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Irvin goes home

Michael Irvin, who flew home Monday to await further examination, has a swollen spinal cord and herniated disc. Early indications suggest he will recover./1C

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countdown to 2000

Today: In 1938, A.B. Tarwater of Plainview proposed in the Texas House an investigation of the anti-New Deal activities of J. Evetts Haley and Dr. A.B. Cox.



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Michael Williams speaks at a rally to launch his campaign for railroad commissioner Monday as his wife Donna looks on.

Williams launches bid for railroad panel post

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Kicking off his campaign to win election to the Railroad Commission of Texas, native Midlander Michael Williams told a crowd of family, friends and supporters he looks forward to the challenge.

Williams, the first African-American in the state's history to hold a nonjudicial statewide office, was appointed by Gov. George W. Bush to complete the term of former Railroad Commissioner Carole Keeton Rylander after her election as state comptroller.

"Though he gave me the opportunity to be on the Railroad Commission," he said as he stood in Centennial Plaza, wife Donna at his side and his parents looking on, "it is up to me to win election to a full term by building a solid record of achievement, offering a clear and compelling vision for the future and reaching out across the state."

Morris Burns, executive vice president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, works with Williams on a commission that is reviewing regulations in an effort to streamline the commission and reduce the burden on the state's producers.

"He's been a great advocate for the industry," Burns

said after Williams' announcement. "All three railroad commissioners are class people and trying hard to help the industry."

Midland Mayor Bobby Burns introduced Williams, saying "It is with great Midland pride I introduce one of our own, a person Midland and the oil and gas industry can be proud to call our own."

Williams, a Republican, named chairman of the commission this summer, said one of his proudest achievements was getting the Texas Legislature to enact a bill temporarily eliminating the severance tax on oil and gas production as producers suffered through prices that had fallen to 12-year lows.

One of the two strategies of his campaign, he said, will be to make the elimination of the severance tax permanent.

"I have and will argue the case why it is important for us as a state to eliminate the severance tax on production. I look forward to making the case across the state and then coming back to the Legislature and making the case."

The severance tax comprises only 5 percent of the state's income, he said, and he would argue the case that the severance tax is counterproductive and eliminating it would allow the oil and gas industry to cre-

ate more jobs, providing more benefit to the state.

The second strategy campaign will be to continue the work he, Burns and others are doing to streamline regulation. One of the commission's first acts was to go to East Texas and review well testing regulations that saved East Texas producers \$500,000 by requiring biannual testing rather than annual well testing. Taking the effort statewide, he said members have already identified 11 proposals that could save state producers \$7 million annually.

"My regulatory philosophy is simple: Regulate with a little 'r' not a big 'R,' regulate only where you have to and, for heaven's sake, regulate in plain English," he said.

Harnessing technology to do the work faster, cheaper and more efficiently will also be a high priority, including allowing producers to file reports online, he said.

He said he came to his hometown to kick off his campaign because the community and the oil and gas industry have given so much to his family.

"There is still so much work to be done. The oil and gas industry is so vital to the economy of the state

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MISD seeks public input on calendar for 2000 to 2001

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

Every year in August, students report to school on the designated day. Determining which day that all happens, however, is no small task. And to ensure that no one is left out of the process, the Midland Independent School District is hosting a public forum for the 2000-2001 school calendar.

Executive Director of Administrative Services Joe Cummins said the forum will be at 7 p.m. Nov. 8 at San Jacinto Junior High School.

The forum will be only the second the district has held in regard to the school calendar.

"We had one last year, but it was not well-attended," said Cummins. "We obviously have a lot more interest in the calendar this year."

Cummins said that a number of citizens have expressed an interest in a school calendar that starts after Labor Day.

Midland Council of PTA's President Becky Ferguson also said that she has heard similar comments in the community.

"In a nutshell, the concern I hear expressed is about starting earlier every year. And I think this year we did start earlier than we ever have before," said Ms. Ferguson.

Cummins said the early start date has even been addressed in the Legislature.

"This type of calendar has been popular with the tourist industry across the state to the point that it has been introduced in the Legislature a couple of times to require schools to begin that late," Cummins said.

Ironically, the state Legislature is partly responsible for longer calendars.

Texas schools are required to educate students 180 days a year — a full 10 days longer than at the beginning of the decade.

"In 1994-95, we had 177 days of instruction, then earlier than that we had calendars that were 170 days, and perhaps a couple of those days were permitted as teacher in-service days," Cummins explained.

The number of days makes a post-Labor Day start difficult, if the semester is to end before the Christmas holiday, which is important to secondary teachers. The thinking is that students benefit from taking semester tests before rather than after the holiday.

Cummins also pointed out that if the first semester ran over into the second, students would have to sacrifice spring break or graduate in the middle of June. That causes addi-

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Books, books everywhere ...

Elsie Gaines, a Friends of the Library member, helps get the thousands of books ready for the 31st Annual Book Sale at the Midland County Exhibit Building on East Highway 80. This year's event will take place: Wednesday, Oct. 13, 6-9 p.m.; Thursday, Oct. 14, 6-9 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 15, noon-9 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 16, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday, Oct. 17, 1-4 p.m.

Merger claims Midland-based Vista as prize

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

Another Midland oil company has been claimed by merger mania. Dallas-based Prize Energy Corp. and Midland-based Vista Energy Resources announced the signing of a definitive agreement to merge the two companies and move Vista offices to Dallas. The move will affect about 32 jobs in Midland.

The merger of the Midland and Dallas companies will create a publicly traded, mid-size independent oil company with assets in excess of \$450 million. Management of the new consolidated company will be assumed by the present management of Vista.

Philip B. Smith will be chairman and chief executive officer, and Lon C. Kile will be president and chief operating officer of the combined company. Smith was founder of Tide West Oil Company and served as president and chairman of the board of that company until it merged with HS Resources, Inc. in 1996. During Mr. Smith's tenure at Tide West Oil Company, he successfully demonstrated the acquisition and exploitation strategy in creating more than \$100 million in value for its shareholders over a five-year period. Subsequently, he was elected to the board of directors of HS Resources, Inc. in 1996 and was on the board of directors for Mesa, Inc. (later Pioneer Natural Resources) from 1996 until 1999.

Lon C. Kile was executive vice president for domestic operations of Pioneer Natural Resources before joining Prize in July 1999. During his 14 years with Parker & Parsley Petroleum Co. in Midland and Pioneer in Dallas, Mr. Kile played an active role in the acquisition and financing of more than \$2 billion of oil and gas properties acquired by those companies.

About 32 are employed at the offices of Vista Resources in Mid-

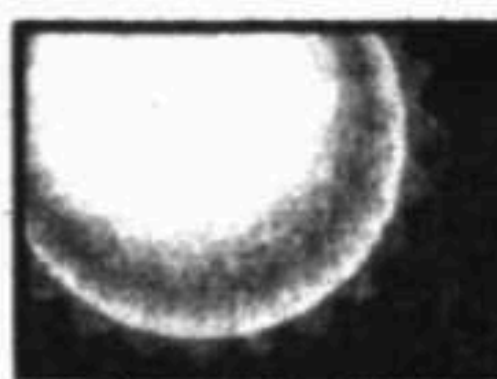
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Vista/Prize merger facts

- Total proved reserves: 95 million BOE
- 286 Bcf of natural gas
- 47 million barrels of crude oil and liquids
- Net present value: (discounted \$442 Million at 10%) 80% proved developed (Nymex prices of \$19.50 oil and \$2.50 gas unescalated)
- Balanced reserve mix: 50% natural gas, 50% crude oil and liquids
- Long-lived reserves: 13-year R/P ratio
- Average daily net production: 21,591 barrel oil equivalent, 66.7 million cubic feet of natural gas, 9,482 barrels crude oil and liquids
- Lease operating expenses: \$3.75 per BOE
- Diverse asset base: 85% located in Texas
- Significant operatorship: 75% of properties
- Large portfolio of projects: 2-3 year inventory

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Off the wire



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Texaco still bullish on Basin, executive says

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

While the rest of the industry may be caught in a frenzy of merger mania, Texaco Vice President Clarence Cazalot, said Texaco is convinced that it can go forward and grow as Texaco.

"We recognize that there are fewer and fewer players," Cazalot said. "We have looked at a number of mergers and acquisitions, but the fact that we have not made any acquisitions so far speaks for itself."

The vice president of worldwide upstream producing for Texaco Exploration & Production was in Midland to join other Texaco executives as an honored guest of the Midland Wildcat Committee. He said, to his knowledge, Texaco was not one of those making a bid for Altura. Asked if Texaco had the confidence in the Permian



Cazalot

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Basin to acquire something big in the Basin, he noted: "Only if it is cheap enough."

He said Texaco had solid confidence in the Permian Basin and no intention of consolidating operations here into Houston or someplace else. "We think it makes good sense to be located next to your assets. Rick Schneider (Vice President Permian Basin Unit) believes that strongly."

He said the Permian Basin was one of 14 production units and that it was a "good solid producer." Said Cazalot: "I just complimented the personnel here for their effort in standing solid during the environment of oil prices." He said the Permian Basin was a good contributor to Texaco revenues, even though the rate of return could be better. He noted that the Permian Basin had to compete with the other 14 producing units on a rate of return basis.

Cazalot said Texaco used the Permian Basin as a model of operating excellence and tech-

nological innovation. "This is where best practices are established, then passed on to other units worldwide."

He said Texaco was going forward with the CO2 projects now under way in the Basin but was concerned about the price volatility surrounding CO2 projects. Asked about other production plans for the Basin, he said: "Tell me the price of oil and I will tell you the plan."

He said Texaco predicated all its projects on a \$15 oil price so the company could operate in a reasonable price environment. "We don't like to jack up capital spending, then drop it."

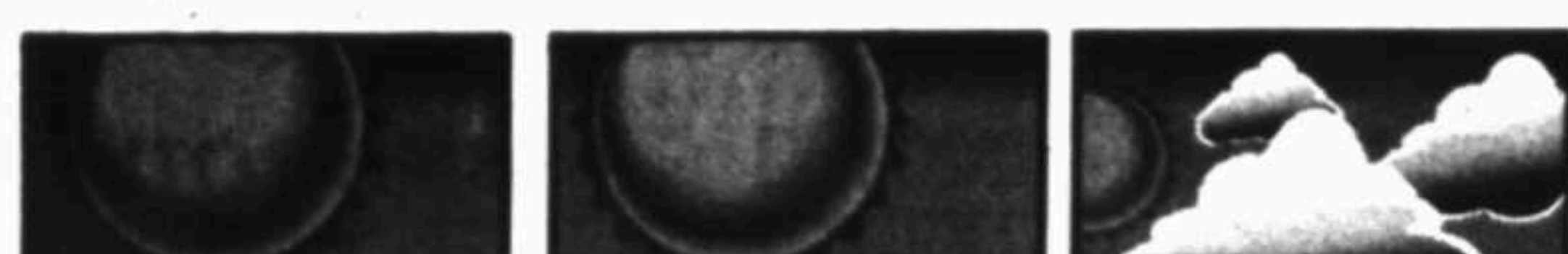
The Texaco executive said the Permian Basin was very unique in that most of the oil had already been found. "People go around the world looking for oil, but here in the Basin, it has already been found. All we have to do is find out how to get it out of the ground efficiently and cheaply. He said Texaco's daily production from the Permian Basin was about 130,000 barrels of oil equivalent. "We are waiting for the next round of technology to increase that production. It could be 4-D and reservoir characterization."

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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today
Sunny
High 85
Low 53

Wednesday
Sunny
High 85
Low 54

Thursday
Partly cloudy
High 87
Low 51

The Tuesday forecast calls for sunny skies with a high in the mid-80s and southwesterly winds at 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight's low temperature under a clear sky is to be 50 to 55 degrees.

Wednesday's high temperature under a mostly sunny sky is to be in the mid-80s.

Monday's high temperature was 94 degrees, and the overnight low temperature was 42.

The record high temperature for Oct. 11 is 94 degrees in 1979, and the date's overnight record low temperature is 42 degrees in 1990.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Monday 0.00 in.
Rainfall Sunday 0.00 in.
Total for month 0.09 in.
Total for year 7.41 in.
Normal total (year to date) 12.69 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High 94
Low 42
Normal high 94
Normal low 53

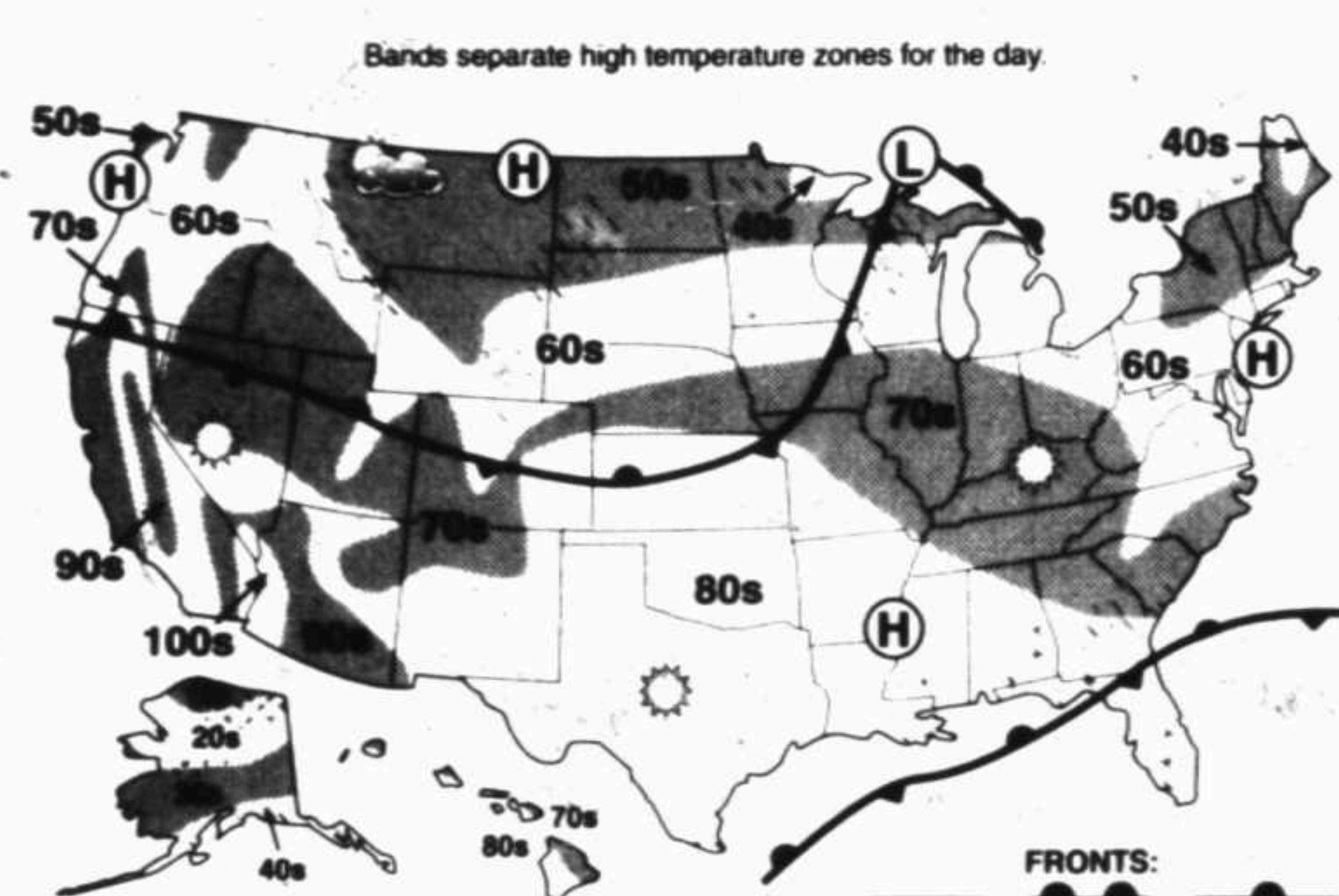
Pollen count

Trees: Low
Grass: Low
Weeds: High
Molds: Mod.
Dust: Mod.

Courtesy: John D. Bray, MD.

National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, Oct. 12.

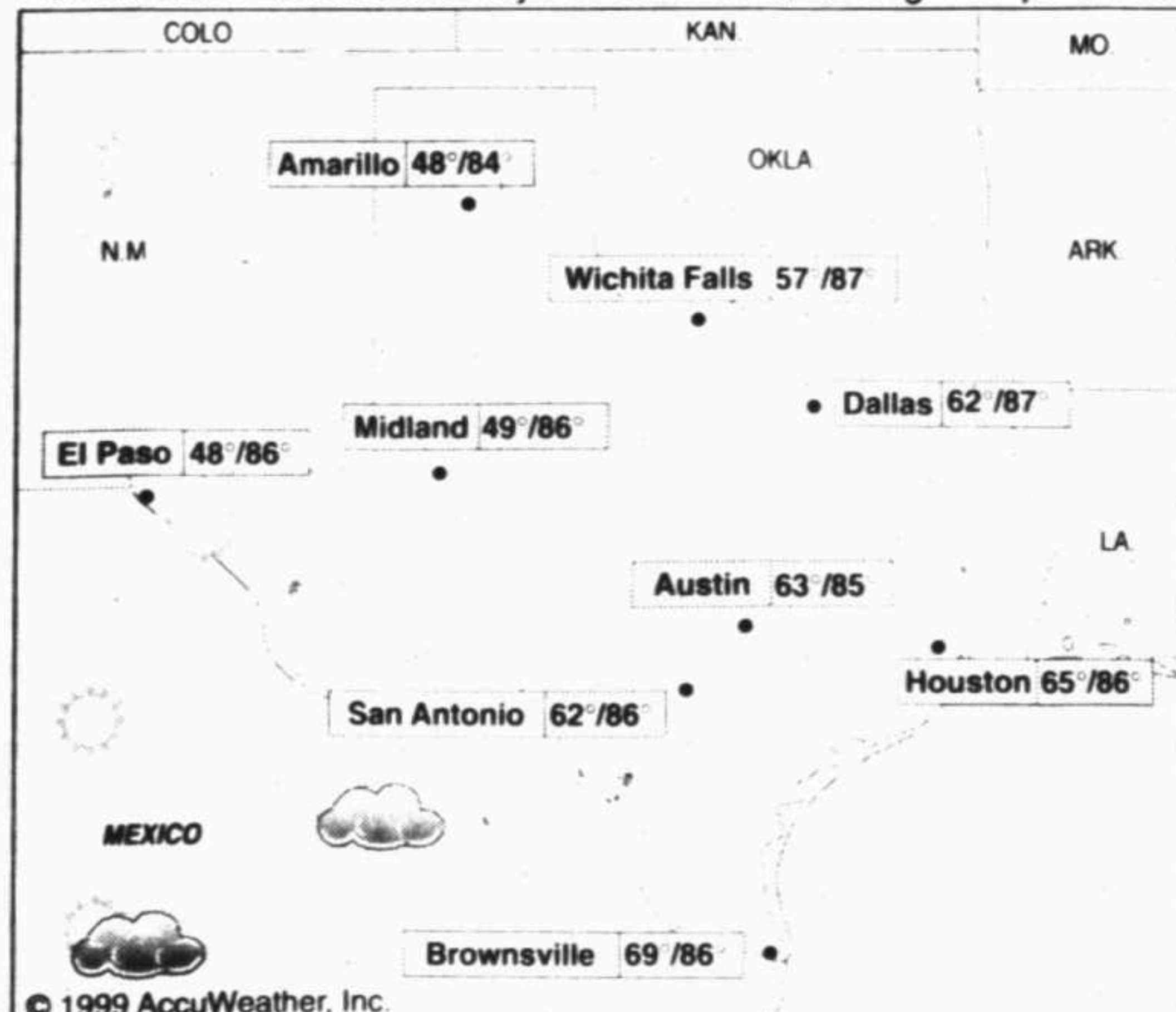


United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 8:00 p.m. EDT.			
City	Hi	Lo	Prc
Albany, N.Y.	64	52	03
Albuquerque	80	50	cl
Anchorage	42	31	m
Annapolis	76	60	cdy
Atlanta	74	63	m
Atlanta City	75	67	14
Baltimore	76	66	24
Bilings	66	37	cdy
Birmingham	79	59	cdy
Bismarck	71	36	m
Boise	82	50	cl
Boston	66	62	cl
Buffalo	62	49	04
Burlington, Vt.	63	44	25
Casper	81	34	cdy
Charleston, S.C.	83	71	m
Charlotte, N.C.	78	65	158
Chattanooga	80	37	cdy
Chicago	67	43	cl
Cincinnati	70	53	cl
Cleveland	63	53	cl
Columbus, Ohio	68	54	cl
Concord, N.H.	64	32	cl
Dayton	68	53	cl
Denver	83	44	cdy
Des Moines	72	47	cl
Detroit	67	45	cl
Duluth	59	37	m
Evansville	66	53	cl
Fairbanks	39	24	cdy
Fargo	65	33	m
Flagstaff	74	31	cl
Grand Rapids	66	38	cdy
Great Falls	59	30	m
Greensboro, N.C.	77	66	13
Hartford Spgld	67	58	01
Helena	64	30	m
Honolulu	87	76	cl
Indianapolis	71	54	cl
Jacksonville	87	65	cdy
Juneau	46	41	26
Kansas City	74	48	cl
Las Vegas	94	63	cl
Little Rock	83	62	cdy
Los Angeles	88	61	cl
Louisville	67	56	cl
Memphis	83	60	cl
Miami Beach	87	77	02
Milwaukee	64	45	cdy
Minneapolis	79	54	cl
Mpls-St Paul	66	38	cdy
Nashville	79	54	cl
New Orleans	85	73	cdy
New York City	71	66	cl
North Platte	82	36	cdy
Oklahoma City	83	59	cl
Omaha	74	40	cdy
Orlando	89	69	08
Philadelphia	73	66	cl
Phoenix	101	70	cl
Pittsburgh	64	53	cl
Portland, Ore.	63	49	cdy
Providence	69	62	17
Raleigh-Durham	68	65	17
Rapid City	86	40	cdy
Reno	85	44	cdy
Richmond	75	66	03
Sacramento	89	57	cl
St. Louis	74	55	cl
Salt Lake City	86	52	cl
San Diego	77	63	cl
San Francisco	73	56	cdy
Santa Fe	78	41	cl
Seattle	53	47	cdy
Shreveport	85	64	cl
Sioux Falls	70	34	cdy
Spokane	53	45	cdy
Syracuse	63	43	03
Tampa-St Ptsbrg	90	69	cdy
Topeka	77	47	cl
Tucson	98	65	cl
Tulsa	84	56	cl
Washington, D.C.	77	66	01

State forecast

AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions, low/high temperatures



Texas temperatures

Highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours ending at 6 p.m. CST.			
City	Hi	Lo	Pcp
Abilene	86	54	
Amarillo	80	48	
Arlington	87	59	
Austin	90	59	
Beaumont	87	69	
Brownsville	91	68	
Burnet	87	66	
College Station	91	65	
Conroe	87	64	
Corpus Christi	88	71	0.28
Conroe	89	61	
Dallas	88	63	
Del Rio	91	60	
Dryden	84	61	
El Paso	83	52	
Fort Stockton	82	53	
Fort Worth	89	56	
Galveston	86	73	
Georgetown	88	63	
Haltom	90	66	
Harding	87	64	
Houston	88	71	
Junction	87	51	
Kingsville	90	73	
Laredo	91	66	
Longview	86	59	
Lubbock	79	47	
Marfa	77	45	
McAllen	94	70	
New Braunfels	90	65	
Palacios	88	70	
Pans	84	57	
Rockport	88	74	
San Angelo	86	52	
San Antonio	89	63	
San Marcos	90	64	
Terrell	88	61	
Tyler	87	60	
Victoria	91	69	
Waco	91	61	
Wichita Falls	86	58	
Wink	84	48	

MERGER: Agreement to affect 32 jobs in Midland

(From 1A)

land and 85 at the offices of Prize in Dallas. Kile said it was not certain at this point if any of the employees of Vista will be moved to Dallas. The merged company has a production office in Kermit, which is expected to be moved to Midland, but that number of personnel will be less than the present 32 Midland employees.

He said the reason for locating the combined company, which has assets mostly in the Permian Basin, is because all the management and administrative personnel are already in Dallas.

A large percentage of Vista assets and about 95 percent of the assets of Prize are composed of former Pioneer Natural Resources properties in the Permian Basin.

Kile said the company's focused growth strategy will be concentrated on the acquisition and exploitation of oil and gas properties in its core operating areas of the Permian Basin of West Texas and Southeastern New Mexico, onshore Gulf Coast area of Texas and Louisiana and the Mid-Continent area of Western Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle.

He said the acquire-and-exploit strategy of the combined company will be operated as Vista Resources Inc., patterned along the lines of the former Parker & Parsley, predecessor to Pioneer Natural Resources. He also noted that many of the formerly divested assets of Pioneer were now coming home. Pioneer will own \$30 million, or 32 percent of the combined company.

On a combined basis, as of July 1, 1999, the company had total proved reserves of approximately 286 billion cubic feet of natural gas and 47 million barrels of crude oil and liquids, or 95 million barrels oil equivalent (BOE).

In addition, as of July 1, 1999, the company's combined pretax present value of future net revenues, discounted at 10 percent and utilizing Nymex pricing of \$19.50 per barrel of oil and \$2.50 per million cubic feet of natural gas unescalated, was approximately \$442 million for total proved reserves. For the six months ended June 30, 1999, the company had combined net average daily production of approximately 66.7 million cubic feet of natural gas and 9,482 barrels of crude oil and liquids.

Randy Hill, chairman of Vista said, "This transaction creates a

mid-size independent oil and gas company for our stockholders, which has a much larger, balanced and diversified oil and gas reserve base. We expect that the institutional capital markets' interest in the company will increase, resulting in increased liquidity and other benefits. In addition, I have known Phil Smith and Lon Kile for a long time and consider the Prize team to be among the best at creating value in the industry. I look forward to being a stockholder."

Cory Richards, executive vice president of Vista, said Vista management would pursue other oil and gas opportunities in the Permian Basin and elsewhere.

Philip B. Smith, chairman of Prize said, "This is a strategic merger for our company that gives us access to a sizable reserve base that we need well." Smith continued, "We will be able to operate these properties very efficiently given the proximity of many of the properties to our current production base. The merger will also provide us with numerous development opportunities to be exploited over the next few years. This combination provides a tremendous platform for future growth."

Under the terms and conditions

of the agreement, Prize will become a wholly owned subsidiary of Vista in exchange for approximately 58.2 million shares of common stock of Vista (with such number of shares being subject to adjustment in order to reflect a proposed reverse stock split) and approximately 27.7 million shares of six percent convertible preferred stock of Vista. Vista's outstanding warrants will remain outstanding in accordance with their terms. The transaction is to be structured as a reorganization for tax purposes and will result in the current holders of common stock of Vista owning approximately 16 percent of the outstanding common stock of Vista and the holders of common stock and preferred stock of Prize collectively owning (on a fully converted basis) approximately 84 percent of the outstanding common stock of Vista upon completion of the merger.

The merger is subject to approval by a majority vote of the outstanding shares of both companies as well as other customary closing conditions.

MISD: Officials say there's lot of interest in calendar

(From 1A)

tional problems for graduates who want to start college in the summer session.

"Every time when we propose a calendar that goes into early June, we have just as much discussion about that calendar as we do with one that starts before Labor Day," Cummins said.

In that situation, making everyone happy becomes a difficult task because something has to be sacrificed — an early start, an early finish or holiday time.

The issue of holidays is another of the larger concerns. Currently MISD students get out of school a week for Thanksgiving and two weeks for Christmas.

Cummins said starting after Labor Day would not allow for the week-long vacation at Thanksgiving and some mention has been made of reducing the Christmas vacation in 2000-2001.

That mention has proposed students starting back to school as early as Jan. 2, 2001, which wouldn't give traveling families much opportunity to return home in time.

"One of the other things we get into with calendar development is ensuring we have as good attendance as possible," said Cummins. "If you begin a break too late, we have a high degree of absenteeism and if you start

back too early, we have the same thing."

Executive Director of Business Affairs Art Martin put that in perspective by explaining the financial impact of absentee students.

According to Martin, 180 kids absent on any given day is equivalent to one child being absent for the entire year. In other words, for every 180 absent students, the district loses about \$4,000 in state funding.

"Say you have 1,800 kids absent, that's equivalent to \$40,000. Whether that would happen or not (students not coming back from holiday on time because they don't agree with the calendar) is anybody's guess, but

it could theoretically happen," said Martin.

Cummins said that because of the many different concerns involved in the process, much attention is being given to the process to ensure that everyone is represented.

A calendar committee consisting of parents and educators is being assembled and will hear the public's input at the forum. The committee will then propose three different calendars, which will then be submitted for teacher input. Teachers will then make their recommendation about which calendar is most suitable, and it will be sent to the board of trustees to adopt or deny.

BID: Williams announces run for railroad commissioner

(From 1A)

and the people that live in this community."

The industry contributes \$75 billion to the Texas economy and employs 500,000 Texans, he said.

Williams and Bush served

together as officers with the United Way of Midland, and Bush managed Williams' unsuccessful campaign for Midland County attorney in 1984. Williams later served as assistant secretary of education for civil rights at the U.S. Department of

Education under President Bush.

He is confident his friend will win his campaign to be elected president of the United States.

Asked if he would accept a national appointment from Bush if he is elected president, Williams replied, "I would be

honored if anyone would think I could serve the country in Washington. But I've been to Washington. I lived there eight and a half years. I'm very, very pleased to be on the Railroad Commission and look forward to serving the industry and Texas."

World population to hit 6 billion today

(From 1A)

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The world's population reaches 6 billion today according to U.N. demographers, and more than 1 billion young people just entering their reproductive years will determine how quickly the next milestone is reached.

Even with a continuing decline in fertility rates and family size, the sheer numbers of the largest "youthquake" in history guarantee enormous population growth through 2050, U.N. population experts say.

Most of these more than 1 billion young people, aged 15 to 24, live in less developed nations where governments are struggling to provide education, jobs and social services — and they urgently need reproductive health information and services, the U.N. Population Fund says.

"Whether they get services will determine the future course of population growth," said Dr. Nafis Sadik, the fund's executive director. "The decisions they make on the size of their family will determine the future levels of fertility, and the eventual numbers of the world's population."

And there is another "youthquake" coming, with 1.8 billion youngsters under the age of

15. The world's population has doubled since 1960, partly due to some very positive developments, including increased life expectancy and lower infant mortality, Sadik said.

It would have been higher if the United Nations, voluntary organizations and governments had not started promoting family planning and contraceptive use, which has increased from just 10 percent of women and men in 1969 to 60 percent today, she said.

"If we hadn't done anything, there would have been quite a different situation today. The population may have been 7 billion or 8 billion," Sadik said.

"There would have been many more unwanted children. Infant mortality would have been higher, and the average family size, which has reduced from six to three children in 30 years, would have been much higher."

Still, 350 million women don't have access to reproductive health and family planning services today. And in a world where educated women have fewer children, 960 million people are illiterate, two-thirds of them women, according to U.N. figures.

The plan of action adopted at a

1994 U.N. population conference in Cairo, Egypt, estimates the price of stabilizing world population at \$17 billion per year, which the Population Fund says is equivalent to world spending on arms for a week.

At the current pace, humanity is adding 78 million people every year. That's equal to a city the size of San Francisco every three days.

Nobody knows where the six billionth citizen of planet Earth will be born — and celebrations and ceremonies are being held in many countries — but it's almost certain to be in a developing nation. India has the world's largest number of births every year.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan planned to officially welcome the six billionth baby at a hospital in the Bosnian capital, Sarajevo, where he is making his first postwar visit as U.N. chief. The first child born there today was to be designated the symbolic six billionth baby.

A 29-year-old first-time mother gave birth to a baby boy at two minutes after midnight today, making him the designated six billionth baby, said Dr. Idris Bukvic, pediatrics chief at Sarajevo's hospital.

Security guard kills upstairs neighbors

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A man killed three upstairs neighbors before taking his own life, leaving a wounded 2-year-old girl sitting in her highchair amid the bloodbath.

Lorenzo "Sol" Silva, a 63-year-old security guard, had been friendly with the young family who lived on the second floor of the two-story home he shared with his mother.

But Silvestre Silva said his brother had mental problems that had worsened recently. He said his brother had "flipped out" when doctors recently diagnosed him with pancreatic cancer, said family members.

Silva had been taking antidepressants, to which he had an adverse reaction in the last two weeks, sometimes becoming paranoid, said family members. They had urged him to see a priest or return to his native Philippines to meet with a faith healer.

Lately, Silva couldn't sleep unless he was in the same room as his mother, and had a light on, his brother said.

"He had been nervous for

years," Silva said. "I saw him last week — he looked like he wanted to grab you. It was like he was drowning. He looked like he was seeing a ghost."

Police said they do not know what prompted the shooting.

Police said Silva finished the graveyard shift at the San Francisco airport and came home early Sunday. About 1:30 p.m., he marched upstairs with a handgun — one of the half a dozen guns he kept in his apartment.

He fatally shot Noel Ridual, his wife, Josephine, both 28, and a friend who lived with the couple, Ola Marquisias, 32. The Riduals' daughter, Jessica, was wounded in the shoulder and was in fair condition Monday.

Downstairs, members of the Silva family heard the gunshots

and went upstairs.

"I saw the four bodies and the baby crying" in her highchair, said Silva's brother-in-law, Buen Lirios. "There was blood all over."

Silvestre Silva said: "I cannot believe he would do this. He's not aggressive. The people upstairs were his friends."

Both Ridual, a math teacher, and Ms. Marquisias, a special education teacher, came to the United States from the Philippines through a program that brings foreign educators into San Francisco classrooms for five-year stints. This summer, Ridual brought his wife and daughter over.

Family members said Lorenzo Silva had been separated from his wife of 35 years for some time, and last year she returned to the Philippines.

Pick 3 Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

5-4-8

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The Cash Five winning numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

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Milosevic blasts opposition leaders seeking his ouster

LESKOVAC, Yugoslavia (AP) — Defending his policies despite years of war and economic ruin, Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic on Monday called opposition leaders seeking his ouster cowards and said they want to turn Serbia into a pro-Western colony.

Milosevic's first direct reaction to weeks of street protests against him came as major Serb opposition leaders — angry with European Union demands for the Yugoslav president's extradition — backed out of a key meeting Monday with EU foreign ministers to discuss ways to help the pro-democracy movement.

Reopening a railway station destroyed by NATO airstrikes in Leskovac, 120 miles southeast of Belgrade, Milosevic told some 5,000 supporters that only his government could take the country forward.

"Citizens should not be deceived that the country's reconstruction and development can be accomplished by those who, allegedly in the name of progress, drag themselves along the streets

of our cities," Milosevic said, referring to the daily protests organized by opposition leaders since Sept. 21.

"These are mainly cowards, blackmailers and sycophants," Milosevic said. "They do not take part in the reconstruction, but with rocks in their hands and with words they learned in the offices of our murderers, threaten to destroy what we have defended from NATO."

He accused opposition leaders of seeking to unleash "civil war" and install a pro-Western "colony" run by a "local traitor" or the "conqueror himself."

However, Milosevic conceded that Yugoslavia is going through a deep economic and social crisis. The opposition has accused him of starting — and then losing — four Balkan wars and turning Yugoslavia into one of the poorest European countries through economic mismanagement.

"All in the last decade was refugees, sanctions, earthquakes and floods," Milosevic said. "Still, we remained on our feet and showed the whole world how to

defend the fatherland, how the country can be defended and rebuilt."

Indicating he won't step down before the next elections scheduled for 2000, Milosevic said: "If our citizens think that despite all these difficulties we've been through there are representatives of people who could faster secure a better life, they should vote for them in the next elections."

More than two dozen opposition leaders had been invited to Luxembourg to discuss democracy and EU aid to municipalities run by opposition parties. But as the plane for Luxembourg took off Monday, most of them remained on the ground in a last-minute decision to stay away.

They said EU leaders had demanded they sign a pledge to extradite Milosevic and four of his aides for war crimes trials in The Hague, Netherlands, if they came to power.

One prominent opposition leader, Zoran Djindjic, said the opposition was "ready to cooperate fully with The Hague court," but said it was "irresponsible" to force the issue at this time.

Inspectors find another radioactive leak

TOKYO (AP) — The plant at the center of Japan's worst nuclear accident kept pumping small amounts of radiation into the air for more than a week before officials discovered it, the operator said Monday.

Radioactive iodine 131 at double the legal limit was detected Friday at a ventilator opening in the building, but officials waited until Monday to turn off the exhaust fan and seal the opening.

The ventilator had been left running after the Sept. 30 accident that exposed at least 49 people to radiation, according to JCO Co., which runs the nuclear fuel reprocessing plant in Tokaimura, 70 miles northeast of Tokyo.

"We were discussing how to cope with the situation, because the level of radioactivity outside the plant was low," said Shinji Saeki, a JCO official, when asked why the company waited to turn off the exhaust fan.

Saeki said that while the iodine 131 in the exhaust vent was above safety levels, a monitor 50 yards from the plant detected it at only 1/100 of the safety level.

Radioactive iodine can cause thyroid disease, but Saeki said the leak — which stretched over 12 days — did not present a danger to people living near the plant. Even so, JCO sealed the plant's windows and doors, he said.

It was not immediately clear why the monitors surrounding the plant did not detect the radioactivity sooner. Authorities have long since declared the area around the plant safe, and most people in the town have gone back to their regular daily activities.

The investigation into last month's accident, which forced

the evacuation of surrounding homes, has centered on the plant's safety standards. It happened when workers, who were ignoring certain guidelines for handling radioactive materials, set off an uncontrolled atomic reaction.

JCO has been under scrutiny for apparently ordering workers to skip crucial security steps to save time. Critics have also blamed JCO and authorities for not warning residents sooner and for failing to protect them.

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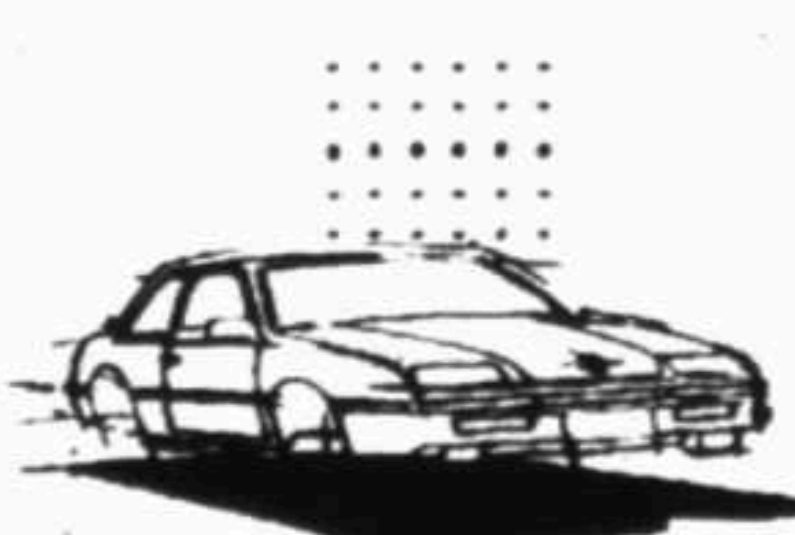
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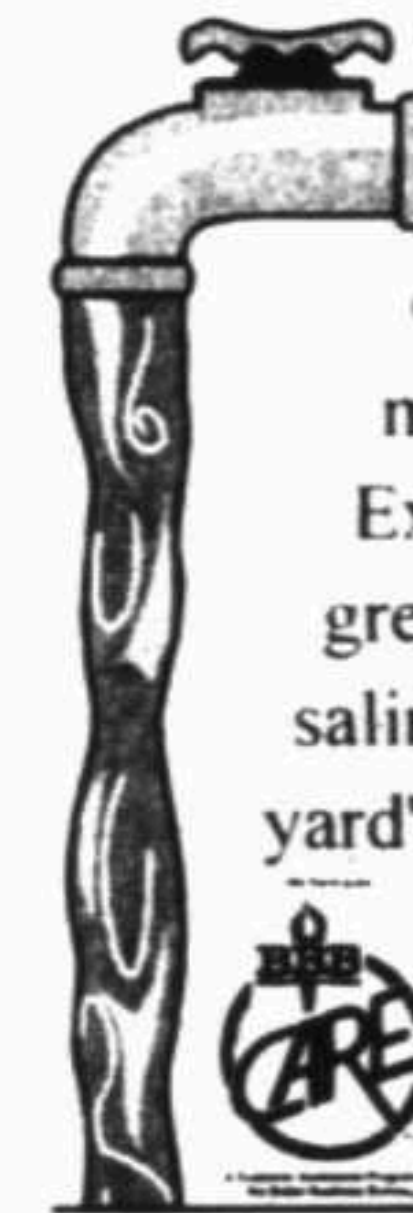
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Pedro Reyes walks through a flooded street in the Asuncion Castellanos neighborhood carrying his bed on Monday, in Villahermosa, Tabasco, Mexico. Torrential rain has flooded rivers, caused dams to overflow and sent mudslides rolling over houses in central and eastern Mexico, killing at least 344.

Officials knew of danger in devastated neighborhood

TEZIUTLAN, Mexico (AP) — The scope of the death and damage caused by last week's mudslides has shocked Mexico and the world. But where they occurred was no surprise: A zoning plan drawn up last year called for removing houses built helter-skelter in the ravines of this mountainside city.

There seemed to be no rush. Some of the houses had been in place for decades, and officials lacked the funds or political might to force residents to less perilous locations.

But last week's pounding rains caused huge slabs of hillside to break away, sending avalanches of mud rushing down on houses below.

By Monday, the official death toll stood at 344 across southeastern Mexico, but it was expected to go much higher. Unofficial counts, based on accounts from local officials and witnesses, ran as high as 600.

More than 271,000 were forced from their homes.

On a visit to Teziutlan on Monday, President Ernesto Zedillo announced a program to rebuild or repair houses destroyed by the disaster. Under the plan, low-income families who lost their homes were to receive land, \$2,000 worth of construction material and 88 days' worth of wages. Those whose houses were damaged were to receive \$200 to \$600 worth of material, while higher-income families were eligible for subsidized credits.

The flooding and mudslides were caused by more than a week of relentless rain, capped by a tropical depression in the Gulf of Mexico. On Monday, forecasters

were still predicting strong storms in nine states.

Washed-out bridges and roads have isolated hundreds of communities, while landslides destroyed or damaged houses in dozens of towns and villages.

The Tabasco state capital, Villahermosa, was so gravely flooded that its streets became canals.

But the deadliest damage was in Teziutlan, where rain fell for 60 hours without a break — and total precipitation equaled 30 inches.

By Monday, at least 69 bodies had been pulled from the muck at the worst of the mudslides in the La Aurora neighborhood. Dozens of desperate residents converged on City Hall, demanding something be done about their damaged or imperiled houses.

Across Mexico, poverty and inadequate housing have led people to build on any land they find — all too often on soft soil beside flood-prone canyons.

The city's recently appointed planning director, Jose Luis Olvera, said some officials have tried to discourage such settlements. But others grant permits or utility services in exchange for bribes or political favors.

"It has not been possible to halt the construction," he said, puffing wearily on a cigarette. On his wall, a city planning map showed La Aurora and other neighborhoods colored yellow as "precarious housing."

Until last year, there was not even a zoning ordinance in Teziutlan and the municipality of 180,000 people still lacks a building code.

Nevertheless, Olvera said, La Aurora might have been safe with

proper drainage and retaining walls. But the neighborhood grew up haphazardly over 40 years and was so established that a factory was being built close to the slide area.

Authorities have already told the remaining residents near the slide area they will have to move.

"They are going to pay attention to us. There will be more political pressure," Olvera said.

A dozen people from the La Gloria neighborhood wandered City Hall on Sunday looking for help. They were forced to flee when huge chunks of earth tumbled onto their neighborhood last week.

Puebla's state university drew up a plan last year to remove residents from La Gloria's ravine, only about four blocks from the town's central plaza, so that it could be reforested and turned into a recreation area. But nobody had funds for the project.

Improbably, nobody died at La Gloria. Some houses were obliterated by slides, others collapsed by a raging river of runoff. A few were reduced to heaps of sticks and tin. Many are imperiled by houses now at the precipice of the unstable cliff above.

"The river carried away six pigs," said Jorge Mureta Ruiz, 22, pointing to a bank littered with debris beside a creek that knocked away a wall and now flowed beneath part of the house where his family had lived for 20 years.

Church paying pregnant 12-year-old to keep baby

LONDON (AP) — Weeks after the British government launched a moral crusade to cut the number of teen-age pregnancies, the Roman Catholic Church in Scotland has revealed that it is paying the bills of a pregnant 12-year-old to prevent her from having an abortion.

The announcement provoked a furious backlash Monday from abortion rights advocates and renewed the debate about how to curb Britain's teen-age pregnancy rate, the highest in Western Europe.

"We are talking ... of money being offered to a child to keep a baby, which removes choice," said Sarah Colborn, head of the National Abortion Campaign.

"Offering 12-year-olds cash for babies is tantamount to bribery," fumed Sue Carroll, a writer for the tabloid Daily Mirror. "And it stinks to high heaven."

But Monsignor Tom Connelly, a spokesman for the Catholic Church in Scotland, said the church's offer gives the girl "real choice, so the child in the womb does not suffer at all, irrespective of age or race or creed."

News reports said the unidentified girl, who lives in England and is midway through her pregnancy, was advised by teachers and social workers to terminate the pregnancy because of her age.

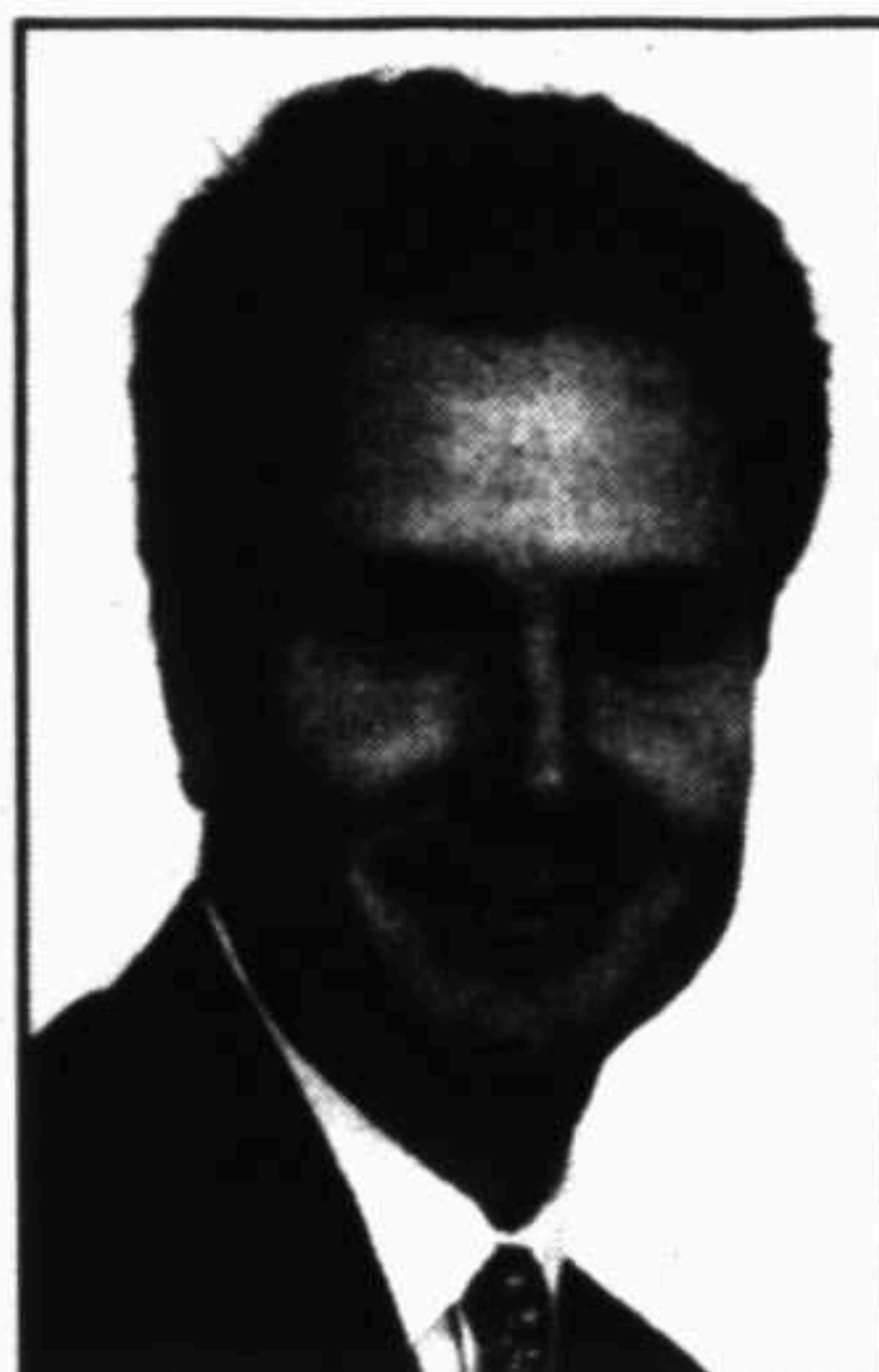
Her parents reportedly contacted the Scottish church's Pro-Life Initiative, a program that

offers alternatives to abortion set up two years ago by Cardinal Thomas Winning, the fiercely conservative leader of Scotland's 750,000 Catholics.

The family was offered immediate financial help if the girl chose to go ahead with the birth.

The church has not said how much it will pay, but it has indicated it will finance such items as a crib and stroller.

The Vatican was unable to provide information Monday on whether other dioceses make similar financial arrangements. A spokesman said it does not happen in Italy but pointed out that various groups, such as Mother Teresa's order, provide homes for unmarried mothers.



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Volunteers can make a difference

Make A Difference Day is about exactly what the name indicates — making a difference for individuals, for groups, for the community as a whole.

Volunteers from throughout Midland are getting ready to Make A Difference on Oct. 23, National Make A Difference Day.

In Midland, activities that are part of Make A Difference Day include:

- Construction of a house with Habitat for Humanity;
- Assisting Casa de Amigos volunteers in painting addresses on curbs;
- Helping the congregation of Glory of God Church make repairs to its building;
- Repainting the Churches in Harmony mural on the Community & Senior Services building by the Arts Assembly of Midland and local volunteers.

As Midland City Councilman-At-Large Jose Cuevas stated in an article in the Reporter-Telegram on Oct. 1, "It's amazing how much we can accomplish in just one day. And once you get going, you may want to keep making a difference all year round. Make A Difference Day is the perfect introduction to the enormously satisfying world of helping others."

Through the efforts of volunteers, lives can be changed, situations improved, hope engendered and entire communities improved. After all, that is what Make A Difference Day is all about — making a difference for others.

Started in 1992 by USA Weekend magazine and the Points of Light Foundation, Make A Difference Day has enjoyed tremendous success in cities across the nation. That is largely because it gives individuals and groups the opportunity to get involved in actually changing some lives by helping others — by making a difference.

Locally, the Reporter-Telegram, the City of Midland, Wal-Mart and The Home Depot are sponsoring Make A Difference Day. Please get involved by joining the effort on one of these projects — or come up with one of your own — and help us make a difference in Midland.

ANOTHER VIEW

21st century will bring different U.S.

The U.N. Population Fund has specified Oct. 12 as the estimated date when the human swarm will hit 6 billion — having doubled since 1960 and tripled in a single lifespan. Astounding. ... However, hardly anyone notices the exponential overbreeding. ...

Overpopulation ravages the environment, causing pollution and erosion, filling the air and water with contaminants, wiping out rain forests, exterminating wildlife, destroying fertile land, leading to hunger. Health deteriorates where human congestion spawns epidemics and malnutrition. Tens of thousands of malnourished children die daily. ...

Meanwhile, northward migration and other population changes rapidly are altering America. The Census Bureau predicts that the number of Americans will rise from 268 million today to 394 million 50 years from now — and 90 percent of the growth will be among minorities. ...

What effect will this "browning of America" have on the racist "patriot" fringe which feels that the only genuine America is a lily-white America? Will armed neo-Nazi groups fade as minorities grow — or will they turn more violent against what they perceive as a threat? We can't predict what right-wing extremists will do. ... All we can do is agree with U.S. Commerce Secretary William M. Daley, who said in a population speech last week: "We have found that the 21st century will be a very different America."

— The Charleston Gazette
 Charleston, W.Va.

WHOM TO WRITE

Following is a list of the names and addresses of various state and federal officials Midlanders may wish to contact from time to time:

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CAL THOMAS

Beauty of 'art' is in the eye of the beholder

NEW YORK CITY — Perhaps it was a harmonic convergence. I was in New York City during the opening of the Sensation exhibit of "art" at the Brooklyn Museum and I experienced one of the loveliest moments of my life — hearing one of the greatest singers of what was once called Broadway music. That would be Barbara Cook, the original Marian the Librarian in Meredith Willson's "The Music Man," who sprinkles grace like Tinkerbell tosses pixie dust, enchanting all within her reach.



Thomas

The juxtaposition of an event featuring an alleged "artist's" depiction of the Virgin Mary profaned with elephant dung and the enchanted loveliness of Barbara Cook singing songs from shows associated with the late director-choreographer Gower Champion was surely one moment in time, but an important one.

Here was a clear case of light dispelling darkness, of something truly beautiful washing away ugliness and loneliness, despair and doubt, if only for an hour. But it only takes a moment to feel clean. It made me wonder why some people fixate on the dark and ugly beast when we could more profitably and wonderfully be engaged in the creation and encouragement of beauty.

All of this energy and free publicity for things evil is time wasted by people who claim a desire to see good things. Why don't they take some of that intensity and invest it in the promotion of something noble? CBS Vice President Marty Franks told me recently that if just a small percentage of those complaining about bad television had watched the family- and virtue-oriented series, "Promised Land," it would still be on the air. But too many have been conditioned to accentuate the negative. As a result, they eliminate much of the positive.

The power of Barbara Cook's performance, enhanced by the keyboard caresses of her longtime accompanist, Wally Harper, transformed an ordinary night into one that sparkled like Fourth of July. As my wife and I watched and listened in the company of the former top drama critic (now a columnist) for the New York Times, Frank Rich, and his wife, Alex Witchel, herself a gifted Times writer, tears came to our eyes, as they did to Cook's. Perhaps we cried not only for the power of the words and music in this lovely salute to Gower Champion, but for the loss of what we can no longer come along and listen to. The lullaby of Broadway has itself been put to sleep. In its place is a lot of hack work and mostly bad revivals that resurrect like unresuscitated corpses.

Perhaps without realizing it, Barbara Cook's tribute to Champion at the delightfully cozy Carlyle Hotel is really a tribute to herself and to a Broadway that we dearly wish would come back,

where ticket prices once cost less than parking fees and where creativity was much bigger than any avenue.

Now, look what's happened to it. One time they said it was wonderful, but that was before the parade passed by and we all got lost in the smarmy. Still, maybe time will heal everything. Even while we know that love makes the world go 'round, we wonder what, if anything, can revive the old Broadway. If you recognize some of these phrases — from shows Champion worked on — you loved the old Broadway, too, and wish it were no longer among our yesterdays.

The night that Champion died — Aug. 26, 1980 — his final show opened. It was "42nd Street." Upon hearing the news of Champion's death that night, Frank Rich would later write: "I broke unexpectedly into tears, partly, perhaps, out of psychic release, now that the (review deadline) pressure had been lifted, but also out of some sense of mourning for Champion. I had never met him, but I took the loss personally anyway, out of an inchoate sense that some of my old childhood fantasies about the theater had died with him that night."

Perhaps that's why the tears flowed again as we listened to Barbara Cook. Would someone, could someone, please bring Broadway back and give it life and light and shine? But that will take two other hands, not mine.

Cal Thomas' column is distributed by the Los Angeles Times Syndicate, Inc.



LETTERS

Nothing in the Permian Basin's fossil record to contradict creation

In regard to the letter of Michael D. Cherrington (Letters, Sunday, Sept. 26), one cannot ignore the delusion that Michael D. Cherrington was laboring under when he implied that evolution was an established fact. In the publication "The Evolution of a Theory" by Christopher Booker, an avowed evolutionist, this statement was made: "As to how and why it really happened, we have not the slightest idea and probably never will."

Further, the renowned astronomer Robert Jastrow, who is just as learned as Cherrington asserted, "Scientists have no proof that life was not the result of creation."

It was further implied that all who do not subscribe to this theory must believe "... That the earth is a mere 10,000 years old." The most reliable information on the geology of the earth is the Bible. It does not limit the age of the earth to that short period of time. As a matter of fact, the opening of the Bible debunks that conclusion outright: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Who knows when the beginning took place? It could involve eons. The only thing the Bible chronicles is the preparation of the earth for man's habitation and that certainly took more than 10,000 years. With these facts in mind one can easily understand that there is nothing in the fossil record of the Permian Basin that contradicts creation.

If Cherrington had employed some of his touted "scientific method" by exhausting all sources of information he may not have made such an absurd deduction. Was it not the "scientific method" that prompted the alchemist of the Middle Ages to futilely try to turn base metals into gold and also to concoct the elixir of life?

The truth is that these pseudo-intellectuals do great harm to humanity and especially to young tender hearts and minds when they imply that evolution is "the best explanation of our earth's history." Shame! Shame! Shame!

John W. Olliff

Opposition to Advantage Charter School appears to be unfounded

Why are so many people in Midland against Midland Advantage Charter School? Is it that they are scared of change or is it because their organization has been affected financially because of this school? We as parents of two children that attend this school are very concerned with the negative media attention our school is receiving. We are concerned that the whole story is not being represented fairly to our community.

The school held its first PTO meeting on Oct. 8. There were many parents and teachers in attendance at this meeting (the Reporter-Telegram was invited but for whatever reason chose not to attend). This would have been an opportunity for our local newspaper to try and see the positive aspects of this school. We had open floor discussions about the forming of our board and many parents voiced concerns and suggestions.

The staff at this school is extremely professional in all that they do. There have been some minor problems that have occurred, as that is the case in all new endeavors that are attempted. If you will take into account that over 600 students are enrolled at this school and the majority of the parents who have children in this school are very satisfied or they would have already gone back to MISD. There are many schools in Midland that experience traffic congestion at the time of dismissal.

Please be aware that we as parents are very concerned with the education and happiness of our children. Our children are truly happy and very well cared for by the staff at this school. If you as a parent are concerned or dissatisfied with your current educational system you now have a choice on who educates your child and how that education is presented to them.

Please come to the school and witness for yourselves the excellent teaching methods and the professionalism of the staff at this school. If you are not fully aware of what all Midland Advantage Charter can offer then before you condemn this school please research and learn what it is all about, it is not just another charter school.

Roger & Laura Stanley

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 12, the 285th day of 1999. There are 80 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history: On Oct. 12, 1492, Christopher Columbus arrived with his expedition in the present-day Bahamas. On this date:

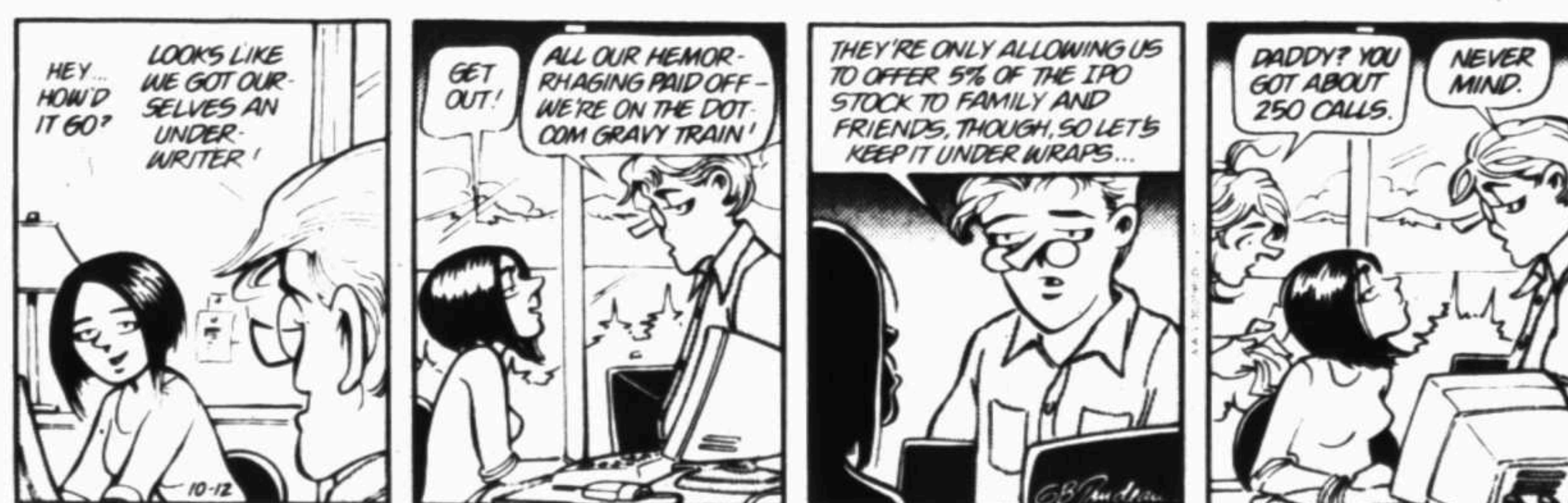
In 1870, Gen. Robert E. Lee died in Lexington, Va., at age 63.

In 1933, bank robber John Dillinger escaped fled a jail in Allen County, Ohio, with the help of his gang, who killed the sheriff. In 1942, during World War II, President Roosevelt delivered one

of his so-called "fireside chats" in which he recommended drafting 18- and 19-year-old men.

In 1960, Soviet premier Nikita Khrushchev disrupted a U.N. General Assembly session by pounding his desk with a shoe during a dispute.

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CHARLEY REESE

Confusion over Reagan stems from the man's authenticity

I haven't read the new biography of Ronald Reagan and therefore can't pass judgment on it, but I have an idea why several Washingtonians have, over the years, professed to be mystified by Reagan.

I suspect the answer is quite simple. Any man who's been around Washington and politicians would expect that Reagan would be a different person in private than in public. That's certainly true of most politicians.

But from all accounts there is only one Reagan, and the private Reagan is identical to the public Reagan. If that's true, and I think it is, then there is a paradox. The only American president to have been a professional actor was the only 100 percent authentic person to occupy the White House since Harry Truman. In other words, he was never acting. What he said was what he believed, on-camera or off-camera, in public or in private. The emotions he showed were the emotions he felt.

In this age of disinformation and deception, it's just difficult for some people to believe in people who are authentic and who have no pretenses or false fronts. I suspect a lot of Beltway types just kept thinking there is a real Reagan in there somewhere, and he's hiding it from us. They were, however, seeing the real Reagan and just couldn't make themselves believe it. That's not unusual. I've run into people who can't believe I believe what I write. One feminist, when introduced to me, blurted out, "Do you really believe all that garbage you write in the newspaper?" "Every (expletive deleted) word of it, lady," I replied. Had she not been rude, I would have answered in a more civil manner, but the answer would have been the same.

If you understand there are two categories of successful film actors, Reagan's genuineness is no surprise. There are skillful actors who study the craft seriously. Robert De Niro is a good example. Then there are actors who "look right" in the part. Reagan was one of the latter.

I don't mean that in a disparaging sense. People in that category of acting have to have the discipline to learn their lines and to follow directors' orders, but since films are shot in bits and pieces, if it's the right script, they can pull it off and even be popular and successful.

If you look at his old films, he always played Ronald Reagan. It's impossible to imagine him playing King Lear or Hamlet or even playing an evil person in a film. Arnold Schwarzenegger is a current example. Schwarzenegger is a shrewd, intelligent businessman, but he's no actor in the artistic sense and doesn't pretend to be. He looks right in certain parts. Audiences enjoy him in those parts. But he has no desire to be a Shakespearean actor. He, as Reagan was, is content to be a commercially successful actor.

That's a roundabout way to explain Reagan's authenticity, but too much was often made of the fact that he had been an actor. He had been out of the acting business for many years before he was elected president.

As for his intelligence, no man could have accomplished what he did without being intelligent. Lots of people confuse intelligence with being bookish or academic. He wasn't that, but he was intelligent. He knew who he was and what he believed without being a fanatic. That is the kind of person who makes a good chief executive.

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LONDON (NYT) — They're not dead yet.

Well, actually, one of them is. But the other five men who make up the Monty Python comedy troupe are feeling much better, well enough to reassemble this weekend to mark the 30th anniversary of the first showing on the BBC of "Monty Python's Flying Circus."

That television show produced 45 episodes, spawned a cottage industry of books, recordings, and films, and in the process redefined British humor, finding an eager audience not just here but in the United States, where the shows were broadcast on public television and became cult classics.

Saturday night, the BBC devoted 3 1/2 hours of air time to Monty Python retrospectives, including a screening of the 1979 film "Life of Brian," a spoof on a Christ-like character that was denounced by some as blasphemous.

Monty Python was politically incorrect long before the term was coined. They sang about cross-dressing lumberjacks, portrayed Scotsmen as kilt-wearing automatons, and staged a mock Olympics for the mentally disabled that would never get on the air these days.

Now, however, Monty Python is part of the establishment. Michael Palin does a BBC travel show. John Cleese, whose series "Fawlty Towers," about a bumbling innkeeper, became another cult classic, does commercials for a British supermarket chain. Eric

Idle lives in California with his American wife and stars in the Brooke Shields sitcom "Suddenly Susan." Terry Jones and Terry Gilliam, the American animator who produced the surreal animations for the show, have directed Hollywood movies.

But one of the reasons Monty Python's satire of the British establishment was so cutting is that the troupe was a product of that establishment. Cleese and Graham Chapman, a member of the troupe who died 10 years ago, met at Cambridge University. Idle, Palin, and Jones appeared in revues at Oxford University together.

All five of them graduated from Britain's two most prestigious universities and began writing and performing for television and radio. The BBC threw them together on a lark, a new show to fill a void. Gilliam, whom Cleese had met in New York, was thrown in for good measure.

Barry Took, an adviser to the BBC who devised the idea for the show, said the title came from one of his bosses' dismissing him as being like "Baron Von Richthoven and his Flying Circus."

Cleese said that it was initially going to be called "Gwen Dibley's Flying Circus" after Palin found that name in a newspaper article, but that one of the group — no one can say for sure who — suggested Monty Python.

Cleese said they just thought it sounded funny.

The BBC agreed, up to a point. Monty Python had to go to court

on more than one occasion to prevent its skits from being edited. In one case, one of Gilliam's animations had a voiceover in which the narrator explained that a young prince found a spot on his face.

"Foolishly he ignored it," the narrator said, "and three years later he died of cancer."

The BBC changed "cancer" to "gangrene."

On the TV show, they sang about the virtues of Spam, satirized randy clerics in "The Dirty

Vicar" sketch, and routinely dressed in women's clothing.

On Thursday, four of the five remaining members of the troupe attended a screening of "Life of Brian" at the Empire Theatre in Leicester Square to raise money for cancer research in memory of Chapman. Idle did not show up.

"Eric is not playing with us at the moment," quipped Jones. Idle is still smarting over the troupe's decision to cancel a 30th anniversary touring show.

That's not all that's eating at Idle. He laments that they all have become part of the establishment

they once savaged. "I miss people hating us," he said.

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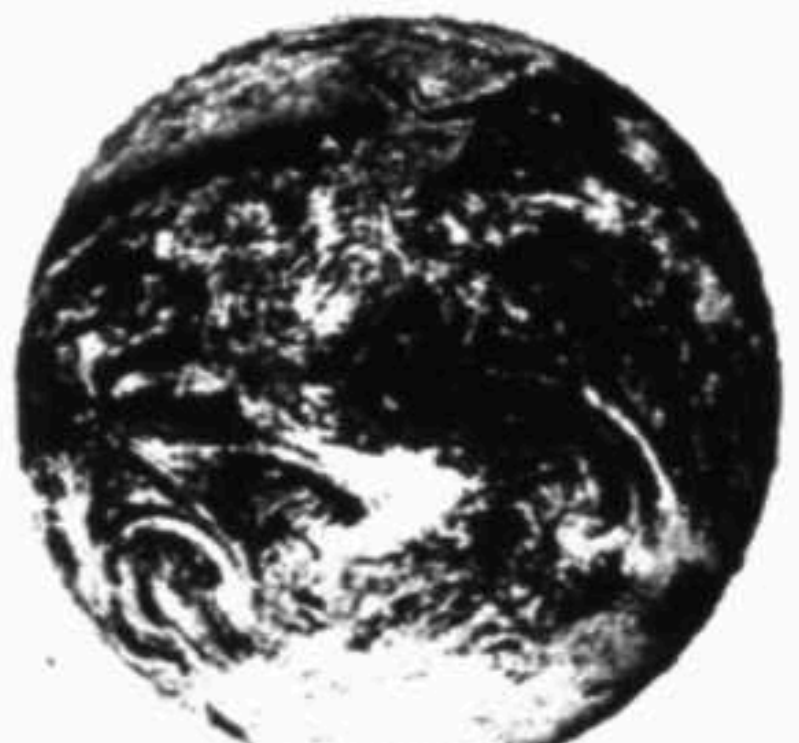
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Over 30 years, people, computers joined to form the Internet

By George Johnson
N.Y. Times News Service

Thirty years ago, on Oct. 29, the inaugural message was sent over the first thin reed of what was to become the Internet. It was nothing so portentous as "What hath God wrought," the words christening the telegraph in 1844. It was just the simple word "login."

There were only two nodes on what was then known as the Arpanet, the precursor to the Internet built by the Defense Department's Advanced Research Projects Agency. As the story has become enshrined in the folklore, a UCLA student named Charley Kline tapped out the letters "l" and "o," which were dutifully echoed back by a computer at the Stanford Research Institute, a center about 300 miles northwest in what was not yet Silicon Valley. When he typed the third letter, "g," the SRI computer was supposed to recognize and complete the full command.

Instead, the letters caused a memory buffer to overflow, bringing down the system. But it was an exceedingly minor crash, said Bill Duvall, who was tweaking the connection on the Stanford end. The buffer size was increased and the first connection was flawlessly made.

"I guess that I really don't care to be known as 'The First Guy to Crash the Internet,'" Duvall wrote in an e-mail message. What sticks in his mind is the satisfying feeling of getting the pieces of the complex system to mesh. The SRI computer had to be fooled into thinking it was talking to a regular old teletype machine, a "virtual user," which might as well have been in the same room. Stanford had practiced for the occasion by running simulations of the network connection. But there is no substitute for the real thing.

"Quite a bit of thought went into debugging the initial network connection," Duvall recalled. "When the SRI end came up, I was pretty happy. I guess that it is a bit like a symphony—it's the last note that is remembered, not all of the stuff in between."

No one apparently thought to take a picture. And no one recalls what messages followed. "It seems like it should have been 'Watson, come here! I need you!'" Duvall said, referring to Alexander Graham Bell's first, urgent telephonic command (he had just spilled battery acid). "That would not have been out of character. But, alas, I really don't remember."

And so the revolution quietly began. With one scarcely noticed milestone after another, the planetary nervous system envisioned in the early '60s—cyber rhetoric as old as a Beatles tune—unceremoniously began insinuating itself into society. A strange amalgam of Defense Department money, engineering expertise, and even a dab of countercultural idealism, slowly brought on the Net we know today.

There was no big ribbon-cutting a month later when a third node was installed at the University of California at Santa Barbara, or the

following month, when the reach extended outside California to the University of Utah. No golden spike was hammered into the ground to commemorate the joining of the coasts with a link to Cambridge, Mass.

What was emerging would be barely recognizable today. There were no dot coms, no World Wide Web, nothing called e-mail. The main purpose was to let university-based researchers for the Defense Department agency share computer resources, allowing someone in, say, California to run a program on a machine in Massachusetts. Many system administrators were reluctant. Computer power was scarce. Why should they share it with strangers?

But from very early on, a handful of visionaries realized the synergistic power that would come from someday putting a computer on everybody's desk, then gradually weaving them into one great matrix.

As long ago as 1945, in The Atlantic Monthly, Dr. Vannevar Bush, the engineer, educator and government research adviser, came up with the basic idea of the personal computer, a device he called the memex—a mechanical extension of human memory.

Though embodied in the clunky technologies of the time, the memex would work something like an associative memory—or, less grandiosely, a relational database. A user researching the history of the bow and arrow might start by calling up an encyclopedia article. When he found another relevant passage in a book, he would link the documents with a few keystrokes, encoding them with crude hyperlinks, and even add his own annotations. "Thus he builds a trail of his interest through the maze of materials available to him," Bush wrote.

The big thing Bush missed was electronic networking. As he saw the chain of events, the researcher would meet someone a few years later who wanted to incorporate the bow-and-arrow material into his own study on technology. "He sets a reproducer in action, photographs the whole trail out and passes it to his friend for insertion in his own memex," he wrote, "there to be linked into the more general trail." He had invented the World Wide Web with messengers on bicycles in place of high-speed digital T-3 lines.

A decade and a half later, Dr. J.C.R. Licklider, one of the most visionary computer scientists of his day, took another leap with his predictions of a "Galactic Network" linking everyone to a universe of information. In a later paper titled "The Computer as a Communication Device," he and Robert Taylor, who would go on to direct

the Arpanet project, imagined nothing less than "a labile network of networks, ever-changing in both content and configuration."

For all the grandiosity of the vision, the Internet developed haltingly. To make Licklider's Galactic Net a reality, scientists and engineers had to design a communications system that operated like none that had come before.

But there was an even more radical difference between the networks of old and the one that was about to take root. In an ordinary telephone system, two phones were linked by forming a temporary circuit, a dedicated physical channel through which the electrified voices flowed. The telegraph used a different technology called message switching: Each telegram was given an electronic address, then sent into the Net, where it would be relayed, node by node, to its destination.

Paul Baran at RAND Corp. and Donald Watts Davies at the British National Physical Laboratory independently saw the advantages of taking this "store and forward" model a step further. A message from one computer to another would be chopped up into many little packets, which would be sent swarming through the network to find their way. Some would take this route, some would take that. Each would carry a destination label along with instructions for where the packet fit inside the overall message.

Around the same time, Dr. Leonard Kleinrock, who would preside over the establishment of the first node at UCLA, was using a mathematical tool called queueing theory to understand how data would flow in a packet-switched network.

Two years after the first transmission, the number of host computers grew to 23. The (AT) symbol was invented in 1972, and a year later 75 percent of the Arpanet traffic was e-mail. It was starting to look like the Net.

It was not until 1984, when the Net had grown to include 1,000 host computers, that the domain name system was established that lets Amazon.com be Amazon.com and not 208.216.182.15. And in 1991 came the World Wide Web followed by Mosaic, the first graphical interface, or browser, that inspired Netscape and Explorer. The number of Internet hosts quickly exceeded a million, and this year that number multiplied fiftyfold.

Sitting up in the futurist's perch, where Licklider put himself almost half a century ago, today's visionaries talk about the arrival in the first decades of the coming millennium of "ubiquitous computing." Hand-held computers will merge with cell phones, talking to computers hidden in the office walls and the trunks of cars, all linked into a pervasive net. With a spoken command, a per-

son would have instant access to the invisible ether of information.

Writing in 1960, Licklider called this kind of technobiological mind meld "man-computer symbiosis" and ventured that bringing it together might take 15 years. "The 15 may be 10 or 500," he added more realistically, "but those years should be intellectually the most creative and excit-

ing in the history of mankind."

As the Internet inevitably recedes into the background, it can almost be taken for granted—the ultimate compliment. It has become the platform on which its successor will rise. When the 40th anniversary or the 50th rolls around, it will be even harder to untangle the individual contributions to something so much bigger than its inventors.

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By Mella McEv
Staff Writer

Midlanders will have a chance to see the treasure trove of the Spanish Colonial Museum in Key West. The Atocha was a gold, silver, Central and South American treasure ship that sank in the Florida coast. Margarita, wrecked by the late Fisher in 1968 until it was discovered. On display at the N. Garfield, there will be some of the gold chain, 211 disks, 119 gold coins and some of the emeralds found.

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By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

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Spanish galleon treasures on display

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Midlanders will get a taste of history this week. Treasures from the Spanish galleon *Nuestra Señora de Atocha* will go on display Thursday as part of a national tour of artifacts from the Mel Fisher Museum in Key West, Fla.

The *Atocha* was bound for Spain, laden with gold, silver and other treasure from Central and South America, when it sunk in September 1622 during a hurricane off the Florida coast. It and a sister ship, *Santa Margarita*, were the subject of a search by the late Fisher, his family and staff, from 1968 until 1985, when the *Atocha* was discovered.

On display at Occasions Jewelry, 4610 N. Garfield, Thursday through Sunday, will be some of the several thousand feet of gold chain, 218 gold bars, chunks and disks, 119 gold coins and 130,000 silver coins and some of the estimated 70 pounds of emeralds found from the wreckage, said

Mike Fleck, owner of the jewelry store. The store's 21 cases will house the artifacts, some of which will be for sale, he said.

"We will not be open to the public except to show the exhibit," he said. Already, several school groups have made arrangements to tour the exhibit, and divers from the Fisher museum will be available to give talks on the search for the ship and recovering the artifacts.

Fisher's efforts drew national attention not only for the tremendous wealth — \$500 million in gold, silver, emeralds and other items have been recovered to date — but for the court battle over ownership of the treasure. Fisher battled the state of Florida and the federal government for eight years before the Supreme Court ruled that the findings belonged to him.

Now, said Kim Fisher, Mel's son, "we have a good relationship with the government. We pay income tax on our finds, and on wrecks located in state waters, we

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give the Florida government 20 percent."

Fisher shared his father's dream and was one of the divers that found the *Atocha*, recalled the first glimpses of silver bars stacked like firewood at quite some distance. His favorite find, he said, is called a "poison cup," a silver cup decorated with dragons with a bezoar stone in the bottom that was thought to indicate the presence of poison.

Other finds have included the ship's cannons, spikes used to put the ship together and navigation tools.

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He said the loss of the *Atocha*, which carried much of Spain's treasure from the New World and was needed to help King Philip IV pay off war debt, "as the beginning of the end of Spanish control of the known world."

Agreed Fisher of the galleon he had spent much of his life seeking. "It was a tremendous archeological find. We laid out a grid and excavated the site a meter at a time, recording everything we found. This keeps records for future generations. It's a peek into history. It's like a time capsule."

At present the family is working 12 shipwrecks, most off the Florida coast, and

still recovering treasure from the *Atocha*.

"I could retire," said Fisher, who has been diving since the age of nine and was "hooked" on salvaging treasure since finding his first piece of eight, "but I'm having too much fun. I love the history and, the sooner we can recover the items and stabilize and conserve them, the more there is for people to see."

And the treasure doesn't have to be gold or silver, he pointed out, "it can be a shoe buckle or the nails that held the ship together."

The effort began in Spain, where, because the Spanish were excellent record keepers, researcher Eugene Lyon found cargo manifests for the *Atocha* in the Archives of the Indies at Seville.

Technology played a part, with the development a seagoing magnetometer that indicates ferrous metals and a side-scan sonar and other equipment, all helping pinpoint the location of the wreck.

Couple wins water-wise landscaping award

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

The gardening term is "xeric" and not "zero." As in "xeriscaping," which Strother and Mary Frances Simpson have in their award-winning yard at 2706 Racquet Club in north-central Midland.

"They are getting our Water-Wise Yard-of-the-Month award," noted Cindy Lanning, executive director of Keep Midland Beautiful (KMB). "We think this is a wonderful example of a water-wise yard."

The landscape, which initially was developed by Midland physician Dr. David Snyder before the Simpson couple moved to town at midyear and brought the property, is replete with native grasses, such as buffalo grass and the tall, ornamental mule grass. The xeriscaping also parades the salvia Mexican bush sage, artemisia, flowering lantana, anise-scented foliage of Mexican marigold, celosia in colorful (scarlet) plumbed flower heads, honeysuckle ground cover, purple sage, and oak trees.

"I do lots of weeding, about four hours of weeding every week," allowed the 35-year-old Simpson. "But the nice thing is that you can go away for two weeks and not do anything."

Simpson and his wife, who are setting up a coffee-bar and cafe in Midland, moved to Houston last June.

"We wanted to get out of Houston because Houston is 2.5 million too many people," Simpson said.

Mrs. Simpson said that the "combination of the landscaping and the style of the house, stone wall and a tin roof," appealed to her. "And the floors are from an old barn."

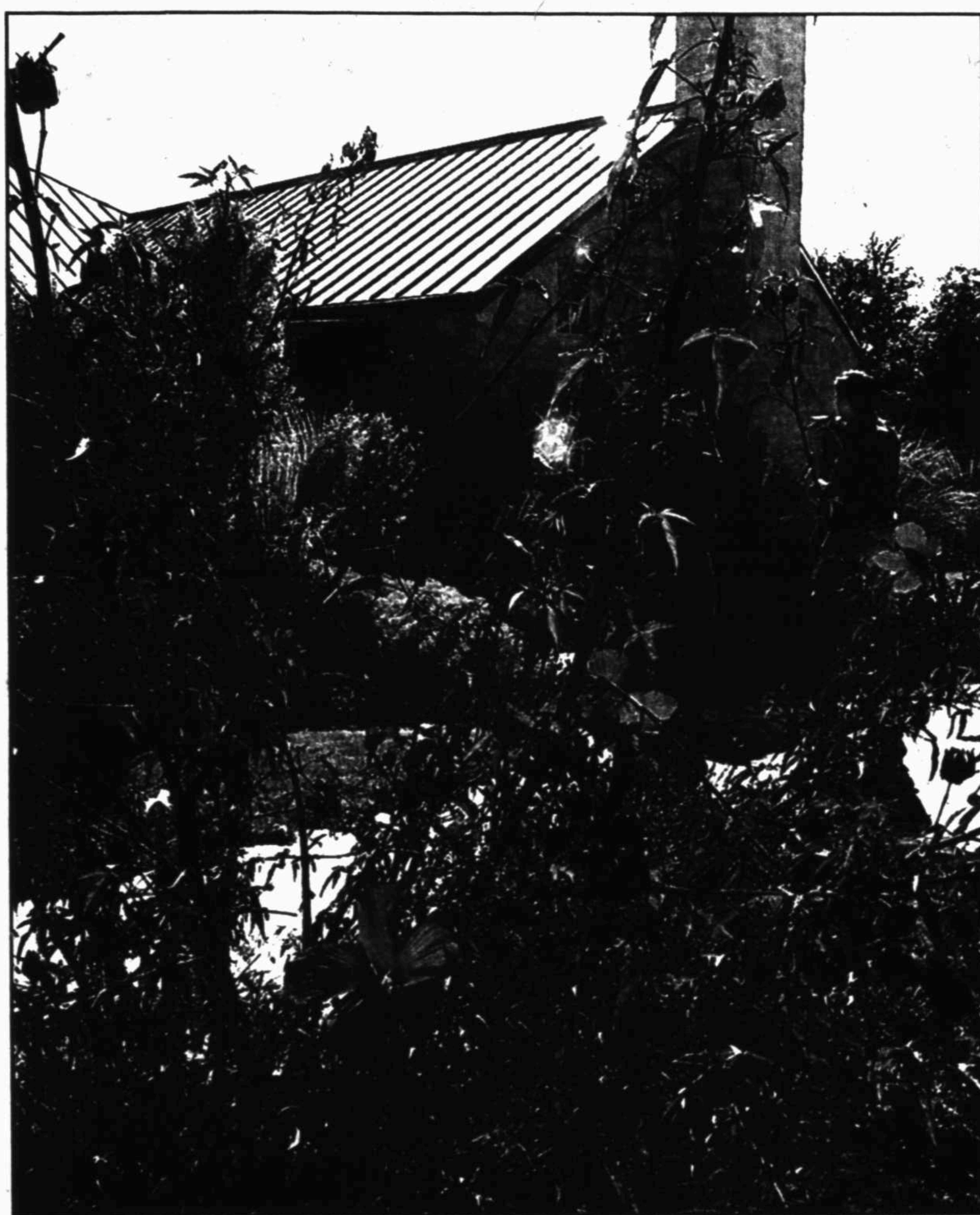
"I love the color" associated with xeriscaping, she said. "You can have a lot of color in your yard without a lot of watering. I like that. I like the variety."

Attractions to her include "lots of bees, butterflies, birds, and hummingbirds" that linger and toil in her yard, which "attracts all the insects. They are sort of fun to watch."

Barbara Porsch, a master gardener associated with the Permian Basin Master Gardeners, noted that people often call landscaping with native plants in an arid or semi-arid land "zero" and think it means cacti and rocks. But that's not true. They (the Simpson couple) have a very lovely garden."

Master gardener Pat Adams was lured by the native buffalo grass, which became the turf. "Buffalo grass doesn't have to be mowed," she said. "You can mow it, but it doesn't have to be

That's xeriscaping



The award winning yard at 2706 Racquet Club Drive was recognized by Keep Midland Beautiful for its use of xeriscaping to conserve water.

mowed. It's a beautiful grass. It takes less water." Craig Atchison, vice chairman of Keep Midland Beautiful, noted that xeriscaping "conserves water in this arid environment."

Horticulturist Deborah Benge Frost of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service said that the Simpson landscaping is wonderful.

"People should follow the seven principles of xeriscaping: good planning and design, soil analysis and improvement, selection of well-adapted plant species, reasonable turf area, efficient irrigation, use of mulches, and appropriate maintenance," which converts to pruning properly, putting the right fertilizer down at the right time of year, and using appropriate pest-management practices."



Strother Simpson



Mary Frances Simpson

Construction to begin next month on Big Spring Veterans Home

By Art Sinclair
MRT Correspondent

BIG SPRING — Construction on the Big Spring Veterans Home is scheduled to begin around the first of November. M&M Builders of Temple is the prime contractor on the new facility.

Bud Swanson, project director, for the veterans home said, "We are doing some preliminary earth work with bulldozers, prior to the official start of construction."

"The first phase of the construction will include earthwork, then pouring a concrete building pad. We will then proceed to underground plumbing beneath the pad. We anticipate the project being completed within 13 months, barring any unforeseen problems."

Funds have been granted for both the Big Spring and the Bonham veterans homes amounting to about \$15.2 mil-

lion.

According to M&M company officials in Temple, there should be about 50 to 60 workers hired locally by subcontractors in the Big Spring area.

Moore Development Incorporated of Big Spring played a major role in the decision to build in Big Spring. The development corporation is providing about \$100,000 in incentives to the project. Moore Development purchased 50 to 60 acres of land to build on. Moore is also funding the construction of an access road and a new water line.

The Big Spring Veteran's Home is expected to house around 160 veterans and will employ about 150 workers.

A secure Alzheimer's unit will be included, along with a library and gift shop. The facility will provide ongoing health care assessments, physical, speech and occupational therapy. Respite care will also be provided.

Mini Grand Prix raises funds to help prevent birth defects

From Staff Reports

The second annual Cox Communications Mini Grand Prix Race, sponsored by Cox Communications and benefiting March of Dimes, will hit the road Saturday with the first heat beginning at 10 a.m. Teams will begin checking in at 7:30 a.m. and practice laps get underway at 9:15 a.m.

The race will be held in the parking lot at Midland Plaza Shopping Center, where Mervyn's, Pier 1 and Family Christian Bookstore are located.

Doreen Richardson, division director of the Permian Basin division, March of Dimes, said the proceeds from the race go toward the nonprofit organization's mission of caring for babies by preventing birth defects and infant mortality.

She explained that companies pur-

chase the vehicles from Grand Prix Racing and pay a registration fee to March of Dimes which is used to offset the cost to the organization of bringing Grand Prix Racing representatives to Midland to oversee the race.

This year's goal is to raise \$30,000. \$25,000 was raised in last year's race. Ms. Richardson said 16 cars are entered in this year's race, up from 10 last year.

A special race course has been designed with a variety of challenging bends and turns. Friends, family and race fans are invited to sit in the bleachers, visit the concession stands and cheer on the racers. The event is free to the public.

Each team consists of two drivers, an alternate driver and three pit crew members.

Philanthropist leaves Midland a legacy of art

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Phyllis Moore Cowan, a Midland philanthropist who championed the arts, especially the performing arts, was a "deep believer" who held a close affinity to nature.

"Phyllis was an avid learner. ... one of these people who was just interested in everything. ... never stopped growing," and was "especially interested in nature," said the Rev. Dr. Jerry Hilton, pastor Midland's First Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Cowan, who died Saturday at age 69 following an illness, recently had joined her husband, Robert "Bob" Cowan, in endowing a perpetual performing-arts series at Midland College.

Memorial services for Mrs. Cowan are to be held at 4 p.m. today in the First Presbyterian Church with

Hilton officiating. Her ashes are to be scattered over the Pacific Ocean off the California Coast.

Mrs. Cowan, Hilton recalled, was "a great collector" of various wonders, including insects that excited her curiosity.

Mrs. Cowan enjoyed the gifts of daily living, including the West Texas sunsets, the flight of birds, and the nuances of weather.

"She was a deep believer," Hilton said. "She found God's world fascinating and interesting and challenging. And she passed that on to her family in a beautiful way."

Mrs. Cowan is survived by her husband, Robert J. Cowan, of 45 years; three daughters, Leslie Cowan Stevens of College Station, Cynthia Cowan of Fort Worth, and Casey Cowan Gale of Altadena, Calif., and nephews.

In the establishment of the Midland College Phyllis and Bob Cowan Performing Arts Series, "the entire community has received a lasting blessing from the life of Phyllis Cowan for all that she did to make Midland a better place to live," said MC President Dr. David Daniel.

Daniel paid tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Cowan for their "farsighted gift to the Midland College Foundation to provide the performing arts series in their name in perpetuity."

"This gift will mean so much not only to Midland College, its students, its faculty, and its staff but to the entire community," Daniel said, "as we take advantage of their thoughtfulness and generosity."

Joseph I. O'Neill III, president of the MC Foundation board of directors, noted the significance of the Cowan gift.

"Midland will forever sing her praises," O'Neill said of Mrs. Cowan.

The Cowan Performing Arts Endowment, coupled with the Davidson Foundation Lecture Series, each year will bring four "world-class, first-class" lectures and performing-arts program from around the world to Midland.

"That's just incredible for the cultural life of Midland," O'Neill said.

The Cowan gift each year will bring two performing-arts programs to Midland.

"What joy she got in giving this gift to Midland," O'Neill said, "because she so appreciated the arts. She had just such joy, like the night before Christmas. It's just a beautiful gift."

Throughout the years, Mrs. Cowan Please see COWAN/2B

Area briefs

Businesswomen meeting

The Uptown Midland Business and Professional Women will celebrate National Business Women's Week with a luncheon Wednesday at the Petroleum Club beginning at 11:30 a.m. Four outstanding Midland women business owners will be honored and the club's "Woman of the Year" will be announced. Guest speaker will be Michelle Hutts, state president of Business and Professional Women, a Big Lake native and current owner of a State Farm insurance agency in San Antonio. Mayor Pro Tem Berry Simpson will read a proclamation naming Oct. 18 through 22 National Business Women's Week and Allen Brock, manager of customer service with the United State Postal Ser-

vices will present a lifetime poster of "Rosie the Riveter" to members. Cost is \$13.50 and reservations can be made by noon today by calling 682-8217.

Alzheimer's series

The Greater West Texas chapter, Alzheimer's Association, will host its monthly caregiver series Oct. 19 in Midland in the conference room at Westwood Medical Center beginning at 7 p.m. Linda Fuentes, Medicated eligibility specialist and Bill Gilly, senior information services with the Texas Department of Human Services, will present "Financial Issues Involving Patients With Dementia." The meeting will be held in Odessa Oct. 21 at 707 Jefferson beginning at 7 p.m.

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.

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.

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

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

Beyond Choice support group, for those dealing with post-abortion issues, Dot, 683-3775 and Kathy, 580-HELP.

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

Adult Children of Alcoholics: From Survival to Healing, 7:30 p.m., Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Midland West Rotary Club, noon, Furrs Cafeteria.

45-Plus Dance Club, 7:30 p.m., Downtown Lions building, 694-8442.

Midland Outreach Aglow Fellowship, 6:30 p.m., Rodeway Inn, 756-3688 or 332-9151.

The Permian Basin Stamp Club, 7:30 p.m., General Mail Facility, Midland International Airport, 699-0202.

Downtown Bible Study, noon, 312 E. Illinois Ave., Suite 6, 682-6748.

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

Midland Chapter No. 253 OES, 7:30 p.m., 1600 W. Wall St.

Lymphedema Support Group, 4 p.m., HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Midland-Odessa, 520-1687.

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

COWAN: Philanthropist was involved in performing arts

(From 1B)

supported the arts through her works in the Midland Symphony Guild and the National Young Artists Competition. She supported the Midland Community Theatre and the Museum of the

Southwest.

Midland cultural leader Harriet Herd noted that Mrs. Cowan was "very, very active in Guild" and was "very supportive of the arts of Midland as evidence" by the Cowan Performing Arts Endowment at Midland College.

OBITUARIES



Phyllis Cowan

Phyllis Moore Cowan died at Midland Memorial Hospital October 9, 1999, after a courageous battle with lung cancer.

Born November 9, 1930 in New York City, to Gilbert P. and Sadie Lee Moore, she spent her early childhood in Larchmont, N.Y. and later moved to Dallas. In Dallas, she graduated from Highland Park High School and attended Southern Methodist University. She also attended the University of Texas at Austin where she belonged to the Delta, Delta Sorority.

Survivors include her husband of 45 years, Robert J. Cowan, three daughters, Leslie Cowan Stevens and her husband Robert and his son Matthew of College Station; Cynthia Cowan of Ft. Worth; Casey Cowan Gale of Altadena, California, her husband Brian and their twin sons, Jacob Boylen Gale and Spencer Moore Gale; and two nephews, Scot Graham and his wife Kathy of Oregon and George Graham of New Mexico. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Sylvia Moore Graham, all of Dallas.

A memorial service is scheduled for 4 p.m. Tuesday, October 12 at First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Jerry Hilton officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. After cremation, the family will scatter her ashes in the Pacific Ocean off San Diego, California.

A reception and visitation with the family will be in the Fireplace Room at Midland Country Club immediately after the service.

Mrs. Cowan was a supporter of the arts through her many years of work with the Symphony Guild and the National Young Artists Competition. She was a member of the President's Club of the Museum of the Southwest and a supporter of the Midland Community Theatre.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, con-

tributions be made to the Vision 2000 Fund at her church.

Recently, with her husband, Robert, she endowed a gift to the Midland College Foundation which will fund free-of-charge performing arts events at Midland College. "The Phyllis and Bob Cowan Performing Arts Series is intended as a cultural gift for every member of our community," Mrs. Cowan said shortly before her death.

Phyllis Moore Cowan was a devoted family member and loyal friend as well as a lover of nature. She searched for geodes with her rock hammer, collected shells at the beach and communicated often with the birds that followed her from home to home. The constant changes of weather and the slightest change in cloud formations never escaped her notice. She always took time to enjoy God's daily gift of the glorious West Texas sunsets.

Her loving family and friends are assured that the same sense of wonder and adventure that she found in God's creations here on earth accompanied her on her journey.



Jacqueline Marcum

Jacqueline LaVonne Simian Marcum died peacefully at home Sunday, October 10, 1999. All who knew her admired her honesty & humor. Von was "larger than life" & will be greatly missed by family & friends.

She was born February 10, 1923 in Omaha, Nebr. to Elmer & Clara Simian, who preceded her in death. Von graduated from Stephens College in Columbia, MO and attended the University of Nebraska. She married Denver Delton Marcum on January 6, 1946 in Scottsbluff, Nebr. They moved to Midland in 1956. She was a member of First Baptist Church, Eastern Star & Daughters of the Nile.

She is survived by her husband, Delton Marcum of Midland, daughter Denna & husband, Allen McGuire of Midland, daughter Kay and husband, Eddie Pollock of Tolar, TX, son David

Obituary & Death Notice policy

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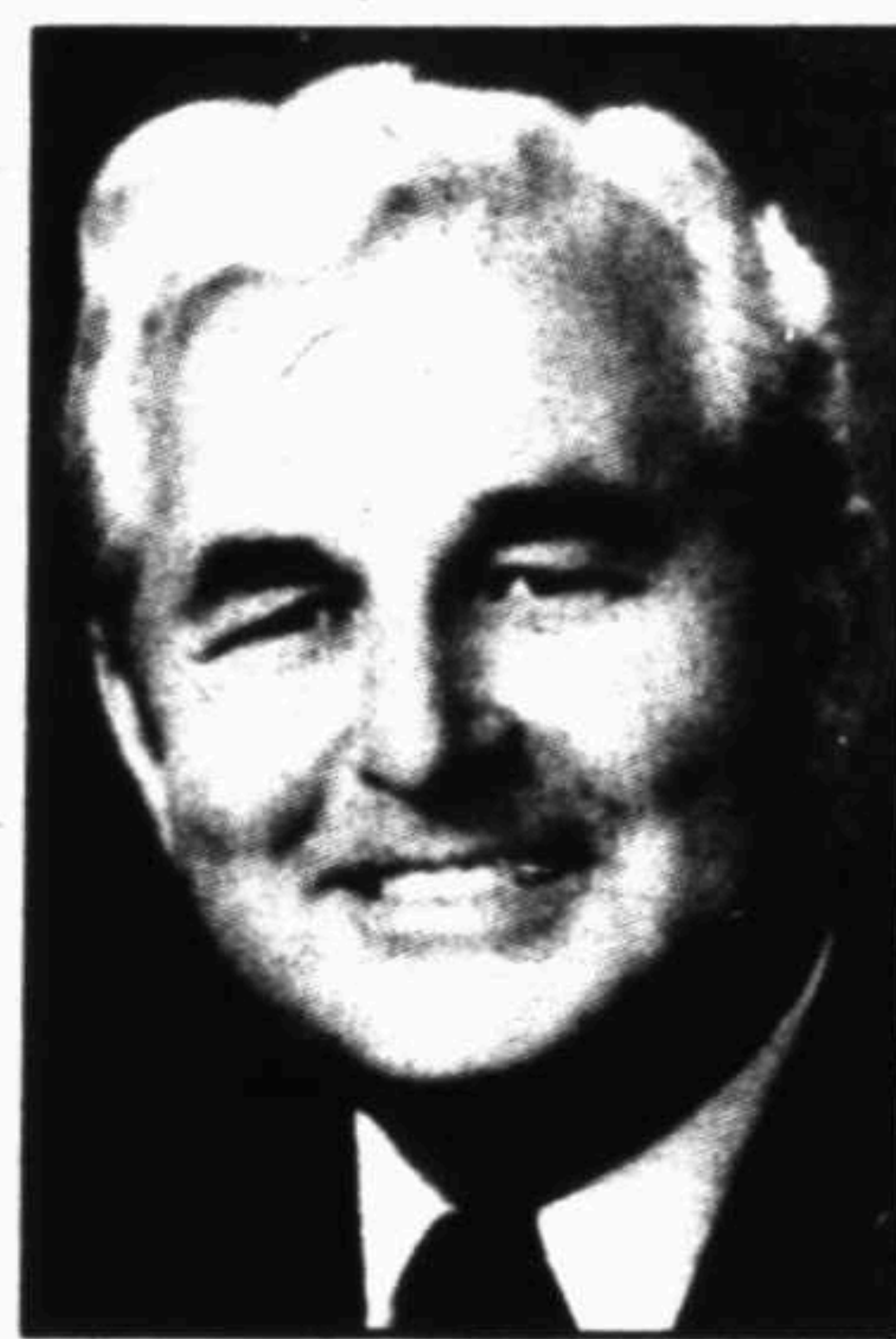
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and wife, Sharon Marcum of Midland. Seven grandchildren: Edie McGuire, Robert and wife, Elizabeth McGuire, John and wife, Angela Lytle, Toby Lytle, J.D. and wife, Gayla Lytle, Joshua Marcum, Stephen Marcum and great-granddaughter, Cheyenne Lytle.

Please send memorials to Shriners Hospital for Children, 6977 Main St., Houston, TX 77030.

Graveside services are scheduled for 1 p.m. Tuesday in Resthaven Memorial Park with Dr. Gary Dyer of First Baptist Church officiating. Ellis Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers will be her grandsons.



H.C. Luther

Beloved husband, father, grandfather, and dear friend, H.C. "Joe" Luther was called home to heaven on October 10, 1999, at his residence.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, October 13, at St. Luke's United Methodist Church with Reverend Richard Edwards officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. A visitation is scheduled for 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, October 12, 1999, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel.

Joe was born in Hattiesburg,

Mississippi, on August 15, 1924, to Herman and Iona Luther. He graduated from Slidell High School and joined the Air Force and flew bombing missions over Italy in WWII. He married Corrine Covington in San Antonio on March 6, 1948. He graduated from The University of Texas with a degree in geology. Joe worked for Chevron as a geologist, retiring after 28 years to go out on his own to do consulting work.

Giving of himself generously, he lived and loved life with all his heart. He volunteered at the Airport's Information Booth and the Confederate Air Force Museum, being instrumental in bringing recognition to the Tuskegee Airmen of WWII. Other countless hours were spent as a Board Member and a volunteer at the American Heart Association in the "Jump Rope for Heart" program. He volunteered at Meals-On-Wheels, Midland Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, West Texas Geological Society and The Petroleum Museum.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Denny Luther of Slidell, and one sister, Burl Bauerle of Hammond, Louisiana. He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Corrine; his daughters, Cheree Smith and husband, Billy, of Midland, Sheila McCright and husband, Dan, of Midland, Texas, and Lisa Jolley of Scottsdale, Arizona; his nine grandchildren, Jessica and Travis Smith, Michelle Watts, Blake and Natalie Boyce, all of Midland, Brent Boyce and Cody Jolley of Scottsdale, Arizona, and Shane Freeman of Dallas; and two great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers are: Mike Jolley, Larry Hambek and his grandsons, Cody Jolley, Brent Boyce, Blake Boyce, and Shane Freeman.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, 3525 Andrews Highway, Ste. 111, Midland, TX 79703.

103-year-old man arrested in case of grandson's shooting

FORT WORTH (AP) — A 103-year-old man has been jailed on suspicion of attempted murder after he allegedly shot his grandson, who complained that the World War I veteran was renting him a "rat-infested house."

Ben Collier shot Tyrone Collins, 45, early Sunday after the grandson confronted the elderly man in his bedroom, authorities said. According to a police report, Collins was apparently upset about his living conditions and told his grandfather that he was going to turn him in to authorities for a running a "slum house."

One relative, who reported asking Collins to leave, said Collins replied, "He needs to go live in that rat-infested house that he has me staying in."

Collier told police he'd had enough of his grandson's behavior, got a gun and fired at Collins three or four times, then stood over him and fired twice more before running out of bullets. He was attempting to reload when police arrived.

Collier was being held in lieu of \$50,000 bail and is under medical watch because of his age, officials said. Collins was in serious condition at John Peter Smith Hospital on Monday with gunshot wounds to the chest, abdomen, waist and buttocks.

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DEATH NOTICES

Ruth Moore

Former Midlander Ruth Moore died Saturday, Oct. 9, at a San Angelo nursing home.

Graveside services are to be 3 p.m. Tuesday at Resthaven Memorial Park with the Rev. Jim Wilkerson officiating under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Midland.

She was born Feb. 19, 1920 in Ennis.

She moved to Sanderson in 1940, Del Rio in 1983, Midland in 1991, and San Angelo three years ago. She was a deputy sheriff collecting county taxes for Terrell County, retiring in 1982. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Midland and Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Owen Moore on Sept. 26, 1991; four brothers and a sister.

Survivors include her son, Thomas O. Moore Jr. of Del Rio; two daughters, Vivian Wood of Midland and Maidia Heinatz of San Angelo; a brother, Herman Wood of San Antonio; four sisters, Betty Laughey and Blossom Moore, both of Ennis, Jean Burkhead of Houston and Annie M. Spencer of Ashville; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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Baker-Brame South Nursing Home, c/o Activities Funds, 3745 Summer Crest Drive, San Angelo, Texas 76901.

James Harris

GRAHAM, AL.—Former Midlander James Reginald Harris, 48, formerly of Dadeville, died Saturday, Oct. 9, at his sister's home.

Graveside services are to be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12, at Tallapoosa County Memory Gardens in Camp Hill with the Rev. Miles Crouch officiating under the direction of Alabama Funeral Homes of Dadeville.

He lived in Midland for 20 years. He worked for the Midland ISD and CSI, Inc.

Survivors include a son, J. Christopher Harris of Midland; a daughter, Kahla A. Harris of Midland; three sisters, Virginia Pitts of Bowden, Ga., Carol Jones of Montgomery, Ala. and Sue Brown of Graham, Ala.; and two brothers, Wayne Barber of Dadeville and Neal Walker of Carrollton, Ga.

Elvira Madrid

GRAND PRAIRIE—Elvira M. Madrid, 47, daughter of Midland Clara M. Madrid, died Mon., Oct. 11 in Grand Prairie.

Funeral services are to be

11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, at Moore Funeral Home Chapel on Davis Drive in Arlington. Burial is to follow at Moore Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be 11 a.m. through 9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12 at the funeral home.

She was born Jan. 30, 1952 in Stanton.

Other survivors include two sons, Rudy Madrid of Arlington and Juan Madrid of Grand Prairie; a daughter, Sandra Madrid of Arlington; six brothers, Jesse Madrid of Jal, N.M., and Larry Madrid, Manuel Madrid, Luis Madrid, Charlie Madrid and Oscar Madrid, all of Midland; and four sisters, Mary Cortez of Arlington, Gracie Madrid of Midland, and Maggie Madrid and Martha Vargas, both of Fort Worth.

Thelma Pennington

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—Thelma G. Pennington, mother of Midlander Sandra L. Davidson, died Oct. 11 in an Oklahoma City retirement center.

Memorial services are to be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13 at Northwest Baptist Church Chapel in Oklahoma City.

She was born Oct. 10, 1908 in Dallas.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of Northwest Baptist Church, and a lifetime member of

Eastern Star in Oklahoma City.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond L. Pennington in 1985; and a son, Raymond Charles Pennington in 1989.

Other survivors include another daughter, Helen J. Rush of Corpus Christi; a son, Warner E. Pennington of Oklahoma City; 13 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Billie Hembree

MONAHANS—Billie E. Hembree, mother of Midlanders Robert W. Hembree and Tonya K. Hill, died Saturday, Oct. 9, in Odessa.

Funeral services are to be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Monahans.

She was born Nov. 1, 1942 in Lone Oak.

She was a beauty operator. She was a Baptist.

Other survivors include her husband, Bob Hembree of Monahans; two other daughters, Julia D. Payne of Graham and Sonya E. Morgan of Odessa; 13 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

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Baylor dealing with heavy toll after four students killed in accident

WACO (AP) — Residents at Russell Hall left flowers and notes in front of the dorm rooms of three Baylor University co-eds who were struck by a pickup truck and killed along with three others as they walked to a weekend fraternity party at Texas A&M University.

Of the six students killed in the freak accident, four were from this Baptist school on the Brazos River. People on the campus of 13,000 remembered them Monday with prayers and white ribbons pinned to their shirts. Several professors won't be taking attendance this week and have canceled quizzes or tests to allow students to recover from the loss, school officials said.

The deaths early Sunday bring to seven the number of Baylor students killed in car accidents in a two-month span.

Three Baylor upperclassmen were killed Aug. 19 when their Acura drifted into oncoming traffic on Texas 6 just south of College Station, smashed into a tree and flipped several times. The driver apparently fell asleep as the trio was heading back to Baylor, authorities said.

It's been more than half a century since Baylor has lost so many students so suddenly. In 1927, 10 members of the men's basketball team were killed when their bus was hit by a train in Round Rock as they were heading to a game against the University of Texas.



AP Photos
Baylor University freshmen Brooke Faulkner, left, and her roommate Maureen Clark, shown Monday in Waco talk about their friends Baylor students Erika Lanham and Tricia Calp, who were killed early Sunday morning in College Station, Texas, by a truck whose driver had fallen asleep at the wheel. Four Baylor students were killed along with one from Texas A&M and one from Southwest Texas State.

officials said. The dead have come to be known as the Immortal 10.

"Since that time I don't believe we have lost so many students in such a short period of time," said University President Robert B. Sloan Jr. "It's on everybody's mind today. It's such a sobering thing."

Brooke Faulkner, 18, and Maureen Clark, 19, learned that two of the victims died when they saw other residents running down the hallway of the red brick freshman Russell dorm.

"It feels like everybody is dying around us," said Ms. Clark, her eyes red from crying and a lack of sleep. "This is supposed to be the best time of our life."

The young women said they will remember freshmen Erika Lanham, 18, of Fort Collins, Colo., and Houston's Tricia Calp, 18, a business major, who lived three doors down the hall for their smiles. They described the pair as beautiful, fun-loving students who talked constantly about their out-of-town boyfriends.

Ms. Faulkner, who is from Boulder, Colo., said she and Ms. Lanham, a pre-nursing student, often discussed carpooling home for the holidays.

"But we never got a chance to," she said.

Also killed in the accident were Baylor freshman Emily Hollister, 18, a pre-med student from South Bend, Ind., who lived

at Russell; and Baylor junior Dolan "Tripp" Walter Wostal III, 22, of Alvin, who was majoring in biology and medical technology.

Texas A&M student Ted Brutton, 21, of San Angelo, an agricultural business student, and William Flores, 22, of San Marcos, a student at Southwest Texas State, also died in the accident.

Authorities said Brandon Michael Kallmeyer fell asleep around 12:30 a.m. Sunday and veered onto the shoulder of Farm Road 60 in College Station, striking the students who were walking on the shoulder toward a party at the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity house. Two others were injured.

There was no evidence of alcohol being involved and no charges were pending against Kallmeyer, 18, of Katy, police said.

Baylor University chaplain Milton Cunningham counseled about 150 students at Russell on Sunday, including men from Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, of which Wostal was a member.

Russell residents created makeshift memorials outside their friend's dorm rooms, leaving notes, cards, flowers and other items with sentimental value.

Ms. Faulkner realized she had dropped off a roll of film to be

developed that contained pictures of the victims from Russell as they participated in Freshmen Follies, an annual event where dorm residents have food fights and engage in other horseplay.

"It definitely makes you not take life for granted," she said.

At Texas A&M on Monday, the university offered counseling to help deal with the aftermath of the crash.

"Texas A&M prides itself on being a close-knit family. We're still just trying to cope with this," said spokesman Lane Stephenson.

Baylor's Vice President of Student Life, Steve Moore, said although several professors won't be taking attendance this week, students are encouraged to go to class because many faculty members are using the time as an opportunity for students to share their feelings.

"If they're missing class, they're missing a chance to process things," he said.

Friends of those killed in August said this is reopening wounds.

"It has really shaken the student body," Moore said. "It's a stunned awareness that they are not invincible, that life is fragile."

"For 18- to 22-year-olds, it is a huge lesson in life."

Medina couple handcrafts wooden canoes with love

KERRVILLE (AP) — A father's love for his son helped Monte Parks find a hobby, a hobby he wants to turn into a full-time job.

Parks and his wife Jesse own and operate a small manufacturing firm and market a single, handmade product — wooden canoes.

"I read an article in a wood-working magazine and I said, 'I want to build one of those things,'" so I sent for an instructional video," Monte Parks said. That was seven years ago and Parks' intention was to build a canoe for the couple's then-young son and one for himself.

"I was going to take him on a canoe trip down the Colorado River. We haven't done that yet, but we will," he said.

The first canoe has been a source of research and development for both durability and construction. The 12-foot, one-person canoe is made from western red cedar.

The boat, when not in use, was left in the Parks' pond for three years. It endured sun, rain and radical temperature changes. "You shouldn't do that," he said of prolonged exposure.

It also survived a tornado. "It got in a twister. I walked out the door one day and we had a storm coming ... here comes a big old white funnel cloud. It had that thing spinning in the air seven or eight feet. It looked like it was spinning real slow on somebody's finger," Parks said.

"And then all of a sudden it went wham! It threw it down ... buried the nose deep in the ground. All it did was pop the screws loose in the portage yokes," he said.

Portage yokes are handles found in the bow (front) and stern (rear) and are used to carry (portage) the craft in and out of the water.

The canoes, most of which have been commissioned, are made from a variety of woods. Parks said western red cedar or red wood are preferable because of their flexibility, durability and light composition.

When compared to canoes made of space-age material like Kevlar, Parks said his works are "right in the same class in terms of durability. The only thing they can beat me in is weight," he said. Kevlar is a light, durable synthetic material used in bullet-proof vests.

Unlike synthetic canoes, Parks does not have to add materials for buoyancy, which helps keep the crafts light.

A second 12-foot canoe he made for his wife, is 48 pounds. "It should be about eight pounds lighter," he said.

Strips of wood the length of the canoe (12 to 19 feet or longer) and three-quarters of an inch wide are nailed to a form.

Parks mills the strips from rough planks. Price is determined based on length — \$140 per foot is the going rate.

The strips are glued together

and the nails are removed. The gunwales (pronounced gunnels) or exterior trim, is made of oak or other select hardwoods. Parks also makes paddles to match.

The interior and exterior are coated with fiberglass, which adds to durability and makes the craft waterproof. He prefers an epoxy resin and fiberglass combination because it seals out water vapor.

"I remind people that fiberglass is there to protect the wood from bangs against rocks. The canoe is not fragile. It's not made to be looked at — it's tough and it's made to be used," he said.

Exposure to sunlight is as much a threat as rocks, he said, and canoes should be protected when not in use. A UV protectant also is included in the finish.

The seats also are handmade. A kevlar design is woven with nylon rope in a frame. The rope is waterproofed.

Parks is employed by Love Creek, an apple orchard in Medina, but hopes to develop his craft into a full-time job.

"I'm not making a living at it now, but one day I will be," he said.

POLICE REPORTS

Midland Police Department Monday

Theft: A theft at 4310 Neely Ave. was reported to police at 2:32 a.m.

Sunday Burglary: The theft of fire-fighting gear, knee boots, two cellular telephones, pager, body armor and strobe light from a 1999 Ford F-350 pickup truck was reported to police at 9 a.m. at 1000 W. Interstate Highway 20.

Theft: The theft of a purse at 2706 W. Cuthbert Ave. was reported to police.

Criminal mischief: Damage to a Rockwood travel trailer at 3807 Anetia Drive was reported to police at 12 p.m.

Burglary: The theft of a stereophonic sound system

was reported stolen at 2602 Delano Ave. The incident was reported to police at 3:15 p.m.

Criminal mischief: Vandalism to a 1999 GMC pickup truck was reported at 3515 W. Shandon Ave. The incident was reported to police at 4:30 p.m.

Theft: The theft of money at 2208 N. Big Spring St. was reported to police at 1:15 p.m.

Burglary: The burglary of two vehicles at 3304 Sycamore Ave. was reported to police at 9:19 p.m.

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

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Shortly before her death in 1986 she, together with her father, Turner Wynn, decided to establish an endowment for Casa. The gifts to the Mary Wynn Hinkle Casa de Amigos Endowment were the nucleus of a fund that has grown to be a significant asset for Casa. Now under the auspices of the Permian Basin Area Foundation, the fund is one of many administered by the Foundation that contribute income to our city's non-profit and charitable organizations.

Soon after this time I became active as a Casa board member. By then Casa was in its location on Garden Lane, in a building that had been built during Mary's tenure as director and which had been considered the ultimate home for Casa following its origin in much more modest structures. But by 1986 Casa was again bursting at the seams and one of the priorities of the board was to search out bigger and better accommodations. The search began under the leadership of Jim Henry as president and several alternatives were considered. Our options finally narrowed to a plan to stay in the same location, acquire more land, and expand the existing facilities. As always, cost was the obstacle. This was finally overcome with a grant from the Mabey Foundation which funded the project. The new and remodeled facilities were the realization of our dream and allowed us to serve more clients and offer additional programs.

Jim Henry and Rick Farias had been at the forefront during the transition period and by the time it was my turn to head Casa, in 1991, we were over the hump and back to the mundane, perennial challenges and opportunities of non-profit organizations. Looking back on all that transpired I, too, find my reward in my association with Casa's clients, staff, and volunteers.

Casa has always been blessed by an exceptional staff. Lael Cordes-Pitts has been our director almost fifteen years and we couldn't be luckier. She and the good people she has brought on board have made Casa what it is today, an example of what such an institution can be and should be. Congratulations on 35 years of good works and may there be many more!

Rick Farias

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State awards money to faith-based groups

AUSTIN (AP) — The state gave nearly \$500,000 in grants Monday to the first five community and religion-based programs that will receive state funds over the next two years to help poor Texans avoid welfare and prepare for jobs.

The \$465,000 is the first money awarded under a new law that provides \$7 million over the next two years to innovative programs assisting the poor, said Eric Bost, commissioner of the Texas Department of Human Services.

"It's really important that all of us in our communities work toward helping those in need, to help people succeed, to help adults provide for their families — not only today and tomorrow, but long term," Bost said.

"Our efforts are to ensure that people are self-sufficient, not that we just provide them with a hand-out," he said.

That program is not among the more than 100 statewide which have applied for grants, Bost said, although it provides the kinds of services the state hopes to encourage.

After touring the El Buen

Samaritano clinic, Gov. George W. Bush praised such programs as soldiers in "the armies of compassion."

"I've often said what government can do is hand out money, but what it cannot do is put hope in our hearts or a sense of purpose in our lives," Bush said.

"America will be changed because people of faith and good heart are willing to help people in need. One of the things the state must do is encourage people of faith to become involved," he said.

The Republican governor, who has made "compassionate conservatism" a cornerstone of his front-running presidential campaign, also praised a new law that protects volunteer doctors and nurses from frivolous lawsuits "that oftentimes drove people away from clinics like this."

Human services department spokesman Michael Jones said agency officials are evaluating other applications for grants that can range up to \$250,000 a year for two years.

The programs receiving grants Monday were:

■ Lutheran Social Services of

the South, San Antonio, to provide mentors for current and former welfare mothers who are making the transition to work, as well as for girls between 11 and 14 who live in welfare households.

■ Project Welcome, Beaumont, sponsored by St. Paul United Methodist Church and Ubi Caritas, to provide such services as tutoring, computer and English as a second language classes and transportation.

■ Good Shepherd Mission, Huntsville, to provide services such as drop-in child care, paying GED test fees, vouchers for car repairs, job skills training and work uniforms and safety equipment.

■ Smiley United Methodist Church, Smiley, to help unemployed young women prepare for jobs with transportation, day care, car repair assistance, plus life skills such as literacy, computers and day care training.

■ The Salvation Army in Smith County, to help pay child care expenses and provide parenting classes.

DEAR ABBY

Daughter resists involvement in mother's family feud

DEAR ABBY: I'm having a big problem with my mother, who still feels she can control my life. She is mad at her siblings, and now only one remains because her brother just died.

If I choose to stay in contact with her last surviving sibling, Mother has told me she will feel betrayed and will no longer speak to me or her grandchild.

My husband and I are very family-oriented. We feel that our daughter should know all her relatives.



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Mother never told her siblings why she is angry with them, but I know. I'm not sure her reason is valid — especially since she told me that she found out while she was in a hypnotic trance.

I think that as a 40-year-old adult, I should be able to make my own decisions regarding who I see. I know I'll be getting a call from her soon whereupon she'll ask if I have been in contact with her family. I want to say "yes," as I am not comfortable with lying.

My mother has been under psychiatric care since 1993. I don't feel I am betraying her; I just want all my family in my circle. Abby, can you help? Please answer soon in the paper. — BIG PROBLEM IN NEW JERSEY

turbed, and I'm pleased that she's under the care of a psychiatrist.

DEAR ABBY: About five years ago you printed a letter from a woman whose husband had just died from melanoma. She urged everyone to have their moles examined by a doctor.

Although I was only 20 years old and did not fit the normal age range for people with skin cancer, I decided to go to the doctor. Well, Abby, I DID have melanoma — usually the only form of skin cancer that can cause death. Luckily, I was able to have it removed surgically, and now I am fine.

Please continue to urge your readers to wear sunscreen and to have their moles examined. I would like to thank the wife who took the time to write to you about her tragedy, and to thank both of you for saving my life. — THANKFUL IN LONG BEACH, CALIF.

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Prosecutors press on with murder case against country singer Rodriguez

UVALDE (AP) — A close friend of country singer Johnny Rodriguez testified Monday that Rodriguez shot and killed a "burglar" but said the dead man was an acquaintance who had earlier shown up rowdy at their drinking party.

Carlos Tovar, a neighbor of Rodriguez who helped contact 911 after the shooting, testified as a hostile witness for the prosecution in Rodriguez' murder trial after being granted immunity.

Tovar, in a sometimes testy exchange with District Attorney Tony Hackbeil, said Israel "Bosco" Borrego was "a pest and a loudmouth" who showed up three times uninvited that night at Tovar's party.

Prosecutors allege Rodriguez fatally shot Borrego on Aug. 29, 1998, during a drinking binge.

Rodriguez' lawyers claim the singer shot Borrego because he thought he was a burglar. They contend Borrego stole \$40 from the singer's mother's home in Sabin, where Rodriguez was staying and where the shooting occurred.

The shooting occurred at Rodriguez' family home in Sabin, about 60 miles west of San Antonio.

At Tovar's house that night,

Borrego fell down because he was so drunk, broke an antique chair and got into a "scuffle" with Tovar, he testified.

Tovar added that Borrego previously had misbehaved when drinking.

"The man got out of hand. He was told not to return," Tovar said.

Tovar, under questioning by defense attorney Alan Brown, testified Rodriguez came and got him the morning of the shooting and told him he had fired at a burglar who was threatening him.

Tovar returned with Rodriguez to the singer's house across the street and found Borrego moaning on the floor, he said.

"Did Johnny think that Bosco was burglarizing his house?" Brown asked.

"Yes," Tovar replied.

Brown suggested Borrego had stolen \$40 in cash from the Rodriguez house. Tovar testified Borrego was suspected in a previous burglary at the Rodriguez house.

But Hackbeil alleged Tovar and Rodriguez hatched a plan to label Borrego a burglar after the shooting occurred.

Asked by Hackbeil why he didn't call the police about the previous burglary and what he

should do about a criminal committing a crime, Tovar said, "I'd shoot the son of a bitch."

Tovar also had been charged with murder in Borrego's shooting but his case was dropped by the prosecutor less than two weeks ago.

Rodriguez, 47, could face up to life in prison if convicted.

Though his music career took a downturn by the 1990s, Rodriguez remains well known in this part of South Texas for his 1970s hits such as "Pass Me By (If You're Only Passing Through)" and "Ridin' My Thumb to Mexico" that soared into the Top 10 on the country charts.

As a teen-ager, Rodriguez had several scrapes with the law, but he got his start in the music business when then-Texas Ranger Joaquin Jackson helped him get a singing job and avoid jail.

Earlier in the day, witness Alex Gonzales testified that about two weeks before the shooting, Rodriguez had asked him if he had ever killed anyone.

Gonzales said he told Rodriguez no, then asked the singer if he had taken anyone's life.

"No, but I am going to," Rodriguez replied.

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Second suspect goes on trial for gay slaying

LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) — A year after the beating death of Matthew Shepard, the man accused of instigating the attack chatted quietly with his attorneys today as jury selection got under way in his death-penalty trial.

Aaron McKinney smiled occasionally and briefly looked at his notes as prosecutor Cal Rerucha outlined how a jury will be chosen. Rerucha reminded prospective jurors they must set aside passion and treat both sides fairly.

McKinney's father, William McKinney, along with three other family members or friends sat behind the defendant.

Shepard, a gay college student, died a year ago today after a beating that sparked national outrage. As McKinney's trial got under way, small groups of anti-gay protesters and people dressed as angels demonstrated outside the courthouse.

Seventeen people wearing golden halos and costumes made of white bedsheets stood silently in a street near the courthouse. Romaine Patterson, 21, of State College, Pa., said her colleagues

wanted to send a message of love. They faced a half dozen protesters from Kansas who waved signs with anti-gay slogans. The Rev. Fred Phelps, 69, of Topeka, Kan., said his followers wanted "to insert a little sanity and truth into this mad orgy."

At midmorning, eight prospective jurors had been dismissed for reasons such as military duty, medical problems or job issues. That left 51 prospects in Monday's pool.

McKinney, 22, is charged with first-degree murder, kidnapping

and aggravated robbery. If convicted, he could be sentenced to death.

His alleged co-conspirator, Russell Henderson, 22, received two life sentences after pleading guilty in April to felony murder and kidnapping.

Shepard, 21, was lured from a bar on Oct. 7, 1998, driven to a remote prairie, tied to a fence, pistol-whipped into unconsciousness and left to die on the freezing plains. He died five days later in a hospital.

McKinney, who has said he

had no idea Shepard was gay and does not hate homosexuals, has pleaded innocent.

Henderson has been subpoenaed by McKinney's lawyers to testify. The defense witness list also includes Henderson's girlfriend, Chasity Pasley, 21, and McKinney's girlfriend, Kristen Price, 19.

Ms. Pasley received up to two years in prison after pleading guilty to being an accessory to first-degree murder for helping to hide Henderson's bloody clothes. Ms. Price's trial on accessory

charges was to begin Jan. 3.

Because prosecutors believe McKinney was the main instigator, he likely won't be offered a plea agreement, said Denver-based legal analyst Andrew Cohen, who has followed the case.

Rerucha has subpoenaed Judy Shepard in an attempt "to humanize the victim, to put a face on the name Matthew Shepard," said Cheyenne prosecutor Jon Forwood, who is not involved in the case.

"It's quite common to use a parent to say, 'This is the life we're talking about,'" Forwood said.

Doctors fighting depression in electrifyingly successful ways

WASHINGTON (AP) — The former shipbuilder had such severe depression, unrelieved by any of today's therapies, that he had trouble even leaving the house. Then doctors implanted a pacemaker-like device to stimulate a part of his brain thought important for mood — and that very day the man laughed.

"It was remarkable," recalled Dr. Mark George of the Medical University of South Carolina, who performed the experimental implant. "I said, 'Are you being forced to laugh or do you feel good inside?' He said both."

Stimulating a nerve that runs from the neck into one of the brain's most mysterious regions appears promising enough at relieving once-untreatable depression that the government has granted permission for a study at 15 U.S. hospitals.

The treatment, called vagus nerve stimulation, involves

sending tiny electric shocks into the vagus nerve in the neck which then relays the messages deep into the brain.

About half of the 30 depressed patients treated in a pilot study — people who had failed every other treatment — "got a very good response," George said in an interview.

The results are not definitive, he cautioned. But he added, "Stimulating there really is a wonderful portal into the base of the brain."

That's because the vagus nerve is what Dr. Mitchell Roslin of Brooklyn's Maimonides Medical Center calls "one of the information superhighways" between the brain and other organs.

If the implant truly signals the depressed brain circuits to act more normally, it could prove important for some of the estimated 1 million Americans with depression un eased by conventional therapy.

Clinton letter requests test ban vote delay

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton asked the Senate in writing on Monday to put off voting on the nuclear test ban treaty, warning that a likely defeat in Tuesday's scheduled vote would "severely harm the national security."

Republicans called his letter a first step toward possibly postponing the vote but sought further assurances the issue wouldn't come up again during this 106th Congress.

"I firmly believe the treaty is in the national interest," Clinton wrote to Senate Majority Leader

Trent Lott, R-Miss., and Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D. But he wrote that he recognized he lacked the two-thirds vote needed for ratification. "Accordingly, I request that you postpone consideration of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty on the Senate floor."

By putting his request in writing, Clinton met one demand of his Republican opponents. The letter was silent on their insistence that Clinton promise not to revive it during the 2000 election season, but White House officials rejected that request.

Lott's spokesman, John

Czwartacki, said the letter was "merely a first step," and noted that Lott, joined by Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., Foreign Relations Committee chairman, has asked for agreement that the treaty not come before the Senate again before 2001.

Sen. John Warner, R-Va., chairman of the Armed Services Committee, called the letter "a significant step forward" and was working with Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., to build support in both parties for postponing the vote until 2001.

A Warner aide said the two sen-

ators hoped to have a letter supporting the delay signed by a majority of senators from both parties on the desks of party leaders Tuesday.

The treaty would impose a blanket international ban on all nuclear test explosions. Supporters estimate they are 15 to 20 votes short of the two-thirds majority needed for Senate ratification.

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...CAN WE GO NOW?

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OH, HE DOES THAT TOTALLY

BUT LATELY HE'S BEEN HOOKED ON SCRABBLE, MONOPOLY, AND CHINESE CHECKERS

SMITH

ZERO, TAKE THESE TO BOOQ AND TELL LT. FLAP I NEED HIS OER NLT 1500 AND TAKE THIS TRY TR TO HIM PDQ

WHAT DOES PDQ MEAN?

PRETTY DARN QUICK!

AND WHAT DOES EVERYTHING ELSE MEAN?

MOE WALKER

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PANEL 2:

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PANEL 3:

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MEOW! MEOW! MEOW! MEOW!

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JIM DAVIS 10/11/98

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PEOPLE TODAY

Ellen, Anne say they'll wed in Vermont

BURLINGTON, Vt. — **Ellen DeGeneres** and **Anne Heche** will say their vows in Vermont if the state Supreme Court legalizes same-sex marriage.

"There is no one who is keeping their fingers crossed more than us. We'd love to celebrate that with you," Ms. Heche said.

The Vermont Supreme Court is considering a case filed by three same-sex couples who want to marry. Hundreds of people packed into the University of Vermont's Patrick Gymnasium to hear America's most famous lesbian couple speak Sunday.

"All right, that does it. I'm moving here," Ms. DeGeneres quipped in response to the thunderous applause she received.

The crowd was there to celebrate the start of Coming Out Week, which runs through Thursday.

SYDNEY, Australia — Excerpts from the memoirs of **Princess Diana's** lover contained more detail about the food the couple ate than their love life.

Writing of their first night together, **James Hewitt** recalls: "The main course was chicken in a lemon and cream sauce, with mashed potatoes and mange tout and French beans."

A few paragraphs later he simply adds: "That evening our affair began."

In a three-part series from "Love and War," published in an Australian magazine and the New York Daily News, Hewitt also reveals Diana sent him copies of Playboy and Penthouse while he was stationed in the Persian Gulf during the 1991 conflict with Iraq.

Hewitt was labeled a "love rat" and "the most hated man in Britain" by British tabloids after he collaborated on an earlier book titled "Princess in Love." He began selling stories about Diana in 1993 soon after she broke off the affair.

Diana was killed in a car crash in 1997.

LAS VEGAS — People were willing to pay a king's ransom at the King's auction.

Elvis fans paid \$277,000 for one of his classic cars and \$113,000 for one of his capes, forking over a total of \$5 million for the King of Rock 'n' Roll's memorabilia during a three-day auction that ended Sunday.

"It was significantly more than we expected," **Arlan Ettinger**, president of Guernsey's Auction House, said above the din of bidders and curious fans.

A 1956 Lincoln Continental drew the top bid of \$250,000 plus \$27,000 in auction commissions, Ettinger said.

The bejeweled aloha cape that Presley wore in one of his last TV shows drew a bid of \$98,000 plus a 15 percent commission.

A pair of sunglasses with an EP monogram fetched \$37,500 and his personal .9 mm handgun drew \$115,000. A blue police light that Presley would plop atop his car and use to stop unsuspecting motorists drew \$31,000. A green jumpsuit sold for \$75,000.

The primary goal of the auction was to establish a building fund for the creation of Presley Place, a transitional housing development in Memphis, Tenn., where Presley once lived with his parents in a subsidized housing project.

The items were culled from the Presley estate, much of it in archives that have been kept at Presley's Grace-land mansion since his death 22 years ago.

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — **Al Green** has delivered sermons as pastor at the Full Gospel Tabernacle Church for more than 20 years.

On Sunday, he sang — and all it took was someone to ask. Green presented his first concert at the church, and more than 650 people turned out for it.

The concert, which featured the Mount Moriah East Baptist Church choir, members of Green's touring band and other solo gospel singers, raised money for the church's building fund and promoted the church's Women's Day Month, said **Beverly White**, who coordinated the concert.

"No one had asked him to do a gospel concert in his own church until I asked him, and his answer was yes," Ms. White said.

Green, known for the hits "Tired of Being Alone," "Let's Stay Together" and "Look What You Done for Me," recently completed a road tour of 21 shows.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

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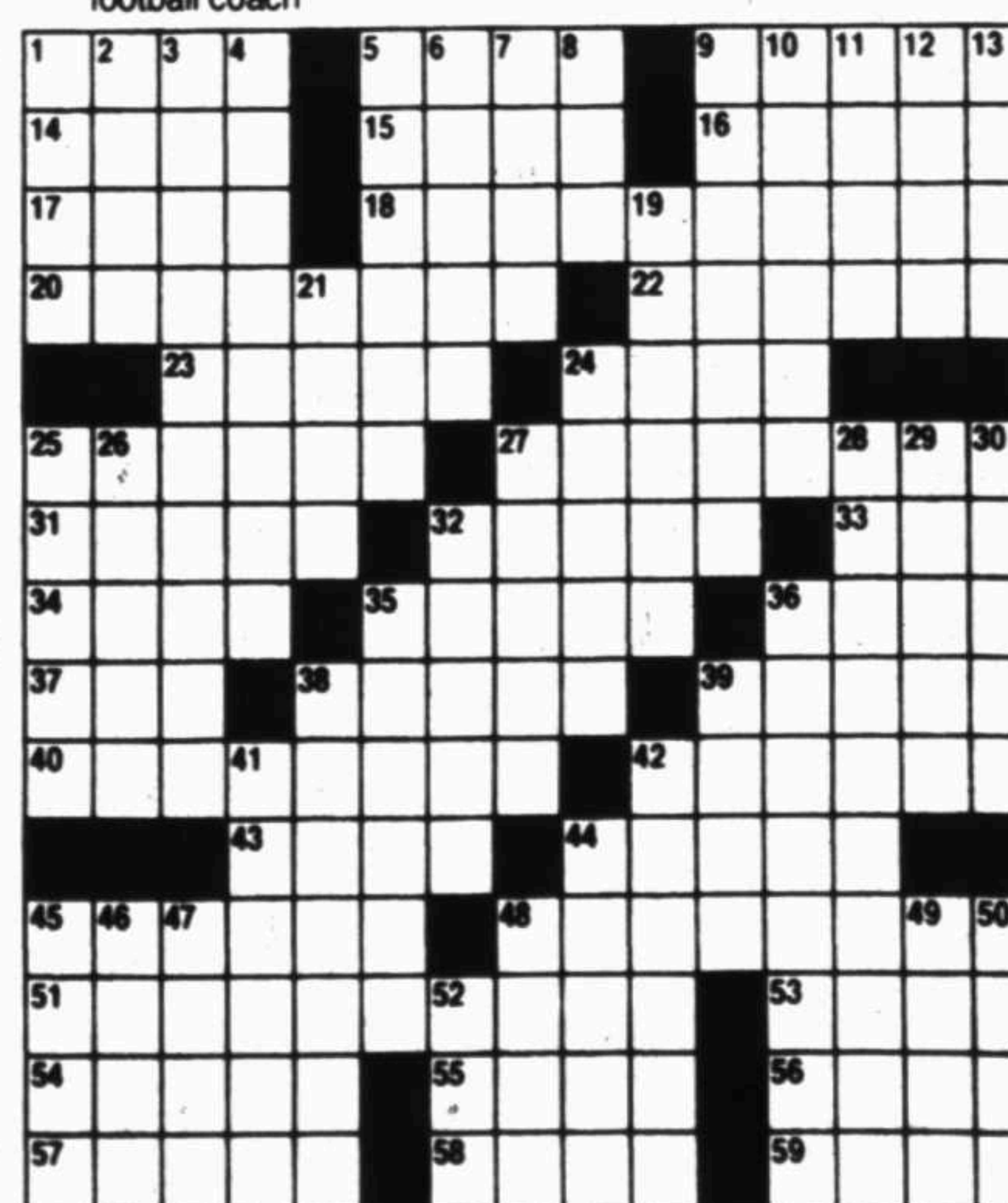
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Benson, Beltran square off Friday

■ Running backs will take centerstage when Lee hosts Abilene High in huge District 4-5A matchup.

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

Benson versus Beltran. Ced versus Sneezy. Junior versus Senior.

Call it what you want when these two all-state caliber running backs — Midland Lee's Cedric Benson and Abilene High's Arturo "Sneezy" Beltran — take the field this Friday at Midland Memorial Stadium, but it should be fun to watch.

"They are two of the best running backs I have ever seen," AHS head coach Steve Warren said. "To see them on the field at the same time will be something special."

In fact, there won't be a better showcase of tail-

back talent in the state this weekend — maybe this year.

"It is inevitable (that the focus of the game revolve around the running backs). A lot of people will be coming to watch for that matchup," Parchman said.

4-5A Report

An argument could be made that there has not been a better pair of opposing running backs on the field for a District 4-5A game — ever. That is how good these two are.

Of course, when you bring together talent like this, everyone will want to know who the best is. Here's a quick comparison.

Beltran is a senior. Benson is a junior. Beltran is 6-foot, 200 pounds. Benson is 5-11, 196. Beltran has committed to play his football next year at the University of Texas. As Parchman says, "Benson is committed to the University of Lee."

Next year, he is expected to be a major Division I prospect.

Both running backs have already topped the 1,000-yard barrier just six games into this season. Benson has 1,123 yards, and Beltran has 1,073.

Benson has rushed for 200-plus yards twice this season.

By rushing for 342 yards against Odessa Permian last Friday, Beltran has rushed for 300-plus yards three times in his career. He owns three of the top four single-game marks in 4-5A history.

For a career, Beltran has 3,773 yards while Benson has 3,149.

Benson owns one state championship ring. Beltran has not played in a postseason game.

"Comparing the two is a fair deal. They are talented," Warren said. "After that, it stops right there."

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Beltran vs. Benson

The following numbers are a comparison between running backs Cedric Benson of Midland Lee and Arturo "Sneezy" Beltran of Abilene High. (All stats are rushing)

Arturo Beltran	Cedric Benson
Senior	Junior
Sneezy	Ced
151	97
1,073	1,123
7.1	11.6
10	11
3	0
3,773	3,149
1,546	2,026
154.6	126.6
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"In 1998, Benson rushed for 2,026 in 16 games due to Lee's winning the state title. AHS didn't qualify for the playoffs so Beltran played only 10."

THEY'D RATHER NOT BE IN PHILADELPHIA

Irvin looks like he'll come back

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Wearing a protective collar around his sore neck, Michael Irvin flew home Monday to await further examinations that will determine the severity of his injury.



Early indications suggest the Dallas Cowboys receiver will recover from a swollen spinal cord and herniated disc suffered early in Sunday's 13-10 loss to the Philadelphia Eagles and will play again this season. When that will remain unknown.

"It's really too hard to tell how long he's going to be out right now," trainer Jim Maurer said. "We're optimistic that Mike will be back this year."

Irvin, who is taking medicine to reduce the swelling, will see a Dallas-area spine specialist Wednesday. An MRI will be taken and compared to one made hours after the injury. How much has changed will determine the next step in his treatment.

Exams Sunday showed swelling in the spinal cord in two places near the base of the skull. Maurer said he doesn't expect the new pictures to show any further damage that may have been obscured by the initial swelling.

"I think they got a pretty good picture of everything he incurred," Maurer said.

The trainer admitted Monday that Irvin lost some feeling immediately after the injury.

"He had some limitations on the field," Maurer said. "He didn't have full motor function and he had pain in his neck."

Irvin was able to move his hands and feet within



Dallas Cowboys receiver Michael Irvin is taken from the field after being injured during the first quarter against the Philadelphia Eagles Sunday in Philadelphia. Irvin was hospitalized overnight with swelling in his spine.

15 minutes, much to the relief of his terrified teammates. He was then strapped to a stretcher and taken to the spinal unit at Thomas Jefferson Hospital, where he spent the night.

By Monday morning, Irvin had regained full use of his motor functions — the most encouraging sign yet.

"That's one of the reasons he's being released as early as today," Maurer said.

Irvin, 33, has been a vocal leader for Dallas on and off the field since joining the team in 1988. He hasn't missed a game because of injury since 1990, Emmitt Smith's rookie season.

"Michael has been a great player for this organi-

zation for a long time," said quarterback Troy Aikman, who has won three Super Bowls with Irvin. "He's made a lot of big plays in a lot of big games. We're going to miss his presence and we'll miss his competitive spirit. Hopefully it'll only be two weeks."

That's a highly optimistic view considering Maurer said Irvin is likely to be in the neck brace about a week as he deals with soreness and stiffness. The trainer said he wouldn't speculate whether surgery was an option.

Irvin was injured while trying to shake a tackle

Please see IRVIN/2C

Philly fans show ugliest side during injury

By Ken Berger
AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA — They brawl, boo and hurl batteries and snowballs. Philadelphia fans have earned their reputation as among the most surly in sports.

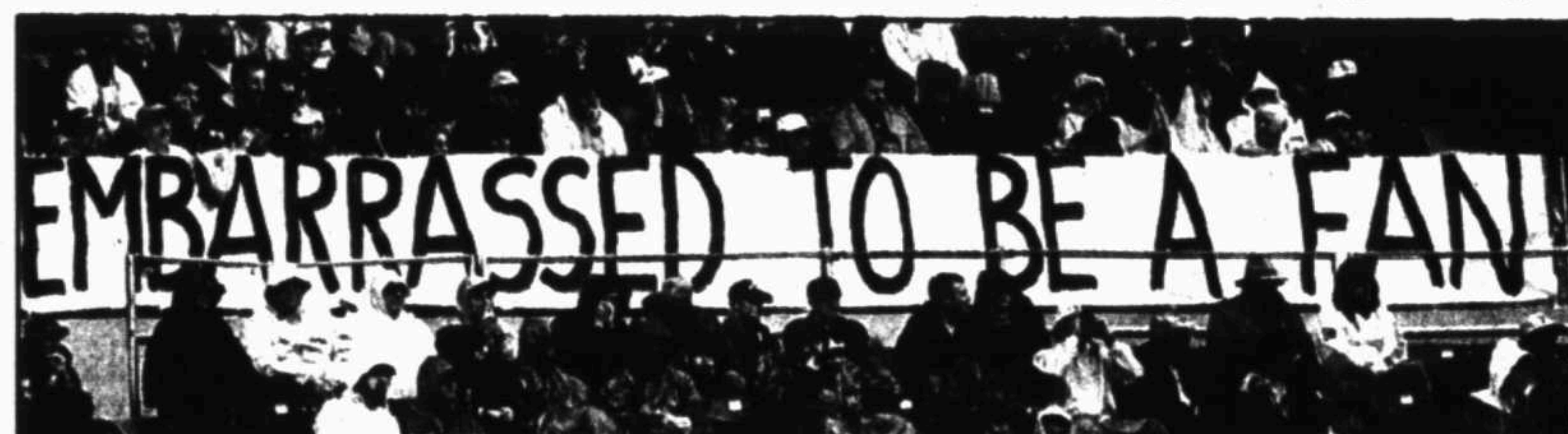
By cheering Dallas Cowboys receiver Michael Irvin as he lay motionless on the turf Sunday with a neck injury, the fans brought the city's reputation for boorishness to new lows. It disgusted even those who thought they had seen it all in the "City of Brotherly Love."

"Unspeakable, even for us," proclaimed a headline in the Philadelphia Daily News.

The latest act of civic embarrassment unfolded during the Philadelphia Eagles' 13-10 victory over the Cowboys.

The 33-year-old Irvin landed awkwardly on his head after catching a pass from Troy Aikman in the first quarter. He lay motionless on the artificial turf for nearly 20 minutes while medical staff attended to him.

Many fans in the crowd of 66,669 cheered when they realized Irvin was hurt, and again when paramedics wheeled a stretcher onto the field. Many also cheered respectfully when he was placed in an ambu-



Philadelphia Eagles fans express their feelings in a sign during the Cowboys game in Philadelphia Sunday. They brawl, boo and toss batteries and snow balls. But Philadelphia fans may have sunk to even lower depths when they cheered as Michael Irvin lay motionless on the field.

"This, in terms of bad taste, was as bad as it gets," said Mayor Edward Rendell, an avid sports fan.

What makes Philly fans so foul? More than any other sports city — even New York — Philadelphia is known for fans who can be rude, raucous, passionate and sometimes, way out of bounds.

"I couldn't believe they cheered when Michael Irvin got hurt," said Donovan McNabb, the team's No. 1 pick who was nearly booed off the stage by

Eagles fans attending the draft. "You don't know what to expect from them."

Michael Zellman, an 18-year-old fan from Philadelphia, said he won't attend Eagles games anymore.

"If you're not wearing the right jersey, you're guaranteed to get beat up," Zellman said.

Fans are so rowdy that a municipal judge holds

Please see FANS/2C

Boston shocks Indians

By Tom Withers
AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND — The Boston Red Sox encircled Pedro Martinez in their clubhouse, pouring champagne on their star pitcher as the walls shook to a salsa beat.

If Martinez didn't completely exorcise Boston's curse, he certainly found a temporary cure. Just three days after he and his team were both counted out, Martinez brought the Red Sox all the way back.

After dropping the first two games and losing Martinez and Nomar Garciaparra to injuries, the Red Sox outslugged the Cleveland Indians 12-8 Monday night to win Game 5 of their first-round playoff series and advance to an AL championship series matchup with the New York Yankees.

"You might say we're celebrating a little too hard," pitcher Bret Saberhagen said in the middle of the Red Sox party. "But after a series like this, you have to kick off your shoes a little bit."

Making a surprise relief appearance, Martinez pitched six hitless innings and struck out eight.

"I wouldn't come out," Martinez said. "As long as I was able to throw the ball over the plate, I was going to stay in there."

Troy O'Leary supplied the offense, twice thwarting the Indians' strategy of intentionally walking Garciaparra by driving in seven runs with a pair of homers — including the first postseason grand slam in Red Sox history.

With the shocking win, the wild-card Red Sox will play their hated rival in the postseason for the first time, starting Wednesday night at Yankee Stadium. It was too early for manager Jimmy Williams to begin worrying about pitching matchups against the defending World Series champions.

"Who we going to pitch?" he said. "What day is it?"

The five games were a blur of comebacks, injuries, pitching changes and runs, runs and runs — 79 in all, three short of the record for postseason series. O'Leary, who went 0-for-6 in Game 4, hit his slam in the third and snapped an 8-8 tie in the seventh with a three-run homer as the Red Sox, trying for their first World Series title since 1918, became the fifth major league team to rally from a 0-2 deficit in a best-of-5 playoff series.

Martinez pulled himself from his start in the opener after four innings with a strained muscle in his back. And it got worse for the Red Sox when Garciaparra

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STEWART DOREEN

Good or bad, this MHS team can't worry about history

The fact that the Midland High Bulldogs lost to Abilene Cooper isn't sad.

The fact that there is even a small possibility that they never had a chance is.

Last week, it was written, televised and said that the Bulldogs needed a win Friday to prove themselves as a contender. That statement was wrong. They were, and still are, a contender.

Last week, it was written, televised and said that a MHS win could undo the "we're no good" mentality that looms over the program.

I read it. I saw it. I heard it. I even wrote it. It is a shame. It was all wrong.

Midland High lost 27-10 to a Cooper team that was not 17 points better than the Bulldogs. It is arguable if the Cougars are better at all. Still, MHS lost and blew an opportunity to get a leg up on three District 4-5A teams in the race for the playoffs.

Did the loss hurt? It had to. Was it typical Midland High? In asking that, I refer to the theory that the Bulldog fans talk big about the prospects of the football team, always to be let down. It could have been.

Did it mean this MHS team didn't succeed because of the actions



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of its predecessors? Absolutely not.

It was often said that Midland High has had the talent to win in 4-5A (more often than not this statement was false), but because the Bulldogs didn't win in the past, they weren't going to win this one.

What we can hope is that none of the players bought into this theory. If they did, it is sad to think that a Cooper loss happened because there is that thought in the back of the players' minds.

I don't believe it. These MHS kids didn't play for the 1988 snake-bit Bulldog team that won a share of the district title but didn't get to go to the playoffs.

These MHS kids didn't play on the lousy MHS teams which compiled a 1-28 record from 1991-93.

These MHS kids didn't play on the 1994 team which came within a foot and a half of beating Permian.

To think that these players carry the weight of the longest playoff drought in Class 5A; one that goes back to 1951, is certain. To think that the actions of those previous 47 teams play a part in what this team does is ridiculous. It is doubtful anyone on this team can spit out the rosters of those teams in the '50s, '60s, '70s, '80s or early '90s. They can just rightfully assume that the players weren't too good.

What the players could know is what has happened in the four years

while David Browning has been coach. That is an evolution of a program. MHS' players are getting bigger, stronger and, for the most part, becoming better football players.

Mentally, they just have to stop waiting for an elite 4-5A team to hand them a program-building victory. If they keep waiting for it, they will go 0-5 this season. That is a guarantee.

The good news for MHS fans is that this district is wide open. Lee is the only sure thing. The Rebels will go 5-0 in 4-5A and leave everyone else fighting for two spots.

The truth is that 3-2 will get MHS into the playoffs, but that means the Bulldogs have to go on a three-game winning streak unlike any in the last 48 years. They must beat Odessa High, Permian and Abilene High. To do that MHS must think of itself as a playoff contender now, and not wait for confirmation after a win Friday night. The Cooper game showed a win is not a certainty and shouldn't be relied on.

They must also stop listening and reading into the theory — because some teams didn't win in the past that they won't. For the last 40-plus years, MHS teams have been doing that and not getting a whole lot in the process.

Stewart Doreen is assistant sports editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

Lee, MHS Football Stats

4-5A Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct
Midland Lee	6	0	261	51	1.000
Midland High	5	1	173	68	833
Abilene High	4	2	113	81	667
Odessa High	4	2	79	90	600
Odessa Permian	3	3	127	113	500

Abilene Cooper 2, Midland Lee 30, Midland Lee 31, Odessa Permian 22, Odessa Permian 22.

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct
Abilene High	1	0	37	22	1.000
Midland Lee	1	0	31	6	1.000
Abilene Cooper	1	0	27	1	1.000
Odessa Permian	1	0	22	37	1.000
Midland High	0	1	10	27	0.000
Odessa High	0	1	6	31	0.000

Abilene High at Midland Lee, Midland High at Odessa Permian, Odessa Permian at Abilene Cooper. All games 7:30 p.m.

Midland Lee Statistics

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Cedric Benson	97	1123	11.6	11
Clinton McNeill	48	427	8.9	2
Jenard Lee	40	277	6.9	2
Allen Griffith	46	250	5.4	6
Jon Rogers	14	116	8.3	0
Isaac Washington	6	55	9.2	0
Jorge Salgado	7	50	7.1	0
Colby Ivanhoe	10	45	4.5	0
Sergio Bustilloz	2	5	2.5	0

Player	Att.	Com.	Int.	Yds.	TD
Jon Rogers	55	32	1	495	8
Koby Ivanhoe	5	2	0	10	0
Clinton McNeill	1	0	0	0	0

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Cedric Benson	129	143	1.1	0
Clinton McNeill	11	120	10.9	1
Allen Griffith	3	57	19.0	2
Jenard Lee	2	47	23.5	1
Josh Perez	1	12	12.0	0
Brooks Stevens	1	11	11.0	0
Allen Griffith	1	6	6.0	0

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Michael Wynn	9	358	39.8	0
Ashley Jackson	1	84	84.0	1
J.R. Brown	1	18	18.0	0
Kody Matthews	1	7	7.0	0
Carlos Gonzalez	0	0	0.0	0

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Cedric Benson	14	2	0.1	0
Matt Segulja	7	0	0.0	0
Clinton McNeill	7	0	0.0	0
Allen Griffith	2	0	0.0	0
Jenard Lee	2	0	0.0	0
J.J. Jackson	1	0	0.0	0
T.J. Glover	1	0	0.0	0
Jenard Lee	1	0	0.0	0
Andy Greenleaf	1	0	0.0	0
Ashley Jackson	1	0	0.0	0

Jon Norman credited with two points on blocked punt for a safety.

Midland High Statistics

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Tommy Joseph	108	568	5.3	8
Jimmy Smith	88	473	5.4	11
Lamar Hickey	17	99	5.8	0
Courtland Cook	13	41	3.1	0
Matt Bock	6	52	8.7	0
Lamar Hickey	6	52	8.7	0

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Jaguars clamp down on inoffensive Jets

By Barry Wilner
AP Football Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The student, Tom Coughlin, finally beat the teacher, Bill Parcells. It wasn't pretty.

In a snoozer of a Monday night game, Coughlin's Jacksonville Jaguars downed Parcells' New York Jets 16-6. It was the first time Coughlin, who was an assistant under Parcells with the Giants and credits the current Jets coach with boosting his career, defeated his mentor in four NFL tries, including two playoff games.

The Jaguars, whose vastly upgraded defense has allowed just 52 points, never let New York (1-4) get going. Not that Jacksonville (4-1) did much offensively, either.

It didn't matter with the way Tony Brackens, Carnell Lake and the Jaguars' defenders were performing. Not even an eight-minute delay to repair a tear in the artificial turf — which is in its final year at Giants Stadium — bothered them.

For the third time this season, the Jaguars, who had four sacks, held an opponent without a touchdown. And in reversing their playoff loss to New York in January, the Jags handed the Jets their fourth loss, as many as they

had in all of 1998. New York has only one victory and, already, dim prospects for making the post-season.

Jacksonville, meanwhile, appears to have a playoff-caliber defense to go with what normally is a high-powered — but lately has been a sputtering — attack. On the Jets' last real chance, Kevin Hardy stopped Curtis Martin for no gain on fourth-and-1 at the New York 45.

In all, the Jets gained 226 yards, 51 coming on the last, desperation drive.

Mike Hollis kicked three field goals and James Stewart had a 3-yard TD run for all the Jacksonville points. John Hall made two field goals for New York.

Jacksonville showed no signs of its recent offensive struggles on its first possession, marching 61 yards on 13 plays to Stewart's scoring run. Stewart, playing for injured starter Fred Taylor (hamstring) was involved in eight of the plays on the drive.

That was it early for either team as the punters took center stage. Tom Tupa sent a 54-yarder that was downed on the Jacksonville 1. So Bryan Barker returned the favor with a team record 83-yarder.

The Jets reached Jacksonville territory on two straight series, but their inability to adequately pro-



Jacksonville Jaguars' wide receiver Keenan McCardell, left, wrestles with New York Jets cornerback Aaron Glenn for possession during the second half of their game at Giants Stadium.

tect quarterback Rick Mirer kept stymying drives. When Mirer's pass to Quinn Early deflected off the receiver's hands and then off teammate Keyshawn Johnson's to safety Blaine McElmurry for his first NFL interception, the Jaguars took over at their 46.

A 33-yard completion to Keenan McCardell on which he turned around cornerback Aaron Glenn set up Hollis' 32-yard field goal for a 10-0 lead.

But the Jets responded thanks to a 43-yard kickoff return to mid-field by Dwight Stone. Mirer got

enough time to find Johnson for 16 yards before the drive stalled and Hall made a 33-yard field goal.

Hollis' 44-yarder, set up by Brunell's 31-yard third-down completion to Reggie Barlow, opened the second half. Hall hit from 42 with 8:53 left, and when the Jets defense stopped the Jaguars twice more, well, so what? New York's injury-riddled offense couldn't go anywhere.

Hollis capped the scoring with a 21-yard field goal with 1:46 to play.

Warner's emergence resembles a movie

By Dave Goldberg
AP Football Writer

It's easy to say Kurt Warner is living a football version of "Field of Dreams" because he played at Northern Iowa and for the Iowa Barnstormers of the Arena League.

The more apt literary and cinematic comparison is Roy Hobbs, "The Natural."

Consider this: When Trent Green was injured in the third exhibition game and Warner became the Rams' quarterback by default, Dick Vermeil crossed his fingers.

"I figured that he'd be OK by midway through the season," Vermeil said Sunday after Warner threw five touchdown passes as the Rams broke a 17-game losing streak against San Francisco. The 42-20 victory left St. Louis at 4-0 and the NFL's only unbeaten team.

Vermeil is delighted to be wrong.

A quarter of the way through the Rams' schedule, Warner has 14 touchdown passes and just three interceptions. He threw for three TDs in each of his first three games and then five Sunday. At that rate, he would throw 56 in a season, shattering Dan Marino's 1984 record of 48.

He almost surely won't — every quarterback stumbles and young ones tend to struggle after hot starts. But Warner is hotter than most, particularly against the 49ers, who were a perfect fit — San Francisco's secondary is one of the NFL's worst.

But the Rams certainly have weapons — their receivers have been so good that Marshall Faulk, the big offseason acquisition, has had little to do at running back.

Isaac Bruce, who missed most of the last two seasons with nagging injuries, caught four TD passes Sunday. When healthy, he may be the NFL's best receiver, right up there with Randy Moss, who's spent his sophomore season whining about the lack of passes thrown his way.

Warner is due for a bad day, perhaps this week in Atlanta against the Falcons. They've already seen him once and they've finally got a little momentum with their first win.

■ NFL Roundup

MORE QUARTERBACKS: You can credit Jimmy Johnson for pushing Dan Marino's button at just the right time or you can simply say that Marino is still one of the best crunch-time QBs in NFL history.

Whatever, Marino reverted to his form of a decade ago Sunday, pulling out a 34-31 win over the Colts with heroics that included a 48-yard completion to Oronde Gadsden on fourth-and-10. That set up his winning touchdown pass to Gadsden with 27 seconds left and capped a 25-point fourth quarter.

Marino finished with 393 yards, the most he's had since Johnson took over from Don Shula in 1996. His performance came five days after JJ put a major part of the blame for last Monday night's 23-18 loss to Buffalo on Marino, probably the harshest public criticism of No. 13 in his 17 NFL seasons.

"I don't always say the right things, but I say what I feel," said Johnson, whose strength as his coach seems to be the ability to push the right buttons at the right time.

Marino apparently didn't feel Johnson's pressure.

"After 17 years, you don't know how long you're going to play. So you want to keep having fun," he said. "Throwing the winning touchdown with 27 seconds left is still big."

FAVRE'S TIME: Brett Favre officially joined the senior QB crowd when he turned 30 on Sunday. He pulled out Green Bay's first two wins with TD passes to complete winning drives that began with 1:52 and 1:51 left and were capped by touchdowns with 11 and 12 seconds to go.

So maybe Tampa Bay felt safer Sunday night when it took a 4-point lead with 1:45 left.

Sorry, Favre needed only 40 seconds to find Antonio Freeman for the winning TD Sunday night.

MORE SENIOR QBs: "You have to play the guy like he's Barry Sanders," Pittsburgh's Levon Kirkland said after Doug Flutie, another senior quarterback, threw for 261 yards and ran for 39 yards, escaping Pittsburgh's pass rush time after time.

49ers' Young not yet cleared to return

By Dennis Georgatos
AP Sports Writer

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Steve Young's concussion is more serious than originally thought and as much as the San Francisco 49ers quarterback wants to play, there's no telling when or if his doctors will let him.

So far, they've been reluctant to clear him to play and coach Steve Mariucci said Monday that Young probably will miss his third straight game this week.

"Evidently, they don't feel this is the appropriate time to let him start banging around," Mariucci said. "I know we're all being very conservative and they are too because of the frequency of the concussions. They're taking their time. They're trying to make sure that when they say yes, it's a go."

Mariucci reiterated that even if Young eventually receives medical clearance, the team may continue to hold him out for an indefinite period just to make sure he's all right.

Young made clear he's anxious to get back on the field but conceded he's having difficulty persuading his doctors.

"I want to play," he said. "I don't want to watch and I've got to get cleared. That's a process that the doctor is going to go through. He's the one that has to clear me and I've got to figure out how to do that."

Young, who turned 38 Monday, sustained his fourth concussion in three years when he was leveled Sept. 27 by blitzing Arizona cornerback Aeneas Williams.

Though the 49ers initially described the concussion as mild, Young was knocked out for several seconds by the force of the blow. Concussions accompanied by unconsciousness are almost always considered severe.

"The fact that he was knocked out may be a little different than what he's had in the past," Mariucci said. "We think he's going to play and hopefully he will soon, but until he's cleared, we'll continue to rest him."

However, there are no plans for Young to

be evaluated by his neurologist until Wednesday, making it highly likely that Jeff Garcia will get the bulk of the practice reps for Sunday's game against Carolina. Garcia believed Young would be back by now but that hasn't happened.

"I think if it continues into this week, then it does become a situation where it is more of a long-term thing than what everybody assumed would be a one or two week situation," he said. "I think if it goes into this week, then I think we're looking at potentially a change in the future but it's hard to say."

Meanwhile, Young's agent, Leigh Steinberg, raised the possibility that Young may have been susceptible to a more serious concussion because of the pounding he took against New Orleans the week before the knockout blow in Arizona. In the Sept. 19 game against the Saints, Young endured a sustained pounding, absorbing 21 hits, including five sacks and a ferocious helmet-to-helmet blow from Chris Hewitt.

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Baylor definitely welcomes bye this week

By Owen Canfield
AP Sports Writer

Of the five Big 12 football teams that have this week off, perhaps none needs it more than Baylor.

The Bears are just 1-5 overall and, after a 45-13 pounding by Texas A&M, mired in the basement of the South Division at 0-3. The prospects of a good finish appear slim, given that teams such as Kansas State, Oklahoma State and Texas Tech lie ahead.

First-year coach Kevin Steele says his work during the off week will involve more than Xs and Os. "What this actually does is allow us to mentally break the kids down into two seasons, look at different combinations," Steele said during Monday's conference call with league coaches. "We've asked the guys to fight. They've done that the last few weeks."

"It does give us a chance to come out of this thing headed in the right direction the last five games. A tale of two seasons is what we're trying to make a

theme of."

Steele oversees a program that has finished in last place in each of the first three years of the Big 12.

The Bears haven't won consecutive games since 1996 and haven't won consecutive league games since 1995, when they were in the Southwest Conference.

So far, Steele has been able to stay upbeat, and Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum said there is reason for optimism in Waco.

"I told Kevin this on the field before the game, I think their schemes are good," Slocum said. "I see athletic ability on the team. When you go through the tapes, you see them make some real good plays both on offense and defense. They just haven't gotten it all put together."

One team that seems to be putting things together is No. 3 Nebraska, which also is idle this week along with Texas, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State. The

Cornhuskers improved to 6-0 with a 42-14 victory over Iowa State on Saturday night.

Kansas coach Terry Allen said Nebraska's defense and its evolving diversity on offense give the Cornhuskers a legitimate shot at the national title.

"They've got it all, no question," said Iowa State coach Dan McCarney. "Coach Solich and his staff and players are hitting on all cylinders. They're a fantastic football team."

Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops team has lost two straight since starting 3-0 and moving into the Top 25, and both losses — to Notre Dame and Texas — have come after the Sooners have taken big leads. Stoops said the week off will allow time to review, and for both sides of the ball to become more comfortable in systems that were only implemented last spring.

"I've known all along that we just have to grow in everything we're doing — to make fewer mistakes, to make more plays, to

be more aggressive and confident, the more familiar we are in everything we're doing," he said.

EXTRA POINTS: A scheduling quirk has No. 9 Kansas State going out of conference this week to play Utah State. Coach Bill Snyder said it may be more difficult for his players to get excited about such a game. "I think it's a concern," he said. "After they have an opportunity to watch videotape of Utah State, if it's still a concern, then I'm concerned about our IQ level here."

Missouri coach Larry Smith said three special teams breakdowns and two turnovers by his team led to 30 Colorado points last weekend. "You can't beat anybody doing that," he said. In the South Division, every team has at least one loss in league play. "I think the next few weeks are going to be as interesting as the dickens," Texas Tech coach Spike Dykes said. "I think it's going to be an old donnybrook, is what it's going to end up being."

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Conference says yea to TCU, nay to SMU

By Stephen Hawkins
AP Sports Writer

Conference USA presidents unanimously approved the addition of TCU to the league in all sports on Monday, but passed on another WAC team from the Dallas-Fort Worth market.

TCU, a former Southwest Conference member now in the Western Athletic Conference, will join C-USA in all sports in 2001, two years before current league member South Florida will begin competing for the football title, the presidents of the current C-USA schools decided.

With the additions, Conference USA will have 11 football schools. Currently, the 4-year-old football league sports two Top 25 teams for the first time, No. 23 East Carolina and No. 25 Southern Mississippi.

C-USA presidents, however, didn't vote to extend an invitation to SMU and commissioner Mike Slive said that decision was based on numbers.

"Clearly, as we got down to the end of the day, it's a great program, but size was an issue. The board decided to take care of current members," Slive said of SMU during a teleconference from New York, where the presidents met.

Slive refused to discuss the actual voting, but said the league's board of directors has finished its work on expansion for now. In addition to TCU's addition to the league in all sports, the presidents acted on two proposals concerning current C-USA members.

The first was South Florida, a C-USA member in all sports but football, will begin conference football play in 2003, two years after it first begins play on the NCAA Division I-A level. The other has East Carolina, now a football-only member, joining the league in all other sports in 2001.

TCU looked at the move as a step toward more national exposure.

"Most of our out-of-state students come from the Midwestern corridor of the country, and as a

member of C-USA, TCU will gain exposure to an extremely high percentage of the nation's population, the media centers and large urban areas of the Central and Eastern time zones," athletic director Eric Hyman said.

In addition to 11 football-playing teams, C-USA will expand its men's and women's basketball leagues to 14 teams each. The 11 football members will leave C-USA one team short of being able to stage a league championship team.

"The issue of how many football schools was certainly a topic of conversation, but the board was comfortable at this point of staying at 11, and not going to 12," Slive said. "That's not a driving force in our thinking."

The league's football teams — Army, UAB, Cincinnati, East Carolina, Houston, Louisville, Memphis, Southern Miss and Tulane — are playing six league games this year, and that number was already scheduled to increase to seven in 2000. Slive is not sure how the addition of two teams will affect future football scheduling, but indicated the league was not ready to switch to divisions in football.

In basketball, the league has two six-team divisions. Each division will likely increase by one.

While East Carolina and Army are currently football-only members of C-USA, DePaul, Marquette, NC-Charlotte, Saint Louis and South Florida are league members in basketball and other sports except football. TCU's departure leaves the WAC, which was a 16-school league the last two years until eight members defected to form the Mountain West Conference, with eight schools as Nevada joins next season.

"We don't feel that the loss of one university, no matter who it is, is a death blow by any means," senior associate commissioner Jeff Hurd said. "We still consider ourselves a viable division one conference and we'll explore what options we have."

With Nevada joining the conference next season, TCU's exit would leave the conference with eight teams.

Brown sweats it out to hit century mark

By Jim Vertuno
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN — For 15 minutes, Mack Brown thought it might take him 100 years to get victory No. 100.

The Longhorns fell behind Oklahoma 17-0 in the first quarter before rallying for a 38-28 victory. The win made Brown one of 21 active Division I-A coaches with 100 or more career victories.

There was a time Saturday when other career options came to mind, Brown said.

"I was counting four times 17 and trying to figure out what I could do if we didn't stop them, he said Monday. "I could be a sports-writer except I can't write."

There were times in his career that Brown

never thought about 100 wins.

He went 19-48 in his first six seasons as a head coach at Appalachian State, Tulane and North Carolina before eventually turning things around in Chapel Hill. He arrived at Texas before the 1998 season.

"I remember a time where I said if I can get to (.500), I'd be happy," said Brown, who is 100-79-1 in his 15-year career, including 14-5 at Texas. "One thing it means is that I've coached a long time."

His first two years at North Carolina, consecutive 1-10 seasons in 1988-89, were the hardest. Brown hasn't had a losing season since.



"They said a lot more things than I couldn't coach special teams," he said.

Brown said he is perhaps most proud of the fact his teams have never been hit with NCAA sanctions.

Texas (5-2, 2-1 Big 12) likely would have panicked had the Longhorns not rallied to beat Oklahoma. Texas' largest comeback victory since 1965 kept the Longhorns in the hunt for the Big 12 South division title and a berth in the conference title game.

"If we'd have lost the game, we'd have to catch our pride and start over," Brown said.

The Longhorns have this week off before playing No. 3 Nebraska (6-0, 3-0) at home Oct. 23. Texas won 20-16 at Nebraska last year to snap the Cornhuskers' 47-game home winning streak.

ACC suspends six officials after Clemson-N.C. State gaffes

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP)

— The Atlantic Coast Conference on Monday suspended for one game all six officials who refereed Saturday's Clemson-North Carolina State game.

Reviews of video tape replays and interviews with officials and game administrators confirmed complaints by both schools, league officials said.

"Our review of the situation involving penalties during the

Clemson-N.C. State game leaves no doubt that the officials erred in their application during the course of the contest," ACC commissioner John Swofford said.

He called officials James Knight, Frank Overcash, Mike Looney, Bill Wampler, Rick Page and Virgil Valdez "extremely competent."

"However, the entire officiating crew works as a team and must be accountable as a team,"

Swofford said. Their experience ranges from 21 years calling games for Knight to one year for Looney.

ACC officials refused to elaborate on the specific errors in North Carolina State's 35-31 victory. The game crew apparently erred once when marking off yardage on a penalty and once when the 25-second play clock apparently expired without a violation being called.

North Carolina State coach Mike O'Cain admitted Monday that he lost his composure while trying to get the officials' interpretation of a holding penalty midway through the second quarter with Clemson ahead 24-14. N.C. State was called for holding in the backfield on a first-down pass play.

Officials assessed the penalty from the spot of the foul instead of from the line of scrimmage.

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Crude rebounds

NEW YORK — Energy futures prices rose Monday in light holiday trading as crude oil began recovering from last week's 16 percent slide.

Natural gas and heating oil futures rose amid forecasts saying a cold snap may head into northern New England, increasing heating fuel consumption.

On the New York Mercantile Exchange, the contract for November's deliveries of light sweet crude oil rose 37 cents per barrel to \$21.27 despite an early slide as low as \$20.55.

The gains came despite a report from the International Energy Agency saying several OPEC members boosted output in September, increasing global supplies at a time when wealthy nations are consuming less oil than expected. Last week, oil prices fell sharply amid concerns about weakening OPEC resolve to keep oil production under control.

Helping offset worries about oversupply, the agency's report also predicted strong growth in demand for heating oil this winter.

New record

NEW YORK — The Nasdaq composite index climbed to a new closing high Monday as the promise of strong corporate earnings pumped up technology stocks. Broader market indicators ended an otherwise quiet session little changed.

The Dow Jones industrial average slipped 1.58 to close at 10,648.18, having given up an earlier gain of as much as 69 points. Traders said the modest performance was expected after last week, when the Dow gained almost 377 points in its best performance in three months. The Standard & Poor's 500 fell 0.81 to 1,335.21.

The Nasdaq rose 29.38 to 2,915.95, surpassing its all-time closing high of 2,887.06, set Sept. 10.

Dollar falls

NEW YORK — The dollar fell against the yen Monday as traders anticipated little action from the Bank of Japan this week to stem the yen's rise. The dollar also fell against most other major currencies.

Trading was light as Japanese markets were closed for a national holiday and U.S. banks and bond markets were closed in observance of Columbus Day.

In late New York trading, the dollar was quoted at 106.68 yen, down from 107.56 yen late Friday.

Hopes are diminishing that the Bank of Japan, which is holding a meeting Wednesday, will take strong action such as increasing the money supply as a way to slow the ascent of the yen, which has soared in recent months.

The dollar has gained back some ground against the yen after finance ministers from major countries expressed concerns about the yen's rise late last month. But the gains have been limited due to market skepticism about the ability of the Bank of Japan to bring the yen back down.

Exports luncheon

Exports will be the topic at the October 13 Midland Chamber Small Business Luncheon to be held at Midland Center from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rick Schulze, an international trade finance specialist for the Small Business Administration, will detail a new program to provide working capital to help businesses complete export sales. The Export Working Capital Program offers more flexible terms, low fees and a quick turnaround on the loan decision. Cost is \$13 in advance, \$15 at the door.

Greenspan: Regulators considering changes

By Marcy Gordon
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Regulators are weighing changes to deal with the huge banks that are being formed by mergers and that could hurt the economy if they fail, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan told bankers Monday.

Greenspan said in a speech that "significant changes are in the pipeline" in banking supervision by U.S. regulators and their foreign counterparts.

The changes point to a "multitrack approach" to oversight of banks, since they vary significantly in size, business strategy and penchant for risk, the central bank chief said.

"Even among the largest banks, no two institutions have exactly the same risk profiles, risk controls or organizational

and management structure," Greenspan said in the speech to the American Bankers Association's annual convention in Phoenix. Copies of his speech to the banking industry's biggest trade group were released in Washington.

Greenspan said regulatory flexibility is especially needed in the case of megabanks resulting from mergers which, he said, "create the potential for unusually large systemic risks in the national and international economy should they fail."

Regulators such as the Fed must walk a line between exercising adequate oversight of big banks and regulating them excessively in a way that smothers innovation and competition, he suggested.

"Such a heavier hand would also blunt the ability of U.S. banks to respond to crisis events," Greenspan said.

Jim McLaughlin, director of regulatory affairs for the bankers' group, said afterward the Fed chairman's speech "has gotten the industry thinking."

An outline of the changes being considered by U.S. and foreign regulators was released for public comment in June by an international group of bank supervisors based in Basel, Switzerland. But Greenspan's speech put the issue in clearer perspective, McLaughlin said by telephone from Phoenix.

He also said U.S. bankers support Greenspan's push for federal regulators to consult with the industry on developing new standards for banks to disclose details of their assets.

Big bank mergers have been occurring at a rapid pace in this country, with recent multibillion-dollar consolidations including those in which banking giant Citicorp

merged with brokerage-insurer Travelers Group; NationsBank Corp. and BankAmerica Corp. combined; and Banc One Corp. and First Chicago joined.

Critics, including consumer advocates such as Ralph Nader and some lawmakers, have asserted that the mergers have increased the likelihood of future taxpayer bailouts of big financial institutions that fail.

U.S. Comptroller of the Currency John D. Hawke, who oversees nationally chartered banks, told the bankers' group that regulators see some signs of risk spreading in the banking industry despite high earnings and hefty assets.

Last month, the Federal Reserve warned banks and directed its examiners to watch for signs that risky bank loans are piling up.

IEA reports increased oil output

By Bruce Stanley
Associated Press

LONDON — Iran, Iraq and several other OPEC members boosted their crude oil output in September, increasing global supplies at a time when wealthy nations are consuming less oil than expected, according to a respected survey released Monday.

However, possible signs of a softer market — and cheaper petroleum prices — are being offset by an anticipated strong growth in demand for heating oil this winter, the International Energy Agency disclosed in a monthly report.

The report was compiled before last week's sharp reversal in world oil prices, when profit-taking and fears of weakening OPEC resolve to keep oil production under control triggered a 16 percent plunge in prices for crude contracts for future delivery on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

David Knapp, the economist who edited the survey, said the sudden drop in prices did not change the agency's conclusions that the markets are still strong. Speaking by phone from his Paris headquarters, he predicted that global markets would remain firm on the back of an expected 3 percent rise in fourth-quarter demand to 77.2 million barrels per day.

The IEA is part of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, a group of the world's most developed nations.

Knapp said the biggest surprise in the report was that oil inventories in industrialized countries actually increased from June to September. Iran led the increase in production, pumping an additional 190,000 barrels of oil per day, while Iraq boosted output by 60,000 barrels daily.

In New York, November contracts for U.S. benchmark West Texas Intermediate were trading slightly lower Monday at \$20.85 per barrel. In London, November contracts for North Sea Brent were trading late Monday at \$20.47 per barrel, down 23 cents per barrel from Friday.

Analyst Mark Redway blamed the price reversal on speculators who had bet that OPEC would stick to its quotas. When market sentiment changed, they panicked and closed out their long positions, causing a sharp retreat in prices, said Redway of London-based brokerage Greig Middleton and Co. Ltd.

The IEA reported that OPEC was 86 percent compliant with the production cuts that its members agreed to in March and reaffirmed in September. OPEC's compliance rate for August was 94 percent, revised upward from 92 percent, the agency said.

Given OPEC's record of cheating on quotas, analysts agreed that the group's compliance rate was still good even at its reduced level.

Wildcat Honorees



The Midland Wildcat Committee is honoring several Texaco Exploration and Production officials. Front row, left to right: Clarence Cazalot, Kelly Mortensen, Rick Schneider. Second row: Dave Hill, Ted Tipton, Mike Lemons. Third row: W.A. Baker, Brian Tucker, Larry Hall. Fourth row: Tim Miller, Billy Hagle, Jeff Woliver, Greg Yoxsimer, John Milam and Mitch Mamouides.

Dell to remain focused on core PC business despite Wall St. pressure

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Dell Computer Corp., the No. 1 seller of personal computers directly to customers, says it will stick to its strengths despite Wall Street pressure to vigorously branch into areas such as computer services.

While Dell's financial results are among the strongest in the computer industry, its stock price has fallen 16 percent since early this year in part due to investor concerns that tumbling PC prices will slow galloping revenues and profits.

But Dell chief executive Michael Dell said Monday that computer services, or helping corporate customers set up and maintain their computer networks, will remain an adjunct and not a substitute for Dell's main business of selling hardware.

"I think we can grow in our core business and services will enhance that growth," he said in a talk before thousands of technology managers at the annual Gartner Group computer industry gathering here.

Dell's go-it-alone strategy contrasts with moves by IBM, Hewlett-Packard Co. and other major Dell rivals to attack the fast-growing services business.

Those companies are making very little money or losing money in the PC business. IBM last week told employees it's cutting up to 10 percent of its PC work force after the business lost \$150 million last quarter. Compaq Computer Corp. also is struggling to turn around its business.

But Dell expects further strong financial results from selling PCs due to the company's efficient, off-copied strategy of selling directly to users and eliminating wholesalers and retailers.

Dell underscored its iconoclast strategy last month by signing a seven-year agreement for IBM to provide technical support to Dell's customers — the Round Rock, Texas company could have instead built its services operation from within.

"I view it very, very differently" from our competitors, Michael Dell said. "We are profitable in our core hardware business."

Still, some analysts say the company is vulnerable to pricing pressures, especially since its product line focuses mainly on business PCs and isn't as diverse as other companies that sell, for instance, lots more computers to home users.

Houston-based computer giant planning new telecom unit

GENEVA (AP) — Compaq Computer Corp. announced the formation of a new telecommunications unit on Monday, unveiling a powerful new data system as part of the struggling company's bid to lessen its dependence on the personal computer market.

The announcement by Michael D. Capellas, Compaq's new president and chief executive, came during a keynote address at Telecom 99, a major trade show this week in Switzerland.

The company will reorganize its telecom operations under a new unit based in the "Telecom Corridor" in the north Dallas suburb of Plano, Compaq spokesman Alan Hodel said.

The new Compaq Telecommunications unit will unite 2,000 Compaq employees currently working in other divisions. Half of the staff would be stationed in the United States, and about 500 will be at the Plano headquarters.

Larry S. Schwartz, previously general manager of Compaq Telecom Network Solutions, will serve as the new group's general manager.

Compaq's new telecom engine for tracking telephone calls and billing customers can handle 15,000 transactions per second as well as up to 40,000 customer service operators.

Compaq, the world's largest personal computer maker, expanded its telecom operations two years ago when it bought Tandem Computers Inc. Compaq also makes network systems for automatic banking and securities trading among others.

In July, the company announced plans to cut up to 8,000 jobs after price wars and slowing sales left the computer maker with a \$184 million loss in the second quarter and forced the ouster of top management.

Hodel said Compaq is relying on telecom and other large-scale computing customers to help get the company back on track. Compaq now derives more than half of its revenue from large-scale, non-PC products designed to drive networks and other large operations.

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Evaluating the best and worst performing newsletters

By Eric Tyson

Q: I am considering subscribing to an investment newsletter, but they all seem to claim great previous recommendations. How do I check them out?

A: Before you ever consider subscribing to any investment newsletter, you should examine its historic track record. The newsletter's marketing materials typically hype the supposed returns that a letter's recommendations have produced. Sadly, newsletters seem to be able to make lots of bogus claims without suffering the timely wrath of securities regulators.

Mark Hulbert tracks the performance of the recommendations made by newsletter writers. Hulbert's organization looks at the cold, hard facts of actual returns and shows how your portfolio would have done if

you had followed the recommendations of given newsletters.

Suppose you had been so omniscient as to know in advance which five newsletters would give the best advice during the past 15 years. After adjusting for the level of risk that each had taken, you would have done worse in four out of five cases than the overall rate of return of the Wilshire 5000 index, the broadest measure of the overall performance of small, medium and large companies' U.S. stocks.

Hulbert uses risk-adjusted returns, which are corrected for the differences in the amount of risk different newsletters take in their recommendations. For comparative purposes, the risk-adjusted return of the Wilshire 5000 index is set at 100. The best newsletter, Systems & Forecast, has a rating of 108.4 and has produced an 8.4 percent higher return than expected given the level of risk it takes.

Here are the rest of the "top five" newsletters and their ratings: The Chartist, 89.1; No-Load Fund X, 86.7; Investor's World, 82.2; Value Line Investment Survey 80.2. As I said, these

other four newsletters that round out the five "best" have a rating less than 100, which implies that their recommendations, given the risk entailed, performed worse than the Wilshire 5000 index.

Because you can actually invest in the Wilshire 5000 index through an index mutual fund, don't waste your money subscribing to investment newsletters in the hopes of beating the stock market's overall returns.

If, by bad luck, you had been suckered into following the advice of some of the worst newsletters, your investment results would have been disastrous, especially in comparison with what you could have earned in the Wilshire 5000 stock index.

Over the past five years, if you had followed the recommendations in these newsletters, look at how much of your original investment you would have lost: Futures Hotline, down 99 percent; Overpriced Stock Price, down 96 percent; Elliott Wave Theorist, down 95 percent; Short on Value, down 86 percent; Option Advisor, down 64 percent; Granville Market Letter, down 62 per-

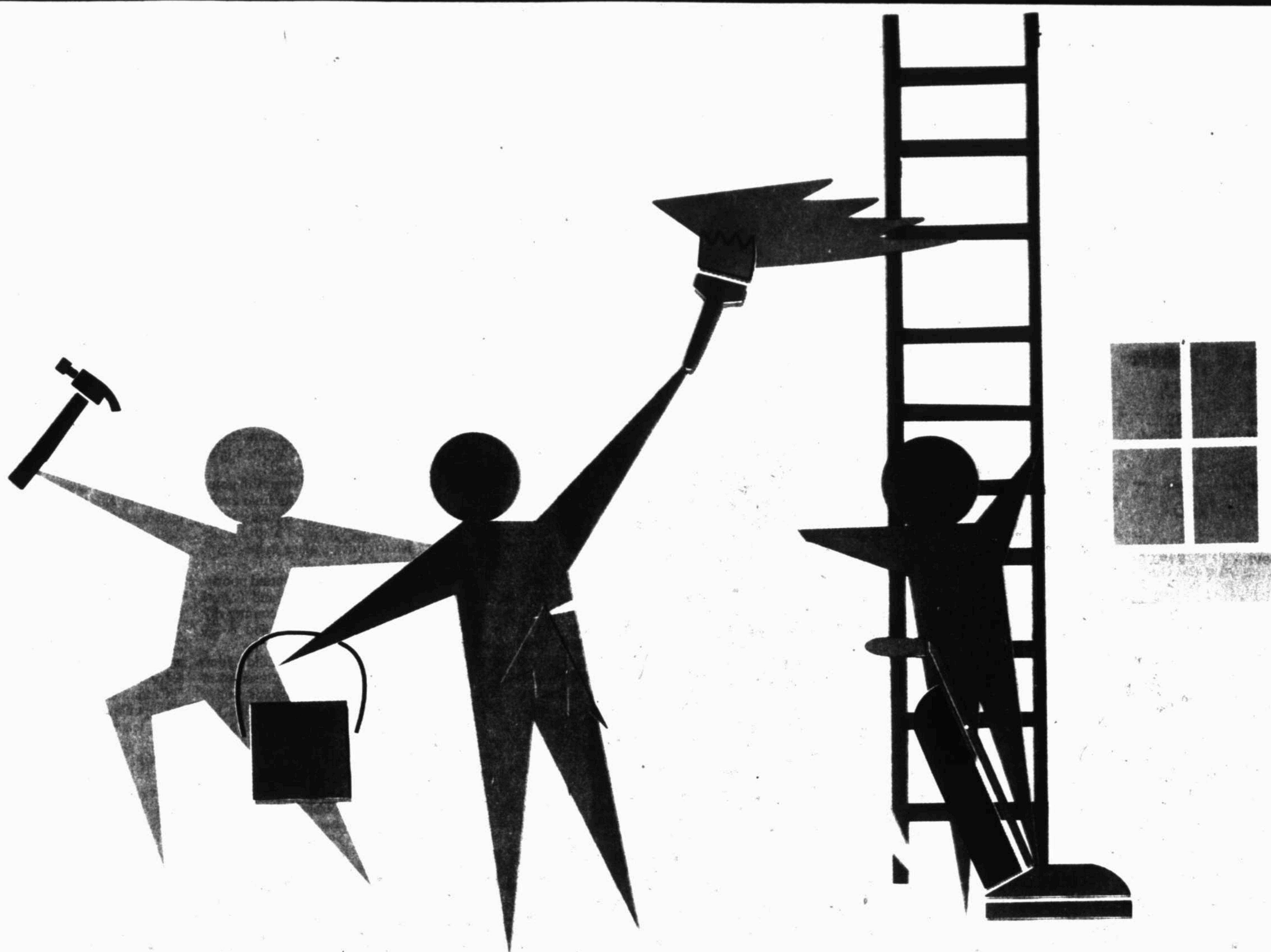
cent. By comparison, the Wilshire 5000 Index returned 149 percent over this same time period!

Never use a newsletter for predictive advice. If newsletter writers were that smart about the future of financial markets, they would be money managers making lots more money.

Q: I am conservative and not rich, but still young. Would you agree that it would be OK to invest 60 percent to 70 percent in growth and value stock funds, with 60 percent of that money in large-cap funds, 30 percent in funds that hold small- or mid-cap issues and the rest in funds that buy foreign stocks?

A: Those allocations seem fine, but I'd go a bit higher with overseas being at least 25 percent of the total stock allocation. If I understand your allocation correctly, you're proposing to put just 10 percent of your stock market money in overseas funds.

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Jeff Gordon, of Pittsboro, Ind., left, celebrates with crew chief Brian Whitesell in victory lane after winning the UAW-GM Quality 500 race at the Lowe's Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C., Monday.

Gordon 2-for-2 with new chief following victory at Quality 500

By Mike Harris
AP Motorsports Writer

CONCORD, N.C. — Winston Cup competitors beware. The new combination is clicking.

Jeff Gordon and Brian Whitesell are 2-for-2 and looking for more.

"It's one of those situations where the chemistry is right," Gordon said Monday after catching and passing Bobby Labonte with seven laps to go in the UAW-GM Quality 500.

"The last two weeks have felt like we started all over again," said Gordon, who is an uncharacteristic fourth in the points after winning three championships and finishing second in the last four years.

"We knew we had great people if they wanted to make this team go to the next level. They proved to me in the last two weeks that's what they want to do."

Whitesell became Gordon's crew chief on Sept. 28 when Ray Evernham, the long-term mentor and friend of both, resigned to begin forming his own team.

Five days later, Whitesell made a late-race decision to keep his driver on the track while the other contenders pitted, and Gordon held on to win in Martinsville, Va. This time, Whitesell and the Rainbow Warriors crew gave their driver some fast pit stops and kept improving the car throughout the day.

"I really should seriously consider retirement right now," Whitesell joked after clambering down from his race perch on the team's tool box.

The victory moved Gordon up

from sixth in the standings, and he now trails leader Dale Jarrett by 396 points with five races remaining. Asked if this two-race surge has renewed his championship hopes, Gordon laughed.

"I definitely want to make a run, but where we're running to I'm not sure," he said. "We're going to do everything we can to keep winning races and see where we shake out."

"But, realistically, I'm not sure we're aiming that high. The next step is to just go to Talladega next week and survive. But I'm having a lot of fun right now."

On Monday, in the race postponed from Sunday by rain, it was Labonte who was dominant most of the way as Gordon led just three times for a total of 16 laps. It was the series-high seventh win this season for Gordon, who moved into a tie for 10th on the Winston Cup career list with Rusty Wallace at 49.

Labonte, trying hard to catch runaway leader Jarrett in the season points, dominated the 334-lap race, leading five times for 136 laps. He appeared on the way to an easy victory before getting hung up in lapped traffic in the late going.

Labonte had built a lead of nearly three seconds by the 309th of 334 laps, but saw Gordon looming in his rearview mirror after finally clearing the slower traffic six laps later. After that, it was just a matter of time as Gordon crept closer and finally moved by Labonte on the backstretch of the 1 1/2-mile oval on lap 327.

"That (traffic) cost a second and a half loss of time and I probably used up my right-front tire

trying to get by those guys," said the bitterly disappointed Labonte. "It definitely wasn't the kindest thing I've ever seen."

"That plays a big role in your race when you run the last hundred and some laps under the green and you lose by less than a second."

Gordon's Chevrolet crossed the finish line .851 seconds — about 10 car-lengths — ahead of Labonte's Pontiac. The winner earned \$140,350, while polesitter Labonte totaled \$157,250.

There were only two caution flags for a total of nine laps in the race postponed from Sunday. Gordon's average speed of 160.306 mph broke the previous 500-mile race record — 154.537 by Ernie Irvan in October 1993 — at the suburban Charlotte track.

Jarrett wound up seventh — the last car on the lead lap — and Labonte chopped 29 points from the lead and now trails Jarrett by 222.

Mike Skinner led 65 laps, but faded following his final tire stop and finished third. He was followed by defending race champion Mark Martin, Ward Burton, Jeremy Mayfield and Jarrett.

Gordon and Skinner spent considerable time late in the race battling for second place before Gordon finally got by for good on lap 310 and began to hunt down Labonte.

"It was real awesome at the end, driving in and out of traffic," Gordon said. "I didn't know if I was going to be able to get by Bobby because he had the high line. But my car started working on the bottom."

Cooper withdraws from women's national team

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Cynthia Cooper withdrew from the USA Basketball women's senior national team Monday because she is "unable to fully participate in the team's training program."

The 36-year-old Cooper is a two-time Olympian who helped the U.S. win a gold medal in the 1988 Summer Games and two golds in World Championship

play. She also led the WNBA Houston Comets to three consecutive titles while earning league MVP honors twice.

"It is with considerable regret that I must withdraw from the women's senior national team," Cooper said. "The past several months have been very difficult for me emotionally."

"I understand the importance of the National Team's training

schedule and for the team to mesh together as a unit for the upcoming Olympics. However, at this time I am unable to participate fully in the team's training and therefore feel I must excuse myself from the team."

The team began training Sept. 7 and claimed team titles at the 1999 U.S. Olympic Cup and the USA Basketball International Invitational.

U.S. men spring forward into World Gymnastics last round

By John Leicester
Associated Press Writer

TIANJIN, China — In the end, the U.S. team's medal hopes rested on the muscled shoulders of John Roethlisberger.

But he didn't realize it. Eyes shut, facing away from his teammates, Roethlisberger had been elsewhere, trying to imagine himself back home in his gym, running through his routine.

Only when his feet hit the mat did he deal with reality. The four-time national champion's last-ditch effort Monday on the high bar had vaulted his team into the World Gymnastics Championships final.

It was the second time in two days that U.S. medal hopes rested on the last routine. Vanessa Atler clinched the women's team's place in the medal round with a 9.762 Sunday in the floor exercises. The finals for both teams are Tuesday.

Roethlisberger's 9.525 on the bar capped a remarkable comeback for the 29-year-old from Falcon Heights, Minn. He underwent reconstructive knee surgery last year, and was sidelined for months before recovering and making the team for the championships in Tianjin.

The U.S. men, whose last team medal — a bronze — came in 1979, were shaky in their first event, the floor exercises. Stephen McCain scored an 8.812, and Chris Young an 8.862 while

his parents shouted encouragement from the stands.

"It wasn't the best way to start," Roethlisberger said of the Americans.

But they regrouped immediately on the pommel horse, led by a 9.650 from Roethlisberger, a 9.612 from Yewki Tomita and a 9.487 from Blaine Wilson — the reigning and four-time national champion.

The tattooed, pierced 25-year-old Wilson, who wears a silver tongue stud, was the most consistent U.S. gymnast. His 57.048 points placed him sixth among the 36 gymnasts who qualified for the individual all-around competition. Tomita, whose father is a team coach, was 35th.

The team was lying fifth going into the high bar, its final event. With Russia and Belarus yet to come, they needed a strong finish to clinch a place in the medal round six.

But again, they started poorly. Sean Townsend fell and Tomita lost his grip, almost coming off, for scores of 8.762 and 8.450 respectively.

Young and Wilson did better, stopping the slide with scores of 9.550 and 9.562. Wilson's routine included two circles of the bar hanging on with just one hand, performed despite an injured, taped-up shoulder.

Afterward, Roethlisberger said he hadn't been aware that the team was close to not making the cut. He'd been standing apart

from the team, running through his routine in his head.

"I was psyching myself up, trying to relax," he said. "You've got to dig down deep, you've got to figure out what you're made of and get up there and try to pull off a routine."

Although Roethlisberger took a long time tightening up his wrist straps before climbing onto the bar, his routine seemed to be over in a flash.

When the scoreboard lit up 9.525, for a team score of 224.594 and a place in the final, the team erupted with high-fives and shouts of "Yeah!" Roethlisberger turned to U.S. coaches in the stands and pumped his fists into the air.

"That was just awesome," said the elder Tomita. "This team has such a big heart. Everyone chipped in, that's what turned it around."

But getting a medal in the final will be tough. Ahead of the sixth-placed U.S. team in qualifying were South Korea, with 225.319 points, Japan with 226.382, Belarus with 226.557 and Olympic champion Russia in second with 227.083.

China, the three-time defending champion and runaway qualifying leader with 230.546 points, looked untouchable.

"You're not going to beat them here," Wilson said. "They're home, definitely on their own turf, and they're real good."

No. 2 Kafelnikov routs Enqvist 6-3, 6-4 in CA Trophy 1st round

Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — Top-seeded Yevgeny Kafelnikov, ranked No. 2 in the world behind Andre Agassi, beat Thomas Enqvist of Sweden 6-3, 6-4 Monday in the opening round of the \$800,000 CA Trophy.

Kafelnikov will meet Jan Siemerink of the Netherlands in the second round of the ATP tournament. In a repeat of this year's Australian Open final, the Russian kept the upper hand over Enqvist, ranked 17th in the world, and evened their overall record at 4-4.

"I am happy that I have survived another round after two first-round defeats in the last two years," Kafelnikov said. "However, I had drawn a tough lot against (Karol) Kucera and (Greg) Rusedski."

Speaking about the duel for No. 1, Kafelnikov, who is trailing Agassi by 500 points, said, "I know that I'm at present the one who most of all can overtake Andre. He is in my thoughts."

"If I win this tournament, I can move up closer to him, but it's not going to be easy," Kafelnikov said.

In other matches Monday, fifth-seeded Greg Rusedski beat Sweden's Thomas Johansson 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7-3).

Rusedski, a semifinalist here last year, had to take a timeout at 4-3 in the third set for what he said was a "small pain" in his back. After treatment by the ATP masseur, the Briton, who is ranked seventh in the world, had no more problems.

Also, Siemerink, twice a finalist in Vienna, beat France's Arnaud Clement 5-7, 7-6 (7-5), 7-6 (8-6), and Roger Federer, an 18-year-old from Switzerland playing as a wild card, took only 59 minutes to beat Vince Spadea 6-4, 6-2.

Hewitt through to second round in Heineken Open

SINGAPORE — Australia's Davis Cup heroes went their separate ways Monday in the opening round of the Heineken Open tennis tournament.

Lleyton Hewitt defeated American Paul Goldstein 4-6, 6-2, 6-4, while Wayne Arthurs fell to Dutchman John Van Lottum 7-6 (7-2), 7-6 (9-7).

Both Hewitt and Arthurs were just coming off their successful Davis Cup semifinal in Australia two weeks ago. The subdued Singapore crowd was a big change.

"It was tough for me coming in from the Davis

Cup match, when there's 13,000 people supporting you in your home country," Hewitt said. "And you come out for a first-round tie in Singapore, it's tough. We didn't have a full crowd out there."

Tennis Roundup

Arthurs, who was making his Davis Cup debut, said he has not recovered yet from the international team competition.

Crowd favorite Michael Chang arrived Sunday after competing in Shanghai last week. He said he had five goals to achieve before retirement, which he said was still a long way off.

"I've always said that I've always wanted to win every tournament that I played in Asia, Singapore is the one I have not won yet," he said. "On top of that I would like to win the remaining Grand Slams that I haven't won and also hopefully become No. 1 someday."

Chang won the French Open in 1989 and reached as high as No. 2 in the world. He currently is ranked 76th.

Schnyder beats Frazier in first round

ZURICH, Switzerland — Switzerland's Patty Schnyder returned from a five-week injury layoff to produce a 4-6, 6-1, 6-4 comeback win over American Amy Frazier on Monday and advance to the second round of the women's Swiss Indoors.

The victory marked an important mental breakthrough for the Swiss player, who had arrived in Zurich with only four wins since the French Open in May. Making abrupt first-round exits in four of her last seven tournaments, Schnyder dropped from the top 20 in the WTA Tour rankings for the first time in more than 18 months and currently is ranked 24th in the world.

It looked as though Schnyder would continue her poor run, dropping her second serve of the match and losing the opening set. But spurred on by the small Swiss crowd, Schnyder raised the level of her game while the American held her serve only once in the second set.

Schnyder then broke twice early in the final set to jump to a 4-1 lead before clinching a second-round berth.

In other opening-round action, fifth-seed Barbara Schett of Austria posted a 6-3, 6-4 win over 38th-ranked American Lisa Raymond.

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Mixed \$55 a cord, \$15 to
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Must be computer literate
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