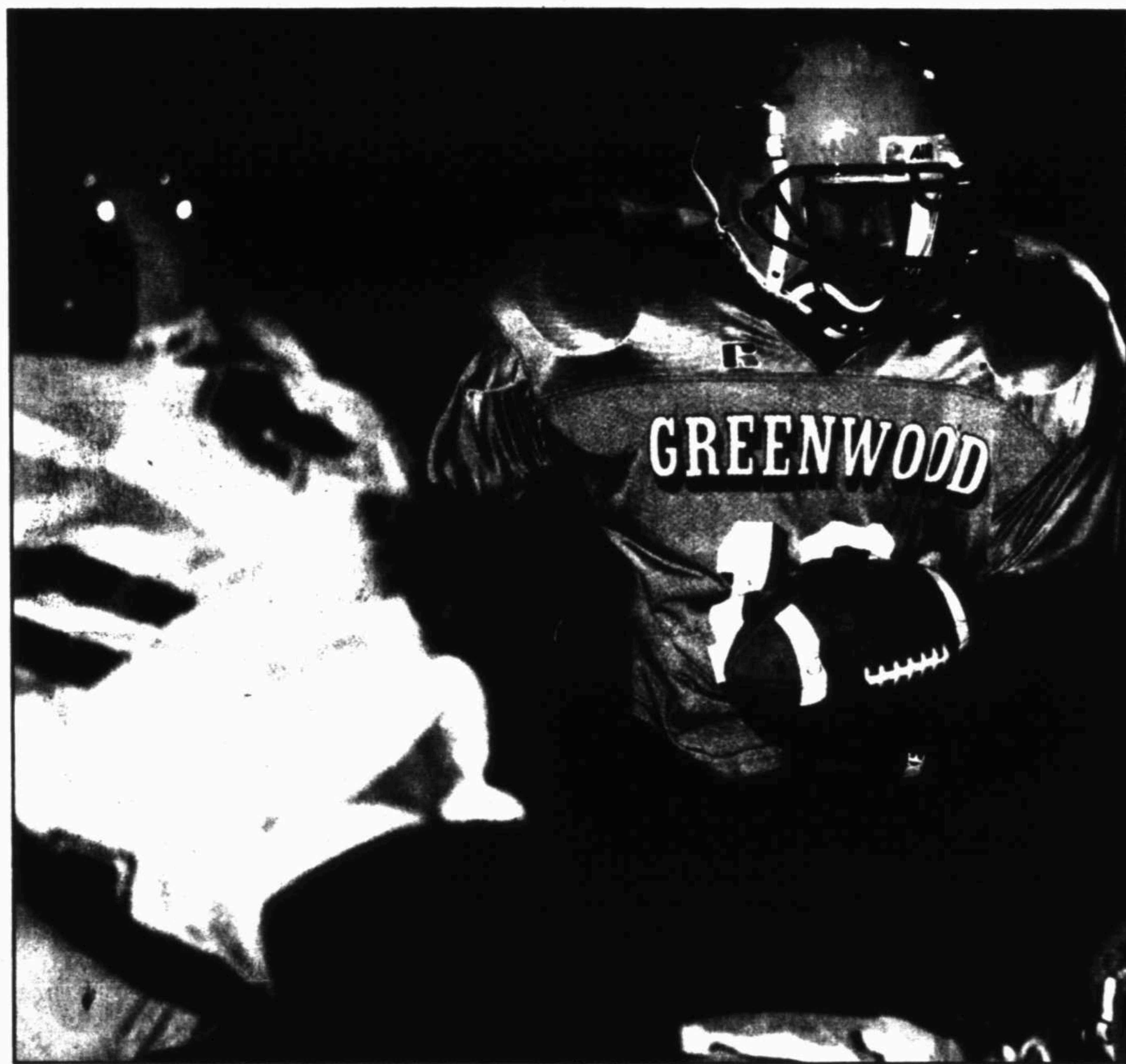


Members of the New York Yankees baseball team congregated around World Series MVP Mariano Rivera Wednesday at Yankee Stadium.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Greenwood: Get it done this time



Brian Adams/Reporter-Telegram

Greenwood's Frankie Barela scores the Rangers' first touchdown in their win over Presidio in District 4-3A action earlier this season. Friday night, Greenwood hosts the Monahans Lobos in a crucial district contest.

Andrews makes usual October run

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

If this is the last weekend of October approaching, that means the Andrews football team is making its move.

Over the past four seasons, the Mustangs have found a way to turn it up by the middle of October in time to claim a playoff spot in November. It's a familiar pattern, and one Andrews looks like it's following again this year.

Coming off impressive back-to-back

routes of San Angelo Lake View and Big Spring in District 5-4A games, the Mustangs are facing another big challenge this Friday when they travel to Sweetwater for a 7:30 p.m. game to determine sole possession of second place in the district.

Andrews improved to 6-2 overall and 2-1 in district by beating Big Spring 31-6 last week, giving the Mustangs a share of second place in the district behind Snyder. That they're in such a familiar spot is no surprise to coach Mike Lebby.

"That's always a goal to try to get

teams playing the best they can with district here," Lebby said. "We always emphasize that and we've been fortunate that the kids have been able to come through."

Less than three weeks ago, no one would have blamed Lebby and his staff if they didn't have such confidence. With high hopes heading into district, the Mustangs promptly stubbed their toe against Snyder, losing the district opener by a shocking 39-8 score.

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Rangers aim to put aside last year's disappointing ending, defeat Monahans

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

The Greenwood Rangers are trying not to relive what happened in 1998.

Last season, the Rangers started District 4-3A play with a 2-0 record and what appeared to be in good shape for the playoffs. But then three straight losses, including a heartbreaking game against Alpine at the end of the season, left Greenwood out of the playoffs.

This season, the Rangers (5-3 overall) have started district with a 2-1 record and face Monahans at home this Friday and then head to Alpine to close out the season. Unlike last year, the Rangers want to avoid any pitfalls that might derail them from the playoffs. They want to start with Friday's 7:30 p.m. game against the Lobos.

Monahans (5-3, 2-1), just like last year, comes into the game with some

tough losses against some good higher classification teams. Greenwood coach Bob Purser is aware of the similarities from last year.

"This year, they've kind of went through the same problems as last year such as injuries and playing against Class 4A opponents," said Purser about Monahans. "At this point last year, they (Lobos) were 1-2 in district but they regrouped and went on to the state semifinals."

"We're an improving team," said Monahans coach Larry Hanna. "We started off the season strong but then we lost two big ones to Andrews and Big Spring and then we lost to Crane. This team has played well but we just don't think we have a lot of speed."

The Rangers not only want to win to increase their playoff hopes but to take the bad taste out their mouths after a 27-7 loss

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Local TV station plans to televise MHS vs. Lee

Staff Report

After the success of KMID-TV's broadcast of a Midland RockHounds baseball game in August, it had to be only a matter of time before Big 2 would broadcast another live event.

On Nov. 5, the station will take on high school football, televising the game between Midland Lee and Midland High at Memorial Stadium.

Handling duties in the broadcast booth will be Jeff Kush and Mel Hudman, the same commentators from Big 2's broadcast of the RockHounds game on Aug. 22. That was an exciting event for the broadcasters; this is even bigger.

"How can you not get excited about

televising a West Texas high school football game? Especially one that pits two rivals against each other like MHS and Lee" said Kush, KMID's sports director.

"It's not just the fact that the game will be live, but the bragging rights alone have made this particular game an incredible event."

The broadcast will also include updates from the Odessa High-Odessa Permian game that will be going on at the same time at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa. Big 2 anchor Mike Barker will present videotaped highlights of that game.

KMID cleared the broadcast with the UIL, and MISD approved it Tuesday, with one condition: the game has to be

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OSCAR LEROY

Some Saturdays, college football can be hard to explain

Here I am on Saturday afternoon talking with my grandmother long distance while I watch the Texas-Nebraska game unfold and I'm trying to explain to her what's going on. You see, I got my 79-year-old grandmother hooked on football. She can barely understand touchdowns let alone penalties, but, nevertheless, she's hooked on watching the games.

So, here I am trying to explain to her the meaning of this football game, while in the meantime, I let out gasps of amazement. I asked myself, "Surely, Texas can't beat Nebraska again?" And as I was asking myself this very question, I said to myself, "Maybe someone can explain to me what's going on in college football."

College football has always been known for its upsets but this year has been a strange one to say the least. Texas beats Nebraska for the third straight time. Texas A&M gets ambushed, 51-7, at Oklahoma. And what about Virginia Tech still being in the hunt for a national title? Even though it is unlikely the Hokies will get to the Sugar Bowl if Florida State and Penn State win the rest of their respective games, you never know, especially in a year of upsets and strange happenings around college football.

After a 1-3 record last week to drop the overall mark to 10-15, 1



LeRoy

might start thinking about having my grandmother start picking games for me.

I have a theory of why Texas beats Nebraska. Contrary to Nebraska coach Frank Solich, who did his best to blame the game officials in Saturday's 24-20 loss to the Longhorns, Texas makes Nebraska's power option running attack look rather boring. With a high-powered, well-balanced offense like Texas', Nebraska's one-dimensional attack is not a good matchup.

The Texas offense heads to Iowa State this weekend and the Longhorns hope to avoid the letdown.

The Cyclones are built around their running game (264.4 yards per game average) and tailback Darren Davis, who's rushed for 1,097 yards this season.

If the Cyclones want to win this game, they have to have a more balanced attack because the Longhorns' defense is too quick and too smart. Texas will try to stop Davis and force the Iowa State passing game to beat the Longhorns. Texas 41, Iowa State 21.

What in Holy Hollywood happened to the Aggies? Here they were at the beginning of the season talking Sugar Bowl, and then on Saturday, suffer one of its worst defeats in the program's history.

The question this Saturday will lie in how well the Aggies bounce back against Oklahoma State? The Cowboys have proven to be dangerous as they jumped out with a 21-point lead against Texas Tech and won 41-21, and then last week jumped out to a 21-point lead against Kansas State only to lose 44-21.

The Cowboys (3-3 overall, 1-2 in the Big 12) have lost to teams with a combined record of 20-1. Texas A&M is playing at home and own a 53-4-1 record at Kyle Field in the 1990s. Oklahoma State will beat another contender, it just won't beat the Aggies this Saturday in a possible shootout. Texas A&M 38, Oklahoma State 31.

Well what do you know? Texas Tech is capable of putting together a winning streak after all after a 35-7 win at Baylor last Saturday. The offense sputtered but the Bears were bad enough that the Red Raiders used their defense and special teams play behind former Lee Rebel John Norman to win the game.

This week the Red Raiders travel to Missouri and the Tigers have struggled. Missouri is nowhere near the type of football team it was last year when the Tigers were led by quarterback Corby Jones and running back Devin West. Both Jones and West have graduated and that means inconsistency on offense. Columbia has proven to be a tough place to play but the Red Raiders once again rely on their defense to beat the Tigers. Texas Tech 21, Missouri 7.

I have to admit I was a non-believer in the Rice Owls' chances for a conference title. But some how, some way coach Ken Hatfield always finds a way to have his Owls become contenders. Rice, at 4-0 in the WAC, travels to play SMU. Sorry Mustangs, but Hatfield and the Owls have made a believer out of a skeptic like me. Rice 35, SMU 24.

✶ Oscar LeRoy is a sports writer for the Reporter-Telegram

AREA: Rangers battle Monahans

(From 1C)

at district leader Crane last Friday.

"We were disappointed in the way we played," said Purser about the loss at Crane. "Crane has an excellent football team but we felt like we didn't play well and we kind of helped them out with penalties, turnovers and busted assignments. What we have to do against Monahans is cut out all those mistakes and win the line of scrimmage. We just need a dose of something good."

While Crane possessed the speed, the Lobos have the size, and they play a lot more physical than the Golden Cranes. And unlike Crane, the Monahans offense is built around its running game and fullback Roy Porras, an all-state player on both offense and defense.

"We try to control the football and still be able to throw the ball when we need to and not when we have to," Hanna said.

Last week, the Lobos handled Alpine, 40-0 rebounding from a 14-0 loss against Crane the week before. Hanna also sees the importance of this game.

"It's a huge game," Hanna said. "We've got a playoff berth riding on it and the possibility of a second place finish. We've built such a strong rivalry in such a short time between the respective kids, coaches and the communities."

Undeclared Buffaloes head to Post

The Stanton Buffaloes have been a marked team for quite some time now.

After going 37-2 over the past three seasons, the Buffaloes have gotten used to being a marked team and have passed plenty of tests along the way.

Stanton has started this season at 8-0 and 3-0 in District 3-2A play. It's in for yet another test when it travels to Post this Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Post started this season at 7-0 but slipped last week when it lost to Plains 13-10. Despite the loss, Stanton coach Mark Cotton sees the Antelopes (2-1 in district) as a very dangerous team.

"(Post) played in Plains and it's a tough place to play. In this district, if you're not careful, anybody can beat you," Cotton said. "If anything the loss by Post adds more to this game because they know that another loss could put their backs to the wall. In recent years we've had a tough time in Post. They have great athletes, they have the leading defense in the Panhandle and also have the second-leading offense in the Panhandle."

The Buffaloes are coming off a 38-15 win at Coahoma despite not playing their very best game.

"We were a little flat against Coahoma and you sort of expected that after a big win against Seagraves the week before," Cotton said.

Cotton said that despite last week's game he has seen improvement from his team each and every week and that has helped to a surprising 8-0 start to the season.

"It's a nice surprise. I thought we would take a lump or two by now but we've had great senior

Attorney General attempts to clear up school prayer

HOUSTON (AP) — Hoping to dispel widespread confusion about the legality of prayer at school-sponsored events, Attorney General John Cornyn has mailed letters explaining a federal appeals court ruling to school officials across the state.

In February, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals issued an opinion banning organized prayer from football games and nonsectarian, non-proselytizing prayer from graduation ceremonies. Some school districts interpreted the decision as a ban on all prayer at football games, creating turmoil where pre-game prayers were a long-standing tradition.

Cornyn's letter states that the ruling prohibits only "school-organized" prayer.

"The opinion does not prohibit students from engaging in voluntary prayer and should not be construed to prevent that type of activity as long as the school and school officials are not involved," the letter states.

leadership that has kept this team focused," Cotton said.

Sidenote: Jeremy Hull has surpassed the 1,000-yard rushing mark for the second straight year. The junior running back has 1,072 yards and it's the third straight year a Stanton running back has rushed for at least 1,000 yards. The Buffs will be without the services of senior back Adrian Hernandez for the rest of the year as he underwent surgery to his injured knee. Cotton said Hernandez' injury got to the point where the 5-foot-7, 155-pound back could not go at full strength. Cotton said he is hopeful Hernandez can rehab his knee in time for track season.

Midland Christian hosts St. Anthony for homecoming

Midland Christian coach Greg McClendon has attributed his team's four-game winning streak to the play of the boys up front — the offensive line.

If the No. 9 Mustangs want to keep their current win streak going, they are going to have to continue to have some good offensive line play against St. Anthony out of San Antonio at 4 p.m. Saturday at Mustang Field. The Yellowjackets also possess a young but big offensive line anchored by 6-3, 260-pound center Todd Cochran.

McClendon said his team also has to avoid turnovers. In the Mustangs' 53-24 win at San Antonio St. Gerard, the Mustangs (5-3 overall, 1-0 in TAPPS District 3-4A) turned the ball over twice inside the opponent's 20-yard line.

"It could've easily been 34-3 at the half if it wasn't for the turnovers," McClendon said. "Our offense has to stay consistent and avoid the turnovers. I don't know if we're good enough to beat anybody if we turn the ball over a couple of times."

St. Anthony (4-4, 1-0) is coming off a 25-0 win over San Marcos Baptist and probably come in to the game with a little revenge on its mind. Last year, the Yellowjackets were the preseason district favorite but the Mustangs went to San Antonio and left with a 35-21 win on the way to the district title.

The Yellowjackets run the Wing-T offense with quarterback Brady Vavala, running back Mark Gutierrez, running back Noe Gutierrez and running back Chris Pena. The defense is very aggressive as it brings a lot of people off front.

That's where Midland Christian's offensive line comes into play. The Mustangs must control the line of scrimmage and keep their defense off the field. During the win streak the defense has held its opponents to an average of less than 200 yards.

When the o-line has done its

job, the Mustangs have had a well-balanced attack. Josh Gunter has rushed for 785 yards, quarterback Jamie Beeghley has rushed for 463 more and Kurt Corley, just back from a knee injury, has totalled 434 yards on the ground. In addition to the running game, Beeghley has completed 55 percent of his passes for 1,025 yards with 10 touchdowns against only five interceptions. Four different receivers have caught passes for 100 or more yards.

This Saturday is also homecoming for the Mustangs. For McClendon, this game is important enough without having to worry about the homecoming festivities.

"We don't have an easy ball game in this district," McClendon said. "After this game we have to travel to San Marcos so this is a growing period for us. I was proud with the way the kids handled the trip to San Antonio last week and I was pleased with how they played."

Trinity opens district versus WF Episcopal

If the Trinity Chargers want to get home field advantage in the Texas Christian Athletic League playoffs, they know they must win district.

At 1 p.m. Saturday, the Chargers (4-4 overall) open TCAL West play against Wichita Falls Episcopal at Coombes Field. This is the first year of playing organized six-man football for Wichita Falls Episcopal (4-2) and there's not much that is known about the team other than it has a good running attack with running backs Drew Dickerson and Joe Hawkins.

"They've got some speed on the outside," said Trinity coach Karl Kitto about Episcopal. "We can't let them turn the corner. Their bread and butter is sweeping the ball and try to get to the outside. Our ends and corners have to be super aggressive."

The Chargers have a good running attack of their own led by junior back Nathan Pirtle, who's rushed for 1,037 yards and 22 touchdowns. This is the second year Pirtle has reached the 1,000-yard mark as he rushed for 1,895 yards in '98.

Starting TCAL West play is something the Chargers have been looking forward to all season as they hope to get back to the state title game.

"We don't want our kids to have any fears," said Kitto about his team. "We're wanting them to know the importance of winning and playing for the home field advantage in the first playoff game."

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LOCAL SPORTS

Kirk earns academic honor

Alicia Kirk, a Midland High graduate who is now a sophomore softball player at Vernon Regional Junior College, earned Academic All-American honors from the National Fastpitch Coaches Association for the 1998-99 school year.

The Vernon RJC softball team had eight players honored, making it the third-ranked team in the nation among junior colleges. Individuals must have a GPA of 3.5 or better to be considered; VRJC had a 3.22 as a team.

Roberts has hole in one

Phillip Roberts hit a hole-in-

one recently, using a 5-iron to ace the 170-yard, 17th hole at The Club at Mission Dorado. Craig Turner and Blake Parks witnessed the shot.

Ex-Midlander cards ace

Lendon White, a long-time Midland resident, recorded his first-ever hole-in-one Monday at Shady Oaks Country Club in Baird. The 64-year-old now lives in Sweetwater.

Fall Classic Tournament

The Midland ASA Fall Classic Girls' Fastpitch Softball Tournament was held last weekend at the MUGS Complex in Midland. Following are the results:

10-under: 1. Texas Thunder, Abilene; 2. Double Trouble, Colorado City; 3. Mirage, Midland.
 12-under: 1. West Texas Storm, Midland; 2. XLRE, Midland; 3. Lightning, Andrews.
 14-under: 1. KRUSH, Midland; 2. Sting, Odessa; 3. Hot Shots, Midland.
 18-under: 1. Blue Devils, Midland; 2. Wild Bunch, Odessa; 3. Black Cats, Odessa.

Rangerettes win at Monahans

MONAHANS — The Greenwood volleyball team finished off the regular season Tuesday with a 15-11, 13-15, 15-6 win over Monahans. Greenwood finished at 20-13 overall and 4-2 in District 2-3A, good for second place — Crane won the district title. Greenwood will play a playoff match on Nov. 7.

Greenwood Statistics
 Kills: Elizabeth Havalak 9, Stephanie Willis 7, Rocio Montoya 6, Sally Smith 4, Shanna Zachry 2, Lindsey Lankford 2, Janna Stewart 1, Assists: Stewart 13, Lindsey Dickinson 10, Aces: Willis 2, Stewart 2, Zachry 1, Smith 2, Lankford 1. Service points: Stewart 8, Lankford 8.

Valve changed in airplane days before crash

Associated Press

MINA, S.D. — A valve in the cabin-pressurization system was replaced two days before golfer Payne Stewart's Learjet slammed into a South Dakota pasture, but the system worked fine during a short flight after the replacement, the chief government investigator said Wednesday.

Government officials have said one possible explanation for the crash is that the jet lost cabin pressure soon after taking off from Florida, causing everyone aboard to die or

lose consciousness.

For four hours on Monday, the jet flew 1,400 miles across the country, apparently on autopilot, before running out of fuel and spiraling nose-first into a soggy field.

Bob Benzon of the National Transportation Safety Board said investigators learned that a device called the left-hand modulator valve, which takes heated air from the engine and runs it through the air-conditioning system to pressurize the cabin, was changed on the plane Saturday.

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COWBOYS REPORT

Spinal condition poses biggest threat to Irvin's comeback bid

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — The neck injury that has sidelined Michael Irvin is no longer his biggest hurdle in returning to the Dallas Cowboys.

Tests for the herniated disc Irvin sustained earlier this month have uncovered a narrow spinal cord, a genetic condition that increases risk of serious injury if he takes another blow to the head or neck.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said the threat posed by Irvin's condition will have more to do with whether the receiver plays football again than his current injury.

"I don't see this necessarily as totally being decided by whether the swelling goes down or not," Jones said. "Right now, I don't

know if that's the issue."

The risk is the same the 33-year-old Irvin has faced throughout his 12-year career. What's different now is that he knows it exists. And, still fresh in his mind is the memory of being paralyzed for a few minutes following the Oct. 10 injury against Philadelphia.

Three days later, Irvin was nearly in tears as he described not being able to control his arms and legs and thinking he'd never hold his son again.

In 1986, Green Bay cornerback Tim Lewis and Houston Oilers linebacker Frank Bush learned they had the same genetic condition, which is known as cervical stenosis. Both retired.

"I think Michael definitely needs to do what's best for him and his family," running back Emmitt Smith said. "I think he understands the risk. Now he just has to figure out whether he feels like he can get back and play to his capabilities without hindering

himself."

It's a lot for Irvin to think about, but he doesn't need to decide anything immediately.

The primary concern now is for the swelling in his neck to subside. An MRI to be taken Wednesday or Thursday will be compared to one made shortly after the injury to see how far he's progressed.

Doctors will then determine the next step in his recovery. So far, he's been cleared to ride a stationary bicycle for aerobic conditioning and he has to wear a neck brace only when he's around a lot of people.

"The level of speculation as to 'Can he get back this year? Can he get back in his career?' is exactly the same as it was the day after his injury. That has not changed," Jones said. "This thing could be so subjective that you're not going to have a definitive answer at any particular time."

SERIES: Yankees sweep Braves

(From 1C)

by Pedro Martinez at Fenway Park 11 days earlier.

Overcame a year of adversity, from manager Joe Torre's prostate cancer in spring training to the death of outfielder Paul O'Neill's father early Wednesday, Scott Brosius and Luis Sojo also lost their fathers. Hall of Famers Joe DiMaggio and Catfish Hunter died and Darryl Strawberry was beset by health and legal problems.

And, in the last game of the 20th century, their all-century team pitcher ended all debate about which club was most dominant this decade.

"We are a good team and we don't rest on our laurels," Torre said. "From 1996 to the end of the century — wow."

For Atlanta, the loss was its record-tying eighth straight in the Series, a string that began in 1996 against the Yankees. It surely was a bitter disappointment for the Braves and manager Bobby Cox.

"I think they think in their minds that they had a tremendous year with all the ballclub went through," Cox said. "They're

disappointed just like I am."

After winning the title in 1995, they had "Team of the 90s" engraved on their rings. Instead, they joined the New York Giants of 1910-19 as the only teams ever to lose four World Series in a decade.

Clemens and the sellout crowd of 56,752 fans, meanwhile, basked in pinstriped glory after taking an early 3-0 lead. At 37, he won his first championship — John Elway was the same age when he won his first Super Bowl.

Featuring a fastball in the mid-90s mph, Clemens struck out four and walked two in his first World Series victory — he got two no-decisions in 1986 when his Boston Red Sox blew it against the New York Mets.

Smoltz struck out three to avoid trouble in the second inning, but could not escape in the third. Chuck Knoblauch and Derek Jeter opened with singles and a one-out intentional walk to Bernie Williams loaded the bases.

Tino Martinez followed with a hard grounder and, perhaps screened by Williams, first baseman Ryan Klesko let the ball skip

off his forearm for a two-run single. With two outs, Jorge Posada hit an RBI single.

That was plenty for Clemens, who took a two-hit shutout into the eighth. The Braves then nicked him with singles by Walt Weiss and Gerald Williams, and Jeff Nelson relieved.

Rivera ended this season with 43 scoreless innings, and extended his postseason shutout streak to 25 2-3 innings.

As if for good measure, pinch-hitter Jim Leyritz launched a solo home run in the New York eighth off Terry Mulholland. Remember, it was Leyritz's homer off Atlanta relief ace Mark Wohlers in Game 4 in 1996 that turned the momentum in the Yankees' favor.

Never has a team overcome an 0-3 deficit in the postseason, and the Yankees made sure it did not happen this time.

Notes: The Yankees won 12 straight in the Series in 1927, 1928 and 1932. ... The Yankees also share the Series record of eight consecutive losses, doing it in 1921-23. The Phillies also lost eight in a row in 1915-50. ... Whitey Ford threw out the first ball to his old batterymate, fellow Yankees Hall of Famer Yogi Berra. ... Eight of Leyritz's 13 postseason hits are home runs.

ANDREWS: 'Stangs battle Sweetwater

(From 1C)

Andrews had two choices at that point: Start questioning its own ability to compete in district, or focus on playing as well as possible and approaching each game with a must-win mentality.

"We really stressed to (the players) that we were embarrassed by Snyder and they've really responded to that challenge," Lebby said.

The Mustangs have taken out some frustration over the Snyder debacle on their last two opponents. Prior to rolling over Big Spring, Andrews routed Lake View 44-0, showing no ill effects from the Snyder loss.

Now the Mustangs are back in the thick of the postseason race and again banging loudly on the playoff door, which is where they expected to be.

"If we win (against Sweetwater) we're definitely going to be in and we're going to treat the game that way," Lebby said.

It's not that simple mathematically, since even with a win the Mustangs could still end up in a three-way tie with Sweetwater and either Big Spring or Lake View for second place, but in the positive points race, they'll have an upper hand since they'll have victories over all three.

Sweetwater, the town and the team, has been a well-known hurdle for Andrews over the past year. Last season, on their way to a 10-0 regular season, the Mustangs defeated Sweetwater 20-7 to clinch the 5-4A title. Two weeks later in Sweetwater, though, Andrews saw its season come to an end with a 41-35 loss to eventual state champion Stephenville in a bi-district playoff game.

In that game, Andrews' Shaud

Williams capped a remarkable high school career by scoring a touchdown on his final carry. His successor, Jeremy Woods, has more than adequately filled Williams' shoes at tailback, leading 5-4A with 1,223 yards rushing.

Second to Woods is Sweetwater's Willie Amos, perhaps the district's fastest back who has run for 1,130 yards, and scored Sweetwater's only touchdown against Andrews last season on a 97-yard run.

"He's as good as any back around," said Lebby. "He's fast and he has good balance. Last week (against Big Spring) for us to win we had to stop Colby Ford (64 yards on 18 carries) and against Sweetwater we want to do the same thing to Amos."

Andrews has given opponents something more to think about defensively with the emergence of a passing attack. Scott Kello assumed the quarterback spot fulltime before the Lake View game, and he had one of the best games by a Mustang quarterback in recent memory against Big Spring, throwing for 173 yards and all four of his team's touchdowns. "Throwing the ball" will definitely open up the attack and get people off us up front a little bit," Lebby said.

Big Spring fights for playoff life

Unlike the rising stock of Andrews, Big Spring (6-2, 1-2) has seen its fortunes plummet precipitously in 5-4A over the last two weeks. To attain a blue chip rating again, the Steers will more than likely have to beat Lake View Friday at 7:30 p.m. in San Angelo.

Big Spring has to put aside last week's loss to Andrews for good if it is to make the playoffs. Defensively, the Steers must tighten up their secondary, which showed leaks in the loss to the

Mustangs and figures to be challenged just as vigorously by Lake View.

Offensively, tailback Colby Ford needs to return to the dominant form he showed up through Big Spring's district opening 59-7 win over Fort Stockton three weeks ago. Ford had only 64 yards on 18 carries against Andrews, and was effectively removed from the game for most of the second half.

The good news for the Steers was the performance of quarterback Lance Brock, who completed 12-of-16 passes for 220 yards. Should the Chiefs focus on Ford, Brock could make them pay.

In terms of necessity, Snyder's game at Fort Stockton Friday at 7:30 p.m. is probably the least important in 5-4A. At 3-0, Snyder can clinch a playoff berth against 0-3 Fort Stockton, which is eliminated with a loss.

Berkats face another tough foe

Garden City didn't get any favors in the first three games of its District 7-A schedule. After opening against frontrunners Rankin and Marfa and losing to both, the Berkats (1-6 overall, 0-2 in district) go on the road to face another 2-0 team when they take on Fort Davis Friday at 8 p.m.

The Berkats gave a respectable showing against No. 6 Marfa last week in a 33-12 loss, but merely a good effort won't necessarily be enough against Fort Davis. A victory would definitely keep alive what flickering playoff hopes Garden City has, while a loss would eliminate the Berkats.

The key matchup in the district this week is between Rankin and Marfa at 8 p.m. Friday in Rankin. If Garden City surprises Fort Davis, the Rankin-Marfa winner will be alone in first.

TV: KMID TV plans to broadcast game

(From 1C)

a sellout 48 hours prior to kickoff. But Kush anticipates no problem with that, considering the community's appetite for football and the success both teams are having this season. Lee is ranked No. 1 in the state, and MHS has a real chance to make the playoffs for the first time since 1951. If MHS wins Friday, the game will be for the district title.

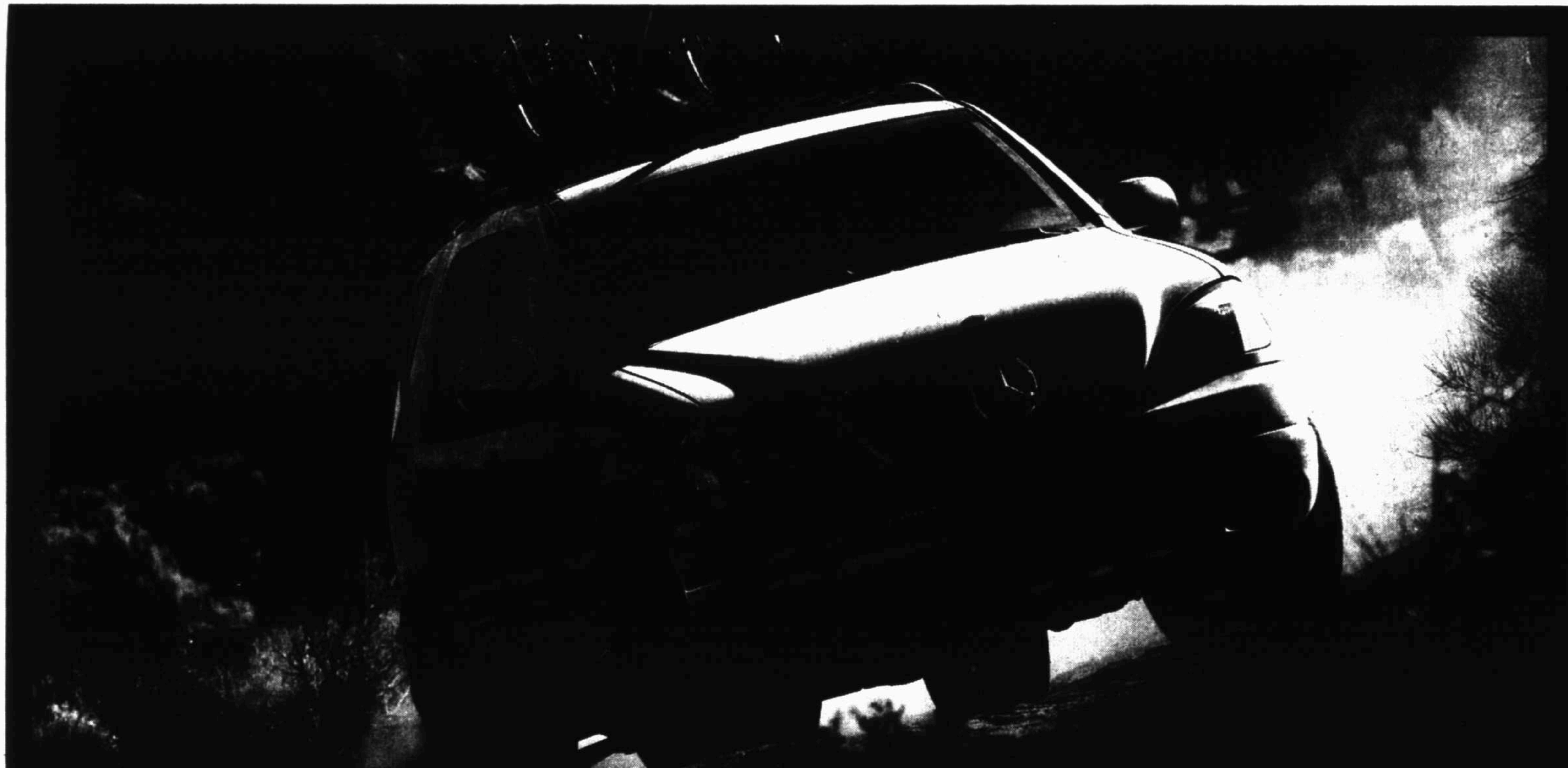
"Right now there are about 1,000 tickets left," Kush said Wednesday. "Those tickets go on

sale Monday and we hope the fans will get out early and snap them up."

First American Bank, which sponsored the RockHounds telecast, will also sponsor the broadcast of the MHS-Lee game. Big 2 is calling it "The First American Bank Football Classic." Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m., but KMID will start its pre-game show at 7 p.m.

NOTES: The last time a high school football game was shown live in this area was KWES' broadcast of the 1985 Lee-Per-

mian game. That game pre-empted Game 6 of the National League Championship Series between the Dodgers and the Cardinals. KMID's broadcast will pre-empt, among other shows, "Sabrina the Teenage Witch." ... Because August isn't a month for which ratings are kept in this television market, there were no numbers to show how many people watched the RockHounds game. But November is a sweeps month, so KMID will get an idea of the size of the audience for the MHS-Lee game.



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Crude drops

NEW YORK (AP) — Crude oil prices dropped for a third straight day Wednesday on the New York Mercantile Exchange, settling below \$23 a barrel on concerns over growing supply and inventory. The American Petroleum Institute reported after the close of trading Tuesday that U.S. oil stockpiles climbed by a steep 3.420 million barrels to 304.890 million barrels in the week ended Oct. 22. Also, traders expected production to resume Thursday at the 300,000 barrel-a-day Ekofisk oil field in Norway.

Other energy futures were mixed. A frenzy of late buying pushed the expiring November contract for natural gas to its highest level since late August, settling up 8.1 cents at \$3.092 per 1,000 cubic feet. The buying was sparked by forecasts for high winter demand and by expectations that data to be released later in the day by the American Gas Association would heighten concerns about tight supplies. December crude fell 27 cents to \$22.92 a barrel; November heating oil rose .23 cent to 60.76 cents a gallon; unleaded gasoline rose .03 cent to 64.18 cents a gallon.

Cocoa falls

Cocoa futures fell Wednesday to their lowest level since 1993 on the New York Coffee, Sugar and Cocoa Exchange as newly harvested cocoa arrived at West African ports in huge numbers. In other markets, natural gas futures touched a two-month high and gold bounced back after a long slide.

Bond rally

NEW YORK (AP) — A late rally in the bond market carried over to Wall Street Wednesday, lifting financial stocks and pulling the Dow industrials out of the narrow range where they had traded most of the session. The Dow Jones Industrial average rose 92.76 to close at 10,394.89. Much of the Dow's gains came in the final hour of trading. Broader stock indicators were mixed. The Standard & Poor's 500 rose 14.80 to 1,296.71, but the Nasdaq composite index fell 8.95 to 2,802.52.

Yen pounds dollar

NEW YORK (AP) — The yen continued its upward march against the dollar Wednesday on expectations that Japan will spend significant amounts of money to shore up its economy. In late New York trading, the dollar fell to 104.17 Japanese yen from 104.69 yen late Tuesday. The Japanese currency has been gaining ground against the dollar in recent trading sessions on expectations that the next government spending plan will be bigger than earlier projected. The euro fell slightly against the dollar despite growing expectations that the European Central Bank will raise interest rates when it meets next week. The common currency for 11 European nations was quoted at \$1.0500, down from \$1.0586 late Tuesday. The dollar also was quoted at 1.5244 Swiss francs, up from 1.5122, and 1.4721 Canadian dollars, down from 1.4744. The British pound fell to \$1.6439 from \$1.6532. Currencies of the European countries participating in the euro are no longer traded separately and are tied to the euro by a fixed rate. Based on Wednesday's euro rate, the dollar was worth: 1.8633 German marks, up from 1.8481; 6.2491 French francs, up from 6.1982; and 1,844.42 Italian lire, up from 1,829.60.

Surplus starts bragging rights battle

By Terence Hunt
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After decades of deficit gloom, the United States posted a record \$123 billion federal budget surplus last year, marking the first back-to-back surpluses since Dwight Eisenhower was president.

The good news announcement — exceeding all estimates — sparked a battle for bragging rights Wednesday between the White House and the Republican-led Congress, with both sides hoping to reap political dividends in next year's elections.

President Clinton said American businesses and workers have benefited from lower interest rates, a shrinking national debt and a growing pool of investment capital.

"We have closed the book on deficits and opened the door on a new era of economic opportunity," Clinton said. The president, battling Republicans over spending, accused the GOP of writing a budget that siphons \$18 billion from the Social Security surplus. "That is wrong and it doesn't have to be," he said.

Republicans also claimed credit for the surplus. "This is what happens when Republicans take care of the government checkbook and hold the line against tax hikes and more spending," said Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, chairman of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee.

The administration acknowledged the 1999 surplus came entirely from Social Security. The huge benefit program is collecting more in payroll taxes than it is paying out in benefits. Without the Social Security

cushion, the government would have had a \$1 billion deficit.

Despite the two surpluses in a row, the government still has a \$5 trillion debt.

The United States was plagued by a long string of budget deficits since 1931 in the wake of the Depression and then World War II. In all that time, there were only eight years of surplus. The tide finally turned when the government broke into the black in 1998, and now the government projects surpluses far into the future.

Democrats and Republicans have spent Social Security surpluses for decades but both have pledged this year to leave that money alone, trying to cast themselves as protectors of the massive pension program.

Last year, before taking Social Security into account, the government had a \$29.9 billion deficit but a \$99.2 billion Social Security surplus turned the overall deficit into a surplus of \$69.2 billion.

With the onset of surpluses, the government has paid down the national debt by \$140 billion over the last two years, the largest debt reduction in American history, Clinton said. The shrinking debt also has meant lower interest costs for the government, Clinton said, and more investment capital for businesses.

He said working families also have enjoyed lower interest rates. "It means \$2,000 less in home mortgage payments for the typical family," Clinton said, talking with reporters on the South Lawn as he left for an appearance on Capitol Hill. "It means \$200

less in car payments and \$200 less in college loan payments."

However, interest rates and mortgage rates have been rising in recent months as the Federal Reserve has tightened credit in an effort to slow the economy and fight inflation.

The \$123 billion surplus in fiscal 1999 was almost twice the size of the previous year's. It also was the largest ever in nominal terms and the largest since 1951 as a percentage of gross domestic product. The 1998 and 1999 figures marked the first two consecutive years of surplus since 1956-57.

The administration said Clinton set the nation on a path of deficit reduction when he pushed a package of tax increases and spending cuts through Congress in 1993 — a move that was opposed by every Republican House and Senate member. The campaign got more momentum from the 1997 balanced budget act supported by the White House and Congress.

To support its case, the administration noted that last year's surplus was the seventh straight year of budget improvements since the deficit peaked at \$290 billion in 1992. The seven-year string is the longest series of budget improvements in the nation's history.

The 1999 surplus grew far above administration estimates. In May 1998, the White House projected the surplus would be \$54 billion. That figure climbed to \$79 billion by the time Clinton submitted his budget in February. In June the administration estimated the surplus at \$98.8 billion, and last month Clinton said it would be at least \$115 billion.

Ford's global gamble



A scene from the upcoming Ford Motor Co. commercial, scheduled to air around the world Monday is shown in this image from video. The company has cobbled together an unusual global collection of television outlets that will carry the commercial at 9 p.m. local time in most markets. Ford executives expect to reach an audience of 1 billion people in one evening.

Ford plans two-minute commercial across the world

By Skip Wollenberg
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ford Motor Co. hopes to reach a billion viewers Monday evening in a rare global advertising gamble aimed at raising its corporate profile.

The world's second-largest automaker has cobbled together an unusual collection of television networks that will carry a two-minute commercial at about 9 p.m. local time in most markets.

The commercial subtly showcases all seven of Ford's automobile brands, suggesting in a montage of vignettes that its products fit seamlessly into people's lives around the world.

Among the images are a war veteran riding in a Ford

Mustang convertible in a homecoming parade, an Italian couple embracing in front of a Volvo, a well-dressed woman putting her sleek dogs in the back seat of a Jaguar and Japanese girls playing in cherry blossoms near a Mazda.

The ad, created by the J. Walter Thompson agency, was shot in nine countries and is held together by the song "Just Wave Hello," written for Ford and sung by the 14-year-old soprano Charlotte Church.

"We are serious about trying to understand people and their lives and their needs in an emotional way so we can design vehicle, products and services they opt to choose," said James C. Schroer, the company's vice president of global marketing.

NAME DROPPING

JERRY F. GRONER, vice president of land and lease administration for Clayton Williams Energy Inc. has been named to the company's board of directors. His term will expire in 2001.

Ellis Funeral Home/Resthaven Memorial Park have added **EDDIE WALLACE** to the sales staff. He is qualified as a pre-arrangement counselor, specializing in helping clients predetermine their personal funeral and cemetery needs. He is officiating at Ellis North.



Wallace

Midlander **K. MICHAEL CONAWAY** has been elected to serve as southwest regional director of the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy for 1999-2000. He is a board member and current chairman of the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy.

SHURA LINDGREN, director of convention and visitor development at the Midland Convention and Visitors Bureau, has been elected to a two-year post on the Texas Department of Economic Development Tourism Advisory Committee. The committee provides input and guidance into the activities of the department's Tourism Division. She will represent 17 counties of the Big Bend region.

Midland banker **ROBERT D. SOUTHERLAND** has been elected to a second term on the board of directors of the Independent Bankers Association of Texas. Southerland is president and chief executive of Community National Bank in Midland.

Alamosa PCS, a Sprint PCS network partner, has appointed a management team to oversee expanding Sprint PCS operations into Midland.

SHANNON KING will serve as market manager, overseeing the service launch in Midland and Odessa. She previously assisted with the launching of an affiliate in Oklahoma as a retail manager.

SONJA CHAVEZ serves as Sprint PCS Center direct sales manager, responsible for profit and loss of all retail sales activities, and for the sales activities for Sprint PCS products and services to area businesses and organizations.

INVESTORS' GUIDE

Money market funds are the easiest type of mutual fund to choose

By Eric Tyson

Q: I understand that a money market fund might pay me more interest than my bank savings account. In what do these funds invest, and how do I choose one?

A: Under Securities and Exchange Commission regulations, money market funds can invest only in the most credit-worthy securities, and their investments must have an average maturity of less than 120 days. The short-term nature of these securities effectively eliminates the risk of money market funds being sensitive to changes in interest rates.

The securities that money market funds use are extremely safe. General-purpose money market funds invest in government-backed securities, bank cer-

tificates of deposits and short-term corporate debt issued by the largest and most creditworthy companies and the U.S. government.

Of all the major types of mutual funds, a money market fund is usually the easiest type for investors to choose. In addition to high yields, good money market funds offer other useful services, such as free check writing, telephone exchange and redemptions, and automated, electronic exchange services with your bank account.

The main motivation for investing in a money market fund instead of a bank savings account is to earn a greater rate of return, or yield. Within a given category of money market funds (general, Treasury, municipal), money market fund managers are investing in the same basic securities. The market for these securities is pretty darn efficient, so "superstar" money market fund managers may eke out an extra 0.1 percent per year in yield but not much more.

Select a money market fund that does a good job with controlling its expenses. The operating expenses deducted

before payment of dividends are the single biggest determinant of yield. All other things being equal (which they usually are with different money market funds), lower operating expenses translate into higher yields for you.

Don't tolerate annual operating expenses of greater than 0.5 percent. Top-quality funds charge a quarter of 1 percent or less annually. Remember, lower expenses don't mean that a fund company is cutting corners or providing poor service. Lower expenses are possible in most cases because a fund company has been successful in attracting money to invest.

Expenses are important, but so, too, are the consequences of taxes. What you actually get to keep on your investment returns (on nonretirement account investments) is what is left over after the federal and state governments take their cut of your investment income. If you're investing money held outside of a retirement account and you're in a high tax bracket (federal 31 percent or higher bracket), you should come out ahead by investing in tax-free money market funds. If you're in a high-tax state, a state

money market fund, if good ones exist for your state, may be a sound move.

Tax-free refers to the taxability of the dividends paid by the fund. You don't get a tax deduction for money you put into the fund as you do with 401(k) or other retirement-type accounts.

Most mutual fund companies don't have many local branch offices. Generally, this fact helps fund companies keep their expenses low and pay you greater yields on their money market funds. You may open and maintain your mutual fund account via the fund's toll-free 800-phone line, mail and Internet. You don't really get much benefit, except psychological, if you select a fund company with an office in your area.

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AAL Mutual A:			
CAGR	35.49	+32.90	
MuBd	13.96	+22.13	
MuBd	10.40	+22.23	
AARP Invest:			
MS&B	19.20	+19.33	

CaGrn	63.93	+48+96
GmbI n	14.48	+03+16
GmbGr n	19.78	-06+39
Gthinc n	48.84	+82+48
HQSTBd n	15.84	+01+16
TxFbd n	17.39	+13
USStd n	24.65	+28 N
AIM Funds A:		
Agv p	52.79	-36+27
BalAp	26.69	+19+49
BiChipAp	43.99	+45+90
CapDev p	14.60	+29
ChartAp	16.20	+16+81
Const p	32.38	-07+45
GloApG p	20.92	-11+31

HydAp	7.96	+0.10
Inco p	7.59	+0.17
IntEG	20.96	-12.42
SumI	18.92	+0.88
Valu p	44.14	+29.90
Weng p	26.70	-05.86
AIM Funds B:		
BaB1	28.61	+19.46
ChantB1	43.21	+44.86
CapOvB1	14.27	+0.27
CharB1	16.02	+16.77
ContB1	31.78	-07.18
GLGGB1	20.34	+11.29
HydB1	21.71	-05.62
HydB1	7.96	+7.17
IntEG1	20.37	-11.39
SumB1	19.84	+12.66
ValB1	42.82	+26.85
WengB1	25.74	-05.82
AIM Funds C:		
AdvFIC1	18.86	+14.37
ValC1	42.83	+26.79
AIM Global Themes:		
Telecom	24.87	-14.78

TelecomB 12.92 -14+78
AMF Funds:
 Aging 9.84 ...+17
ARIK Funds:
 ValEq n 14.09 +12+58
Acorn Funds:
 AcornF n 18.15 ...+50
 Intl n 26.53 +02+51
Aetna CI I:
 Gwncid 16.00 +06+68
 ActmPrB 1 9.82 +08 N
Algar Funds B:
 CapApr 1 12.42 -10+10
 GwncidB 14.25 ...+99
 SmCap 1 9.58 -13+22
Allihealth Funds:
 CTRGInc 26.19 +31+80
 MCGRon 31.40 +24+94
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Protein	33.01	31	31
Alliance Cap A:			
AlnA	6.83	+03+66	
BondA	12.11	+04+14	
GovA	8.99	+02+15	
GrinA	3.54	+04+76	
GrnF	53.23	+36+82	
MinA	8.12	+02+16	
MisA	8.26	+01+18	
MCAp	10.52	+01+17	
NhuA	9.96	+01+12	
NhuG	7.16	+01+37	
PtmA	32.64	+31+13	
QseA	22.74	+26+43	
TransA	92.81	+52+11	
Alliance Cap B:			
CpB	12.11	+04+12	
GwhB	4.96	+26+79	
GrinCB	31.50	+04+71	
HylB	7.13	+04	N
NAGB	9.18	+01+34	

PGH8	31.04	+29+13
Quasr1	20.33	+23 +21
Tech1	88.10	+50+11
Alliance Cap C:		
PrGrnC1	31.08	+29+13
GrnC1	3.50	+04+71
GwTch1	41.98	+28+79
Tech1	88.07	+50+11
AmSouth Fds Prem:		
Equity	23.19	+49 N
Amer AAdvant Inv:		
IntEInf	18.92	-15+45
S&P Inv	17.70	+21 N
Amer Century Adv:		
IntGro	30.20	+29 N
Amer Century Inv:		
Balance	118.83	+10+36
CalnTFF	10.67	+01+13
EqGro1	23.18	+16+68
GrnTFF	20.20	+02+18

Gift n	25.16	-19.72
Growthl n	25.13	+11.96
Heritagel	112.43	+34.00
IncGrowth	30.21	+28.90
IntDisc n	12.38	-0.98
IntGrowth	10.89	-0.87
Selecti n	50.70	+44.97
SGrowth	9.24	+0.14
Strikelo n	8.36	+0.14
TGrowth n	71.63	+30.21
TGrowth n	14.90	+32.34
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Valuestr n	5.92	+0.44
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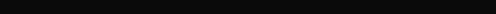
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BiChip	11.87	+16.86
Bondl	4.74	+16.86
Discover	9.93	+06.10
DEl	9.40	+14.44
Egal	11.87	-05.83
FdVal	14.24	+20.46

Exdr	3.74	+13
Fedl	4.86	+17
GlobBd	5.83	+10
GlobGr	8.79	-02
Growth	41.43	+10
HYMl	4.31	+13
Insr	5.17	+10
Insr	12.99	-14
Mdgl	10.45	+08
Minn	4.96	+12
Mutual	12.97	+18
Nwd	31.04	+24
Prog	7.18	+07
RschOp	7.86	+08
Sei	6.86	+02
SmColndr	5.97	+12
Stk24	26.24	+18
Stk36	26.18	+09
TE Bd	3.79	+11
Util	9.46	+15

Amer Express B:

BIClp1	11.73	+15.64
Bond1	4.74	+14.14
DE1	9.43	+14.44
EgVsp	11.24	+20.44
Ext1	3.74	+1.14
Fed1	4.85	+0.14
GlobGr1	8.82	-02.44
Growth1	39.90	+09.64
Int1	12.86	-15.33
Mutual1	12.86	+16.33
NeD1	30.33	+24.77
Strg1	25.12	+08.66
Ust1	9.46	+15.55
Amer Express Y:		
NeD n	31.09	+24.77



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Program promotes infant biligual education

By Dan Hulbert
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ATLANTA — Hey kids, it's time to play "Simon dice"! A game which is even more fun than "Simon Says" because, in the hands of Spanish teacher Estela Flores-Moreno, it's muy loco.

And a good thing it's nutty, too. Because of the dozen preschoolers sitting in a semi-circle around Estela, in the Cross and Crown Child Care Center in Dunwoody (Ga.), none has yet reached his or her third birthday.

"Simon dice: arriba!" cries Estela, who has the larger-than-life personality of a standup comedian, jumping up and throwing her hands over her head. All the kids follow suit, grinning. They continue to imitate the cherubic, foghorn-voiced teacher as she shakes her hands ("las manos!"), and collapses on the floor to simulate sleep ("dormir!") with a rum-

bling snore. Not all the kids repeat the words back — some of the 2-year-olds can barely speak, after all — but they follow and obviously understand Estela's every move because she herself is no snore.

The class is clearly more fun than work for the tykes — even though Estela speaks nothing but Spanish for the full 20 minutes.

Welcome to the get-'em-young campaign of Kidspeak International. Based in Atlanta, the 4-year-old program dispatches 20 instructors of French and Spanish to teach about 900 students in schools and preschools around metro Atlanta.

"I started this organization because I was impressed by the scientific evidence that your mind is most flexible before you're 7," says Kidspeak president Robert Goldberg. The 39-year-old ex-Army officer explains, "There are millions of connections between brain cells that can only form before age 7.

It's a use-it-or-lose-it situation; at Kidspeak, we use it."

In a national trend that might be called smarting down, parents are striving to give their preschoolers, even infants, a structured educational experience in language, math, arts — even computers — for a competitive edge in education and life. Scientific evidence often, but not always, supports the trend. For instance, the theory that listening to classical music from the crib could cultivate a smarter child was recently challenged by new research that claims it makes no difference.

Still, the studies of infant brain development that Goldberg referred to, widely publicized in 1997, have lowered the age threshold for teaching a second language. The Atlanta-based Primrose Schools Franchising Company, with 70 schools in seven states, includes Spanish in its core curriculum for 4- and 5-year-olds. The Language Workshop for Children in

New York starts infants at six months.

"In every city we go into, there are parents clamoring for more preschool education," says Primrose president Jo Kirchner. "We provide that structure, but structure doesn't mean pressure. There has to be a part of the day when the kids participate only because they choose to, otherwise you create unhealthy stress."

Indeed there are parents who worry that a carefree, workfree childhood is, like the rainforest, a precious vanishing resource. Goldberg's response is, "If you make learning fun enough, it's not an either-or situation. You can have the freedom of play with the kinds of structure that will enhance learning later in life."

Goldberg regrets learning Spanish so late — when he was a cadet at West Point. "When I finally went to Spain, I was petrified of carrying on a conversation," he says. "It got me

thinking about the importance of an early start."

After stewing in an unfulfilling law practice in Michigan, he headed for Atlanta in 1996 with a hunch that the Olympics would raise demand for more languages. He and his wife, Kimberley Goldberg — whom he met while both were teaching Spanish in Atlanta that year — founded Kidspeak, partly on the model of a British program they had studied.

They have built a healthy roster of clients. Occasionally they contract with an institution — for instance, Cross and Crown, which pays Kidspeak to teach seven classes at various age levels — but more often they sell the course directly to parents, typically for \$140-\$185 for about 16 weekly sessions.

The 2- and 3-year-old starts may not be right for every child. At Cross and Crown, one of the 2-year-olds was so unresponsive to Estela that he was eventually allowed to wander

across the room and investigate an inflatable pumpkin.

Then again, one of the advantages of starting at a younger age became clear when Estela hurried down the hall to her 3-year-old class. When she held up an animal picture and pronounced, "leon," one boy protested, "That's a lion!" Later on he insisted on "fox" for the picture of "El Lobo!" that Estela brought to hilarious, snarling life in her Spanish version of "Little Red Riding Hood." The 2-year-olds, on the other hand, often mimicked Estela's Spanish words perfectly and never countered with English ones.

Which raises the question: how low can they go?

"I once started teaching Spanish to an infant six weeks old," Estela says, "and by two-and-a-half he was fully bilingual."

Dan Hulbert writes for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

VELASQUEZ: Christian artist hits big time after three albums

(From D1)

haven't adjusted to the time here yet, so it's funny."

Besides crooning for other people's birthdays, Velasquez found time in between appearances in Guam to celebrate her own.

"The big 2-0," she said with mock enthusiasm. "I would definitely have to say this birthday feels different from the rest. I feel a little weird saying (I'm 20). It's kinda scary. It's like a milestone. There's no excuse for all my mess-ups now."

A quick glance at Velasquez's track record, however, indicates no glaring missteps so far. After singing in church and with her parents, the Houston-born singer was asked to open a concert for Christian-pop outfit Point of Grace. The group's manager was so impressed with her that he referred her to Myrrh Records.

After some serious discussion, Velasquez signed to the label at age 15 and released her first

album, "Heavenly Place," in 1996. It was certified gold and stands as the fastest-selling debut album for a solo artist in Christian music history.

Velasquez's self-titled second album was released in 1998 and also was certified gold for sales in excess of 500,000 copies. Throw in a slew of Dove awards, eight No. 1 singles and "A Heavenly Place," her inspirational book aimed at teens, and she seems poised for a long and prosperous career.

She says that so much success was an unexpected result of a simple love for singing.

"I didn't know or think that any of those things would happen," Velasquez said. "You grow up, and you think, 'Maybe I'll be a doctor one day or an astronaut.' I was still doing that. I never had a chance to go. 'Maybe I'll be a singer.' It was an exciting thing happening — unfolding in front of me."

Velasquez's expressive, crystal-clear voice is reaching even

more ears with the recent release of "Llegar a Ti," her first album of all Spanish-language tunes. It's a perfect showcase for her burgeoning talents, blending positive messages, dreamy ballads and salsa-tinged up-tempo numbers. The album's title track is already No. 2 on Billboard's Hot Latin Tracks list, primed to dethrone Marc Anthony from the top position.

"(Spanish) wasn't my first language, but my dad would always teach me Spanish hymns, and I'd have to sing them in church," she said. "I knew that I loved to sing in Spanish because it's such an emotional and a passionate language."

Despite her successful crossover onto the Spanish pop charts and radio, Velasquez made sure her messages of faith and hope were retained in the translation.

"It was really important to me to be able to relate to the songs that I sang," Velasquez said. "I can't relate to 'Hey baby, come on over here.' I can relate to the love I have for my family, the

love I have for God and the love one day I will have from a guy."

"I feel that responsibility to those little girls who look up to me and who listen to my music. I feel the responsibility to their parents, as well, that they know when they buy my CDs that it's something that their kids can listen to all the time and never get the wrong idea about life."

Those are reassuring words from a young artist whose pop-music contemporaries regularly indulge in come-hither pouts and show-business excesses. For Velasquez, though, it's simply part of being true to herself and making time for everyday pleasures.

"I think it's so important to have that balance in your life, and I do have friends," Velasquez said. "I really have a great family that keeps me balanced, and they keep me pretty accountable. People know me from the get-go. They know what I do, and they have to like me with or without it."

"Last night I went out with a friend to go drink coffee. And I have, like, a special guy who's really cool. I make time for life."



Photo Courtesy: Sony Discos

Jaci Velasquez's new CD 'Llegar a Ti' is the first Spanish album for the Houston-native.

Sí: Station retains financial firm

(From D1)

relationship with Schroders, particularly in view of its sterling reputation as one of the world's leading investment banking firms and the firm's expertise in the media and entertainment industry," said Bob Owen, Sí TV president and

chief executive officer.

The recipient of numerous national awards, Sí TV has garnered an ALMA Award for Special Achievement, Hispanic Magazine's Entertainment Achievement Award, the Image Award and the Golden Eagle Award for Outstanding Achievement in Television Pro-

duction. Sí TV's talent advisory board is comprised of prominent Latino entertainment figures such as Maria Conchita Alonso, Hector Elizondo, Moctezuma Esparza, Giselle Fernandez, Daisy Fuentes, Mario Lopez, Cheech Marin, Carlos Mencia and Jimmy Smits.

DEAR ABBY

Racism isn't just a matter of black against white

DEAR READERS: Yesterday I began sharing some of the many comments from my readers regarding racism. Today I will continue. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Thomas Anthony Jones Sr. is simply wrong in his statement that "there is no racism in the African-American community in the United States." Is he right when he says that black people are "discriminated against on a daily basis because of ... color"? Absolutely. Does that mean that only people belonging to the historically oppressive group can be labeled as racists? Absolutely not!

The pain of oppression is real and sharp. It shouldn't blind anyone, however, to the plain fact that racists come in all shapes and sizes, and yes, in all colors. You said it best, Abby, in your answer to "Cincinnati Educator": "Racism is never 'OK,' regardless of the skin color of the bigot." — NEAL SUMMERLIN IN VIRGINIA

DEAR NEAL: To that I will add that racism and prejudice are a cancer of the spirit. They invade and destroy everything they touch. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 16-year-old Asian-American. Mr. Jones declaring in an absolute statement that there is "no racism in the African-American community in the United States" is simply not true. Unfortunately, I have encountered racism from African-American individuals numerous times.

I fully believe that the majority of African-Americans living in the United States are not

racist, but I was extremely annoyed to read about someone declaring that there's none at all. I have noticed in general, whenever race relations are discussed in the U.S., it's always a matter of black or white. I think it's unfair not to include the opinions of other minorities, especially the increasingly growing Hispanic and Asian minorities that are projected to outgrow all other ethnic groups in the coming years. — JI H. CHONG, CATONSVILLE, MD.

DEAR JI: If your perception is true, I agree with you that it's unfair. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: As a proud Hispanic teen-ager, I found Thomas A. Jones Sr. to be driving in the wrong direction. His so-called "defense philosophy" is merely an excuse for intolerable behavior. His comment, "A black person is always surrounded by whites with racist attitudes," truly aggravated me. He implies that racism is a black-and-white issue when truly it is not.

Mr. Jones should be teaching his children to love, not retaliate. Just because others' beliefs are immoral does not mean that you should make the same mistake. As long as society continues to make this an attack-and-defend situation, how can we ever make any progress? — KATRINA N. MONTANEZ, ARIZ.

DEAR KATRINA: That's the million-dollar question. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I, too, am African-American, and for Mr. Jones to say there is no racism within the black community is an outright lie. While I cannot deny our country's heritage of slavery and bigotry, to say it is fine for blacks to hate white people because of this is nonsense. I should know. I was once a black militant, filled with hatred. Thankfully the Lord blessed me with eyes to see that my hate was killing me and no one else.

Ignorant people of all races hate with or without cause. It is that simple. The means do not justify the end. — KIMBLEY M. FORREST, MINISTER, ALIVE MINISTRIES, NEW YORK

DEAR READERS: As you can see, when I told you the comments from readers were terrific, I wasn't exaggerating. I'll have more tomorrow.

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Dear Abby/8C

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I know of a bird who will make you chicken

By Richard Acosta
Staff Writer

When I was a child my mother told me about her tia (aunt) and the ferocious beast that relentlessly kept all passers-by at a careful distance.

People, who didn't know better would try to walk down the sidewalk in front of her house, only to run away screaming in horror when the evil animal went on his rant.

Neighborhood children would only go by across the street, pedaling their bikes with all their might when they had to ride down tia's block.

Strangers didn't suffer the wrath alone. Family members were made to suffer the stalking of the fearsome monster.

My mother told me she believes, "that stupid animal," actually took pleasure in drawing blood from her ankles and the shrieks of pain they caused.

Surprisingly, the average man felt no immediate fear, even when staring the blood hungry beast dead in the eyes.

In actuality, people generally would think about having a three piece meal at KFC.

The protector of tia's front yard was a rooster.

A black rooster with dark sinister eyes, blood red wattles and comb and bright yellow feet and legs.

"Laugh if you want to," mama would say, "but that rooster was evil down to his soul and had a heart as black as night."

My sister and I sat through countless stories about how that bird terrorized my mom and her siblings.

Basically all the stories go like this:

The rooster would wonder around tia's yard, seemingly harmless, in rooster like fashion. Bobbing his head, scratching and pecking at the ground.

(Cluck, cluck, cluck, cluck.)

Then, off in the distance, the ever fearsome beast could hear a possible victim approaching. With the rigidity of a statue, the creature stood motionless, carefully scoping the landscape for the source of the disturbance in his quiet afternoon activities.

It wasn't until a car came over the hill and around the corner that he could spot his next casualties.

Locking his eyes on his target he'd get restless as he anticipated the taste of blood as he watched the car approach.

Once the car stopped in the driveway the rooster readied himself for attack. Raising his wings and swooping his head, moving it from side to side from the base of his neck, but never unlocking his fearsome gaze from his mark.

The click of the car door would bring the feathers around the neck of the bird to attention and send his wings wide open with full flaps. Little chicken feet would dig at the ground and the moment a foot touched the ground the creature would unleash his fury on the world.

(CLUCK)

The rooster would cry as it jumped in the air and made a beeline for the feet. Feathers flew as a cloud of dust concealed the ferocious jabbing by the fearsome beak into innocent flesh.

"Stop it! Leave me alone! Go away!" Mom screamed in pain. But her pleas fell on deaf ears. The rooster was relentless in his pursuit of her little feet.

Suddenly, the peck would stop.

You see, the very sound of tia coming out of her house and uttering a word of welcome to her guests would transform Mr. Hyde back to Dr. Jekyll. The little rooster would prance over to her and very affectionately lean on her feet, cooing lovingly.

"Leave the kids alone," tia would say to the little bird who tenderly snuggled up to her feet.

Unfortunately, no one could see the other side of the rooster, his more gentle and loving half. In fact, to this day, my mother has a snarl in her voice when she shows my sister and I the small scars on her ankles. She does, on the other hand, seem to have a better than average love for fried chicken.

Send comments, story ideas and love letters to "ñface@quepasa.com." Or send in your above mentioned whatnots to the Midland Reporter-Telegram C/O ñFace Richard Acosta at, 201 E. Illinois Avenue, Midland TX. 79701. Please included where you read the Midland Reporter-Telegram and the Qué Pasa page.

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5. <i>Por Eso Te Amo</i> by Los Palaminos	15. <i>Sonador Eterno</i> by Intocable
6. <i>Pasion</i> by Limite	16. <i>Cantarle a Ella</i> by Bobby Pulido
7. <i>La Papaya</i> by Reuben Vela	17. <i>Mi Chatita</i> by Michael Salgado
8. <i>Me Hace Llorar</i> by Masizzo	18. <i>Duele</i> by Elida y Avante
9. <i>El Perdedor</i> by Intocable	19. <i>Se Baila Asi</i> by Los Tigritillos
10. <i>Azucar</i> by Los Kumbia Kings	20. <i>Dejalo al Tiempo</i> by Intenso
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From KMRK Tejano 96.1 for the past week

A celebration of life during Los Dias de Los Muertos

By George Torres
Staff Writer

While jack-o-lanterns, trick-or-treat candy and superhero costumes bring a gleam of anticipation in the eyes of children across the country, preparation for a different type of celebration is well underway.

The days of the dead are upon us. Los Dias de Los Muertos or the Days of the Dead, traditionally celebrated in Mexico, takes place on Nov. 1 and 2.

Like Halloween, this celebration has Celtic, Roman, and Christian influences, but with additional Aztec beliefs.

According to information found on the Internet, images have been seen in ancient Aztec monuments linking the spirits of the dead with Monarch butterflies. When people died, the Aztec people believed that in the spirits of the dead returned as humming birds or as butterflies. Every year when the Monarch butterflies migrates from North American and returns to Mexico for winter protection. The belief is that the butterflies carry the spirits of the departed.

"There are many beliefs about spirits that are different from town to town, but on Dias de Los Muertos people believe spirits come back to visit the family," said Juana-Maria Ruiz, Mexican Consulate representative.

However, the event is not seen as sad but a time of rejoicing and honoring the dead. Dressed up as ghouls, ghosts, mummies, and skeletons the townspeople parade through town carrying open coffins to capture fruit, flowers, and candies from local vendors.

The town is decorated all over with skeletons and skulls. Hand made figurines of skeletons called calacas are played with by children resembling general on horseback, musicians playing instruments, and even bride and grooms. Chocolate skulls along with



Photos by Tim Fischer

white chocolate skeletons are made for the event to be enjoyed as treats. Special loaves of bread decorated with bones are made called pan de muertos and marzipan coffins are baked for the celebration as

baskets and other goods. People leave special forms of punched out paper called papel picado, derived from the pre-Hispanic custom of working magic with figures cut from Amate bark. These paper cut-outs were frequently left at graves and burial sites for protection, and now have become popular among celebrations of the dead.

At the cemetery people stay all night as it is customary to scrub and clean the graves of their departed. People even bring yard equipment where they de-weed and rake smooth the area around the grave then replace the it with fresh flowers.

Some even bring guitars and radios to bring music to souls of their recently departed.

One Mexican town famous for its celebrations of the dead is Mixquic, found in the Federal District of Mexico. The town's very name is derived from the Aztec Goddess of Life and Death, Mixquitzil.

Mixquic today is one of the main centers for the celebration of the dead. The festivities are very elaborate and formal starting well before the traditional Nov. 2nd.



well. In the home people arrange ofrenda's (offerings to the dead) 'altars' baring flowers, bread, candies and photos of the dead to remember the departed.

"We had an ofrenda starting Tuesday, Oct. 26, at the Mexican Consulate and we asked local bakeries to make pan de los muertos," said Mrs. Ruiz. "We are doing this because there are a lot of Mexican people here in the area and we want them to know and remember their culture."

As part of the celebration, people travel to the cemetery at night where they bring flowers, candles, and picnic

Sí TV retains firm

SAN ANTONIO — Sí TV co-founders Jeff Valdez and Bruce Barshop announced that the company has retained the investment banking firm Schroder & Co. Inc. as its financial advisor in connection with the launch of Sí TV Cable Network.

The 24-hour-a-day, 7-day-a-week advertiser-supported cable venture will offer Latino-themed English-language original programming including comedy, talk shows, variety programming and movies, with award-winning works by Latino filmmakers.

Schroders has been engaged in an advisory capacity to assist Sí TV in its capital formation strategy. Founded in 1918, Schroders is a fully integrated global investment bank providing a broad range of banking products. In 1998 the investment firm acted as the lead or co-manager in approximately 75 equity and debt issues with a total value in excess of \$30 billion. Worldwide, Schroders media group has handled more than 200 transactions with an aggregate value exceeding \$100 billion.

"We are extremely pleased to enter into this

Santana hits No. 1 on charts

First time for Latin artist since 1971 with new label

NEW YORK — Follows-up first No. 1 career single, "Smooth," with Rob Thomas of matchbox 20, as rock continues strong chart resurgence in '99

Arista recording artist Carlos Santana's celebrated comeback comes full circle as SUPERNATURAL, his first album for the label, produced by Clive Davis and Carlos Santana, bullets to No. 1 (from last week's No. 2 spot) on the Billboard Hot 200 - the group's first No. 1 album since 1970's Abraxas and 1971's Santana III. The new album, certified triple platinum by the RIAA for U.S. sales in excess of 3 million units, generated Soundscan sales of nearly 170,000 units in its 18th week on the chart.

Clive Davis expressed, "This incredible milestone is pure fantasy come true. What was once just a dream has become a reality that is not

only inspirational for Carlos but for all great artists who have prayed that their music would once again impact the soul and heart of millions all over the world."

The album's success is linked to its first single, "Smooth," which reached the No. 1 position on the Billboard Hot 100 last week - the first No. 1 single in Santana's 30-year chart career. "Smooth," co-written by and featuring Rob Thomas of matchbox 20, and produced by Matt Serletic of Melisma Productions, has been in the forefront of this year's resurgence of rock on the charts since its Hot Shot Debut in Billboard last July 31st.

"It is wonderful," noted Billboard Singles Spotlight columnist Silvio Pietroluongo, "that in the year of Latin music's big pop-chart success, arguably the most accom-

plished Latin musician of all time is able to make his mark on the Hot 100." Rolling Stone's David Wild was equally enthusiastic in his 3 1/2 star review: "It sounds so damn good... It's been too long since Carlos Santana delivered a new studio album worthy of his awesome gifts."

Among Santana's many collaborations on SUPERNATURAL, "Put Your Lights On," featuring Everlast, is starting to move up the rock charts; and "Maria Maria," co-written and co-produced by Wyclef Jean of the Fugees, has exploded at Urban and rhythm crossover radio. The album's other collaborations, with the likes of Eric Clapton, Lauryn Hill & Cee-Lo, Dave Matthews, Eagle-Eye Cherry, and Latin supergroup Mana guarantee a long stay for Santana on the charts into the new millennium.

Success chases Jaci Velasquez

HOUSTON — Pop stars rarely make their own phone calls.

If there are digits to be dialed for an interview, the task is usually taken care of by an agent, a publicist, a manager. We wouldn't want our fragile singer breaking a nail, would we?

Contemporary Christian superstar Jaci Velasquez is a little different. Her call for a last-minute interview was indeed made by someone else, but it wasn't some slick record exec or overeager yes-man. And she had a legitimate excuse for not making the call

herself.

"I am just trying to connect you with my daughter," said Diana Velasquez, calling from her home in Nashville, Tenn. "We just got in from a trip from Guam, so we're both like half-dead. We're trying to make coffee to wake up. Jaci goes, 'Mom, get him on the phone.'"

When Jaci Velasquez takes the phone from her mother, she seems wide awake, despite just coming down from a whirlwind schedule.

"I just woke up, but I'm not like completely messed up, which is really good" said the

performer.

If Velasquez had been a little disoriented, we wouldn't have held it against her. Her 3 1/2-day trip to Guam included two concerts and a special performance for the governor's birthday party. It also had resulted in some unexpected side effects.

"I never got over the time change. My head is just gone; I'm so messed up," Velasquez said. "I felt so bad for those poor people."

They probably thought, "This girl always has bags under her eyes." I looked tired. And I

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Notice is hereby given that the original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Beverly Jean Klempner, Deceased, were issued on October 25, 1999 in Docket No. P12,604, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas to Richard G. Klempner.

The residence of the Independent Executor is in Midland County, Texas. The post office address is:

c/o Richard C. Houston, Jr. Canon, Short & Gaston
P.O. Box 2890
Midland, Texas 79702

All persons having claims against this Estate which are currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated the 26th day of October, 1999

CANON, SHORT & GASTON
By Richard C. Houston, Jr.
Attorneys for the Estate of Beverly Jean Klempner

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RICHARD MADRID

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All persons having claims against this Estate which are currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 26th day of October, 1999.

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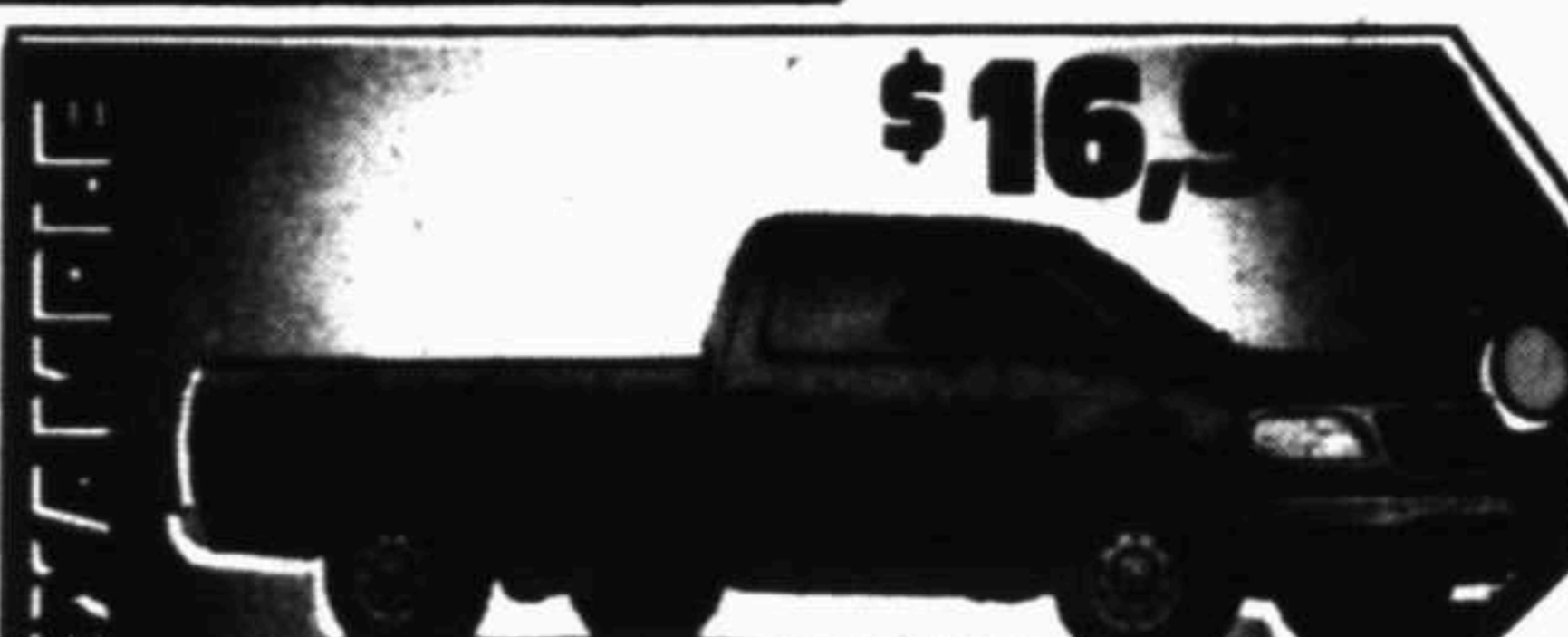
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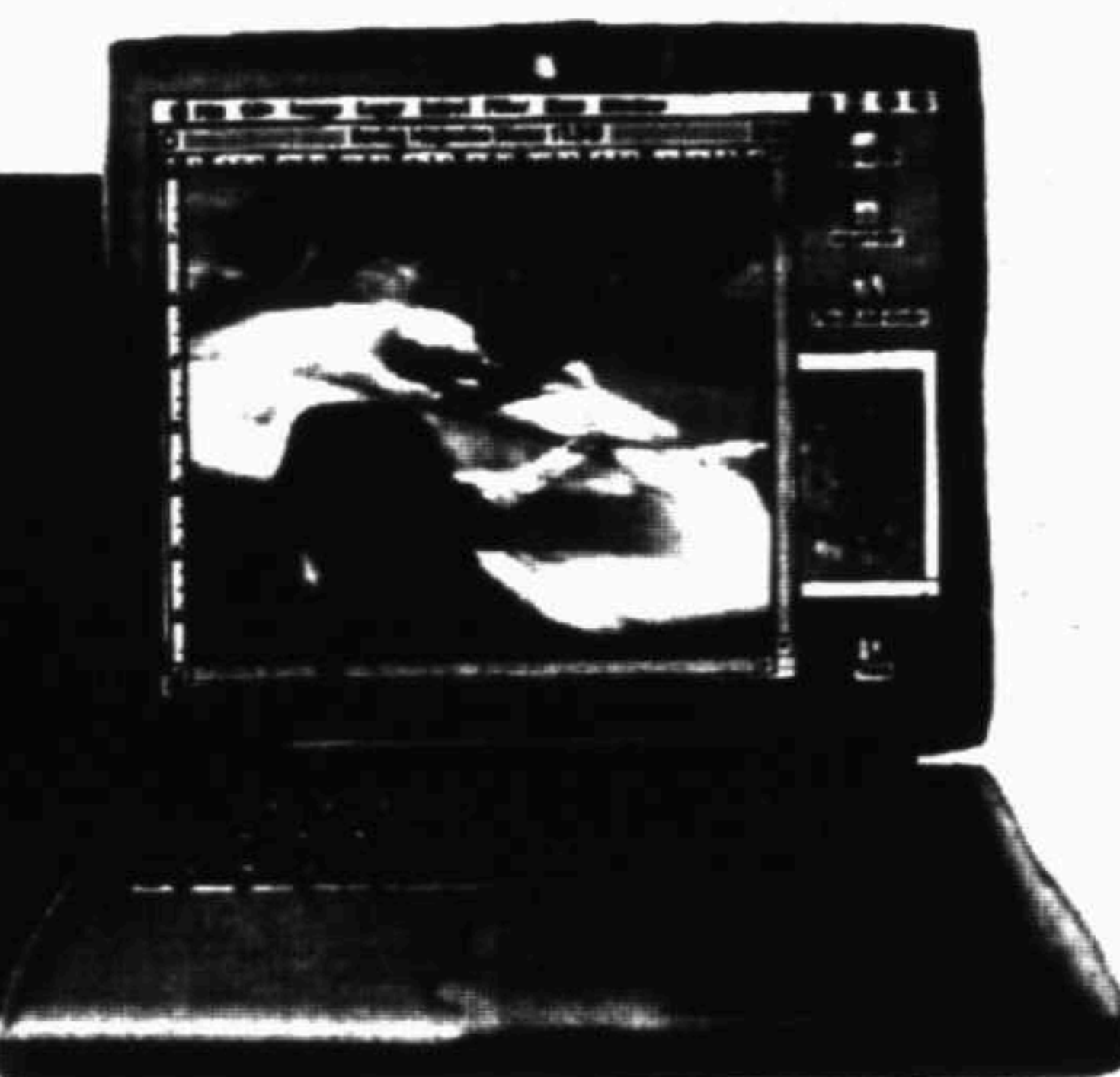
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79703

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3905 ANETTA: 45 years accumulation. Selling vacuums dishes, glassware, dress maker form, desk, encyclopedias, TV, Avon bottles, clothes and more. 4 Days 9:00am-5:00pm.

4412 PARKDALE: Thursday, Friday, Saturday- 7:00 am! Backyard sale!

418 N. Bentwood Inside: Estate sale. Years of collectibles, furniture, glassware, seasonal, lots and lots of miscellaneous. Friday- Saturday 8:30-? No early sales.

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EAST Gate. Drexel Sofa & Love Seat, \$250. Antique beds: Double \$350, 3/4 wood, \$100. Stereo components. PLUS Antique chairs, designer linens, clothing, kitchen & bath items, and other household miscellaneous. Thursday- Sunday 1PM- 7PM. 689-3704 for information.

4800 GRACELAND: Three family sale! Friday and Saturday- 7:00 until 2:00! Furniture, clothes, bedroom suite, TV's, crafts. Much more!

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79705

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The Deadline to place an Ad in our Saturday Garage Sale Section is Noon Friday. Call 682-6222 to place your ad today.

79705

★★★★★
HUGE FANTASTIC SALE
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Thursday- Saturday 8:30 - 5:30
Sunday 1:30- 4:30
Furniture, appliances, linens, quilts, silk flowers and arrangements, decorator items, paintings and prints, Christmas decorations, kitchen things, dishes. Hundreds of ladies designer clothes- sizes 2 to 16. Mens clothing, many boxes of cosmetics, mens shoes, many ladies shoes and purses, much jewelry, lingerie. Commercial kitchen equipment: Steam table, deep fryers, bar stools, tables, chairs, dishes, registers, big screen TV, jacuzzi. Entirely too much to list.
Handled by Floy Mayberry.

79706

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79707

2700 DORA- 7 AM Friday & Saturday
(Off Neely) 100+ Barbie collection including 1960 "Solo in the Spotlight" & Marilyn Monroe, Little Tikes gym and other toys, Bassett dresser with mirror \$45, rocking horse, corner shelves, toy boxes, desk, luggage, boots, office refrigerator \$35, baby bed, changing table, rocking chairs, baby and doll quilts, pots & pans, pitcher collection, wheel barrow 7.50, air tank, dog house, horse collar.

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