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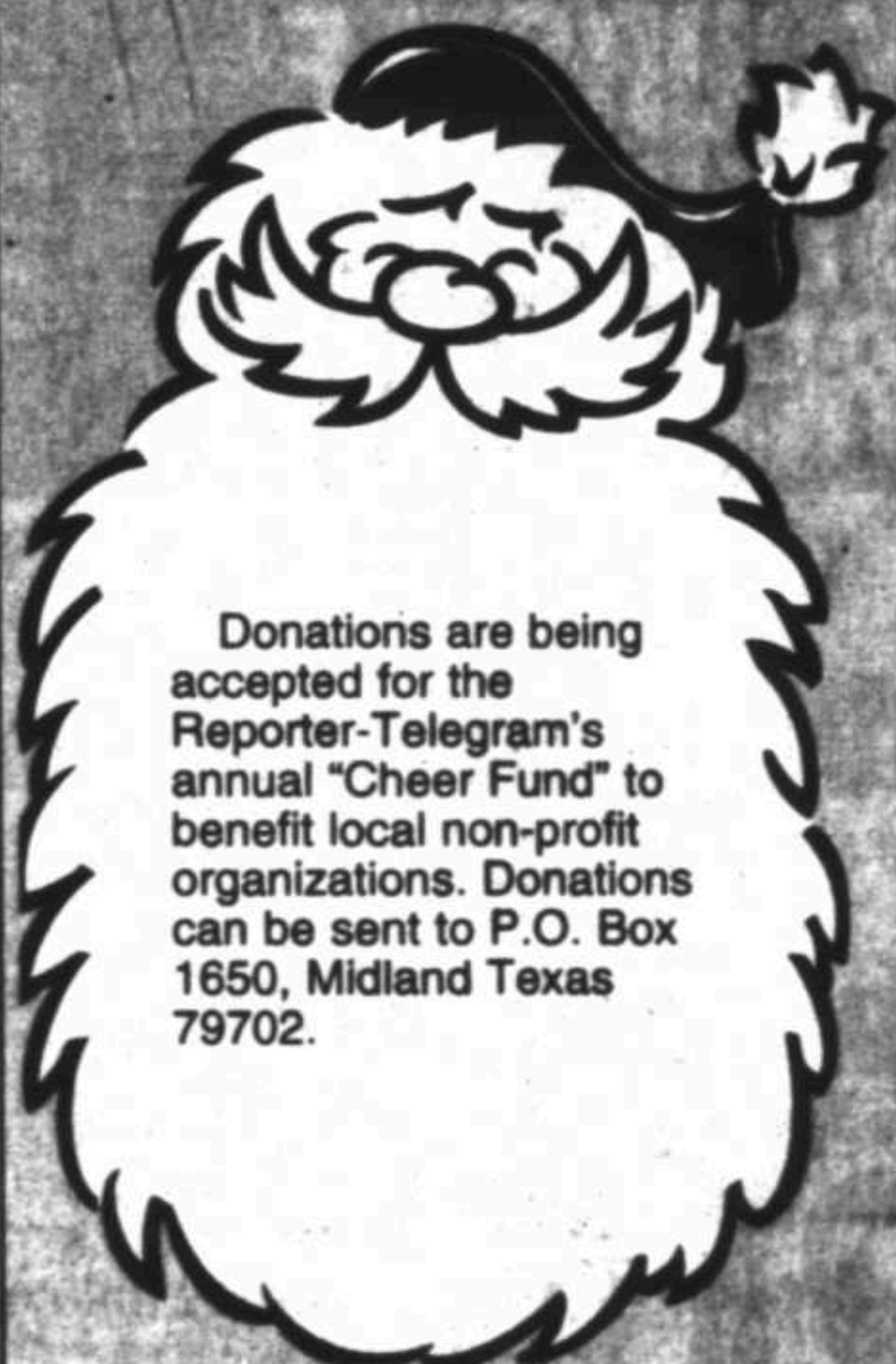
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Udall dead

WASHINGTON — Former Rep. Morris K. Udall, a 30-year congressman who championed environmental causes and wryly lamented he was too funny to be president, has died after a long struggle with Parkinson's disease. He was 76. Udall died late Saturday at the U.S. Veterans Medical Center in Washington, according to Chris Helms, head of a Udall family foundation in Tucson, Ariz.

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Space station

SPACE CENTER, Houston — After successfully joining and outfitting the first two pieces of the international space station, Endeavour's astronauts set the seven-story complex loose Sunday and then flew away. "Wish we could stay longer," commander Robert Cabana said, "but we'll get safely away and leave it for somebody else to come back and add more to it." It will be spring before the next construction crew arrives.

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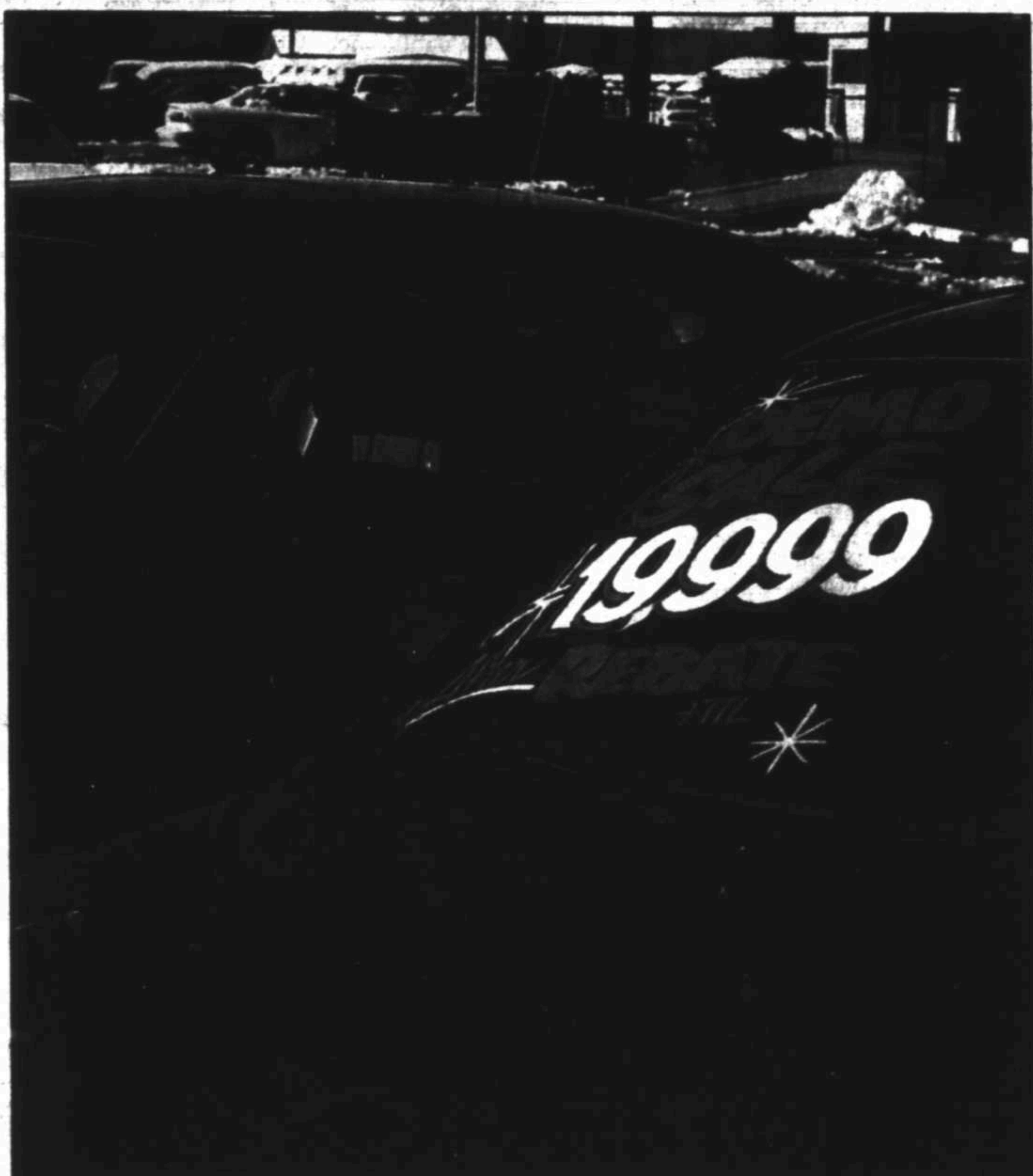


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Growing numbers



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Local car dealers say Hispanics are becoming an increasingly important portion of their business.

Hispanics add fuel to local car sales

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

For Midland's automobile dealerships, the local Hispanic market is becoming increasingly critical to their business.

"The Hispanic market is becoming more and more important," said Doss Rogers, president of Rogers Ford, who said the trend is nationwide, and Ford Motors is spending increasing amounts on Hispanic advertising nationally.

He said 35 percent of his employees are Hispanic, though "I just hire the best people for the job." And, he said, half of his top 10 salesmen are Hispanic.

The Hispanic community, he said, are loyal buyers, to a car brand and to a car sales-

man that they come to know and trust. The community is also very family-oriented, he said, recommending the salesman or dealership to their family members.

Jack Sherman of Jack Sherman Chevrolet, who is seeking a Spanish-speaking car salesman, said the Hispanic market is a good market for his dealership, comprising a large share of his business.

"I think the community is growing, it has a lot of purchasing power. And I think that if people are aware you appreciate their business, they'll come back."

Jed Heard of Berg Motor said dealerships are always looking for bilingual salespeople, adding that the Hispanic market has always

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Midlanders back vote for impeachment

Staff and Wire Reports

With a full impeachment vote in the House of Representatives drawing closer with each hour, most Midlanders seem to be standing firm in their support of action against President Clinton.

The full House will take up the four articles of impeachment against Clinton on Thursday in what is expected to be a long and contentious debate. House Republican aides say final votes could spill into Friday.

"I think they should vote to impeach," said Allison Eyler, a housewife who has lived in Midland about six years. "He hasn't upheld the law... It shouldn't be an issue of politics, but an issue of morality."

Twenty-one-year-old Jay Gorania, who moved to Midland five months ago, had mixed feelings on impeachment.

"At this point, as far as it's gone, I think that maybe he should be impeached," Gorania said. "I do at the same time think it was like a witch hunt... I think that his personal life is his personal life, and they pried too deep."

Linda Carrillo, 22-year resident of Midland and mother of two, agrees that investigators went too far.

"They should just leave him alone," she said. She added she'd be upset with her congressman for voting for impeachment.

Most Midlanders, though, are giving their representatives a green light.

"To me it's pretty plain: Yes, he did lie, and yes, he should be held accountable for his actions," said Barry Price, who works for Arco Permian. "Everybody can see the writing on the wall, it's just time to get past it."

The Judiciary Committee, which passed the articles, first must write a final report on its inquiry. House rules call for a waiting period of two legislative days — Sunday doesn't count — before the articles can come to the floor.

That means the articles will be available Wednesday, with



AP Photo
Most Midlanders think President Clinton should be impeached.

debate on impeachment to begin Thursday morning. Judiciary committee chairman Henry Hyde of Illinois will act as GOP floor manager, and ranking Democrat John Conyers of Michigan is expected to manage the debate for his party.

Hyde said Sunday that he expects a "prolonged debate... I would be for expanding the time considerably so everyone can talk who wants to."

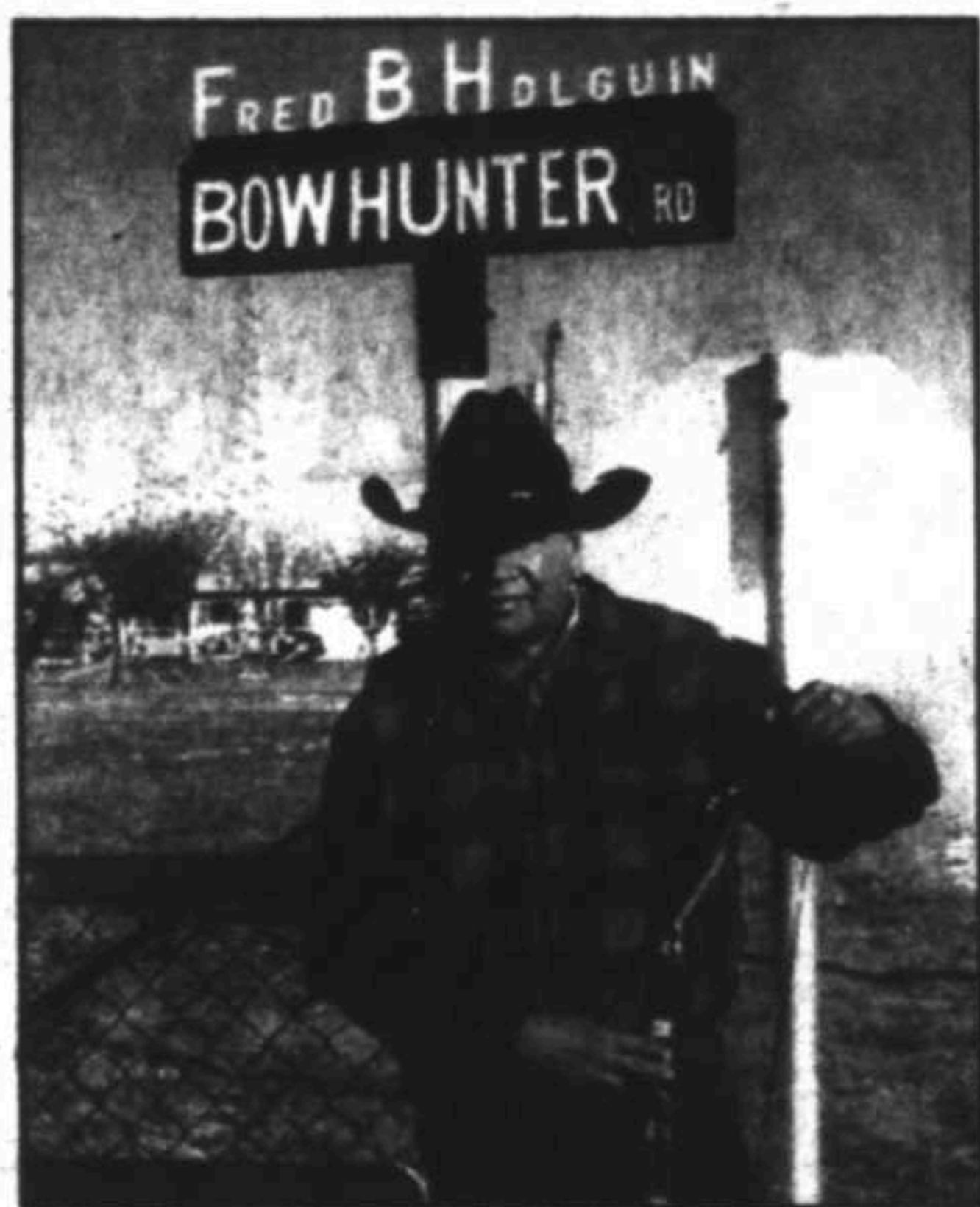
Midlanders said they felt the process has dragged on too long already.

"I think they're spending too much money over little things," said Sam Weaverling, a supporter of impeachment who works for the county road and bridge department.

Weaverling said both sides have been making the same arguments and "ditto-ing" each other far too long. "We've all heard it, so what's the use of hashing it out all over again?" he said.

If the House impeaches, the secretary of the Senate can accept the articles even without the Senate being in session. If articles are approved, the House would appoint managers who would argue the impeachment case before the Senate.

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To find Fred Holguin just find the street sign with his name and his passion.

Forsan bowhunter hard to miss, but you still may have to hunt to find him

By Johnnye Montgomery

FORSAN — Fred Holguin is a man almost impossible to miss in Forsan, but it may take a little while to find him.

First of all, find the street sign bearing both his nickname, Bowhunter, and his legal name, and follow it down the road which leads past his house surrounded by a grassy fenced yard covering the entire block, and presided over by the unlikely sculpture of a bowhunter resting in the branches of a tree.

But if you don't see his white pickup truck parked there, and he's not visiting the neighbors to the north or south, just join the early morning coffee crowd at The Soda Shop, pour yourself a cup of coffee and either wait for him to show up, or ask

where he is.

Holguin is an Apache Corp. production man, but he's also an unofficial one-man Chamber of Commerce, welcome committee, guide and junior warden of the town. He is Forsan's mayor pro tem, and was for 10 years a member of the Forsan School Board as well as the school's football statistician for 24 years. He gladly escorts visitors to the town in his pickup, stopping at the post office, the school, the oilfield supply store to make introductions.

There's a 1960s-era photo hanging on the wall of the Forsan School Superintendent's office showing Holguin under a bush of hair and sideburns, and another photo of him on the wall of the Soda Shop, and in

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Parents at candlelight vigil share pain of losing a child

By Daniel Arp
Staff Writer

It began with each of the seven lighting a candle. The Christmas tree that is for most the center of attention this time of year stood off to one side as they gathered in a circle around the lights, which they'd placed on a coffee table.

For only the second year in Midland — the first for some of them — they were performing a vigil that for years has been performed across the globe on National Children's Memorial Day. The vigil is in remembrance of children who have died. Each of the seven in attendance had lost at least one child, some to suicide, others to accident or illness.

"I know Christmas is supposed to be a

time to be joyful. But when you lose someone you love so much, it's hard," said Lydia Frescaz. Her daughter Angela was murdered by her ex-husband in 1992 and her son Corey died of asthma this past May. She said that the vigil was her way of coping.

"To know that we do this in their memory does help out," she said. "I'm so glad everybody's here tonight, because everybody who's here tonight understands."

The group met at a residence of one of the parents under the sponsorship of an international group called Compassionate Friends, which brings people together who have lost their children or siblings.

Those in attendance said the group has helped them through the pain of losing their children prematurely.

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Tina and Brent Hutchins, with daughter Haley Martin, light candles in memory of their 23-month-old son, Hayden Martin, who died in May 1997.

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Contradictions to greet Clinton on trip to Gaza

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — College student Ahmed Masoudi was unimpressed Sunday as he watched workers struggle to raise a giant American flag in Gaza City's main square.

"All these U.S. flags everywhere — what's it for? For Clinton to see for one day?" the 18-year-old said on the eve of the American president's arrival. "We should think about the day after."

The Gaza Strip, a self-ruled sliver of Mediterranean coast wedged between Israel and Egypt, is famous among Palestinians for its fortunetellers and clairvoyants, but few of those living here can agree on a vision of its future. The present is confounding enough.

President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton will spend only a few hours on the ground in Gaza today, but even such a brief stay is sufficient to get a sense of its jarring contradictions.

The 140-square-mile strip — a complex patchwork of Palestinian refugee camps, Jewish settlements and Israeli military bases — has been under Palestinian rule for the past four years. But most Palestinians living here feel suffocated by Israeli restrictions.

Israel controls the external borders, patrols the coastal waters, grants or denies permits to travel to the West Bank and regulates the water supply. Gaza is powerless even in the most literal sense: it must buy its electricity from Israel.

Yet the sense of statehood may be strongest here. Palestinians rejoiced last month over the opening of their international airport in Gaza, their first gateway to the world, and have made it clear that they consider Clinton's landing at it akin to a presidential seal of approval for their larger aspirations.

When Israel handed most of Gaza over to the Palestinians in the



AP Photo
Palestinian workers prepare a large U.S. flag Sunday, that will hang above a Gaza square and is designed to be seen by U.S. President Bill Clinton as he helicopters from Rafah airport to Gaza today.

wake of the Oslo peace accords, most Israelis were happy to let it go. The land to which Israel laid biblical claim was in the West Bank, not here. The late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was once quoted as saying he wouldn't care if Gaza fell into the sea.

Gazans complain that Israel's nearly 30-year military occupation — which began when Israel seized the strip from Egypt in the 1967 Mideast war — left them with an infrastructure either wrecked or never built to begin with. When the six-year intifadeh, or uprising against Israeli rule, trailed off in 1993, Gaza City — a metropolis of nearly half a million people — did not have a single traffic light.

Now Gaza City presents a boomtown landscape, bristling with satellite dishes and new high-rises — though many buildings stand unfinished because developers ran out of money midway, or absconded with it.

An infusion of foreign aid helped pave main roads and even create a few belts of greenery, but the spruced-up appearance belies huge tracts of abject poverty,

including the Shati refugee camp in Gaza City, which the first lady will visit.

The strip's eight refugee camps, created when Palestinians fled or were driven from their homes with the creation of Israel in 1948, are home to nearly 400,000 people.

The camps contain some of the world's most densely populated areas, with among the highest fertility rates. Barefoot children play in unpaved streets plied by donkey-drawn carts. Many people live in concrete-block shacks with corrugated tin roofs topped with rocks to keep them from blowing away.

In the days before the Clinton visit, workers were doing their best to dispel Gaza's general impression of dinginess. In some areas where his motorcade was to pass, workers planted flowers and applied fresh coats of paint.

Gaza's public mores are generally more conservative than in the West Bank — there are no movie theaters, alcohol is banned, and nightspots are almost nonexistent. Perhaps because of that, the Clinton-Lewinsky sex scandal gives genuine offense to many here.

Clinton: Resignation 'never crossed my mind'

JERUSALEM (AP) — With a grave impeachment threat overshadowing his Mideast diplomacy, President Clinton declared Sunday he will not resign and "it's never crossed my mind." He suggested Republican leaders oppose a censure vote in fear the lesser punishment might pass.

Clinton said three-quarters of the American people believe censure rather than impeachment is "the right thing to do." He urged lawmakers to "vote their conscience on the Constitution and the law."

Rebuffing GOP demands, Clinton also said he would never admit to perjury.

"I could not do something that I am quite sure I did not do," the president said. But Clinton agreed with his attorney, Charles Ruff, who when asked if the president had lied, said that reasonable people could conclude the president had crossed that line and had made false statements — but had not committed perjury.

Four days before the 435-member House sits in solemn judgment on four articles of impeachment, Clinton faced an embarrassing barrage of impeachment questions at a news conference with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

At a delicate moment in the Mideast peace process, the prime minister grew uneasy as Israeli journalists and then American reporters relentlessly questioned Clinton about his fate.

"I don't know what's going to happen," the president said, adding that his fate rested with the House. "It's out of my hands."

The prime minister, in political peril himself, futilely urged reporters to focus on the endangered land-for-security deal signed Oct. 23 between Israel and the Palestinians.

From a lectern under a tent outside Netanyahu's office, the president reached out to wavering lawmakers, offering to answer any questions or concerns if they contact him. But he said it would be inappropriate for him to initiate calls because House members should not be put under undue pressure — even though "many of

them have said they feel such pressure."

Grim-faced, Clinton vowed he would not resign as Richard Nixon did 24 years ago as he faced a House impeachment vote. "It's never crossed my mind," the president said.

With time running out, White House aides were desperately searching for a strategy to save Clinton from becoming only the second president in history to be impeached. Lockhart said he was unaware of any plans for a presidential address before the impeachment vote, but he did not rule it out.

The vote poses a big test for incoming House Speaker Bob Livingston, who must decide whether to step in with a compromise or stand aside as Republicans act in defiance of the wishes of most Americans. Livingston and outgoing House Speaker Newt Gingrich endorsed Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde's view that no vote on censure should be allowed.

Clinton said Americans should ask Republicans "whether they're

opposed to it because they think that it might pass."

Asserting that he was not guilty of perjury, Clinton cited supportive testimony from four former federal prosecutors — two Democrats and two Republicans — who agreed that Clinton was not guilty of perjury.

Clinton said his testimony last January in the Paula Jones sexual harassment lawsuit — the beginning of his troubles — was "difficult, ambiguous and unhelpful... That's exactly what I said in the grand jury testimony myself and I agree with what Mr. Ruff said about it."

Back in Washington, House Majority Whip Tom Delay, R-Tex., who is leading the drive for impeachment on the House floor, said the process had destroyed Clinton's credibility to conduct foreign policy.

"I'm suggesting that the president of the United States cannot be believed, and I think it's reflective in his foreign policy. Saddam Hussein knows it, and that's why he jerks his chain all the time," Delay said on NBC.

Standoff over Kosovo ghost town threatens truce

MALISEVO, Yugoslavia (AP) — A heavy silence pervades the dead zone at the center of Kosovo's suspended war, where only packs of wild dogs and fear thrive.

Suddenly a lone figure in a black beret appears in the rubble of the decimated ghost town, tracked intently by a gunman in blue on a distant rooftop.

The ethnic Albanian refugee feels the Serb sniper's gaze but averts his eyes as he trudges through a nightmarish landscape of charred, smashed buildings.

"Even if they kill me, I had to see my hometown again," 72-year-old Adem Mazreku says, gesturing to the police base where a tank barrel aims menacingly at the town. "But as long as they are here, we won't come back."

Malisevo, a key strategic town in the Drenica region that is the heartland of Kosovo's separatist rebels, has become a focal point of unsuccessful diplomacy to settle the conflict in the Serbian province.

The U.N. refugee agency says it is a "symbol of fear" among tens of thousands of displaced people — a stark reminder that all is not well in Kosovo regardless of the absence of combat.

Despite a two-month-old truce, a Serb-Albanian standoff over the eerie town remains unresolved. Many fear it will provide the spark to ignite new fighting across Kosovo by spring.

Located 25 miles southwest of the capital Pristina, Malisevo was the main stronghold of the Kosovo Liberation Army when Serbian police overran it in July, sending 3,000 residents fleeing ahead of a

scorched-earth offensive. Diplomats and humanitarian officials have pressed Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic to withdraw police from their fortress here in order to facilitate the ethnic Albanians' return to their homes.

But Milosevic has refused. Daily patrols of Serb armored vehicles and truckloads of gun-toting policemen through area villages send children scurrying.

The Serbs maintain the police contingent is necessary to prevent the KLA from reclaiming Malisevo. They reject the rebels' demand that they withdraw — and international diplomats acknowledge that their presence does not violate the October agreement, as the guerrillas claim.

"Police will remain stationed in Malisevo regardless of the KLA's request," said a senior police official, speaking on condition of anonymity. "Nowhere in the world should police withdraw on terrorists' demand."

Barely two miles away, KLA fighters walk around openly in the village of Dragobilje. Several guard the entrance to a low-slung compound where rows of black combat boots line the doorway — a rebel command post.

"These activities must stop," says Daja Cet, a stern-faced local KLA commander. "Only Albani-

ans live in this area. Their patrols are a provocation."

The potential for explosive incidents is so high that international monitors have begun accompanying police on their rounds, producing the unlikely sight of U.S. armored cars leading Serb convoys.

A team of British verifiers hopes to further discourage violence by moving into a house in abandoned Malisevo.

In the meantime, few dare linger there.

Neighboring villages, packed with Malisevo's displaced, were buzzing with alarm in recent days after reports that a Serb sniper fired from the police station at two people who were trying to move out of their damaged homes.

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Puerto Ricans vote to remain commonwealth

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Puerto Ricans rejected statehood Sunday, giving supporters of the existing commonwealth status a narrow majority in a non-binding referendum on the island's ties to the United States.

Final results gave 50.2 percent of votes to the "none of the above" option adopted by the commonwealth party, while statehood had 46.5 percent. In a similar non-binding referendum in 1993, commonwealth status beat out statehood by 49 percent to 46 percent.

President Clinton has asked Congress to abide by the result of the referendum, but it was unclear what kind of message the "none of the above" victory would send to Congress. Most likely, there will be a bitter and prolonged argument over interpreting the result.

The commonwealth party had urged a "none of the above" vote because it objected to the ballot's commonwealth description, which was written by the statehood party and suggested Congress could revoke Puerto Ricans' U.S. citizenship.

Regardless of the numbers, pro-statehood Gov. Pedro Rossello insisted his cause had won, arguing that almost all people who voted for an actual status definition supported statehood. He said he would use that interpretation to petition Congress to make Puerto Rico a state.

"Today, the people spoke and they said statehood is the future of Puerto Rico. The people spoke, and they will obey," Rossello told thousands of cheering supporters at a victory-type rally while fireworks lit the sky above his party's headquarters.

Pro-commonwealth Sen. Eudaldo Baez Galib countered, "If they go to Washington with a petition for statehood... they would be violating the right to vote of the majority."

Under commonwealth status, Puerto Rico is a U.S. territory with local autonomy. Its 3.8 million residents can't vote for president or Congress, which alone can



AP Photo
Supporters of statehood for Puerto Rico wave banners as they jam the streets outside of the New Progressive Party (NPP) headquarters in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Sunday. Residents voted Sunday in a non-binding referendum on whether to petition for statehood in the country that colonized this Caribbean island 100 years ago.

change Puerto Rico's political status.

Voters trying to resolve the century-long debate on whether that status ought to be changed also had the choices of independence or a "free association" form of independence with U.S. treaty ties. Those options and a commonwealth as defined on the ballot garnered less than 4 percent of the vote.

Seventy-one percent of 2.2 million registered voters participated, the elections commission said.

"We will be protecting the future of our children," said Ernesto Cabrera, 72, who said he marked statehood on his ballot soon after voting stations opened.

At a polling station in southern Ponce city, an election volunteer confronted the 95-year-old founder of the statehood party, Luis A. Ferré. "I know my people, and Americans don't want Puerto Rico to be a state," said Payton Lewis, a 51-year-old engineer from Gastonia, N.C., who has married and settled on the island.

In San Juan, thousands of voters gathered at political parties' headquarters, dancing, eating and drinking at huge street parties. On the highways, people drove cars with U.S. and Puerto Rican flags and campaign banners flapping

from windows.

"We have seen over the years a decrease in support for commonwealth status," pro-statehood Gov. Pedro Rossello said when he voted.

The U.S. Senate this year failed to act on legislation that called for a binding series of votes designed to resolve the contentious status debate.

Rossello, whose New Progressive Party controls the local legislature, sought to present Congress with a mandate to pursue statehood — and eliminate what he calls Puerto Ricans' second-class U.S. citizenship.

Noting that Congress has begun to question spending \$10 billion a year in a territory that pays no federal taxes, he insisted that statehood would raise the island's standard of living — and allow it to pay its fair share. Puerto Rico's per capita income of \$8,000 a year is half that of the poorest U.S. state, Mississippi.

Commonwealth advocates countered that statehood would destroy Puerto Rico's culture and that English would supplant the Spanish language. They argued that Puerto Ricans already have the best of both worlds: U.S. citizenship and a fierce cultural independence.

Clinton seeks to repair tattered Wye accords

JERUSALEM (AP) — President Clinton tried Sunday to repair the tattered Wye River peace accords with appeals to Israel and the Palestinians to implement the difficult land-for-security decisions they made two months ago. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the Palestinians must first be persuaded that "violence and peace are simply incompatible."

Netanyahu assured Clinton "we are prepared to do our part." But he linked any further Israeli withdrawal on the West Bank to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat renouncing his plans to declare statehood and taking steps to quell violence.

"I'm sure that we can achieve peace between Palestinians and Israelis if we stand firm on Palestinian compliance," Netanyahu said.

He urged Clinton to take that message to Arafat in Gaza today.

Clinton's three-day visit to the Middle East was initially designed to celebrate the peace accords he mediated along the Wye River of Maryland two months ago. But with the momentum for impeachment growing back home and the peace agreement threatened, the day took on a more somber tone.

Responding to questions at a news conference, Clinton said he would not resign or admit perjury.

Netanyahu, who faces his own political troubles, offered Clinton a hand. "Your devotion to this cause, your perseverance, your timeless energy, your commitment, have been an inspiration to us all," he told the president.

And as he stood by the president's side, he admonished reporters to focus on the matter at hand — Mideast peacemaking — rather than the impeachment drama.

Clinton credited the Palestinian Authority with taking some "important steps," including deeper security cooperation with Israel and confiscating illegal weapons, but he was also critical.

"Have the Palestinians fulfilled all their commitments?" he asked. "They certainly could be doing better to preempt violent demonstra-

tions in the street. This is a terribly important matter."

Clinton renewed his pledge to ask Congress to provide \$1.2 billion to help Israel take new security measures to carry out the Wye accords. This is in addition to the \$3 billion a year in annual U.S. economic and military assistance that Israel gets.

At the same time, he cautioned that Israel needed to reach out and not be preoccupied with security or live in a permanent state of siege.

The Palestinians, he said in a speech to a mostly young audience at the Jerusalem Convention Center, "feel you should acknowledge they, too, have suffered and have legitimate expectations that should be met."

"And they are right, too," Clinton said.

But Netanyahu said Israel does not exist in Palestinian textbooks and that Palestinian children are encouraged to become "living bombs" and to attack Israel.

"It is very difficult to make peace with a state that doesn't exist," he said.

Today, in Gaza, with Clinton in attendance, the Palestine National Council is due to repeal articles of a founding charter that call for Israel's destruction.

"That will be a welcome development," Netanyahu said.

However, he accused Arafat of gross violations of the Wye and other accords with Israel by declaring he would establish a Palestinian state unilaterally if he could not get

one through negotiations.

"I think no one can seriously expect Israel to hand over another inch of territory unless and until such an unambiguous correction is made," Netanyahu said.

Recognizing that Netanyahu and Arafat are being pressed by critics of the accords they reached in the Wye negotiations, Clinton exhorted the two leaders to revive the cooperation that led to the accords. Officials held out the possibility of a three-way meeting.

"In the end," Clinton said, "there has been a fundamental decision made to deal with this through honest discussion and negotiations. That is the only way it can be done."

"It cannot be done by resorting to other means when times get difficult," he said.

Later, Clinton helped celebrate the onset of the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah by lighting a candle at the home of President Ezer Weizman.

Clinton's wife, Hillary, and their daughter, Chelsea, set out on their own schedules. Mrs. Clinton lit a menorah, a Christmas tree and a Ramadan lantern at a school in a cooperative village of Jews and Palestinians, while Chelsea visited Jerusalem's Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site.

Thousands of police were deployed throughout Israel during the Clinton visit. At Clinton's hotel, 500 policemen were posted to guard the president and his delegation.

Primakov promises wage payments over strengthening ruble

MOSCOW (AP) — Defending the Russian government's plans to print more money in 1999, Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov said paying workers on time is more important than propping up the ruble, a news report said Sunday.

"It is unbelievable sometimes when I hear that the most important thing now is to strengthen the ruble, even by delaying pensions and wages in the budget sector," Primakov said in an interview with the ORT television station Saturday, according to the ITAR-Tass news agency.

Primakov was defending the government's draft budget for 1999, which calls for printing an additional \$1.7 billion worth of rubles to cover part of a deficit

equivalent to \$5 billion. Some economists believe the government will print far more.

Before Russia's economic crisis hit in August, the ruble was trading at six to the dollar. It now stands at around 20 to the dollar and is expected to continue falling. Russia faces mounting debts and

falling revenues next year, and many government officials say the only way out is to print more cash.

Russia's money supply has gone from about \$8 billion when the crisis struck to more than \$9.5 billion Friday, according to government figures.

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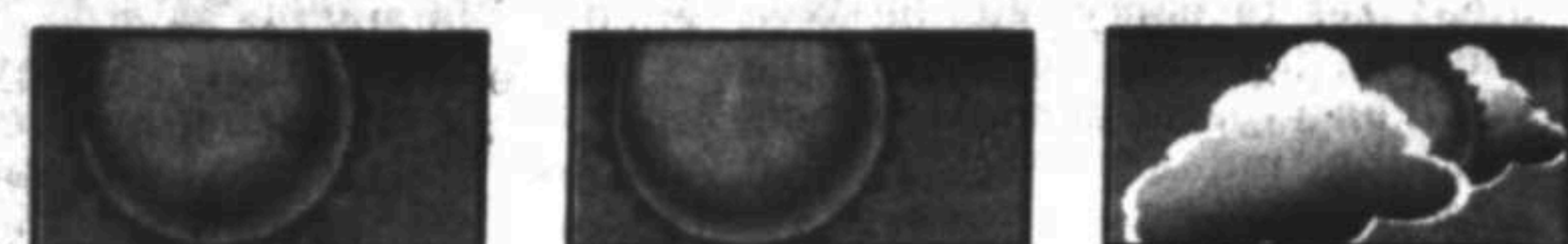
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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today
Sunny
High 65
Low 37

Tuesday
Sunny
High 58
Low 35

Wednesday
Partly cloudy
High 53
Low 28

Today's forecast calls for clear, sunny skies with highs in the mid-60s and light winds coming in from the south at 5-10 mph. Tonight should be clear and cold with a low in the mid-30s.

Tomorrow should be sunny and a little cooler during the day, with highs in the upper 50s.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Sunday 0.00 in.
Rainfall Saturday 0.00 in.
Total for month 0.56 in.
Total for year 5.12 in.
Normal for year to date 14.64 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

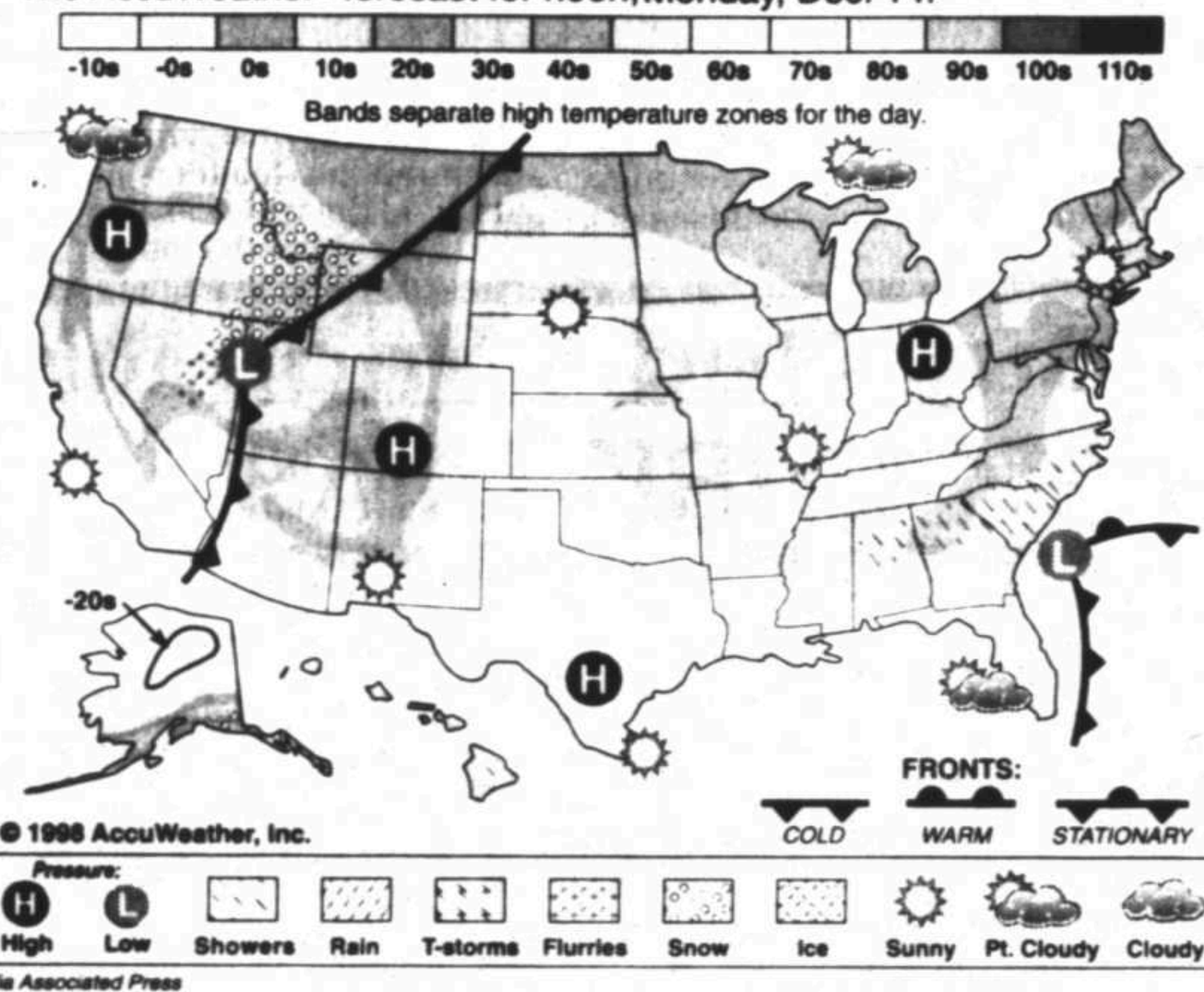
High 58
Low 27
Normal high 59
Normal low 31

Sunrise ... 7:41 a.m.

Sunset ... 5:46 p.m.

National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Monday, Dec. 14.



United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:00 p.m. EST

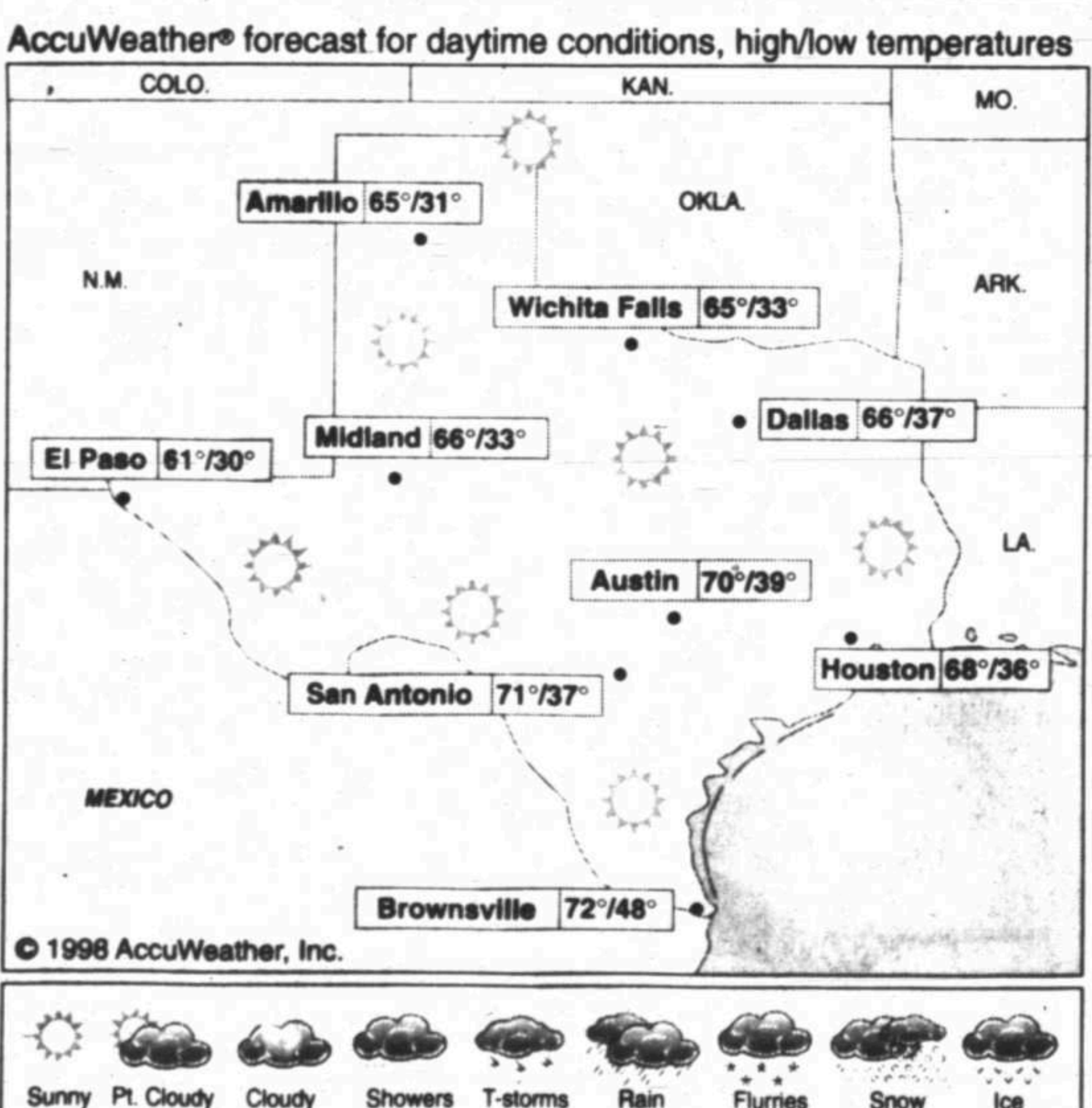
City	High	Low	Precip	Outlook
Albany, N.Y.	45	24	0.00	cl
Albuquerque	51	31	0.00	cl
Anchorage	12	11	0.00	cl
Asheville	53	38	0.00	cl
Atlanta	52	22	0.00	cl
Atlantic City	42	39	0.00	cl
Baltimore	45	39	0.00	cl
Billing	55	35	0.00	cl
Birmingham	52	32	0.00	cl
Bismarck	46	19	0.00	cl
Boise	54	29	0.00	cl
Bozeman	47	36	0.00	cl
Brownsville	71	41	0.00	cl
Buffalo	46	31	0.00	cl
Burlington, Vt.	46	32	0.00	cl
Casper	51	26	0.00	cl
Charleston, S.C.	71	54	0.00	cl
Charleston, W. Va.	43	40	0.00	cl
Charlotte, N.C.	46	40	0.00	cl
Cheyenne	52	32	0.00	cl
Chicago	49	26	0.00	cl
Cincinnati	47	38	0.00	cl
Cleveland	46	24	0.00	cl
Columbia, S.C.	49	25	0.00	cl
Columbus, Ohio	47	32	0.00	cl
Concord, N.H.	47	20	0.00	cl
Dayton	47	31	0.00	cl
Denver	61	21	0.00	cl
Des Moines	48	26	0.00	cl
Detroit	51	23	0.00	cl
Duluth	44	24	0.00	cl
Evansville	50	43	0.00	cl
Fairbanks	-9	-9	0.00	cl
Fargo	43	23	0.00	cl
Flagstaff	47	18	0.00	cl
Grand Rapids	50	23	0.00	cl
Great Falls	57	41	0.00	cl
Greensboro, N.C.	43	37	0.00	cl
Hartford, Spgld	44	24	0.00	cl
Helena	54	24	0.00	cl
Honolulu	80	73	0.00	cl
Indianapolis	50	31	0.00	cl
Jackson, Miss.	49	45	0.00	cl
Jacksonville	77	62	0.00	cl
Juneau	33	32	0.00	cl
Kansas City	54	29	0.00	cl
Las Vegas	63	39	0.00	cl
Little Rock	57	44	0.00	cl
Los Angeles	74	45	0.00	cl
Louisville	47	44	0.00	cl
Memphis	51	45	0.00	cl
Miami Beach	83	75	0.00	cl
Milwaukee	44	26	0.00	cl
Minneapolis	48	30	0.00	cl
Nashville	48	44	0.00	cl
New Orleans	54	48	0.00	cl
New York City	48	42	0.00	cl
Norfolk	53	48	0.00	cl
North Platte	54	41	0.00	cl
Oakland, Calif.	56	31	0.00	cl
Omaha	53	27	0.00	cl
Orlando	83	65	0.00	cl
Philadelphia	46	42	0.00	cl
Phoenix	75	47	0.00	cl
Pittsburgh	42	33	0.00	cl
Portland, Maine	49	30	0.00	cl
Portland, Ore.	54	50	0.00	cl
Providence	47	32	0.00	cl
Raleigh-Durham	45	39	0.00	cl
Rapid City	58	26	0.00	cl
Reno	61	30	0.00	cl
Richmond	44	40	0.00	cl
Sacramento	55	38	0.00	cl
St. Louis	51	30	0.00	cl
Salt Lake City	40	21	0.00	cl
San Diego	79	49	0.00	cl
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San Juan, P.R.	83	73	0.00	cl
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Tampa-St. Petersburg	77	71	0.00	cl
Tucson	72	48	0.00	cl
Tulsa	58	26	0.00	cl
Washington, D.C.	45	40	0.00	cl
Wichita	57	28	0.00	cl
Wilkes-Barre	40	25	0.00	cl
Wilmington, Del.	44	41	0.00	cl

National Temperature Extremes for Sunday

High 84 at Vero Beach and West Palm Beach, Fla. and Beaumont and Los Alamitos, Calif.
Low 1 at Craig, Colo.

m - indicates missing information.

State forecast



Texas temperatures

Highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours ending at 6 p.m. CST.

City	High	Low	Precip
Abilene	46	30	0.00
Albino	64	29	0.00
Alice	70	40	0.00
Amarillo	58	32	0.00
Arlington	63	34	0.00
Austin	70	39	0.00
Beaumont	63	40	0.00
Brownsville	71	39	0.00
College Station	62	36	0.00
Corpus Christi	61	34	0.00
Corpus Christi	61	34	0.00
Conroe	61	33	0.00
Dallas	66	33	0.00
Del Rio	62	32	0.00
Denton	60	31	0.00
DFW Airport	61	33	0.00
El Paso	57	37	0.00
Fort Worth	61	32	0.00
Galveston	62	44	0.00
Harrison	69	38	0.00
Hondo	70	30	0.00
Houston	63	38	0.00
Huntsville	61	35	0.00
Junction	68	27	0.00
Kingsville	72	39	0.00
Laredo	68	37	0.00
Longview	60	32	0.00
Lubbock	62	35	0.00
McKinney	60	31	0.00
Mineral Wells	64	29	0.00
Palacios	65	37	0.00
Paris	66	34	0.00
Rockport	68	39	0.00
San Angelo	66	30	0.00
San Antonio	69	35	0.00
Tarleton	68	33	0.00
Texarkana, Ark.	59	37	0.00
Tyler	59	31	0.00
Victoria	66	38	0.00
Waco	64	34	0.00

SALES: Car dealers note Hispanic market

(From 1A)

been important to his dealership. "If you turn a blind eye to that significant market, you'd be crazy," he said.

C.D. Smith, general sales manager for Village Lincoln Mercury, estimates that Midland's Hispanic market comprises a little over 50 percent of his business, but he stressed "We treat every single person equally, whether they're buying a \$40,000 car or a \$5,000 car."

For his part, Keith Mason, general manager at Performance Honda, said "We don't feel that trying to focus on a minority group is particularly significant. I do have a number of Hispanic and bilingual salespeople so if a customer is more comfortable speaking in Spanish, we can accommodate him."

Dotson Nissan has seen growth in the market, said David Lewis, general manager, estimating half of his customers come from the Hispanic community.

Still, he said, "They're like any other buyer. If they get good results, they'll come back and buy again."

Local car dealers largely agree that low crude oil prices have softened their business some, but they attribute that as much to the traditional slowdown during Christmas as to oil prices.

"Everyone in Midland is in the oil business," said Heard. "Our

sales have softened, but it's not a crisis. We live in a town that's used to these cycles — oil goes up and comes back down and we all adjust. You can look back over the years and there's been a lot of these cycles but Midland has always come out ahead."

"Our business is down some," said Sherman. "Recession is a reality and low oil prices has had an effect on our business. But we're going to keep going, keep doing what we've been doing. We're not going to cut advertising, we're going to keep a positive attitude."

Lewis said he has noticed more customers taking a wait and see attitude on buying a new car. But he predicted that after the holidays, things will pick up again.

Rogers said that unlike 1986, the last collapse in oil prices, "Everything is positive except crude prices. Natural gas prices are good, interest rates are low, inflation is low, the banks are healthy. The only negative is oil prices."

He said sales at his dealership are up 5 percent over last year and would be higher if oil prices had remained strong.

A recent report on national automobile sales noted that for the first time, truck sales — which includes minivans, full-size and small trucks and sport utility vehicles — outperformed automobile sales, a trend Rogers said has held true in Texas for years. Trucks, he said, comprise 80 percent of his dealer-

ship's sales.

Rogers, who has been at the dealership 22 years, observed that the city "has become a better used car town than it used to be. The demographics are changing and the city is becoming more of a working class town."

Used cars sales, he said, are even stronger than for used trucks because "people turn cars over faster than trucks. They tend to keep trucks longer and wear them out."

Smith said that customers at his dealership look for trucks as well as new and used cars and trucks. And they shop in all price ranges, he said.

"I'll have a person come in and buy a low-priced car and the next person will want the most expensive model we have," Smith said. He observed that he has been in the business 32 years, and when he started out, a Lincoln cost \$5,000 and now costs \$40,000.

Of course, he said, "Everything else has gone up, too, like wages, and the car may have the same name but it's a very different automobile than it was 32 years ago."

Mason said business at Performance Honda in November was up 20 percent over November 1997, a gain he attributes both to hard work and the Chrysler and Plymouth lines added to the dealership this year.

Like Performance, Berg has added two new franchises, Pontiac and Buick, according to Heard.

Dotson Nissan hasn't added new franchises, but is getting some exciting new product, said Lewis.

"We are getting some new product I'm very excited about," he said. "We'll be getting Nissan's new small four-door pickup and the four-door Quest. We should have all new product by the year 2000."

A new program in place at Performance over the last several months is what Mason called second chance financing "for good people who have had bad things happen to them" such as job loss or bankruptcy.

He said he has hired a finance specialist to work with customers who have been turned down for financing elsewhere, a specialist who takes a close look at their background and who has established a network of lenders to provide financing.

Heard said that he believes the automobile-selling business hasn't changed, the customer has.

"The customer is better educated, because there's more information available, and that makes our job easier," he said.

Like Heard, Rogers said the customer is better educated, using the Internet to do research on cars before going out to buy one.

"They don't mind you making a profit, but you'd better be straight with them," he said. "You have to know your product and you have to be customer satisfaction-driven, or you won't survive."

FORSAN: Bowhunter easy to find if you hunt

(From 1A)

addition to having a street named in his honor, there is also a Bowhunter Hill on a ranch outlying Forsan.

He says he does what he does because that's the way Forsan citizens all act.

"I'm really about the same as all my neighbors," he explains. "They've been good to me ever since I came here in 1965." Yet there's a difference.

"I looked around and I was the only minority in this town. But the people would come up and shake my hand, and visit with me."

"I was 18 years old, and that year at deer season, when everybody else was hunting with guns, I was hunting with a bow. They thought I was crazy, hunting with a bow. But I killed my deer every year, shooting like my daddy

taught me."

Holguin, whose father is Tigua Apache and whose mother is of German-Irish ancestry, says he hunts only for meat for the table and wastes nothing.

"In the early days, settlers ambushed the buffalo and killed them all, just for the hides. They let them lie out and rot. We still remember that, and we don't waste a thing."

During deer season, he hunts with a 45-year-old wooden bow, given to him by his father. He shoots holding the bow horizontal.

"A lot of people have seen movies of Indians with their bows up and down, and then they see me, and they think that's wrong," he said. "But this isn't wrong. This is how I shoot."

He said he doesn't consciously aim, and that he seldom shoots a deer from a distance of more than

30 feet.

"You have to be patient. You can't get buck fever, or get in a hurry. When I shoot, I take three seconds or less, but I take my time getting ready."

Holguin is also careful about where he shoots.

"Deer and turkey walk through this town all the time," he said. "I can show you their tracks. But we don't shoot them here in town."

Holguin's house, a rambling, Southwestern style structure, is one of the few houses in town that didn't start out as an oilfield camp house.

"When I began to build this house, people came from all over, and brought their cameras," he said. "This was the first house to go up from the ground in this town in maybe 50 years."

Holguin, whose wife, Sue, is a hair stylist in Big Spring, said once

after their children had graduated, he considered building a house by a lake and retiring.

"But my wife wouldn't hear of it," he said. "She said this was our home, and we didn't have any reason to move. I was glad, because I feel that way too. We're away from all the loud noises, the sirens, the hollering. We can look out over the hills, and see the sunrise and the sunset, and at night we can see the stars and the lights from town, and it's just beautiful."

And then there are the people of Forsan, and the matter of the street named Bowhunter Road.

"When they named the street after me, they called it Bowhunter Road. The Emergency 911 people had no problem with that. They said there are no other streets named Bowhunter. I really am happy to be honored like that, with a street and a mountain."

Conservation groups double acreage safe from developers

Land trusts and conservancies in the United States have preserved 5 million acres, more than twice the amount of 10 years ago.

YUCAIPA, Calif. (AP) — From expanses of cactus in California to bird sanctuaries in Illinois and tiny flower gardens in Pennsylvania, a new breed of landowner is amassing acreage, with nary a bulldozer or architect in sight.

The idea is to prevent pavement and preserve open space, and it's all built on trust. Actually, lots of trusts.

Land trusts and conservancies in the United States — now 1,213 of them actively buying land and brokering "conservation easements" from private owners — have preserved 5 million acres, more than twice the amount of just 10 years ago, according to the Washington-based Land Trust Alliance.

If the holdings were merged, they would exceed the square mileage of New Jersey. And that doesn't include an additional 10 million acres preserved by the "nationals," organizations that have long specialized in wildlife or farmland protection.

"You've got to celebrate," said Martha Nudel, spokeswoman for the Land Trust Alliance. "I think the common thread is wanting to save the historical, the natural, the cultural resources of the community, and common to those endeavors is land. It's the single resource that, once developed, you can't bring back."

The largest public-private conservation deal in U.S. history was announced last week — the purchase of more than 296,000 acres scattered across the forested northern tier of New York state, Vermont and New Hampshire.

The Conservation Fund, based in Arlington, Va., will pay the Champion International paper company \$76.2 million, besting at least 10 other bidders, including developers, foreign investors, timber funds and Wall Street investment partnerships.

One-third of the land, encompassing vital river corridors, will be sold to the state and federal governments for permanent preserves. The rest will be sold to private owners with deed restrictions allowing recreational access and only environmentally sensitive logging.

But little deals are often as crucial as big deals, Nudel said.

Tom Hutchinson of Godfrey, Ill., a little town across the Mississippi River from St. Louis, last June gave 42 acres to local conservancies, who turned them over to the birds. Hutchinson's donation was linked to an existing nature pre-

servation deal in California land history was initiated this month by the Wildlands Conservancy, based in the foothills 80 miles east of Los Angeles.

Supported mostly by wealthy, anonymous donors, the conservancy offered \$52 million for 430,000 acres parceled out checkerboard-fashion in and around Joshua Tree National Park and the Mojave National Preserve.

Catellus Development Corp., a descendant of the Southern Pacific Railroad, owns most of the land and recently posted it for sale and development. The conservancy deal is still in preliminary stages and needs federal approval as well as \$36 million in "leveraged" money from the national Land and Water Conservation Fund.

If it goes through, the conservancy would donate 742 square miles to the National Park Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

Inhabited mostly by coyotes, hawks, eagles and the endangered desert tortoise, the parcels are land that people haven't wanted until now, said Dave McInay, branch chief of lands for the BLM in California. "That's why in those areas we still have good quality wilderness," he said.

Udall dies at 76 after struggle with Parkinson's

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Rep. Morris K. Udall, a 30-year congressman who championed environmental causes and wryly lamented he was too funny to be president, has died after a long struggle with Parkinson's disease. He was 76.

Udall died late Saturday at the U.S. Veterans Medical Center in Washington, according to Chris Helms, head of a Udall family foundation in Tucson, Ariz.

A Democrat and member of one of Arizona's best-known families, Udall, known as "Mo," remained one of the most consistent voices of liberalism in the House, whatever the political winds sweeping the country.

"Mo Udall was a leader whose uncommon wisdom, wit and dedication won the love of his colleagues and the respect of all Americans," President Clinton said in a statement Sunday. Clinton awarded Udall the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1996.

During the 1970s, Udall failed in two tries to win election as House speaker, and he ran unsuccessfully in 1976 as an alternative to Jimmy Carter in the Democratic presidential primaries.

Udall's self-deprecating wit and easy manner made him in demand as a master of ceremonies at many Washington events, where his humor was often the highlight of an evening.

"He first taught me that humor is essential to the workings of a strong democracy," Udall's son, Mark, who was elected to Congress from Colorado last month, said Sunday. "He taught me to take your work seriously, but not yourself too seriously."

Dubbed "Second Place Mo" in a song written by reporters who covered the 1976 primaries, Mo Udall was quick to laugh and even profit from being the butt of other people's jokes.

"The core of my dad was that if you believe in yourself, even if someone is having fun at your expense, it could work to your benefit," Mark Udall said.

In one story Mo Udall often told, he walked into a New Hampshire barbershop, introduced himself and said he had just announced his candidacy for president. The barber replied, "We were just laughing about it this morning."

David Broder, a longtime political reporter for The Washington Post and Udall's friend, once said, "Mo Udall wanted to run for president in the worst way, and he did." And Udall titled his 1988 book, "Too Funny to Be President."

Udall's nephew, Tom Udall, also elected to Congress last month,



Rep. Morris K. Udall D-Ariz. addresses the Democratic National Convention in this July 20, 1988 file photo. Udall, a 30-year congressman who championed environmental causes, died Saturday after a long struggle with Parkinson's disease. He was 76.

from New Mexico, called his uncle "a wonderful man. He was humorous and very giving."

Mo Udall's health had deteriorated in recent years with the progressive worsening of Parkinson's disease, a degenerative neurological illness. His congressional career ended in January 1991, when he broke a shoulder and ribs and suffered a concussion falling down stairs at his Arlington, Va., home. He had not been able to talk since, Mark Udall said.

Udall had been particularly effective as chairman of the House Interior Committee, a position he held from 1976 until he left Congress. He shepherded passage of a measure to designate 8 million acres of federal lands as wilderness in 1984; a ban on development on millions of acres in Alaska in 1980; strip-mining control legislation in 1977; and a nuclear waste management policy in 1982. He was also a leader in civil service reforms and worked to change campaign finance laws.

Among what Udall considered his crowning congressional achievements was the Central Arizona Project, a multibillion-dollar series of aqueducts to carry Colorado River water from the California border to Phoenix and Tucson.

Udall practiced law with his brother, Stewart, after graduating from the University of Arizona law school in 1949. When Stewart, then

a congressman, was tapped to serve as President Kennedy's interior secretary in 1961, Morris won the seat in a close special election.

He easily kept the seat in successive elections, winning his last in November 1990 with 66 percent of the vote.

Udall was born June 15, 1922, in St. Johns, Ariz., one of six children in a pioneer Mormon family. His father, Levi Udall, was chief justice of the Arizona Supreme Court, and his mother, Louise, was active in civic affairs.

Udall joined the U.S. Army Air Corps as a private in 1942 after concealing that he had lost an eye as a result of a childhood accident. After his discharge as a captain in 1946, he became a basketball star for the University of Arizona and was elected student body president. He briefly played for the Denver Nuggets.

Udall and his first wife, Patricia, had six children: Mark, Judith, Randolph, Anne, Bradley and Katherine. They divorced in 1966. His second wife, Ella, whom he married in 1968, killed herself in 1988. He married Norma Gilbert a year later.

He is survived by his wife, four brothers and sisters, six children, one stepson and seven grandchildren, the Morris K. Udall Foundation said. Memorial services are expected later in Tucson and Washington.

Republicans say Clinton's comment that he did not commit perjury will not help

WASHINGTON (AP) — Undecided Republicans expressed dismay Sunday over President Clinton's insistence that he did not commit perjury. "I think the president hurt himself very clearly," Rep. Bob Ney of Ohio said as focus shifted to this week's full House vote on impeachment.

That vote, on four articles of impeachment approved by the House Judiciary Committee, could come on Thursday. White House Chief of Staff John Podesta said at the moment "things are a little bit up for grabs."

Rep. Henry Hyde of Illinois, the Judiciary Committee chairman who will lead the GOP effort to impeach Clinton on the floor this week, said Clinton "could really be heroic... would be the savior of his party" if he resigned.

"I think the president should step down," said Hyde, who appeared on CBS and ABC. "He would be welcomed around the country at groups who would love to hear him speak. It would be a way of going out with honor. If he doesn't it's hard to predict what the consequences are." The president said he had "no intention of resigning."

More than two dozen Republicans are still on the fence and the White House is talking to those willing to listen, Podesta said on CBS' "Face the Nation." "We're trying to bend ears, not break people's arms," he said.

But that lobbying effort was apparently not helped by Clinton's statement, at a news conference during his Midwest trip, that he did not commit perjury when he denied a sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

Clinton said his testimony was "difficult and ambiguous and unhelpful," but not untruthful. "I could not admit to doing something that I am quite sure I did not do," the president said.

"It doesn't help us, those of us who are looking for a way to be

able to get through this constitutional crisis," Rep. Brian Bilbray of California, one of the undecided Republicans, said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Clinton could have won support by admitting he lied about the affair, said Rep. Jay Dickey, R-Ark., joining fellow undecided Ney on ABC's "This Week." The president's denial "just kind of leaves us in a vacuum again," he said.

"Two simple words, 'I lied,' would have gone a long way," added Rep. Rick Lazio, R-N.Y., who is accompanying Clinton on his trip to the Midwest. He spoke on CNN's "Late Edition."

Hyde said Clinton was taking a stubborn position that "is a roadblock to reconciliation with some members."

A majority vote of 218 on any of the four articles of impeachment would send it to the Senate, where two-thirds of senators are needed to convict and remove the president from office. At least three Democrats have said they would vote for impeachment, meaning some 14 of the 228 Republicans in the outgoing Congress must oppose impeachment for it to be defeated.

"The odds are fairly strong that the House will vote for impeachment," Democrat Rep. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., a Judiciary Committee member and senator-elect, said on CNN.

Democrats continued to push for a vote on a censure motion that would condemn the president for his actions without recommending he be removed from office. But Hyde said he was opposed to censure and House Speaker-to-be Bob Livingston made clear he will not allow a censure vote on the floor.

Livingston in a letter to Hyde on

Saturday, said he agreed that the House "should not consider any resolution of censure." As a constitutional matter, a legislative censure of the president would "violate the careful balance of separation of powers," Livingston said.

House Democratic Leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri said Democrats will try to bring up a censure resolution on the House floor. When the chair rules them out of order, they will use a procedural tactic to appeal that ruling. "So they're going to have to face this issue, whether the Republican leadership wants them to or not," Gephardt said.

Hyde acknowledged there is some sympathy for censure within the Republican party, but said siding with the Democrats would require Republicans "to vote against their own chair, which is a tough vote."

Clinton said he was not personally lobbying any undecided House members, but would be available to talk to any who wanted to discuss the issue.

But House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, on "Fox News Sunday" claimed "the most intense lobbying effort I've seen this White House mount for some time, and it is unseemly."

Republican leaders, for their part, said the vote was a matter of personal conscience and they had made no efforts to influence votes.

But Rep. Peter King of New York, one Republican against impeachment, said House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, a strong impeachment supporter, was "not exactly Mother Teresa and the fact is, you know, there's pressure being brought all around."

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Record snowfall brought many problems to city

Talk about a strange weather year, 1998 has truly been one for the record books.

And we are speaking both literally and figuratively when we say that.

The amount of Friday's record 10-inch snowfall caught literally everyone in Midland off guard, including the weather-watchers at the National Weather Service office at Midland International Airport.

The snow brought Midland traffic almost to a standstill by mid-morning and later resulted in delays of flights in and out of Midland International Airport. Even vehicles designed to navigate the rugged West Texas terrain encountered some problems with the deep snow and more than a few vehicles eventually stalled.

Making matters worse, some parts of Midland lost electrical power and that resulted in other complications. To make a long story a little shorter, a 10-inch snowfall is simply unheard of here. Most days, Midland enjoys clear blue skies and little precipitation even in the dead of winter. So the community can appear to be ill-prepared in dealing with what arises when something like Friday's snowfall occurs.

A few years ago, the city of Midland looked into the feasibility of purchasing equipment for clearing the snow from runways at Midland International, but such a purchase was not practical. The cost couldn't be justified on the scant number of days that snow falls here. We agreed with that decision and still do.

Friday's snowfall turned Midland into a refreshingly beautiful landscape for a time, even though it created problems galore for many Midlanders — but it was not the kind of experience we would like to have over once or twice a year at most!

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Dec. 14, the 348th day of 1998. There are 17 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On Dec. 14, 1799, the first president of the United States, George Washington, died at his Mount Vernon home at age 67.

On this date:
 In 1861, Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria, died in London.

In 1911, Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen became the first man to reach the South Pole, beating an expedition led by Robert F. Scott.

In 1939, the Soviet Union was dropped from the League of Nations.

In 1946, the United Nations General Assembly voted to establish U.N. headquarters in New York.

In 1962, the U.S. space probe Mariner II approached Venus, transmitting information about the planet.

In 1980, fans around the world paid tribute to John Lennon, six days after he was shot to death in New York City.

In 1981, Israel annexed the Golan Heights, which it had seized from Syria in 1967.

In 1986, the experimental aircraft Voyager, piloted by Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager, took off from Edwards Air Force Base in California on the first non-stop, non-refueled flight around the world. (The trip took nine days.)

Ten years ago: In a dramatic policy shift, President Reagan authorized the United States to enter into a "substantive dialogue" with the Palestine Liberation Organization, after chairman Yasser Arafat said he was renouncing "all forms of terrorism."

Five years ago: A Colorado judge struck down the state's voter-approved Amendment Two prohibiting gay rights laws, calling it unconstitutional. United Mine Workers approved a five-year contract, ending a strike that had reached seven states and involved some of the nation's biggest coal operators. Actress Myrna Loy died in New York at age 88.

One year ago: Iran's new president, Mohammad Khatami, called for a dialogue with the people of the United States — a nation reviled by his predecessors as "The Great Satan." Cuban President Fidel Castro declared Christmas 1997 an official holiday to ensure the success of Pope John Paul II's upcoming visit to the communist country.

WILLIAM SAFIRE

Gift of word book conveys more than words can say

"One original thought," said Diogenes in the fourth century B.C., "is worth a thousand mindless quotations."

You can find that selfless-serving blast at quotations in the Random House Webster's "Quotationary," by Leonard Roy Frank (\$45, but it's more than a thousand pages with index and claims to contain "more new quotes than any other book.")

The neologism quotationary is a nice coinage, instantly conveying the meaning of "dictionary of quotations." Frank's collection is rich in fresh quotationage, much more than a rehash of Bartlett's, grandfather of quotationaries.

This valuable aid to speakers and writers cites sources and dates of the original comment or at least a recent quoting, so necessary to scholars. The above selection from Diogenes, for example, is attributed to a column that appeared in this space on April 7, 1996.

Unfortunately, I forgot where I found it. It could be that one day long ago, in my search for an honest man in Washington, I shone a light in the face of an old guy who said, "One original thought, etc." (No: I really looked it up somewhere.)

This is by way of introducing the annual column about gifts of gab. As the Christmas holidays approach, language mavens everywhere look for guidance on what new books to give to literate friends. A gift of a word book conveys more than words can say. Here are two more:

A Dictionary of Modern American Usage, by Bryan A. Garner, is an excellent work to comple-

ment your hairsplitting heir's copies of Robert Burchfield's third edition of Fowler's Modern English Usage and the loosey-goosey but most informative Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of English Usage.

In some entries, Garner's work extends the reach of the prescriptive Fowler and the descriptive Merriam-Webster: In about, for example, the American usage book deals with (and frowns on my outdated use of) about the head, where blows are sometimes dealt. He's right; rather than sound like a bully out of the '60s, I would now use the Southernism upside the head, which Garner should include in a future edition.

I think that the difference between enormity, in the sense of "outrageousness" and enormousness, "hugeness," has broken down and that enormity has taken over both meanings, though it is used more often for size than depravity. E. Ward Gilman of Merriam-Webster agrees, but Garner, up there on the ramparts with Burchfield-Fowler, gutsily holds that "the historic differentiation between these words should not be muddled." As long as you put some thought into your decision, you pay yer money and you uses yer usage.

(This book sells for \$30 until Jan. 1, 1999, but the publisher — Oxford — warns that it will be \$35 thereafter. I am planning a similar marketing campaign for a future word book of my own, penalizing buyers an additional \$5 for every month they fail to make their purchase. Subtle literary sales pitch: "This short-lived book is getting rarer and more valuable every day — grab it while it's cheap." Does that really fool book buyers?)

"The Big Book of Beastly Mispronunciations," by Charles Harrington Elster, is not coming out until next month (Houghton Mifflin, \$14, and months after that, still \$14, until — like all the others — it's remanded at Strand Book Store in New York for half price).



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DAN RATHER

Burning Bush sighted between Israel, Egypt

Nobody thinks retired Gen. Colin Powell will run for president in 2000. Trouble is, "nobody" often is wrong. Exhibit A: Nobody thought Republicans would lose House seats in the just-completed elections, and certainly nobody thought Newt Gingrich would be forced to resign as House Speaker.

Plenty of people within the Republican Party — in BOTH parties, as a matter of fact — believe Powell would be the strongest candidate the GOP could field.

But Powell has said he isn't running, and there are no visible indications otherwise.

Which is one reason the next voice you'll hear announcing his candidacy for president will be Republican Sen. John Ashcroft of Missouri.

Say who? No, he isn't well known outside his home state. But that's about to change.

Make no mistake, Ashcroft is serious, well-organized, heavily backed by the self-described Christian Right, and has, among Republicans, what football coaches call "breakaway potential."

Some Republican presidential wannabes are waiting to see what Texas Gov. George Bush decides to do. But Ashcroft isn't dallying. He's going for it.

This could be trouble for Bush if he waits much longer, and maybe even if he doesn't. Nobody in the Bush camp underestimates Ashcroft.

Both camps believe Powell won't change his mind about running. Even if Powell did run, they maintain that he wouldn't be unbeatable for the nomination.

Reason: Many of the Republicans' biggest contributors and most active workers have reservations about Powell. Some of them see him as a kind of closet Democrat. His pro-choice position on abortion and

his stand for affirmative action, for example, don't sit well with those Republicans.

So the thinking goes among Bush and Ashcroft supporters (and many others) that, while Powell might be a stronger candidate if he could get the nomination, both Bush and Ashcroft would likely fare better in Republican primaries.

Bush continues to maintain that he hasn't made up his mind about running. But his actions indicate otherwise.

He recently completed a tour around the Mediterranean, carefully calibrated to build up his thin foreign policy credentials and buttress his standing among two groups important in modern U.S. presidential elections: voters of Jewish or Italian heritage.

His stop in Italy was brief and low-profile. The one in Israel was lengthy and highly publicized. In between, he went to Cairo, shepherded by his father, the former president, through a meeting with Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak.

In Israel, he was photographed with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, whom Israelis generally view as partial to Republicans. Netanyahu, educated in the United States, has wide contacts within the American-Jewish political arena.

In the slang of late 20th-century American politics, Italy, Israel and Ireland are called the "Three-I League," because so many crucial elements of the U.S. electorate trace their roots to those three countries.

By any reasonable analysis now, Bush the Younger is working the "Three-I League." As he does so, talk grows of a Republican ticket pairing Bush with New York Gov. George Pataki.

Overnight is a long time in politics. A week is forever. The election is still almost two years away. Any predictions risk eventually looking foolish.

But Bush IS running. He may get knocked out along the way, or may yet decide to pull out. But his campaign is already formed, well financed, and moving forward.

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But if you get a gift certificate to a bookstore, invest in this pronunciation guide in January; it's the best survey of the spoken field in years, and includes some original research. Take short-lived and long-lived: "The i is long, as in alive." That's because they come not from the verb live but from the noun life. When you hear a television pundit pronounce the i as in give, go livid.

Rhyme helps orthopists. (Go pronounce that.) "There is no day or dem, in academia," writes Elster. The word should rhyme with anemia and Bohemia. And fellatio should rhyme with Horatip, he rhymes, taking note of a form of what has come to be known widely as "oral sex." "Anyone who says fuh-LAH-tee-oh is speaking another language (and a dead one, too)," the author opines, "treating the word as a foreignism when it is not. That strikes me as ostentatious."

Now let's get down to basics: HOW to pronounce the. We all know that you say THEE in emphasis: "Are you THEE Elwood P. Dowd?" But how else do you differentiate between THEE, preferred by Quakers and some announcers at all times, and the less assertive THUH, finished with a shy schwa?

When this was put to Elster by the cameraman on a TV set, he replied: "Say THUH before words beginning with a consonant: You are THUH camera operator for THUH TV show. Say THEE before words beginning with a vowel sound: THEE operator wins THEE around-the-world tour."

And that's THUH gift list for THEE earnest giver of a language book. "Words — so innocent and powerless as they are, as standing in a dictionary," wrote Nathaniel Hawthorne, but "how potent for good and evil they become, in the hands of one who knows how to combine them!"

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CHARLEY REESE

All that matters is Clinton lied under oath to grand jury

Bill Clinton twice lied under oath. That's perjury, a felony. That's all any honorable member of the U.S. House needs to know to vote for impeachment.

Ken Starr is irrelevant. So, too, are Monica Lewinsky, Linda Tripp, Hollywood, the man in the moon, Bugs Bunny and any lawyer or law professor's opinion. Public opinion polls are irrelevant. Last fall's election results are irrelevant. The next elections are irrelevant.

Nor is there a constitutional alternative to impeachment. Impeach or nothing.

To not impeach is to say it is OK for the president, who swears an oath to faithfully execute and enforce the laws of the land, to commit felonies. At this moment, people are in prison for doing exactly what Clinton did — lie under oath. If Clinton were in the military, he would be facing court-martial and dishonorable discharge and probably prison time.

To not impeach is to say that those holding office in the House are as dishonorable and as disdainful of their duty as Clinton. If I had to bet, I'd bet they are dishonorable. Their only question should be, Did Clinton commit perjury? Instead, they are trying to decide what is politically expedient. I have never felt such contempt for the U.S. government.

Clinton's crimes have no more to do with politics than with sex. It is irrelevant what he lied about. All that counts is that he lied under oath.

It is irrelevant what the political consequences of impeachment will be. All that counts is that he lied under oath.

And no one "got" Clinton. He got himself. He chose to have sexual relations with an intern. He chose to lie about it. Having sex with an intern is not a crime. Lying about it under oath is a crime. This whole disgusting mess is 100 percent Clinton's doing.

No one should forget that this despicable man sat in the Oval Office with pizza in his mouth and his penis in Lewinsky's mouth while he made the decision to send American men and women into harm's way in the Balkans.

In the most crude and vulgar way, this act alone shows what utter contempt Clinton has for the military, for the office of the president, for the American people. The military at least deserves better leadership.

"For God's sake, Congress, do your duty," a Marine Corps officer wrote who put his career on the line to publicly call for Clinton's impeachment.

I say amen. I am at a loss really to explain why people keep trying to defend Clinton. It's as if they were arguing that someone who defecated in the punch bowl at a formal dinner has not committed a breach of etiquette.

The consequences of not impeaching Clinton will be bad. He, being a sociopath, will not be grateful for dodging the bullet. He will become even more arrogant, even more convinced that he is invincible and can get away with anything. They same lying, reckless disregard for duty and honor carries over, of course, into every aspect of his administration. He is a national security risk.

Letting Clinton off the hook will leave a bitter taste in many who have seen far more honorable men lose their careers over far less serious offenses during this feminist-leftist-dominated administration.

I think it is a watershed event. If Congress fails to do its duty and impeach this sorry excuse for a human being, then the country will never be the same afterward. No one will ever look at the flag or the White House or our other symbols in the same way he once did.

America will have branded itself incorrigibly corrupt and, like other corrupted empires, will inevitably lose its power, which will be its only claim to status.

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Kerrey and he won't be president to stay in

OMAHA, Neb. — Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Nebraska, Sunday he will not be president in 2000, even speculation that he is a second presidential

Kerrey, whose term ends in two years, announced his decision to stay in the Senate, saying he was not running with more than 100,000 supporters.

Kerrey, 55, said at a crossroads moment when he was asked to take a difficult choice to lead the Senate. "My choice is to stay," he said.

"My talent is in the Senate and for a while I want to continue to do so," he said. "The announcement for Vice President already had significant strategy with the vice president's position and pragmatic country into the mix."

Gore, who has announced his intention to run for president, has opposition from Bradley of New Hampshire basketball exploratory committee to begin raising money.

Sen. Paul Wellstone also has taken toward a presidential House Minority Gephardt, Sen. Massachusetts activist Jesse Jackson whether to

A millionaire of grants and health ka, Kerrey ran in 1992. He withdrew with much support except South Dakota. Kerrey said he was the possibility of a bid sometime in the future. A Vietnam war raised his national

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Kerrey announces he won't run for president, wants to stay in Senate

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Democratic Sen. Bob Kerrey announced Sunday he will not seek the White House in 2000, ending months of speculation that he would make a second presidential bid.

Kerrey, whose second Senate term ends in two years, said he hoped to stay in the Senate. He announced his decision after meeting with more than 100 friends and supporters.

Kerrey, 55, said the nation was at a crossroads and "it is those moments when we are challenged to take a difficult path that I feel compelled to lead." But, he said, "My choice is to remain where I am."

"My talent is best applied in the Senate and for a while longer, I will continue to do so," he said.

The announcement is good news for Vice President Al Gore. Kerrey already had signaled that his campaign strategy would be to accuse the vice president of being too cautious and pragmatic to lead the country into the next century.

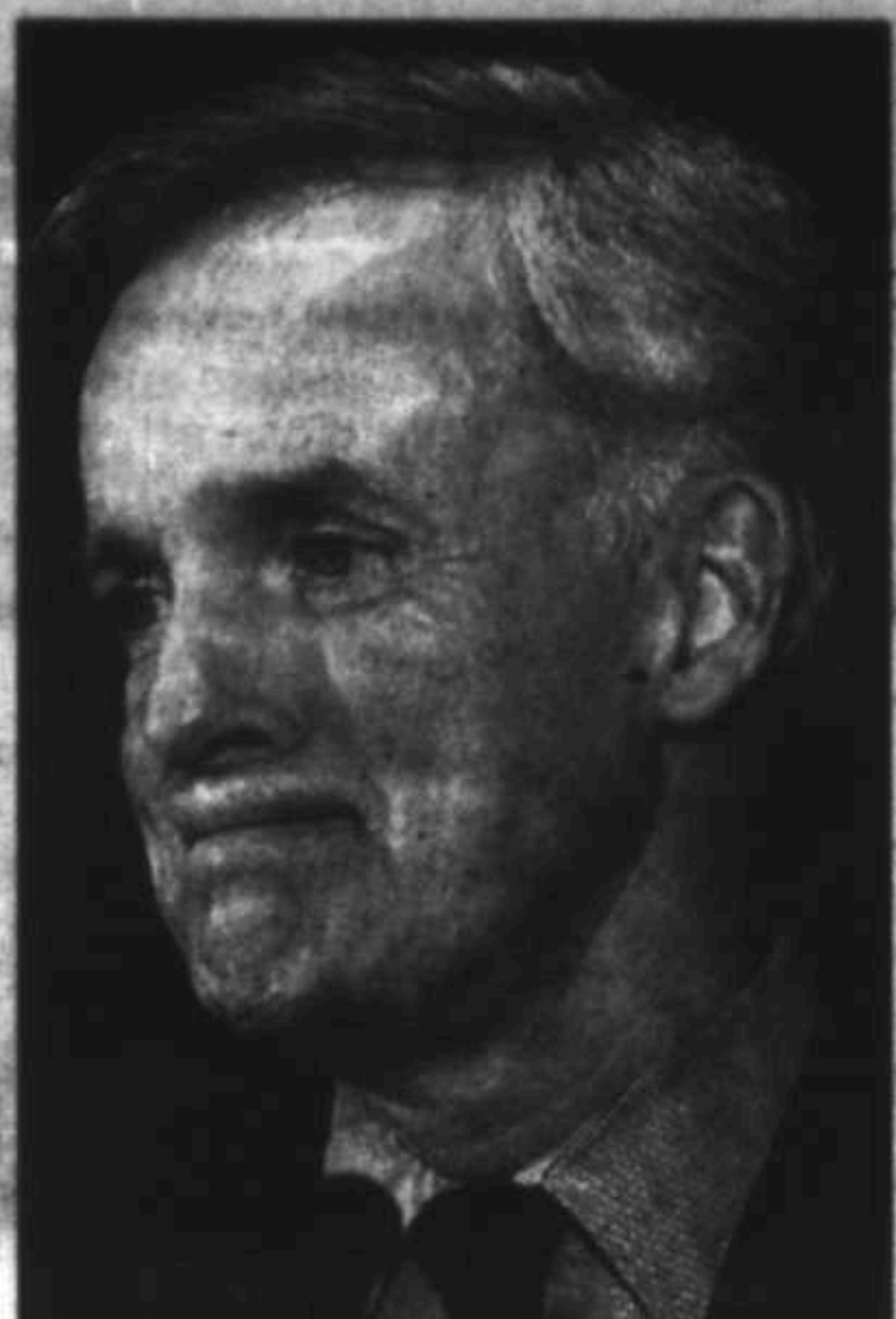
Gore, who has not formally announced his intentions to run for president, has already drawn opposition from former Sen. Bill Bradley of New Jersey. The former basketball star formed an exploratory committee this month to begin raising money.

Sen. Paul Wellstone of Minnesota also has taken that first step toward a presidential campaign. House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts and civil rights activist Jesse Jackson are considering whether to run.

A millionaire owner of restaurants and health clubs in Nebraska, Kerrey ran for president in 1992. He withdrew after failing to win much support in any primary except South Dakota.

Kerrey said he would not rule out the possibility of running for president sometime in the future.

A Vietnam war hero who has raised his national stature by lead-



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—Sen. Bob Kerrey

ing Democratic efforts to recruit candidates for the Senate and help raise funds for their campaigns, Kerrey had sounded like a candidate at times and visited key primary states. But his decision against running was not shocking in a state where he is known for making surprising political moves.

He was a political unknown when he unseated Republican Gov. Charles Thone in 1982 in his first bid for office. Despite high approval ratings, Kerrey dropped out of politics after one term as governor to teach a college course in California on the Vietnam War's effect on American society.

He ran for Senate in 1988, was re-elected in 1994. Now, he is the lone Democrat in Nebraska's five-member congressional delegation. As a Navy SEAL in Vietnam, Kerrey directed an attack on a Viet Cong guerrilla group even after a grenade exploded at his feet. He lost part of his right leg and earned the Medal of Honor.

In the Senate, Kerrey has established himself as an expert on agriculture, an advocate for major health care reforms and a liberal voice on defense matters, including voting against going to war in the Persian Gulf.

FBI: Serious crimes drop 5 percent in first half of '98

WASHINGTON (AP) — Extending a six-year trend, serious crimes dropped another 5 percent in the first half of the year, the FBI reported Sunday.

Citing preliminary figures from police around the nation, the FBI said violent crimes were down 7 percent and property crimes, which are far more numerous, were down 5 percent, compared to the first six months of 1997.

All seven major crimes showed declines, led by drops of 11 percent for robberies and 8 percent for murders.

Both aggravated assault and rape were down 5 percent.

In property crime, auto theft dropped 8 percent; larceny-theft declined 5 percent and burglary dipped 3 percent.

The half-year report comes weeks after the FBI's final 1997 figures, which showed the national murder rate reaching its lowest point in 30 years. The mid-year report contains only percentage changes in the number of crimes and does not provide national totals for specific crimes or crime rates per 100,000 residents.

"Crime is still too high, but rising crime rates are not a fact of life."

— Attorney General Janet Reno

"This is remarkable progress and it shows that our strategy of more police, tougher gun laws and better crime prevention is making a difference," President Clinton said in a statement.

Attorney General Janet Reno said the country has turned "an historic corner" on crime.

"Crime is still too high," she said, "but rising crime rates are not a fact of life."

Academic experts, law enforcement and elected officials have attributed the now 6 1/2-year decline to the aging of the baby boom generation beyond its crime-prone years and police efforts to get guns away from teens, especially in big cities.

Other reasons include increased police-community cooperation; stiffer sentences, particularly for violent criminals; prevention programs for kids with little supervi-

sion; the improved national economy, and reductions in crack cocaine use and the warfare between gangs that peddle it.

Regionally, all seven crimes declined in all regions of the country, except for a 1 percent rise in burglary in the Midwest. Overall, serious crimes were down 8 percent in the Northeast; 6 percent in the West; 5 percent in the South and 1 percent in the Midwest.

By population, overall crime declined in cities of all sizes, suburbs and rural areas. Cities with more than 1 million residents saw a 6 percent drop. The largest decline was 8 percent in cities of 50,000 to 99,999. Towns under 10,000 recorded a 3 percent drop.

Suburban counties saw 6 percent declines overall, and rural counties reported a 2 percent overall drop.

The few isolated increases were in areas that experts had predict-

ed: an 8 percent rise in murders in small towns of 10,000 to 24,999 and a 3 percent rise in murders and aggravated assaults in rural counties.

Professor Alfred Blumstein of Carnegie-Mellon University has found that, as crack cocaine gangs matured, they negotiated truces in bigger cities and increasingly sought new markets in smaller towns and rural areas where police were less equipped to quell the activity.

The drug gangs have been blamed for beginning the arming of teen-agers in the mid-1980s with guns. Other teens obtained guns to emulate the gangs or to defend themselves.

The result was that teen-age gun homicides soared 169 percent between 1984 and 1993, when the juvenile murder rate peaked. But from 1993 through 1997, the juvenile murder arrest rate has fallen more than 40 percent, according to the Justice Department's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Small towns and rural areas have been the last areas to participate in both trends.

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Feeling left out, cities fight for share of tobacco settlement

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Tobacco companies may soon be girding for new foes in the battle to reimburse the costs of treating sick smokers.

Big Tobacco, meet City Hall. Many American cities, disturbed at their perceived exclusion from state governments' multibillion-dollar settlement with cigarette makers, appear ready to open new legal fights to recoup their own costs of treating smoking-related illness.

That could change after a hearing Thursday in St. Louis, when that city and a group of Missouri hospitals will try to convince a judge that the agreement wrongly prevents local governments from seeking their own damages.

Other cities have said they are watching the case or studying other ways to get in on the tobacco money.

—In Kansas City, Mayor Emanuel Cleaver said he's "very interested" in efforts to recover smoking costs. But a city attorney refused to discuss the matter with The Associated Press — even declining to provide calculations of how much the city had spent to treat smoking illness — and said the issue was one of "potential litigation."

—New York City, unhappy at being "shortchanged" by the formula that would award it \$6.7 billion of New York state's \$24 billion share, is considering reviving its lawsuit against the tobacco industry.

Just like states, city and county governments have spent big bucks on nicotine addiction and disease.

But the \$206 billion agreement reached with 46 states last month left "no financial mechanism for cities to recover their costs," said Kristin Cormier, legislative coun-

sel for the National League of Cities. (Four states reached separate deals with tobacco companies worth a total of \$40 billion.)

At its national conference here earlier this month, the NLC — an \$11 million lobbying arm for the nation's municipalities — passed a resolution supporting efforts to include money for local governments in any settlements with tobacco producers.

The stakes for local government could be huge.

Cities and counties nationwide have spent billions caring for indigent smokers, with publicly operated hospitals and smaller public clinics treating patients who've met their Medicaid cap or are uninsured.

In some states, local governments — usually counties — transfer money to state coffers where it in effect becomes matching funds for Medicaid, said Charles Lubinsky, an attorney with the National Association of Public Hospitals.

"If the state is being compensated (by the settlement), some of those dollars may have their origins in local government," said Lubinsky, whose group represents more than 100 publicly operated hospitals, mostly in urban areas.

The association, which represents roughly 10 percent of the nation's publicly operated medical centers, estimates its members alone have spent about \$800 million in uncompensated costs caring for patients suffering smoke-related ailments.

The nation's smattering of coun-

ty and city clinics would make the actual health costs incurred by local governments almost impossible to gauge, though the American Heart Association estimates the nation spends about \$50 billion annually on caring for sick smokers.

The agreement with the tobacco industry was made on behalf of the states and all their political subdivisions — a key piece of language meant to shield cigarette makers from extra liability to city or county governments.

That protection is at the heart of Thursday's court hearing, in which the city of St. Louis — along with a coalition of 53 hospitals across Missouri — is expected to argue that Attorney General Jay Nixon wrongly negotiated away the power of cities and counties to recover their costs.

"Cities and political subdivisions are obligated to provide health care to people who can't pay for it," said Ken Brostron, an attorney representing the coalition.

St. Louis and the hospitals want to intervene in Missouri's lawsuit against the tobacco industry and would likely claim more than \$1 billion of the state's settlement of \$4.4 billion, which with inflation will amount to \$6.7 billion paid out over 25 years.

Nixon said the agreement is fair to local governments, and he criticized the coalition as a small faction that wants to "slow up the process and milk the cash cow before it gets back to the barn."

He said groups that want to recover their costs should do so, but only through the legislative process and only after the state gets its money.

"The vast majority of local entities are prepared to make their case in the proper forum," Nixon said. "That forum is in the Missouri Legislature."

In Missouri, a successful claim on the settlement money by the St. Louis group could delay budgeting of the state's settlement money, either for state programs or refunds to taxpayers.

Nationally, intervention in this case could give other cities license to seek money from their states' settlements — and delay dis-

bursement by other legislatures.

"It's an important case and people will be paying close attention to what happens in that hearing," said Paul Billings, deputy director for government relations with the American Lung Association.

If it fails to intervene, the St. Louis/hospitals coalition would likely move ahead with a separate lawsuit that it filed against tobacco companies last month, Brostron said.

Some cities have been promised shares of their states' settlements. California, for instance, has earmarked half its nearly \$24 billion settlement for local governments.

But scores of other cities have no such guarantees.

"Part of the reason why urban health care is limited," Brostron said, "is because they can't afford to continue that care without getting reimbursed for it."

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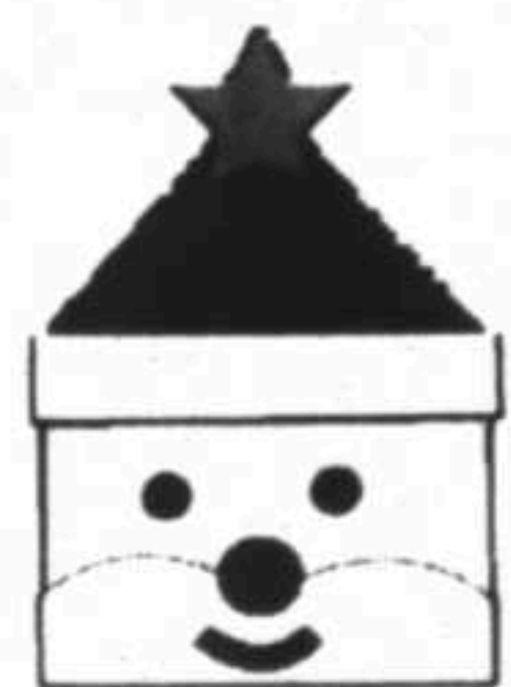
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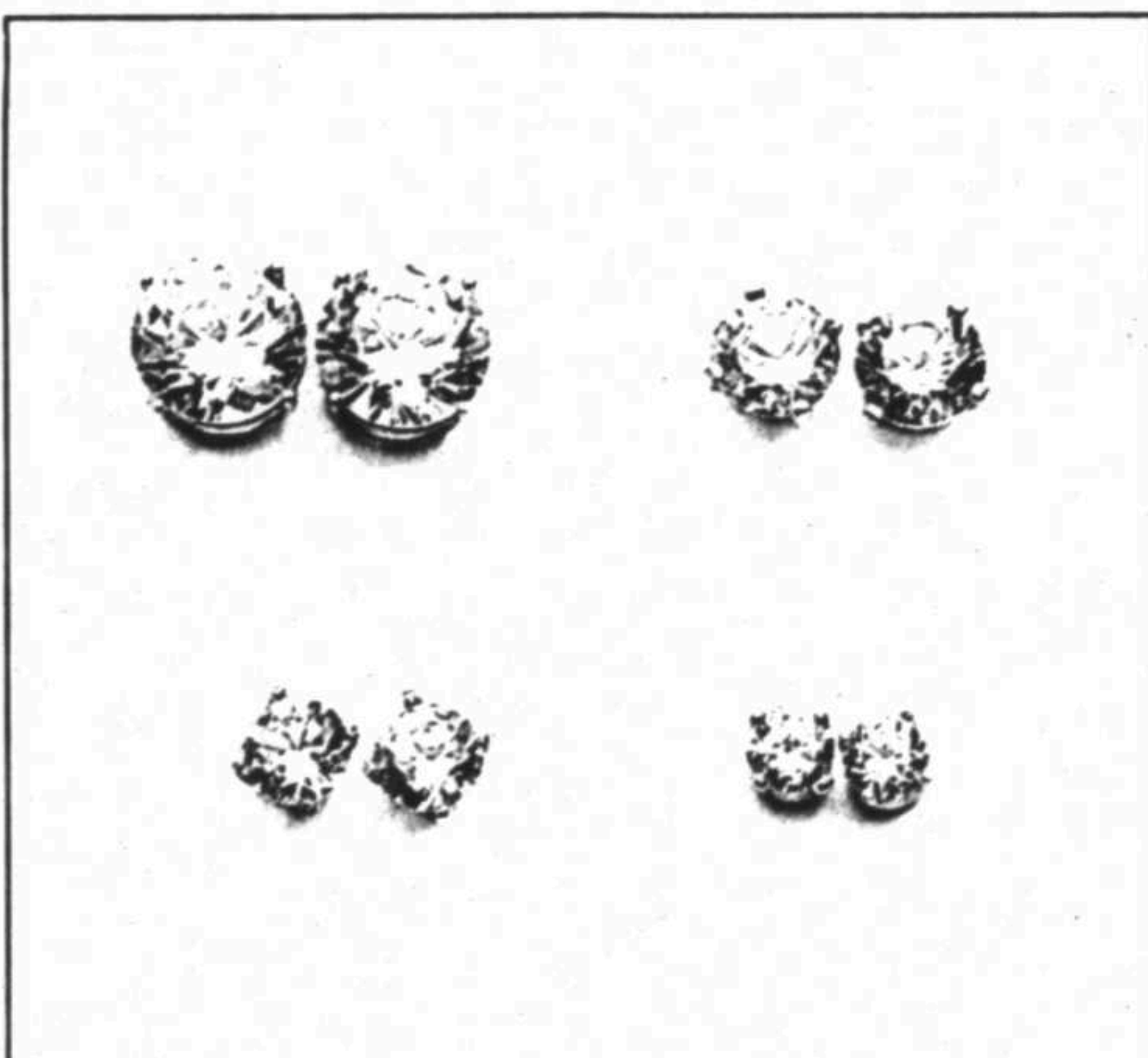
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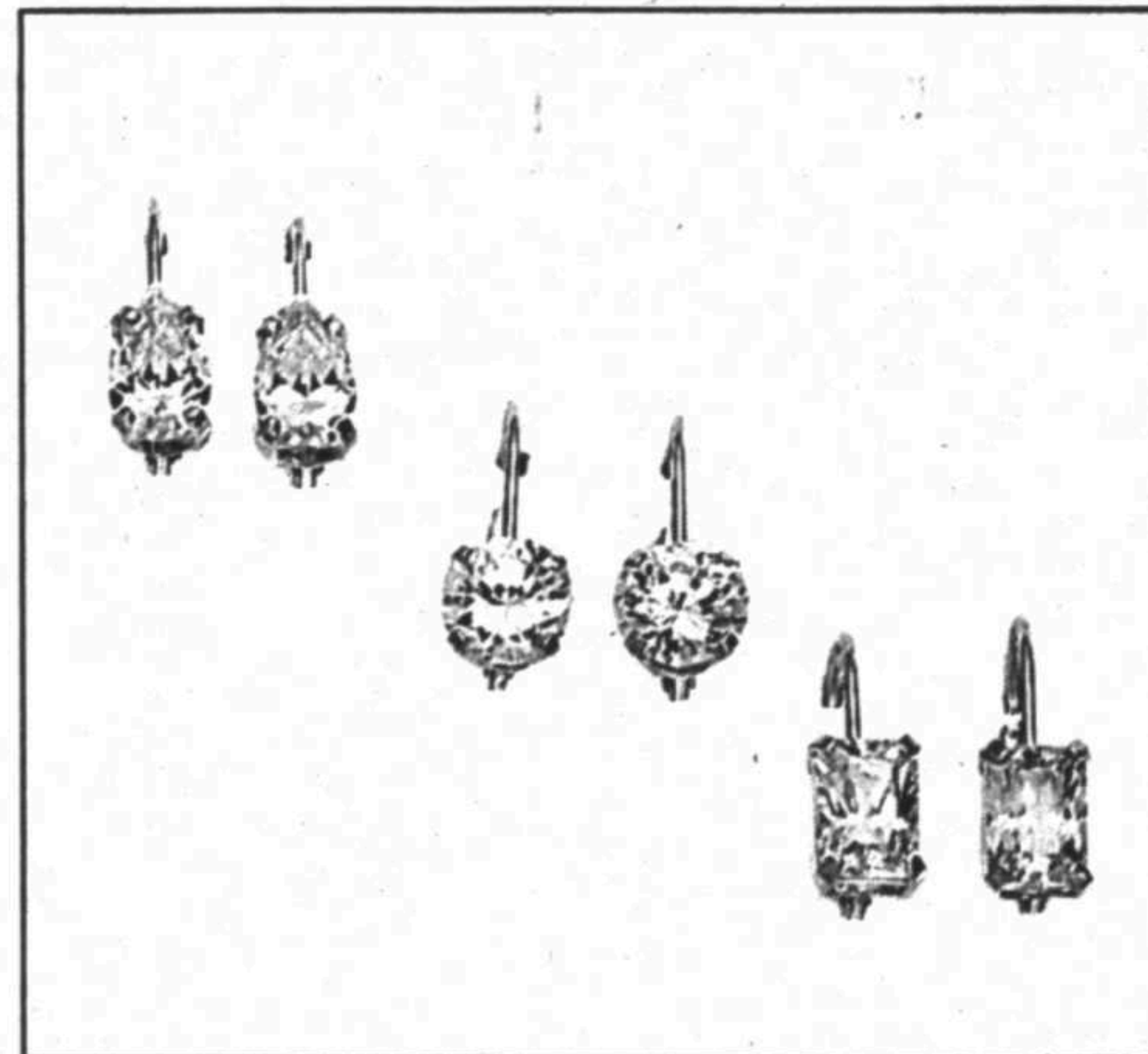
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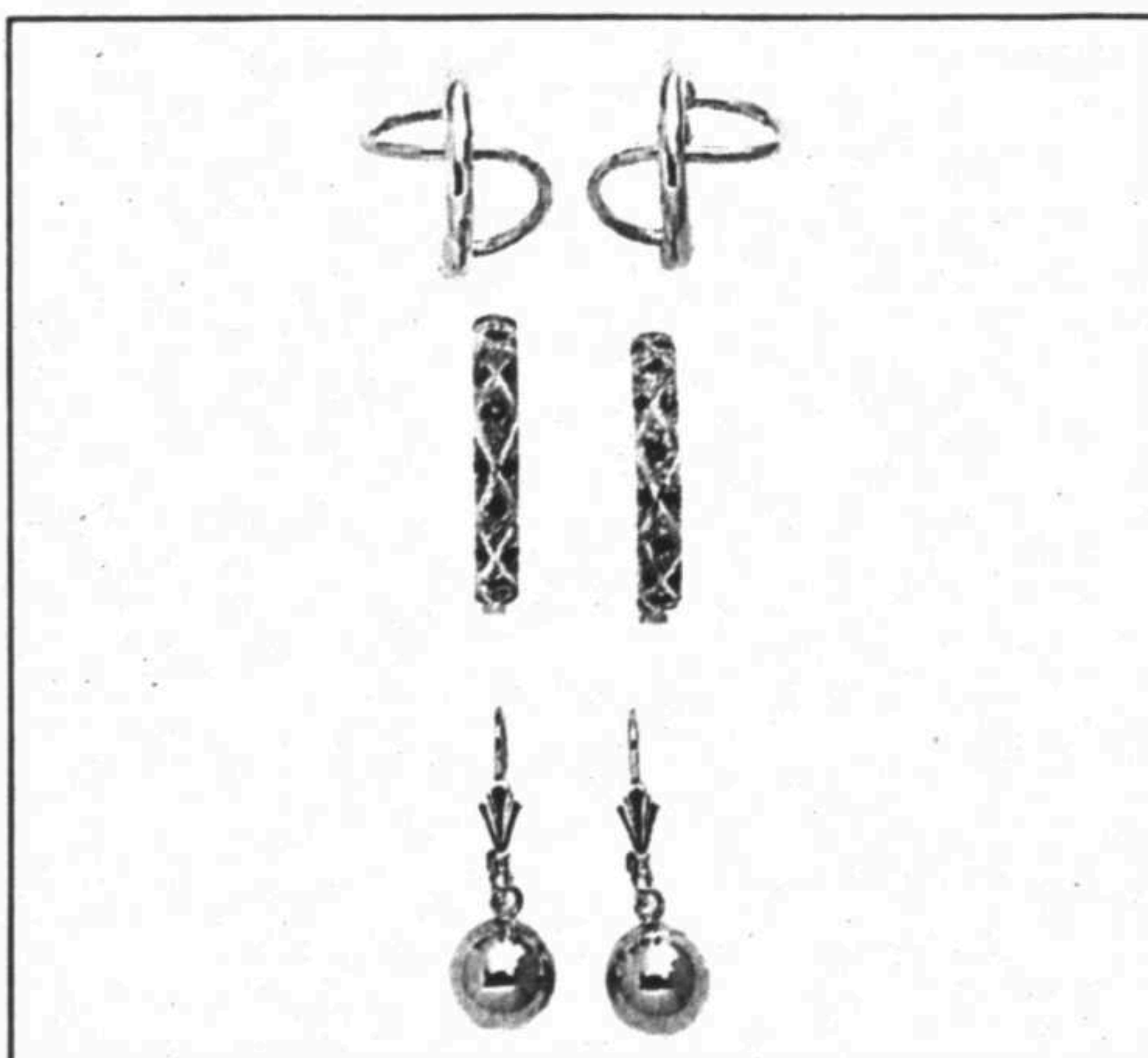
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DAVE BARRY

We wish you a Merry Gesso and happy holiday eggnog

Ho ho ho! 'Tis the Christmas season, a time of festivity and fun and credit-card statements the length of "The Brothers Karamazov." It's also a time when the publications at supermarket-checkout counters are chock-full of articles featuring creative holiday craft ideas, with headlines like: "JFK JR. TELLS OPRAH: 'CAST OF FRIENDS' ATE MY BABY!"



Barry

No, sorry, wrong type of supermarket-checkout publication. The ones with the holiday craft ideas are the homemaker magazines, which are filled with articles like "50 Fun Holiday Crafts You Can Make With Your Saliva." The problem is that, to make these crafts, you usually have to understand some technical craft terms. For example, I have here a Family Circle article on 25 do-it-yourself holiday gifts; in the

instructions for making a "Yuletide Shelf," it says that step one is to "gesso an unfinished wooden shelf."

Call me a big fat holiday dope if you want, but I have no idea what "gesso" means. It sounds like dialogue in a bad western movie:

FIRST COWBOY: Yew fixin' tuh wrangle them heifers?

SECOND COWBOY: Ah gesso.

The thing is, I happen to consider myself a craft expert, based on my experience in the summer of 1966 at Camp Sharpshooter in Dover Furnace, N.Y., where I held the title of Craft Shop Counselor. They did not give this title to just anybody. They gave it only to those individuals who, when asked, "Do you want to be Craft Shop Counselor?" answered "OK."

Our most popular craft project — in fact, our ONLY craft project — was having the campers make "lanyards," which were these things that you made by braiding something called "gimp." You spent several days braiding your lanyard, and then you hung it aroun them by the metric ton.

I suppose I should have come up with some other craft projects, but I was

pretty busy fighting bats. The Camp Sharpshooter craft shop was located in a rustic old structure that housed what had to be the largest irate bat colony in North America. Around dusk the bats would swarm out and, perhaps angered by the "gimp," swoop around the campers, causing them to become frightened and commit potentially serious braiding errors. So I, as the authority figure, would try to hit them (the bats) with a broom. I got pretty good at it. The key is to have a relaxed grip on the handle, keep your eye on the bat, and follow through on your swing. I could consistently drive a bat 25 feet, which is more than twice the best distance ever attained by so-called "craft expert" Martha Stewart.

And that is why today I am proud to present the following holiday feature, "Christmas Projects for the Craft-Impaired." We'll start with an easy and inexpensive gift idea:

HOLIDAY COAT HANGERS

This is the perfect solution for that embarrassing moment when people give you a gift and you didn't get anything for them. Simply take an ordinary wire coat hanger from your closet, tie a

festive red ribbon around it, and — Voila! — you have a useful, hand-crafted gift that perfectly expresses the holiday message: "This cost me nothing." If you don't want to go to all that trouble, you can simply give people a hanger and tell them to tie their own ribbon on it. For that matter, they might just as well use their own hanger; no sense in killing yourself! You have other holiday craft projects to think about, such as this fun and rewarding idea for the kids:

MAYONNAISE NATIVITY SCENE

Get a big jar — no, get SEVERAL big jars — of mayonnaise. Scoop the mayonnaise out onto a table or floor in a big glob, and tell the kids to make a Nativity Scene out of it. They can't, of course, but they'll be busy for the next few hours, which gives you some time to make:

FESTIVE HOLIDAY EGGNOG

Eggnog is a traditional old beverage that gets its name from two words, "egg," meaning "egg," and "nog," meaning "a sound people make in the bathroom if they have consumed too much eggnog." You need a dozen eggs, a quart of rum and some other ingredi-

ents that I forget. Begin by separating the egg whites from the yolks. When you're done, take a standard No. 2 pencil and write me a letter explaining how you did it, because I never could. I always end up just dripping the rum, or, if no rum is available, beer. Which always puts me in a good mood to plan my:

HOLIDAY "SURPRISE" GIFT PARTY

Invite all your friends, and, in the invitation, tell them to bring a wrapped gift with no name on it. At a given time — say, 8 p.m. — gather all your guests together and tell them to go home. Then open the gifts. If any guests refuse to leave, threaten to gesso them. Because you're a busy person with many more holiday projects to attend to. Such as getting the mayonnaise off the dog.

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Self-proclaimed Christmas angel reveals his true identity

Associated Press

WILLMAR, Minn. — A man dressed in a white tuxedo with white gloves, mirrored sunglasses and a scraggly beard created a little mystery by riding up to stores in a white limousine and offering to pay for other shoppers' purchases. The identity of the self-pro-

claimed "Christmas angel" was revealed Tuesday night, when a local disc jockey unmasked himself to the West Central Tribune.

Mike Dworak of radio station KWLM said another person provided the financial backing for his effort, and he said there was never a plan

to promote his employer. However, the station did publicize the "Christmas angel" story to news organizations.

"It was just nice to go out and do things for people and watch their reactions — that's the spirit of the Christmas angel," he said.

One woman came across

the then-anonymous Dworak while buying a coat at a department store.

"He just said, 'If you don't mind I'd like to buy your purchases,'" said Melanie Garberich, 27. "I said 'sure.' He whipped out this wad of cash, handed it to (the cashier) and said 'Merry Christmas.'"

SANTAS: Like other items, photos with Mr. Claus up in price

(From 1B)

beard and stuffing for the belly. Wages for these Santas start at about \$7 an hour.

Regardless, many feel a certain loyalty to the mall and the children, returning to the same shopping center so often that many kids believe they are the "real" Santa. Cherry Hill Photo, for instance, said 80 percent of its Santas are repeats.

On average, about 11,000 children visit Santa at each of the country's 1,800 enclosed malls, according to the International Council of Shopping Centers, a New York-based trade group. And it's not just kids who adore Santa. Erika Morrell, a 31-year-old from New York City, visits with Santa every year and buys a

photo, too.

"I love Santa and I'm still a believer," she said after sitting on Hanley's knee. "It gets me in the holiday spirit."

But few visiting with Santa realize the big business that operates behind the scenes. It's safer and more convenient for malls to hire a company to provide the Santa. And those long-term contracts belong to only a few companies that are then signed on by the mall developers.

Some of these companies date back to a time before malls even existed. Santa Plus was founded in the 1920s by Chicago Sun-Times newspaper photographer Sid Samuels, who used his flash camera to shoot Santa at department stores.

These days, before one can

become a Santa, there's a rigorous interview and a background check to make sure their criminal history is clear. Then there's the training. Santa Plus, for instance, gives its hires a booklet that covers everything from breath mints to costume care to timid children.

Once at the mall, the employee must take on the role of jolly, old St. Nick, and put on a good enough performance to inspire parents to buy those cute photos of their children sitting on Santa's lap.

While visitors aren't required to buy a photo, most do, and that money goes mostly into the pockets of Santa placement companies. The malls, meantime, receive a percentage of the sales derived at each Santa station.

Like many other things surrounding the holidays, the price of the photos is increasing. While the cheapest photo package runs about \$7 or \$8 for two wallet shots taken with a Polaroid camera, new better-quality digital pictures start at about \$20 each.

"It doesn't matter what it costs, it's something special to have and keep," said Lisa Buchanan, who put her daughters, ages 3 and 6, in velvet party dresses before bringing them to see Santa.

And just as her memories will last beyond Dec. 25, so too will the business dealings of the Santa placement companies, which turn their talents to other holidays.

"There's always the Easter Bunny," said Riggs of Santa Plus.

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ment. First things first, however, it must be secured in the red and green metal Christmas stand (circa 1973). I rush to turn on the Christmas Carols to set the stage for another magical family memory. However, as usual, the tree trunk and our stand are incompatible and sadly, we begin to impersonate the Griswolds of National Lampoon fame.

"Bruce, it looks like we might have to cut some branches at the bottom," I gently suggested. "Well, if we do, it will leave a big hole at the bottom and you aren't going to like how it looks," he warns as he tries to ram the tree into the stand.

"Cy, just hold it up while I screw these into the trunk. Are you holding it straight?" "Uh, I'm a little close to tell. Whitney, what do you think?" "I think we should cut some branches, the trunk isn't even touching the bottom of the stand!"

"Okay, Cy, let go. See if it tips ... I didn't mean totally let go!" my husband labors to inform me while his head is embedded in the branches of the "tipping" tree.

"Oh, I see what's wrong, the trunk isn't touching the bottom," I astutely recognize. "Hell-loh... does anyone hear me, ever?" Whitney reminds us of her presence.

I took a choke-hold on the 7-foot, Noble Fir with my sappy hands while Bruce bolted to the garage. He returned with two various pieces of wood to jam under to trunk to fill the gaping 2 inches between it and the red bowl of the stand.

"Now, slightly let go and let's see what happens."

It was my turn to break the tree's fall.

"Okay, hold on, I'll be right back."

This time my husband returned from his garage baggage with two garden trowels and an ice scraper from his glove compartment. He set about his elaborate plan to "wedge" the tree into place.

"Can duct tape be far from entering the scene at this point, I couldn't help but wonder."

Have I mentioned I do most of my wondering out loud?

With two trowels, an ice scraper, wood blocks and an earlier contribution I made of florist's foam, Bruce once again asks me to "test" our upright challenged tree.

What's this? The tree isn't tipping! Now the stand is!

"That's it, I'm cutting off the branches!" In other words, he's throwing in his trowels.

"Dad, you can't! You said yourself, that it would look really bad." This from the child who has been suggesting this limb amputation for over an hour. She's changed her mind and being a woman, I can relate.

Her ever-patient father who always aims to please, trekked out to the garage again. We heard sawing and then he returned with more wood wedges and a square piece of plywood. The plywood he fashioned in sort of a platform manner to fit in the bowl to set the uneven trunk on. Next he wedged his new wood wedges under the uneven legs of the stand.

"All right, if this doesn't do it, I am cutting branches!"

And lo, there it stood. All by itself. We felt like proud parents of a toddler who can finally stand without holding on to the coffee table. Best of all, Bruce's wedges, platforms, icescrapers and perseverance paid off — we were able to save every last branch that made us select this almost symmetrical tree in the first place.

Evening plans required we put off decorating until the following day. Whitney and Bruce strung the lights. This was a melancholy moment since Whitney and her brother, Ryan, usually decorate the family room tree together. Whitney wound string, after string, after string, after string, after string, after string in a pattern of her design and the result was blindingly beautiful.

After the first day, the tree was unable to hold our attention for any prolonged periods of time, so one more night fell before we got around to actually putting the ornaments on it.

Last evening, following a school Christmas program which set the mood, we began the final touches of truly proclaiming this to be our 1998 Christmas Tree. I turned on the Mannheim Steamroller's Christmas CD and tossed some pre-made cookie dough in the oven. So festive. We took videos and laughed and took a moment to be thankful after all we had gone through, our tree was worth it.

As Whitney and I prepared to nestle all snug in our beds and Bruce batted down the hatch (locked the doors) and turned out the lights ... from the family room there arose such a clatter ... we heard him yell "OH, NO!" ... and we knew what was the matter.

Cy DeBoer is a Midland writer.

PROGRAM: Process for eyeglass donation is a simple one

(From 1B)

the program, Ms. Gonzales said. It is available to residents of 23 West Texas counties, including residents of Midland, Andrews, Odessa, and Big Spring.

If people don't take advantage of the program, it will be discontinued — regardless of the strong need for it that exists in the Permian Basin, Ms. Gonzales warns.

That would be a shame for people who can benefit from it, said Alma Davis, whose daughter Equilla was a recipient of a gift certificate.

Equilla, 13, was wearing glasses four years ago, but lost

them and couldn't have them replaced. Bad vision created problems for her at school, she said.

"I could see the chalkboard, but I could not the small words on the overhead. I couldn't do my work," she said.

Ms. Davis thinks her daughter could have lost the glasses purposefully. Her last pair came in thick, black Buddy Holly-type frames that aren't too popular in her age group. The program offered Equilla a selection of modern styles, her mother said. "They're nice," she said. "These are much prettier."

Ms. Davis, a working mom and college student, will also be the recipient of a pair herself

through an adult program sponsored by Prevent Blindness.

Hope Yarte said it was simple to get her 11-year-old son, Nicholas, to get his pair. All she had to do was fill out a brief application, submit it to Prevent Blindness and then go see Midland's participating optometrist, Dr. Bobby Ray.

Nicholas endured years of headaches before he realized he needed glasses. Through the program, Nicholas found out he had astigmatism in both eyes.

"I couldn't read from my books," Nicholas said. "My friend would read to me."

After seeing Dr. Ray, Nicholas got his glasses less than a week after his exam, his

mother said.

Ms. Gonzales said children having these experiences should ask their school nurse about the program, or contact Prevent Blindness. The agency has doctors who take the gift certificates in Midland, Odessa and San Angelo.

"It's one of the best programs we've seen," Ray said. "The minute those kids get to see the letters again, they'll show you grin."

Prevent Blindness Texas can be reached at 683-0003.

PATTERSON: Life is just a series of exaggerations about who's busiest

(From 1B)

night, Mrs. P has a ceramics class. Tuesday night we have a choir concert at one school at 6:30 and a band concert at another school at 7:30. Wednesday night two of our kids have an activity at TWO different churches. Thursday we have to go Christmas shopping. Friday it's dinner at a friend's house — after we take our 12-year-old to a friend's birthday party. Saturday night we've been invited to a dinner at some friends that we may not be able to make because we've been invited to a going away party for some more

friends. And that's just this week."

But my friend refused to sympathize with me. She just had to one-up me. I just hate it when someone has a worse story and tries to out-do me.

"With four kids, it's even worse," she said. "We have a high schooler with a basketball game, a junior high girl with a choir concert, a PTA meeting at our elementary school and our pre-schooler is taking a field trip to see Santa Claus. And that's just tonight at 7 o'clock."

I'm thinking my friend better go with her pre-schooler, sit on Santa's lap and ask for a couple

more husbands and a few less kids just so she'll be able to survive this joyous time of year.

"But," she said, "it could be worse. At least we don't have soccer practice until February."

"Maybe not, I told her, 'but the soccer people are somehow involved. They have to be. It's all a big scam to keep us all as busy all year long. Santa's a big soccer fan, y'know. Every Christmas when he delivers his last toy and gets back to the North Pole, he runs around the ice, rips off his shirt and throws it as far as he can.'"

We both finished filling our tanks and I realized life is just

one big contest to see who can exaggerate the most about being the busiest.

"Been nice chatting with you," she said. "But I have to run. I have a 5 minute nap scheduled before I get my 4-year-old to dance class."

"Hey," I said, "maybe we'll get a record snow fall and get a day's rest in the middle of all this schedule mayhem."

"Not a chance," she said. "It'll never happen."

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PARTY: Community celebration to feature choirs, Santa Claus

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will be donated in part to the children whose mothers are assisted by the PBCBWC.

Admission to the Community Christmas Party is free. Children are asked to bring an unwrapped gift that would be appropriate for a child their age and gender; adults are asked to bring a canned food item and/or an article of clothing. Clothing will be donated to Casa de Amigos and canned food will be donated to the West Texas Food Bank. Toy items will benefit children served by the Rainbow Room, Freewill Foster Home,

Casa de Amigos and the PBCBWC.

Seasonal entertainment will be provided by the Midland High Choir, the Rusk Elementary 4th Grade Honor Choir, the Communitywide Worship Choir and more singers. The night will culminate with community Christmas caroling at approximately 8:40 p.m. in Centennial Plaza, adjacent to Midland Center. And Santa Claus will be available for the kids all evening. Crafts, refreshments and coffee will also be available. Families attending will also be able to sign a huge "Christmas Card" that will appear in a holiday edition of the Reporter-Telegram.

Rebecca Grimaud, Executive Director of the PBCBWC, said most of the center's 2,072 hotline calls came from women who were in a crisis situation.

"The majority of the women who come in for shelter have tried to leave their situations at home several times," Grimaud said. "They are in a crisis situations and sometimes they just come in with the clothes they have on. And at Christmastime, we try to provide the women a sense of normality and provide gifts for them to shop for here at the shelter. That's where the gifts brought to the party will go."

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Amazon has been moving at a breakneck pace to transform itself from its original business as an online bookstore into something closer to an electronic department store. It started selling music last summer and then last month introduced videos and a gift section with toys, consumer electronics and games.

The new "Shop the Web" service, using Jungle2, is still somewhat of a test, the people briefed on the plan said. At first the link promoting the service will be placed in an unobtrusive place on each page. After the initial bugs are worked out, Amazon intends to create a button shaped like an index tab on the top of all of its pages, referring shoppers to other sources of books, music, movies and gifts.

The intention is primarily to help consumers find items that Amazon itself does not stock. But with the Jungle capabilities, there may very well be instances of Amazon's steering customers to other vendors or better prices of goods that the company has on hand.

But Amazon would still receive revenue in such cases. Initially, the participating online

How to get your web site in the limelight

your current needs? Is there room for future growth? Do you want to be a subtenant or have one?

Landlord-tenant negotiations can be especially complex, says Jenise Gaskin, a Burr, Pilger partner. "Three years ago, there was plenty of space available and tenants were able to negotiate all sorts of improvements," she said. "Now that's much harder so there are plenty of hidden costs if you have to pay for walls or put in computer wiring."

It is important to ask whether tenant improvements are included in the lease. Can you put the improvements out to bid, or are you required to use a specified contractor? What about repair/maintenance costs for your space and common areas?

Here are some other issues:

- ✓ **Moving arrangements.** Do you have to use union or nonunion movers? When can you move in? During business hours? Should you get damage insurance?

✓ **Utilities.** What is covered in the lease and what is considered "extra?" How is the building metered for public utilities? Is each space metered separately? Is the building air-conditioned, and if so, what are the hours of operation?

✓ **Insurance.** What is a tenant's liability? Check the lease for minimum coverage required by landlord. You also are required to get Workers' Compensation insurance for any workers and might consider comprehensive general liability, nonowned auto liability, fire and theft property loss, earthquake damage, business interruption, and errors and omissions coverage.

- ✔ **Parking and storage.** What is available and what are the costs?
- ✔ **Options.** Can you get options for additional space or first right of refusal for upcoming space in the building? Can you get an option for a lease extension?

—Real estate taxes. If taxes and operating costs increase over time, what is considered the "base year?" Is there an adjustment if the building is not fully occupied?

—**Rules and regulations.** What sort of security and safety training does the building owner provide? How often are fire drills conducted? What are the procedures for after-hour arrivals and

dures for after-hour arrivals and departures, and delivery of packages? How does the janitorial service operate? Are there sign requirements or restrictions? Does the building regularly perform air quality testing

If you are moving, you probably need new equipment such as phones, answering and/or pag-

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Digital phone can huddle group in a hurry

By Douglas D. Armstrong
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

The i1000 phone is so light and small, I forgot I had slipped it into my front pants pocket. Naturally, I jumped when I heard a strange voice coming from my trousers.

There's a good explanation, of course.

Nextel Communications had loaned me the very small (4.5 by 2.2 by 1.2 inches), very light (5.78 ounces) new digital phone to test from Motorola. And, as you can probably tell, it's no ordinary digital cellular.

Besides working as a pager (text and numeric) and mobile phone, it is a group calling device and a two-way radio. Leave it on standby in the right setting and it will suddenly come to life almost anywhere. Like in your pants.

The group connect feature is a great sales point. "You can hit a whole fleet at once, up to 100 employees," according to Jennifer L. Burkel, marketing manager for Nextel in Wisconsin.

The phone can also take calls on two lines. This gives you the option of putting your business and your personal mobile numbers on the same phone. With nine different ring options to select from, it's no problem keeping them straight.

The i1000 operates in three modes.

In Phone Mode, the unit operates like a traditional mobile phone. You can place calls on hold, use the speakerphone and call-waiting features, forward a call and set up three-way conferencing.

In Group Mode, the operation changes. Using one button, you instantly place a call to all members of a talk group you have set up. (The feature that startled me). Without touching the phone, you hear the discussion of others in the group who join in. You can set up more than one talk group.

In Private Mode, you can contact someone else on the same phone network in your calling area using a four-digit code you program in. (No need to memorize codes; you program in names and numbers for later use and the phone dials itself when you bring up the listing.)

When someone calls you in private mode, your phone chirps, the calling party's name appears in the phone's display window with the word, "Alert." You take the call by depressing the phone's Direct Connect button.

Operating the phone this way is very much like using a walkie-talkie. Only one party can speak at a time as you hold down a button on the side of the unit. Release to listen.

The reward for sacrificing full conversational duality is that air time used in the "direct connect" fashion is billed by the second rather than by the minute, which cuts the cost of a 15-second exchange by 75 percent.

A 100-page manual accompanies the phone that walk anyone through every step of setting up a feature in an understandable fashion. The payoff with this next generation of phone is the remarkable versatility. This is an attractive communications tool for today's faster-paced lifestyles and optimized mobile business methods.

Among the phone's other features: Paging is done through the same window of the telephone where the names, phone numbers, modes and menu options are listed. A text message is displayed or a telephone number.

Voice mail for your line may be accessed through the mobile phone or by a landline using your access code.

The speakerphone option is a new element on the i1000, and it seemed to function fine in several short tests I gave it.



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It's only words

Internet chat can be serious business to corporations

By Len Boselovic
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Wanted: Raw investment advice for the masses. Willingness to speak your mind more important than spelling or grammar. Need not identify yourself or have impressive credentials. Ullterior motives not an obstacle.

Founded to disseminate information to the common investor and fueled by an unprecedented bull market, stock message boards have morphed into a First Amendment free-for-all where insults, rumors and misinformation are traded as often as stocks. Unfettered by requirements to identify themselves, posters - people who "post" messages on the boards - leave it up to board readers to figure out whether they're looking at the gospel truth or being manipulated by someone playing 25-cent swings in a \$1 stock.

Some posters have multiple personalities, holding a conversation with themselves by posting under a dozen or more aliases. Others are hired guns, paid by publicly traded companies to spread good news to investors. Posters can be small investors offering their two cents worth or disgruntled workers grinding axes at their former employer's expense.

"Probably about 5 to 10 percent of the people on there are knowledgeable. The others just want to be heard and seen," says Bill Talley, 64, a retired Honolulu detective who posts occasionally on Yahoo's Fore Systems board.

Talley says he'd never make an investment decision based on what he sees on message boards. But the

amateur speculation, analysis and gossip can cause serious problems for a company's stock price or employee morale.

A message board, also known as a chat room, is a site on the Internet where people discuss similar interests by posting messages that can be read by everybody looking at the board. They can post messages of their own, either responding to the current topic or suggesting one of their own.

Some of the most popular stock boards are run by Yahoo!, Motley Fool, Silicon Investor and The Raging Bull, which set up boards based on investor interest (see accompanying box). Users access the boards by typing in a stock's ticker symbol. People must register with the operator and choose an alias before posting messages.

"Lurkers," people who just want to read the boards, don't have to register.

How many messages are posted varies considerably, with some small, unprofitable companies

attracting much more interest than big stocks. Take the case of Biocontrol Technology, a small Indiana, Pa., company that's lost \$120 million in recent years. Even though its stock's trading for about 15 cents, there are more than 22,000 messages on Yahoo's Biocontrol board. That compares with more than 38,000 messages on Yahoo's Microsoft board and fewer than 300 posts at Yahoo's H.J. Heinz board.

"If there's a stock out there people want to talk about, we feel they have a right to talk about it," says Rusty Szurek, Raging Bull's vice president. "If investors use message boards correctly, they can be one of the most powerful mediums out there."

Szurek says 1,500 to 2,000 messages are posted daily on Raging Bull's 2,300 or so boards. Like most other board operators, Raging Bull doesn't screen or edit the messages, although it does lay down ground rules similar to those adopted by its competitors. Obscene, vulgar,

defamatory or unlawful material is prohibited. Posters are limited to one alias so they cannot sway investor opinion by posting multiple messages bolstering their point of view.

One of the biggest complaints companies have about the boards is that most posters hide behind the shield of anonymity.

"What's to prevent people from saying anything they want or making up something?" asks Jim Leonard, spokesman for J&L Specialty Steel. "Any knowledgeable person should realize that these message boards are nothing more than a form of electronic graffiti."

Philip Services, a Hamilton, Ont., company plagued by accounting problems and losses from copper trading, has gone to court to find out who was making defamatory remarks about executives and female employees.

"This is not an issue of freedom of speech. This is an issue of what is clearly deemed to be unlawful behavior," says Philip spokeswoman Lynda Kuhn. "I don't think you can write off chat rooms as innocuous."

If companies find message board information hard to manage, what about the investors the boards are supposed to serve? Not only must they judge a poster's motives, they have to decide if the poster is who he says he is and if he is in a position to know what he says he knows.

"There's no limit to the amount of knowledge you can get, but at the same time you have to be able to muddle your way through the cream to get to the milk," Nevin Cumpston, a 32-year-old Washington, Pa., steelworker says. But when it comes to investing based on message board material, Cumpston is a lot more circumspect.

"I wouldn't personally vote my entire portfolio on the information," he says.

Board with it all

Four of the most popular stock message boards are run by:
Yahoo! - http://messages.yahoo.com/yahoo/Business_and_Finance/
Motley Fool - <http://boards.fool.com/>
Silicon Investor - <http://www.siliconinvestor.com/>
The Raging Bull - <http://www.ragingbull.com/boards/>

Most stock message boards sponsors allow Internet users to read and post messages at no cost. The exception is Silicon Investors, which charges for posting messages (\$100 annually, \$200 for lifetime).

Motley Fool and Silicon Investors require posters to be at least 18 years old; Raging Bull and Yahoo! don't. Before they can post, users are required to provide their name and some other basic information, such as age, gender, occupation and investing habits.

Board sponsors are reluctant to screen or edit the thousands of messages posted every day for several reasons. As a matter of principle, they want the boards to be an unfettered forum for exchanging ideas. In practice, they don't have the staff to scan each message for obscene, libelous or otherwise offensive material. Instead, board operators let users patrol the board.

'Body stacking' latest accusation against medical examiner's office

HOUSTON (AP) — Photographic evidence of corpses lying atop one another in the Harris County morgue is the latest revelation at an turmoil-plagued office which has been the focus of at least three criminal investigations.

The crowding shown by the 17 color photos, some of which show the body of an infant wedged in among adults, has been denied by the medical examiner but confirmed by employees, the Houston Chronicle reported Sunday.

Harris County Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Joye Carter contends that the photos, mailed anonymously by an employee of her office to county officials and two reporters, were staged. The photographer, who the Chronicle has identified, has acknowledged that sheets were moved aside for some photos so that toe tags could be revealed to document when the stacking occurred.

A body was removed from a stack in one instance, the photographer said, to reveal the presence of the infant's body between two adult bodies.

The photos are otherwise accurate and unaltered, the photographer said. The newspaper withheld the photographer's name.

Several lawyers, judges and other law enforcement officials tell the newspaper they have lost confidence in the office that conducts DNA and fiber analyses and forensic tests in criminal cases, as well as drug screens for 10,000 to 12,000 Harris County probationers a month.

The office, with a \$6.3 million annual budget, has in the past year been the focus of lawsuits by two employees who contend they were fired for reporting illegal practices, the accidental cremation of a wrong body, employment of an unlicensed

physician who performed hundreds of autopsies and questions about the reliability of autopsies in several high-profile homicide cases.

In November 1997, the medical examiner's public clash with District Attorney John B. Holmes Jr. over prosecution delays caused by an autopsy backlog led to admonishments from Harris County Commissioners Court.

Anonymous mailings have since been sent to employees appearing to document complaints, including body stacking and record tampering, and urging employees to report problems to the media and to various county and state officials.

Holmes said the stacking pictures show "sloppy" work and that having them fall into the hands of defense attorneys is his "worst nightmare."

Ms. Carter contends staff "malcontents" opposed to her management are trying to sabotage the office.

"Some of them don't want the office to function properly," she told the newspaper. "They're trying to poison the water, but they can't poison the water. The best thing we can do is just keep doing our job."

Earlier this year, a mix-up at the morgue led to release of the wrong body, which was accidentally cremated.

Body stacking reported at the morgue over the Memorial Day weekend and the first week of August occurs when workers run out of metal trays used to store bodies before or after autopsies. Such stacking prior to autopsy can lead to contamination of evidence.

Employees of the Medical Examiner's Office have independently verified at least some of the photographs and that stacking has occurred there.

Astronauts set space station loose, fly away

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — After successfully joining and outfitting the first two pieces of the international space station, Endeavour's astronauts set the seven-story complex loose Sunday and then flew away.

They were sorry to go. "Wish we could stay longer," commander Robert Cabana said, "but we'll get safely away and leave it for somebody else to come back and add more to it."

It will be spring before the next construction crew arrives.

With the flick of a switch that released the snares holding them together, space shuttle Endeavour separated from the 77-foot, 70,000-pound station and, with pilot Rick Sturckow at the controls, slowly backed away.

Flight controllers in Houston and Moscow monitored the 245-mile-high action. The undocking,

similar to those between space shuttles and Mir, occurred over Russian ground stations.

The winged, cylindrical station glided in the sunlight as the shuttle circled from a distance of 450 feet for a final photo survey. Once that was done, Sturckow fired Endeavour's thrusters and the shuttle pulled away for good.

The astronauts could still see the station from more than eight miles out and excitedly beamed down pictures.

"It's the brightest new star on the horizon," Cabana said as the station grew smaller and smaller, its two components resembling the head and body of a snowman lying sideways.

With Endeavour's flawless departure, NASA's lead flight director, Bob Castle, was finally ready to declare the assembly part of the 12-day mission a suc-

cess. "I'm very, very, very gratified," Castle said.

The undocking capped an intense week for Endeavour's six astronauts, who are due back on Earth late Tuesday.

They captured Zarya, the Russian-built control module, and stacked it on the American-made Unity chamber in the shuttle cargo bay on Dec. 6, then conducted three spacewalks to wire the components together, install and fix antennas, and attach a tool box to the outside. They also spent a full day inside the station, sprucing it up for the first permanent crew, due to arrive in just over a year.

Working quickly, they accomplished everything they set out to do and more.

"This has been a truly awesome experience," Cabana said. "Words can't express how excellent this

has all been. This is going to be one heck of a space station when we get it done."

NASA plans four shuttle flights to the space station next year, starting in May, to haul up more equipment. Ten spacewalks will be conducted during those missions to attach more parts.

The work level should crank up in 2000 and stay at a feverish pace until the last major component is launched to the station in 2004.

Much depends on the Russian Space Agency, broke as a result of Russia's economic collapse. NASA has forked over an extra \$60 million to its leading partner in recent months in hopes of having a permanent control module flying by the end of next summer, more than a year late.

Just in case, NASA is working on substitute modules.

Sale signs, specialty stores draw holiday shoppers

DALLAS (AP) — Rhetta Messick finds holiday shopping quite amusing — now that she's finished.

"I never wait until it comes to this," the 53-year-old Garland grandmother said, gesturing at the crowds pushing their way through the Galleria mall in Dallas. "I come to the mall to watch people panic."

A burst of cold weather that continued into the weekend helped fill parking lots and stave off panic among retailers whose sales of winter clothing and coats have been stifled this season by unusually warm weather. A number of retail analysts even lowered their expectations for the holiday season last week because of the balmy temperatures.

At Mark Shale, an upscale Galleria clothing

store, heavy cable sweaters and wool cardigans were piled on tables under red sale signs.

"Last weekend, it was in the 70s. We had a lot of people looking, but they were not in the mood to buy for winter or the holiday," said assistant manager Jacqueline Katz.

She said she expects sales to pick up closer to Christmas, "when the men start shopping." Many stores will offer big discounts in the days preceding Christmas, said Dennis Telzrow, a retail analyst with Hoak, Breedlove Wesneskie & Company in Dallas.

"They will get panicky and start to promote," he said. "The pace of shopping is not what retailers expected."

The best results may come from discount stores like Wal-Mart and Target, Telzrow

said. Some analysts say consumer confidence has rebounded with the stock market. They predict overall sales gains of about 4 percent to 5 percent for the November-December season compared to the same period in 1997.

Retailers are hoping to attract shoppers like 28-year-old television producer Jason Haun of Dallas, who said "I'll spend more because I'm making more."

But others said they'll be more conservative this holiday season.

Kimbre Vaughan, 28, of Garland said she doesn't plan to spend near the \$3,000 she dropped last season.

"I'm a single parent now so I have more financial concerns," she said.

Patients say Gammagard treatment gave them hepatitis C

FORT WORTH (AP) — The 18-year-old woman is fighting two diseases. She can expect at least two liver transplants in the next two decades and might never be able to have children.

More tragic still: Her problems were entirely avoidable.

More than five years ago, she was being treated for Guillain-Barre syndrome, a disease that causes paralysis, when she was infected with hepatitis C. She is among hundreds worldwide who received a tainted batch of the plasma treatment Gammagard in 1993 or 1994. The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Sunday.

The Eulees teen, who asked not to be identified, received the treatment at Cook's Children's Medical Center.

Baxter Healthcare Corp., which produced Gammagard, said the virus got into its product because the government forced a change in

the blood-screening process.

The company said it withdrew the product and alerted federal officials, blood banks and hospitals as soon as the hepatitis C connection was made.

But attorneys for infected patients have filed lawsuits in several states, including Texas, contending that Baxter was warned more than a decade earlier by researchers in Seattle and Great Britain.

"Our position is that they knew or had reason to know about the connection long before her first infusion," said Fort Worth attorney Lou Barkholtz, who has filed a lawsuit on behalf of the Eulees teen.

At least two other Gammagard lawsuits have been filed in Tarrant County and are pending in state

district court.

The plaintiffs also contend that if Baxter had used the same production and cleansing processes used by other companies at the time, the new blood-screening

process would not have resulted in the contamination.

Baxter said it had its own, more effective, ways of ridding the plasma pool of pathogens, according to court documents.

School bus veers off freeway, injures 15

DALLAS (AP) — About 15 sophomore basketball players from Plano suffered minor injuries when a bus returning them from a game veered off a Dallas freeway and flipped over several times.

Investigators said the driver, identified only as a coach, complained about being hot several minutes before he collapsed.

The students, part of Shepton High School's 10th-grade basketball team, were riding back to Plano from a game Saturday night

against Arlington Bowie High School.

The bus, carrying about 15 passengers, left Stemmons Freeway while northbound between the Walnut Hill Lane and Royal Lane exits. The bus slid sideways down a grassy slope before flipping over several times, traffic Sgt. Patrick McAlvey said.

"He fell off his seat and onto the floor," the officer said. "A coach attempted to grab the wheel to bring it back in line. He probably oversteered a little or lost control."

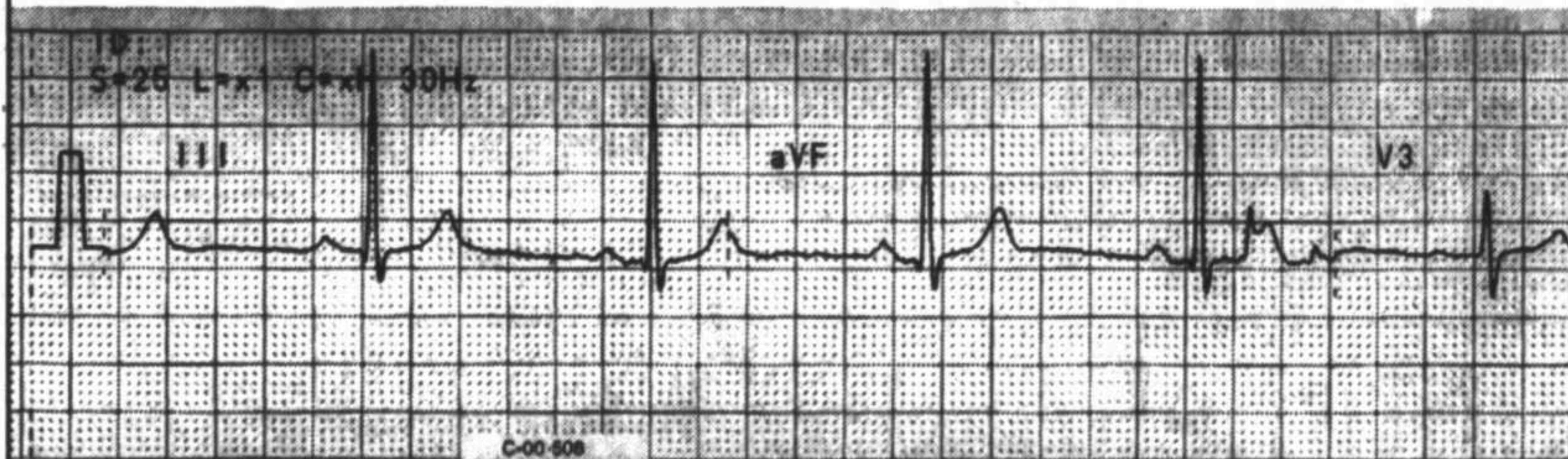
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DEATH NOTICES

Ruby Crabtree

Ruby May Crabtree, 86, died Saturday at a Midland rest home.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. today, Dec. 14, at the 22nd & Austin Church of Christ with the Rev. Kerry Cain officiating. Burial will be Tuesday, Dec. 15, at Pleasant Mound Cemetery in Dallas under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

She was born in Dallas County. She was an accountant working in Dallas and the panhandle before retiring to Colorado City in 1974.

Survivors include her husband, Lee, of Midland; three sons, Robert Dowdy of Paso Robles, Calif., Joe Crabtree and Douglas Crabtree of Midland; three daughters, Doris Gleason of Plano, Wanda Duncan of Alice, and Mary Stafford of Slaton; five brothers, William Conner of Memphis, Tenn., Oscar Conner of Flint, Charles Conner of Nacogdoches, Richard Conner of Diana, and Hubert Conner of Troy, Ala.; two sisters, Elizabeth Adams of Hemet, Calif., and Lillie Parno of Gresham, Ore.; 19 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Daniel Poole

Daniel Poole died Sunday, Dec. 13, at a local hospital.

Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15, in Resthaven Memorial Park. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. today, Dec. 14 at Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born Aug. 29, 1915. He owned and operated a dry cleaners before retirement.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruby Lee Poole; and his daughter, Pat Strickland.

Survivors include four sons, Richard Poole and his wife, Sue, of Midland, Robert Poole of Brownfield, Ronny Poole and his wife, Patty, of Midland, and Roland Poole of Midland; two daughters, Lynn Foster and her husband, Michael, and Carolyn Salois and her husband, Don, both of Midland; a brother, Thomas W. Poole of Midland; a sister, Bonnie J. Poole of San Angelo; 17 grand-

children; 14 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, P. O. Box 3389, Midland, Tx. 79702.

Rose von Hassell

BIG SPRING—Rose von Hassell, 66, died Saturday, Dec. 12.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. today, Dec. 14, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

She was born Oct. 25, 1932 in Brooklyn, N.Y. She first moved to Big Spring in 1951, and returned in 1973. She was a librarian, employed by the Howard County Library, where she headed the literacy program. She was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George W. von Hassell.

Survivors include one daughter, Elizabeth Petty, and her husband, Wendell, of Arlington; two sons, George von Hassell, III of Stanton, and Richard von Hassell and his wife, Beverly of Big Spring; four grandchildren.

Billie Woods

COLORADO CITY—Former Midlander Billie Jean (Barron) Woods, 77, died Saturday, Dec. 12, at a local hospital.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 22nd & Austin Church of Christ with the Revs. Kerry Cain and Gary Dennis officiating. Burial will follow at the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

She was born in Gorman. She lived in Loraine, Abilene, San Marcos, Midland, Denver, Colo., and retired to Colorado City. She worked in doctor's offices in Midland.

Survivors include her husband, Lee, of Colorado City; two brothers, Paul Barron of Loraine, and James Barron of Abilene; many nieces, nephews, and their children.

TODAY'S FUNERALS

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OBITUARIES



Bea Lasater

Beatrice "Bea" Lasater was born September 14, 1954 in Hearne, Texas to Manuel and Julia (Nevarez) Velasquez. She graduated from high school in Calvert, Texas, then attended Blinn College and Liberty University. On July 5, 1975, she married Frank Lasater in College Station. They moved to Waco for 6-8 months before moving to Midland in 1976. They stayed in Midland until 1990 before moving to Odessa.

Frank was the pastor at University Baptist Church while in Odessa. In the summer of 1998 they moved to Fort Worth, their current residence. Mrs. Lasater was a member of University Heights Baptist Church in Odessa, a former member of Kelview Heights Baptist Church in Midland, and an 18 year member of the Awana Program at Kelview Heights Baptist Church and University Heights Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Frank, of Fort Worth; four daughters, Rebecca Lynn Lasater of Odessa, Amanda Brooke Lasater, Abby Kay Lasater and Stacey Layne Lasater, all of Fort Worth; three brothers, Raymond Velasquez of Houston, John Velasquez of San Antonio, and Wiley Velasquez of Calvert, Texas; six sisters, Vicki Griffin of Corsicana, Texas, Nellie Sparkman of Bryan, Texas, Julie Cockroft of Alta Loma, California, Frances Castillo of Bryan, Mary Boggan and Josephine Florida, both of Hearne; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Lasater died Thursday, December 10, 1998, near Weatherford, Texas.

Funeral services are scheduled for 3 p.m. Monday, December 14, 1998 in Kelview Heights Baptist Church with the Rev. Dr. Frank Johnson officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Roger M. Lasater, Aaron Sparkman, Ray-

mond Velasquez, Jr., Matthew Florida, Brian Boggan, Sam Boggan, T. J. Griffin, and John Florida, IV.

The family requests memorials be directed to the Awana Program at Kelview Heights Baptist Church or University Baptist Church.

William McBee, Jr.

William Dimmitt McBee, Jr. was born December 20, 1928 and died Sunday, December 13, 1998 at home. Mr. McBee graduated from New Mexico Military Academy, Roswell, New Mexico and the University of Oklahoma. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. He served as Captain in the United States Air Force. Mr. McBee was a past board member of Brook Hollow Golf Club, Trans-Mississippi Golf Association, and a member of Midland Country Club and the Dallas Petroleum Club.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William D. McBee and Mary Delaney McBee.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Brannin McBee; two sons, William D. McBee, III and wife, Maria, and Michael B. McBee and wife, Kelly; three daughters, Mary and husband, Fred Deaton, Margaret and husband, Carl Schwab, and Elizabeth McBee Maguire; 12 grandchildren; a brother, Michael A. McBee; and a sister, Ann McBee Buell.

A private family Recitation of the Rosary will be held at the home on Monday evening, December 14. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Christ the King Catholic Church on Tuesday, December 15, 1998 at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Msgr. Donald Fischer as celebrant. Private burial will follow at Calvary Hill under the direction of Sparkman Hillcrest of Dallas (214) 363-5401.

The active pallbearers will be Mr. Louis J. Weber, Jr., Mr. Leo F. Corrigan, Jr., Mr. Wilson Schoellkopf, Mr. D. Patrick Buell, Jr., Mr. F. Thomas Buell, Mr. T. McCullough Strother, Mr. Thomas J. Carter, Mr. L. N. Sparkman, Jr., Mr. Gerald S. Hargett, and Mr. Henry D. Lindsley, III. Honorary pallbearers will be Mr. Edwin Boecking, Oklahoma City, OK, Mr. Jack Bowers, Oklahoma City, OK, Mr. Richard Norville, Oklahoma City, OK, Mr. James W. Vickers, Palm Desert, CA, Mr. Richard Spangler, Lincoln, NE, Mr. Donald P. Scanlon, Harrison, NY, Mr. Dan Walker, Fort Worth, TX, and Mr. H. L. Brown, Jr., Fort Worth, TX.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to the Trans-Mississippi Turf Scholarship Fund, P. O. Box 617, Wayzata, Mississippi 55391, or Presbyterian Foundation, 8220 Walnut Hill Lane, Suite 700, Dallas, TX 75231.

DEAR ABBY

Mother's sharp words leave daughter with lifelong scars

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Because many people from all walks of life read your column, it's the best way to make parents aware of something they may unintentionally be doing to their children. Let me explain:

Recently I was standing in a store when I saw a young boy, who appeared to be about 10 years old, with his mother and a young girl. The mother said something to the boy, and he failed to respond correctly. Then she yelled at him, "Are you stupid or dumb or both?" It was evident that the child was embarrassed.

Abby, I know exactly how he felt. When I was young, my mother never missed a chance to tell me how

dumb, stupid or unattractive I was. Although she told me often how much she loved me, she undermined my self-esteem with her cruel remarks. I know she doesn't recall making such remarks, but here I am 50 years old and those words are still ringing in my ears. To this day, I am reluctant to attempt anything new or different for fear I will look stupid.

I have been to a fine counselor who has helped me deal with this, and I have a wonderful family of my own now who encourage me and assure me I can succeed at anything I want.

I do not wish ill upon my mother, but I feel very little for her and have no desire to share my life with her.

My point is: Parents should stop and think before saying things to their children that can traumatize them for life. The words may not cause physical harm, but they hurt nevertheless. — STILL HURTING IN RICHMOND, VA.

DEAR STILL HURTING: You said a mouthful. I recall a little verse from childhood: "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me." Nothing could be further from the truth. Thank you for your sound advice to parents.

DEAR READERS: I'm a longtime fan of Forbes. In the November issue, the magazine features a collection of "Golden Oldies" listing a number of people who had become successful in the autumn of their lives:

"Ray Kroc started the franchising of McDonald's restaurants when he was 52.

"Col. Harlan Sanders started his franchising business, Kentucky Fried Chicken, at 62.

"Frank Lloyd Wright designed Fallingwater (the Edgar Kaufmann house in Bear Run, Pa.) at 69, and the Guggenheim Museum at 76.

"Coco Chanel designed her famous woman's suit after coming back from retirement at age 71.

"Grandma Moses began painting at 78.

"Emily Post's 'Etiquette' was published when she was 50.

"John Huston directed James Joyce's 'The Dead' at 80.

"Ferdinand Graf von Zeppelin started producing his lighter-than-air crafts at 62.

"And last but not least, let us not forget John Glenn — officer, astronaut, senator — who literally went out of this world into space at age 77."

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

POLICE REPORTS

Midland Police Department Friday

A tool box was stolen from a parking garage at 2203 Western Dr. It was reported at 11:30 a.m. A green 1998 Dodge Ram was reported stolen at 3500 Camarie Ave. It was reported at 6 p.m.

A fight broke out at Fast Freddy's at 4310 Illinois Ave. It was reported at 8:51 p.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office Saturday

A horse was reported stolen at 4600 FM 307. It was reported at 12:59 p.m.

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Sports Today

PREP BASKETBALL — Girls, Odessa Permian at Midland High, 6 p.m.
Midland Lee at Odessa High, 7:30 p.m.

Lee tickets

MISD will not receive tickets for Saturday's Class 5A Small School state championship game between Midland Lee and Katy until Tuesday morning, according to athletic director Tim Whalen.

The game will be played in Texas Stadium in Irving on Saturday at 12:08 p.m.

Tickets will go on sale to the public at noon Tuesday at the Memorial Stadium ticket office. Tickets cost \$9 for adults and \$5 for students if purchased before Saturday. All tickets at Texas Stadium will be \$10 at the gate.

Tickets will be sold from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both Wednesday and Thursday and until noon on Friday.

The game will also be broadcast live on Fox Sports Southwest (Cable 43 in Midland) on Saturday.

Baylor-Stallings?

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Gene Stallings revisited his old stomping grounds Saturday, but said he isn't sure if he'll return to college coaching.

Stallings, 63, said he has spoken with officials at Baylor University about their vacant head coaching position.

"I had a good visit with their president and athletic director," said Stallings, a former University of Alabama head man who was in town to raise funds for the Stallings RISE Center.

"There's been no change. They've got several other people to talk to." That also gives him time to decide if he wants to go back into coaching after two seasons away from football.

"I've said that I would be interested maybe in somebody that needed some help, and I think Baylor needs a little help," Stallings said.

Former Bears coach Dave Roberts was fired after consecutive 2-9 seasons.

Stallings has already agreed to lead the U.S. team into the inaugural World Cup of American Football scheduled for next summer in Palermo, Italy.

"I've been brushing up on my Italian," Stallings said.

He went 70-16-1 in seven seasons with the Crimson Tide, including the 1992 national championship. The former Texas A&M player owns a farm in Paris, Texas.

Clemens update

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Houston Astros angrily pulled out of the bidding for Roger Clemens on Sunday, saying they were "stunned and outraged" at the financial demands of the five-time Cy Young Award winner.

"At the same time you have to give up talent to acquire a player under contract, you have to treat him as a free agent," Astros general manager Gerry Hunsicker said. "It was mind-boggling to me."

SEE CLEMENS/4C

Heisman Trophy

NEW YORK — There's never been a Heisman Trophy winner quite like Texas tailback Ricky Williams.

Not only did he become the first Heisman winner with dreadlocks, a stud in his tongue and four tattoos, he also turned college football's ultimate individual prize into a team triumph.

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Murray wins title

LAS VEGAS — Ty Murray won a record seventh world all-around title Sunday at the \$4.2 million National Finals Rodeo, breaking the previous record of six by legendary cowboys Larry Mahan and Tom Ferguson.

Murray, of Stephenville, Texas, also won his second bull riding world championship with his 79 score on Hard Copy.

Midland's Sherri Cervi finished the year with \$148,511 which placed her place behind Kristie Peterson and Janet Stover of Athens. Stover had \$153,465.

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Tango in Texas Stadium

Defending 5A champion Katy more than worthy foe for red-hot Rebels

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

After all the in-fighting, all the upsets and all of the drama in the Class 5A Small School state playoffs, it is probably safe to say that two of the most deserving teams in the state are left alive to squabble over the state championship.

Katy, the defending state champion, and Midland Lee both have official 14-1 records heading into Saturday's state championship game, which is set for Saturday at 12:08 p.m. at Texas Stadium, a game that will be broadcast live on Fox Sports Southwest (Cable 43 in Midland).

Katy is undefeated on the field, but had to forfeit one game for playing an ineligible player. Lee's only loss was a District 4-5A battle with Abilene Cooper, 21-14, at Shotwell Stadium.

Ironically, Lee defeated Richardson Lake Highlands, 42-21, Saturday at Shotwell Stadium to earn its second trip to the state finals.

Katy has not played in Texas Stadium this year while Lee owns a 20-7 win over South Grand Prairie in the quarterfinals at Texas Stadium, breaking a previous 0-3 mark at the house of the Dallas Cowboys.

Also, like Lee, the Tigers will bring a stubborn defense to Irving Saturday, allowing only 29 points (5.8 points per game) in five state playoff games.

Who's Next

Who: Katy Tigers.
When: At 12:08 p.m.

Where: Irving's Texas Stadium.

Records: Lee is 14-1; Katy is 14-1.

Previous Meeting: The two teams have never met.

Katy's Playoff Road

— def. Sugar Land Dulles 27-6.

— def. Houston Madison 27-7.

— def. Pasadena Dobie 24-10.

— def. Houston Clear Brook 40-0.

— def. San Antonio MacArthur 14-6.

Pasadena Dobie's 10 points in the region round were the most allowed by the Tigers. Lee has allowed just 66 points in five games, a little over 13 points per game.

Katy had a close call against San Antonio MacArthur in the semifinals Saturday, winning 14-6, on two big plays. The Tigers got a 66-yard scoring bomb from quarterback Matt Gore to wide receiver Jamal Branch in the second quarter to erase MacArthur's 6-0 lead.

Katy then scored in the third quarter on a 55-yard option keeper by Gore in the third

quarter, the only score of the second half.

Although Lee head coach John Parchman was not ready to return a verdict on Katy after the first

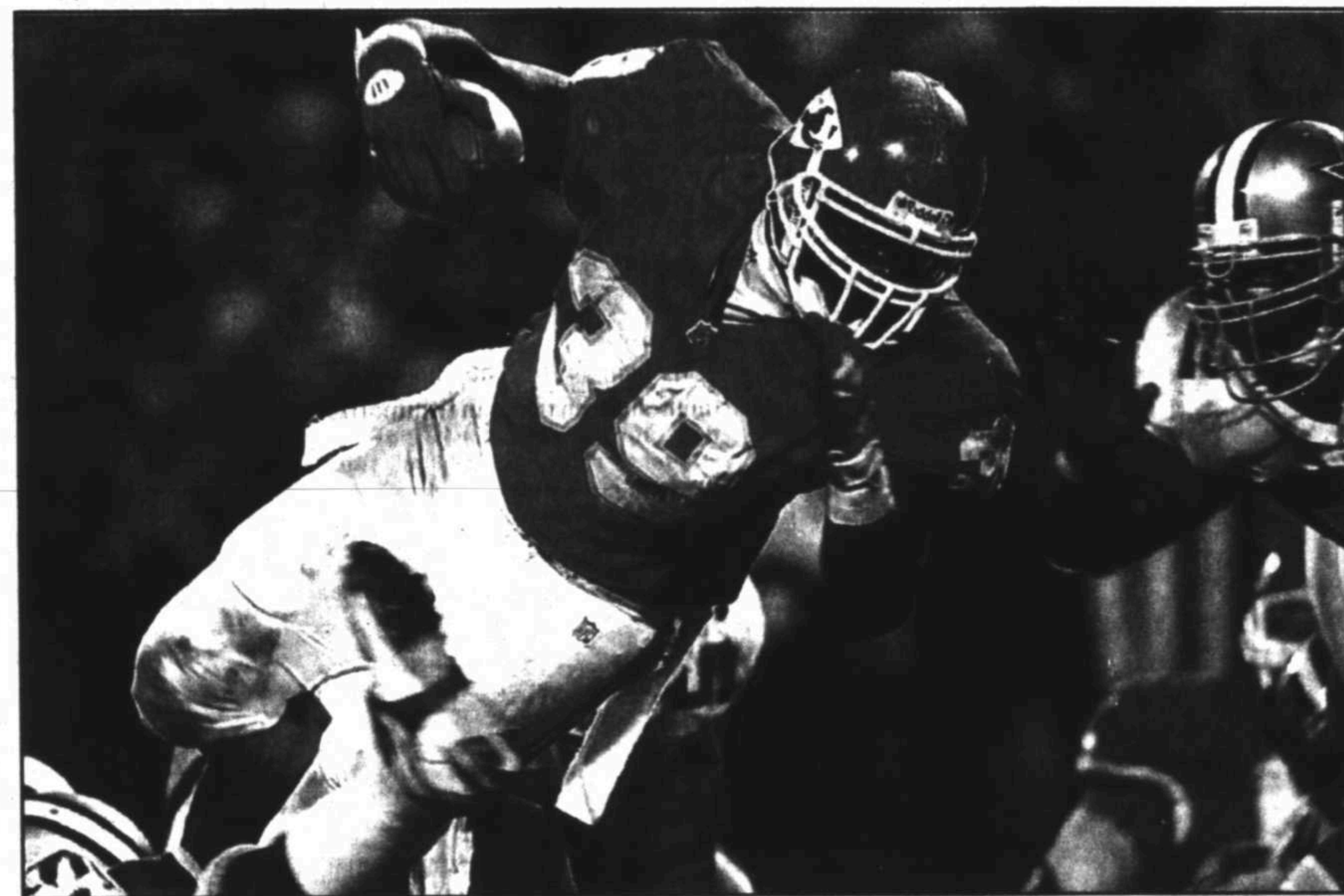
Please see LEE/4C



Midland Lee fullback Clint McNutt had 116 yards rushing and another 41 receiving yards in a 42-21 win over Richardson Lake Highlands Saturday in Abilene. Lee will now play 14-1 Katy at Texas Stadium for the Class 5A Small School state football title.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

'Boys stumble; Denver falls



Kansas City Chiefs running back Bam Morris (39) takes off for the goal line as he scores a touchdown during the third quarter of the Chiefs' 20-17 win over the Dallas Cowboys Sunday at Arrowhead Stadium.

Dallas loses ugly, without playoff spot

By Doug Tucker
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The free-falling Dallas Cowboys could take little good out of Sunday's 20-17 loss to the Kansas City Chiefs.

They failed for the second consecutive week to clinch the NFC East title — and a playoff berth. Their running game continues to sputter. Yet another star player — this time Michael Irvin — suffered an injury.

And coach Chan Gailey said the Cowboys continue to be vexed by all-around inconsistency.

"You've got to fight," Gailey said. "We fought at times in all phases tonight, but at times we had lapses, and lapses will get you. I'm going to go back to that word I used earlier in the year — consistency — and we're not there now. We've got to get that back in order to get this thing where we want to get it."

Thrown into an unfamiliar spoiler's role by a six-game losing streak that took them out of playoff contention, the Chiefs (6-8) converted two Dallas turnovers into third-quarter touchdowns and handed the Cowboys (8-6) their third straight loss.

Dallas, playing again without injured cornerbacks Deion Sanders and Kevin Smith, out and do, and it went beyond our dreams."

For the Americans, it was another nightmare on a course so unfamiliar to them that the matches might as well have been played on Mars.

Relentless from the start, determined to the end and making so many putts that the holes must have looked like craters, the International team handed the Americans their worst loss ever in match play — a 20 1/2-11 1/2 victory that cost them yet another cup.

Not since a 16 1/2-11 1/2 loss to Europe in the 1985 Ryder Cup have the Americans been so embarrassed.

"There's not going to be any meetings or seminars on trying

Please see GOLF/5C

Giants ruin Broncos' perfect run

By Tom Canavan
AP Sports Writer

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EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — A perfect throw, a perfect catch and even a perfect call from the officials. Together, they ended the Broncos' quest for a perfect season — much to the relief of the '72 Dolphins.

Denver's dreams of becoming the first team since Miami to go undefeated ended Sunday when Kent Graham threw a 37-yard touchdown pass to Armani Toomer with 48 seconds left,

giving the New York Giants a shocking 20-16 victory.

"It's very disappointing any time you get a chance to separate yourself from the league for years and years and years, and you don't achieve that goal," Broncos safety Tyrone Braxton said. "It's disappointing and depressing."

While there was disappointment in the Broncos' locker room, most of the players know there is a more important goal ahead.

"It was not our main goal," quarterback John Elway said of the perfect season. "Our main goal is to be world champs and to get the trophy."

Until the Giants' late heroics, the Broncos (13-1) seemed headed for an NFL-record 19th straight victory over two seasons, thanks to yet another

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International squad closes out Presidents Cup victory

By Doug Ferguson
AP Golf Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia — International captain Peter Thomson carried the most important piece of local knowledge in the Presidents Cup.

A five-time British Open champion, Thomson was quietly confident all week that when the Presidents Cup left American soil for the first time, the 14-inch sterling trophy would not be returning with the U.S. team.

He called the Americans the "greatest collection of golfers in the world" during the opening ceremonies, but he knew his 12 players from seven countries were more than equal to the task.

He knew it before Nick Price clinched the International

team's first Presidents Cup by beating David Duval in only the second singles match on a rainy Sunday.

He even knew it before Frank Nobilo's 40-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole of the first match of the cup rocked Royal Melbourne Golf Club and set the tone for a week of spectacular and improbable shots that rattled the Americans.

"The momentum started before we ever teed off," Thomson said. "We were already rolling out of the gate by Friday. What happened was already locked in."

"I did tell you I thought that the U.S. team is a mighty team. Well, we think now we're just as mighty. We're thrilled to have succeeded. That's what we set



Nick Price of Zimbabwe throws his cap into the crowd after defeating David Duval 2 and 1 to win the Presidents Cup.

Firing Blanks Cowboy offense lacks production

By Randy Galloway
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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Last week in New Orleans, it was about "want to." Here yesterday, the Cowboys simply "couldn't." As in win.

On the football manhood scale, there is a large difference in the two. In the NFL standings, however, both were registered as L's. Applaud no team for the act of showing up and playing hard, but the stark contrast from one week to the next was noticeable, which makes last week even more shameful.

The Cowboys in New Orleans were a disgrace to franchise heritage. As opposed to the Cowboys at Arrowhead Stadium, who were a struggling, injury-depleted offensive outfit that finally located the long-lost end zone in the fourth quarter.

Yanking out a victory after three quarters of despair even became a reality. But the Cowboys' defense had two different fourth-quarter chances to make possession stops on the Chiefs, and couldn't.

KC by 20-17 sent the Cowboys tumbling to their third consecutive defeat. They are going backward in December, as the record slipped to 8-6. To the rest of the league, they are a playoff-bound NFC East joke. At the moment, there is no rebuttal, either.

But first things first. "We played a lot harder than last week — in their hearts, they responded today," said coach Chan Gailey, who was disappointed, yet almost strangely confident in his postgame demeanor. A week ago, Gailey's mood alternated between shell shock and anger as he had tried to explain his team's New Orleans fiasco.

"At least we didn't quit like last week," admitted fullback Darryl Johnston.

A media-type mentioned to Johnston that Fox voice John Mad-

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den was on TV labeling the Cowboys as "too old."

Johnston sat up on his locker-room stool and responded tersely, "Three weeks ago, after the Minnesota game, everybody was calling us the hottest offensive team in the league. And we were. So now, two games later, we're suddenly too old? That doesn't make sense."

Good answer. But for a multitude of other questions, the Cowboys have few if any answers. This is an offense that went seven consecutive quarters without a touchdown, and produced six points in that span.

"And what ails the Cowboys at the moment is all about offense. It was last week in New Orleans, and here again yesterday. The defense hangs in enough to give Dallas a chance to win, but winning for the Cowboys, as with most NFL teams of this era, is all about offense."

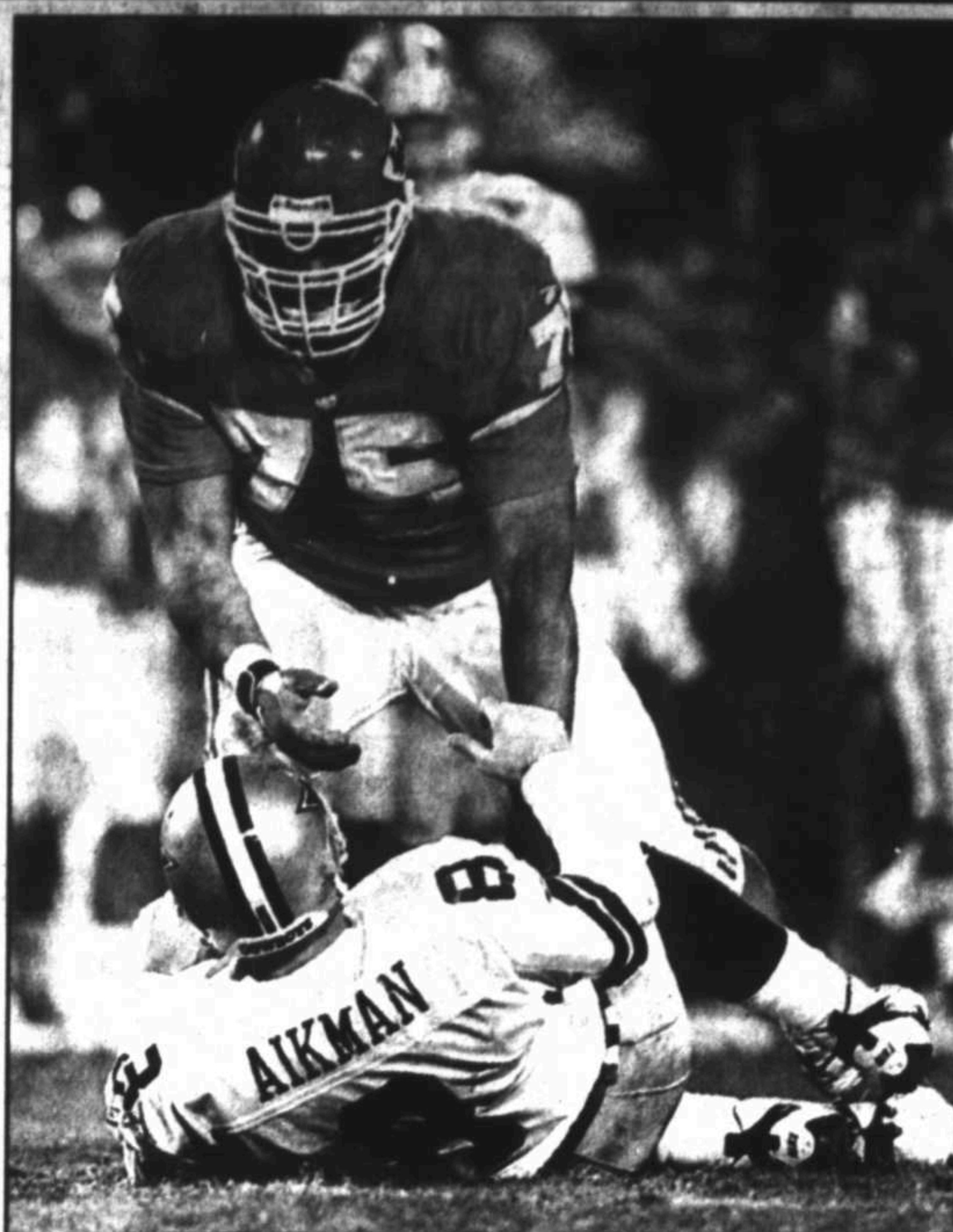
Injuries are only an offensive excuse, although a legitimate one.

Forget Deion Sanders being out, plus Kevin Smith. Young replacement corners Charlie Williams and Kevin Mathis did good work yesterday against a Chiefs offense that had thrown its way to three consecutive games of 30-plus points.

Where the defense had a breakdown was stopping Bam Morris. He rumbled along for 137 yards rushing, in the process chewing up the likes of Leon Lett, who has lost his all-world status.

But still, the Cowboys should be winning games when the opposition scores 20 points off the defense in two consecutive games. But the offense has put up 20 combined points in the last two losses.

"I'm probably the most surprised," said Gailey when asked about the offensive woes. Later, he added, "There is no doubt in my mind we will get it turned



Kansas City Chiefs tackle Chester McGlockton (75) helps Dallas Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman (8) up from the turf during the fourth quarter of Kansas City's 20-17 win over the Cowboys.

around."

Not, however, without better health. Michael Irvin missed the second half yesterday with a back injury. That meant the Cowboys' top two receivers, Irvin and Ernie Mills, were not available, with Mills, of course, gone for the season. Add to that tight end David LaFleur, who sat out this one after being injured in New Orleans.

Troy Aikman was missing favorite targets as the fourth-quarter comeback started. The opposition doesn't have to show normal respect for the air game, so has that lead to the sudden ground-game drought? Or is it vice versa?

Emmitt Smith was going nowhere again yesterday, because there was nowhere to go. Unlike New Orleans, the Chiefs didn't blitz both Aikman and Emmitt into submission. Kansas City played it basically straight on defense, and won the line-of-scrimmage battle.

The Cowboys couldn't establish the run early, and after two critical second-half turnovers led to a 17-3 deficit, the run went out of the game plan. Without LaFleur, the Cowboys' "strong-side" blocking (the side where the tight end lines up) is almost nonexistent. This is the bread-and-butter area for a running game. Yesterday, it wasn't available. The same goes for last week.

Very quietly, LaFleur, who is due back Sunday, had become a key to both run and pass success. And tight end is the one area of the team where depth doesn't exist.

Beyond that, however, the Cowboys' offensive line has had its butt kicked for two weeks. Three weeks if you count the lack of a ground game against Minnesota.

Will this change? Will the offense suddenly become productive again? "It will," predicted Gailey. For now, we'll just have to take his word for it.

BOYS: Dallas rushes 18 times for 51 yards

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answered the Chiefs' two third-quarter TDs with two of their own in the fourth period. But Pete Stoyanovich's 43-yard field goal and the power running of Bam Morris proved the difference for the Chiefs, who made the playoffs seven of the eight previous years.

The Cowboys are just one game ahead of Arizona in their division, although they do hold the tiebreaker over the Cardinals.

"We've got to get ourselves organized and regrouped and whatever other term you want to use and get ready to go win a football game and fight our way into the playoffs," Gailey said.

After Stoyanovich made it 20-10 with 5:56 left, Troy Aikman drove the Cowboys 72 yards downfield in just nine plays, hitting Emmitt Smith with an 8-yard touchdown pass that pulled Dallas within three points with 2:48 remaining.

But the Cowboys kicked deep, and Morris' running made sure Dallas never touched the ball again. Morris carried 27 times for 137 yards.

"To be out of the playoffs and playing a good team that has everything to play for, and beat them, it means a lot," offensive lineman Glenn Parker said. "It tells people we care a lot about how people perceive us. We don't want to be perceived as cry-babies or losers or showboats."

After a dull first half ended 3-3, the Chiefs jumped on two Dallas turnovers to seize a 17-3 lead at the end of the third quarter.

Greg Manuskus recovered a fumble by Tyrone Hughes on a punt return late in the third quarter, giving the Chiefs the ball on the 50. Rich Gannon scrambled 12 yards for a first down on third-and-10, retreating as far as the Kansas City 35. A moment later, Morris went over from the 1.

A few minutes later, Jerome Woods made a leaping interception and returned the ball 28 yards to the 35. On first-and-goal from the 9, Gannon went back to pass, then faked and froze safety George Teague, who stood in the end zone as Gannon darted in for the score.

"I got caught in a bad situation," Teague said. "Do I get him or let him throw to the end zone? Hind-sight, of course, I should have went on him. But I felt like I was in a lose-lose situation either way."

The Cowboys, held to a field goal in a loss to New Orleans a week ago, responded with a 10-play, 63-yard drive and their first touch-

Chiefs 20, Cowboys 17	
Chiefs	Cowboys
First	10:00
Second	10:00
Third	10:00
Fourth	10:00
Time of Possession	28:00
Chiefs	Cowboys
First Downs	14-15
Second Downs	10-11
Third Downs	7-8
Fourth Downs	3-4
Net Yards	20-17
Net Yards Per Play	3.5-2.8
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NFL Standings, Summaries

NFL Summaries

Redskins 28, Panthers 25

Washington 14, 7-5-25

Carolina 14, 0-0-0

First Quarter

Was—Connel 16 pass from Green

(Richard kick), 12:57

Was—Hicks 4 run (Richard kick),

6:41

Car—FG Kasey 25, 2:09

Second Quarter

Was—Hicks 5 run (Richard kick),

11:01

Car—Bakula 29 pass from

Bournein (Kasey kick), 2:43

Car—zone recovered blocked

punt in end zone (Kasey kick), 1:42

Third Quarter

Was—Alexander 17 pass from

Green (Richard kick), 6:38

Seattle

Car—Bakula 2 run (Muhamed

pass from Bournein), 12:38

A—69-90

First downs

Was 27

Car 24

Rushes-yards

Was 32-160

Car 44-241

Passing

Was 10-133

Car 10-133

Punt Returns

Was 4-85

Car 5-139

Interceptions Ret.

Was 0-0

Car 0-0

Comp-Att-Int

Was 23-40-16-25-2

Car 19-30-10-16-2

Sacked-Yards Lost

Was 1-8

Car 3-23

Fumbles-Lost

Was 6-37

Car 4-34

Time of Possession

Was 34:03

Car 25:57

Individual Statistics

RUSHING—Washington, Allen 2-

56, Hicks 20-55, Shepherd 1-26,

Green 5-12, Mitchell 3-4, Johnson 1-2,

Carolina, Bakula 27-17, Johnson 1-1,

PASHING—Washington, Green 2-

24-20-287, Carolina, Bournein 1-

25-24-2

RECEIVING—Washington, Con-

nel 16-15, Alexander 7-47, Davis

4-42, Thomas 2-13, Shepherd 1-14,

Mitchell 1-1, Carolina, Muhammad 7-

118, Hicks 4-35, Bakula 2-71,

Bournein 1-19, Mitchell 1-1, Floyd 1-

25-24-2

PUNTING—Washington, Green 2-

24-20-287, Carolina, Bournein 1-

25-24-2

KICKING—Washington, Green 2-

24-20-287, Carolina, Bournein 1-

25-24-2

PAT—Washington, Green 2-

24-20-287, Carolina, Bournein 1-

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College Basketball Results

Men's Top 25

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ILLINOIS-CHICAGO 70

KANSAS STATE 65

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New York Mets ink Henderson

By Ben Walker
AP Baseball Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The New York Mets got ready to run with Rickey Henderson and the Toronto Blue Jays traded a starting pitcher — no, it wasn't Roger Clemens.

There also was angry talk from the Houston Astros about Clemens' trade demand, but the main topic Sunday at the winter meetings continued to be the \$105 million deal Los Angeles gave Kevin Brown a day earlier and the increasing split between teams from big and small markets.

"People say it's monopoly money. That's wrong. When we were kids we never had that much monopoly money," new Florida manager John Boles said.

"Parity is not the American way," countered Dodgers manager Davey Johnson. "The American way is to dominate somebody else."

The Mets, one of the busiest teams this offseason, made another move to improve their lineup by signing Henderson to a one-year deal worth \$2.3 million.

Henderson, 40 on Christmas Day, led the majors with 66 steals last season for Oakland and is baseball's career leader in stolen bases. The Mets, meanwhile, were last in the majors with 62 steals.

"I'd say the Mets have the best team in New York now," he said. "The Yankees have carried the crown for a while, now it's the Mets' turn to take over."

In the first trade of this five-day session, the Blue Jays sent pitcher Woody Williams to San Diego for pitcher Joey Hamilton in a four-player deal. The Padres also get pitcher Carlos Almanzar and outfield prospect Peter Tucci.

The Blue Jays got an outstanding report on Hamilton from Dave

Winter Meetings

Stewart — the Padres' pitching coach last season and recently hired by Toronto as an assistant general manager.

"Being in the Padres organization, I knew there was a possibility to get Joey," Stewart said. "In my new job, they're leaning on me for my input from the field, and I told them I thought Joey would help us."

Hamilton, 28, was 13-13 with a 4.27 ERA in 34 starts. Williams, 32, was 10-9 with a 4.46 ERA in 32 starts.

The Astros know that Clemens would help them, too. But the NL Central champions dropped out of the pursuit for the five-time Cy Young Award winner, though they did not go quietly.

Astros general manager Gerry Hunsicker had harsh words for Randy and Alan Hendricks, Clemens' agents and brokers for a potential deal.

"Quite frankly, we are stunned and outraged at the demands of the agents," Hunsicker said. "The talent we would have to potentially give up would leave us with a team that Roger Clemens would not want to play for."

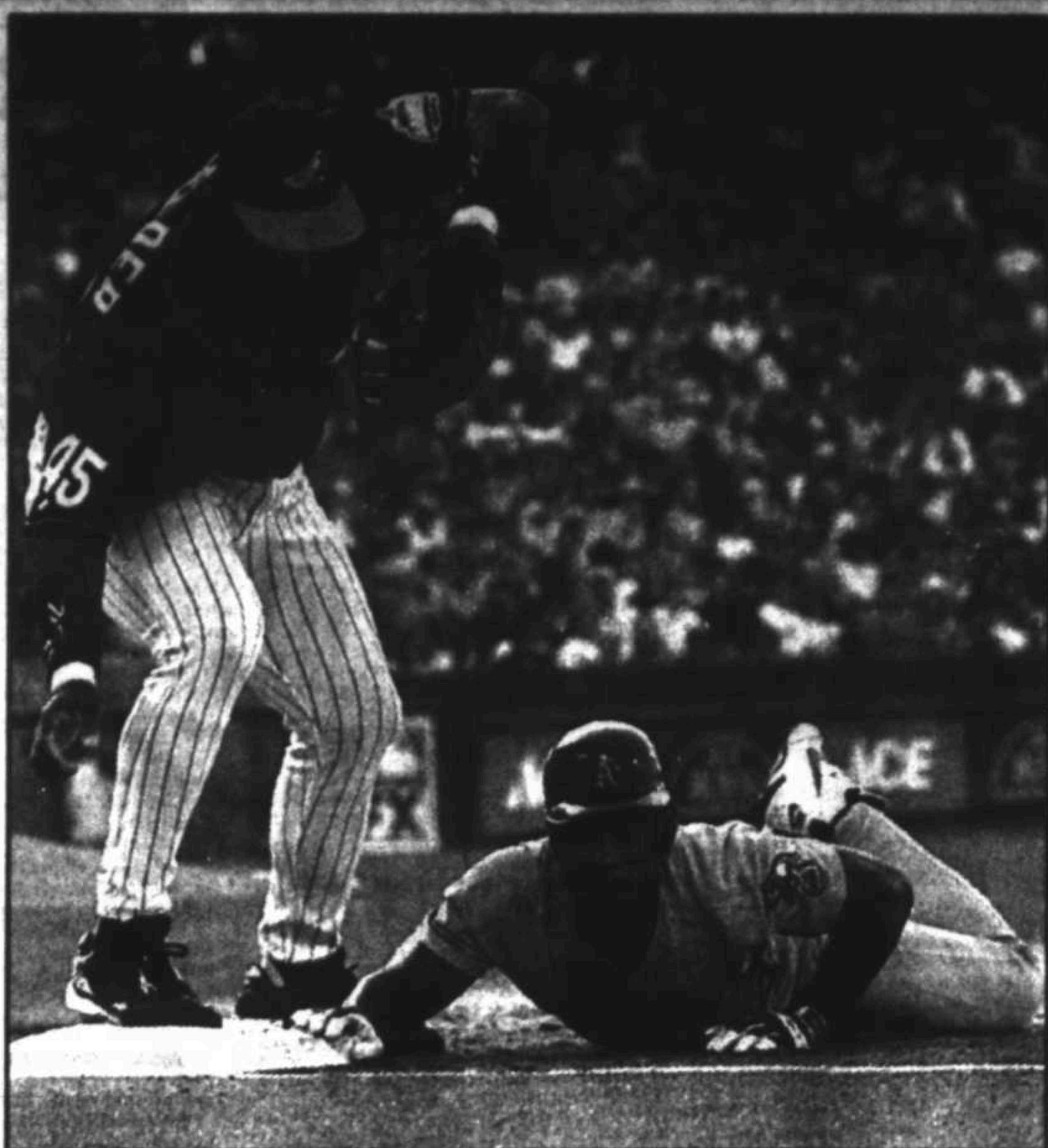
Clemens wants to play for either a contender or a team near his Houston home.

"They are free to make their own decision," Blue Jays GM Gord Ash said of the Astros. "There are other teams we can still make a deal with."

The Hendricks brothers, on the way from Houston to the meetings, declined comment.

At least the Astros were involved in the Clemens' talks. Some teams were never in that position.

In all, more than \$1 billion has



Rickey Henderson gets back to first base safely ahead of the tag by Anaheim Angel first baseman Cecil Fielder in this 1996 photo. Henderson, who turns 40 on Christmas Day, agreed to a one-year contract plus an option year with the New York Mets Sunday.

been spent on this year's free-agent class. Six of the richest clubs — Anaheim, Arizona, Baltimore, Los Angeles and the New York Yankees and Mets — have shelled out \$718 million for only 26 players.

"It's a big paradox," said Montreal manager Felipe Alou, who chose to remain with baseball's most frugal club rather than move to the Dodgers. "A number of players made more money last season than our entire payroll."

The Yankees remain in contention for Clemens, as do the Texas Rangers.

"I think it would be depressing to go to spring training knowing you had no chance to win your division and the goal was not to finish last," Rangers manager Johnny

Oates said. "I'm very fortunate to be with a team that is willing to spend money."

Henderson ranks sixth on the runs list with 2,014, with Ty Cobb leading at 2,246. He is much closer to the walks record with a total of 1,890, trailing leader Babe Ruth (2,056).

Despite batting a career-low .236 last season for Oakland, he led the AL with 118 walks and increased his career steals total to 1,297.

Henderson scored 101 runs, had a .376 on-base percentage, hit 14 home runs and drove in 57 runs for the Athletics in his fourth stint with the team. He also has played for the New York Yankees (1985-1989), Toronto, San Diego and Anaheim.

Fox's bold moves now includes \$100 million contract for ace Brown

By Ken Peters
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Dodger blue is passe. With Fox running the show, green's the color.

The more than \$300 million Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. paid for the franchise last spring is beginning to look like a bargain.

Over the weekend, the Dodgers agreed to pay one player — Kevin Brown — \$105 million over the next seven years.

Since buying baseball's last family-owned team from Peter O'Malley last spring, Fox has been spending big money in remodeling the Dodgers.

After abruptly trading Mike Piazza because of his demands for a contract in the \$100 million range, the Dodgers' new ownership proved again that it isn't timid about bold moves, making Brown baseball's first \$100 million man.

Los Angeles' roster, barely recognizable from the team Fox took over last March, now employs two of the sport's 10 highest paid players — Brown tops at \$15 million a year and Gary Sheffield tenth at \$11.416 million.

The Dodgers' total payroll for 1999 already is up to almost \$72 million for the 17 players they have signed, with six players still eligible for arbitration. When the final financial details are settled, their payroll is expected to top \$80 million.

Davey Johnson, hired this winter, draws an annual salary of around \$1 million that ranks him among the game's highest-paid managers.

After 48 years of ownership by the late Walter O'Malley and then his son, Peter, the Dodgers have quickly been transformed from a relatively frugal organization to one that's wheeling-dealing and free-spending.

Not only has Fox loosened the purse strings, the ownership has made many dramatic moves.

Mainstays Piazza and Hideo Nomo were sent packing. Manager Bill Russell and general manager Fred Claire were fired, then interim manager Glenn Hoffman wasn't retained. Somewhere along the way, many of the longtime coaches also were cut loose.

Sheffield, Bobby Bonilla and Charles Johnson were acquired in the Piazza deal, then Bonilla and Johnson recently were dealt again.

The club didn't pick up its option on Ramon Martinez, the staff ace who had rotator cuff surgery.

Closer Jeff Shaw and middle reliever Alan Mills were acquired. Los Angeles also recently added catcher Todd Hundley, right-hander Mel Rojas and center fielder Devon White. None came cheap.

Change was, of course, inevitable since the Dodgers had slipped badly.

After bowing out of the playoffs early in both 1995 and 1996, they barely missed making it to the postseason in 1997.

Then they struggled through a tumultuous first year under Fox ownership, never winning more than four games in a row, never standing more than five games above .500, and winding up a distant third in the NL West with an 83-79 record.

Big spenders pose threat for baseball

By Josh Dubow
AP Sports Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — One day after the Los Angeles Dodgers and Kevin Brown broke baseball's \$100 million barrier, small-market teams complained they no longer can compete with the big spenders.

As managers from markets large and small gathered Sunday at the winter meetings, Brown's record \$105 million contract was the topic on everyone's mind.

"No matter how many times this happens, it takes your breath away," said Florida Marlins manager John Boles, whose team went from big spender to penny pincher in a few months after winning the 1997 World Series. "People say it's monopoly money. That's wrong. When we were kids we never had that much monopoly money."

The big-revenue teams have fueled a record-setting spending spree since the end of the World Series, with this year's free-agent class being paid more than \$1 billion. Six of the richest clubs — Anaheim, Arizona, Baltimore, Los Angeles and the New York Yankees and Mets — have shelled out

\$718 million for just 26 players.

"It's a big paradox," said Montreal manager Felipe Alou, who passed up a chance to manage Fox's free-spending Dodgers. "A number of players made more money last season than our entire payroll."

The Dodgers' seven-year contract with Brown set off a flurry of criticism at the commissioner's office, with executive vice-president Sandy Alderson calling it "an affront to baseball."

Alderson said more than half of major league teams have been eliminated from postseason consideration more than two months before pitchers and catchers report to spring training.

Spending money translated into winning games last season and the correlation only figures to increase next year. In 1998, only one team with a payroll of more than \$48 million had a losing record — the Baltimore Orioles, who went 79-83 despite spending a record \$74 million on players.

Only one team with a payroll of less than \$47 million had a winning record — the Toronto Blue Jays.

Astros drop out of running for Clemens

■ Houston general manager Gerry Hunsicker angered at demands of the five-time Cy Young winner.

By Ronald Blum
AP Sports Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Houston Astros angrily pulled out of the bidding for Roger Clemens on Sunday, saying they were "stunned and outraged" at the financial demands of the five-time Cy Young Award winner.

"At the same time you have to give up talent to acquire a player under contract, you have to treat him as a free agent," Astros general manager Gerry Hunsicker said. "It was mind-boggling to me."

Clemens, coming off consecutive Cy Youngs, demanded Toronto trade him to a contender or

nearer his home in Houston. The Blue Jays, citing a promise made by former team president Paul Beeston, have promised to comply.

Houston's withdrawal left the New York Yankees and Texas as the top contenders, with Cleveland and the New York Mets on the periphery. In addition, there is thought Baltimore and Colorado might try to become involved, even though Clemens isn't very inclined to go to them.

"There are still several clubs that are interested, and we're going to continue to work toward making a deal," Blue Jays general manager Gord Ash said. "There's enough interest from the remaining ballclubs from a baseball standpoint to be able to make a deal."

Hunsicker didn't specify the demands of Clemens, who agreed to a three-year deal with an option that already has become guaranteed, a package currently worth a minimum \$31.5 million over four years.

"Quite frankly, we are stunned and outraged at the demands of the agents," Hunsicker said. "The talent we would have to potentially give up would leave us with a team that Roger Clemens would not want to play for."

Clemens, 36, made his only World Series appearance with Boston in 1986 and wants to play for a championship team. He'd be on automatic contenders with the Rangers or Yankees.

"We're still in it. I think we're kind of a longshot," Mets general manager Steve Phillips said. "I think the Yankees are in it quietly. I think they are prepared to make a preemptive strike if the Mets are about to do something."

Cleveland also wants Clemens, but Indians general manager John Hart said he, too, considers his team a longshot.

"I'm pushing as hard for him as I've pushed for anyone," Indians manager Mike Hargrove said. "But I'm not taking my shoe off and pounding it on the table."

'Rocket Man' gets AL Joe Cronin Award

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Roger Clemens, who won his record fifth Cy Young Award this year, was picked Sunday to receive the American League's Joe Cronin Award for significant achievement.

A recipient had not been picked for the honor since 1995, when it was given to Baltimore's Cal Ripken after he broke Lou Gehrig's streak of consecutive games played.

Seattle's Edgar Martinez was selected the AL's outstanding des-

ignated hitter for the second straight year and the third time in four seasons.

New York Mets public relations director Jay Horwitz, who has been with the team since 1980, was voted baseball's Robert O. Fishel Award for public relations excellence.

Red Sox pitcher Bret Saberhagen, who went 15-8 in his best season since 1989, was voted the Tony Conigliaro Award by the Boston chapter of the Baseball Writers' Association of America. It is given to a player who has overcome adversity.

LEE: Katy has not lost game on the field

(From 1C)

round of film sessions Sunday, he knows enough to expect a tough game.

"Katy doesn't seem to do anything fancy, but they are so big, they just pound the ball at you," Parchman said. "They are primarily a running team, but they will throw effectively when they have to."

"They basically beat MacArthur with two big plays, but they have the capability of doing that. Also, they were at the dance a year ago. They know what it's all about."

Katy is led by tailback Bronston Carroll, who has 2,102 yards rushing this year. But Carroll suffered a turf toe injury at the Alamodome Saturday and ended the game with only 22 yards rushing on four carries. It is not known what his status will be Saturday for the state final. However, the Tigers' offense suffered with his absence without a 100-yard rusher in the game and 176 yards rushing total.

Gore has accounted for 33 touchdowns this year, 18 rushing and 15 passing. Those are two ingredients that Lee must watch for Saturday.

The Katy defense allowed Houston Clear Brook only 39 total yards of offense in a 40-0 win during the state quarterfinals.

It is amazing that Katy even has a chance at a repeat title. The Tigers graduated 51 seniors from their first Class 5A state title a year ago. Katy also won a state crown in 1959, but not at the top level.

However, both Carroll and Gore return from last year's team. Carroll had 108 yards and a touchdown in the state title win over Longview last year while Gore threw a 38-yard scoring pass.

REBEL YELLS: Junior quarterback Jon Rogers became Lee's single season passing leader with 104 yards passing against Lake Highlands Saturday. Rogers now has 1,631 yards passing, breaking the 1,615 yards by Jody Turner in 1968. Turner had all of his yardage, however, in just 10 games while Rogers has compiled the record in 15 games... Rogers long ago broke the single season TD passing record of 12. His new record climbed to 20 for the season with a TD pass to T.J. Glover... With interceptions by Derrick Walker and J.R. Norman Saturday, Lee

now has 24 interceptions for the year, adding to the record the 1998 Lee defense already had set. The previous best single season mark was 18 in 13-game 1985 season...

Lee Playoff Results

1974: Wichita Falls Rider 35, Midland Lee 8 (Bi-district); 0-1.
1978: Midland Lee 17, Euless Trinity 0 (Bi-district); Arlington Sam Houston 38, Midland Lee 13 (Region); 1-1.
1983: Midland Lee 30, Amarillo High 3 (Bi-district); Midland Lee 48, El Paso Irvin 14 (Area); Midland Lee 23, Fort Worth Trimble Tech 6 (Region); Midland Lee 20, Odessa Permian 0 (Quarterfinals); Midland Lee 35, Plano 14 (Semifinals); Conference Judson 25, Midland Lee 21 (Finals); 5-1 (13-3 overall).
1984: Midland Lee 42, Plainview 7 (Bi-district); Midland Lee 41, El Paso Andress 6 (Area); Midland Lee 45, Fort Worth Richardson 14 (Region); Odessa Permian 15, Midland Lee 14 (Quarterfinals); 3-1 (12-2 overall).
1985: Midland Lee 13, Amarillo High 7 (Bi-district); Midland Lee 45, El Paso Andress 7 (Area); Irving MacArthur 24, Midland Lee 21 (Region); 2-1 (10-3 overall).
1986: Amarillo High 14, Midland Lee 0 (Bi-district); 0-1 (8-2 overall).
1987: Midland Lee 35, Amarillo High 7 (Bi-district); Midland Lee 49, El Paso Eastwood 14 (Area); Arlington High 27, Midland Lee 7 (Region); 2-1 (11-1 overall).
1988: Amarillo Palo Duro 29, Midland Lee 8 (Bi-district); 0-1 (7-3 overall).
1989: Midland Lee 27, Amarillo Palo Duro 9 (Bi-district); Midland Lee 48, El Paso Andress 16 (Area); Arlington Lamar 17, Midland Lee 3 (Region); 2-1 (9-3 overall).
1990: Midland Lee 30, Plainview 6 (Bi-district Small School); El Paso Andress 21, Midland Lee 21, Andress advances on penetrations, 5-3 (Region); 1-0-1 (8-2 overall).
1991: Midland Lee 35, Amarillo Palo Duro 0 (Bi-district Small School); Midland Lee 28, El Paso Andress 7 (Area); Midland Lee 29, Sherman 7 (Region); Odessa Permian 35, Midland Lee 7 (Quarterfinals); 3-1 (12-2 overall).
1993: Midland Lee 63, Amarillo High 25 (Bi-district Small School); Midland Lee 79, El Paso Bowie 14 (Area); Lewisville 44, Midland Lee 30 (Region); 2-1 (11-2 overall).
1994: Midland Lee 21, Amarillo High 21, Lee advances on penetrations, 4-3 (Bi-district Small School); Midland Lee 36, El Paso Riverside 13 (Area); Midland Lee 29, Arlington Lamar 29, Lee advances on penetrations, 5-4; Arlington High 28, Midland Lee 18 (Quarterfinals); 1-1-2 (7-4-2 overall).
1995: Midland Lee 38, Amarillo High 3 (Bi-district Small School); Midland Lee 28, El Paso Socorro 26 (Area); Arlington Lamar 26, Midland Lee 8 (Region); 2-1 (10-1 overall).
1996: Midland Lee 36, Lubbock Monterey 21 (Bi-district Small School); Midland Lee 42, El Paso Socorro 10 (Area); Flower Mound Marcus 20, Midland Lee 14 (Region); 2-1 (11-1).
1997: Amarillo High 24, Midland Lee 7 (Bi-district Small School); 0-1 (5-5).
1998: Midland Lee 34, Lubbock Coronado 7 (Bi-district Small School); Midland Lee 55, El Paso Andress 14 (Area); Midland Lee 43, Copper Cove 17 (Region); Midland Lee 20, South Grand Prairie 7 (Quarterfinals); Midland Lee 42, Richardson Lake Highlands 21 (Semifinals); 5-0 (14-1).
Overall playoff record: 31-15-3 (.663).

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Woods, Norman put on showcase

By Dennis Paez
Associated Press Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia — Never mind that the Presidents Cup was secured by the International team before Greg Norman and Tiger Woods made the turn at Royal Melbourne.

This is the match the Australian crowd wanted, and Woods and Norman put on a show.

Norman and Woods walked down the second fairway in steady rain, the two biggest drawing cards in the game. Norman held the umbrella as he and Woods strode together.

Woods later won the see-saw match 1-up when Norman's 25-foot birdie putt fell short on 18. Woods tied up with a testing 4-foot putt for par, and the first official match-play singles encounter between the two was over.

"It was nice going head to head with Greg," Woods said. "We both played well and it was a fun match."

Norman agreed, saying the match "was great for golf, and great for us."

"We had about 10 birdies between us, and I came up just one short," said Norman. "You can't get much closer than that. It was a great day."

It was also vintage golf, the way everyone thought it would be. Thousands behind the gallery ropes and many inside — including ex-President George Bush and former Australian prime minister Bob Hawke — followed their shots.

Moments after Woods left the shelter of Norman's umbrella to hit his second shot on the second hole, he drilled a four-iron to within 30 feet of the pin. Two putts later, he was in for birdie while Norman, who had found the left-side bunker, had to settle for par.

Presidents Cup

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Greg Norman, a 40-year-old Australian, won the Presidents Cup match Sunday at Royal Melbourne Golf Club.

Score: International 20 1/2, United States 17 1/2.

Series: United States leads, 2-1.

Notes: Greg Norman, 40, won the Presidents Cup match Sunday at Royal Melbourne Golf Club.

Shot of the day: Joe Olski holed a wedge for eagle on No. 1 against Scott Hoch. It was the hole Olski won in the match, won by Hoch 4 and 3.

Match of the day: Tiger Woods beat Greg Norman, 1-up. They each made six birdies and shot 4-under 68.

Quoting: "We've been accused of everything so far. I think we just got beat." — Jim Furyk.

Notes: Fred Couples, who halved with Vijay Singh, has not lost a Sunday singles match since the 1993 Ryder Cup. He is 4-0-2 since then.

Next time: The 4th Presidents Cup matches will be at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Club in Gainesville, Va., in 2000.

Woods 1-up

After halving the next three holes, Woods birdied the sixth, hitting his approach shot to within 10 feet of the pin. Now Woods was 2-up, the biggest advantage he would have all day.

Norman bit back, draining a 40-footer for birdie after Woods' shot into the par-3 eighth was just off the back of the green. On the next par-3 — the 11th — Norman hit his tee shot to about 4 feet, but never had to putt when Woods, making one of his rare mistakes on the day, fluffed his wedge from off the green and conceded the hole to Norman.

All square.



Golfer Greg Norman on the left congratulates American Tiger Woods after Woods had beaten him 1-up during the final day singles matches at Royal Melbourne Golf Course in Australia on Sunday.

The two halved the next two holes. Woods went 1-up with a birdie on 14 and 2-up when Norman bogeyed the 16th. Norman could not win the match from that point, but he wasn't finished.

Woods teed off on 17 and sent a screamer down the center of 17. Norman walked up and knocked it 25 yards past him, then put his approach to 5 feet, where he made birdie to send it to the 18th.

Norman put his tee shot on 18 in the center, while Woods pushed it into the gallery and nearly behind

a marquee tent. But with a clear shot to the green, Woods had no problem getting it to within 35 feet and a hopeful two-putt for par and halve the hole.

Norman's birdie attempt failed. With the match over, Norman and Woods walked toward each other, meeting near the flag. They both put their arms up and grabbed each other by the shoulders, then shook hands.

There was no hug this time. Perhaps next time.

DiMaggio orders his doctors not to discuss condition

By Patricia Maldonado
Associated Press Writer

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — Joe DiMaggio must be feeling better. He told his doctors to shut up.

Two days after awakening from a coma, an irate DiMaggio ordered them Sunday to stop giving public updates on his recovery from lung cancer surgery and pneumonia.

Doctors had said Friday that the 84-year-old baseball great was very close to death. Now, he's talking and trying to recapture the privacy he has always cherished.

"We allowed Joe to talk this morning and he was very angry," said Dr. Earl Barron, who heads the six-person team treating the Hall of Famer. "He said, 'No more press.'"

Barron said he could no longer comment on DiMaggio's health. He refused to say whether his condition had been upgraded from critical to serious, as had been expected.

DiMaggio has guarded his privacy since his retirement from baseball in 1951, and information about his condition has been tightly controlled since he checked into Memorial Regional Hospital on Oct. 12. He had surgery two days later to remove a cancerous tumor in his right lung.

In a nationally televised news conference Friday, Barron reported that the former New York Yan-

kees outfielder was in a "very dire situation" as he slipped in and out of a coma. But on Saturday, DiMaggio was sitting up in bed visiting with friends and family and even said, "Hello."

DiMaggio's condition improved after doctors started giving him antibiotics intravenously instead of orally. Doctors discovered the oral medication was not being absorbed into his bloodstream.

DiMaggio's family — including his brother, Dom; grandchildren Kathy and Paula; and longtime friend and lawyer Morris Engelberg — have been at his bedside.

Last weekend, the family was summoned when DiMaggio had what Barron called "a significant and serious turn for the worse." Again, he improved overnight, leaving doctors stunned by his resiliency.

At least twice, he has had last rites of the Roman Catholic church administered when it seemed he was slipping away.

DiMaggio's last public appearance was Sept. 27, when he was honored at Yankee Stadium and received replicas of nine championship rings that were stolen from his hotel room three decades ago.

Yankees owner George Steinbrenner had wanted him to throw out the ceremonial first pitch at the World Series. But by then, he was in the South Florida hospital which has a children's wing named in his honor.

Hoosiers capture NCAA soccer title

By Hank Kurz Jr.
AP Sports Writer

RICHMOND, Va. — Indiana won the NCAA men's soccer championship on Sunday, beating Stanford 3-1 for its fourth title and first in a decade.

Dema Kovalenko and Yuri Lavrinenko scored in the first 19:09 and Indiana goalkeeper T.J. Hannig made just two saves in the second half, neither difficult.

The Hoosiers (23-2), denied in their bid to finish a perfect season at University of Richmond Stadium a year ago, also got a goal from Aleksey Korol in the final minute of the half to all but put away the Cardinal (18-5-2).

Stanford had never won in five trips to the NCAA tournament before its unlikely run this season. The Hoosiers were playing in their ninth championship game in 26 seasons under coach Jerry Yeagley.

Indiana, dominant in eliminating Santa Clara 4-0 on a sunny Friday, had no trouble adapting to the rainy, 42-degree weather and warmed up quickly.

In the seventh minute, Lavrinenko fed Kovalenko to the left side and the Hoosiers' scoring leader lofted a shot high into the right corner of the net, easily over the top of Stanford goalkeeper Adam Zapala. It was Kovalenko's 15th goal and second in the last two rounds.

The pair also contributed in Indiana's second goal. Kovalenko started the play, sliding the ball to Korol, whose shot was deflected

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and rolled to the goal line. Cardinal defender Lee Morrison attempted to clear but slipped as Lavrinenko knocked it in. The goal was Lavrinenko's sixth of the season.

Stanford closed to 2-1 less than three minutes later when Simon Elliott beat the Indiana keeper on a penalty kick. The shot was awarded when Nick Garcia tackled Corey Woolfolk in the box.

Korol, who scored twice in the semifinal, had two chances to restore the margin before halftime, and he made good on the second.

Zapala had turned Korol away after a brilliant run to the right corner of the goal. But when Matt Fundenberger later mis-hit a shot and the ball went to Korol, the junior rolled it past Zapala to make it 3-1 with 48 seconds left.

Korol, who also scored twice as Indiana beat top-ranked Clemson 2-1 in the quarterfinals, was voted the tournament's most valuable offensive player, and Nick Garcia won defensive honors.

Garcia scored in the semifinals. Indiana's seven goals in the last two rounds were the most for one team in the semifinals and championship since the Hoosiers had eight in 1980. That Indiana team lost 4-3 in overtime to San Francisco in the championship.

The tournament, played for the last time in Richmond, drew 15,202 for the final. Next season, it will move to Ericsson Stadium in Charlotte, N.C.

Appleby gets personal victory with Cup win

By Rohan Sullivan
Associated Press Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia — Tears welled once again in Stuart Appleby's eyes when a television reporter asked him about his late wife, Renay. But after Sunday's victory in the Presidents Cup, the 27-year-old Australian felt he had done her proud.

"It was her dream," said Appleby, chosen to be the anchor in singles matches for the International team. "I know she was proud of me and proud of the friends that have helped me."

Mark O'Meara hung on for a 1-up victory, handing Appleby his first loss of the week. He compiled a 2-1-1 record to help the International team to a nine-point win.

Renay Appleby, 25, was killed July 23 in a freak road accident in London as the couple were about to board a train for Paris on a second honeymoon. The pair were constant companions on and off the course, Renay often caddy for and advising the two-time U.S. PGA Tour winner.

The Presidents Cup is Appleby's first victory since Renay's death, after he missed the cut in his return to U.S. PGA Tour, was third and then fifth in two Australasian tour starts and was then just beaten in last week's Australian Open by countryman Greg Chalmers.

Appleby said during that tournament that life was getting better since the loss of his wife, but

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he was getting used to it.

"I'm just glad to end the year on a good note," he said.

BENEFICIARIES: The Renay Appleby Memorial Fund will be one of almost 40 charities which will benefit from the proceeds of the Presidents Cup.

A unique aspect of the Presidents Cup is that the competitors don't receive prize money based on performance. Instead, the net proceeds are divided into equal shares for players and captains and donated to charities chosen by them.

The take from the 1998 tournament is expected to exceed \$1.5 million, twice as much as the \$750,000 contributed in the first matches four years ago.

Scott Hoch and Mark O'Meara each designated the Arnold Palmer Hospital for Women and Children.

NICE GARDEN: Notwithstanding conditions ranging from temperatures of more than 100-plus one day to pouring rain the next, the course at Royal Melbourne Golf Club was soundly praised all week by both the International and U.S. teams.

Greenskeeper Jim Porter got his moment of glory when victorious captain Peter Thomson, a Melbourne native who has often played the course, called him to the stage during Sunday's closing ceremony to thank him personally.

"You were in winner in your own right," Thomson said, his arm around the somewhat startled Porter.

WINNING PUTTER: Not even the prototype putter which 1998 Masters and British Open winner Mark O'Meara used to win the Skins game last month could save him at the Presidents Cup.

O'Meara used a Taylor Made Nubbins putter to seal the \$430,000 Skins win in California.

GOLF: Maruyama records perfect 5-0 record

(From 1C)

to figure out what happened," said Mark Calcavecchia, one of only four Americans to win a singles match on a day when they needed to win 10. "It's just that they played great. They made a lot of putts. That's where they were aiming, and they went in."

Did they ever.

Everywhere captain Jack Nicklaus looked around Royal Melbourne, he saw the same frightening results — Craig Parry chipping from 50 feet on the 18th to turn a loss into a victory, Ernie Els making putts from everywhere, Joe Olski holing a wedge from the first fairway and Shigeki Maruyama making birdies in flurries to go 5-0 for the week.

For the United States, it all looked familiar. They attributed their loss in the Ryder Cup at Valderrama to Europe making all the important putts.

"Ask the golfing gods. I don't know," Woods said when asked why the putts seem to fall for everyone but them. "When a team

is making it from 50 feet on the last hole to win matches, holing out on the first hole, chipping in ... there's really nothing you can do about that. Those are the shots that, chances are they're going to do well to get them close. And they were making them."

But as Nicklaus pointed out Saturday, when the International team was sitting on a 14 1/2-5 1/2 lead and needing only two points from the singles matches to win, the U.S. team didn't have nine major championships and 109 PGA Tour victories under its belt without making some of those putts.

"I think that's sour grapes," Nobilo said. "How many chip-ins, and how many iron shots do you want to stop a nine-point victory?"

Some of the Americans said that the Presidents Cup could take a big step in matching the prominence of the Ryder Cup if the International team won, just like the Ryder Cup became a show-stopper once Europe started winning.

None of them, however, expected a massacre in Melbourne.

"The amazing thing is, it wasn't even close," Calcavecchia said. "Losing by a point or two you could have said, 'Well, just one putt here or one putt there.' But it was worse than that."

The United States needed a miracle on Sunday, but not even wet, soft conditions that tamed Royal Melbourne could help.

Thomson sent out Parry, one of his four Australians who knew every nuance about Royal Melbourne, against Justin Leonard in the first match Sunday, and it was over quickly.

Parry made a 20-foot birdie putt at No. 5 after Leonard hit a wedge into 30 feet, went ahead with another 20-footer on the next hole and was on cruise control after Leonard three-putted the seventh. It ended 5 and 3.

"I know the golf course probably better than anybody except Norman," Parry said.

Duval, one of four Americans to failed to win a match this week, missed birdie chances on four of the first five holes and lost 2 and 1. Price was pure with the putter, and

game, it probably would have been a day or two story, and that would have been it."

Instead, the allegations became the focus of an IOC probe and dominated the organization's meetings last week in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Frank Joklik, SLOC president and chief executive officer, apologized Sunday for the controversy that he said embarrassed the Olympic movement and Utah. He acknowledged the scholarships looked bad, but he repeated that they were not bribes for IOC votes.

But the apology may have come too late. Many public relations professionals and consultants interviewed by a local newspaper last week said the damage had already been done.

Salt Lake's lack of damage control turns into public-relations mistake

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Salt Lake Organizing Committee brought on its own public relations nightmare in the way it responded to reports that it had bribed members of International Olympic Committee, observers said.

Public relations professionals contend SLOC should have come clean at first and not characterized its giving scholarships to well-to-do family members of the IOC as charity.

"That's where the whole thing failed," said Peter Valcarlos, a political campaign strategist and a former employee of the Olympic bid committee. "That's what created the media stories. That's what created the interest. Had they just said, 'we played the

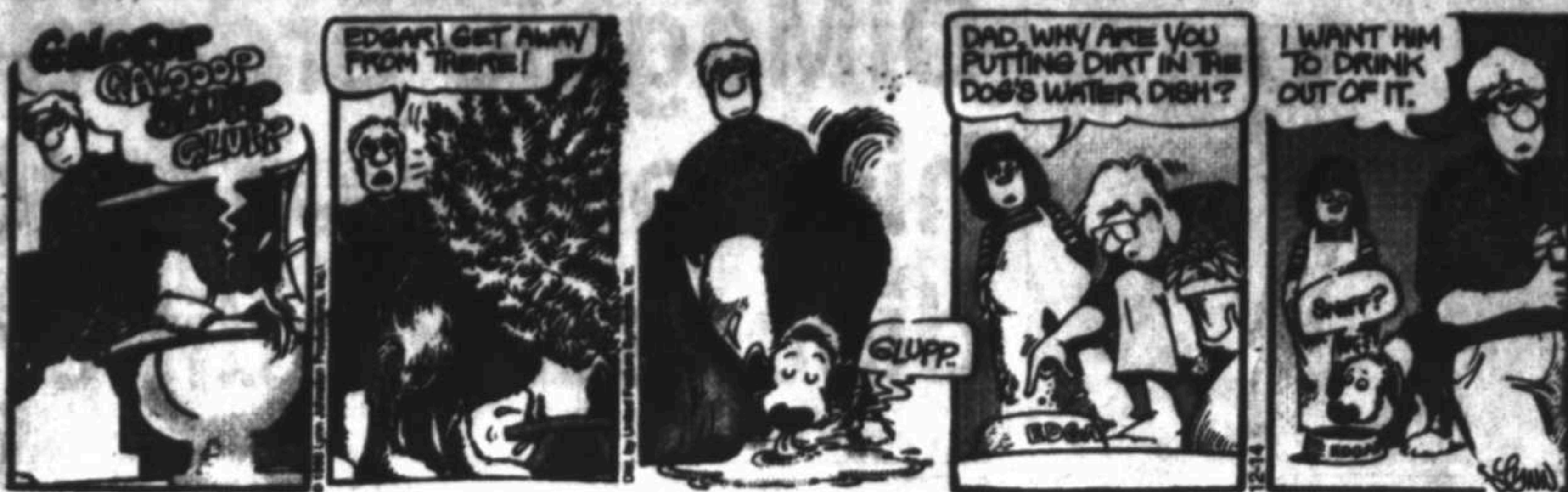
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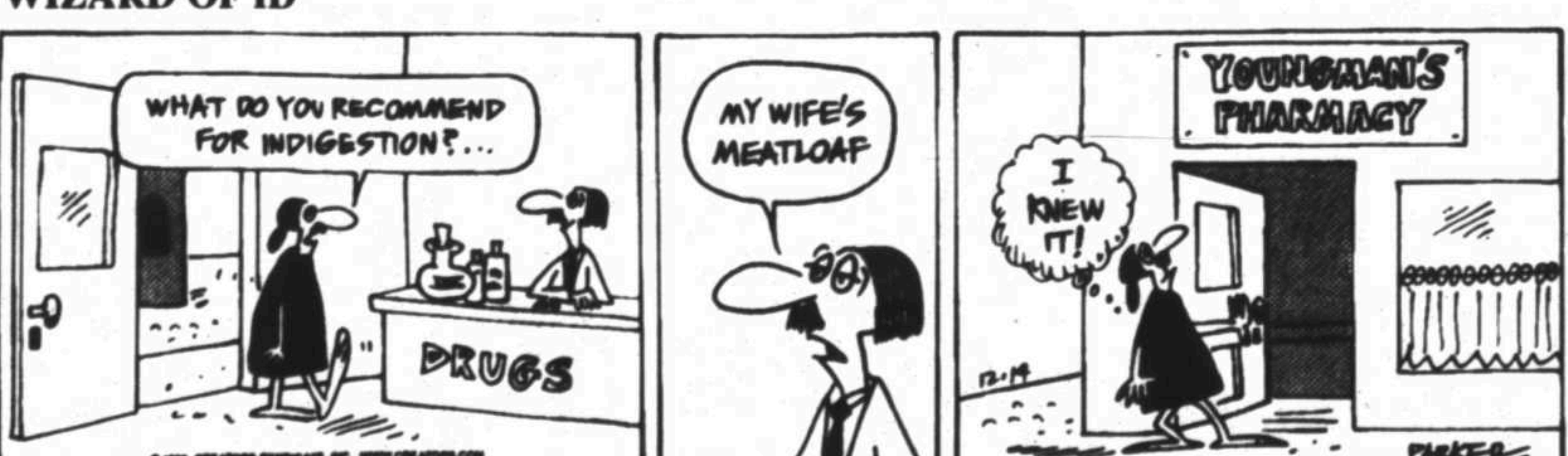
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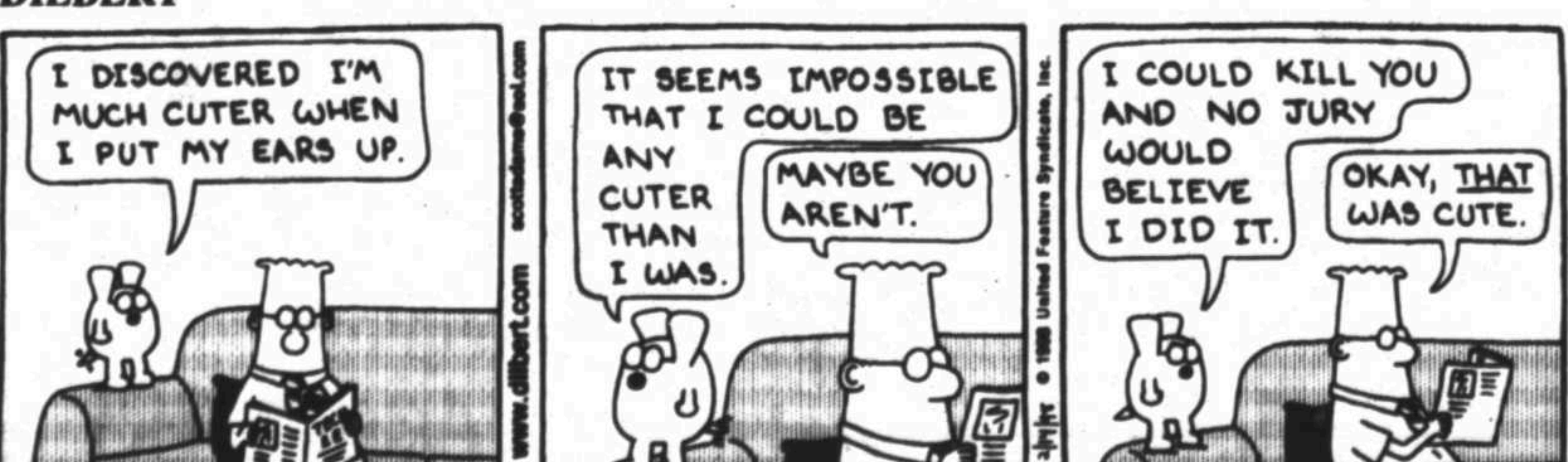
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Dec. 14, 1998:

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Deal with work, bosses and partners in a diplomatic, effective manner. Unexpected developments throw you into a tizzy. You might wonder how to turn this situation around. Recognize that you don't have the winning hand presently. Tonight: an important discussion.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Let others reveal their true colors. Do little, and permit others to take the lead. You could be startled by how this works. Plan on doing some solid thinking about career and long-term directions. Recognize your need for freedom and space. Tonight: Join a friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Concentrate on one item at a time. You are sidetracked by a pleasant idea, person or feeling. Empower yourself at work. Fret less. Reach out to those at a distance. Remain secure when decision making. You don't have all the answers just yet. Tonight: Clear your "to-do" list.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Getting an overview helps you find resolution with a loved one or child. You perceive this person favorably, but perhaps not realistically. However, positive thinking is contagious. An associate that you count on takes a different route. Tonight: Pretend it is

the weekend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Stay grounded when dealing with family. You might decide to go overboard on holiday spending. The unexpected could mar your evenness. Learn to be more complete on your own. Your sense of well-being increases as you call your own shots. Tonight: Head home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Pick up the phone and talk about your intentions. Someone needs to hear from you. Don't be vague. A discussion helps clarify a potentially nerve-wracking situation for you. Get what you want by taking action. Don't take a back seat. Tonight: Egg nog with a friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Intuition serves you with finances. Act on what you feel; someone reciprocates. A child might not tell you everything; you could be shocked when you hear the full story. Be careful with a flaky loved one. You cannot count on his reaction. Tonight: Handle the unpredictable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Your magnetism draws what you want. Don't stand on ceremony with a loved one or friend. They will go to bat for you when it counts. Approach a domestic matter carefully. You could cause more of a shakeup than you are aware. Tonight: It is your call.

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

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Take a back seat and observe. You learn a lot if you follow through on an odd feeling. A boss acknowledges you for a job well done. You feel good about what is happening. The unexpected happens with communications; remain aware. Tonight: Go off and do your holiday errands.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Network, get together with others and exchange messages all day. You hear news that pleases you. Prepare to take off, or at least make a phone call. Opportunity knocks on your door. You pull the financial wild card. Proceed carefully. Tonight: Find the crowds.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Handle higher-ups and someone whom you put on a pedestal. It is important not to settle. Stay on top of new projects and work. As Christmas closes in, you notice a lax attitude with co-workers. Be a star; take charge! Don't lose your momentum. Tonight: In the limelight.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Keep the big picture in mind. Your own reactions startle you. Go within, rather than react; a partner lets you know where he is coming from. A discussion is caring, informative and provides a lot of insight as to how someone thinks. Tonight: Favorite music.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q1 - Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ KQ8765 ♣ Void ♦ 104 ♠ KQ854

The bidding has proceeded:

	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♠	Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass	Pass
3♠	Pass	?		

What action do you take?

A - The hand has all the earmarks of a misfit. In addition, North probably has a singleton spade, so don't even think of rebidding your spades. There is no future in this hand. Pass, and hope that the opponents do not lead a trump so that partner can, perhaps, score a ruff or two in your hand.

Q2 - Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ KQ4 ♣ QJ ♦ 73 ♠ AKQ1085

The bidding has proceeded:

	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	3♠	Pass	Pass
3♥	Pass	?		

What action do you take?

A - To rebid hearts when you have promised nothing in the suit, partner must have a good five-card or longer suit and enough for game. Therefore, passing is out of the question, and we do not think there is any merit to probing for three no trump. A raise to four hearts is automatic.

Q3 - Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ A103 ♣ J972 ♦ Q ♠ QJ976

The bidding has proceeded:

	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♠	Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	3♠	Pass	Pass
3♥	Pass	?		

What action do you take?

A - This is simply a matter of hand evaluation. You must upgrade the queen in partner's suit, and your good intermediates and reasonable unbid five-card suit certainly make your hand worth a move. The obvious bid is a raise to two no trump.

Q4 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ J106 ♣ 43 ♦ 9742 ♠ Q982

The bidding has proceeded:

	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♠	Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
1♥	Pass	INT	?	

What action do you take?

A - You have no reason to suppose the hand belongs to you — North probably has a distributional hand of limited strength. Why roll the waters by competing with two diamonds? The two honor cards you hold are probably of little use to partner, so your sole asset rates to be the doubleton heart. Pass.

Q5 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ AKJ73 ♣ AKJ4 ♦ 72 ♠ 93

The bidding has proceeded:

	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
?				

What do you bid now?

A - The auction is similar and South's point-count is identical to problem three. The hand valuation, however, is vastly different. Despite your honor in partner's suit, the hand offers little as a source of tricks. To make game, partner needs a full no-trump opening. Pass.

Q6 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ J654 ♣ 83 ♦ AQ52 ♠ K107

The bidding has proceeded:

	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♠	Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	?		

What action do you take?

A - The auction is similar and South's point-count is identical to problem three. The hand valuation, however, is vastly different. Despite your honor in partner's suit, the hand offers little as a source of tricks. To make game, partner needs a full no-trump opening. Pass.

Q7 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ J654 ♣ 83 ♦ AQ52 ♠ K107

The bidding has proceeded:

	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♠	Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	?		

What action do you take?

A - The auction is similar and South's point-count is identical to problem three. The hand valuation, however, is vastly different. Despite your honor in partner's suit, the hand offers little as a source of tricks. To make game, partner needs a full no-trump opening. Pass.

Q8 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ J654 ♣ 83 ♦ AQ52 ♠ K107

The bidding has proceeded:

	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♠	Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	?		

What action do you take?

A - The auction is similar and South's point-count is identical to problem three. The hand valuation, however, is vastly different. Despite your honor in partner's suit, the hand offers little as a source of tricks. To make game, partner needs a full no-trump opening. Pass.

Q9 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ J654 ♣ 83 ♦ AQ52 ♠ K107

The bidding has proceeded:

	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♠	Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	?		

What action do you take?

A - The auction is similar and South's point-count is identical to problem three. The hand valuation, however, is vastly different. Despite your honor in partner's suit, the hand offers little as a source of tricks. To make game, partner needs a full no-trump opening. Pass.

Q10 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ J654 ♣ 83 ♦ AQ52 ♠ K107

The bidding has proceeded:

	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♠	Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	?		

What action do you take?

A - The auction is similar and South's point-count is identical to problem three. The hand valuation, however, is vastly different. Despite your honor in partner's suit, the hand offers little as a source of tricks. To make game, partner needs a full no-trump opening. Pass.

Q11 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ J654 ♣ 83 ♦ AQ52 ♠ K107

The bidding has proceeded:

	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♠	Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	?		

What action do you take?

A - The auction is similar and South's point-count is identical to problem three. The hand valuation, however, is vastly different. Despite your honor in partner's suit, the hand offers little as a source of tricks. To make game, partner needs a full no-trump opening. Pass.

Q12 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ J654 ♣ 83 ♦ AQ52 ♠ K107

The bidding has proceeded:

	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♠	Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	?		

What action do you take?

A - The auction is similar and South's point-count is identical to problem three. The hand valuation, however, is vastly different. Despite your honor in partner's suit, the hand offers little as a source of tricks. To make game, partner needs a full no-trump opening. Pass.

Q13 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ J654 ♣ 83 ♦ AQ52 ♠ K107

The bidding has proceeded:

	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♠	Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	?		

What action do you take?

A - The auction is similar and South's point-count is identical to problem three. The hand valuation, however, is vastly different. Despite your honor in partner's suit, the hand offers little as a source of tricks. To make game, partner needs a full no-trump opening. Pass.

Q14 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ J654 ♣ 83 ♦ AQ52 ♠ K107

The bidding has proceeded:

	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♠	Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	?		

What action do you take?

A - The auction is similar and South's point-count is identical to problem three. The hand valuation, however, is vastly different. Despite your honor in partner's suit, the hand offers little as a source of tricks. To make game, partner needs a full no-trump opening. Pass.

Q15 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ J654 ♣ 83 ♦ AQ52 ♠ K107

The bidding has proceeded:

	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♠	Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	?		

What action do you take?

A - The auction is similar and South's point-count is identical to problem three. The hand valuation, however, is vastly different. Despite your honor in partner's suit, the hand offers little as a source of tricks. To make game, partner needs a full no-trump opening. Pass.

Q16 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ J654 ♣ 83 ♦ AQ52 ♠ K107

The bidding has proceeded:

	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♠	Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	?		

What action do you take?

A - The auction is similar and South's point-count is identical to problem three. The hand valuation, however, is vastly different. Despite your honor in partner's suit, the hand offers little as a source of tricks. To make game, partner needs a full no-trump opening. Pass.

Q17 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ J654 ♣ 83 ♦ AQ52 ♠ K107

The bidding has proceeded:

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PEOPLE TODAY

Newton, Orlando squabble over tapes

BRANSON, Mo. — Wayne Newton and Tony Orlando once bragged that their shared theater in this music resort city would become "the talk of the town."

That's exactly what it is, but not for the reasons they hoped for. A squabble between the entertainers has led to show cancellations and a police investigation of possible illegal bugging.

Police questioned Newton for about 45 minutes Friday over a concealed tape recorder allegedly used to record a conversation between Orlando and his staff, Chief Steve Mefford said.

Neither entertainer is commenting on why they're at odds. Orlando discovered hidden recording gear in a meeting room at the Talk of the T.O.W.N. Theatre. Police seized the recorder, but Mefford said it doesn't appear that a crime was committed because Newton holds the lease on the theater and it's not illegal to tape conversations on one's own property.

Newton's White Eagle Corp. canceled the remainder of Orlando's shows planned through Dec. 18. Newton performed his last show of the year there Thursday.

A year ago at the announcement of the shared venue, Newton and Orlando touted themselves as longtime friends. The theater was named for their initials — Tony Orlando and Wayne Newton.

NEW YORK — The way Nora Ephron sees things, getting approval for a movie catering to female tastes in Hollywood is tough because the men running film studios think "a movie about a woman's cure for cancer is less interesting than a movie about a man with a hangnail."

The three-time Academy Award-nominated screenwriter accomplished the feat anyway with "You've Got Mail," a romantic comedy she directed. It stars Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan.

"If you're drawn to subjects that are about women, they are not as compelling to the men who run studios as movies about men," she says in The New York Times' Sunday edition. "Action movies have an incredible insurance policy of an illiterate third-world population who will see them."

The daughter of famed screenwriters Henry and Phoebe Ephron ("Carousel," "Daddy Long Legs"), the former journalist was once married to Watergate reporter Carl Bernstein. She received Oscar nominations for the screenplays for "Silkwood," "When Harry Met Sally" and "Sleepless in Seattle."



Police questioned singer over hidden recording equipment.

The 57-year-old whose directing credits include "Michael" and "Sleepless in Seattle," wanted to get into directing films to protect her first career love.

"One of the reasons I was so desperate to become a director is that directors have a longer life," she said. "On some level I wanted to direct so I could go on writing movies."

LOS ANGELES — A shirt Leonardo DiCaprio wore in "Titanic" and Michael Keaton's Batman suit fetched thousands of dollars apiece at a Hollywood memorabilia auction, but neither came close to the Cowardly Lion costume worn by Bert Lahr in "The Wizard of Oz," which sold for \$250,000.

DiCaprio's shirt brought \$10,000. The Batman suit went for \$60,000.

The Cowardly Lion costume included the original body of lion pelts, and a remade headpiece, event publicist Dianne Bennett said.

Another "Oz" item, the Wicked Witch's hat used in the scene where she exclaims "I'm melting!" sold for \$50,000.

Other items sold at the "Hollywood: A Collector's Ransom 5" auction included a cane used by Charlie Chaplin in "The Masquerader" — it went for \$16,000 — and greeting cards from Princess Diana. Two cards sold for \$6,500 each.

NEW YORK — Joan Rivers' advice to her daughter Melissa before her weekend marriage: do the beauty parlor, not the floors.

"If it's a choice between cooking or cleaning or looking good, go get that facial," the comedian advised as Melissa, 29, prepared for her marriage to John Endicott, 32. "No man ever made love to a woman because she kept a clean house."

Melissa, host for E! Entertainment Television, married the equestrian Saturday at the Plaza Hotel, The New York Times reported Sunday.

The bride's mother described the wedding as a "Dr. Zhivago" fantasy featuring a hundred white-painted trees and 30,000 white flowers. "This wedding is going to be romantic," she said. "I want it to be a fairy tale. No reality... This is over the top."

AUSTIN — Greg Dulli, lead singer of the alternative rock band Afghan Whigs got into a brawl outside a nightclub that sent him to the hospital.

No arrests were made in the fight outside Liberty Lunch early Saturday. Dulli was listed in good condition at Brackenridge Hospital.

"It sounds like it had started earlier in the evening," said Sally Muir, a police spokeswoman. "It wasn't just someone attacking him out of the blue."

The Cincinnati-based band was scheduled to perform at Deep Ellum Live in Dallas Saturday night, but the show was canceled.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire reports.

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Murray claims all-around title

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Ty Murray won a record seventh world all-around title Sunday at the \$4.2 million National Finals Rodeo, breaking the previous record of six by legendary cowboy Larry Mahan and Tom Ferguson.

Murray, of Stephenville, Texas, also won his second bull riding world championship with his 79 score on Hard Copy. The 79 placed him fifth in the round but earned him first in the NFR average and his \$35,467 payout.

"When you've won several world championships it's hard to say which one is your favorite," said Murray, who won the titles in 1989-95. "But I think this one was the best."

Kristie Peterson of Elbert, Colo., won her fourth world barrel racing championship despite not winning a single go-round at the NFR. She finished second on Sunday with a 14.09 second run, but did take first in the NFR average and totaled \$12,998 for the year. Charmayne James won the final go-round with a 13.92 second run.

Midland's Sherri Cervi finished the year with \$148,511 which placed her place behind Peterson and Janet Stover of Athens. Stover had \$153,465.

Murray earned \$264,672 on the season in three events: bull riding, saddle broncs and barebacks. His closest competitor was Herbert Theriot of Poplarville, Miss., who finished with \$228,561 but was still in position to catch Murray until he broke a barrier in steer wrestling on Sunday.

"(Murray's) magnificent," said Mahan, who witnessed Murray's feat in the Thomas & Mack Center. "He has such control of his mind and his body. I don't think Tys record will ever be broken and he

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still has about four or five good years left."

Murray earned \$71,328 in bull riding at the NFR and beat out Blu Bryant of Nacogdoches, Texas, for the world title by \$19,481.

"I'm not going to Disneyland," Murray said. "I'm gonna go back to the ranch and ride some horses."

Corey Navarre of Weatherford, Okla., won the final bull riding go-round with a 93 score on Zandy.

In bareback riding, Mark Gomes of Hutchinson, Kan., won his first world title with his 78 ride on the final round. It didn't put him in the money, but wrapped up his first place in the NFR average and gave him \$142,529 in season earnings. Denny McClanahan of Canadian, Texas, won the final go-round with an 87.

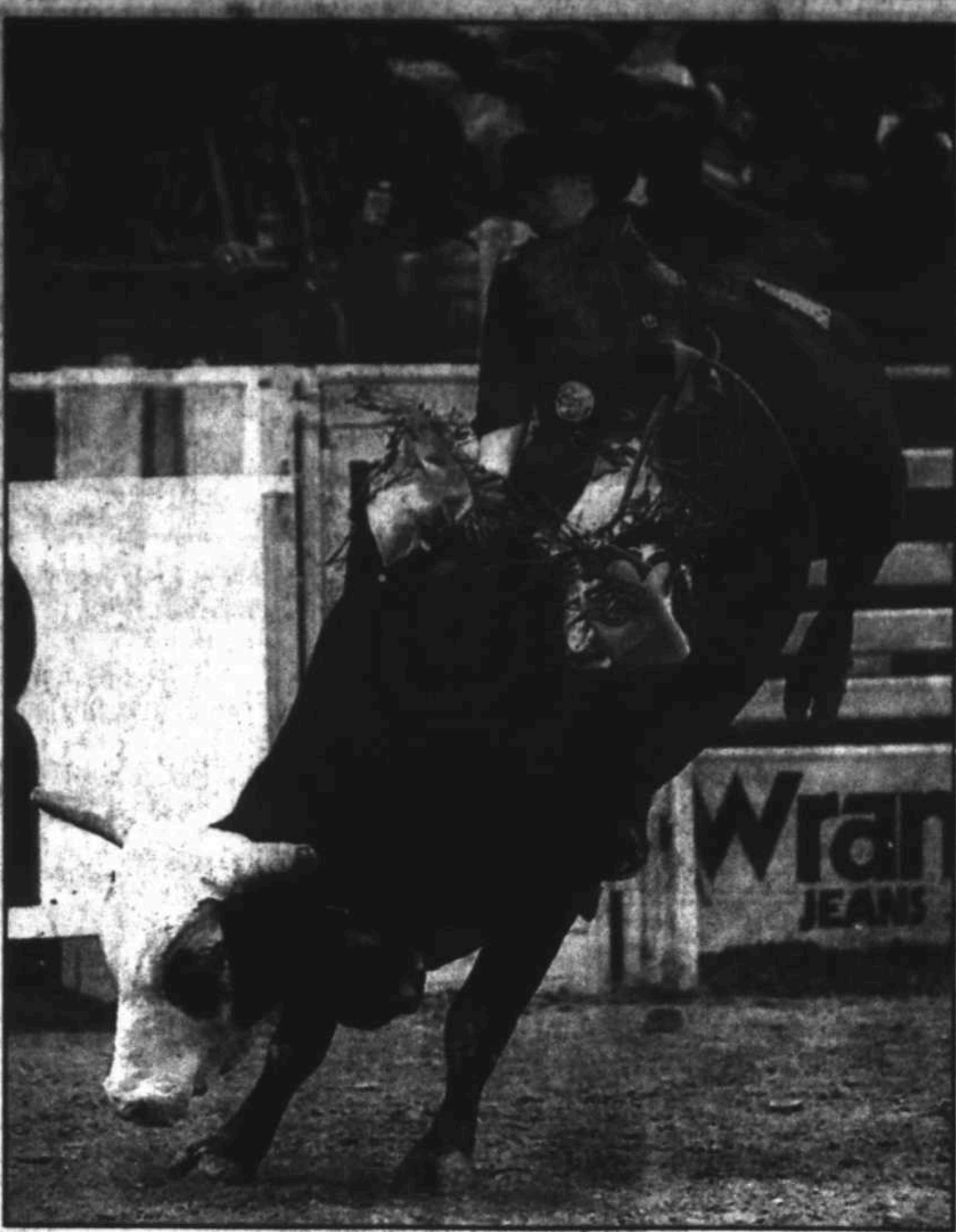
"It wasn't the best ride I've ever made, but I've never tried harder," Gomes said.

Dan Mortensen of Manhattan, Mont., won the saddle bronc go-round with an arena record-tying 88 score on Skool's Wild Card.

Mortensen had already clinched the world title earlier in the week and became the first cowboy to earn more than \$200,000 in a single event. He earned \$96,549 at the NFR and \$227,378 on the season.

"I had a great finals," said Mortensen, who won his fifth title in six years. "The last seven rounds have been outstanding. I don't think I could have done any better the last seven rounds if I'd have done them again."

Mike Smith of Baton Rouge, La., clinched the world steer wrestling title after his 4.6 second run placed him fourth in the final go-round and moved him to first in the NFR average. He earned



Ty Murray rides Hard Copy during the final round of the National Finals Rodeo Sunday in Las Vegas. Murray became the only seven-time All-Around World Champion. He also won his second Bull Riding title.

\$75,249 at the NFR to raised his season earnings to a record \$161,862. Tommy Cook of Hockley, Texas, won the final go-round in 3.6 seconds.

In calf roping, Cody Ohl of Stephenville, Texas, had already clinched the world championship and finished the NFR with a fifth-place 8.1 second run. He earned \$99,091 at the NFR and \$222,794 on the season. Joe Beaver of Huntsville, Texas, won the final go-round with a 7.5 second run.

"It wasn't as tough as it was last year," said Ohl, who also won last year's world title. "The calves weren't as good as they were last

year but the competition is always tough. Everybody out here can really rope or they wouldn't be out here."

In team roping, Speed Williams became the world champion header and Rich Skelton the champion heeler with a final-round run of 5.1 seconds, good for fourth in the round. The pair finished eighth in the NFR average. Williams, of Jacksonville, Fla., finished with \$128,471 in season earnings while Skelton, of Llano, Texas, had \$127,646. J.P. Wickett of Sallisaw, Okla., and Trevor Brazile of Decatur, Texas, won the final go-round with a 4.3 second run.

NBA lockout endures another long day

By Chris Sheridan
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — They've tried almost everything to end the NBA lockout, from secret negotiating sessions to private breakfasts to "unofficial" offers in stuffy back rooms.

They even tried going casual Saturday at the union's law office, showing up in some of the nicest leather jackets imaginable.

But that didn't work either.

Now, it might be several more days before the league and the union meet again.

"There's no meeting today," NBA spokesman Brian McIntyre said Sunday, one day after a small negotiating session lasted less than 30 minutes and included the union informing commissioner David Stern and deputy commissioner Russ Granik where it was willing to make some movement.

The offer wasn't enough, and the parties soon walked off into the cold December air, their hopelessness plainly evident as they trudged through the cheery, bustling throngs of shoppers outside the famous FAO Schwarz toy store.

"No one knows what their schedule is," said union attorney Jeffrey Kessler, who had enough of a sense of humor left to note that at least they hadn't ruined too much of a Saturday.

There was room for a little levity because there still is enough time to save the season. The top negotiators could decide to meet this

week, or they could decide to put the process back on the slow track and settle in front of their television sets Friday night to watch agent David Falk's exhibition game from Atlantic City.

No one is quite sure which choice they'll make.

"It's very clear we don't have the basis for a deal between us, or anything even close," Granik said. "It's clear we have very different ideas of what an appropriate deal should look like."

The quick departure from Saturday's session by Stern and Granik surprised many around the league, especially some on the ownership side who had been told after Thursday's secret negotiating session that a deal was close.

The union contingent seemed to think the same thing as it walked into Saturday's meeting hopeful that the sides would make enough progress to call back the full negotiating teams Tuesday or Wednesday to perhaps close the deal.

But the league's bargaining team took a different tack, arriving in a gloom and doom mode.

"Get a life," Stern said to the handful of reporters who had learned of the secret site.

"Get a settlement," one said in reply.

Stern didn't laugh then, and he wasn't smiling afterward.

The union's offer, which was believed to include an absolute limit on the top salary for any player with less than seven years' of experience,

wasn't good enough to keep Stern at the table.

The commissioner has said he is planning to lay off employees at the NBA office, which draws its budget from a 6 percent cut of gate receipts. He also says the season will cancel itself if a deal isn't reached in the not-too-distant future.

The union still thinks Stern is bluffing. Stern insists he's dead serious.

"Right now it does not look good," he said. "There isn't much time for it to start looking better."

Also Sunday, Newsweek reported that some players believe race is playing a factor in negotiations. The union's leadership and all but two of the players on the negotiating committee are black, while all the owners and the league's top two officials are white.

"I think there is a perception from the owners to even some fans that we're blacks who should be happy with what we've got — fair or not," said Alonzo Mourning of the Miami Heat. "There's a lack of respect given us in large part because we're athletes. I'm not saying it's all about race because it's not — but it plays a factor."

In response, Stern denied that race is an issue and pointed out that the league has successfully promoted a sport whose player population is nearly 90 percent black.

"This is a collective bargaining dispute — no more, no less," he said.

Locked out players hear cheers again

By Beth Harris
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — There were NBA players like Kenny Anderson, Chris Mills and Eddie Jones. There was a clock, referees, slam dunks, fancy passes and best of all, fans.

But this was no NBA game.

Sunday's action at Pauley Pavilion on the UCLA campus was for fun and to raise money for the Chris Mills Foundation.

About 2,000 fans — a mix of families with young children, teenagers and older folks who probably couldn't afford NBA ticket prices — shelled out \$10 and \$25 to watch the locked out pros put on a show.

"It was just for the fans," said Anderson of the Boston Celtics. "This was not a structured game, so you really don't get too much accomplished. It's really for the cause and that's a plus."

How unlike an NBA game was it?

Cedric Ceballos of the Dallas Mavericks chatted on a cell phone from the bench during the game. Several players wore diamond stud earrings (no jewelry allowed

in pro games), smiled at impressive plays and waved at fans in the middle of the action.

Some fans yelled, "Defense," but, of course, there wasn't any.

"Guys aren't going to go hard out there because they don't really want to get hurt," Jones said. "We got too much at risk."

The Mid Valley team, including Mills of the New York Knicks, Tracy Murray of the Washington Wizards, Charles O'Bannon of the Detroit Pistons and NBA rookie Paul Pierce, defeated the NBA All-Stars 128-119.

Although he was advertised as a participant, Shaquille O'Neal didn't show. Signs at the ticket windows advised fans he wouldn't be here.

Several players were just happy to be in front of a crowd. Their daily pickup games around Los Angeles don't attract more than a curious few.

"It feels good to get out there and entertain some people," Murray said. "That's the only thing that drives me. We're taking this game for granted. It's a fun game and I miss playing it."

The rosters were heavy with

players who have local ties, either through their pro teams or colleges. Among others playing were Brent Barry, Darrick Martin, Jalen Rose, Lamond Murray, Bryon Russell, Pooh Richardson, Stacey Augmon, Derek Fisher and Jack Haley.

Tracy Murray expressed impatience with negotiations to end the lockout. Talks broke off Saturday after only 30 minutes.

"The owners and David Stern need to start acting like businessmen and get in there and negotiate," he said. "Just because things don't go right in the first half-hour doesn't necessarily mean that we can't get anywhere. Lock the door, get something done."

Augmon agreed that a lock-in might end the lockout.

"We need to maybe spend the night in there and get the season going," he said.

Jones, of the Lakers, easily received the loudest cheers. Familiar chants of "Edd-ie, Edd-ie" rang out as he dunked with abandon. But he doesn't see the fans rushing out to NBA games if the season ever gets going.

"I definitely think they're going

to get back at us," he said. "They're going to support a charity event, of course, but you're talking about an NBA game where people are paying actual money that's going into somebody's pocket. I don't think they're going to support that at all."

Russell of the Utah Jazz is ready to forget this season.

"I hope it ain't a season," he said. "What's the use of starting halfway? If they're going to do something, they need to do it now. But it doesn't look like it. People can go make money overseas."

Like many of his colleagues, Russell suggested a compromise is in order.

"I'm just disappointed to see grown men fighting. There's got to be some point where somebody's got to give," he said. "We don't want to give. They don't want to give, so we'll never play."

Proceeds will be shared with three local charities to provide holiday toys for disadvantaged children, a foundation spokeswoman said. She didn't know how much money was raised.

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CHICAGO — Pat Verbeek scored a power-play goal in the third period and the Dallas Stars stayed unbeaten through their last five games, tying the Chicago Blackhawks 2-2 Sunday night.

Chicago's Ethan Moreau scored from in front on a rebound of a miss by Doug Smolek at 10:14 of the final period to give the Blackhawks a 2-1 lead.

But three minutes later, the Stars used their

effective power play — fourth best in the NHL — to get even. Verbeek took a nice centering pass from Joe Nieuwendyk and beat Mark Fitzpatrick to make it 2-2. The Stars nearly scored again moments later but Dave Reid's backhand clanked off the pipe.

Tony Amonte's league-leading 21st goal gave Chicago a 1-0 lead in the first.

Amonte, with his back to the goal on the power play, deflected teammate Chris Chelios' shot from the left circle between his own legs and

past Ed Belfour.

Two minutes later, at 18:42 of the first, Dallas tied it when Derian Hatcher took a behind-the-net pass from Grant Marshall and beat Fitzpatrick high on the glove side.

Perhaps his best stop came in the closing seconds of the second. Chicago's Ed Olczyk broke out of a pack and pushed the puck ahead to Chelios coming out of the penalty box but Belfour blocked his one-on-one attempt.

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