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Rookie returns

The Dallas Cowboys are back where they started at quarterback. Rookie Quincy Carter practiced with the Cowboys' first-team offense Monday/1C



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Three teachers at Bush Elementary are working harder than they've ever worked before by completing degree programs by night/1B

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U.S. Marines enter combat near base in Afghanistan

By Doug Melgren
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SOUTHERN AFGHANISTAN — Newly landed U.S. Marines cemented control of an outpost in the Kandahar region Monday as Navy fighter jets attacked a convoy of armored enemy vehicles moving near the base in southern Afghanistan.

Two F-14 Tomcats hit the armored column, said Maj. Brad Lowell, a spokesman for the U.S. Central Command in Washington. He said Marine AH-1W Cobra helicopters were in the area but did not fire on the armored vehicles.

Earlier Marine spokesman Capt. David Romley said Cobras had attacked 15 tanks and armored personnel carriers and destroyed some of them. As he spoke with reporters shortly before midnight local time, he indicated combat continued.

There was no word on casualties for either side.

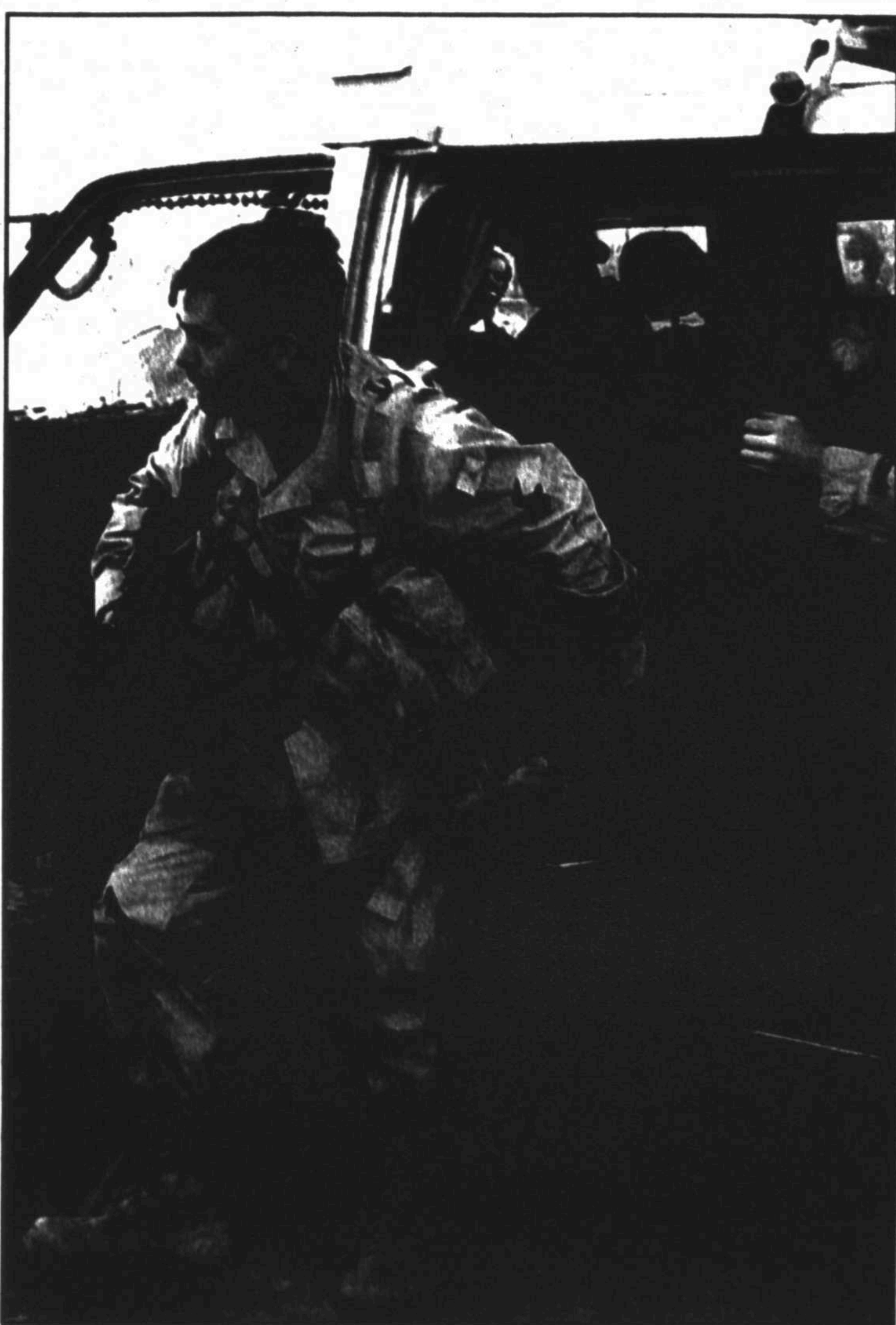
Romley did not say who manned the vehicles, but the desert airstrip the Marines seized Sunday night is in the region of Kandahar, the last major stronghold held by the Taliban.

Romley would not say if the armored column was heading toward the base or give any details about where it was attacked, except to say it was "in the vicinity of this base." He said the vehicles had been spotted by U.S. aircraft.

Romley said the column included tanks and BMPs, which are armored vehicles capable of carrying a dozen soldiers each. When the Soviet army retreated from Afghanistan in 1989 after a decade-long war, it left its client regime with dozens of tanks and BMPs that later were captured by a coalition of local militias and warlords.

At the base, helicopters and transport planes ferried in troops and equipment late into the night, and the Pentagon said it would take at least another day to reach

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AP Photo
U.S. special operation troops get out of their vehicle before meeting the local northern alliance commander in Mazar-e-Sharif, Afghanistan, Monday. The commander's soldiers were fighting pro-Taliban forces at a fortress nearby where dozens of captives loyal to Osama bin Laden were said to be fighting to the death. Also on Monday, newly landed U.S. Marines went into combat for the first time, sending helicopter gunships to attack armored vehicles in the vicinity of their new base in southern Afghanistan.

Producers, FBI on alert after threats by terrorists

By D. Lance Lunsford
Staff Writer

Oil and gas producers as well as Midland-based Federal Bureau of Investigation agents remain on a high state of alert in the wake of an "unconfirmed report" that terrorists will strike production facilities if Osama bin Laden is captured.

FBI Resident Supervising Agent Bill Vanderland said his local office has stepped up communication with local oil and gas officials considering the recent threat.

"We were in contact with a number of different companies over the last few days," Vanderland said. "We don't have to tell them how to protect their things. It's in their best interest."

Vanderland said the possibility for attacks during the holiday season may be a goal for terrorists.

"That's something you have to take into account," Vanderland said. "They know about our culture."

While the threats remain unspecified and somewhat ambiguous as to who might know what weaknesses exist in the oil industry, Vanderland said the threats are legitimate.

"I don't know any specific information that the bureau has provided me," Vanderland said. "But, can you find someone in Saudi Arabia who knows about the oil industry?"

Attorney General John Ashcroft said the threat is "an unconfirmed report of undetermined reliability" but said it was being taken seriously.

Ashcroft, asked about the subject at a news conference, confirmed that the FBI became aware of such a threat 10 days to two weeks ago.

He said industry groups and law enforcement agencies had been alerted and steps taken to "elevate our security."

Industry officials admit security measures have been increased in most areas.



Osama bin Laden

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President, Midlanders agree human cloning 'morally wrong'

By Kasey Kelly
MRT Correspondent

President Bush has called efforts to clone a human embryo "morally wrong."

Many Midlanders agree. "I think it's going beyond the will of our Maker," said Midland Pro-Lifer Bob Hilton. "We use science to qualify the reproduction of human beings and other things. I believe they should stop now and do away with all this research."

But, the search to finding a cure for diseases including Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, diabetes and even spinal cord injuries is one step closer to becoming reality. In what some call a medical breakthrough, a research company in Boston reported Sunday that it had cloned the first human embryo, a development it said was aimed at producing genetically matched replacement cells for patients with a wide range of diseases.

But some Midlanders don't consider this good news.

"It raises very serious and moral questions," said active Republican and former Midland Mayor Ernest Angelo. "I think it's a practice that should

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— President Bush

not be followed. The creation of life, only to be destroyed in order to save other lives, is not a moral option for me."

In July, President Bush agreed to permit limited federal research of embryonic stem cells. Endowed with the versatility to grow into any type of cell, stem cells are a powerful scientific resource.

But their usage is contentious because embryos are destroyed when stem cells are harvested. Three different methods of stem cell cultivation each raise ethical questions. One of which, combining donor eggs and cells using experimental cloning techniques, is in the realm of achievement for scientists.

"The use of embryos to clone is wrong," the president said during a Rose Garden appearance on Monday. "We should not, as a society, grow life to destroy it, and that's exactly what is taking place."

The Catholic Church has expressed its opposition to embryonic stem cell research from the beginning.

"Morally, most Christian leaders have a serious problem with it," said the Rev. Tom Kelley, pastor of Our Lady of San Juan Catholic Church. "The creative reality of God is in question. Each person is uniquely created by God, meaning no two people are completely the same. Cloning, at least in its simplest sense, shows that there could be two people who are exactly identical. We don't accept that."

The issue is not entirely black and white for people suffering from diseases which could possibly be cured using a cloned cell.

Phil Scott was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease 20 years ago. His wife, Kathryn, said it is beginning to take its toll on them both. But, for her the issue of cloning is not simple.

"I just don't know," she said. "We need to do everything we can to help people suffering from disease, but I don't much like this cloning deal. I am afraid it might get out of hand."

Abortion funding before state's high court
Cloning is not the only controversial issue in the news right now.

The battle over whether Texans should help pay for "medically necessary" abortions is being fought in the Texas Supreme Court.

"I hope the courts will look at this with their conscience, not as a political issue," said Carla Holeva of Planned Parenthood of West Texas.

Under current law, even if a doctor recommends an abortion in medically necessary cases, Medicaid won't pay for it. Those women are forced to extend a risky pregnancy while trying to raise mon-

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Elections appointee withdraws after voting record disclosure

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Irene C. Jordan, who last week was unanimously appointed by the Midland County Elections Commission as the county's elections administrator to succeed retiring Administrator Pat Eastup, has declined the appointment with "tremendous regret and sadness."

In a letter dated Nov. 22, Thanksgiving Day, and addressed to the five-person commission, Ms. Jordan expressed "gratitude for the honor you have shown me (via the appointment), for the respect and belief you have had in me. I told all of you I would not let you down."

However, Ms. Jordan, 53, referred to the Reporter-Telegram's Nov. 21 "front-page coverage" that noted her selection from a field of about 20 candidates and cited her voting record since 1992. She voted three times since 1992 and did not cast a ballot in the 2000 pres-

'While my voting record is hardly a qualification for this administrative position, I recognize the political responsibility associated with this information. My intention was to work for and represent this community.'

— Irene C. Jordan, withdrawn appointee to elections administrator post

idential election in which Texas Gov. George W. Bush narrowly defeated Vice President Al Gore.

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Home, high-tech gifts top local shopping lists

By Stewart Doreen
Staff Writer

Midlanders went to the city's stores this past holiday weekend, spending dollars and thinking about home.

Around town, stores raked in more than what they budgeted and typically more than what they did last year. For some stores, records were broken. Home was where the shoppers' hearts were. The big winners were home-oriented.

Pier 1 Imports recorded a 32 percent increase in sales from the same week last year.

"What is going on in the country right now is nesting," said Clint Snyder, a Pier 1 Imports manager. "People are staying at home and not traveling as much, having a family holiday. That fits into our

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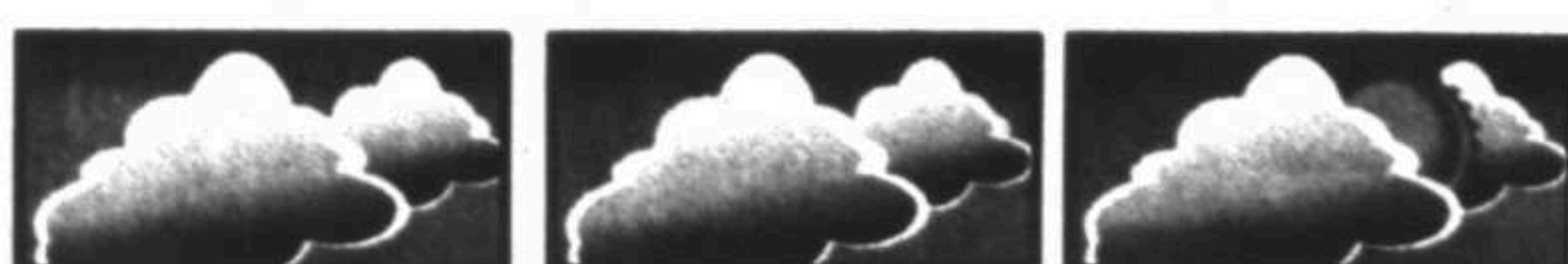
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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today
Cloudy
High 48
Low 34

Wednesday
Cloudy
High 34
Low 25

Thursday
Partly cloudy
High 53
Low 21

Today's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies and lower temperatures with highs in the upper 40s in the day and northeast winds at 10 to 20 mph. For tonight, expect cloudy skies with a 50 percent chance of light freezing rain, possibly mixed with snow. Expect lows in the mid-30s with northeast winds at 10 to 20 mph.

Wednesday's forecast calls for cloudy skies and colder temperatures with a 30 percent chance of light snow early. Expect highs in the mid-30s. Wednesday night, expect partly cloudy skies and lows from 20 to 25.

On Thursday, expect partly cloudy skies and highs from 50 to 55. The high on Monday reached 58, while the low dropped to 31. The record high for Nov. 26 is 83 set in 1995. The record low is 13 set in 1993.

Yesterday's precipitation
Rainfall Sunday0.00 in.
Rainfall Monday0.00 in.
Total for month0.80 in.
Total for year9.08 in.
Normal total14.32 in.
(year to date)

Yesterday's temperatures
High58
Low31
Normal high63
Normal low35
Sunrise ... 7:28 a.m.
Sunset ... 5:45 p.m.

United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate Monday's high and overnight low to 8 p.m. Eastern Time			
City	High	Low	Prev
Austin	81	54	cdy
Baltimore	65	47	cdy
Baton Rouge	84	56	m
Charlotte, N.C.	65	35	cdy
Chicago	75	54	cdy
Dallas-Ft. Worth	75	59	cdy
Denver	23	21	cdy
Detroit	48	45	mm
Eugene	49	38	cdy
Green Bay	40	32	m
Honolulu	83	78	19
Houston	82	59	cdy
Indianapolis	57	37	cdy
Jackson, Miss.	78	46	m
Kansas City	65	48	cdy
Las Vegas	53	40	cdy
Los Angeles	50	30	cdy
Memphis	73	45	16
Miami Beach	81	70	cdy
Nashville	73	39	m
New Orleans	81	60	m
New York City	61	53	cdy
Oklahoma City	54	54	cdy
Philadelphia	62	51	cdy
Phoenix	65	50	cdy
Pittsburgh	54	40	m
Portland, Ore.	45	41	cdy
Raleigh-Durham	75	63	cdy
Reno	39	24	cdy
Sacramento	55	37	cdy
St. Louis	56	42	15
St. Thomas	85	74	cdy
Salt Lake City	33	26	cdy
San Diego	63	52	cdy
San Francisco	56	46	cdy
Seattle	47	39	cdy
Syracuse	50	49	01
Tallahassee	81	63	cdy
Tampa-St. Petersburg	83	65	cdy
Tucson	59	47	cdy
Tulsa	63	58	cdy
Washington, D.C.	67	50	cdy
W. Palm Beach	80	72	cdy
Wichita	55	54	cdy
Wilmington, Del.	63	52	18
Yakima	46	23	cdy

AGREE: Midlanders also against abortion funding

(From 1A)

ey themselves, the doctors said.

The U.S. Supreme Court has previously ruled that the restrictions on federal spending for abortion do not violate equal protection under the U.S. Constitution.

The Texas Supreme Court will decide whether the state constitution allows the state to draw similar guidelines. In ruling 2-1 for the doctors, the lower appeals court said the state is violating women's rights.

"These are the poorest of poor women," said Ms. Heleva. "Just because you're poor you

don't have access to your reproductive medical needs."

As of October, there were 365,703 females between the ages of 12 and 50 in the Texas Medicaid program, according to agency statistics.

But, like the cloning issue, a number of Midlanders are opposed to it.

"I think using taxpayer funds for abortion under any circumstance is not proper," said Angelo. "And I hope the Supreme Court rules that way."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

SALES: Electronics stores report record-breaking total

(From 1A)

store."

Home Depot also hit it big with a "wonderful" first weekend of holiday shopping. Sales shot through the roof — up by more than 20 percent. Lowe's Home Improvement also had a sales increase.

"People are staying at home, maybe taking on a few more projects than they would have before," said Matt Klein, store manager at Home Depot. "Even if they are not doing projects now, they are looking forward to doing projects, so they are getting tools and material."

Another example of the home taking precedent this holiday season could be seen at the city's electronic stores.

Circuit City shattered last year's sales total by 35 percent, en route to a record-breaking weekend.

"Midland came out and supported the economy," said Elidia Alcocer, Circuit City store manager. "Midland decided to stay home, instead of hitting bigger cities."

Best Buy also beat its weekend budget by 19 percent.

"The budget they had for us this year was still less than last year, and yet, we beat last year's number and then some," said Randal Rogers, operations manager for Best Buy. "I think everyone is trying to settle into home and Christmas is all about home."

Apparently Midlanders performed at a level few around the state and nation enjoyed.

TeleCheck Services, Inc., a Houston-based company, estimated retailers saw a 2.4 percent increase in the number of checks written nationwide the day after Thanksgiving as compared to the same day last year. In Texas, the rise was 2.6 percent.

ers had huge weekends nationwide. Yahoo! Shopping saw a 70 percent increase in sales Friday and Saturday over last year. Kmart's BlueLight.com enjoyed sales up 48 percent Friday.

Back in Midland, the discount retailers also rang up big increases. In fact, Wal-Mart, Kmart and Target all reported "double digit" increases.

"Everybody is in the mood to shop," said Mike McLanahan, store manager at Wal-Mart, "more than what people are giving them credit for. We had a good weekend. It couldn't have been better."

Across the nation, Wal-Mart set a record for one-day sales, bringing in more than \$1.25 billion.

Midland's Kmart store, which enjoyed an increase of 12.5 percent, spent most of Monday filling the store for the upcoming weekend.

"Ever since Sept. 11 everything had been kind of weak," Kmart store manager Tom Snider said. "(This past weekend) it turned around, and they were out there."

In Midland Park Mall, sales were up and down. Sears was down approximately 5 percent. The Gap was also down.

"Apparel isn't doing what is should be, but part of that may be due to that we hadn't had enough cold weather," said Sears' Operation Manager Dana Hale.

Notable pluses at Midland Park Mall came as J.C. Penney and Dillard's — arguably the two biggest names in the mall — were up from the same weekend last year. Both reported single-digit increases.

"I think it is an effect of the 750 jobs that we put back in the late summer," said Don Lewis, store manager for J.C. Penney. Lewis was referring to the people brought to Midland by the Cingular Call Center.

Lewis also noted his store's biggest gain came in the "home gift line."

THREAT: Aerial pipeline monitoring increased

(From 1A)

"I can't give specifics, but there is a heightened state of alert in all our facilities," said Daren Beaudou with BP Houston. "Our workers have been instructed to be strict in checking IDs and in general just be alert."

There are very few facilities within Midland's city limits, but local law enforcement is willing to do its part to ensure security.

"Up to this point we have not received any information on which to act," said Midland Police Chief John Urby.

Ashcroft was skeptical, however, over whether any threat would be conditioned by the al-Qaida terror organization on the death or capture of bin Laden.

"It didn't take anything specific to trigger the attacks on the World Trade Center or the Pentagon. This is an organization motivated by hate," Ashcroft said.

There are thousands of miles of

gas pipeline, most of them buried, crossing the United States and Canada. Thirty interstate gas pipelines carry 90 percent of the natural gas transported, according to the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America.

Permian Basin Petroleum Association President Steve Castle said the association has not become involved in the security measures of businesses in the Midland area.

"From a PBPA standpoint ... (there is) not really any additional security. Everybody is on a higher state of alert," Castle said. "I don't know of any new procedures that have come down."

Joe Murphy of the Pipeline Group of Midland, said he knew area oil and gas companies were tightening security as an obvious requisite to hinder growing concerns for safety.

"I feel certain, they (oil and gas companies) as well as everyone else ... have taken due notice,"

Murphy said.

Paying more attention to property perimeters, Murphy said, would be a simple but required measure taken by oil and gas companies.

The FBI alert prompted the American Petroleum Institute, which is the lead industry group coordinating with the FBI and Energy Department on security matters, to issue a warning to oil and gas companies.

"We have received uncorroborated information that Osama bin Laden may have approved plans to attack natural gas supplies in the United States," said the memo, adding that the information was "from a source of undetermined reliability."

The FBI warning continued that "such an attack would allegedly take place in the event that either bin Laden or Taliban leader Mullah Omar are either captured or killed."

Energy companies have stepped

up security at refineries, pipeline pumping stations and other facilities since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington and the U.S. retaliatory attacks in Afghanistan.

There are thousands of miles of natural gas and petroleum pipelines crossing North America, making protection of such lines difficult. Aerial monitoring of pipelines have increased and security has been intensified at pipeline pumping stations, according to industry officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Also, some detailed information about location of pipelines and other energy infrastructure have been taken off some corporate and government Internet sites. Access to facilities has been tightened as well, officials said.

The Associated Press and Reporter-Telegram Correspondent Kasey Kelly contributed to this report.

WAR: Military base equipped with landing strip

(From 1A)

the full complement of about 1,000 Marines. The aircraft were operating off the USS Peleliu hundreds of miles away in the northern Arabian Sea and from unidentified bases on the coast.

Working under a bright moon in the chill night air, Marines hurried to set up shop and fortify the airstrip for a new phase of the U.S. war on terrorism. Until now, the U.S. role in the war had been mostly in the air.

Carried by CH-53E Super Stallion heavy lift helicopters, the first contingent of Marines touched down at the desolate airstrip at 9 p.m. local time Sunday and met no resistance, according to their reports.

"The Marines have landed and we now own a piece of Afghanistan," Gen. James Mattis, commander of the task force, said Monday. "Everything went without a hitch."

In Washington, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld declined to talk about what kinds of operations might be staged from the base. He suggested only that it would ratchet up the pressure on the leaders of the Taliban and Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network by further hindering their movements in the Kandahar area.

Rumsfeld also said that "hundreds, not thousands" of Marines would man the "forward operating base," but not necessarily as the vanguard of a substantially larger American ground force.

Earlier, President Bush said the Marines would assist in hunting down terrorists linked to the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

The Associated Press was allowed to accompany the Marines on condition its reports not reveal the base's exact location or any future mission plans.

The base is isolated, with no signs of towns in the distance across the flat desert. The only lights for miles around were the runway lights installed by the Marines and lights burning inside the airstrip's buildings.

Col. Peter Miller, chief of staff of the Marine task force, said the sand landing strip and buildings had been built by a wealthy Arab to provide access to his hunting lodge. The compound includes a small mosque with a minaret and a large white building that may have served as a hangar.

There are more than 4,000 Marines in the two units contributing troops to the operation: the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit from Camp Pendleton, Calif., and the 26th from

Camp Lejeune, N.C., which are on amphibious ships in the Arabian Sea. The units are trained for ground combat, evacuations, humanitarian aid and other missions.

The first troops to land — from the 15th brought in by helicopters — were watched over by AH-1W Cobra and UN-1H Huey helicopter gunships, Harrier jump-jet fighter-bombers and other aircraft.

The aircraft flew as far as 400 miles from their ships in what was described as the longest amphibious and air deployment ever conducted by the Marine Corps.

"We are going to operate at the very extremes of the ability of our machinery," said Miller, the task force's British-born chief of staff. "We would much prefer to be closer in, because it just makes it logistically that much easier for us. But the way this operation is designed, with the intermediate staging bases, we'll be able to pull this off."

Shortly before the operation began Sunday night, the steel hull of the Peleliu echoed with the sound of gunfire as infantrymen tested their weapons by firing into the sea from a wide doorway. Then they hauled their packs, weapons and protective gear — often pushing 100 pounds of equipment — to transport helicopters waiting on deck.

CITY: Commission reviewing additional candidates

(From 1A)

"... I don't think we are off to a good start," Ms. Jordan said in the letter to members of the Elections Commission: County Judge Bill Morrow, County Clerk Shauna Brown, County Tax Assessor-Collector Kathy Reeves, Midland County Republican Party Chairman Sue Brannon, and Midland County Democratic Party Chairman Norma Rowland.

Ms. Brown read the one-page letter on Monday morning to the Midland County Commissioners' Court in the absence of Ms. Jordan, who had been scheduled to be introduced to the court as the new elections administrator.

"Quite frankly, it's a shame," Morrow said of circumstances that resulted in Ms. Jordan's declining appointment to the \$40,352 salary job at base salary. Ms. Eastup, whose base salary is \$38,408, has been the elections administrator since 1994.

Morrow described Ms. Jordan as a "very nice lady" and said "I regret what has occurred."

Ms. Brown said the commission would convene this week and work toward naming another successor to Ms. Eastup, who, at age 70, is retiring at year's end.

"We will most likely go back and interview other candidates over again and continue on the process," Ms. Reeves said. "Hopefully, we will have a candidate to bring before the (Commissioners') Court at their next meeting in December" — Dec. 10.

"Irene has many skills that we were looking for that we thought would be an asset to that office — high energy, enthusiastic, great people skills, and non-partisan, which is very, very important," Ms. Reeves said.

Ms. Reeves said she had determined the commission "had found the perfect candidate (in Ms. Jordan) to take over (as) the elections administrator and to make sure that that office has an excellent reputation" just as "Pat Eastup has created for that office."

Ms. Jordan's "strong suit is that she was non-partisan, that her voting record did not reflect any affiliation to any (political) party," Ms. Reeves said, since, according to her voting record, Ms. Jordan had not cast votes in primary elections.

"And I consider that a strong suit," Ms. Reeves said. "That's something that is needed in that position."

In her letter to the commission, Ms. Jordan said "no matter what the circumstances may have been, I have already done that 'let you down'."

"While my voting record is hardly a qualification for this administrative position, I recognize the political responsibility

ity associated with this information. My intention was to work for and represent this community."

"I truly believe I could give accountability and credibility to this position and uphold the respect this position demands," Ms. Jordan said in her letter.

She then cited the newspaper's Nov. 21 front-page coverage on her appointment and her voting record.

"I have done some serious soul-searching and counseling with my family and a tremendous support group of friends and professional associates," Ms. Jordan wrote. "We all decided dealing with this type of press is not a strong point for me. That is really sad since all the other qualifications for this position are strengths that brought you (the commission) and me together in our meetings and your subsequent vote."

Ms. Jordan last week had mentioned her taking care of a critically ill relative had conflicted with her voting.

"I hope this will encourage all of you, in your respective capacities, to publicly educate those that are caretakers for critically ill relatives, home-bound, or otherwise incapacitated as to what their options are to vote," Ms. Jordan said in her letter. "I also hope you can use this example to say to votes, if you think something may come up on Election Day, vote early. I would also say, if you are uneducated in what the issues are, call your party representative or other sources to learn the issues at hand. Voter apathy, lack of knowledge and general mistrust of a situation or the candidates involved will deny you a right that has been fought hard for."

Ms. Jordan thanked the elections commissioners "for your confidence in me and the choice you made. I look forward to other possibilities to support you, work with you, and continue my community efforts. Midland is my home and I believe in her, I believe in you and I believe in the system. My best wishes and regrets."

Early last week after she had been selected as elections administrator by the commission, Ms. Jordan verbally submitted her resignation as a \$36,499 salaryed accountant for the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission (PBRPC) to PBRPC Executive Director Gary Gaston.

"There was nothing in writing," Gaston said on Monday.

Ms. Brannon said part of her "job as Midland County Republican Party chairman is to get good people to run for office."

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In Midland "in any year,"

"but it was a verbal (notice) basically telling me that she had accepted the job with Midland County."

Gaston said Ms. Jordan was "to do her close-out work" with PBRPC on Monday but had not as of mid-afternoon. As to whether Ms. Jordan still has a job with the PBRPC or would be rehired were she interested, Gaston said he would have to "take a look at it."

Ms. Brannon, the Republican Party representative on the Elections Commission, said she was "very disappointed in the Midland Reporter-Telegram."

"I think it's a shame that the story ran the way it did," Ms. Brannon said, "and that an extremely qualified woman who would have lent so much to Midland County felt she needed to resign because of that story."

"She felt that she wouldn't have the confidence of the people," Ms. Brannon said, "and I'm very, very sad that you all did that."

Ms. Brannon said that, to her understanding, "the reason she (Ms. Jordan) didn't vote was because her mother was terminally ill with a brain tumor, and she was the sole caretaker. And the reason she didn't vote in the (2000) presidential election was she had pneumonia and couldn't get out of bed."

"You know, I feel until we walk in somebody's shoes, we should not criticize and condemn them like that story did," Ms. Brannon said. "I'm very disappointed. We lost an excellent public servant."

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In Midland "in any year,"

there is "a minimum ... of two and possibly three elections," Ms. Eastup said. She cited instances of "as many as six elections" in one year and listed a bond election, primary election, runoff election, local election, another runoff election and then the General Election.

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Bomb-sniffing dogs better than machines in detection

By Michael P. Regan
Associated Press

NEW YORK — You simply can't send a machine to do a dog's work.

Despite millions spent on sophisticated explosive-detection machines, experts agree that a dog's snout is still the best equipment for finding bombs in large buildings or airplanes.

Aviation officials gathering at a security technology conference this week in Atlantic City, N.J., will compare the merits of high-tech ion-mobility spectrometers — already in use as bomb- and drug detectors — with the advantages of dogs.

Even those with a vested interest in the technology say dogs are better under many circumstances.

"A dog's nose is probably the most sensitive piece of equipment going. They're enormously accurate," said Brook Miller, vice president of Barringer Technologies, one of the companies that will exhibit spectrometry scanners at the Federal Aviation Administration-sponsored Aviation Security Technology Symposium.

The conference will focus on a variety of security technology, from X-ray imagers to cameras that broadcast real-time surveillance video from inside airliners to the ground.

Much of the agenda involves the merits of spectrometry scanners, which can detect microscopic residue of explosives or drugs on baggage or passengers' clothing, documents or skin. The machines — along with X-ray and magnetic-imaging equipment — are likely to play an important



AP Photo
Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority Police Officer Michael Green and his bomb sniffing dog, Rony, inspect the inside of a television news van at Buffalo Niagara International Airport in Buffalo, N.Y., Sept. 13. The airport remained nearly empty as flights were still listed as canceled as the re-opening time passed and stricter security measures ordered by federal authorities were visible.

role for airports that need to comply with new aviation security legislation.

During the detection process, particles are swabbed from suspicious areas or sucked directly into the machines. The particles are vaporized and the resulting ions are examined to see whether they resemble chemicals used in bombs or narcotics.

Paul Eisenbraun, vice president of Ion Track Instruments, said his company is under contract with the FAA to produce its desktop itemiser scanners, already used in 76 airports. He said the agency is pushing for more of the machines. Ion Track's handheld scanner, called the VaporTracer2, is awaiting FAA certification, Eisenbraun said.

Devices like these and Barringer's Ionscan can identify particles as small as one-billionth or one-trillionth of a gram, putting them in the same league as a good bomb-sniffing dog.

Companies at the forefront of trace-detection technology find themselves in competition with Labrador retrievers, German shepherds and Belgian Malinois.

Even though new aviation legislation requires bomb-detecting machines to be installed at all large U.S. airports by the end of 2002, the FAA has no plans to retire its dogs. This year, the FAA had 188 canine teams working full time at 39 major airports across the country, said FAA spokesman Paul Takemoto. The agency plans to add teams to 25

more airports in 2002 and 16 more in 2003, Takemoto said.

Proponents of scanners say dogs have several drawbacks.

Dogs can work only a few hours before getting tired. They need to be cared for and cleaned up after. And while a trained dog comes cheaper — \$10,000, versus \$20,000 to \$40,000 for a detector — it does not take a skilled handler to operate the devices.

"Any yahoo can use them," Miller said.

Also, dogs are usually trained to find either explosives or drugs, not both. The scanners can check for both — as many as 30-plus compounds in all, including variants of the same type of plastic explosive.

"A dog trained on American-made C-4 may not alert to Chinese-made C-4 because it's a different kind of material," Eisenbraun said.

Eisenbraun said these factors make his company's devices more efficient for screening bags

and passengers.

When it comes to finding a bomb hidden in a stadium or airport, however, all agree it is time to send in the dogs.

"A dog can go into an area and lead you to where the odor is coming from. That's the main advantage," said Mike Herstik, who trains canines for military and law enforcement use.

Two canine teams could search a 20,000-seat arena in an hour and a half, while it might take a full

day for 30 people with trace detectors to examine the same area, experts say.

As a result, dogs have worked their paws raw in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks. Herstik said he has no fear that dogs will be replaced by machines anytime soon. He said he welcomes help from the machines.

"Everything at our disposal should be used," Herstik said. "But I still think there's nothing better than a dog."

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Here's a potpourri of rules and ideas for West Texans that are important for year-end planning.

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To realize a gain or loss in 2001, the trade date must occur on or before December 31. Settlement date is irrelevant for publicly traded securities.

The limit on the deduction of capital losses in excess of capital gains is \$3,000. Any net capital losses in excess of \$3,000 are carried over into 2002. Both short and long-term losses are counted on a dollar-for-dollar basis. A few years ago, long-term losses were worth only fifty cents on the dollar. This is no longer true.

The holding period to achieve a long-term capital gain or loss is now more than twelve months. Count the period from trade date to trade date. Whether a gain is short or long-term does make a difference today. Net short-term gains are subject to a 39.1 percent maximum rate, while net long-term gains are taxed at a maximum 20 percent.

Retirement Plans

If you are a calendar year taxpayer, the deadline for establishing a qualified retirement plan for deductions against 2001 income is December 31. The contribution need not be made until the filing deadline of the taxpayer's return. Note, however, that a SEP plan can still be established for 2001 deductions up until the return due date in 2002.

In order for a distribution to qualify as a lump sum distribution 100 percent of the

balance to the credit of the employee must be distributed in one taxable year. If you have retired this year make sure that you have received (or will receive by year end) everything you have coming under your former employer's qualified plan.

Charitable Contributions

Many people make their annual charitable contributions during the holidays. If you're going to make a cash contribution, mail the check by December 31 to qualify for a 2001 deduction. Giving a personal note or I.O.U. to the charity won't qualify for a deduction, but donating with a credit card does.

Making gifts of securities is a very effective way to make charitable contributions. Charities are happy to receive odd lots. Donations of long-term capital gain property is deductible based on fair market value. It doesn't make sense to donate short-term capital gain property; your deduction will be limited to basis. Also, it doesn't make sense to donate securities with losses; sell the stock and donate the cash. To claim a 2001 deduction, the security must actually be transferred to the charity before December 31.

Check in with your experienced financial planner near the end of the year to see what deadlines and opportunities apply to your particular financial institution year end tax planning is important.

Van Percy, a native West Texan, has been providing financial and retirement planning services to folks in the Petrolplex for the past 15 years in Midland. Van and his professional staff operate the Raymond James Financial Services office at 2020 West Cuthbert. Percy received his bachelor's degree in economics and his master's degree in business administration from the University of Notre Dame. Kirk Percy, Van's brother has joined their office and will specialize in helping local businesses with their business retirement plans. Kirk was a marketing vice president with Hartford's investment division. If you would like to set up a no-obligation appointment, you may call their office at 683-0000.



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Judi points out that some employers try to cut costs by using an online "monster board" system to collect resumes and other information. And, while she agrees that the Internet has its place, Energi's website allows them to receive job orders from clients and some basic information from prospective workers nothing replaces the services a company like Energi can do for you.

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Amanda (from left), Judi and Holly, of Energi Personnel, help employers avoid costly hiring mistakes.

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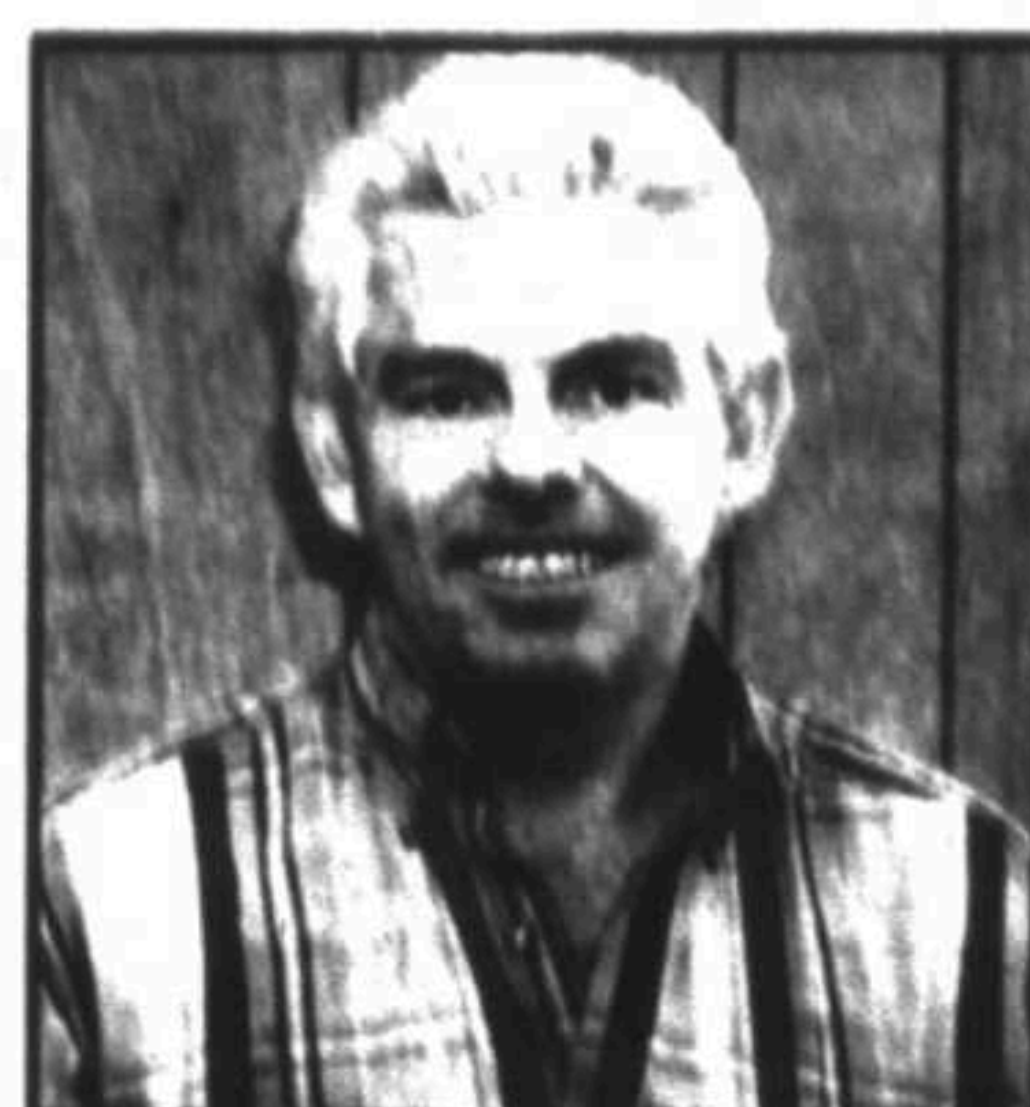
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Winter travel can present unique hazards, especially if you're headed north (even just to Lubbock). Midland Muffler's Mike Murray recommends getting your vehicle's brakes and alignment checked before you leave, for maximum safety.

The reason for having your brakes checked is readily apparent. Driving on crowded highways, even in dry weather, your life may depend on being able to stop quickly and without the vehicle pulling to one side.

It would really be a good idea to take your vehicle to Midland Muffler if you've already noticed a problem, Mike points out. "If your brakes are making noises when they're engaged, or if your stopping is uneven, that could indicate worn brakes."

Midland Muffler's trained staff could also detect small problems before they become big. You probably don't want to discover a problem when you're miles from home—where you don't know anything about the repair shop you're dealing with.

All brake repairs by Midland Muffler, on the other hand, are fully warranted. Mike adds that the alignment is also critical in winter weather. "If your car is not driving quite straight to start with, that makes it even harder to maintain control in slick conditions." Plus, out-of-alignment wheels cause your tires to wear early and unevenly, further reducing your control.

Because a Midland Muffler alignment check includes the

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Council facing crucial vote on transportation

Today, the Midland City Council will take a hard look at the issue of public transportation.

It's decision-time with regard to a \$500,000 grant for which the city could apply to launch a public transportation in conjunction with Odessa. The issue becomes a bit thornier when one realizes the Midland taxpayers would probably have to pony up another \$150,000 to make the system a reality.

Midland City Council member Scott Dufford, probably representing many of the thoughts and feelings of his fellow Midlanders, has questioned the fiscal feasibility of launching a public transportation system. At the moment, the city is also balancing potential manpower needs at the city's fire department, a deepfelt desire to hold the line on taxes and other items on the public wish list.

The arguments against a public transportation have been heard many times before: Ridership in previous efforts has been low and independent West Texans seem determined to scrape together enough money to buy automobiles to take care of their transportation needs.

Many Midland homes have several automobiles in the driveway and many of us have wondered aloud, where would the riders come from?

It's time to open our eyes and take another look at those around us.

Our city's demographics continue to change.

We have a greater number of low-income families and our population is aging.

Many of our elderly residents would welcome the opportunity to use public transportation to get themselves to the grocery store or the doctor's office.

We have many young men and women in our community struggling to build a better life for their children and must depend on taxi cabs, family and friends to help them get to school, work or to run errands. Public transportation might give them a greater sense of self-reliance and help them reach out and obtain their goals.

And frankly, while many of us enjoy the comfort of owning our own homes and purchasing a shiny new automobile every couple of years, not everyone in our community enjoys those same blessings.

Having a solid, clean, reliable public transportation system in place would help make our city a great place to live in the years ahead.

Voting in favor of public transportation may be a bit of a political risk for the members of our City Council. But as we continue to look to the future of our city and the wellbeing of our fellow citizens, we believe it's a political risk worth taking at this juncture.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 27, the 331st day of 2001. There are 34 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:
 One hundred years ago, on Nov. 27, 1901, the U.S. Army War College was established in Washington, D.C.

On this date:
 In 1910, New York's Pennsylvania Station opened.
 In 1942, during World War II, the French navy at Toulon scuttled its ships and submarines to keep them out of the hands of the Nazis.

In 1945, Gen. George C. Marshall was named special U.S. envoy to China to try to end hostilities between the Nationalists and the Communists.

In 1953, playwright Eugene O'Neill died in Boston at age 65.

In 1970, Pope Paul VI, visiting the Philippines, was slightly wounded at the Manila airport by a dagger-wielding Bolivian painter disguised as a priest.

In 1973, the Senate voted 92-to-3 to confirm Gerald R. Ford as vice president, succeeding Spiro T. Agnew, who had resigned.

In 1978, San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and City Supervisor Harvey Milk, a gay-rights activist, were shot to death inside City Hall by former supervisor Dan White.

In 1983, 183 people were killed when a Colombian Avianca Airlines Boeing 747 crashed near Madrid's Barajas airport.

In 1985, the British House of Commons approved the Anglo-Irish accord giving Dublin a consultative role in the governing of British-ruled Northern Ireland.

In 1989, 107 people were killed when a bomb blamed by police on drug traffickers destroyed a Colombian jetliner.

Ten years ago, Israel signalled its anger with what it regarded as the high-handedness of the United States by rejecting an invitation to attend Mideast peace talks in Washington on Dec. 4. The U.N. Security Council unanimously adopted a resolution paving the way for the establishment of a U.N. peacekeeping operation in war-torn Yugoslavia.

HELEN THOMAS

Poetry can bring comfort in trying times

WASHINGTON — In these trying times I would suggest reading a book of poetry, one with poems that inspire and give hope, courage and nobility to our lives.

Such a book is a compilation of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis' favorite poems, selected by her daughter Caroline Kennedy.

In the book, titled "The Best-Loved Poems of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis," Caroline quotes her mother as saying: "Once you can express yourself, you can tell the world what you want from it. . . . All the changes in the world, for good or evil, were first brought about by words."

She writes her mother "was lucky to have a grandfather who loved poetry when she was a little girl, who she would visit every Wednesday evening after her dancing class and they would memorize poems together." She conveyed that passion to her own children. The book includes poignant photographs of Jackie, her children, Caroline and John and President John F. Kennedy.

Surprisingly, Caroline's book contains only a passing mention of her brother John who died in a tragic plane accident in 1999. I thought it was regrettable she did not allow any reporter to cover the funeral. Perhaps she did not realize although many Americans did not know him personally, they did remember John as the little boy who gallantly saluted his father's flag-draped coffin as it was being carried down the steps of St. Matthews Cathedral here.



Thomas

Caroline Kennedy's book opens on a patriotic note, fitting for these times, with "America, the Beautiful." She also includes Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's "Paul Revere Ride" and says her grandmother Rose Kennedy had memorized the long poem and would recite it to her grandchildren. Poets Walt Whitman and Robert Frost are prominent in the patriotic section.

In it also are the sad lines from black poet Langston Hughes' "Let America Be America Again."

Jackie, as Onassis was known around the world, raised the profile of culture at the White House during her 1,000 days as first lady. She spotlighted music, painting, drama and the decorative arts and gave the American public a vicarious sense of pride when she restored the White House back to its colonial era elegance.

As first lady — with her glamour, style, mystique and focus on the arts — she was in a class by herself.

Having covered President Kennedy and his family from his inaugural to his state funeral, I feel no administration has captured the imagination of the nation and or given so much hope to the people as the Kennedy clan did during their White House years in the early 1960s.

Caroline Kennedy writes her mother believed children should "read the great writers and poets."

She says when she was three years old, her mother taught her two Edna St. Vincent Millay poems — "First Fig" and "Second Fig," to the surprise of her delighted father. They are among the most familiar lines in American literature, but I'd say they are much more quoted by grownups than children.

Caroline Kennedy recalls that "for each holiday or birthday, John and I would have to write

or choose a poem for my mother. We had to copy it down and illustrate it, and she pasted them all in a special scrapbook."

The book includes many poems for the kids such as "The Little Turtle," "Three Ponies" and "Teddy Bear's Picnic."

One of Onassis' favorites was "A Visit From St. Nicholas" by Clement Clarke Moore. The book again cites Frost, who read one of his poems at Kennedy's inaugural.

One of the dazzling events I covered at the White House was a performance by actor Basil Rathbone in the East Room. It was an electric moment when he recited lines from Shakespeare's "Henry V," which appear in the book.

Caroline Kennedy says her mother "felt fortunate to have English teachers who changed her life." Once she invited to the White House her high school English teacher, who had taught her to love Shakespeare.

A poem Onassis herself wrote in 1953 about her husband shortly after she married him was inspired by Stephen Vincent Benet's "John Brown's Body." It concludes fatefully:

He would find love
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 For he must go seeking
 The Golden Fleece
 All of the things he was going to be
 All of the things in the wind and sea.
 So in these times when the world seems too much with us, it is comforting to read some of the inspiring poems of the past.

Helen Thomas' column is distributed by Hearst News Service.

ART BUCHWALD

Different war being fought in Afghanistan

What makes this war different from other wars is that you can't tell the good guys from the bad guys.

I was bothered by this the other day when I couldn't tell the difference between the Taliban and the Northern Alliance troops. I called several sources in Washington to get the answer.

Much to my surprise, each one had a different reply. First I called the Marine Corps. The person on the phone said, "That's a good question. I'll get back to you."

He didn't get back to me for three days, and then he said, "We are not supposed to answer that. You'll have to call the Department of Defense Information Office."

Believe it or not, the DoD people were hard to get through to.

The lady who answered the phone said all the lines were busy and suggested I call back later. I told her there was a war on, and I had a very important question to ask, and that I would hang on.

Finally, I got through to a person who seemed to be surprised with the question. He said, "The Northern Alliance have much shorter beards than the Taliban."

"But," I said, "suppose the Taliban shaved off their beards so they will be mistaken for Northern Alliance troops?"

He replied, "The best way to tell is if they are shooting at you. Then you know they're the enemy. To make it easier, we're handing out Army fatigues to members of the Northern Alliance."

"How do the U.S. Special Forces know the difference between the Taliban and Northern Alliance?"

"I can't tell you, but they know."

"What about the Arab volunteers who are fighting with the Taliban?"

"If you see them being beaten up by the Northern Alliance, you know they are with the Taliban."

These were all good answers. Next, I contacted a women's lib group. The lady said, "We know what the Taliban men look like, but it's very hard to distinguish Afghan women from each other."

She continued, "The Northern Alliance are letting their women unveil their faces, but they still beat them up if they demand their rights."

"What can you do to help them?"

"We're working on it. It's particularly tough on single mothers."

"What else?"

"We want the Afghan women to know that perming their hair is not a sin." The last person I spoke to was a friend on the Washington Post. His theory was that the Northern Alliance and Taliban have known each other through so many different wars that when they kill someone they're pretty sure it's a member of the enemy's family. It's like the Hatfields and the McCays.

"What about different members of the Northern Alliance tribes who may start killing each other once they get rid of the Taliban?" I asked.

"I see why everyone says you're a troublemaker."

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



WILLIAM SAFIRE

Getting fair trial still crucial in America

WASHINGTON — As soon as German U-boats put eight saboteurs on United States shores during World War II, one of the eight called the FBI to betray the mission but was brushed off as a crackpot. Days later, he called again and managed to persuade the FBI he was an authentic saboteur. Partly to keep this embarrassment of bungled enforcement from becoming known, the eight were secretly tried by a military court inside the FBI headquarters.

Unexpectedly, a U.S. Army lawyer assigned to the Germans mounted a spirited defense. Col. Kenneth Royall, citing the landmark 1866 Supreme Court decision of *Ex Parte Milligan* — holding martial law could not be applied where federal civil courts were in business — challenged the secret tribunal's legality.

FDR told his attorney general, according to Francis Biddle's memoirs, he would resist any Supreme Court decision to give the accused saboteurs a regular court trial: "I won't hand them over to any United States marshal armed with a writ of habeas corpus." Confrontation was averted when a cowed Supreme Court unanimously acknowledged the extra-judicial power of a president armed with a congressional declaration of war. Six of the eight captives went to the electric chair; J. Edgar Hoover was awarded a medal of honor.

Now President Bush, with no such congressional declaration, is using that Roosevelt mistake as precedent for his own dismaying departure from due process. Bush's latest self-justification is his claim to be protecting jurors (by doing away with juries). Worse, his gun-ho advisers have convinced him — as well as some glib commentators — the Star Chamber tribunals he has ordered are "implementations" of the lawful Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Military attorneys are silently seething because they know that to be untrue. The UCMJ demands a public trial, proof beyond reasonable doubt, an accused's voice in the selection of jurors and right to choose counsel, unanimity in death sentencing and above all appellate review by civilians confirmed by the Senate. Not one

of those fundamental rights can be found in Bush's military order setting up kangaroo courts for people he designates before "trial" to be terrorists. Bush's flat turns back the clock on all advances in military justice, through three wars, in the past half-century.

His advisers assured him a fearful majority would cheer his assumption of dictatorial power to ignore our courts. They failed to warn him, however, his denial of traditional American human rights to non-citizens would backfire and in practice actually weaken the war on terror.

pain, which caught and charged eight men for complicity in the Sept. 11 attacks, last week balked at turning over the suspects to a U.S. tribunal ordered to ignore rights normally accorded alien defendants. Other members of the European Union holding suspects that might help us break al-Qaida may also refuse extradition. Presumably Secretary of State Colin Powell was left out of the Ashcroft try-'em-and-try-'em loop.

Thus has coalition-minded Bush undermined the anti-terrorist coalition, ceding to nations overseas the high moral and legal ground long held by U.S. justice. And on what leg does the U.S. now stand when China sentences an American to death after a military trial devoid of counsel chosen by the defendant?

We in the tiny minority of editorialists on left and right who dare to point out such constitutional, moral and practical anti-terrorist considerations are derided as "professional hysterics" akin to "antebellum Southern belles suffering the vapors." Buncha weepy sissies, we are. The possibility of being accused, however, of showing insufficient outrage at those suspected of a connection to terrorists shuts up most politicians. And a need to display patriotic fervor turns Bush's liberal critics into exemplars of evenhandedness. Careers can be wrecked by taking an unpopular stand.

But not always. Forty years ago, my political mentor introduced me to his senior partner, Ken Royall, who after World War II had been appointed by President Truman to be the last secretary of war. Royall, then head of a great New York law firm, considered the high point of his career his losing fight to get a group of reviled Nazi terrorists a fair American trial.

William Safire's column is distributed by New York Times News Service.

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Woman

By Susan Skille
 Associated Press

JERSEYVILLE, Mo. — Sheryl Hardy, 33, in Florida for the past old son, who had a death so shocking haul of the state laws.

Now, over the censors and Illinois agency, Hardy has chance.

An Illinois judge custody of her had been in foster mother's murder.

"This may be a case where a parent progress from a party to parent and of competence," Judge wrote in his Nov.

Hardy, 33, said watched as her son, Coe, shoved his toilet like a plung in 1989. She and Coe with couch cushion next day of head.

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The lead detective says she doesn't

Bush gl

By Sandra Sobel
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Bush gave Christian Heather Mercer and a White House Monday, calling "geous souls" save during three months prison.

"It's a wonderful prayer, about a faithful people in good bad times," Bush said privately with their families and their families Office.

From the White sunny press appeal Rose Garden with the two women were an agent and ne before heading to N for the evening.

"Some people off some clothes for interviews, which is ing because we lost we had," said Curry. Why an agent?

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Woman convicted in brutal death of son in 1989 wins custody of her baby

By Susan Skiles Luke
Associated Press

JERSEYVILLE, Ill. — A decade ago, Sheryl Hardy was sent to prison in Florida for the murder of her 2-year-old son, who had been shoved headfirst into a toilet for soiling his pants — a death so shocking it prompted an overhaul of the state's child-protection laws.

Now, over the objections of prosecutors and Illinois' child-welfare agency, Hardy has been given a second chance.

An Illinois judge has awarded her custody of her 9-month-old son, who had been in foster care because of his mother's murder conviction.

"This may be one of those rare cases where a parent has been able to progress from a point of total inability to parent and protect a child to a point of competence," Judge Thomas Russell wrote in his Nov. 16 decision.

Hardy, 33, said she lit a cigarette and watched as her then-husband, Thomas Coe, shoved his stepson's head into the toilet like a plunger in Lakeland, Fla., in 1989. She and Coe then beat the boy with couch cushions. Bradley died the next day of head injuries.

Hardy served nine years in prison and now says she wants to start over in her hometown 30 miles north of St. Louis with her new husband and their son. She says she can be a good parent and wants the opportunity to try.

The lead detective in Bradley's death says she doesn't deserve another

chance. "She's an evil person, a murderer," says Paul Schall of the Fort Meade, Fla., police department. "This baby is going to end up dead, too."

Illinois prosecutor Mary Kirbach says she will appeal but declined to discuss the case.

The state's child-welfare agency also recommended Hardy not get custody of the boy. Martha Allen, the agency's chief of staff, says she can remember no other time that a parent convicted in the death of a child won custody of another child.

Hardy declined to discuss the case recently, saying only that her new son is "doing great, now that he's back with me." She then shut her front door on a reporter as she said, "I just want to live my life."

Hardy claims she was sexually and emotionally abused as she grew up in this poor rural town of 7,500. She says Bradley was conceived when she was raped. She moved to Florida after he was born.

There, she met Coe, who was living in his truck at the time. The two abandoned 4-month-old Bradley at a mall. He was placed in foster care, and Hardy and Coe married and had a daughter of their own.

Nearly two years later, when Hardy learned Bradley's foster parents wanted to adopt him, she sought and received custody. Sixty-six days after Bradley arrived at the Coes' secluded trailer home, he was dead.

Coe was convicted of first-degree murder and is serving a life sentence.

Hardy insists Coe was responsible for the worst of the abuse but says she played a part, too: cleaning Bradley with a garden hose when he soiled his pants, shaking him violently and running a fork over his mouth with feces on it.

"I know it was gross," Hardy said in the Chicago Tribune earlier this month. "I know it was harsh. That's something I see when I close my eyes."

Her daughter — and a second girl born when she was in prison — were put up for adoption. Hardy has no contact with them.

Hardy says that Coe abused her and that she was too beaten down to protect Bradley — a claim the judge cited when he awarded her custody of her new baby. She says she took parenting classes in prison, received counseling and earned her high school equivalency diploma, all things that she says make her a good parent now.

Schall, the Florida detective, says he doesn't buy it.

"Sheryl and Tom went through all the parenting classes, the shrinks, in Florida, too," says Schall, who traveled to



Doris Hardy shows a photograph of her son Hardy Hardy, his wife Sheryl Hardy and their son Billy while standing on her porch in Jerseyville, Ill., earlier this month. Sheryl Hardy was sent to prison in Florida for the murder of her first son who was killed in Florida at the time, dunking him repeatedly in a toilet while Sheryl watched. After nine years in prison she married Hardy Hardy and had Billy. An Illinois judge has ruled that the baby boy can stay with the Hardys, saying Sheryl has made "extraordinary progress" since the crime.

AP Photo

Illinois to testify at Hardy's hearing. "Then they butchered the baby."

Bradley's death led the Florida Legislature to overhaul its child-protection laws and spend \$79 million to hire more social workers to detect child abuse.

In Bradley's case, four social workers were charged with failing to report the abuse. Three were acquitted, but Bradley's main caseworker, Margaret Barber, was convicted and placed on three months' probation.

Bush gives aid workers released by Taliban homecoming

By Sandra Sobierski
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush gave Christian aid workers Heather Mercer and Dayna Curry a White House homecoming Monday, calling them "courageous souls" saved by prayer during three months in an Afghan prison.

"It's a wonderful story about prayer, about a faith that can sustain people in good times and in bad times," Bush said after meeting privately with Mercer, Curry and their families in the Oval Office.

From the White House and a sunny press appearance in the Rose Garden with the president, the two women went shopping for an agent and new wardrobes before heading to New York City for the evening.

"Some people offered to buy us some clothes for some of our news interviews, which is such a blessing because we lost everything that we had," said Curry, 30.

Why an agent? "We've just

been advised it's good to get an agent just to help us organize things," she said.

Curry, 30, and Mercer, 24, have received dozens of interview requests since arriving back in the United States on Sunday, more than a week after U.S. special forces helicopters whisked them and six other jailed charity workers out of Afghanistan. That country's Taliban militia arrested the workers Aug. 5 on charges of attempting to convert Muslim Afghans to Christianity.

"I talked to them right after their release, their freedom, and I sensed no bitterness in their voice, no fatigue, just joy," Bush said, referring to them as girls. "It was an uplifting experience for me to talk to these courageous souls."

But Mercer brushed aside any notion of heroism.

"We just went to a nation to love a few people and to try to make a difference in a small way if we could," she said.

Standing at the president's side, she and Curry credited their freedom to prayer.

"I'll never be able to thank America and the different Christians around the world who prayed for us," said Curry.

"I think if we had a whole lifetime to say thank you, we wouldn't do it right," said Mercer.

Both women talked of returning to Afghanistan, especially "now that it's free and there is more openness to work with the women and children there than ever before," as Curry put it.

They won't give up espousing Christianity, Mercer said.

"I think who we are as Christians, as people who love Jesus, is

just naturally in the overflow of our lives — that comes out. So I don't imagine that when we have a chance to go back, we'll change who we are," said Mercer.

Vice President Dick Cheney, who has been kept mostly separate from Bush for security reasons, was at the White House Monday to welcome the women.

The aid workers' trial in Kabul was postponed indefinitely on Oct. 7 when Bush ordered airstrikes on terrorist targets the Afghan capital, a development that family members had feared might

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Simpson, Canon swing votes on public transportation

By Stewart Doreen
Staff Writer

City Councilman Berry Simpson, the most experienced of the six members on Midland's City Council, will fill a most unusual role today.

As the Council votes on making public transportation a reality for the first time since the mid-1980s, Simpson is one of two potential swing votes.

Like Mayor Mike Canon, Simpson has not offered a clear-cut "yes" or "no," and as the Council congregates at 10 a.m. today in Council chambers, it appears a "yes" by either one will give public transportation supporters the four needed to bring a system back to Midland.

Today, the Council votes on a resolution that would approve and authorize the city manager to sign the state/local

Urban Public Transportation Agreement and accept the \$500,000 grant from the state to start up a system in Midland and Odessa.

At 11:15 a.m., a public forum will take place in which anyone will be able to offer an opinion on the city's need — or lack thereof — for a public transportation system.

The Council will immediately follow with a vote on public transportation, which is expected to cost Midland taxpayers \$150,000 a year.

According to city numbers, an annual ridership of 190,000 is estimated.

Going into the meeting, it is expected LuAnn Morgan, James Bradford and Bill Dingus will vote for a system.

Scott Dufford has said he does not think now is the right time for public transportation in Midland.

Canon and Simpson possess the two



Canon



Simpson

remaining votes. Simpson said two weeks ago he would have voted for the item had it come up then, however, he said Monday this would not be a "slam dunk decision."

"It is a matter of weighing the need versus the cost," Simpson said. "The hardest thing to know is how big the

need is."

Supporters of a new system believe the need is great. They state and restate how Midland is not the same community it was when Mid-Tran failed nearly 15 years ago. The community as a whole is older and not as wealthy.

"Every senior I talk with feels (the lack of) public transportation is a problem," said Cindy Oglesby, who works with Midland's aged population.

Dingus said the Council must look past the annual estimated price tag of \$150,000.

"I assume our staff is capable of rearranging the budget, so \$150,000 will not affect anything," Dingus said. "If I had to I could dig out the budget and go through line item things that we could eliminate without any upset and I could pay for this."

Dingus specifically pointed to another

item on today's budget that will allocate \$128,000 for the replacement of operable walls at the Midland Center.

"We will be asked to authorize \$100,000 for new movable walls in the Midland Center, and we will say 'Oh yeah, we need that,'" Dingus said.

One reason Dufford will vote against public transportation at this time is the high-dollar unfunded mandates currently facing the city. They include homeland security and two-in/two-out regulations.

Those expenses make streamlining a budget next to impossible and place more importance on how much a fixed-route system — that will eventually include a link with Odessa — will be used.

"I think there is a need. I think the people who need public transportation need it bad," Simpson said. "It is just difficult to know how many there are."

City's electrician busy putting lights on downtown tree

By Johnnie Montgomery
MTT Correspondent

Sometime today, with a little bit of luck and given the truck holding the bucket holding him doesn't capsize, Midland's electrician, David Sanchez, will finish stringing the lights on the Christmas tree in Midland Center's plaza.

Sanchez and the parks department welder, Lonnie Oldham, began early Monday morning attaching strings of lights to the 30-foot permanent Christmas tree in the plaza by means of one of the city's "cherry picker" trucks.

Sanchez said balancing the bucket at its highest extension can be a little tricky, since the higher up it gets, the jerkier the controls get.

"You have to be careful not to get too far to one side, because it could turn the truck over, so I'm constantly watching," said Sanchez.

Sanchez said he and others in his department put up about 5,000 lights — 300 miniature lights per tree throughout the plaza every year.

He said although the lights should last more than a season, they seldom do.

"I count on having to replace every light at the beginning of the year, because these lights get pretty beat up in one season, with the wind and also with vandalism," he explained.

The lights on the bottom part of the tree are especially subject to theft.

"We're constantly having to replace the bottom lights," Sanchez said. "They (vandals) will go around the tree and strip off every light as far up as they can reach. We replace them, and they do it again." He said he never bothers to replace the minilights, since it's easier and more cost-effective just to replace the entire string.

Sanchez said his job is considerably easier now that there is a permanent living Christmas tree planted in the plaza, but not as much fun.

"For years, we would build a 50-foot artificial tree every year for Christmas," he said. "We would take a crew of about eight up to Cloudercroft and cut about 600 limbs ranging in size from 12 feet to about two feet, then bring them back to Midland, and the whole department would get involved in shaving the limb ends just enough to stick them inside the pipes that held them and put the thing together."

"It would take us a week to cut the limbs, and all that time, we'd be staying in hotel rooms, eating restaurant meals, and there was the cost of transporting the limbs back. It was very beautiful, but it was expensive."

Although the lighting format hasn't yet undergone any radical design changes, Sanchez said he does take note of the latest Christmas lighting trends.

"I just love to drive around and look at all the lights every year," he said. "My wife and I and our two kids will get big mugs of hot chocolate and pile in the car and drive around Crisslands. And of course, I also do the decorations at home, usually lights along the roof line, lights in the shrubbery and a little Santa Claus out in the yard. Whatever my wife tells me to do, I do."

Oldham said he also does the Christmas lights tour, but he prefers to do it in style.

"One year, we rented a limousine and we all piled in and let it drive us around and look at the lights."

"That's really the way to do it."



City electrician David Sanchez strings up the lights at Centennial Plaza Monday morning in preparation for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting held this Saturday.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Two suspects in custody in aftermath of deadly spree

By D. Lance Lunsford
Staff Writer

A car chase early Monday morning ended peacefully but not before

officers shot out the tires of a pickup driven by a man suspected of murder. The suspect's accomplice turned himself in shortly before the pursuit began.

Clinton Lee Young, 18, and David Page, 20, both of Longview are charged with capital murder. They are being held in the Midland County Central Detention Center with a second warrant for capital murder stemming from an earlier homicide in Marshall on Saturday.

The body of Samuel Pentry, 54, of Eastland was found Monday morning on an oil lease near County Road 130 and Midkiff Drive.

Lt. Rory McKinney of the Midland County Sheriff's Office said the two suspects had engaged in a spree of carjacking and kidnapping.

Page had asked Young to drop him off prior to the car chase. McKinney said Page turned himself over to court authorities at the

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MISD schools rated in Texas Monthly report

From Staff Reports

Texas Monthly Magazine rated public schools across the state, and ranked the studied schools from its findings. The criteria was based on student scores on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills, and those scores were compared with other schools of similar demographic makeup.

The schools were ranked according to the size of the gaps between their scores and the scores of other similar schools. The smaller the gap, the better. The schools were then given a star ranking, five stars being the highest and one being the lowest, from those results.

The following is a list of schools

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Educators learn more by heading back to classrooms

By Hillary S. Condon
Staff Writer

Three teachers at Bush Elementary are working harder than they've ever worked before.

Fourth-grade teacher Michelle Cladden will graduate in the spring from the University of Texas at the Permian Basin, with a master's degree in administration. Kindergarten teacher Denise McKowan will graduate sometime around the spring of 2003 with a master's degree in early childhood education. And first-grade teacher Charla Long just started taking classes toward a master's degree in reading.

These three women are part of a new wave of teachers at all levels of the school system, including more than 100 in the Midland Independent School District, who are completing degree programs by night, while juggling their teaching, their families and their lives by day.

"It's hard, because you're working so hard for your classes, and you have to juggle them both," said Ms. Cladden, who already has another master's degree in special education. "They're both very demanding."

All three teachers have different reasons for going back to school, and their degrees serve to help them in their current capacity, as well as move them up the ladder. They are all working toward their degrees at UTPB.

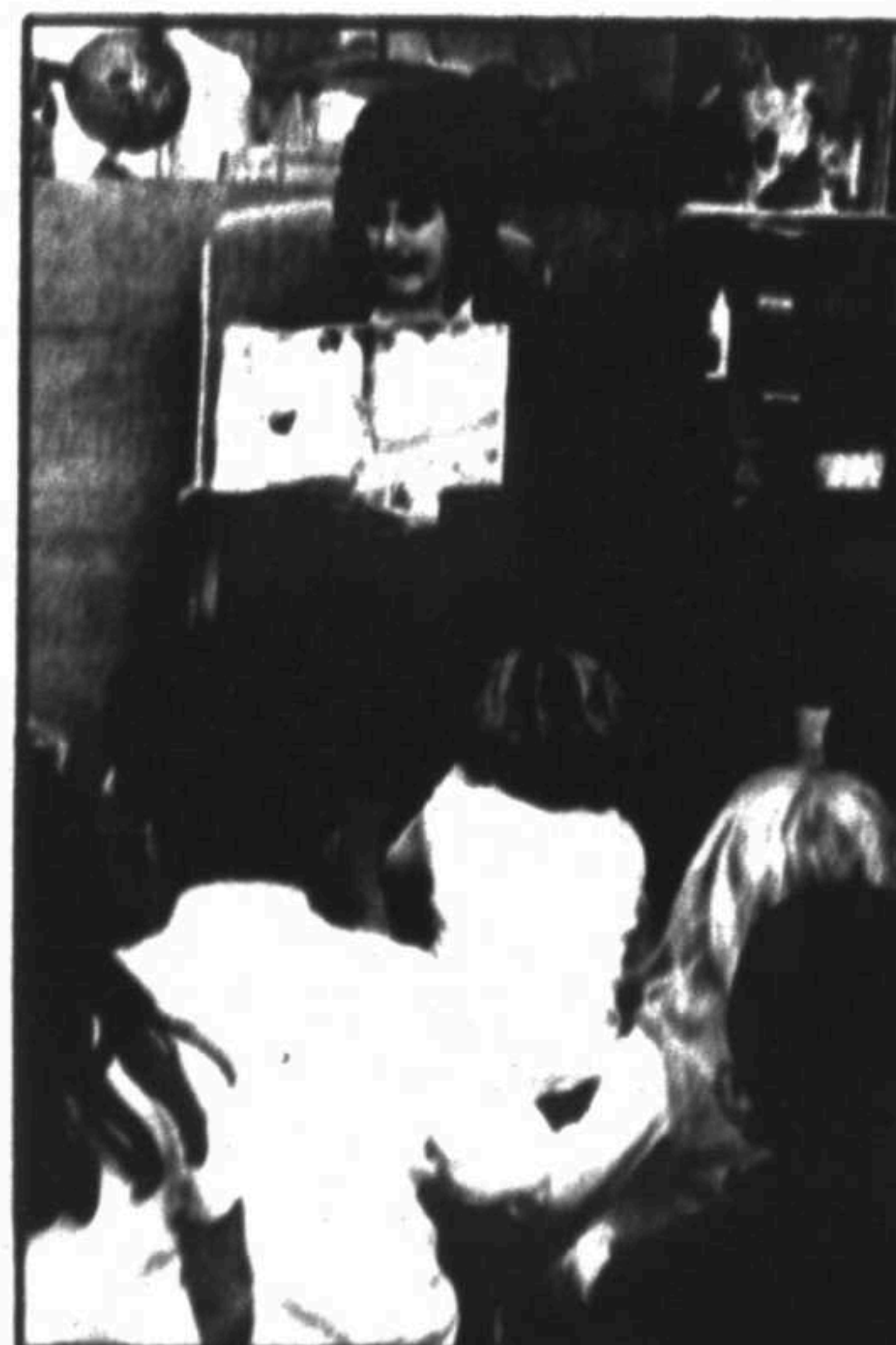
Ms. McKowan said her kindergarten students aren't really aware of the changes she is making, but her classes in early childhood education are hav-

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Denise McKowan works with first-grader Channing Ledbetter Thursday morning at Bush Elementary.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram



Charla Long reads with her first grade class at Bush Elementary.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

SPREE: Suspects remain in custody at detention center

(From 1B)

Midland County Courthouse just before Young was apprehended. McKinney said Page had begun delineating the conspiring events involving himself and Young when police began the chase for Young.

According to the Midland Police Department, at approximately 10 a.m. police received word from a female who said she "had correspondence" with the two men in connection to a homicide in Longview. Police said the woman told police she believed Page and Young were at a Midland restaurant. Police monitored that area until an off-duty officer spotted a vehicle on Interstate 20 near the Business 20 interchange traveling east. That vehicle matched the description of the suspects' vehicle, a white Chevrolet pick-

up. The officer then attempted to stop the truck driven by Young. Early in the pursuit, Young attempted a quick U-turn, blowing his pickup's right tire.

A warrant officer with the Midland Municipal Court fired two shots at Young's pickup, ultimately blowing out one of his tires.

At approximately 11 a.m. Monday, Young surrendered.

The killing spree is believed to have begun Saturday in Marshall, said McKinney. In that case, authorities discovered the body of 52-year-old Doyle Douglas. Page and Young are suspects in that man's death, too. A warrant in connection with Douglas' death had been issued over the weekend.

Young and Page remain in custody at the Midland County Central Detention Center.

REPORT: MISD boasts five 'Five Star' schools

(From 1B)

In the Midland Independent School District according to their rank in the Texas Monthly study, as well as their gaps and star ratings.

Five Stars:
Goddard Junior High, 3
Alamo Junior High, 3
Parker Elementary, 6
San Jacinto Junior High, 6
Abell Junior High, 7

Four Stars:
Emerson Elementary, 14
Scharbauer Elementary, 15
Houston Elementary, 17
Santa Rita Elementary, 17

Three Stars:
South Elementary, 16

Bowie Elementary, 19

Two Stars:
Greathouse Elementary, 17
Fannin Elementary, 18
Lamar Elementary, 25
Bonham Elementary, 26
Burnet Elementary, 28
Bush Elementary, 28
DeZavala Elementary, 28
Rusk Elementary, 28
Travis Elementary, 28

One Star:
Crockett Elementary, 30
Pease Elementary, 32
Henderson Elementary, 34
Jones Elementary, 37
Long Elementary, 37
Washington Elementary, 42
Milam Elementary, 49

Area briefs

Immunizations

The city of Midland and Senior Services will provide free immunizations to the citizens of Midland. The free clinic will take place from 3:30 to 6 p.m. today, at De Zavala Elementary School. A parent or guardian must accompany children less than the age of 18 and must present shot records. For more information please contact the

Midland Health Department at 681-7613.

Water exercise

The Central YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring, is offering arthritis water exercise classes beginning Saturday. The pool is climate controlled. Classes are on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. For more information call Leaf Paller at 682-2551.

Today's Agenda

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

Helping Hands, board meeting, 7 p.m., at 1301 Brinson (former Eagles Building, behind Rogers Ford). Anyone interested in volunteering as a caseworker or to work in the thrift store, is invited to attend. Call 520-8900 for more information.

Back Lunch/Parent Education Mtg., for answers and information, Alamo library, 12-1 p.m.

Midland Chess Club, 7 p.m., Memorial Rehabilitation Hospital.

Battered Women's support group, 6:45 p.m., 683-1300 or 1-800-967-8928.

The 12 Step Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-C, 689-2006.

Tx TOPS Morning Chapter, 8:30 a.m., Grace Presbyterian Church.

Morning Lions Club, 6:45 a.m., Carrows Restaurant, 2201 W. Wall St.

Pop-Up Toasters, 6:30 a.m., Kay Sutton Realtors, 702 Andrews Highway, 694-4271 or 694-3716.

Midland West Rotary Club, noon, Furra Cafeteria, Midland Chapter No. 283, OES, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple.

Licensed Vocational Nurses Assoc., 7:30 a.m., Trinity Towers.

Ranchland Hills Ladies Association, 7 p.m., Couples Bridge, RHCC.

Toastmistress Club, 7:30 p.m., Memorial Christian Church.

45-Plus Dance Club, 7:30 p.m., Knights of Columbus building, 699-6202 or 694-1889.

Beyond Choice support group, for those dealing with post-abortion issues, Dot, 683-3776 and Kathy, 680-HELP.

Midland County Young Democrats, 6:30-6:30 p.m., 3802 Avondale Dr., 684-5548 or 694-4152.

Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Guadalupe, #215, 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall, Cherry Lane & Tyler St.

Bellydancing classes 7-8 p.m., Hawaiian/Tahitian classes 8-9 p.m., 520-4852 or 694-2250.

Study Club, 7:30 p.m., Unity Church of West Texas, 210 E. 12th St., Odessa, 332-5890.

Healthy Alternatives: ADD, 7 p.m., 711 W. Indiana Ave., 670-0272.

Downtown Bible Study, noon, 312 E. Illinois Ave., Suite 6, 682-6746.

Alcoholics Anonymous closed step study, 8 p.m., 111 E. Michigan Ave., 684-9430 or 687-3427.

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

Allison Cancer Center: Meditation with Mary Collier, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., 10-minute sessions, Allison Cancer Center second floor, 687-1949.

Dust Devil Divers Scuba Club, 7 p.m., COM swim complex, 570-6761.

OBITUARIES

Apolinar 'Polly' Lara

Apolinar "Polly" Lara died in a local hospital on November 26, 2001.

A prayer service has been set for Tuesday, November 27, 2001 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home. Funeral services have been scheduled for 2 p.m., Wednesday, November 28, 2001 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Fernando Prado officiating. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Polly was born September 3, 1929 in Casa Piedras, Texas to Gregorio and Sabina Lara. He was reared and educated in Marfa, Texas. He was employed by the City of Midland as Superintendent for the Street Department until his retirement in March, 1992.

Polly is survived by his wife, Celia Lara; his children, Apolinar Lara Jr. and his wife, Mar-

garet, Martha Paredes and her husband, Greg, both of Midland; and Oscar Lara and his wife, Debra of San Antonio; his grandchildren, Melissa, Mario, Paul Matthew, Lauren, Stephen and Marcus; his great-grandchildren, Ashley, Jacob, and Blake; his brothers, Reyes Lara, Greg Lara, and Manuel Lara, all of Midland and his sisters, Mary Gaona and Mikayla Najera of Lubbock.

Frances V. Holleman

Frances V. Holleman was born to William and Vahn Sakune Wall on March 31, 1921 in Madison, Mississippi. Frances was reared and educated in Woodland, Mississippi. She married Charles W. Holleman on September 24, 1939 in Chickasaw Co., Mississippi. Mrs. Holleman was a member of Bethel United Methodist Church of Midland. She died Monday, November 26, 2001 in a local hospital.

Frances was preceded in death by her husband, Charles W. Holleman on April 9, 1984 and her parents.

Mrs. Holleman is survived by her daughter, Patricia A. Coble of Midland; two grandsons, Michael W. and Chris L. Coble both of Rockport, Tex.; two great grandchildren; her siblings, Edward Lee Wall of Mantee, Ms., James Sidney Wall of Belmont, Ms. and JoAnn Parker of Midland; five nephews and two nieces.

Memorial services have been scheduled for Wednesday, November 28, 2001 at 4:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

The family request that memorials be directed to the American Cancer Society, 2304 W. Wadley, Midland, Texas 79703.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

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

Free death notices include date and place of death, service and burial information, funeral home handling arrangements, date and place of birth, brief biography, survivors and memorials. A longer, more detailed obituary is available for a charge. It may include tributes, expanded biography, organizational affiliations, notes of appreciation, pallbearers, honorary pallbearers and a photo. Deadline for both free death notices and paid obituaries is 3:30 p.m. and information must be either received from or verified by a funeral home.

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DEATH NOTICES

Truett Strickland

ROTAN—Truett Strickland, 87, died Saturday, Nov. 24 in the Fisher Co. Hospital. Services were Monday in the First Baptist Church in Rotan with the Rev. Werth Mayes officiating. Burial followed in Belview Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Mr. Strickland was born March 24, 1914 in Rotan to Larkus and Bertha Strickland. He married Edith Boren on Oct. 18, 1932 in Rotan. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Rotan and served in the Rotan Masonic Lodge for more than 50 years. He was a farmer and rancher.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, one son, Ted Strickland; and two brothers, Wesley Strickland and Floyd Strickland.

He is survived by three sons, Harvey Strickland of Rotan, Glen Strickland of Rotan and Gary Strickland of Lubbock; one daughter, Charlene Graham of Lubbock; two sisters, Gladys Niles of Marble Falls and Leota Edwards of Rotan; as well as seven grandchildren including Shannon Strickland of Midland; four great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church in Rotan or West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Johnnie Johnson Sr.

BIG SPRING—Johnnie Johnson Sr., 90, died on Saturday, Nov. 24 in a local nursing home. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27 at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born on March 26, 1902 in San

Antonio. He was a farmer.

Survivors include his wife, Bobbie Jean Johnson of Brownfield; one son, Johnny Johnson Jr. of Big Spring; three daughters, Faye Lynn Johnson and Janet Roselynn Johnson both of Lubbock and Roselle Johnson of Japan; three grandchildren and four nephews.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Ethel Howell

Ethel Mae Howell died in Breckenridge on Nov. 25. Services have been scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28 in Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bob Hopkins officiating. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

MISD to make accounting, service changes

By Hillary S. Condon
Staff Writer

The Midland Independent School District board of trustees will take the first step in changing the district's electrical suppliers and conforming to the state's new accounting standards. The board will be asked to approve a bid for electricity supply and other related services, which MISD Superintendent Robert Nicks said is a major item for the board because of the extremely high dollar value—over \$2 million out of each year's budget.

This year, he said, the school district may be able to give the

taxpayers a break.

"We'll basically be able to make a recommendation to the board as to who would be our electrical supplier," he said. "With electrical deregulation, you now have choices, as opposed to strictly going with your local provider, and our expectation is that we will be able to save the school district a substantial amount of money. Hopefully, we'll be able to save the taxpayers some money, that is our goal."

The Texas Education Agency also has changed some of the mandates regarding the district's accounting system, which, although new staff members will

probably not be needed, will cause some big changes in the MISD business office.

"It's a pretty significant change, because it affects quite a bit of the work we do in the business office," said MISD Executive Director of Business Services Art Martin. "It will require some additional programming that we haven't had in the past, and it requires a considerable amount of work in the area of fixed assets."

The board also will get a preview to a program that will start in the spring, to encourage and help educational aides who are interested in becoming certified as a teacher.

MISD Assistant Superintendent

of Human Resource Services Tom Holland said there are a number of ways the district can encourage aides to get certified, but right now, he's trying to get the word out.

"You can give them submittals, you can give them leave time, you can pay for books and tuition, there are a lot of things that you can do," he said. "What we're trying to do at this point in time is just figure out what's feasible, and mainly we want to make sure every teacher's aide knows about this opportunity."

The MISD board of trustees will meet at 4 p.m. today at the MISD administration building, located at 615 W. Missouri Ave.

LEARN: Teachers have different reasons for going back to school

(From 1B)

ing a direct impact on her daily work. She said that part is what she likes best.

"What I'm learning, I get to use it right away," she said. "Now, I can take what I learn and take it right back to the classroom and see how it works."

She also said her motivation is to improve the education of her students.

"As a teacher, you always want to stay on the cutting edge of education," she said. "You want to

make sure your kids are learning the best."

Ms. Gladden said seeing the whole school, instead of just her classroom, is the best part of her administration degree curriculum plan. As a teacher, she said she now can see what will be expected of her once she gets into an administrative position.

"As a teacher, it's interesting to see what my role is in the school," she said. "I'm learning more about school law, about better teaching methods. You don't

know, as a teacher, how everything works. You just know that it does work."

Ms. Gladden said she's advancing her education to move up the ladder, and that specifically in school administration, teachers cannot move up without more degrees.

Ms. Long said her reading degree will make a difference to her students, and that's what it's all about.

"That's why I do it," she said. "When the light comes on for the

kids. When they can read it, and understand it ... and they're so excited because they did it."

That's why I do it."

Ms. Long also has a daughter in the third grade, who is very excited to not be the only one with homework.

"Now, I come home and do my work for school, help my daughter with her homework and then I have to do my homework ... it's hard," she said. "But I'm a teacher, and I want to be a life-long learner."

Border crossings dip in first full month after Sept. 11 attacks

By Lynn Brozosky
Associated Press

HARLINGEN—Vehicle traffic between bridges connecting Texas and Mexico declined by as much as 27 percent in the first full month after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, new statistics show.

Numbers examined by the Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development at Texas A&M International University revealed that border crossings were down significantly at several Texas cities.

El Paso had a drop of 27 percent, while traffic was down 9 percent in Pharr, and 12 percent at the McAllen-Hidalgo International Bridge near McAllen.

The San Ysidro border crossing in San Diego—the world's busiest international bridge—showed a decline of 900,000 people in October 2001 compared to the same month a year before.

Researchers at Texas A&M International University in Laredo, which is affiliated with Texas A&M in College Station, compiled the data from local governments that collect bridge tolls. Such information often is used to track border economic trends.

Border economists and bridge officials blamed the drop-off largely on a decline in the number of U.S. tourists entering Mexico.

George Ramon, director of the Hidalgo-Reynosa International Bridge, said tourists were

concerned about lengthy delays at Customs offices.

"I don't have the empirical data, but I have talked to a few people who aren't making as frequent trips," he said. "Restaurant owners in Reynosa tell me their business from American tourists are down."

Ramon said another factor was border crossing cards, or visas, which expired before some 2 million Mexicans applied for the "laser visas" that replaced them.

But U.S. consulates in border cities continue to process thousands of applications a day, and the stamps they give saying a visa is in the works are honored by

Customs.

"The point is Mexicans are still coming across. It's the U.S. citizens that are not coming across," Ramon said.

Ramon and other bridge officials said the delays at the bridges following the attacks have since returned to normal because of additional inspectors and lanes. Nationwide, the U.S. Customs is paying out some \$5 million per week in overtime, about triple what it would normally spend, in order to speed things up.

"The wait times are up, but

they're not nearly as long as they were September 11, 12, and 13," El Paso-based Customs spokesman Roger Maier said.

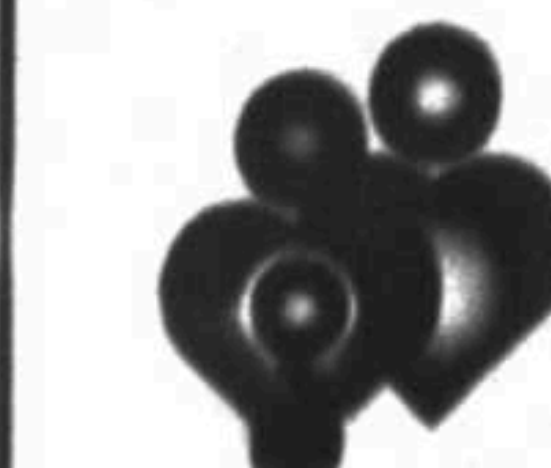
"Business leaders and elected officials keep throwing around figures like it's September 15. If the public still thinks it's a three hour wait I can see why they would not want to cross," he said.

In El Paso, extra lanes are being opened before the morning rush hour to lessen the wait times. "It's like the theory of the relay race," Maier said. "If you fall behind in the first leg it's hard to catch up."

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DEAR ABBY: Wives

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been together for a long time. More than 20 of them. Most of the men we married, but most of the women who work there are single. The problem is that wives are not welcome at these parties.

My husband married two years ago. It is a nice tradition, shouldn't make being invited.

I can't believe we are happy with the to my knowledge openly object to

Houston

HOUSTON (AP)—The Texas political return to the U.S.

Ken Bentsen, a congressman from area's 25th District, followed in the footsteps of his uncle, Lloyd Bentsen, who was elected to the Senate in 1993 and remained there until he died in 1993.

Bentsen began his announcement Monday, beginning to kick off his bid for the seat. Democrats the seat by Republican who is retiring after 11 years in Congress. Bentsen's seat, Lyndon Johnson, Democratic hand when Johnson became president and Republican won the seat.

"I want to be who reclaims the Johnson, sits at the Houston and proud tradition Bentsen," he said. The elder Bentsen, a wheelchair, nephew at announcement. He at the event.

Ken Bentsen, an investment banker, national aide who has County Democrat for four years who elected to Congress.

He joins Victor, the Democrat for the Senate seat high school geography who gained attention in his truck en route to many victory in 1993 in Bentsen.

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DEAR ABBY

Wives aren't welcome at husband's office party

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Every year, my husband and his co-workers get together for a holiday dinner at a nice restaurant. More than 20 of them participate. Most of the men are married, but most of the women who work there are single. The problem is that wives are not welcome at these parties.



Pauline & Joanne Phillips

My husband and I have been married two years. He says this is a nice tradition and that I shouldn't make waves about not being invited. I can't believe the other wives are happy with this tradition, but to my knowledge, none of them openly object to it. Am I wrong

to feel that both members of the couple should be invited to social functions? — RESENTFUL IN SEATTLE

DEAR RESENTFUL: Yes, you are wrong. Your husband is an employee of the company and does not make the rules. Do not make him feel guilty for attending the dinner without you. These occasions are part of the job. There are plenty of other nights when you and your husband can enjoy a holiday dinner at a nice restaurant of your choosing. So please stop giving him heartburn.

DEAR ABBY: There are times when we all need a pick-me-up.

Yesterday I was having a terrible day. It just kept going downhill. I had spent several hours at my grandmother's nursing home, as I do every week. I enjoy being of service, but always leave with mixed emotions.

I made a quick stop at a department store to look for something new to wear. I found a beautiful

pale blue dress that was a perfect fit. However, after I paid for it, I noticed that a section of the dress had separated due to some mending stitching. Just my luck. Then I remembered an alterations shop that had recently opened near my home and thought I'd give it a try.

The woman behind the counter admired the dress and assured me it would be no problem to fix. I sat for a few minutes while she mended my dress.

Well, she did more than that, Abby. That kind lady mended my heavy heart. When the dress was done, I grabbed my wallet to pay. She refused the money with a smile and said, "You pay next time" — even though we both knew I wasn't a regular customer and there could very well never be a next time. Her act of kindness lifted me up when I needed a boost.

This is a reminder to people who may think that one simple act isn't all that monumental. I beg to differ. One simple gesture can

turn someone's day around.

We can all do our part to make a gloomy day begin to shine by recognizing acts of kindness when we encounter them. There is a letter in the mail from me to the owners of that alterations shop, with a glowing report about their employee's generosity.

PASS IT ON, FOLKS. CALL IT

DEAR PASS IT ON: The lady in the alterations shop was more than a welcome ray of sunshine. She's an astute businesswoman with a flair for public relations. By making her gallant gesture, she assured that when you need alterations in the future, you'll consider her services. And I'll bet you have already mentioned her generosity to some of your friends and family.

Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips, aka Abigail Van Buren, and daughter Joanne Phillips. Their column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

Mother charged in baby's death

HOUSTON (AP) — A northwest Harris County woman has been charged with capital murder in the apparent asphyxiation death of her newborn baby boy.

Annastasia Leigh Tondee, 25, agreed to turn herself in Monday. She was to be held without bond upon her arrest.

The baby's father found the boy's body sealed in a plastic container in the garage on Wednesday and called the Harris County Sheriff's Department.

Tondee told detectives she gave birth early Nov. 10 in a bathroom. Her other two chil-

dren, ages 2 and 1, were asleep and her husband was not home, she said.

The woman reported the baby was alive and moving when she cut the umbilical cord, but the infant later stopped breathing, authorities said. Tondee acknowledged wrapping up the baby, sealing it in the container and storing it in the garage, detectives said.

Harris County Children's Protective Services had no record of prior dealings with Tondee, spokeswoman Judy Hay said. Her two other children have been placed in the care of relatives.

Houston congressman to seek U.S. Senate seat

HOUSTON (AP) — A familiar Texas political name wants to return to the U.S. Senate.

Ken Bentsen, a four-term congressman from the Houston-area's 25th District, is hoping to follow in the footsteps of his uncle, Lloyd Bentsen, who first was elected to the Senate in 1970 and remained there until stepping down in 1993 to become President Clinton's first treasury secretary.

Bentsen began a series of announcements around the state Monday, beginning in McAllen, to kick off his bid to regain for Democrats the seat being vacated by Republican Phil Gramm, who is retiring after three terms.

Gramm's seat, once held by Lyndon Johnson, has not been in Democratic hands since 1961, when Johnson became vice president and Republican John Tower won the seat.

"I want to be the Democrat who reclaims the seat of Lyndon Johnson, sits at the desk of Sam Houston and continues in the proud tradition of Lloyd Bentsen," he said.

The elder Bentsen, confined to a wheelchair, accompanied his nephew at the Houston announcement. He did not speak at the event.

Ken Bentsen, 42, is a former investment banker and congressional aide who had been Harris County Democratic chairman for four years when he was first elected to Congress in 1994.

He joins Victor Morales seeking the Democratic nomination for the Senate seat. Morales is a high school geography teacher who gained attention by campaigning in his white pickup truck en route to a stunning primary victory in 1996 before losing to Gramm.

He's likely to be joined by former Attorney General Dan

Morales and former Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk, who have indicated they're planning to run in the March 12 primary. An Austin attorney, Ed Cunningham, also has said he's running.

"I think it's wide open, not only in the primaries but in the general election as well," Bentsen said. "I'm willing to put my record up against anybody."

Texas Attorney General John Cornyn and Austin physicist Lawrence Cranberg are seeking the GOP nomination for the Senate seat.

"We need somebody in the U.S. Senate seat who can hit the ground running and there's only one candidate in the race today," Bentsen said.

Bill Miller, an Austin-based political consultant, said Bentsen's last name will go only so far with voters, noting that Lloyd Bentsen, while a legendary political figure, has been out of office for some time now.

"He's history," Miller said. "Bentsen's got a great name, but to win this race he's going to have to win twice because he's not going to win without a runoff."

"Dan Morales has won statewide and never lost an election," said Miller, who also described Kirk, Dallas' first black mayor, as "very charismatic, very popular."

"He's going to take away part of Bentsen's Houston base," Miller said. "These are formidable opponents."

While Republicans have tried to paint him as a liberal, Bentsen has campaigned as a moderate, favoring a balanced budget, welfare reform, abortion rights and environmental protection.

"I think I've got a very strong record and quite saleable to Texas families all over this state," he said. "I'm the type of candidate who has very deeply held values and principles. But people want you to do something and get things accomplished. They want you to stand for

what you believe in but at the end of the day they want a product I've been the type of candidate who's delivered."

He has survived bruising races against Republicans in his 25th District that covers parts of east and southwest Harris County and northeast Fort Bend County, including his first race in 1994 when he and his GOP opponent spent a combined \$4 million, making it at the time the most expensive congressional race ever conducted in Texas.

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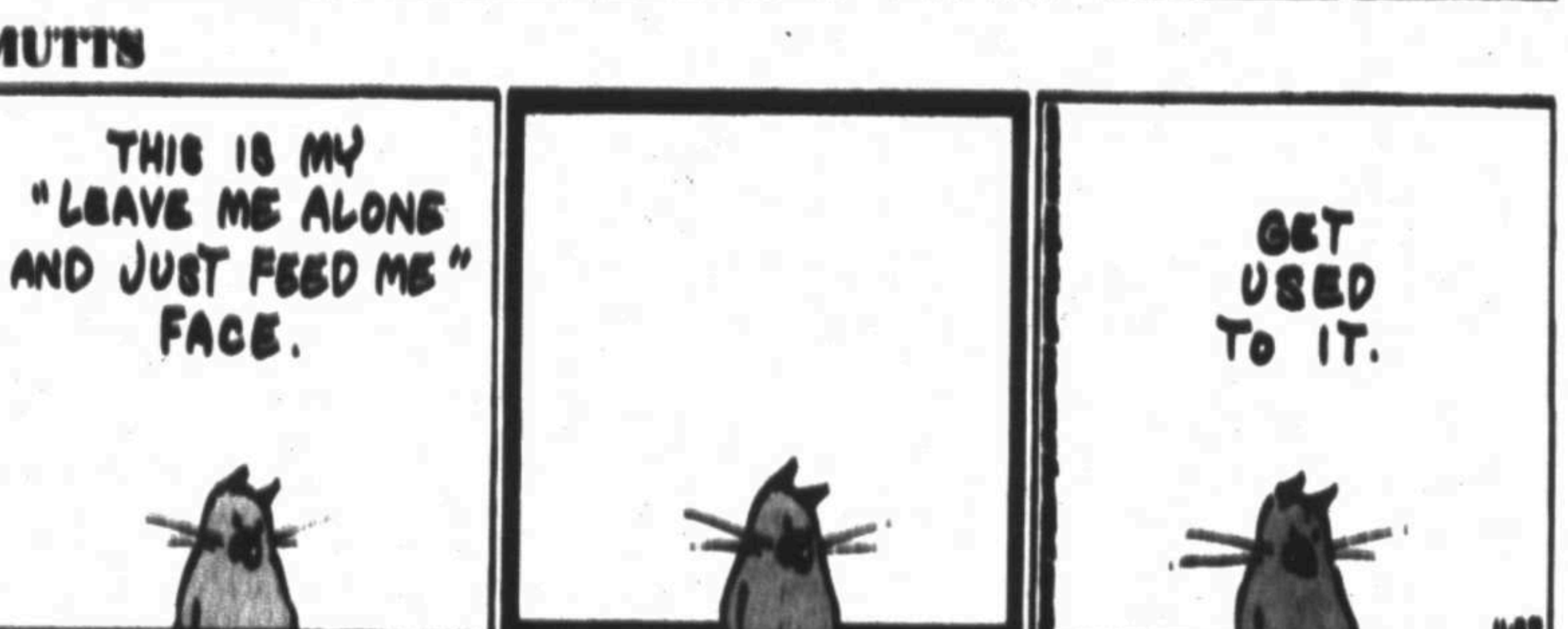
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

King of rock 'n' roll to be inducted into Gospel Hall of Fame

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — It was no secret that the king of rock 'n' roll preferred gospel music.

"It more or less puts your mind at ease," Elvis Presley once said of the music he first heard as a boy attending the Assembly of God Church. "It does mine."

On Tuesday, Presley will be inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame during a ceremony at The People's Church in Franklin, south of Nashville.

Already a member of the halls of fame for rock 'n' roll and country music, the gospel addition will give Presley the distinction of being the only entertainer inducted into all three.

Presley won only three Grammys in his career, all for his gospel work. "How Great Thou Art" won Best Sacred Performance in 1967; "He Touched Me" got Best Inspirational Performance in 1972; and a live version of "How Great Thou Art" won Best Inspirational Performance in 1974.

He died in August 1977 at age 42.

Joining Presley in the Gospel Music Hall of Fame on Tuesday will be Kurt Kaiser, Keith Green, Larry Norman, Doris Akers, Albertina Walker, Wendy Bagwell & the Sunliters and The Rambos.

NEW YORK — Kids may be thrilled to own action figures of the young heroes in "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," but the actors the dolls are modeled after aren't looking forward to being toyed with.

"Oh, they're scary. They are scary. To think that people are going to be playing with you," said Rupert Grint, who plays Harry's friend, Ron Weasley.

"I feel like a voodoo doll," added Emma Watson, who plays their brainy buddy, Hermione Granger. "It's grim. It's gross."

And besides, Watson said, the dolls don't even resemble her. "There's too many of them. There's the Hermione Granger doll, the Hermione action figure," she said. "An average of them didn't really look like me. Some of them did but others just didn't look anything like me."

"Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," starring Daniel Radcliffe as the young wizard, has grossed more than \$188 million in just 10 days.

NEW YORK — Alexandra Wentworth wasn't interested this spring when friends tried to set her up with George Stephanopoulos, a notorious bachelor.

Last week, she married him.

Stephanopoulos, the 40-year-old ABC News political analyst, proposed to Wentworth, a 36-year-old actress, three months after their first date.

They tied the knot on Nov. 20 at Manhattan's Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity. The marriage is the first for both.

"At the end, they kissed about five times," Wentworth's spokeswoman, Wendy Morris, told People magazine for its Dec. 3 issue. "It was very sweet."

Stephanopoulos' father, Robert, a Greek Orthodox priest, performed the ceremony. Among the 200 guests were Peter Jennings, Barbara Walters, Paulina Porizkova and James Carville.

BALTIMORE — Being a pop star is a lot harder than Aaron Carter thought it would be.

"Honestly, I thought it was just being recognized and having everybody in the whole world love you," the 14-year-old brother of Backstreet Boy Nick Carter told AP Radio.

"But you know, you actually have a lot more enemies being a star than you do being a normal person, because some people get jealous, some people don't think you're fit for it, or some people just wanna be doing what you do."

Carter said he understands that other kids think his life of touring and performing is unusual. This spring, he appeared in the musical "Seussical" on Broadway.

"To me, this is my normal life," he said. "In a way, the other kids are wishing they could be where I am, and I'm wishing I could be where they are."

WASHINGTON — It took four years for Whoopi Goldberg and Garth Brooks to make the TV movie "Call Me Claus," but

Goldberg said the delay wasn't because she'd be starring as a black female Santa.

"It never occurred to anybody that that was the problem. The problem was that it was an old-fashioned story," she said. "And if you're looking at something like 'The Sopranos' and 'Sex and the City,' this comes up a little — you know, I don't know — old-fashioned."

Goldberg said she's co-producing and starring in the movie because she wanted to make a holiday special for her grand-

children.

"Christmas in my house is a madhouse, but I love the holidays," the 46-year-old said. "We do Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, we do everything. So there are menorahs and giant Christmas trees and Santa Claus and elves and all kinds of craziness."

"Call Me Claus," which features new music from Brooks, airs at 8 p.m. EST Sunday on TNT.

Compiled from Associated Press wire reports.

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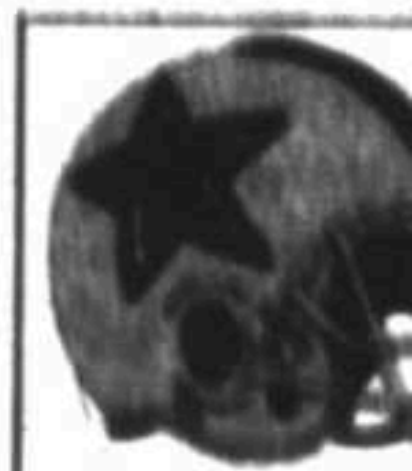
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Fossil Ridge air raid to face off against running Rebels

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

You probably can't put two more opposite football teams on the field than what you will find Saturday at Odessa's Ratliff Stadium when 8-4 Midland Lee takes on 10-2 Keller Fossil Ridge in the Class 5A Big School football quarterfinals.

Lee makes a living by running the football. Fossil Ridge lights up the sky with the pass.

The Panthers of Fossil Ridge have three offensive players who can cause you trouble in a flick of the eye.

Quarterback Zac Dahman is the celebrated star. This is the fifth season for football at Fossil Ridge and Dahman got the Panthers to the state playoffs last year where they lost in the second round to Arlington Lamar.

He has been even better this year, completing 190 of 300 passes

for 3,118 yards and 27 touchdowns. Dahman is one of the top passers in the state this season.

And when he goes to the air, he likes to find Eric Waltz, who has 61 catches for 1,283 yards. Then there is Michael DePriest who has caught 45 passes for 1,043 yards. Put that together and there is a 3,000-yard passer and two receivers with more than 1,000 yards. That's big offensive potential.

"There's no question that they like to throw the football," said Lee coach John Parchman. "It looks like we will have to get good pressure on the quarterback again this week."

Fossil Ridge has beaten two good teams to get to this date with Lee. The Panthers tossed out state ranked Lewisville in the first round and then came back with 33-17 win last week over 9-3 Arlington High.

"Fossil Ridge has beaten two good football teams," Parchman says,

"but we don't know how well they travel because they haven't done any. At least, they have to travel this week."

Against Arlington, the Panthers trailed the Colts by a 17-13 margin at the half, but opened the second half with four consecutive scoring drives against Arlington to put the game away.

Defensively, Fossil Ridge has had its up and down moments. Against Arlington, the Panthers allowed Arlington's superb running back Gary Porter 82 yards in the first half and then held him to just seven yards in the second half.

The Panthers lost two games in regular season play and those two losses would suggest that the passing game can take a day off now and then. Fossil Ridge dropped a 33-0 decision to Coppell, a team Abilene Cooper defeated last season in the playoffs. And the Panthers also fell hard to R.L. Turner, 35-7. Turner is a team that lost

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DALLAS COWBOYS

QB merry-go-round continues Carter to make return as Cowboys starter

By Stephen Hawkins
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — The Dallas Cowboys are back where they started at quarterback.

Rookie Quincy Carter, the opening-day starter who has played just five quarters because of injuries, practiced with the Cowboys' first-team offense Monday, and coach Dave Campo said he would start Sunday's game at Washington. Carter hasn't played since tearing his left hamstring Oct. 7 at Oakland.

Ryan Leaf, the fourth starter this season, will be the backup after losing all three of his Dallas starts.

"It's been stated all of the way through the year that when Quincy was healthy, he would be our starter, and the only reason he wasn't was because of injury," Campo said. "We feel good about him. We want to get him out there and let him get going."

Carter's return ironically comes against the Redskins (5-5) and Tony Banks, the quarterback the Cowboys unexpectedly cut mid-way through training camp to clear the way for Carter. Banks, who replaced Jeff George after two games, is 5-3 as the starter for Washington, the first team to win five straight games after an 0-5 start.

After playing the entire game in the season-opening 10-6 loss to Tampa Bay, Carter injured his throwing thumb in practice and missed two games. The hamstring injury came in the first quarter of his return at Oakland.

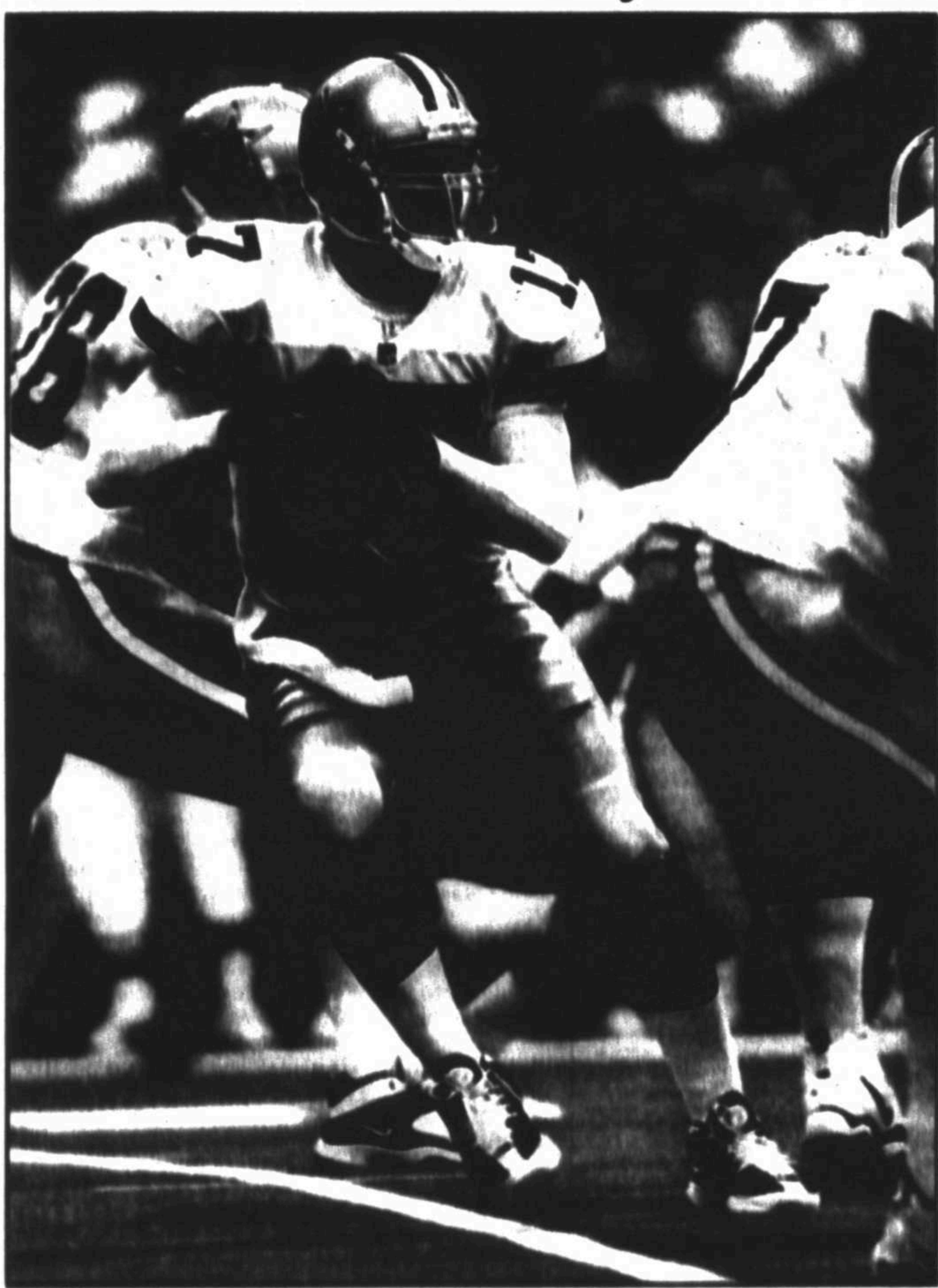
During practice Monday, Carter showed no ill effects from the injuries or his changed grip on the football. He moved around with ease and looked good throwing the ball, at times hitting deep receivers in stride despite some gusty winds.

"I'm back in the mix now. Now that I'm back on the field, it just feels good," Carter said, adding he felt no pain. "That's what we wanted. We wanted it that when I went back on the field it was 100 percent, and that's what it is."

When Carter had hamstring surgery Oct. 15, the prognosis for recovery was 6-8 weeks. Monday marked seven weeks, even though he had been listed as the No. 3 quarterback and available in an emergency the past three games.

"I healed up a lot quicker than we were all thinking, but we wanted to be slow with it and make sure," he said.

In Leaf's last start, the Cowboys trailed Denver by 23 points in the fourth quarter



Dallas Cowboys quarterback Quincy Carter (17) looks downfield to pass during the first quarter of their preseason game against the Jacksonville Jaguars earlier this season. On Monday the Cowboys said Carter is finally healthy and will start Sunday.

Thanksgiving Day before losing 26-24. Leaf finished 16-of-32 for 193 yards, tying a season high for the team, but seven completions and 109 yards came in the fourth quarter. He also fumbled three times, the one lost fumble leading directly to a Broncos touchdown.

Leaf wasn't in the locker room after practice Monday, but Campo had spoken to him about the change.

"In a three-game span, he made some improvements. Toward the end of the game

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Texas impressed by Colorado's big win over Nebraska

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — The excitement of being in the Big 12 championship began leaving Texas coach Mack Brown about the time he started watching the game film of Colorado's dominating performance against Nebraska.

Seeing the Buffaloes run over, through and around the Cornhuskers' defense in a 62-36 victory was all Brown needed to realize the No. 3 Longhorns wouldn't have it as easy against No. 9 Colorado as they did six weeks ago.

"I've never seen a team line up and get after Nebraska like Colorado did," Brown said Monday. "Our defense is very similar to Nebraska's. In fact, they were rated better than us going into the game."

"We're just amazed. I stood there saying, 'What do you do?'"

Now, Texas (10-1) is ahead of Nebraska in a much more important ranking: the Bowl Championship Series standings.

The Longhorns are No. 3, meaning if they beat the Buffs and if either No. 1 Miami or No. 2 Florida loses, UT could be headed to the national championship game. Even if that happens, it's not a certainty, though, because Tennessee — which plays Florida on Saturday — could slide ahead of Texas in the BCS formula.

Regardless of how it works out, the fact the Longhorns are this close is something they hardly expected after losing to Oklahoma the first weekend in October. The Sooners were knocked out of the way Saturday when they lost to Oklahoma State.

Please see BIG12/2C

Miami, Florida 1-2 in BCS standings as season winds down

By Richard Rosenblatt
AP Football Writer

Miami and Florida moved closer to playing the biggest game yet in their long, often bitter rivalry.

The Hurricanes and Gators settled into first and second place, respectively, in the Bowl Championship Series standings released Monday.

And all indications are that if both win the rest of their games, it's on to the national championship game in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 3.

Miami (10-0) and Florida (9-1) have met 50 times since 1938 — the series is tied 25-all — but never with the national title on the line for both teams. Last year, Miami beat Florida 37-20 in the Sugar Bowl, just a few days after players from each team duked it out in a Bourbon Street brawl.

With Nebraska and Oklahoma losing — the Huskers were first, the Sooners third entering the Thanksgiving weekend — the latest BCS standings underwent major changes.

Texas (10-1) jumped to third place, with Nebraska (11-1) fourth, Oregon (9-1) fifth and Tennessee (9-1) sixth.

Miami, ranked No. 1 in the AP media poll the past seven weeks, had 2.92 points in the BCS standings. Florida had 6.95 points and Texas was next at 8.77 points. The next three teams were within 1.39 points of each other — Nebraska at 10.48 points, Oregon at 10.87 and Tennessee at 11.87.

The BCS ratings, which determine who plays in Pasadena, are based on a formula that incorporates the AP media and coaches' polls, eight computers, strength of schedule, won-lost record and bonus points for big wins.

The final BCS standings will be released Dec. 9.

"Miami and Florida are in control, it's up to them," said Jerry Palm, who operates a Web site that closely monitors the BCS standings. "If one falls, then Texas and Tennessee are in the best position, but it depends on who else falls and

Please see BCS/2C

Hokies, Michigan among those to accept bowl bids

Associated Press

Virginia Tech gets another chance at Florida State in a bowl game, but the stakes won't be as high as they were in the Sugar Bowl two years ago.

The Hokies and Seminoles agreed on Monday to play in the Gator Bowl on Jan. 1, a far cry from the '99 Sugar Bowl when Florida State won the national title with a 46-29 win over Virginia Tech.

Florida State, 6-4 and unranked entering Saturday's game against Georgia Tech, played in the last three national title games. No. 14 Virginia Tech is 8-2 entering Saturday's game against No. 1 Miami.

The game will be played at Altitude Stadium in Jacksonville, Fla. Other teams accepting bowl bids on Monday included No. 17 Michigan and No. 23 Ohio State, the second and third-place finishers in the Big Ten Conference.

The Wolverines (8-3) are headed to the Citrus Bowl on Jan. 1 in Orlando against a Southeastern Conference opponent. The Buckeyes (7-4) will play in the Outback Bowl on Jan. 1 in Tampa, Fla., also against an SEC opponent.

Also, the Big East Conference bowl lineup appears set now that the Hokies are in the Gator.

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Sapp, defense lead Tampa Bay in upset over Rams

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Warren Sapp slowed up what he called "the greatest show on turf" just in time to keep the Tampa Bay Buccaneers alive in the playoff race.

The Bucs upset the St. Louis Rams 24-17 Monday night as the 300-pound defensive tackle, who had just three sacks coming into the game, added two more against Kurt Warner, forced a fumble and spent much of the game in the St. Louis backfield.

Mike Alstott ran for touchdowns of 7 and 8 yards and Warrik Dunn scored from 21 yards out early in the fourth quarter to break a 17-all tie.

Two late interceptions sealed the win and kept the Bucs (5-5) in the NFC playoff race. The loss dropped St. Louis (8-2) into a tie for first in the NFC West with San Francisco.

But the win didn't come easy.

With 6:30 left, the Bucs had a fourth-and-inches at the St. Louis 10 following a blocked punt by Ronde Barber. Instead of trying a field goal that would have given them a 10-point lead, they went for it and got the first down.

But three plays later, Brian Young intercepted Brad Johnson's pass and the Rams

reached the Bucs 42 before Donnie Abraham intercepted Warner's fourth-down pass to quell that threat.

The Rams got the ball back with 2:35 left, but John Lynch intercepted Warner's first pass to clinch the game.

The Rams, who beat Tampa Bay 11-6 here in the NFC title game two seasons ago and lost 38-35 in Tampa last season, moved up and down the field all night but managed just one TD. They fumbled three times and took over the NFL lead in turnovers with 32.

Sapp came into the game with just three sacks in nine games. Last season, he had 16 1/2 and his 29 in the 1999 and 2000 seasons led the NFL over that period.

But on this night, he lived up to his reputation, even forcing Frank Garcia, who had started at left guard for the injured Tom Nutter, out of the game. Nutter, who had a high ankle sprain, returned in the third quarter and limped off again in the fourth.

The Bucs led 10-9 at halftime although they were outgained 210-95.

Jeff Wilkins' 44-yard field goal on the opening drive gave the Rams a 3-0 lead, but only after Warner threw three straight incomplete passes, missing a wide-open Isaac Bruce

in the end zone on first down.

Alstott's 7-yard run 1:41 into the second period gave the Bucs a 7-3 lead. It came at the end of a 54-yard drive that began when Sapp recovered a fumble by Bruce.

Wilkins made it 7-6 with a 42-yard field goal 5 minutes before halftime. But Tampa Bay got the 3 points back on Martin Gramatica's 36-yarder after Sapp sacked Warner, forcing a fumble that Marcus Jones recovered at the St. Louis 22.

Wilkins returned the favor again with a 24-yarder on the final play of the half.

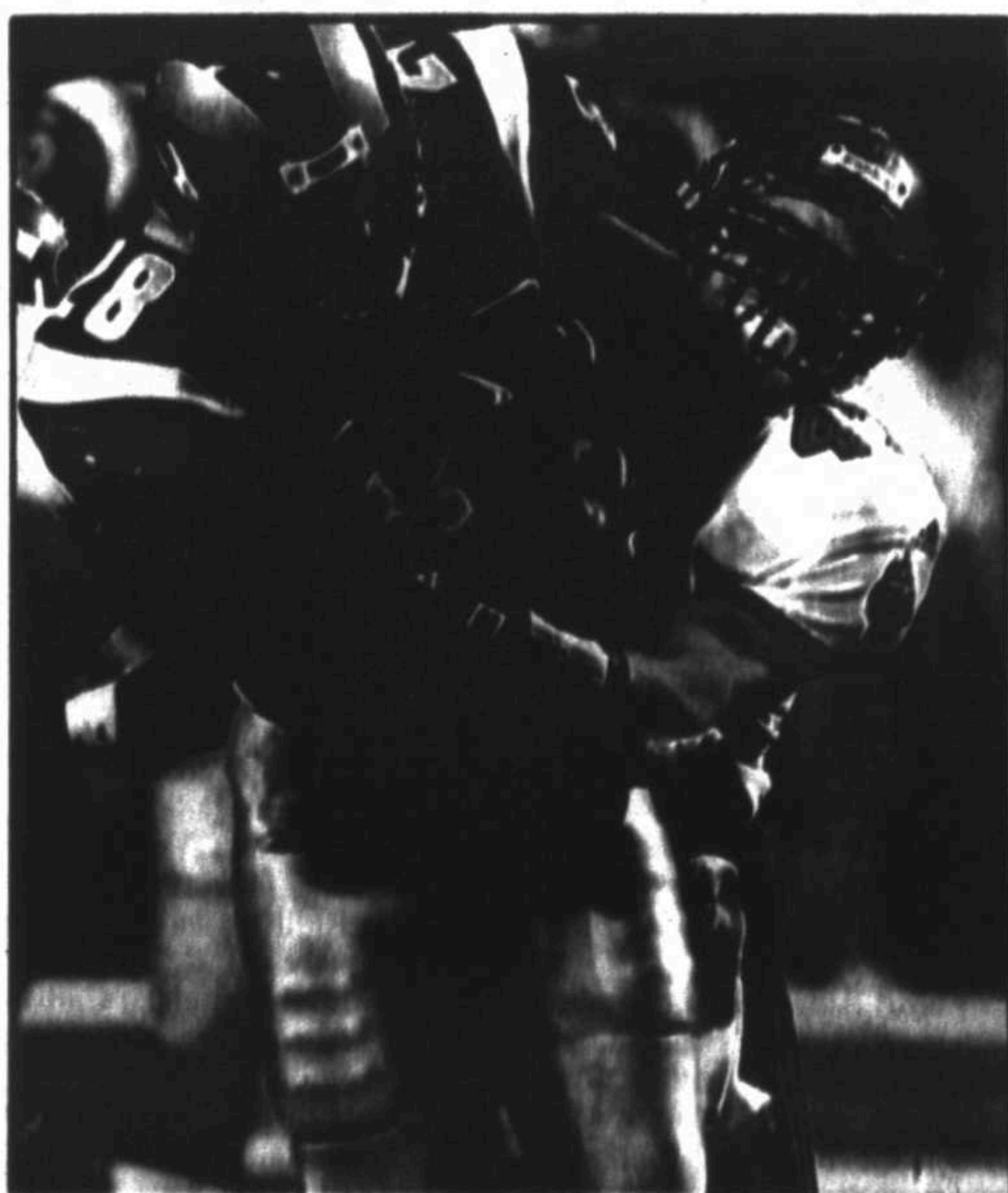
Then the Bucs went 68 yards on 11 plays to open the second half, with Alstott zigzagging in from 8 yards out to make it 17-9.

The Rams drove right back, 85 yards in 12 plays to score on a 1-yard fourth down pass from Warner to rookie tight end Brandon Manumaleuna. Faulk then ran in for a 2-point conversion to tie the game at 17.

Then Tampa Bay went 90 yards in 9 plays, with Dunn running it in from 21 yards out.

St. Louis Rams running back Marshall Faulk (38) is dragged back by Tampa Bay Buccaneers' John Lynch during the second quarter Monday in St. Louis.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

Associated Press

How are last weekend's results and this week's playoffs in the Texas high school football playoffs.

Class 5A

DIVISION I

Region I

Midland Lee 25, El Paso Franklin 0

Keller Fossil Ridge 33, Arlington 17

Quarterfinals

Midland Lee (8-4) vs. Keller Fossil Ridge (10-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Ratliff Stadium, Odessa

Region II

Mesquite 21, Tyler Lee 7

The Woodlands 28, Copperton Cove 12

Quarterfinals

Mesquite (12-0) vs. The Woodlands (9-3), 1 p.m. Saturday, Casey Stadium, Waco

Region III

Alief Hastings 24, Houston Lamar 1

Pearland 28, Humble Kingwood 27

Quarterfinals

Alief Hastings (9-2) vs. Pearland (12-0), 4 p.m. Saturday, Astrodom, Houston

Region IV

San Antonio Taff 32, Converse Judson 13

Corpus Christi Carroll 26, La Joya 13

Quarterfinals

San Antonio Taff (10-2) vs. Corpus Christi Carroll (7-5), noon Saturday, Buccaneer Stadium, Corpus Christi

DIVISION II

Region I

Lubbock Monterey 35, El Paso Andress 16

Eulises Trinity 34, Carrollton Turner 7

Quarterfinals

El Paso Del Valle 14, Abilene High 10

DeSoto 35, Colleyville Heritage 14

Region II

Allen 20, Longview 17

Spring Westfield 30, Waco Lufkin 24

Quarterfinals

Allen (10-2) vs. Spring Westfield (11-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Waco ISD Stadium, Waco

Region III

Houston Westlake 40, Katy 21

Galena Park North Shore 42, Aldine Nimitz 31

Quarterfinals

Fort Bend Hightower 44, Houston Worthing 0

Humble 44, Baytown Lee 7

Region IV

Austin Westlake 63, San Antonio Clark 35

Corpus Christi Miller 34, Edinburg 14

Quarterfinals

San Antonio Madison 31, San Antonio Marshall 0

Laredo Nacoli 24, Edinburg North 7

Region I

Austin Westlake (1-1) vs. Corpus Christi Miller (11-1), 5 p.m. Saturday, Alamodome, San Antonio

San Antonio Madison (10-2) vs. Laredo Nacoli (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Comalander Field, San Antonio

Class 4A

DIVISION I

Region I

Amarillo Palo Duro 27, El Paso Yalata 0

Burleson 11, Grapevine 10

Quarterfinals

Amarillo Palo Duro (11-1) vs.

Burleson (10-2), 1 p.m. Saturday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

Region II

Denton Ryan 38, Dallas Sunset 21

Corpus Christi 24, Richardson Peeres 14

Quarterfinals

Denton Ryan (12-0) vs. Corpus Christi (8-3), 6:00 p.m. Friday, Homer S. Johnson Stadium, Garland

Region III

Nederland 20, Magnolia 19

Fredericksburg 42, Houston Sterling 0

Quarterfinals

Nederland (10-2) vs. Fredericksburg (12-0), TBA

Region IV

Smithson Valley 21, San Marcos 7

San Antonio Roosevelt 51, Alice 14

Quarterfinals

Smithson Valley (12-0) vs. San Antonio Roosevelt (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Memorial Stadium, Harlingen

DIVISION II

Region I

Andrews 31, El Paso Riverside 14

Southlake Carroll 37, Fort Worth Dunbar 27

Quarterfinals

Southlake Carroll (12-0) vs. Fort Worth Dunbar (9-2), El Paso Portland

Region II

Fort Worth Boswell 22, Crowley 13

Andrews (7-5) vs. Southlake Carroll (11-1), 7 p.m. Saturday, Ratliff Stadium, Odessa

Region III

Fredericksburg (10-2) vs. Fort Worth Boswell, TBA

Region IV

Dallas Samuel 28, Sherman 21

Highland Park 35, Jacksonville 24

Quarterfinals

Dallas Samuel (8-4) vs. Highland Park (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, John Clark Field, Plano

Region II

Ennis 28, Dallas Lincoln 0

Terrill 20, Mesquite Point 7

Quarterfinals

Ennis (12-0) vs. Terrill (7-5), 2:00 p.m. Saturday, Homer S. Johnson Stadium, Garland

Region III

Jasper 68, Waller 23

Houston Forest Brook 24, La Marque 16

Quarterfinals

Jasper (11-1) vs. Houston Forest Brook (12-0), TBA

Region IV

San Antonio Alamo Heights 14, Corpus Christi Carroll 10

Baytown Lee 7, Bay City 41

Quarterfinals

San Antonio Alamo Heights (10-2) vs. Corpus Christi Carroll (7-5), 2 p.m. Saturday, Alamodome, San Antonio

Class 3A

DIVISION I

Region I

Perryton 40, Lamesa 13

Vernon 20, Aledo 13

Quarterfinals

Perryton (12-0) vs. Perryton (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dock Bivens Stadium, Amarillo

Region II

Everman 21, Fomery 17

Everman (12-0) vs. Perryton (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Rose Stadium, Tyler

Region III

Mexia 17, Gatesville 13

Bridge City 17, Sweeney 14

Quarterfinals

Mexia (9-3) vs. Bridge City (10-2), 1 p.m. Saturday, Stephen F. Austin, Nacogdoches

Region IV

Bellevue 17, Banders 7

Bellevue (12-0) vs. Belton (12-0),

2 p.m. Saturday, Memorial Stadium, Victoria

DIVISION II

Region I

Crane 22, Muleshoe 0

Bridgeport 35, Hillsboro 14

Alpine 21, Shallowater 20

Quarterfinals

Crane (10-2) vs. Bridgeport (7-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

Region II

Kennedale (11-1) vs. Alpine (11-1), 7 p.m. Friday, San Angelo Stadium

Region III

Commerce 63, Dallas Pinkston 20

Winnboro 42, Atlanta 14

Winnboro (11-1) vs. Commerce (11-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Rose Stadium, Tyler

Region IV

Winnboro (11-1) vs. Commerce (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Wildcat-Ram Stadium, Richardson

DIVISION II

Region I

China Spring 43, Martin 14

Newton 28, Italy 25

Goedings 61, Diboll 14

Altair Rice 29, Barbers Hill 7

Quarterfinals

China Spring (11-1) vs. Newton (12-0), noon Saturday, Moorehead Memorial Stadium, Conroe

Goedings (11-1) vs. Altair Rice (11-1), TBA

Region II

Le Grange 47, La Vernia 0

Mathis 41, Fallamas 26

Wimberly 58, Marlon 8

Yokum 10, Port Isabel 0

Quarterfinals

Le Grange (9-3) vs. Mathis (9-2), TBA

Region III

Winnboro (10-2) vs. Yokum (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Memorial Stadium, Mesquite

Region IV

Winnboro (10-2) vs. Yokum (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Memorial Stadium, Mesquite

Class 2A

DIVISION I

Region I

Burleson 40, Granger 8

Shiner 38, Agua Dulce 6

West Sabine 19, Holland 7

Falls City 28, Ben Bolt 7

Quarterfinals

Burleson (6-3) vs. Shiner (6-3), TBA

Region II

West Sabine (7-3) vs. Falls City (6-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Rockdale

Region III

Whitharrel 51, Pollett 26

Sands 35, New Home 31

Groom 60, Patton Springs 12

Sanderson 74, Ira 45

Quarterfinals

Whitharrel (12-0) vs. Sands (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Eagle Stadium, Rockdale

Region IV

Richland Springs 34, Gordon 32

Blanket 48, Jonesboro 36

Woodson 27, Panther Creek 20

Quarterfinals

Calvert 45, Zephyr 38

Richland Springs (11-1) vs. Blanket (8-4), Thursday, TBA

Woodson (11-1) vs. Calvert (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Hico

Region I

Van Alstyne 29, Grandview 10

Jacksonboro (10-2) vs. Van Alstyne (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Justin Northwest

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SA Central Catholic 38, Houston St. Thomas 28

TAPPS 4A Finals

Midland Christian 20, Denton Liberty Christian 14

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San Antonio Cornerstone Christian 34, Arlington Pantego Christian 28

TAPPS 2A Finals

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Greenville Christian 10, Trinity 30

TAPPS 6A Finals

Grand Prairie Evangel Temple 101, Rockwall Heritage 66

TAPPS 5A Finals

Irving Emmanuel Baptist 65, Oakview Heritage 52

Greenwood lands 10 on 3-3A All-District football first team

Staff Report

GREENWOOD — The Greenwood Rangers, the co-champion with Lamesa in District 3-3A, had 10 players selected to 11 first team positions of the 3-3A All-District football team, which was selected by the league coaches.

Daniel Fuller, a senior defensive end, earned two first team berths as the kicker and as a defensive lineman. Sophomore Dawson Wilber was one of three players selected as Newcomer of the Year and Bob Purser shared Coach of the Year honor with Tim James of Lamesa.

Other first team offensive players selected from Greenwood was running back Brandon Audas, tight end Nolan Howard, center Casey Littlefield, guard Travis Lathram and tackle Luke Frazier.

Greenwood players joining Fuller on the first team defense were defensive lineman David Belloc, linebacker Cody Hollums and defensive back John Mark Hopper.

Lamesa also had 11 players selected to the first team honor role which included defensive and offensive MVP awards and Newcomer of the Year selections.

District 3-3A All-District Team
Co-MVP Offense: Marcus Burton, 5-8, 150, Sr., Lamesa, Armando Gal-

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Co-MVP Defense: Isaac Martinez, 6-1, 235, Sr., Lamesa, Zach Wilber-

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Newcomers of the Year: Dawson Wilber, 5-8, 175, Soph., Greenwood; J.J. Koehler, 5-10, 205, Soph., Lamesa; Sam Griffin, 6-1, 155, Soph., Denver City

Co-Coach of the Year: Bob Purser, Greenwood; Tim James, Lamesa

First Team Offense

Kickers: Pat Barber, 6-1, 195, Jr., Denver City; Daniel Fuller, 6-3

BUSINESS BRIEFING

OIL PRICES FUTURES	
Monday	\$18.69
Previous	\$18.66
POSTED	
Monday	\$18.50
Previous	\$18.75

NATURAL GAS

Monday	\$2.696
Previous	\$2.813

Oil falls

NEW YORK — Crude oil and petroleum products futures fell at the New York Mercantile Exchange on Monday, mostly in reaction to comments by Russian officials that they won't undertake the kind of production cut OPEC has demanded of it and other non-OPEC countries.

January crude was down 27 cents to close at \$18.69 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Russian Deputy Prime Minister Viktor Khristenko said Thursday that Russia would cut its output by 50,000 barrels a day in the fourth quarter, up slightly from an offer of 30,000 barrels a day in production cuts it made recently, but still far less than a production cut of about 200,000 barrels a day that the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries says Russia must implement before it would carry out its own recently announced output cut.

Other energy futures also finished lower. Gasoline for December delivery fell .56 cent to \$2.17 cents a gallon; December heating oil fell 1.25 cent to close at \$2.17 cents; and December natural gas fell 11.7 cents to \$2.696 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Brent crude from the North Sea fell 92 cents to \$18.36 on London's International Petroleum Exchange.

Dollar lower

LONDON — The U.S. dollar was lower against most other major currencies in European trading Monday. Gold prices also fell.

The euro was quoted at \$7.85 cents in late European trading, up from \$7.77 cents Friday. Later, in midday trading in New York, the euro traded at \$8.05 cents.

Other dollar rates in Europe, compared with late Friday, included 124.25 Japanese yen, down from 124.35; 1.6667 Swiss francs, down from 1.6672; and 1.5993 Canadian dollars, up from 1.5977.

The British pound was quoted at \$1.4113, up from \$1.4102. In midday trading in New York, the dollar bought 124.23 yen, and the pound was worth \$1.4122.

Based on late European euro rates, the dollar was worth 2.2251 German marks, down from 2.2271; 7.4625 French francs, down from 7.4693; 2.5071 Dutch guilders, down from 2.5093; and 2,202.81 Italian lire, down from 2,204.82.

Gold down

LONDON — Gold closed in London at \$272.50 bid per troy ounce, down from \$273.60 late Friday. In Zurich the bid price was \$272.00, down from \$272.05. Gold rose 10 cents in Hong Kong to \$273.15.

Silver closed in London at \$4.04 bid per troy ounce, down from \$4.06.

Dow rebounds

NEW YORK — The Dow closed up 23.04, or 0.2 percent, at 9,982.75, rebounding from a deficit of 85 points earlier in the session. Although the Dow crossed the 10,000 mark twice last week, it has not closed above that level since Sept. 8, six days before the terrorist attacks. Broader stock indicators also advanced. The technology-laden Nasdaq composite index was up 36.03, or 2.0 percent, at 1,841.23, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 7.08, or 0.6 percent, to 1,157.42.

The Dow is now more than 21 percent above the 2001 low set Sept. 21 after the terror attacks.

Green Stamps attempting revival

By Justin Pope
Associated Press

SALEM, Mass. — Once upon a time, there was money, and there were S&H Green Stamps.

At their peak, Green Stamps were in 60 percent of American households and were the nation's largest supplier of durable consumer goods. Communities pooled them to buy school buses, firetrucks, even a gorilla and an elephant for a zoo. They even inspired an Andy Warhol painting.

Now, the stamps have given way to swipe-through digital cards, offered by the latest incarnation of the company, S&H Greenpoints. But S&H Greenpoints is struggling to gain its footing at a time when credit card companies, airlines and other businesses are all offering the digital equivalent of trading stamps.

Green Stamps began fading in the 1970s, just as the Arab oil embargo wiped out the lucrative gas station business for S&H and dozens of lesser-known stamp competitors. The company had more than \$1 billion in revenue but was past its prime when it was sold in 1981.

The old stamp business never quite died, and in 1999, Walter Beinecke, the great-grandson of founder Thomas Sperry (the "S" in "S&H") bought back the company, hoping to rebuild it with a digital kick.

The company set up a Web site where people could buy from merchants, track their accounts and page through the Greenpoints rewards catalog. But the Web site never drew a big crowd. S&H Greenpoints has since reworked its Internet operation to make it more convenient to participate.

Customers earn points instead of stamps for purchases made on- or offline. They can redeem the points at a store or over the Internet.



Greenstamps popular in the 1950s and 1960s to the left and the newer version called greenpoints accumulated through use at certain food stores and companies as seen in promotional items to the right at S&H greenpoints, today, in Salem, Mass.

The core business involves three grocery chains — in North Carolina, Michigan and the mid-Atlantic — encompassing 180 stores.

That is a far cry from the 20 percent of U.S. grocery stores that once handed out Green Stamps. But the company says it has passed 1 million accounts and will be profitable by the end of next year or early 2003.

The company still does about \$1 mil-

lion of business a year with a few scattered stores that still use the old stamps. But most people just won't lick and stick anymore.

The catalogs are still packed with consumer goods. Toasters were the most popular Green Stamp redemption item. Today it is George Foreman grills, which cost 40,800 points, or \$4,080 worth of groceries at the going rate of 10 points to the dollar.

The biggest change is the competition: Credit card companies and other businesses are running their own loyalty programs, and the new alternative currency is frequent-flier miles, which can be bought, sold and traded.

But S&H Greenpoints chief executive Rod Parker, a former executive at Time Warner, said the premise still holds: "Getting rewarded for everyday stuff is meaningful, and it really adds up."

Cox Communications to switch some of its television channels

By Evan A. Pierce
MRT Correspondent

Beginning Saturday, Cox Communications will be making several lineup changes for both digital and analog customers.

"We're just doing things to improve the lineup," Cox Communications Vice President of Operations Midland Systems Charlie Moore said. "We find that some services aren't doing as well. We do some switching."

Analog changes include moving TV Guide from channel 8 to channel 19, the removal of INDEMAND 2 from channel 76, the removal of INDEMAND 4 from channel 77, the removal of Hot Choice

from channel 78, the addition of Tele-mundo to channel 25, and the addition of HSN to channel 77.

Most of the changes will involve digital service.

"There's room for it," Moore said. "There's demand for it. Digital is where you'll see programming additions."

Digital changes will include the analog changes and the addition of Wmax to channel 224, Star Max to channel 258, Showtime Beyond to channel 244, Starz Family to channel 264, Starz Cinema to channel 265, A&E Biography to channel 329, A&E History International to channel 330, Court TV to channel 347, GAC to channel 348, I Life TV to channel 349, Oxygen to channel 350, EWTN to channel 407,

Galavision to channel 409, the removal of MoreMax from channel 231, Action Max from channel 232, and Playboy Espanol from channels 420 and 598.

Moore said the digital market has taken off in the past two years.

"It's doing very well," Moore said. "It's close to 30 percent user base growing to digital."

"We're adding some digital. We're deleting some digital."

According to Moore, Cox Cable serves roughly 66 percent of the estimated 47,000 homes in Midland and are capable of close to 100 percent service.

Questions concerning any changes may be directed to the Cox Communications by calling 694-7721.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

ClearSource has begun offering Trinity Broadcasting Network to its enhanced programming cable lineup. Subscribers can find the popular religious network on Channel 79.

Austin-based ClearSource offers local and long distance phone service, broadband Internet access and cable television programming in Midland, Odessa, Corpus Christi and Waco.

TextStar Bank of Midland recently received a Gold Eagle Award in the Best of Community Banking awards competition sponsored by the Independent Bankers Association of Texas and USI Insurance Services of Texas.

TextStar was honored for its Bank Branding program. When the First National Bank of Monahans decided to branch into the Midland market, it created "TextStar" as its new identity for its new market.

"In today's financial market of mergers and acquisitions, it is rewarding to see the community banks demonstrating leadership through steward-

ship in their hometown," said Christopher L. Williston, president and chief executive officer of Independent Bankers Association. "Mark Gatzki, Kirk Edens and their staff at TextStar Bank are prime examples of outstanding civic leadership by community bankers."

The competition is designed to encourage community involvement by community banks. Projects are judged on innovation and creativity, number of people benefited or affected and the project's success in fulfilling an existing community need.

ODESSA — Permian Truck & Equipment has been acquired by Bruckner Truck Sales Inc. of Amarillo, which also acquired dealerships in Hobbs and Farmington, N.M.

All Bruckner's locations — in Amarillo, Fort Worth, Lubbock, Wichita Falls and Oklahoma City as well as Odessa, Hobbs and Farmington — offer truck sales and service. Its primary line is Mack trucks but the Odessa location will sell Volvo trucks and also offers Mitsubishi Fuso trucks in Amarillo,

Fort Worth and Oklahoma City.

LUBBOCK — Alamosa Holdings, the largest Sprint PCS network partner, offering Sprint PCS wireless personal communications in Midland, Odessa and other locations in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arizona, Colorado, Utah, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Missouri, Washington, Oregon, Arkansas, Kansas, Illinois and California, has applied for listing of its common stock on the New York Stock Exchange.

Alamosa's stock, under the ticker symbol APS, will begin trading on the NYSE December 6. Alamosa Chief Executive Officer David Sharbutt will ring the opening bell at the exchange that morning.

Wells Fargo Private Client Services has announced that it is seeking to hire 33 additional financial professionals — including private bankers, trust officers, and portfolio managers — to serve clients in Texas communities, including Midland, Dallas, El Paso, Fort Worth, Austin, Houston, San Antonio, Brownsville and Wichita Falls.

Wells Fargo PCS, which presently has 372 financial professionals serving Texas clients, is hiring a total of 350 new financial professionals across its 23 states.

"We are methodically growing our Private Client Services business for the high net-worth investor in Texas," said Russell A. Labrasca, regional managing director of Wells Fargo PCS in Texas and New Mexico. "Despite the economic slowdown, we believe in the growth of this market and that this is the ideal time to invest in our private client business."

According to Labrasca, Wells Fargo Private Client Services is ramping up its staff because, in their long-term bullish view of the market and U.S. economy, company specialists see many potential market opportunities on the horizon.

"We're seeking experienced professionals who can deliver a broad range of financial services to wealthy individuals, from trust services, to credit products to portfolio management to brokerage — all products and services Wells Fargo & Co. offers," Labrasca said.

INVESTORS' GUIDE

TIAA-CREF good investment provider for long term goals

By Eric Tyson

Q: I work for a nonprofit organization and am saving money through a retirement plan that invests with TIAA-CREF.

Should I save more money in this plan, or should I diversify into other investments? Also, how do I know I will have enough money to retire?

A: Unless you want to save money for a shorter-term goal, you're generally better off saving inside your employer's retirement savings plan, thanks to all the tax benefits. In addition to upfront federal and state tax deductibility of your contributions, all money inside your plan can compound without taxation until withdrawal.



Tyson

Your plan also uses a good investment provider — TIAA-CREF — that is known for low operating expenses and consistent performance. However, even if your plan did not offer such good investment options, the tax benefits should still motivate you to maximize contributions to your retirement savings plan.

You can diversify within your retirement plan. TIAA-CREF offers a number of bond and stock funds. Be sure to invest a healthy portion — around a third or so — of your stock market money in overseas funds.

There is only one way to evaluate your retirement nest egg: You've got to crunch some numbers. You can use either retirement planning software or workbooks. Among the better retirement planning software programs I've checked out are Vanguard's (www.vanguard.com) and T. Rowe Price's (www.troweprice.com) Web sites. T. Rowe Price also has useful workbooks (800-638-5660) if you're not a computer buff.

Q: I am a retired widow, and I have all of my IRA and other money in certificates of deposit. I have no tolerance for risk, but several bank representatives are prodding me to diversify my portfolio and make it work harder for me. Like many seniors, I worry that I'll outlive my money, and my doctor tells me that I'll likely live into my 90s. What do you think of my present situation?

A: Having 100 percent of your money in fixed-income, lending-type investments is not diversified, and it offers virtually no long-term growth potential.

You say that you have no tolerance for risk, but keep in mind that all investments carry some type of risk. Some risks are simply more obvious than others are. The risk of a certificate of deposit is that its return won't keep you ahead of inflation and taxes. If you are wary of risk, you should better diversify.

The reason for investing in growth investments like stocks and real estate is that it keeps your portfolio growing for

the long term. While you might have enough to live on today, if your investment balances don't grow, you might not have enough 20-plus years down the road.

At your age, you should have at least 30 percent to 40 percent of your money invested in growth investments. A simple and efficient way to do this is through stock mutual funds. Since you currently have no money invested in stock funds and are concerned about risk, consider feeding money into several good stock funds gradually (a process called dollar cost averaging) — say, once per calendar quarter over the next two years or so.

How much money you invest in stocks should be a function of how much growth you need in order to achieve your long-term retirement goals. You can address that issue and other important ones by doing some retirement planning.

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Talking to teens about sex

MHS students hear abstinence message

By Danielle C. Belton
Assistant Lifestyle Editor

Teen-agers and sex. A national epidemic? An oxymoron? Everyone but your kids?

When it comes to sex and the teen-age population of Midland, almost every adult can agree that this is a problem that needs to be addressed — the debate only comes up when it's time to decide how to address it.

According to the Texas health department, Midland County ranks ninth out of all Texas counties with a high percentage of teens between the ages of 15 and 17 having sex.

In Midland schools, abstinence is the modus operandi when it comes to dealing with teens and sex. Other agencies, like Planned Parenthood, think that just telling teen-agers to say "no" to sex is antiquated.

What's the way to go? What's the best way for Midlanders to talk to their children about this growing trend? And where can Midland teens go to get the right answers if no one will talk to them about it?

Midland Independent School District recently brought in a speaker, Lakita Garth, who travels the nation teaching about abstinence.

Some in the crowd shift in their seats uncomfortable. Others laugh and others cheer. Many are simply silent, in shock about what the woman on stage has just said. She tells them that they have sex and think nothing will happen to them because they think "they're special."

She tells them in the laws of physics, nature and biology, they are not special. Biology will not take a day off because someone decided to have sex today, in the same way, she said, that young R&B singer Aaliyah's plane wasn't able to fight the laws of physics when it was overloaded with luggage and passengers and crashed killing all on board.

To the shock of many of the teens, many who were Aaliyah's fans, the woman points out that the pilot tried to tell them that the plane was overloaded and Aaliyah and her entourage wouldn't listen. They thought they were special. They thought the laws of physics would take a day off for them.

The woman says that the laws of nature don't stop for any one — not even pop singers.

"There is nowhere else in our culture where they're going to hear this message," Ms. Garth said.

A former Miss Black California, Ms. Garth has spoken to millions of teen-agers across the United States about abstinence. She admits that initially, she thought she was an unlikely candidate. The woman who encouraged her to pursue it spoke to teens about abstinence as well. But whereas the former was someone who'd made

several mistakes in her life involving sex, Ms. Garth made up her mind as a preteen that she was waiting until marriage to have sex.

"It just happened," she said. "I was a student minding my own business. A lady started 'Self-love and Choices' — she had heartbreak-make-you-wanna cry stories. She asked me to come with her and to tell people my story. I gave her every reason in the book why (I couldn't do it). I went just to prove her wrong. But I started talking and they started laughing, but they weren't laughing at me — they were laughing with me."

Several talk shows and millions of teens later, Ms. Garth recently found her way to Midland to speak to Midland High School sophomores and other schools in town.

With lightning speed, Ms. Garth rattled off statistics, anecdotes and bits and pieces of her own life story. She rushed through it all, almost a blur, trying to condense her two-hour program into less than 45 minutes.

"There are no such things as safe sex — there is safer sex," she said. "You need to make a decision about what you're going to do."

During her speech she tells a story that someone close to her once told her. She tells of how "truth and lie" went skinny-dipping one day, and while truth was splashing around, he looked around and saw that lie was gone with all the clothes. Truth marched naked and angry into town and banged on lie's door, demanding to know where his clothes are. Lie comes out and he is wearing truth's clothes. When truth accuses lie of stealing his clothes, lie retorts that these clothes were always his clothes, prompting Ms. Garth to ask, "Who are you going to believe — the naked truth or a lie in truth's clothing?"

Ms. Garth details the misconceptions young people often have about sex, at the same time addressing issues like the 24 other sexually transmitted diseases besides AIDS. She focuses heavily on HPV — the Human Papillomavirus, which causes genital warts, the most common STD in the United States today.

In the end, most of the students were receptive, although a few seemed to think that they were "too cool" for Ms. Garth's message. Many girls came up to thank Ms. Garth. One girl asked Ms. Garth what should she say when boys keep asking to have sex.

"Keep saying no," was her answer.

"I thought it was a really good speech," said Midland High student Saara Rakeeb, 15. "I thought it really would reach people. I didn't expect it to be so interesting."



Lakita Garth chats with Midland High School students, including sophomore Saara Rakeeb, before her recent presentation. Ms. Garth travels the country talking to teens about abstinence.



'There no such things as safe sex — there is safer sex. You need to make a decision about what you're going to do.'

— Lakita Garth, speaking to MHS students

But for all the students who stopped and thanked Ms. Garth for her no-holds barred, abrasive message, there were still some who wandered out the same way they came in: The same group who tried to carry on conversations in the middle of her talk; the same group she addressed over and over again, reminding them they were taking their lives in their own hands.

She said there's a percentage of those in every crowd — regardless of what she says and regard-

less of what statistics say, they think they can beat it. They still think it won't happen to them.

"Look at what we're encouraging young people to do," she said referring to pop music icons like rapper Lil' Kim and R&B singer Sisqo who talk explicitly about sex in their lyrics. "Then we don't expect them to do stuff. We expect them to do the right thing. We don't have mixed messages about tobacco. We don't have mixed messages about drugs."

Planned Parenthood provides information for parents

By Danielle C. Belton
Assistant Lifestyle Editor

Teens are faced with a conflict: music and movies saying one thing about sex and people like Lakita Garth and parents saying another. Because of this conflict, some teens throw caution to the wind.

It's this group of teens that concerns Midland's Planned Parenthood the most.

The emotional effects of sex

While Carla Holeva of Planned Parenthood would prefer if teens wait to have sex, she knows that regardless of what they are told, regardless of all the dangers, many are going to do it anyway. And Planned Parenthood thinks that if they're going to do it, they at least need the right information to deal with it.

"Teen-agers have an 'it could never happen to me' attitude. That happens to other kids, not me," said Ms. Holeva, the organization's vice president for community affairs. "Sometimes parents are not talking to their kids and leaving that door open."

"Parents should be the primary sex educators of their children, but we're realistic. We know that always doesn't happen, but we have ways to help them."

Planned Parenthood, an organization that is almost always in the midst of controversy because of its stance on abortion issues, is primarily a family-planning service. With offices in the Midland-Odessa area and in the San Angelo-Arlene area, they help 11,000 people per year. They also conduct community education — helping parents talk to their kids about sex, dealing with birth control and sexually transmitted diseases.

Planned Parenthood believes children should receive age-appropriate sex education, Ms. Holeva said.

"Children are a lot more sexually aware, 'sexually savvy,'" she said. "What's on the radio, in music — they have very strong sexual messages."

Ms. Holeva suggests that when parents and their children are watching TV or listening to music together and something with sexual content comes across, parents should use it as an opportunity to discuss what's wrong or unrealistic about that image.

"It's the perfect opportunity to turn



Planned Parenthood offers educational materials for parents who want to discuss sex with their teens.

the TV off and talk about what they saw," she said, pointing out that on many television shows sex runs rampant, but rarely is there talk about contraception or abstinence.

If anything, many of the teen movies out now focus more on teen-agers trying to lose their virginity rather than preserve it.

Because of influences like this, Ms. Holeva isn't sure the Midland Independent School District's abstinence-only education policy is realistic.

"MISD has taken on an abstinence only curriculum. That is the only method that is discussed, when realistically we know that teen-agers in Midland are having sex," she said. "I worry when our school system has an abstinence-only policy; I don't know that we're always realistic."

"When the average age of marriage is 25, you don't know how many people are waiting until marriage."

Ms. Holeva said she is often concerned that by teaching students that condoms aren't effective and that there is no safe sex, many teens will simple

shrug and decide to still have sex — only without any protection taking a 'why bother if it doesn't work' attitude.

As for those who believe that teaching students about sex will make them want to do it, Ms. Holeva said many studies show that this is simply not true.

"It's a big myth and studies prove that," she said. "When you educate a young person they're more likely to delay and make better decisions."

Ms. Holeva believes the education is even more important when considering teen-age boyfriend/girlfriend relationships. Teen-agers will often change boyfriends or girlfriends as often as every month or two weeks. Adding sex to the equation can be potentially devastating, especially if pregnancy or an STD occurs, she said.

"We live in this country and have this look but don't touch attitude, but we can't back it up," she said.

Ms. Holeva also is concerned about Texans and Americans in general waiting too late to talk to their children about their bodies and about sex. By sophomore year in high school, when most teens are 15, many of them are about to or have already started having sex. By senior year, it's definitely too late, she said.

But at Midland College, there is a program about sex that proves it's never too late to get the right information.

'Sex in the Dark'

When Louisa Lopez receives welcome packs to give to incoming Midland College freshmen, she and her staff painstakingly go through all of them, removing the condoms inside.

The pack, distributed nationally, often contain products like tampons, deodorant and disposable razors, supplied by companies wanting to sell their products to young adults. The packs also contain condoms and Mid-

land College doesn't give their students condoms.

"We had to pull all condoms out of the welcome boxes," she said. "One-hundred boxes. It's a conservative city and you have to go along with the environment you're in."

Ms. Lopez, who is the residence hall manager at Midland College, organized the school's "Sex in the Dark" program after seeing it administered on other Texas college campuses.

This year was the first year for the program, which consists of students writing down their questions for a panel to answer, then sitting in a completely dark room to hear the answers. Students can ask any question they want without feeling ostracized or singled out.

Conducted in the campus' Roadrunner room, students sit in a circle around the panel in a pitch-black room. After the questions are answered, the lights are raised only on the panel members who have a discussion about STDs.

"We base it on the students and where they want to take it," Ms. Lopez said. "They want me to do it again next semester."

Ms. Lopez said they try to educate their students to have a smart sex life. She said many of the students, who come from MISD schools, have been taught a lot about abstinence and are told that condoms don't work.

"I believe that even though you teach students abstinence — and I practice abstinence — there are people out there that don't see things the way I do. I feel that even though you wish they'd not make that decision, they would at least have information so that they can make the right decision."

Although some could argue that talking to college-age students about sex may be too little to late, Ms. Lopez said that it is necessary beyond high school. People still have questions, and she hopes her program can provide them with some answers. She said that older students are easier to talk to since they have gained more maturity when it comes to sex.

"They are young adults and they talk about sex," she said. "They're comfortable enough and mature enough. They're becoming more aware of their sexuality. We meet peo-

'Sometimes parents are not talking to their kids and leaving that door open. Parents should be the primary sex educators of their children, but we're realistic. We know that always doesn't happen, but we have ways to help them.'

— Carla Holeva, vice president of community affairs for Planned Parenthood

ple who are sexually active and we meet those who've chosen not to have sex. In college they realize that it really is an option (to have sex), not an exception. It's a choice. There's maturity involved there."

Ms. Lopez also believes the education is necessary because some of the different situations college students face stem from bad decision-making. She said in college, alcohol is often the culprit that leads to bad sexual behavior.

"They're making decisions when they're not completely in a good state of mind, sober. They don't realize it until the next day. This is true for many college students."

The Midland College campus doesn't condone drinking and it isn't allowed on campus, but Ms. Lopez said they can't control what students do once they leave the campus.

Other than Midland College's Human Sexuality class, the Sex in the Dark program is the only program on campus that provides an outlet for sex education.

Despite Midland's conservative stance on sex education, Ms. Lopez believes there are ways to teach about sexuality and not raise too many eyebrows. She thinks that the Sex in the Dark program is informative, but not too explicit.

"The community is conservative and is queasy' but if it's done in the right atmosphere and done in the right way, they're OK with it."

"Once you hit college people are more mature and considered young adults, and you have to be open with them and not be afraid to back it up because they're probably making the decision anyway on a regular basis."

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leather, towed, 128K miles,
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CD player, keyless entry,
loaded, luggage rack.
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XL, White, gray interior,
21K miles, running boards,
CD cassette. Excellent
condition. New tires.
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Michellins, CD, only 25K
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TANDEM LS, White, maroon
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Eddie Bauer, 6 cyl., moon
roof, loaded, leather, 6
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loaded, new tires, white
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Red, 31K miles, excellent
condition, 6 disk CD
player, towing package,
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door, supercab, red/white,
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cab, 4th door, 5 speed,
19,500 miles, excellent
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CHEVY 1/2 ton, single
cab, good condition, \$7500. 694-
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EXTENDED Cab, Short
bed, Silverado, Red/gray,
CD, loaded, excellent tires,
54K miles. Excellent
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loaded, bright red, CD, grill
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CONVERSION Van- 25K
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V6, power locks, AM/FM
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roof, remote entry, 56K,
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seats, 1 bench, front and
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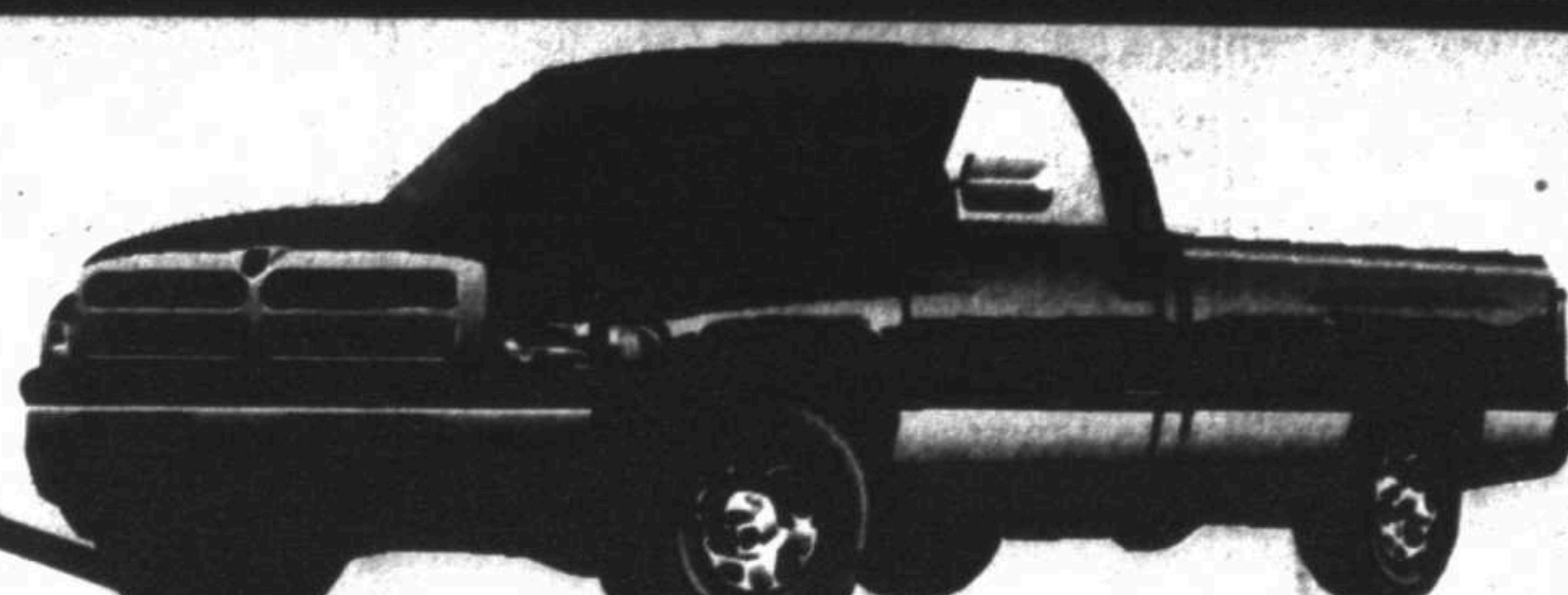
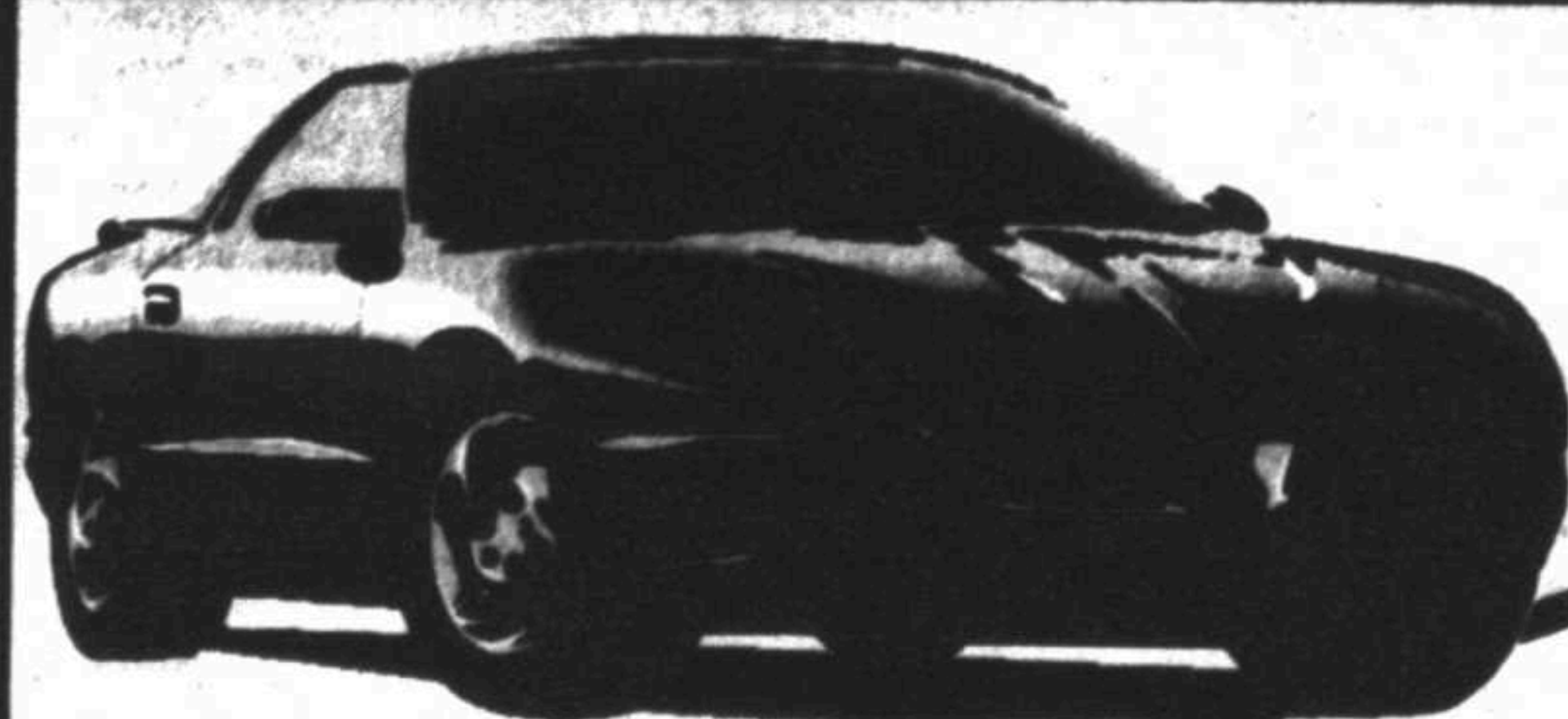
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