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Hoffa son to run

James P. Hoffa works the crowd after declaring his candidacy for president of the 1.4-million member Teamsters Union./7A



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Cowboys were playing New York Monday night. But the statement they made was to San Francisco: We're baaaaaaack./1C

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William Kunstler, shown in a July 1993 photo, died Monday.

Kunstler dies

NEW YORK — William Kunstler, the raspy-voiced lawyer who proudly spoke out for the politically unpopular in a controversial career defending clients including the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., the Chicago Seven, Jack Ruby, John Gotti and others, died Monday. He was 76. Kunstler died of a heart attack at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, where he had been hospitalized since Aug. 28. He had a pacemaker installed on Aug. 7./5A

Women's forum

The largest U.N. conference ever opened Monday with a call for men to join women in a social revolution for equality — and for governments and international institutions to pay for it./3A

Prison nursery

"When you're locked up in a cell and you feel something kick inside, you realize you're no longer alone. You're no longer just taking care of yourself," says Christine Thompson, former prison inmate No. 91G2130 and the 26-year-old mother of two. Because she was behind bars in New York, Ms. Thompson was allowed to live in prison with her newborn daughter, Elissa. And with that, she also began to turn her life around./5A

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Serbs send mixed signals

Deadline passes with no attacks; rebel artillery stays in place

N.Y. Times News Service

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — A NATO deadline for the easing of the Bosnian Serb siege of Sarajevo passed on Monday with the artillery of the Bosnian Serbs still in place and without any immediate resumption of air strikes.

On Saturday, NATO gave the Bosnian Serbs until 11 p.m. local time on Monday (4 p.m. CDT) to begin moving their artillery out of the Sarajevo area or face a renewal of the 50-hour bombardment that ended last Friday.

As the deadline passed, NATO jets swooped overhead, setting off two sonic booms and prompting the Bosnian Serbs to

respond with anti-aircraft fire.

U.N. and NATO officials denied on Monday night that air strikes had resumed, and said that the possibility of further attacks was being urgently reviewed.

In a number of letters, the Bosnian Serbs sent mixed signals on Monday about their willingness to remove the artillery surrounding Sarajevo. But on the ground, the message seemed clear enough. Of the more than 300 artillery pieces and tanks that have long subjected the Bosnian capital to random terror, only one tank was seen being withdrawn on Monday.

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British Rapid Reaction force Pvt. Anthony Gilbert adjusts an anti-tank missile during maneuvers in Ploce, Croatia, Monday.

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PISTOL PACKING Texans

Lone Star residents aim to tote



Suburbanites bite bullet, pack classrooms to earn handgun-carrying permit

By Julia Prodis
Associated Press

PLANO — Plano was named an "All-American City" last year and it's one of the safest in Texas — the most common crime is thefts of golf clubs and lawn mowers from wide-open garages.

But, like many Americans, people here are afraid.

They see the carjackings and muggings on the evening news. They remember the massacre at Luby's Cafeteria in Killeen, the kidnap and murder of a little girl from a Plano park two years ago.

They want to carry guns in their pockets, purses and fanny packs. As of Jan. 1, a new state law will allow them to do so.

And so they gave up their golf games and left their children with housekeepers to spend Labor Day weekend in classrooms, qualifying for licenses to carry concealed handguns.

"I'm a mother. I have a 4-year-old and a 4-month old and if anything were to happen, I want to be in a position to defend us," said a 39-year-old woman with a gentle face and blue plaid sun dress. Her name is Paula, she drives a Mercedes, her husband is a lawyer and she doesn't want to give her last name.

AP Laserphotos



"I'm not going to just scream, I'm going to fight back. I'll have a gun."

This is not the Texas of good ol' boys and cattle drives, cowboy hats and sprawling ranches. This is the "technoburb" of Plano, where residents have moved from other states to work as engineers and executives at high-tech companies, where identical pink brick subdivisions have names like Stonebriar and Steeplechase and nearly every new home has vaulted ceilings, sunken tubs and security systems.

Paula lives in a subdivision of \$175,000 homes and Range Rovers and homeowners associations that don't allow overnight

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President opens re-election effort in vote-rich Calif.

Associated Press

MONTEREY, Calif. — Cranking up his re-election campaign in vote-rich California, President Clinton denounced Washington as a cynical, short-sighted town "where talking is more important than doing."

Labor Day, a holiday of picnics and politics, found Clinton eager to show sympathy with Americans who are telling pollsters in record numbers that they are disenchanted with their government.

"You couldn't run a family, a business, a university, a church, a civic organization — you couldn't run anything in this country the way people try to run politics in Washington," he told 20,000 people at a college dedication.

Without mentioning Gov. Pete Wilson by name, Clinton also staked a claim to two issues seized by the Republican presidential candidate: immigration and affirmative action.

The remarks came on a sunny, blue-sky day on the central coast, as Clinton dedicated a new California State University campus to showcase efforts to reclaim jobs lost to defense cuts, and attended a Labor Day picnic.

The visit, his 19th to California as president, marks a new stage of the 1996 Clinton-Gore campaign. This is the logical

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Popularity of light trucks siphons off U.S. mileage gain

By James Bennet
N.Y. Times News Service

DETROIT — Americans who might sneer at driving a gas-guzzling Cadillac are tickled to be seen in a Jeep, Range Rover or Chevy Suburban. But the enormous popularity of these light trucks is reversing the nation's impressive gains in fuel efficiency.

Because the government sets a much looser standard for trucks — including sport utility vehicles, mini-vans and pickups — they use far more fuel than cars. Light trucks get only 20 miles to a gallon of gasoline, on average, while cars get 28.

And with trucks now accounting for 4 of 10 new passenger vehicles sold, the boom is dirtying the air and making the United States more dependent on oil.

As a result, the Clinton administration is weighing the first significant increase in years in the mileage standard for trucks. Any new standard would take effect by April, for trucks that reach the showrooms in late 1997.

Yet an increase is by no means guaranteed. The Big Three auto companies —

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Voters must decide to work with China or stand up to it

HONG KONG (AP) — Hong Kong is heading into its last election under British rule, but there is little likelihood the legislature it produces will survive China's 1997 takeover.

Given China's distaste for Western-style democracy, and its pledge to disband Hong Kong's elected bodies, cynics might say that running in the Sept. 17 election is a waste of time, energy and money.

But even though the new 60-seat legislature is likely to serve less than half its allotted four years, rival camps loosely defined as pro-democracy and pro-China are campaigning vigorously for their differing visions of how best to cope with the new landlord.

The pro-democracy candidates want a legislature that will stand up to China in defense of Hong Kong's freedoms.

The pro-China camp, arguing that these freedoms are already guaranteed, wants a legislature that Beijing can work with.

Christine Loh, an independent pro-democracy candidate, rejects the notion that the election is futile.

"If so I might as well not get up in the morning," she said in an interview after handing out campaign leaflets to rush-hour crowds.

"The problem with Hong Kong and the rest of the world is that people say, 'Well, China can do whatever it likes,'" she said. "No political changes were ever made by people who said, 'God, they're so big and I'm so small.'"

The legislature after 1997 will have about the same power it has under the British — not much. But the pro-democracy camp argues that a strong liberal presence will send a message to Beijing that Hong Kong's freedoms must be respected.

China already must contend with widespread distrust among the 6 million people of Hong Kong, reflected in a steady stream of emigration and opinion polls that consistently say a majority do not want to be ruled by China.

China has promised Hong Kong "a high degree of autonomy" with a legislature to make its laws and a home-grown chief executive to replace the British governor.

Elections are also part of the deal. But what angers China is that Hong Kong's British governor, Chris Patten, has made them more democratic.

Patten abolished the government-appointed seats in the Legislative Council and made other changes. The end result is that for the first time all legislators will be elected — 50 directly by the voters and 10 by municipal officials who themselves were selected by the voters.

China sees the reforms as an eleventh-hour British ploy to transplant Western-style democracy into Hong Kong. It has said it will disband the legislature and hold new elections under the old, pre-Patten rules.

Beijing's Communist leaders are especially suspicious of attorney Martin Lee and his Democratic Party, the largest elected party in the outgoing legislature. It is closely identified with support for human rights and Western-style elections.

In 1991, the Democrats won 13 out of the 18 legislative seats chosen by voters, capitalizing on a disorganized pro-China opposition and the outrage felt in Hong Kong over China's bloody 1989 crushing of the Tiananmen Square democracy movement.

Since then, the pro-China camp has formed the Democratic Alliance for the Betterment of Hong Kong, which is fielding 14 candidates. The pro-business Liberals, who take a conciliatory line on China, are fielding 15.

The Democrats are contesting 25 seats. The rest of the 138 candidates represent small parties or are independents.

Limited by strict spending curbs and lack of personnel, none of the parties is going for an outright majority, and the Democrats probably will not repeat their 1991



Christine Loh, left, an independent pro-democracy candidate, hands out leaflets last month to passers-by in Hong Kong's business district of Causeway Bay.

triumph, political analyst Steven Tang says.

"It is unlikely that the pro-China forces are going to be total losers as they were last time," he said on Hong Kong radio. The trauma of Tiananmen Square and the atmosphere of "holy war" against Beijing has waned, he said.

The Democrats are sure to

remain a powerful force, but many people question whether Beijing will allow the Democrats into the post-1997 legislature. China's more thoughtful supporters worry about the dangers of shutting them out.

"Alienate them and you alienate a large proportion of Hong Kong people," says Tsang Yok-sing, leader of the Democratic Alliance. "China should not do that."

Maintenance worker finds bomb in Paris public toilet

Bomb is fifth planted in France in six weeks; officials think more than one group may be responsible.

Associated Press

PARIS — The fifth bomb planted in France in six weeks was found Monday inside a Paris public toilet, increasing suspicions that more than one group may be responsible.

Special measures were instituted for children returning to school after summer holidays. Premier Alain Juppe said security would be tightened throughout France.

The 55-pound bomb was timed to go off at the same time as a bomb that injured four people Sunday at an open-air market near the Place de la Bastille, according to sources who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The bomb found Monday, hidden in a box, also was placed near an outdoor market. It was discovered by a maintenance worker at a public toilet in a square in southern Paris.

The bomb was made with a gas canister similar to two bombs that have exploded since July, killing seven people and injuring about 100, officials said on customary anonymity. A bomb found unexploded beside a high-speed train track Aug. 26 also was made with a gas canister.

There have been no credible claims of responsibility for the wave of terror. But those behind the bombings are less than efficient: The last three of the five bombs have been defective.

French authorities appear convinced that Algerian extremists were behind the July 25 subway bombing, which killed seven people, and the Aug. 17 bombing near the Arc de Triomphe, which left more than a dozen people injured.

They are questioning whether the three failed bombs since then are linked.

Juppe said he planned to meet Tuesday with Interior Minister Jean-Louis Debré to discuss new security measures.

Train stations, department stores and subway stations already are under special watch, with bags checked and trash cans sealed. Police patrols and identity checks have increased throughout the capital and major cities. Four people rounded up in an Aug. 31 police sweep of suspected Muslim extremists were formally placed under investigation Monday.

Meanwhile, school security was increased on the first day of fall classes for most French children.

Only the parents of kindergarten students were allowed on school grounds, adults were closely screened and kids were told not to gather in front of schools or leave backpacks on the ground. All field trips were canceled until further notice.

"The recent events are imposing the greatest vigilance on us," said a statement by the Academy of Paris, which directs the capital's school system.

The series of bombings recalled the 1986 Paris bombing wave that killed 13 people and left the capital in terror. An Iranian-backed Lebanese group carried out those attacks.

The newspaper Le Monde reported in Tuesday's editions that investigators were questioning whether bombers who set off the first two bombs had others carry on their work.

That could explain the similarities: Three bombs used gas canisters and four used nails and metal nuts. It also could provide a reason why three of the explosions were duds, the newspaper said.

Algeria's Armed Islamic Group has been the prime suspect behind the bombings. The group is the most radical of the extremist groups trying to overthrow Algeria's military-installed government.

The group hijacked an Air France jetliner Dec. 24, killing three passengers, and vowed revenge against France for killing the four hijackers. Extremists also accuse France of supporting the regime in Algeria, a former French colony.

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Japanese groups urge Bush to cancel speech

TOKYO (AP) — Several Japanese groups are urging former President George Bush to cancel a speech in Tokyo next week sponsored by an organization linked to the Unification Church.

Bush and his wife, Barbara, are scheduled to appear at a Sept. 14 "Global Family Festival" organized by the Women's Federation for World Peace. The federation is led by Hak Ja Han Moon, who is married to the leader of the Unification church, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon.

The United Church of Christ in Japan, a prominent mainstream Christian group, wrote Bush last week, urging him not to attend. So did a group of 300 lawyers representing people suing the church. A group of people whose children

were recruited into the church also criticized the trip.

Hiroshi Yamaguchi, leader of the lawyers' group, said Monday that Bush's presence would lend legitimacy to the church, which has been accused of devious recruitment tactics and of brainwashing its members.

Although a Bush spokesman said the women's federation and the church are separate, Yamaguchi called the federation a

"front organization" for the church.

"Your cooperation with the Unification Church has been a source of great apprehension and surprise among residents in Japan," Yamaguchi said in his letter to Bush. "The very conference in which you plan to participate is rife with organized illegal practices."

Yamaguchi said the women's

federation often uses public figures to lure people to events like the family festival, where church members solicit donations.

Yamaguchi said his group has handled more than 16,000 cases over the last eight years of Japanese people victimized by heavy-handed sales tactics by church members. He said the church has returned \$155 million to the clients.

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Above, first lady Hillary Clinton is greeted by an unidentified official at Beijing airport early today. At right, an inflatable dove floats above guests at a welcome ceremony for delegates to the U.N. World Conference on Women in Beijing's Great Hall of the People, Monday.

Women call for men to join them in push toward equality

BEIJING (AP) — The largest U.N. conference ever opened Monday with a call for men to join women in a social revolution for equality — and for governments and international institutions to pay for it.

"A revolution has begun," said Gertrude Mongella, secretary-general of the Fourth World Conference on Women. "There can be no spectators, no sideliners, no abstainers, for this is a crucial social agenda which affects all humanity."

Some of the world's top women political leaders said again and again that the conference will come to nothing without strong follow-up — and that men must be part of the solution.

The gathering of more than 4,750 delegates from 181 countries, the first of its kind in a decade, opened with a lavish Chinese welcoming ceremony. It passed its first day smoothly, in contrast with the controversy over Chinese policing that has dogged a parallel gathering of voluntary organizations.

On Monday, there were signs tensions had eased in Huairou, the town 30 miles north of Beijing where 23,000 activists from private groups have met for the past five days.

Police stood by quietly as about 1,000 members of the international anti-war group Women in Black protested silently for an hour, carrying or wearing signs demanding a peaceful resolution of conflicts

around the world.

In the only incident in Beijing on Monday, Chinese security men barred Winnie Mandela from the welcoming ceremony, saying she came late. Mrs. Mandela, the estranged wife of South African President Nelson Mandela who heads the African National Congress Women's League, said her bus lost its way en route to the Great Hall of the People.

Hillary Rodham Clinton arrived shortly after midnight in Beijing. She plans to address the conference later Tuesday then travel to Huairou Wednesday to speak to the women's advocacy groups there.

Activists are planning to capitalize on her highly publicized visit by demonstrating for their causes.

But on Monday the spotlight was on issues confronting women and the "platform of action" to be adopted by the conference to guide the women's agenda in the 21st century.

"Cementing the partnership of women and men" is critical, Mongella said.

"Women have all along struggled with their menfolk for the abolition of slavery, the liberation of countries from colonialism, the dismantling of apartheid and the struggle for peace. It is now the turn of men to join women in their struggle for equality," she said.

The platform includes specific proposals for governments, the United Nations and volunteer



groups to alleviate women's poverty and improve health care, education and job opportunities for women. It also proposes measures to combat violence against women and to make women's voices heard in government and in peace talks.

Mongella said the conference "must elicit commitments to action coupled with commitments of resources, nationally and internationally."

Iceland's President Vigdis Finnbogadóttir and Prime Ministers Khaleda Zia of Bangladesh and Benazir Bhutto of Pakistan echoed Mongella's call for more resources.

"What we need is not just a few women who make history but a critical mass that makes progress at all levels," said Uganda's vice president, Speciosa Wandira Kazibwe.

Mongella urged delegates to oppose those who want to roll back previous conference agreements on human rights, abortion and contraception — issues likely to dominate the 12-day meeting.

Conservatives in the West and Middle East have portrayed the conference as a radical, anti-fam-

ily gathering that will endorse liberal stands on such issues as abortion.

Bhutto, the first Muslim woman prime minister, vigorously defended Islam as a moderate religion and denounced its fundamentalist interpretations.

But she warned that the platform is "disturbingly weak" on the role of the traditional family and said this could lead to distortion by opponents of women's advancement.

Two heavyweight nations in the Muslim world, meanwhile criticized the gathering on Monday.

Saudi Arabia's highest religious authority said the meeting's platform "seeks the destruction of the family, and allows the unrestrained practice of adultery and other immoral acts."

Iran's deputy minister of culture and Islamic guidance, Mohammad Ali Taskhiri, was quoted by the Iran News as saying the stance of "pro-American and Zionist" elements at the conference aimed to promote immoral acts.

Smugglers are saints to many in Northern Mexico drug culture

By Anita Snow

Associated Press

CULIACAN, Mexico — With strumming guitars and wheezing accordions, the musicians jam into the blue, weather-beaten chapel to serenade the bust of Jesus Malverde — patron saint of drug traffickers.

"Jesus Malverde, angel of the poor, I've come to ask you a great big favor," the musicians wail, their lament rising before the plaster molded image of the mustachioed thief. The statue's cowboy shirt is painted white, his scarf, eyes and hair black.

One young man in T-shirt, tight jeans and reptile skin cowboy boots bows before the bust, then crosses himself after reciting his "manda" — Spanish for a promise made in expectation of a miracle.

Malverde, a common criminal hanged in 1909, was not himself a drug trafficker. But some of Mexico's most powerful smugglers have joined locals in recent years in paying homage at his shrine just around the corner from the statehouse in Culiacan, capital of the Pacific coastal state of Sinaloa.

History is fuzzy as to how and when the people in this farming capital deemed Malverde a popular saint, said Eligio Gonzalez, caretaker of the shrine for 15 years.

"He was always popular, like a Robin Hood who stole from the rich and gave to the poor," said Gonzalez, who began tending the shrine after praying to Malverde to help him survive being shot four times by bandits.

Soon after Malverde's death, locals began attributing miracles to him: a child cured of a life-threatening disease, a blind man who could suddenly see, a lame woman who walked.

Plaster busts of his expressionless likeness were made, and a shrine of rough-hewn wooden planks was built.

Many people, and not just drug traffickers, come to beseech the blessing of the one they now call "El Narcosanton" — the Big Narcos Saint.

Locals say drug smugglers come each year to pray for bountiful marijuana and poppy harvests, successful shipments of cocaine and protection from enemy bullets.

The faithful reportedly include Rafael Caro Quintero, one of Culiacan's most infamous sons. Serving a 40-year sentence on drug-related charges, he allegedly

ordered the 1985 murder of American drug agent Enrique Camarena.

A niche in the shrine is crowded with beribboned braids of human hair and snapshots of those who claim miracles — a smiling couple on their wedding day, a newborn baby, a young man in a hospital bed with gunshot wounds to the leg.

"I thank Jesus Malverde because my brother only had to be jailed for a short time," reads a note from a woman.

A message from a man pleads, "Please keep me, my family, my girlfriend safe from those bad people."

Reverence for the narco-saint is central to the drug culture of Culiacan, a city of 600,000 people and the childhood haunt of many leading traffickers, including reigning kingpin Amado Carrillo Fuentes.

Drug violence is a way of life in the city, where federal police in dark clothing cruise in pickup trucks armed with AK-47s. With their mirrored sunglasses and wrists and necks draped with gold chains, they look a bit like the traffickers they are paid to pursue.

Nicknamed "Little Chicago" because of frequent shootouts involving rival drug gangs or the police, Culiacan averages three murders a day.

The natives are highly suspicious of outsiders and do not like questions about their illicit trade.

"What are you doing here? What do you want?" the caretaker of a city cemetery demanded of journalists walking among the tombstones. Likewise at the neighborhood bar.

Folk ballads known as corridos — "White Load" and "Death of a Snitch" among them — lionize the kingpins for taking from decadent gringos and giving to poor Mexican foot soldiers in their employ.

Police lament the way Culiacan's youth too often idolize the swaggering traffickers — like the 16-year-old boy arrested for assault who asked to be jailed with "the big guys" so he could enter the trade.

For authorities the preferred role model is champion boxer Julio Cesar Chavez, a Culiacan native whose name graces the municipal gymnasium where skinny kids in gloves spar on Saturday nights. But not all boys.

"The boys play with toy guns," said Jose Luis Aparicio, an official of the federal Attorney General's Office. "They want to grow up to be kingpins so they can have corridos dedicated to them."

Hurricane Luis closes in on Caribbean

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — With winds gusting up to 160 mph, Hurricane Luis roared Monday toward the Caribbean, where nervous islanders boarded up buildings and frightened tourists jammed airports trying to leave.

The 700-mile-wide storm, with sustained winds of 140 mph, could be the most devastating storm in the Caribbean in a half-century, even worse than Hurricane Hugo in 1989.

At 5 p.m. EDT, the storm's center was about 125 miles east of Guadeloupe and Antigua. Hurricane watches were posted from Dominica to Puerto Rico.

"We are planning as if the storm is going to directly strike the island," Puerto Rico's Gov. Pedro Rossello said in a radio broadcast. "We want to minimize the possibility of loss of life."

The National Weather Service said Luis's advance had slowed down overnight from 14 mph to 12 mph and tropical storm force winds of about 40 mph would probably reach the Virgin Islands midday Tuesday and Puerto Rico by Tuesday evening.

"I've been in hurricanes, but I've never been in anything this strong before. It's a very serious situation," said meteorologist Scott Stripling from the weather service's San Juan office.

He said the island "will likely see more damage" than was caused by Hugo, the most devastating hurricane to hit the Caribbean in 50 years.

To the east, in Antigua, people moved to schools and churches where workers batten down the buildings with plywood.

National radio warned residents that the storm was larger than their 108-square-mile island.

Antigua also prepared for a possible influx of evacuees from Montserrat, where a volcano has been threatening to erupt.

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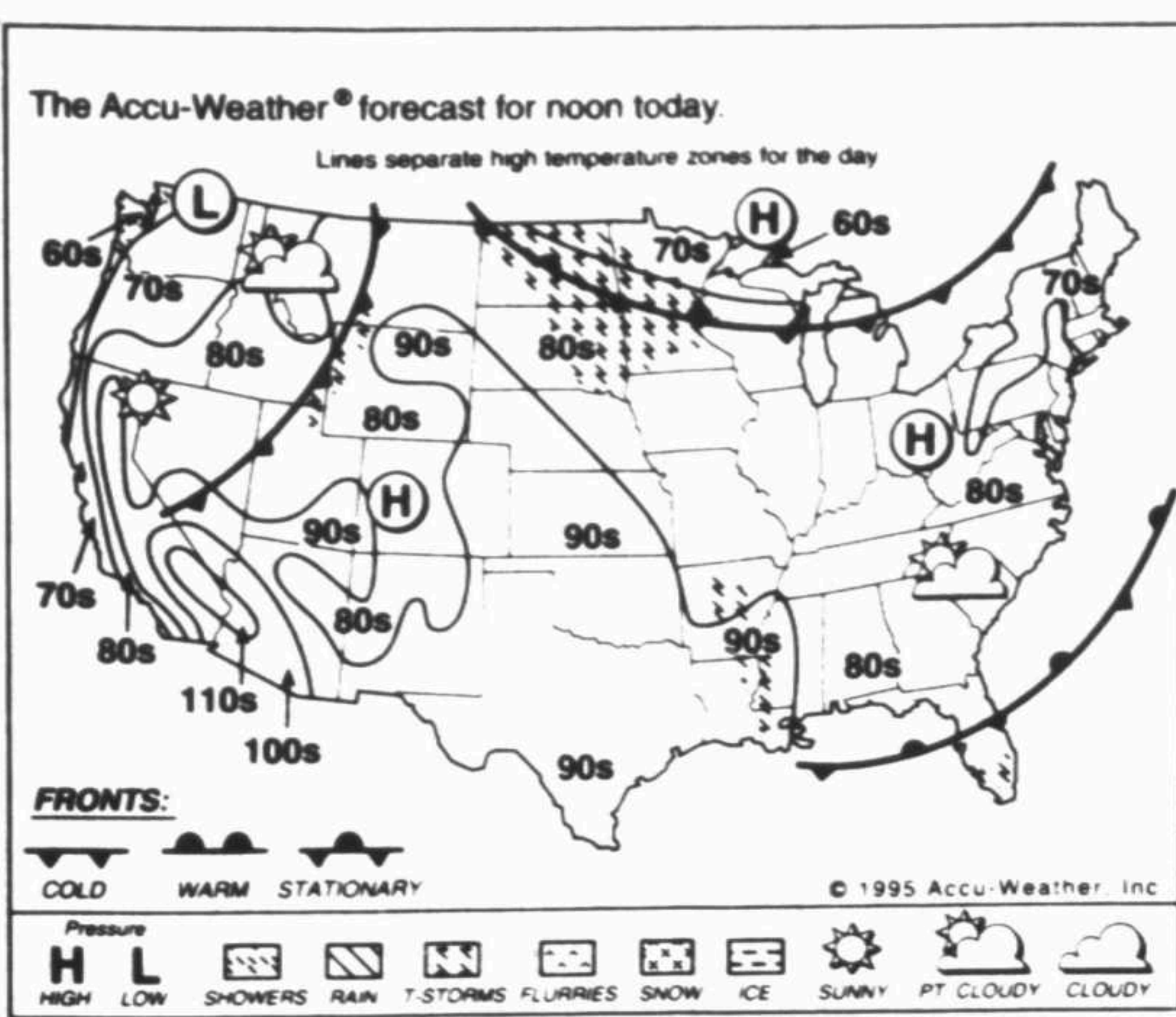


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Staff Report

The forecast for today calls for partly cloudy skies with a high in the mid-90s and south winds at 5-15 mph.

Tonight should be clear with a low near 70, according to the National Weather Service at Midland International Airport.

Wednesday should be mostly sunny with a high in the mid-90s. After an overnight low of 70, Monday's high reached 97, compared to the record high for that date of 99 set in 1989. The record low was 51 set in 1984.

STATE

Light cloud cover and some scattered rain showers dotted parts of the state from the Red River to the Rio Grande Valley, but Texas saw an otherwise sunny and hot Labor Day.

Skies were generally clear across the state Monday except for some minor showers along the Red River, in East Texas and northwest of Brownsville in far South Texas.

Readings shot up to the 90s and 100s across most of the state, and heat index values were even higher than that. Wichita Falls reached 106 degrees Monday and records were tied or set in Houston, Galveston and College Station.

Upper level high pressure kept west Texas skies clear and temperatures seasonably high.

Fair nights and hot, mostly sunny days are in store for West Texans. Lows should dip into the 60s for most of the region before sunrise bumps readings back into the 90s.

NATION

Rain dampened much of the country Monday, while the Northeast enjoyed drier conditions.

Heavy rains battered parts of Florida and a morning thunderstorm poured 2.13 inches of rain on Milton, in Florida's Panhandle.

Strong thunderstorms developed over south-central Missouri, then moved south to Louisiana and Mississippi. A wide band of showers extended from Mobile, Ala., to Oklahoma City.

Farther west, thunderstorms extended from northeastern Nevada into central Montana and were moving northeast into Utah and Wyoming.

Elsewhere in the West, low pressure off the Pacific Northwest brought scattered showers and thunderstorms from southeastern Oregon into northwestern Washington.

Midland statistics

Texas temperatures

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NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS:

Overnight Low 70 degrees

Sunrise today: 8:08 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow: 7:27 a.m.

Precipitation:

Last 24 hours none inches

This month to date none inches

Year to date 08.35 inches

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Woman allowed to keep baby in prison says project helped turn her life around

Editor's note: In the second half of a photo essay by Associated Press photographer Kathy Willens, she and AP writer Ariane Levinson tell the story of one woman at New York State's maximum-security prison for women who credits its nursery program with helping change the course of her troubled life.

By Kathy Willens
Associated Press

"When you're locked up in a cell and you feel something kick inside, you realize you're no longer alone. You're no longer just taking care of yourself," says Christine Thompson, former prison inmate No. 91G2130 and the 26-year-old mother of two.

Ms. Thompson was five months pregnant with her second child when she was locked up the last time, in August 1994. Her mother and husband had turned her in for smoking crack cocaine — a violation of her probation on a 1991 forgery and attempted burglary conviction. ("I didn't want her out on the streets smoking crack," Ed Thompson explained.)

But because she was behind bars in New York, Ms. Thompson was allowed to live in prison with her newborn daughter, Elissa.

In a converted ward of the old hospital at New York State's maximum-security prison for women, Ms. Thompson said she was able to devote her best attention to her baby and cement the special attachment both need.

And with that, she also began to turn her life around.

"I have a greater appreciation for life in general now," Ms. Thompson said in an interview back home in Hudson, nearly four months after leaving prison. Now, she said, she was holding down two jobs, in a hospital and a clothing store, besides caring for her baby daughter and 6-year-old son, Eddie, and trying to rebuild her marriage.

The nursery program, where



AP Laserphoto
Inmate Christine Thompson, left, is shackled by a correction officer at New York's maximum security women's prison in Bedford Hills, N.Y.

women gain new insights plus tools as parents, gave her a new outlook, she said.

"Seeing my baby and everyone else's baby every day made a difference. It made me realize how special life is, and how precious life is. ... Because I was Elissa's sole caregiver, it made me feel very

needed, very wanted, very loved and special. If it weren't for her, who knows?"

Christine Thompson's criminal life began when the need to smoke crack cocaine sent her drifting far from her loving family in Hudson, a small town 30 miles downriver from the state capital at Albany.

Her parole officer, Bernard Davidoff, said Ms. Thompson was arrested 13 times for assorted crimes, among them drug possession and stealing from relatives, before she was convicted and sent to prison for 2 1/4 to 10 years.

After little more than a year, she gained some freedom on work release. That lasted nine months until she was caught using drugs. Later paroled, she did half of a six-week drug treatment program, but soon started up with crack again. That's when her family turned her in. She was sentenced to nine months.

In early October, in her seventh month of pregnancy, Ms. Thompson was admitted to Bedford Hills' nursery program. Elissa was born Nov. 22, 1994, and mother and daughter remained together until both left the prison in May.

In an interview shortly after that, Ms. Thompson reflected.

"It's a privilege to have your baby in prison," she said. "I'm lucky they didn't take this baby away from me. That's why I'm determined to do the best for her, for Eddie and for me. This baby could have been dead."



AP Laserphoto
Christine Thompson feeds her 6-month-old baby Elissa while relaxing at her husband's house in Hudson, N.Y., after her release from prison.

Defense lawyer William Kunstler dies at 76

NEW YORK (AP) — William Kunstler, the raspy-voiced lawyer who proudly spoke out for the politically unpopular in a controversial career defending clients including the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., the Chicago Seven, Jack Ruby, John Gotti and others, died Monday. He was 76.

Kunstler died of a heart attack at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, where he had been hospitalized since Aug. 28. He had a pacemaker installed on Aug. 7.

Once dubbed "the most hated lawyer in America" by Vanity Fair magazine, Kunstler saw himself as a legal paladin, an advocate for outcasts and pariahs. Critics depicted him as a showboat and publicity seeker.

"To some extent that has the ring of truth," he once said. "I enjoy the spotlight, as most humans do, but it's not my whole raison d'être. My purpose is to keep the state from becoming all-dominating, all powerful."

Kunstler's client list read like a Who's Who of the American court: the defendants in the Attica prison riot, some of the Black Panthers, the Berrigan brothers' draft protest, Indian activist Leonard Peltier, flag burner Gregory Johnson, District of Columbia Mayor Marion Barry, Central Park rapist Yusef Salaam.

He handled some cases only fleetingly. Marlon Brando fired him from his son Christian's murder-defense team after Kunstler publicly compared the judge to a toad. Colin Ferguson eventually rejected Kunstler's insanity defense that "black rage" drove him to shoot and kill six passengers on New York commuter train in 1993. Ferguson claimed he was innocent, represented himself and was convicted.

But Kunstler was a respected lawyer and had some remarkable successes. He helped clear Egyptian immigrant El Sayyid Nosair of charges that he assassinated militant Rabbi Meir Kahane, despite prosecution eyewitnesses who testified that he had done it.

And he persuaded prosecutors to set aside charges against Qubilah Shabazz, the daughter of Malcolm X, who had been accused of hiring a government informant to kill Louis Farrakhan.

But the highlight of his career came when he defended the Chicago Seven against charges of conspiring to incite riots during the 1968 Democratic National Convention.

Courtroom decorum went out the window as the defendants and their lawyers battled with Judge Julius J. Hoffman.

"In a political trial such as this one, the court becomes not just a place to grind out a decision but also a place to educate the public and dramatize the contradictions between what the law preaches and what it practices," Kunstler said at the time.

The jury acquitted the seven defendants of conspiracy and found five guilty of incitement. While the jury was deliberating however, the judge handed down his own verdict — finding all seven defendants, Kunstler and his co-counsel guilty of contempt on a total of 160 counts.

Kunstler was sentenced on 24 of the counts to four years and 13 days. Most of the counts were dismissed on appeal and he did not serve any time.

Kunstler did go to jail on occasion, but never longer than overnight.

And publicity was usually the reason. He was always quick to advise the media of his court appearances, to issue press releases about his cases.

In 1978 he declared "I only defend those whose goals I share. I'm not a lawyer for hire. I only defend those I love."

Those words brought sharp criticism when he took the case of Nosair and later Nosair's cousin, Ibrahim A. Elgabrowni, a suspect in the World Trade Center bombing, and Siddiq Ibrahim Siddig Ali, termed the ringleader in a plot to bomb the United Nations and other New York City targets.

The son of a middle-class Jewish parents, William Moses Kunstler was born July 7, 1919 and grew up in Manhattan where his father was a doctor. At Yale he majored in French, was a varsity swimmer and graduated Phi Beta Kappa.

He received a Bronze Star for his service as a signal intelligence officer in the Pacific in World War II, then went to Columbia Law School.

During the 1950s he married, moved to suburbia, and formed a law firm with his younger brother, working primarily on family and estate cases.

Work on civil rights cases in the South in the early 1960s transformed his view of American society and the courts and he began representing "the poor, the persecuted, the radicals and the militant, the black people, the pacifists and the political pariahs."

"I spent over a year in Mississippi representing the Freedom Riders," he once recalled. "That's when I met Martin Luther King Jr., and became what he called his special trial counsel. I represented Martin for seven years, until he was murdered."



File photo
Raspy-voiced lawyer William Kunstler dies.

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Legislators receive deserved honors

Recently Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland, and Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, were among legislators from West Texas who were honored in Midland for their conservative voting records during the 74th Legislature.

In fact, Craddick, Bivins and the others were characterized as "Leaders of Excellence" by the Free Enterprise PAC and the Free Market Foundation at a luncheon at the Petroleum Club.

It was noted that all those honored — including Sen. Tom Haywood of Wichita Falls, and Reps. Warren Chisum of Pampa, Charles Finnell of Holliday, Bob Hunter of Abilene, David Swinford of Dumas and Gary Walker of Plains — were ranked in the top 20 percentile statewide in the

1995 Texas Conservative Report, a bi-annual study of record votes published by the Free Enterprise PAC.

The 74th Legislature was noted for its conservative approach to government which, to our way of thinking at least, translates into fiscally responsible legislating that does not needlessly burden average Texans with unnecessary regulation or cost, and which encourages free enterprise.

That's how government should be — and we take pride in saluting all the legislators honored for looking out for the best interests of all Texans. We're particularly proud that the two individuals who represent Midland were listed among those legislators honored — Tom Craddick and Teel Bivins. We tip our hat to them for a job well done.

CHARLEY REESE

A do everything government is self destructing

If we could manage our own finances the way the Congress does the nation's, we'd all be living in high cotton and eating high on the hog.

I have a few numbers for you, straight out of the mouth of a congressman, that show you what a strange country we have become and how politics distorts facts.

First, how do you balance the federal budget in seven years, as the Republicans plan to do? Do you reduce expenditures? Oh, no, you simply increase annual expenditures by 3 percent each year for seven years.

That, in a nutshell, is the Republican plan to balance the budget. If Republicans can hold the annual increases to no more than 3 percent, then they can eliminate the deficit in seven years.

Second, how do you save Medicare? By cutting benefits? No, simply by limiting its annual increases to 6.5 percent instead of 10.5 percent.

That, in a second nutshell, is the Republican plan to make Medicare fiscally sound. In other words, the Republicans are planning to spend 6.5 percent more on Medicare each year. Democrats and liberal pundits in Washington are calling those cuts drastic.

Washington, of course, aside from being one of the most mismanaged, crime-ridden cities on the planet, is a place where 535 federal legislators and about 38,000 lobbyists work at confiscating and redistributing the incomes of the American people.

When you recognize that congressmen routinely raise campaign funds while they work at the annual rate of a \$100,000 to \$1 million or

more each, it's not difficult to grasp the nature of the work of a Washington lobbyist.

Just remember, my fellow taxpayers, there is no such thing as a free lunch. Whatever they spend in Washington, they must first take or borrow from us. The federal budget does not consist of federal money; it consists of our money.

Despite the fact that American governments at all levels are taking and spending more money than at anytime since 1776, you will still hear the accusation that "Americans just don't want to pay for government services."

The ugly truth is that most politicians at all levels have become insatiable spenders, hav-

ing learned they can buy votes and reward campaign contributors with somebody else's money. A do-everything government is a self-corrupting government.

The only answer to lowering taxes is to cut spending — spending, not the rate of spending increases. It means eliminating, not transferring, programs and services. It means that the government decides not to do anything at all about a lot of things it does something about. Usually the wrong thing, I hasten to add.

That'll be the day.

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Reese



WILLIAM MURCHISON

It's more fun to be Honda Civic on reading highway

So passes Evelyn Wood, inventor of speed-reading for the masses. God rest her soul, as He very well may, in view of the satisfactions she provided generations of speed-reading students: the power over paper and the ability to chew up English prose faster than a Waring Blender purees tomatoes.

Wood's theory was that the faster you read, the better off you are. Finish one book and you can start another. And another. And another. This was why John F. Kennedy famously sent his staff to Evelyn Wood classes. If you're going to push paper, Kennedy reasoned, you might as well push it fast and in mounting quantities. That was the way to get things done.

The Kennedy mythos still enveloped the Evelyn Wood studios when I signed up for the course nearly 25 years ago. If knowledge was power, we Evelyn Wood students had only to help ourselves. What excuse could there be for not racing, muscles taut and straining, through the Synopticon and the Durants' histories? Whereas average readers dawdle along at 200 or 300 words a minute, Evelyn Wood students read 1,400, 1,600, 2,000 words a minute. So a Maserati performs when passing a Honda Civic.



Murchison

Any literary Maserati from the Wood school should be able to race through entire libraries, taking in the sense of the thing faster and retaining it longer than the Honda folk, who poke along in the traditional way, reading left to right, sometimes lip-reading, sometimes repeating.

The Evelyn Wood Method is to read straight down the middle of the page, the eyes guided by a downward-sweeping right hand. Forget words, grammar, structure and so on. It's the thought that counts. Everything else can take care of itself.

And so, in class, we swept away Camus' "The Stranger." Likewise Hemingway's "The Old Man and the Sea" and much else besides. Knowledge and understanding were ours.

But reality dawned. I wrote then, as now, a newspaper column. I bethought myself that one of my columns was meat for about 10 seconds of an Evelyn Wood reader's precious time. That, of course, meant my own time as well!

Yet, 10 seconds was not at all what it took to produce a column. The task of researching, writing, crossing out, restoring, experimenting and perfecting could go on all day. Strolls to the window, telephone conversations, lunch — these too had to be factored into the creative process. I was to throw one of my columns to an Evelyn Wood reader? Someone capable of draining it like Dracula at work on a Transylvanian maiden? A reader willing to ignore my similes, vocabulary choices and grace notes? Even so.

I discovered myself to be a Honda Civic: irre-

trievably so. In the spirit of economy, I completed the Wood course, for which I had paid up front. I tried out my new techniques on Wood's other prey — the likes of Jane Austen and Bill Buckley. Even in impetuous youth, I should have known better. Reading the Evelyn Wood way turned out to be no fun at all.

The only thing better than good English writing is — I can't think of anything. You don't just pour it pureed over your potatoes. You savor it as if it were a fine chardonnay. What on Earth does it matter if you stop and repeat a phrase, roll it around on your tongue, dart a few lines ahead and then suddenly come back and re-read it? If the phrase is good enough, you are supposed to stop and rejoice in it. A reading rate of 2,000 words a minute? It depends on what you mean by reading — shopping for information at full tilt or sitting enraptured at the feet of a story-teller.

I would not for one instant submit that Wood and her popular method ruined reading. Television has taken a far mightier whack at this historical pastime. But remove the sensual pleasure from reading, as does the Evelyn Wood Method, and convert it into a strictly utilitarian function, like running the bath water. What have you got? Not half as much as the Maserati crowd might think.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 5, the 248th day of 1995. There are 117 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: Fifty years ago, on Sept. 5, 1945, Iva Toguri D'Aquino, a Japanese-American suspected of being wartime broadcaster "Tokyo Rose," was arrested in Yokohama. Convicted of treason because she was still a U.S. citizen, D'Aquino served six years in prison; she was pardoned in 1977 by President Ford.

On this date: In 1698, Russia's Peter the Great imposed a tax on beards.

In 1774, the first Continental Congress assembled in Philadelphia.

In 1793, the Reign of Terror began during the French Revolution as the National Convention instituted harsh measures to repress counter-revolutionary activities.

In 1836, Sam Houston was elected president of the Republic of Texas.

In 1882, the nation's first Labor Day parade was held in New York. In 1905, the Treaty of Portsmouth, ending the Russo-Japanese War, was signed in New Hampshire.

In 1939, the United States proclaimed its neutrality in World War II.

In 1957, "On the Road," by Beat author Jack Kerouac, was first published.

In 1972, during the summer Olympic games in Munich, West Germany, 11 Israelis, five Arab guerrillas and a police officer were killed in a hostage drama that began when the guerrillas attacked the Israeli delegation.

In 1975, President Ford escaped an attempt on his life by Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, a disciple of Charles Manson, in Sacramento, Calif.

In 1977, the U.S. launched the Voyager I spacecraft two weeks after launching its twin, Voyager II.

Ten years ago: Violence continued near Cape Town, South Africa, where rioting against white-minority rule had spilled into white neighborhoods for the first time.

Five years ago: Iraqi President Saddam Hussein urged Arabs to rise up in a Holy War against the West and former allies who had turned against him. In Moscow, Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev met with Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz.

LETTERS

Clinton approves genocide of Bosnians

President Clinton, in vetoing the bill that would allow Bosnia to have legal access to arms for self-defense, has condoned, endorsed and approved the genocide of the Bosnian Muslims that is taking place in the Balkans. Is there no limit to the perfidy of this man?

Hugh G. White
Midland

Manager should count his blessings

When I was a college student, I was a counselor at a camp in the Catskills. I was in charge of girls ages 12-14. During that summer, every one of those girls said to me, "There is nothing to do in New York City!"

We expect to hear that from that age group; it is part of the restlessness of

their growing up. For the college age group in Midland, it might even be true. But we should not expect to hear it from an unnamed restaurant manager, who recently said that maybe people in Midland eat out so often because there is nothing else to do. Horse feathers!

We have just spend a summer missing out on events we wanted to attend because there were so many other things to do! What we do have in Midland is the opportunity to stretch our entertainment budget. Chances are, we are within 20 minutes of the game or tennis courts or concert or theater; we don't have to spend so much time just getting there. Chances are, we don't have to pay for parking when we arrive.

Changes are, the entrance fee to the concert or game or theater or whatever isn't outrageous. Its true that getting to places for camping or fishing or hunting is a challenge, but when our family camps, we usually aren't eating in restaurants anyway.

The whining restaurant manager should count his blessings and get a life.

Mary Garay
Midland

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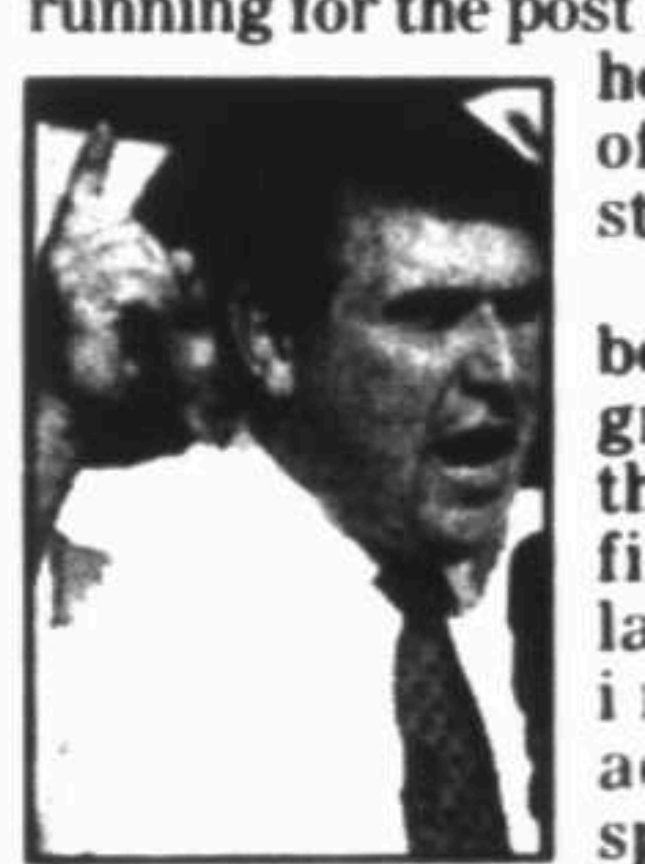
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Hoffa opens for father Teamster

DETROIT (AP) — drew cheers as he made announcement Monday running for the post of



James Hoffa

before the start of Labor Day parade.

"It is Labor Day labor's year or decade," he said, corporate greed that pockets every day's

ment of scabs." A crowd of seven interrupted with

"Hoffa, Hoffa, Hoffa," he said, "Hoffa's father, disappeared 20 years leaving a Detroit man has never been found."

The younger Hoffa lawyer and executive of the Michigan Teamster Council 43 president unseated Ron Carey as million-member Brotherhood of Teamsters.

Many dangers U.S. workers lack insurance

WASHINGTON — quarters of U.S. workers suffered serious accidents and early 1995 had inspected during this federal workplace according to an annual government record.

Those accidents lives of 1,835 workers thousands more.

Officials at the Safety and Health Administration acknowledge that they do not get to a lion's work sites until an accident occurs.

"We save lives with our attention, improve," said OSHA.

Two key reasons make advance visits to work sites are inspectors and its low up all workers matter how routine the time, complaining to an Association of puter analysis of agency's records.

AP obtained 778,000 inspections OSHA between Jan. May 1995 and examined serious accidents through April 1995.

NATION IN BRIEF

Defense turns to talked-about witness

LOS ANGELES — She came forward more than a year ago as a possible witness for O.J. Simpson, and jurors heard her name last March when Detective Mark Fuhrman repeatedly testified that he had never met her.

Relatively invisible since then, Kathleen Bell can avoid the spotlight no more.

Simpson's defense, having lost a bid to play nearly all of Fuhrman's racially explosive tapes for the jury, sees Bell as the witness needed to expose the now-retired detective's extremist views to the panel.

She is nervous about testifying Tuesday, her lawyer said, but the playing of Fuhrman's tapes last week in public — outside the jury's hearing — gave her new confidence.

Gingrich discusses Powell decision

MARIETTA, Ga. — House Speaker Newt Gingrich said Monday that his decision to run for president hinges in part on what retired Gen. Colin Powell decides about his own political ambitions.

The Georgia Republican has already said he will make a decision by the end of the year.

"Powell's decision will have a big impact. He clearly is one of the people who has an ability, nationwide, to get an organization overnight... If he were to decide to run in November that would clearly make it less likely I would run," he said.

Races — presidential and otherwise — were on Gingrich's mind Monday. He started his Labor Day by handing out trophies at the U.S. 10K Classic run in his home district. Later that morning, he donated a pint of blood in an American Red Cross holiday blood drive outside his office.

Ice cream factory closes; 240 jobs melt

PHILADELPHIA — As a child, Frank Aveni never knew what those little black specks in his vanilla ice cream were. He didn't know they were real vanilla. They just meant Mom had bought the good stuff, Breyers, not a store brand.

For 25 years, Aveni has worked on the shipping dock at the Breyers ice cream factory. He sometimes even whistles while he works. "This has always seemed like the perfect job for me," said Aveni, now 53. "It has always been my favorite dessert. Until now."

Last month, Good Humor-Breyers told Aveni and about 240 coworkers that the plant will be phased out by the end of October and production moved elsewhere. America's top-selling ice cream will no longer be produced in the city where it was created.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

Congress returns to a lengthy list of GOP promises

N.Y. Times News Service

WASHINGTON — The Congress everyone discusses in superlatives — most sweeping, most radical, most impatient — returns to town Tuesday. This time, it faces a job almost beyond words.

With eight months gone and deadlines circling overhead like vultures, the Republican majorities in the House and Senate take up a list of commitments this week as incomplete as it is ambitious.

Legislation to overhaul Medicare, marked for passage this fall, has yet to be introduced. Bills to trim Medicaid and disassemble the welfare system have barely moved out of the House.

Plans to cut taxes, perhaps by \$245 billion over seven years, still exist mainly on paper. Deep cuts in farm subsidies and scores of other politically incendiary programs, from public broadcasting to heating assistance for the poor, face several floor votes before final passage.

Many in this Congress want to achieve them all by year's end, in one fell swoop. Even more daunting, most are vital to achieving the Republicans' ultimate goal: a 1996 budget that takes the first step toward erasing the federal deficit in seven years.

The great question is whether that goal, the most sweeping, radical and ambitious of all, will also prove the most elusive. No one expects an answer by the time the

law supposedly requires it: Oct. 1, the day the new fiscal year begins and the old year's spending authority peters out. Too much remains undone.

"The Republicans bit off more than any Congress has ever bitten off," said Robert Reischauer, the Brookings Institution scholar who most recently ran the Congressional Budget Office. "The battle of the budget really is going to last through most of December — and in some scenarios, I can see it going into January and February."

By itself, delay is not fatal. This Congress promised a great deal, and by many measures it is slowly delivering: about half of House Speaker Newt Gingrich's Contract With America has reached votes in both the House and Senate as promised, although only two of its 12 measures have been signed into law.

Both chambers have voted in historic fashion to rewrite the 61-year-old law governing competition in communications, and they are well on the way toward overhauling banking laws that have escaped modernization for decades. Both chambers excised \$16.3 billion from the current fiscal year, an unheard-of act.

But the fiscal issues ahead are more difficult. Many, like controlling the cost of Medicare, touch exposed political nerves, and most have no easy answers. Republicans will be under crushing pressure; their majorities are slim,

and their hopes for the presidency and continued control of Congress may rest on the public's judgment of their success.

Nor can they expect help. Democrats recall that they had to pass President Clinton's first deficit-cutting budget in 1993 without a single Republican vote, and suffered for it in the 1994 midterm elections.

For survivors, this is payback time. Democrats on the Senate Finance Committee, for example, are sitting on their hands as the one-vote Republican majority gropes toward consensus on issues like welfare reform and tax policy.

The Senate will leap into its work Tuesday, taking up a military spending bill and re-opening debate on a stalled version of the welfare bill that the House passed months ago. The House plans to immediately open hearings on Medicare, hoping — like the Senate — to produce some cost-cutting plan for consideration by late this month.

Much more remains to be done, and the time to do it is short.

■ The House and the Senate have agreed on a final version of only

one of the 13 spending bills, totaling about \$600 billion, that finance the federal bureaucracy and the military, and the White House has threatened to veto it. Twelve more spending bills must go to the White House; Clinton already warns he may veto six of them.

The two sides have until Oct. 1 either to reach accords on all 13 bills or allot money to run them temporarily; after that, any agency lacking a legally approved budget must shut down. Most experts expect many agencies to do just that, at least for a while, until the White House and Congress have made their rhetorical points and begin cutting spending deals.

■ The House and Senate must write and pass separate versions of legislation covering the remainder of the budget, mostly tax reduction and major benefit programs like welfare, farm subsidies, Medicaid and Medicare. Most are likely to be hugely controversial, but the spending reductions in them are critical to Republican hopes of achieving a balanced budget by 2002.

Most will later be folded into a single "reconciliation" bill.



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Hoffa opens bid for father's old Teamsters post

DETROIT (AP) — James Hoffa drew cheers as he made his formal announcement Monday that he is running for the post his father once held: president of the Teamsters union.



James Hoffa

before the start of Detroit's Labor Day parade.

"It is Labor Day, but it is not labor's year or even labor's decade," he said. "A resurgent corporate greed takes from our pockets every day by the employment of scabs."

A crowd of several thousand interrupted with frequent chants of "Hoffa, Hoffa, Hoffa." Truckers blew their horns as they passed.

Hoffa's father, Jimmy Hoffa, disappeared 20 years ago after leaving a Detroit restaurant and has never been found.

The younger Hoffa, a labor lawyer and executive assistant to the Michigan Teamsters Joint Council 43 president, wants to unseat Ron Carey as head of the 1.4 million-member International Brotherhood of Teamsters in 1996.

Many dangerous U.S. work sites lack inspections

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three-quarters of U.S. work sites that suffered serious accidents in 1994 and early 1995 had never been inspected during this decade by the federal workplace safety agency, according to an analysis of recent government records.

Those accidents claimed the lives of 1,835 workers and injured thousands more.

Officials at the Occupational Safety and Health Administration acknowledge that their inspectors do not get to a lion's share of lethal work sites until after accidents occur.

"We save lives where we focus our attention, but we can improve," said OSHA chief Joseph Dear.

Two key reasons OSHA did not make advance visits to these lethal work sites are a shortage of inspectors and its mandate to follow up all worker complaints, no matter how routine. More than half the time, complaint inspections find no serious violations, according to an Associated Press computer analysis of six years of the agency's records.

AP obtained records of the 778,000 inspections conducted by OSHA between January 1989 and May 1995 and examined the most serious accidents in 1994 and through April 1995.

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Ailing firm looks to influenza vaccine to regain its health

MERIDEN, Conn. — A new, potentially more effective influenza vaccine could earn tiny MicroGeneSys Inc. millions of dollars in the lucrative vaccine market.

Trouble is, the struggling biotech firm may die before it gets a shot at the business.

Financially drained by a decade of work on an AIDS vaccine, battered by a bruising — and losing — battle over that vaccine with the National Institutes of Health and unsettled by the ouster of its founder and chief executive, MicroGeneSys teeters on the edge of extinction.

"The situation's tenuous," acting president and chief financial officer Robert Scherrer said in a recent interview.

That's not an understatement. Last summer, MicroGeneSys lost its longtime financial backer, American Home Products Corp. After pumping a reported \$10 million into the company since 1990, the big drugmaker pulled out of the partnership, saying it didn't foresee a MicroGeneSys AIDS vaccine coming to market in the near future.

Then, in December 1994, private investors ousted MicroGeneSys founder, chairman and chief executive Franklin Volvovitz. The investors argued that the scientist's style and strategy had made enemies of the NIH and the Food and Drug Administration, which control government approval of vaccines.

"After 12 years, we felt we needed to look for someone who could take the company toward commercialization and put us on more stable financial footing," says William Narwood, chairman of the MicroGeneSys board and a Hartford lawyer.

By April, the company was, if anything, deeper into the swamp. Scherrer warned that MicroGeneSys would run out of cash in three months.

That didn't happen. MicroGeneSys has received a moderate infusion of capital from private investors — enough to keep the doors open while it tries to find a big corporate partner to market and manufacture yet another cure, a flu vaccine. If all the pieces fall into place, the company hopes to unveil the vaccine in early 1997. But no one's expressing a lot of confidence.

"Everything that's been done

has been short-term," Scherrer says.

In part, MicroGeneSys' story is a cautionary tale about the high-cost, high-risk business of biotechnology research. But it also shows how personalities and politics can make or break a business.

No more venture capital
From the beginning, Frank Volvovitz wanted to run his company his way.

An eccentric scientist who left New York University's School of Medicine just months short of a doctoral degree in microbiology, Volvovitz saw his first company — a biotech venture to produce interferon as an experimental cancer drug — fold when venture capitalists failed to fund it beyond the first year. After the experience, Volvovitz vowed never again to rely on venture financing.

"When I set up (MicroGeneSys), it was not going to be a company where some guy with a large bankroll, either a venture capitalist or somebody else, was going to control the company," Volvovitz told the Hartford Courant in 1992. Volvovitz, one of MicroGeneSys' largest individual shareholders and still a member of the board, has declined to comment to the press since his dismissal.

In 1983, he founded MicroGeneSys with financing from bankers, scientists and trusted individual investors.

The company's goal was to use gene-splicing techniques and insect viruses to manufacture natural proteins that help prevent and treat human diseases. MicroGeneSys scientists tried to apply this so-called baculovirus method to hepatitis B and malaria before turning to AIDS.

By 1987, the company had developed a therapeutic vaccine, VaxSyn (or gp160), that appeared to slow the progress of AIDS. The vaccine contained tiny pieces of the outer membrane of HIV and in theory would help patients' immune systems recognize and fight the disease.

At a news conference in Washington that year, federal officials announced that MicroGeneSys would become the first firm to gain federal approval to test an AIDS vaccine in humans.

"Suddenly, MicroGeneSys was the toast of the town," says David Scondras, AIDS activist and for-

mer Boston city councilor.

Violating the golden rule
Federal officials said the tests would last well into the 1990s. Human tests for new US drugs go through three stages. In Phase I, a small number of patients are given a variety of dosages to test safety. In Phase II, another small group is tested to determine whether the drug appears to produce the desired effect. Only then do researchers move to Phase III, in which a drug is tested on a large group for an extended period.

The problems began for MicroGeneSys during Phase II testing in 1992. That year, an impatient Volvovitz — still uncertain after five years of preliminary tests — violated the golden rule of science research: Don't bite the hand that feeds you.

Volvovitz hired former Sen. Russell Long (D-La.) to lobby Congress to bypass the NIH and set up \$20 million Phase III trials of the company's AIDS vaccine.

"We felt the only way you're going to know whether this thing works is through large-scale testing," says MicroGeneSys' Scherrer. "We could get an answer in a year." With AIDS striking an estimated 800,000 Americans, MicroGeneSys rallied AIDS activists to its cause. The company's campaign drew the ire of the federal scientific establishment. Major health figures — from Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala to NIH Director Bernadine Healy — said the government had too little scientific data to merit an

expensive trial of 2,000 to 3,000 patients.

Healy and others accused Congress of trying to subvert the scientific process by agreeing to attach the \$20 million to a Department of Defense appropriations bill. They also blamed the company and Congress for unnecessarily raising the expectations of AIDS activists.

The sides lined up their advocates. MicroGeneSys had the support of Army scientists, who were to conduct the tests under the congressional mandate, as well as AIDS activists looking for new treatments. The NIH rallied scientists looking to protect established scientific channels.

With Congress seemingly on its side, it appeared that MicroGeneSys might prevail.

But the NIH and the FDA lobbied intensely against the trials for a year. When MicroGeneSys contended it needed an estimated \$10 million to produce the vaccine — on top of the \$20 million congressional appropriation — the Army first held up the trials and then, in January 1994, canceled them entirely.

"It is a victory for science, and I hope it will lead to a victory for AIDS," Shalala announced after the Pentagon's decision.

It wasn't a victory for MicroGeneSys.

"Unfortunately, AIDS is highly political," says Scondras, the former city councilor whose efforts made Massachusetts the only state in the country to sponsor tri-

als of MicroGeneSys' vaccine. "MicroGeneSys lost a lot of fights (it) should have won."

Scondras says the political fallout from fighting Congress ultimately led to Volvovitz's ouster.

"The company decided, let's kill the messenger," he says. "The rationale was, change the clothes and we can become a regenerated company."

Investors' calls to sacrifice Volvovitz reached a crescendo when American Home Products, the company's major financial supporter, backed away after the government ended any hope of passing a MicroGeneSys AIDS vaccine quickly.

"We didn't see the continued prospects materializing," says Tom Cavanaugh, vice president for investor relations at American Home Products, which has held a majority stake in Cambridge-based Genetics Institute since 1992.

Scherrer says a little patience would have helped. "We didn't appear as close as they liked," he

says. "HIV itself is very controversial and (that) results in pharmaceutical companies questioning if they want to get involved."

Scherrer doesn't like to talk about the turmoil or Volvovitz's refusal to call shareholder meetings. Of the firing, he says only, "That was a very valiant move on the part of the board of directors."

Battling the bug
With and without Volvovitz, MicroGeneSys has been in trouble since the Phase III AIDS tests were canceled — a one-product company without a marketable product for the near future.

But company officials didn't stand idly by. Instead, the company and board hit on a new game plan — diversification.

MicroGeneSys decided to use its baculovirus technology to produce a more effective flu vaccine. Such a product could give the company much needed cash in a shorter time period than it was taking to develop the politicized AIDS vaccine.

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Hit-and-run

A Big Spring couple were injured following a hit-and-run accident on Business Interstate 20 that sent their vehicle cartwheeling out of control. Eric Anton was driving eastbound when a car pulled out in front of him. Anton's car struck this vehicle a glancing blow and rolled over and over, coming to rest on its side in the middle of the eastbound lanes. Anton and his wife exited the vehicle and were not injured. Both were wearing safety belts. The other vehicle left the scene, but troopers with the Texas Department of Public Safety found that vehicle's license plate, which was sheared off by Anton's car. The other driver is expected to be arrested, officials said.

Open house

Goddard Junior High School has set an Open House/Meet the Teacher Night at 7 p.m. Thursday. Following a brief PTA meeting, parents will have the opportunity to meet their students' teachers and follow their class schedules. Goddard's Speech & Drama Department will present a skit entitled "No Carnival Dollars." PTA memberships and student directories will be available. All Goddard parents are encouraged to attend.

Loss of electricity

The Wal-mart Super Center was unexpectedly closed for a short while Monday afternoon because a loss of electricity left store employees and customers in the dark and registers inoperable. The problem was internal and not caused by any problems with the city's electrical grid, a store manager said. The store was up and running by 3 p.m., but later in the afternoon employees were still trying to work out computer problems in some of the registers.

TODAY'S AGENDA

Overcomers Christian Recovery Support Group, Christ-centered 12-step support group 7 p.m., 4405 Princeton St., 697-3101.
Midland Chess Club, 7 p.m., Memorial Rehabilitation Hospital.
Divorce Support Group, 7 p.m., 2103 W. Louisiana Ave., Timothy Center, First Baptist Church, 682-1646.
Breathing Club, 6:30 p.m., Physicians & Surgeons Hospital dining room, 683-2273.
Betterers Anonymous support group, 6:30 p.m., 689-8428.
Midland Mothers of Twins Club, 689-6775.
Permian Basin Depressive & Manic-Depressive Association, information, 366-7317 or Tammy, 362-7521.
Optimist Club of Midland, noon, Hilton Hotel.
Beyond Choice support group, for those dealing with post-abortion issues, 7 p.m., Dot, 683-3775 or Debbie, 1-915-367-8521.
La Leche League, 7:30 p.m., Grace Presbyterian, 2801 N. Garfield St., 694-2018, 697-0539.
Battered Women's support group, 6:45 p.m., 683-1300 or 1-800-967-8928.
Texas TOPS Morning Chapter, 8:30 a.m., Grace Presbyterian Church.
Morning Lions Club, 6:45 a.m., Carrow's, 2201 W. Wall St.
Pop-Up Toasters, 6:30 a.m., Kay Sutton Realtors, 702 Andrews Highway, 694-4271 or 694-3716.
55-Plus Dance Club, 8-10 p.m., Eagles Club, 687-3131.
Midland Outreach Aglow Fellowship, 6:30 p.m., Rodeway Inn, 3601 W. Wall St., 756-3688, 332-9151.
Midland West Rotary Club, noon, Furr's Cafeteria.
Norman Reed Chapter No. 1010 Order of Eastern Star, 8 p.m., Masonic Temple.
Permian Basin Press Club, 7 p.m., Coors Hospitality room.
District 21, Texas Nurses Association, 7 p.m., Conference Rooms A and B, Region 18 Education Service Center.

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By Georgia Temple
Staff Writer

A dry wit, quick thinking, love for people and faith in God has buoyed Sandra Posey through close to 25 years of working as a waitress.

"My dad, James William Clanton, was a cook, and we had restaurants," Ms. Posey said. "I grew up in the restaurant business. He was a good cook, I tell you. He cooked, and I waited."

She credits her father with teaching her everything she knows.

"He was something else. When we'd have orders come up in the window, I'd go to pick them up and just when I'd pick them up, he'd ring all them bells just to make fun."

Although she's uncertain when her career as a waitress began, she remembers the first table she

waited on.

"Dad was working in this restaurant. I needed a pair of shoes, and the gal who owned it said, 'Go serve this table and tell them you need a pair of shoes.' And so I did. They gave me, I guess, enough money to get a pair of shoes. I think I was 5 or 6, but Mom said I was 8 or 9."

Tragedy struck the family when it operated Stop and Eat Cafe in Odessa.

"A man came in to rob us, and he shot and killed my brother, Kenneth Michael Clanton," said Ms. Posey, who was 12 at the time. "He died on the way to the hospital. He was 17."

"That guy got life, and his accomplice didn't get anything. He spent three or four years in jail before the trial. The one that killed Michael... we heard he got out and killed someone else, and they

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Sandra "Sandy" Posey keeps customers at Luigi's chuckling with her dry wit. For those worried about calories, she explains the food has no fat, no cholesterol and is dietetic. And the water's free.



At top, a barbecue lunch was served during the 38th annual Labor Day Celebration Monday at Sherwood Park in Odessa. The event was hosted by the Permian Basin Central Labor Union of the AFL-CIO. Above, Alan Parsons and his son, Chris, performed bluegrass, as Parsons' daughter, Sara, listened. At right, Steve Parker of Big Spring played horse shoes at the celebration. At left, Orville Tate, vice president of District No. 1 of the IBEW in Oklahoma City, was one of the guest speakers at Monday's celebration.

Photos by Curt Wilcott

Talk of work invades day of rest, recreation

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

Labor Day was established 110 years ago to call attention to the needs of workers suffering exploitation during the Industrial Revolution, and members of the Permian Basin Central Labor Union and their families celebrated the day with good food, family fun and stern talk.

The PBCLU's 38th Annual Labor Day Celebration filled the Sherwood Community Center in Odessa Monday and drew prominent speakers from around the Southwest.

Speaking at the celebration were Bill White, former deputy secretary of energy; Orville Tate, vice president for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers in Oklahoma City; John Odam, Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate; Ed Sills, communications director for the Texas AFL-CIO in Austin; and Judge Frank Maloney of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals in Austin.

All of the speakers focused on the need for organized labor and the union bashing and dismantling that have gone on for more than a decade.

The speakers discussed the accomplishments of organized labor, beginning with the Knights of Labor and other organizations that rescued the working class from the relentless work schedules of 1800s — 12 or more hours a day seven days a week.

Almost all of the civil rights gains of the 1910s and 1920s and even the 1960s were brought about by organized workers taking

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Motor oil in blood: Father passes automotive business on to daughter

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

Midland automotive specialist Pat O'Neal hasn't passed on the family business to his two sons; he passed it on to his daughter, Vickie. They comprise the father-daughter mechanic team of Motor Sports.

O'Neal has maintained his own auto repair business in Midland for about 20 years.

Originally from Tahoka, O'Neal began his career as a mechanic working on John Deere tractors in the early 1960s, before attending school on Volkswagen repair in 1963, he said.

He is perhaps better known in West Texas for his dirt-track and circle-track auto racing, although O'Neal has pretty well retired his helmet and fire suit.

Due to an apparent roll of the genetic dice, O'Neal's sons never showed much interest in cars and moved on to other occupations. It soon became clear, however, that the baby girl had a bit of motor oil in her blood.

In the past, O'Neal supplemented his business rebuilding oil-field engines. While doing this, his daughter was always

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League to have ball to benefit Midland Cerebral Palsy Center

By Elizabeth Edwin
Lifestyle Editor

Beginning today, members of the Children's Service League (CSL) will be seen around town delivering invitations to the organization's 16th biennial Beefeater's Ball, benefiting the Midland Cerebral Palsy Center.

Beefeater's Ball, hosted in odd-numbered years by the CSL and the board of directors of the Midland Cerebral Palsy Center, alternates in even-numbered years with a benefit style show and luncheon.

These two functions are the main fund-raisers for the CP Center. Anyone wishing to attend the ball, set for Midland Country Club, can call to request an invitation.

As is tradition, Beefeater's Ball will feature a live auction — presented via video this year — a silent auction, a buffet dinner, dancing and musical entertainment.

Instead of one entertainer for the evening, this year's black-tie event will treat supporters to three musical acts, produced by Wemus Entertainment, according

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DEATHS

Pauline Ogg

SEMINOLE — Services for Pauline Dalmont Ogg, 76, of Seminole, mother of Midlander Mary Elizabeth Orson, are to be 2 p.m. Wednesday at the First Presbyterian Church of Seminole with the Rev. Bob Hyatt officiating. Burial will follow at Gaines County Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Roger Pool Funeral Home.

She died Monday at her home following a lengthy illness.

She was born in Jan. 6, 1919, in Seminole.

She married Lee Ogg in 1940 in Seminole. He preceded her in death in 1979.

She was a homemaker and worked for the Seminole Sentinel for many years. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the Seminole Study Club and the Eastern Star.

Other survivors include a brother, Hardy Dalmont of Lamesa and four grandchildren.

Kenneth Cummins

Graveside services for Kenneth Cummins are to be 2 p.m. Tuesday at Fairview Cemetery with the

Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. He died Saturday at his residence.

Emmoline Boyd

Services for Emmoline Boyd are to be 3 p.m. Tuesday at Crestview Baptist Church with the Rev. Larry Ashlock officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials to Crestview Baptist Church Building Fund.

Mary Rogers

Graveside services for Mary Rogers are to be 1 p.m. Tuesday at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa with Don Truskey officiating. Arrangements are with Ellis Funeral Home.

She died Friday at a local hospital.

Helen Wepfer

Services for Helen Wepfer are to be 5 p.m. Wednesday at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Robert Kirk of St. Paul's United Methodist Church officiating.

BALL: Event to benefit Cerebral Palsy Center

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to Leah Harmon, publicity chairman.

"It should be great. There will be entertainment going on all evening," Ms. Harmon said.

The evening will start with a preview party for special contributors and Douglas Montgomery, a renowned keyboard and vocal artist, will lead the entertaining. Montgomery sings and plays a variety of music, including classical, Broadway and pop. He has appeared in solo concerts and with orchestras throughout the United States and Europe, and has won numerous national and international piano competitions. He will entertain guests throughout the evening in The Grill.

In the main ballroom following the video auction, "The Really Big Show" will perform. This is a group of five singers — backed by a rhythm section and on-stage computerization — that is known to kick a show into high gear with glittering costumes, spirited choreography and hilarious audience participation.

Under the "big tent" outside, a group of five Baylor University students known as "Uninvited Guests" will perform alternative rock music, Ms. Harmon said. They have recently released their first compact disc called "Color Blind."

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The CSL was organized in 1939 when a group of Midland women saw a need for the care and treatment of underprivileged children and children with disabilities. Through the work of CSL members, the first CP Center, built in 1956, served 25 children with cerebral palsy and was staffed by one physical therapist.

As the center grew, their need was for a larger facility, which led to the construction of the current building in August 1974. In 1978 and 1982, additional space was added to the facility, which is now 15,000 square feet.

The CP Center now serves more than 200 children a year, Ms. Harmon said.

"No government funds were utilized in construction of the center or in its operation," according to

CSL information. "Local funds raised for the building were matched by several foundations grants. Programs and services received at the Cerebral Palsy Center are offered at no charge to the family."

All proceeds from the CSL's Beefeater's Balls and style shows have funded these efforts and are used for the day-to-day operation of the CP Center.

The CP Center offers physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, aquatic therapy, dance therapy and hippo therapy. It also has an outdoor learning center specifically designed for children with disabilities; it is one of the few such facilities in Texas. It includes an enclosed swimming pool, croquet court, tether ball court, concept-development bridge, next-to-nature area, swing set area, race tunnel, shuffleboard, basketball court and sitting area.

Evaluation clinics also are provided for the families of children with disabilities — at no charge to

the families — and are conducted by orthopedists, pediatricians, neurologists and dentists, assisted by therapists and orthotists.

The CP Center offers additional services, such as family and patient counseling, a summer recreation program and summer camping program, field trips and a lending library, which is a program of the Parents' Association.

The CP Center also supplies the facility, equipment, therapist, instructors and other related services for the Midland Independent School District's Early Childhood (special needs), Orthopedic and Severely-Profoundly Handicapped units. The school district provides teachers, aides, speech therapist, materials and transportation.

The CP Center, located at 802 Ventura Drive, is maintained and operated through contributions from individuals and groups and funds raised by the CSL. It is not affiliated with United Cerebral Palsy, United Way or any other agency.

Joe Andrews III and Ann Walton are chairmen for Beefeater's Ball. Co-chairmen are Kevin Blomkvist and Liz Orson.

Anyone who would like to receive an invitation to the CSL's Beefeater's Ball can call 694-2624 or 682-1849.

SERVE: Waitress wit endears her to customers

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put him back in jail."

The family moved to another restaurant, the Family Cafe — first on West County Road, then on Second Street.

"At one time, there wasn't anyone but family that worked there, then my dad got real sick. He had cancer of the windpipe, and he died in 1967."

"We just went out of business," Ms. Posey said. "Kind of lost heart in it after he died."

Of the personal tragedies she's experienced, Ms. Posey, who is a member of Midland Baptist Temple, said, "If it hadn't been for the Lord and my mother, none of us would have made it through. He's always been there with us. He has really helped us through a lot of stuff."

West Texas is not the only place Ms. Posey has worked as a waitress. At one time, she lived in Houston where she "worked all over in restaurants and also drove an ice cream truck. I liked that. I love kids."

Before living in Houston, Ms. Posey also worked as a carhop. "It's not bad," she said.

She said her identical twin sisters, also worked as waitresses and at one time worked at the Speedway Drive Inn in Odessa.

"One of them got chewed out because the woman thought she didn't turn in her order. ... One would come out and the other would go in. (The customer would) see her just get in there and come right out. They had to take her over there and show her they were twins."

HOLIDAY: Celebration focuses on rights

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to the streets in protest, Tate said. "In the teens and '20s, companies were showing the highest profits ever, but wanted wage cuts for their workers," Tate said.

With the systematic dismantling of American unions, similar situations are creeping back into society, he said. Phone companies are making more money than ever before, but are cutting back on health and other benefits for workers, Tate said.

"We only make up 15.5 percent of the work force — why should they

At a Glance: Sandra Posey

Place of Birth: Odessa

Hobbies and interests: "I'm a duck! Sometimes I do birthday parties as Dippy Duck, but what I want to do is go to hospitals. I just got a new duck hat. When they had the free shots in Midland, I went up there in my duck suit. These kids are very nice. I put a bandage on my shirt. I told this kid, 'Oh. The shot didn't hurt at all.' The kid said, 'They're not going to shoot you through that shirt.'"

Favorite movie: "Pillars of the Sky"

Favorite entertainer: Elvis Presley

Favorite food: "Well, that's hard. Better say Italian food. I like (Luigi's) pizza."

Favorite vacation spot: "I guess Notrees. I've never been anywhere else."

If you could visit any place in the world, where would it be? "I'd like to be in Hawaii, if I could ever get there. Oh, I'd like to go to Branson, Mo., to see those singers."

If you won the lottery, what is the first thing you would do? "I'd probably pass out. Then I'd go to Hawaii."

"They had a lot of fun with that," Ms. Posey said. "They had a double wedding."

Today, Ms. Posey lives with her 16-year-old son, Charles, her mother, Frances Clanton, and one of the twins, Daphne Sieman. The other twin, Estellene, died this past spring.

Since October 1981, Ms. Posey — Sandy to her friends and customers — has worked at Luigi's, where customers who are concerned about their weight can dine

with her tongue-in-cheek reassurance that the food has no fat, contains no cholesterol and is dietetic. She also confides that the water is free.

"I love Luigi's," she said. "It's my second home."

With the exception of her father, Ms. Posey said Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman and Steve Kempton — the owners and manager, respectively, of Luigi's — are the best bosses she has ever had.

"I love my bosses," she said.

"They're very kind, and they're considerate."

Ms. Posey said most of the customers "are real nice. Really, if you treat them right, they're going to be nice to you. Of course, sometimes some of them have a bad day, and sometimes I have a bad day."

Experience has taught her that there are three important characteristics to being a waitress: liking people, being patient with the customer and trying to be friendly.

Her mind is filled with stories about customers. She remembers a customer asking her to slap his wife and put it on his ticket.

"He was teasing me. I don't know if she liked it or not. But I told him I didn't want to die so I wasn't about to touch her."

On another occasion, when Luigi's was particularly busy, Ms. Posey's memory failed her.

"I mean, I was running. These men, they wanted a drink from the bar, and I'd forgot to turn it in. They said, 'Where's our drinks?' And I said, 'Who waited on your table?'"

"And one guy looked over and said, 'Didn't you wait on us?' And I told them, 'Let me find your waitress, and I'll get back to you.'"

She said she suffers from "sometimes disease" — "sometimes I remember, and sometimes I don't."

FAMILY: Daughter gets automotive genes

(From 1B)

present and asking numerous questions. "I used to follow him around everywhere," Miss O'Neal said.

"She would come in from school and tear those engines down and I'd put them back together," O'Neal said. "Then she got to where she could put them together as well as I could."

Miss O'Neal also inherited her father's appreciation for racing, although she hasn't been able to chase this sport in the last couple of years.

"We've done everything that can be done to an engine," O'Neal said.

"And probably then some," Miss O'Neal added. "I haven't really had a normal woman's life," she said.

Miss O'Neal now handles about half of the hands-on work of the family business. She and her father often switch out days, freeing each other for other pursuits.

Motor Sports, 302 E. Ohio Ave., is a true family business. O'Neal's

wife, Carolyn, keeps the books and occasionally chases parts, but declines to help with the mechanical work these days.

Like her father, Miss O'Neal can trade paint with the best racers around, but has fun at the races and doesn't get so competitive that racing becomes work.

In fact, as the only woman on the tracks most of the time, Miss O'Neal usually finds herself taking more than her share of competitive fender rubs. "The other drivers are going, 'A woman!' — wham!" Miss O'Neal said.

But these days, the O'Neals spend most of their time fixing cars. Both are equally adept at handling foreign and domestic cars.

The father-daughter mechanic routine works out pretty well. Miss O'Neal usually sticks her father with the mind-numbing chore of tracking down electrical problems and he regularly reminds his daughter that she promised to get married before Paul Harvey retires.

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DEAR ABBY

Two mothers cherish gift on Mother's Day

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: This past Mother's Day, my 21-year-old son, Kurt, came home at 10:30 in the evening and apologized for not having spent the day with me. Yet he gave me an infinitely precious gift.



Van Buren

Several months earlier, one of his closest buddies committed suicide. It was a tragic and confusing loss to all who knew him.

Since this would have been the young man's mother's first Mother's Day alone, some of those who had been closest to her son arranged to spend the day at her home doing yard work, helping her sort through his things, and just "being there" for her.

It made me realize that I have my thoughtful son every day, and in no way could I be hurt or upset

because he had chosen to reach out in love and compassion to someone who desperately needed it. Two mothers were blessed with one priceless gift.

Perhaps others who know a parent who has lost a child will offer the same "gift" on future Mother's (or Father's) Days. — SHARON K. VIGLIATURO, CLOQUET, MINN.

DEAR SHARON: Thank you for sharing that beautiful story with my readers. Your son and his friends are to be credited for their sensitivity and creativity. I know there are many who will read this and adopt your son's generous idea next Mother's or Father's Day. Too often, people avoid the bereaved because they don't know what to say to someone who is grieving.

Read on for a letter that illustrates the problem:

DEAR ABBY: This is a rather small town, and yesterday I ran into an acquaintance on the main street. This man's son had committed suicide a couple of weeks

ago. The son was a young adult who had moved away from here about a year ago. He gave his parents a lot of grief, but that's beside the point.

How should a person handle a situation like this? — TONGUE-TIED IN NEBRASKA

DEAR TONGUE-TIED: Say, "I'm sorry about your loss." It is not necessary to have a dialogue. The acquaintance will probably appreciate not having to answer any questions.

DEAR ABBY: Help! What is a mother to do when her 17-year-old daughter thinks it's OK to come home at 4 a.m. from a date? Her father is no help at all. He wants to be her "buddy" and has never insisted that she adhere to her 12:30 a.m. curfew.

I have spoken to my pastor and other mothers, and they all agree with me. But Dad doesn't! Are there other mothers out there with my problem? — SLEEPLESS AND HOPELESS IN CONN.

DEAR SLEEPLESS AND HOPELESS: You have a bigger problem with your husband than you do with your daughter. As long as he chooses to side with your daughter, curfew enforcement will be impossible. His failure to back you up in enforcing the rules of the house may be symptomatic of other problems in your marriage.

If he continues to undermine you instead of presenting a united front, there's little you can do to regain control of your daughter. Some marriage counseling sessions may be in order.

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Unimplemented law would cloak some traffic tickets

■ Since speed limit on many state roads, highways was cut to save fuel, Officials say drivers clocked at 56 mph to 70 mph shouldn't have higher insurance premiums.

Associated Press

AUSTIN — It sounds like a speeder's dream: traffic tickets that don't get reported to insurance companies. But a new law supposed to do just that has yet to be implemented.

Nobody is more frustrated than state Rep. Tom Craddick, who sponsored the legislation that took effect this spring.

He says it is easy: The law should apply to tickets on any road where the speed limit was 70 mph before the national speed limit took effect in 1974.

"They haven't implemented it, quite frankly, because they don't want to do it," Craddick said.

Craddick, R-Midland, reasoned that since the speed limit on many state roads and highways was cut in 1974 to save fuel, then a violation of the 55 mph limit is actually a fuel conservation violation. As a result, he said, drivers clocked at 56 mph to 70 mph should not be penalized by higher insurance premiums as though they were doing something unsafe or reckless.

Trouble is, state officials say, it is not easy to change the system.

"We and the Department of Transportation are going full speed ahead on it to try to get this thing implemented," said Maj. Charles Graham, of the Department of Public Safety traffic law enforcement division. "But it would have been a physical impossibility to have done it on the day the bill was signed. We're going to have some problems with it. We are having some problems with it."

Problem No. 1: Not all highways had speed limits of 70 mph in 1973, and roads that were 70 mph in 1973 won't necessarily be 70 mph again if Congress votes later this year to erase the national speed limit.

Problem No. 2: Speed limits considered safe in 1973 may not be safe today because traffic congestion has escalated on urban and suburban freeways and highways.

"What was, 22 years ago, has changed so drastically," said Gary Trietsch, director of the traffic operations division of the Transportation Department.

DPS also must figure out the mechanics of classifying some speeding offenses as fuel conservation violations, Graham said.

"We would have to have our officers put that on the ticket so that the courts and our records division can deal with it," he said. "We are having to write new computer programs. It won't be that difficult to tell our people how to handle it. It will be more difficult, though, in dealing with the courts."

Insurers say the new law hurts conscientious drivers because those who get ticketed for speeding will be treated the same as those who do not. As a result, premium breaks afforded drivers without tickets won't be as lucrative because the pool of those drivers will be larger.

"It essentially means those who really are responsible and do their best to follow the traffic laws could end up subsidizing those who are able to mask their less-responsible behavior," said Susan Slivinske, senior account executive with the Insurance Information Institute in Austin.

Rick Gentry, regional vice president of the institute, said, "The bottom line is: People who speed and get caught will love this bill; people who obey the speed laws probably won't."

Campuses combat overflowing housing

SAN MARCOS (AP) — An on-campus housing shortage at several Texas colleges and universities that sent students to hotel rooms and dormitory basements appears to be waning, but is not yet over.

The 34 Southwest Texas State University students who spent the first two weeks of school in hotel rooms were scheduled to have housing on the San Marcos campus by Labor Day.

However, the number of homeless students at Texas A&M University in College Station, which started at nearly 800, still stood at about 425 after three days of classes.

The University of Texas at Austin has said it expects to find normal on-campus housing in the next several weeks for the 100 students who started school without dormitory rooms.

In spite of the statistics, housing officials at the schools said the overflow was not unusual. John T. White, SWT associate director of residence life, said he had expected about 100 more students to flood the school's 4,700-capacity dorm system. The school put 132 students in hotels last year.

Ron Sasse, director of housing at A&M, said his 11,000-bed system had about 800 over-assignments in 1992, also.

The schools generally offer dorm space to more students than they can house under the assumption that some students will accept on-campus housing and then cancel.

"It's just hard to predict," Sasse said. "This year we had a lot more students accept our over-assignment offers and fewer people can-

celled."

Last year, however, A&M had extra on-campus space.

Sasse predicted that as more people leave school or fail to register, the school would find space for a majority of the students. But some would remain in temporary housing all semester, he said.

College students seemed to take the hassle in stride.

"I decided kind of at the last minute that I was coming here and so we kind of expected something like this," said Hillary Reinhardt, an 18-year-old freshman at Southwest Texas who was housed at the Holiday Inn.

"It's worked out OK. I'd rather have a dorm, have my own things, you know, my pictures, my bed, but I don't mind."

Kari Griggs, an 18-year-old A&M freshman from Houston, is sharing a converted TV room with five other students.

The room, which no longer holds a television, is furnished with three bunk beds, three cabinets and a number of large clothes racks. Tables have been stacked atop each other.

The worst problem, Griggs said, is the bathroom situation.

"The bathroom's way down the hall," she told the Houston Chronicle.

At the University of Texas, freshman Karen Yancy said recently that she was "not terribly unhappy" about being housed in a dormitory basement with 22 other women.

"I felt the university was taking care of us. We'll get used to it," she said.

Overcrowding is not quite so bad at some other universities.

The University of North Texas in Denton has had on-campus housing shortages before, but Director of Housing Betsy Warren said no problems are expected this school year.

Housing is right at capacity at Texas Christian University, said the school's vice chancellor for student affairs, Don Mills. The school has use of an old sorority house this year that's taken what might have otherwise been an overflow.

Some of the students who are inconvenienced are compensated for their trouble.

At A&M, students living in television and study lounges pay a lower housing rate. Those in triple rooms get a prorated discount depending on how long the extra people are in the room.

At SWT, the college is footing the bill for the hotels, which cost about twice as much per night as the regular dorm rate.

Meanwhile, some schools are looking into building new dorms or on-campus apartments to combat the overcrowding.

Southwestern University in Georgetown is completing a \$4.5 million apartment project that will house 200 students.

The master plan committee at UT is considering a long-range plan that is likely to propose doubling dorm space.

Changing workplace calls for flexible, trained employees

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — As America prepares for its 101st annual salute to working people, the Texas Work Force Commission says that the average minimum time for landing a job has gone from three months to six.

The same holds true elsewhere.

Regionally, the number of well-paying manufacturing and government jobs is dwindling. Demand for lesser-paying jobs — such as for teachers, nurses, construction workers and tourism-related positions — is growing, according to research from the University of Texas at San Antonio's Institute for Studies in Business.

Eva Lawrence, a May graduate of Texas A&M University, has been looking for work since January.

She's had only a handful of interviews, despite having an impressive grade point average, solid computer skills and the ability to speak both English and Spanish.

"A lot of people told me, 'You're female, you're Hispanic, you're

'When I entered the job market, the market was on my side. There weren't enough people for the jobs available. That isn't the case anymore.'

— Allen Itz
regional director
Texas Work Force Commission

bilingual and that should help," but so far it hasn't," said Ms. Lawrence, who earned a bachelor's degree in political science and a minor in biological sciences. "I'm really frustrated. I've talked to a lot of my friends — some of whom graduated in December — and they're in the same position."

Welcome to the changing U.S. workplace, which regularly is being reshaped by the evolution of technology.

The new workplace requires that the women and men in it be more flexible, work harder — often for less money — and be better educated.

And job-seekers like Ms.

Lawrence must be more patient, experts say.

A lot has changed since the days when labor unions were at their peak, regularly negotiating higher wages and better working conditions for the majority of workers.

Today's work force is about as white collar as it is blue, and the computer has become its basic tool.

Until recently, the U.S. work force has changed gradually, with "seismic changes" — such as the job losses in the Texas oil patch in the 1980s — an occasional occurrence, said Allen Itz, regional director of the Texas Work Force Commission.

But today's workers, Itz said, will see more of those quakes, and they will need to be better prepared for them.

"When I entered the (job) market, the market was on my side. There weren't enough people for the jobs available," he said. "That isn't the case any more."

John Swiger, an economist at Our Lady of the Lake University, said the U.S. economy's move from a manufacturing to service-based economy has had clear implications for San Antonio, for example.

"Ten years ago we were going to become another Silicon Valley, but San Antonio today is mostly service, government and trade-oriented," he said. "Three out of four jobs come from those categories. Manufacturing jobs only make up 8 percent of the work force here, down from 11 percent a few years ago. We'll never have a significant manufacturing base, so we can't hang our hats on it."

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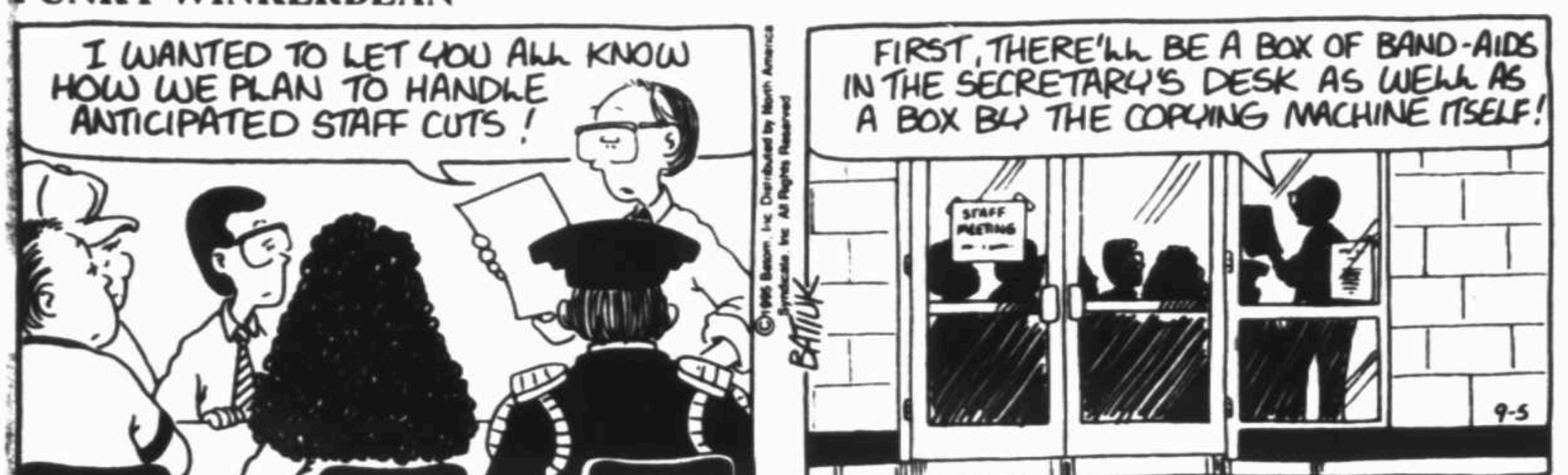
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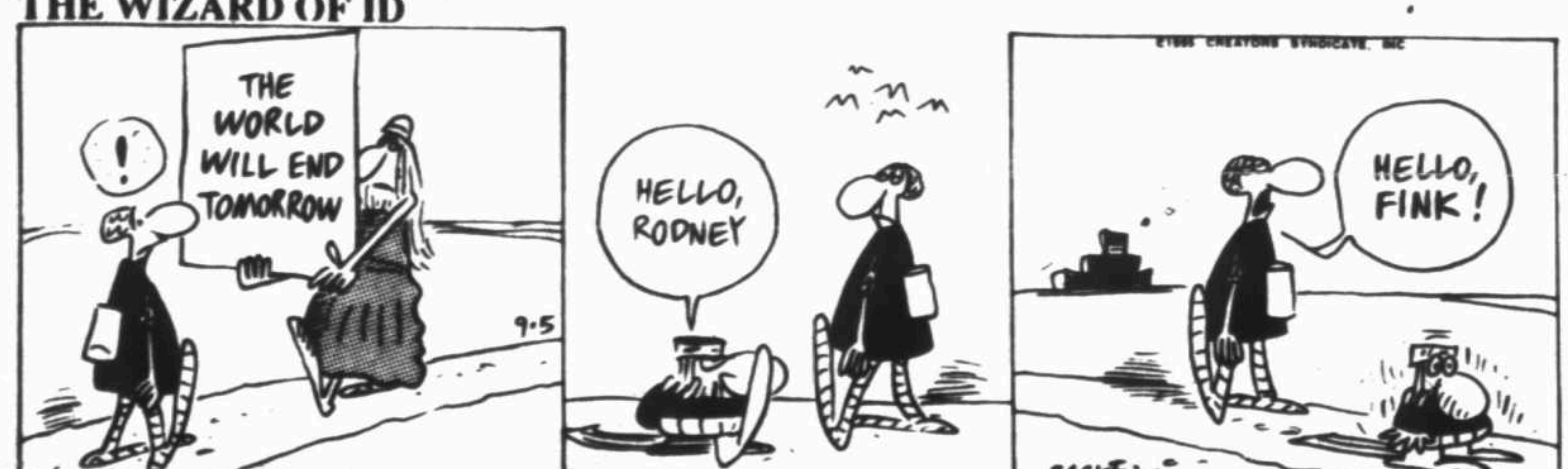
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Your Horoscope

By Jeane Dixon

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1995

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: A period of soul-searching will help you find a richer, more rewarding spiritual life. Certain career decisions cannot be postponed if you hope to secure your financial future. Romance looks exhilarating, filled with lovely surprises! Travel will bring valuable knowledge, increasing your chances for lasting professional success. Family love is strong; everyone pulls together in times of crisis.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: cartoonist Cathy Guisewite, comedian Bob Newhart, actress Raquel Welch, football player Willie Gault.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Nothing succeeds like success. Take a small victory and build it into something long-lasting and personally fulfilling. Reading books about highly-accomplished people will teach you important lessons.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You are now able to make money through one of the fine arts. Decisive action is essential. The profit potential is fantastic as long as you keep your feet on solid ground. Romance soars.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Remain flexible. A last-minute

change in plan may be necessary. Long-range financial planning will pay off handsomely. Do not rule out any options. Keep on top of your personal goals.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Be more responsible where money is concerned. To accumulate savings, trying putting away a dollar for every two you spend. Use today's positive vibrations to advance your goals.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Put romance on hold and set the stage for an important breakthrough. Advance planning will improve your chances for success. You can accomplish more by working on your own, away from nagging influences.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You could be a real speed demon at work today. Better apply the brakes if uncertain where you are headed! Refuse to be sidetracked by other people's comments. Put old worries and doubts behind you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Switch directions if you have any misgivings about a decision. Follow your instincts; they are on target. Coming on too strong in a romantic situation would be a mistake.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Do not take your success or wealth

for granted. You worked hard to obtain them. Retain them! Burying the hatchet with loved one helps you rejoin a charmed circle. Longtime friends will rally around.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Guard against exhaustion from the daily treadmill. Once you get better organized, share the workload. An occasional rest break boosts your energy level. At lunchtime, go shopping or meet a friend. Share some laughs.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Perfect your managerial skills by running your own business. Start small but with a blueprint for the future. Experts can suggest ways to reduce your overhead. Help a friend in need without acting resentful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You have an opportunity to get in on the ground floor of a new enterprise. Investigate the pros and cons before taking the plunge. Keep your sense of humor if someone gives you a hard time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Do not let your ego get in the way of a nifty achievement. Show a becoming modesty when your efforts are praised. New friendships result from your involvement in a community or charity event.

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 3♦ Pass 3NT Pass
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South's decision to rebid three no trump seems a little strange — five diamonds would have been a relatively simple contract as the cards lie. On the other hand, three no trump seemed a good bet after West chose the four of clubs as the opening lead.

East won the first trick with the ace of clubs and was almost end-played. A heart return would be into dummy's major tenace and give declarer time to score one spade, three hearts with the help of another finesse, four diamonds and a club. A diamond return would allow declarer to take five tricks in that suit and a club would be equally harmful to the defense.

The one suit that offered hope was spades. Even so, had East

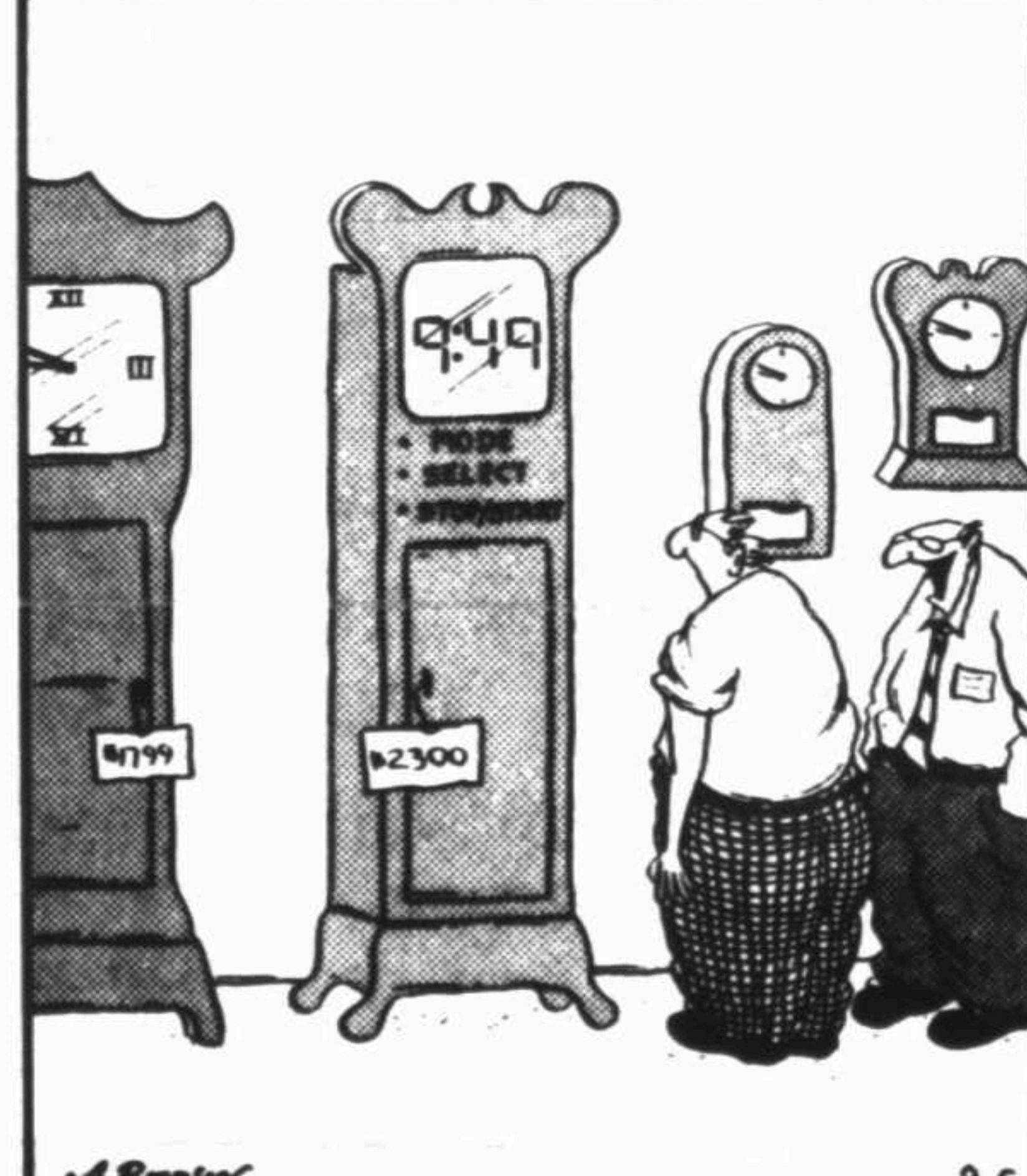
returned a low spade, declarer would have had an easy task. After winning the queen of spades at trick two, a diamond finesse will permit declarer to score at least two spades, two hearts with the help of a finesse, five diamonds and a club, scoring an overtrick.

East made no such mistake. The switch at trick two was to the king of spades! Now declarer had no fast entry to hand, and the defenders had to collect at least three spade tricks, a club and a diamond.

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 The World Junior Championship, held in Bali in June, was decisively won by Great Britain, which trounced New Zealand in the final. Denmark finished third and Canada fourth. The two United States teams disappointed, with neither reaching the final four.
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Conjoined twins bring new issues, group of attorneys

By Pamela Ward

Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN — A few days after the rare birth of conjoined twins in Austin, a trio of attorneys assembled at the Travis County Courthouse. One spoke for the state's child protection agency, a second for the babies, a third for their mother.

As they began discussions, a realization hit.

"We said, 'Wait a minute,'" lawyer Larry Schaubhut Jr. recalled. "We had one lawyer for two babies. We needed a lawyer for each baby."

None of the lawyers had encountered a situation like this. The premature twin sisters shared a connection at the head and a single bassinets, but they almost certainly would develop competing interests. What was best for one might not be best for the other.

The May 15 births set into motion events that would present unique challenges, events that would test or disrupt the lives of a number of Austinites.

St. David's Hospital officials, who initially confirmed only that "twins were born here," eventually found themselves and their doctors pushed into the national spotlight, caught between protecting patients' rights to privacy and quenching public interest.

Young lawyers who had never had a reporter interested in any of their cases suddenly were hounded by coast-to-coast media. The mother of the twins, Alicia Tejeda, was adamant that the births remain secret.

But the crescendo came last week when a 14-person medical team accomplished the delicate task of separating the twins, giving baby Michelle a chance for life and her sister Nichelle a perhaps-peaceful ending.

But the spotlight and the people involved in the twins' lives will continue to follow the fate of baby Michelle and her mother. The events of the past three months have been stressful, and at times emotional, for all. "I didn't think this case was going to attract the scope of attention that it has," said Schaubhut, 35.

At the courthouse, people criticized him for daring to represent the twins' mother, an alleged crack cocaine addict whose six older children were taken away from her because of neglect. He got hate mail. Angry callers told him "they couldn't understand why a woman like this should be allowed to live. And I thought, 'Oh boy, am I going to be man enough to handle this? Is my staff big enough to handle the calls?'"

Lawyer John Howard drew the role of representing baby Nichelle. The young bearded lawyer jumped in the ring ready for a fight.

"My first response was, 'Gosh, she ought to be tried with a criminal offense for what she did to those babies.'"

He learned, however, that drug use is not believed responsible for the abnormal birth.

Howard's legal role was diminished when Nichelle became terminally ill. Howard began to arrange a funeral for his tiny client.

"It's a sad situation all around," said Leigh DuBose, a three-year family law attorney who was appointed to represent baby Michelle. "But it's easier for me to deal with a client that has hopes of living. I sure hope she does because I'd like to meet her someday. I hope she can grow up and look back on this and not be embarrassed by anything that happened. And I just hope that she has a much better life than how it started

'I didn't think this case was going to attract the scope of attention that it has.'

— Larry Schaubhut
lawyer

out.

From the beginning, the case of Michelle and Nichelle was a rarity. Twins connected at the head occur once in only 2.5 million births. Their prospects were dimmed by an unstable home. They were born 13 weeks prematurely after their 31-year-old mother arrived at St. David's in labor and reportedly high on crack cocaine. At birth the babies weighed just 2 pounds, 1 ounce each.

Ms. Tejeda initially was uncooperative with hospital personnel, according to state child protection workers who then asked the court to intervene on behalf of the babies.

No father has been located.

The state moved quickly to seek legal responsibility for the twins. When Ms. Tejeda appeared for a court hearing to ask for custody, she learned of a warrant for her arrest on a drug conviction parole violation. She ran down four flights of stairs, yelling, according to witnesses, "I ain't going to jail!" and insisting that she needed to be free "to go see my babies." Sheriff's deputies chased her down. She spent a month in jail.

An east Austin woman who has at times opened her home to Ms. Tejeda and often fed her children said the loss of her children as Ms. Tejeda's great regret. The July afternoon when Ms. Tejeda was released from jail, she went to see her friend.

Juana, who didn't want her last name used, said, "I gave her a letter from her oldest daughter. She seemed pretty happy."

Ms. Tejeda, who has declined repeated requests for interviews, has stayed with friends in an east Austin neighborhood since her release from jail. Her attorney said "she has a good attitude" about wanting to beat her drug problem. He said, "I do not know if she's using now. She's not told me."

The drug use is central to whether Ms. Tejeda has a chance of gaining custody of baby Michelle. District Judge Jeanne Meurer has ordered Ms. Tejeda to enter inpatient drug rehabilitation.

The state has filed a petition to terminate Ms. Tejeda's parental rights, but progress on Ms. Tejeda's part could lead to a modified recommendation by her next court date in November. Ms. Tejeda will be allowed only one or two hours weekly visitation with Michelle once the baby is placed in foster care.

Ms. Dubose, Michelle's attorney, asked the court for at least two hours, arguing that Michelle's bonding with her mother is important.

Ms. Dubose has made frequent trips to the hospital to visit the babies. She said it was sad to watch Nichelle grow into a plump, contented baby, identical in appearance to Michelle, and know that Nichelle could not survive.

As for Michelle, the initial success of the surgery ushered in a wave of relief.

"Now, if Michelle will just hang on, I'll be able to do something really good for her," Ms. Dubose said. "We're going to make sure she gets a great home. And I have a big present ready for her when she gets out of the hospital."

Sense of smell may help some sea birds navigate

By Les Line

N.Y. Times News Service

The importance of the sense of smell for most birds is a huge question mark, but experiments in the South Atlantic suggest that some sea birds, especially storm-petrels, use smell to find food and perhaps navigate in the vast and seemingly featureless ocean.

The sea birds' apparent cue is the compound dimethyl sulfide, produced when drifting plant plankton, or phytoplankton, are being grazed upon by shrimplike crustaceans called krill and by other minute animals called zooplankton. Krill are the main food of many sea birds.

Scientists aboard a British Antarctic Survey ship, the James Clark Ross, found that Wilson's and black-bellied storm-petrels, white-chinned petrels and prions were consistently attracted to oil slicks laced with dimethyl sulfide. Dr. Gabrielle Nevitt, a neurobiologist at the University of California at Davis who led the research team, said these birds often forage at night when olfactory cues would be particularly valuable. "This constitutes the first evidence that dimethyl sulfide is part of the natural olfactory landscape overlying the southern oceans," she said.

Nevitt described the chemical compound as "smelling like seaweed rotting on a beach," adding, "In high concentrations it's fairly repulsive."

Large albatrosses and cape petrels, on the other hand, did not respond to dimethyl sulfide slicks any more than to control slicks of vegetable oil. These sea birds forage by spotting and exploiting

feeding aggregations of seals, whales and other conspicuous sea birds. Nevitt wrote in describing the findings in the current issue of the journal Nature. Her colleagues in the study were Dr. Richard Veit and Dr. Peter Kareiva, both of the University of Washington in Seattle.

Although birds have well-developed olfactory organs, relatively few studies have been done to determine how they use the sense of smell, if at all. "Smell has been shown to be important in the lives of only a few bird species," said Dr. Christopher Duncan, a professor of zoology at the University of Liverpool in England, an expert on the topic. "This is an extremely interesting experiment."

Soaring turkey vultures are known to locate dead animals by smell, although other New World vultures apparently depend on eyesight to find carcasses. The flightless kiwi, a nocturnal and nearly blind inhabitant of New Zealand forests, detects worms and insect larvae in the leaf litter by smell. The kiwi's nostrils are near the tip of the bill rather than

at the base, as in most other birds.

Petrels, prions, storm-petrels, shearwaters and albatrosses comprise a large order of oceanic birds called tubenoses because their nostrils are located in conspicuous, horny sheaths at the base of the bill. Also, their brains have large olfactory lobes and scientists have long suspected that these species hunt by smell. Earlier trials showed that they would follow odor trails from sponges soaked in cod liver oil.

Wilson's storm-petrels are like bloodhounds," Nevitt said. "They flew into DMS slicks more than twice as often as into control slicks." Smaller than a robin, Wilson's storm-petrel is one of the world's most abundant birds and while it breeds on the Antarctic shore, it is commonly seen off the east coast of North America. Sooty-brown with a white rump patch, Wilson's storm-petrel patterns along the wave tops, plucking plankton off the ocean's surface. Prions are somewhat larger petrels and 22 million pairs nest on South Georgia Island in the sub-Antarctic waters where the experiments were done. The white-

chinned petrel is a heavy bird with a four-foot wingspan that nests alongside albatrosses on the tussocky slopes of the southernmost islands.

"Our aim was to produce a downwind DMS concentration similar to natural levels that a petrel would encounter," Nevitt said. The compound is a byproduct of metabolic decomposition in marine phytoplankton, and the process is sharply accelerated during grazing by zooplankton. "The emissions can persist for hours or even several days," she said.

Plankton and dimethyl sulfide concentrations may be signposts for tubenose sea birds that spend most of the year roaming the oceans on transequatorial migrations.

"DMS concentrations tend to be highest in surface sea water over shelves and in upwelling zones where nutrients rise to the surface," Nevitt said. "These oceanic features, reflected in the atmosphere as elevated DMS profiles, could form an olfactory map for migrating sea birds."



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Softball picked

OKLAHOMA CITY — Dot Richardson and Lisa Fernandez lead the list of 15 players chosen Monday to the first U.S. Olympic softball team.

Richardson, at 33 the oldest member of the team, is a 14-time Amateur Softball Association All-American selection and the NCAA's player of the decade for the 1980s.

"This is a dream," Richardson, an orthopedic surgeon, said at a news conference where the players were introduced. "We are living our dreams and it doesn't stop until we get our goals."

Getting fastpitch softball in the Olympics has been a goal of ASA executive director Don Porter for nearly 30 years. The International Olympic Committee in June 1991 approved it as a medal sport.

"This is a very historic day for us in the sport of softball," Porter said. "We had to have perseverance, we had to have dedication and some patience to enable us to have a dream, that was shared by many, become a reality."

Other members of the team are: outfielder Laura Berg of Santa Fe Springs, Calif.; catcher Gillian Boxx of Torrance, Calif.; infielder Sheila Cornell of Diamond Bar, Calif.; pitcher Michelle Granger of Anchorage, Alaska; pitcher Lori Harrigan of Las Vegas; outfielder Donna Harris of Wilmington, Del.; infielder-outfielder Kim Maher of Fresno, Calif.; infielder-outfielder Leah O'Brien of Chino, Calif.; infielder Julie Smith of Glendora, Calif.; pitcher Michele Smith of Plainfield, N.J.; catcher Shelly Stokes of Carmichael, Calif.; infielder Dani Tyler of Des Moines, Iowa; and pitcher Christa Williams of Pasadena, Calif., who won the Class 5A state championship last spring.

Denver injury

DENVER — Michael Dean Perry, who dominated the Denver Broncos' defense in a season-opening victory over Buffalo, will be sidelined three to 12 weeks with a knee injury.

Perry was scheduled to undergo surgery today to repair cartilage in his right knee that was damaged in the fourth quarter of Sunday's 22-7 victory.

Texans win again

TORONTO — David Archer completed 19 of 32 passes for 378 yards and three touchdowns and Troy Mills rushed for 121 yards and two touchdowns Monday night, leading San Antonio to a 48-27 victory over Toronto in the CFL.

Archer threw a 45-yard touchdown pass to Mark Stock and teamed with Mike Saunders on 18- and 3-yard scoring passes. Mills scored on 1- and 2-yard runs and Saunders had a 5-yard touchdown run.

San Antonio improved to 6-5 and Toronto dropped to 2-8 in its first game since general manager Bob O'Brien replaced Mike Faragall as head coach on Aug. 28. The Argonauts have lost five straight.

Roman Anderson kicked 35- and 13-yard field goals for the Texans.



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Wichita Wranglers force Game 5

Staff Report

WICHITA — There will be a Game 5. The Wichita Wranglers defeated the Midland Angels 8-2 Monday night at Lawrence-Dumont Stadium to even the series at 2-2 and force the deciding game of the Texas League West Division playoffs.

The Angels got off to an early start when league's home run champion George Arias, who came into the game in a 0-for-10 slump with only 2 sacrifice flies to his credit, nailed his 31st of the season in the first inning off former Texas A&M star Jeff Granger. Arias had seven home runs in the regular season against the Wranglers.

Midland then gave the ball to Geoff Edsell, who came into the game with 2-3 record and 5.91 ERA, and Edsell showed he was up to the task early on, shutting down the first nine Wranglers in the first three innings.

That streak, however, came to a halt as Edsell and the Angels' defense faltered. Edsell allowed an opposite field double to Ryan Long to lead off the bottom of the fourth. Long came in to score one out later on Larry Sutton's RBI single to center. Following another single by Sal Fasano that put runners on first and second, Rod Myers hit what appeared to be a harmless ground ball to first that Leon Glenn booted, loading the bases full of Wranglers.

Mandy Romero walked, scoring Sutton. After getting another out, Edsell walked Reuben Smiley, a .238 hit-

ter against the Angels, and Fasano scored to make the score 3-1.

Edsell was pulled after walking the first two batters in the bottom of the fifth inning. Ben VanRyn came in and Sutton greeted him with another RBI single to make the score 4-1.

The Angels lost a great chance to get to Granger, who cruised after the first-inning Arias home run. After Michael Wolff doubled to put runners on second and third with two outs in the top of the seventh, Ty Boykin struck out, leaving the Angels with three runs to score and few outs remaining.

The inability to drive in runs proved even more costly in the bottom half of the seventh.

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Monica Seles ...back and winning again

Seles surge gains steam

By Steve Wlstein
AP Tennis Writer

NEW YORK — Monica Seles consoled a tearful junior girl in the locker room, advising her not to take losses too seriously, then scolded herself for a tiny lapse in her longest and toughest match of the U.S. Open.

Still undefeated in her comeback, Seles surged into the quarterfinals with a 6-1, 6-4 victory Monday over No. 11 Anke Huber that took 71 minutes — the first time anyone pushed Seles past one hour in the tournament.

Outgrunted but not outplayed, Seles took command early, racing through the first set in 23 minutes and sweeping 10 straight points in one stretch. She broke Huber to start the second set and thought, like the fans in the packed stadium, that she would close the match quickly. But Huber, who lost to Seles in the Canadian Open, had other plans.

Grunting, groaning, shrieking and imploring the heavens for help, Huber broke back to 1-1 and stayed with Seles until 3-3. Huber covered her eyes with her hand when she blew an easy forehand on Seles' serve in the sixth game, and she might as well have kept her eyes shut the rest of the match. Seles' one mediocre stretch was over.

"I was a little mad at myself," Seles said. "I had control of the match, but then I let the control out of my hand. It could have been closer than it was."

"I just did a very weird service game. My mind wandered off. I felt I let the momentum slip away from me a little bit. That made the second set much harder than if I had won that second game."

As it was, Seles bore down on Huber's serve and took her to love-40. Huber saved those three break-points, the last on a brilliant rally by both players, but Seles got two more break-points and finally cashed in when Huber poked a

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An Emmitt Smith kind of day

■ The Dallas Cowboys get four touchdowns from their star running back in an easy win over the New York Giants

By Dave Goldberg
AP Football Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The Dallas Cowboys were playing the New York Giants Monday night. But the statement they made was to the San Francisco 49ers:

We're baaaaaaack.

With Emmitt Smith, going 60 yards for a touchdown on Dallas' third play from scrimmage and scoring three other times, the Cowboys blew away the Giants 35-0 in a game that wasn't as close as the score indicated. The only negative for the Cowboys was an Achilles tendon injury to Kevin Smith, their left cornerback.

The prime-time game allowed the nation — and the 49ers — to see a Dallas team that looked every bit as good as the one that won two Super Bowls before losing in the NFC title game to San Francisco last year.

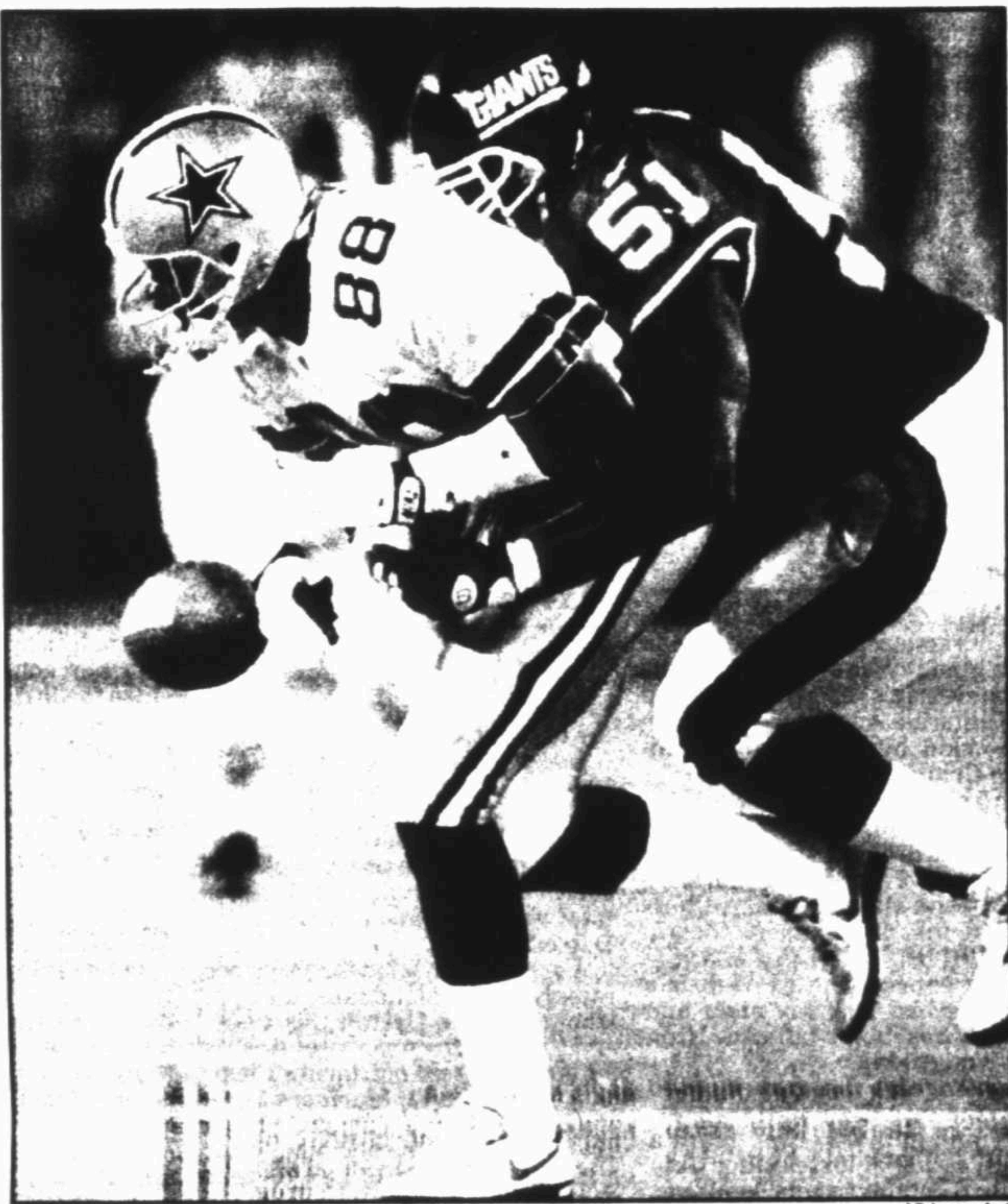
The Cowboys led 21-0 at the half and scored twice more after intermission before sending in the scrubs, winning a lot more impressively than did the 49ers, who beat New Orleans 24-22 Sunday.

Smith, who finished with 163 yards in 21 carries, also scored three times on 1 yard runs to reach 75 touchdowns for his career, three better than Tony Dorsett's Dallas record. It's only the second time he's scored four times in a game — the other time was Dec. 16, 1990 against the Cardinals.

But the defense and special teams were just as good against a Giants team not ready for prime time — because of a series of injuries, their full offense never played together during the exhibition season. Dave Brown was 20 of 34 for 155 yards, much of the yardage meaningless.

It showed Monday night before the largest Giants Stadium crowd ever — 77,454.

Whether it was the New York offense and the Dallas defense, the Giants, who won their last six games in 1993, never crossed midfield until 2:20 remained in the first half as they suffered their worst



Dallas wide receiver Michael Irvin is stripped of the ball by New York's Mike Croel. Irvin came back to catch a touchdown pass from Troy Aikman, however.

regular-season loss since 1980.

The last time the Giants were shut out at home was in 1976, a 10-0 loss to Philadelphia in New York's first game under coach John McVay.

Five of their first possessions began inside their own 20 and the sixth began only at their own 26. The Giants had

hoped to challenge the Cowboys in the NFC East, but their defense got blown off the field.

It took three plays to score the first touchdown — a 15-yard pass from Troy Aikman to Jay Novacek, a dropped pass by Michael Irvin and then Smith's burst up the middle.

Peterson rides to title glory at Ruidoso

By Pete Herrera
AP Sports Writer

RUIDOSO DOWNS, N.M. — From tragedy to triumph. For jockey Billy Peterson the trip took a year and 21 seconds.

Peterson, who a year ago lay sprawled in the dirt after his horse, Doo Dominate broke both front legs during the running of the All American Futurity, returned in million-dollar style Monday, winning the 440-yard Grade 1 sprint aboard Winalota Cash.

The bay 2-year-old gelding ran so flawlessly that Peterson never needed the whip to ride Winalota Cash into quarter horse racing history.

"Shake The Bank beat us out of the

gate, but I'd say 50 yards out we were on the lead. From then on, I didn't see another horse," Peterson said.

Peterson, who turns 23 on Thursday and will graduate with a business degree from the University of Texas-El Paso in December, said the memories of last year's disastrous ride surface until after the race.

"When I crossed the finish line, it was like waking up from a dream," he said. "It never entered my mind until after I was pulling this horse up. I kept saying, 'thank you God. Thank you for giving me another chance.'"

Doo Dominate was humanely destroyed and Peterson walked away unhurt. But it took him months to get over the psychological scars left by the spill

in which he narrowly avoided being run over by the injured horse.

Winalota Cash, who has five victories and four seconds in nine starts, earned \$921,465.07 from the total purse of \$1.6 million for owners Jamie and Andra Meridith of Odessa. That boosts his earnings for his first year of racing to more than \$1.5 million.

Shake The Bank, who shipped into New Mexico in late July from Mexico City after winning four futurities south of the border, grabbed the early lead. But Winalota Cash closed with a furious rush, caught the filly and was pulling away a length in front at the wire.

His winning time of 21.18 seconds was the fastest ever for 440 yards in the 37-history of the futurity.

MIDLAND HIGH VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW

Lady Bulldogs want another playoff shot

■ With four starters returning, MHS hopes to land back in the state playoffs for the second consecutive year.

By Amy Wolfenbarger
Sports Writer

It took one short year for first-year Midland High volleyball coach Terri McColloch to turn the Lady Bulldogs into a playoff team after missing the post-season for three years.

So it is understandable that expectations are high for the Lady Bulldogs, who return three full-time starters and one part-time starter from last year's District 4-5A second-place team. League play starts today with the first MHS-Midland Lee battle of the season as the Lady Bulldogs travel to the Lee gym for a 7:30 p.m. match.

They have experienced the jittery feeling of entering a playoff game and the senior-laden Lady Bulldogs are noticeably excited about their chances.

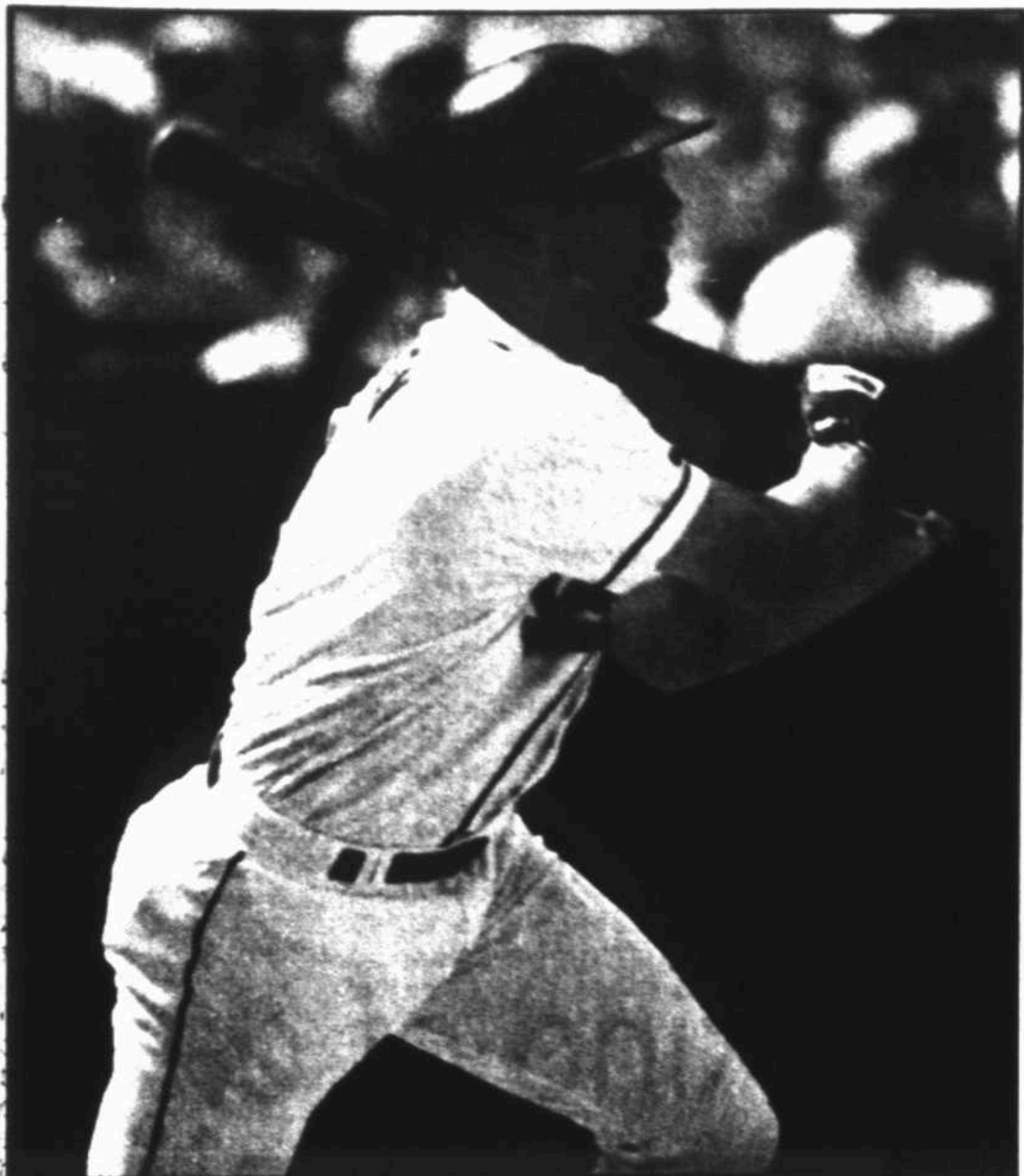
"We feel a little more confident about the season," said senior Toya Zachery, who along with Jamee Stennett have started on the varsity since they were sophomores. "It's like Coach told us the

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Midland High volleyball players (from left) Sara Pritchett, Jamee Stennett, Toya Zachery and Eleeseeya King are ready for the District 4-5A volleyball race to begin. Midland Lee hosts the Lady Bulldogs tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the league opener for both teams.

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Baltimore's Cal Ripken Jr. homers against California Monday as he moved to within one game of tying Lou Gehrig's consecutive game streak of 2,130. He can tie the record today and break the record on Wednesday.

Ripken's streak alive, but Angels nudge Baltimore

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Cal Ripken kept his consecutive-game streak alive Monday, moving within one of Lou Gehrig's record of 2,130, and the California Angels ended a nine-game skid by beating the Baltimore Orioles 5-3.

Ripken, playing in his 1,297th straight game, broke a 23-game homerless drought with his 13th of the season. The Orioles shortstop went 1-for-4 and drove in two runs to move into 81st place on the all-time RBI list (1,249).

He is expected to tie Gehrig's divine record Tuesday night and become baseball's all-time iron man Wednesday.

The Angels, meanwhile, had their own streak to worry about. The nine-gamer, the team's longest string of losses since July 1993, had cut the Angels' lead over Seattle to just 5 1/2 games in the AL West.

But Monday's victory, combined with Seattle's 13-3 loss to New York, gave California a 6 1/2-game cushion.

Tony Phillips and Chili Davis homered in a four-run fifth inning that turned a 3-1 deficit into a 5-3 lead, and the Angels held on for only their second win in 14 games.

Phillips' 22nd homer of the season was the Angels' first in 55 innings, and Davis' shot provided California with its first lead in 75 innings.

Phillips' drive started the two-out rally against Jamie Moyer (8-6). Jim Edmonds and Tim Salmon both singled before Davis hit his 18th homer on Moyer's next pitch.

Jim Abbott (10-7) pitched six innings and Lee Smith worked the ninth for his 32nd save.

White Sox 14, Rangers 3

ARLINGTON — Robin Ventura became the eighth player in major league history and the first in 25 years to hit two grand slams in one game when he connected in the fourth and fifth innings as Chicago beat Texas.

Ventura, who tied the club record with eight RBIs, broke the game open with his first grand slam off reliever Dennis Cook. It was the sixth of his career to establish a franchise record and it gave the White Sox an 8-2 lead.

Ventura added his second grand slam of the night, and career-high 25th homer, off reliever Danny Darwin, pushing Chicago's lead to 13-3.

Frank Robinson was the last major leaguer to hit two grand slams in a game on June 26, 1970, for the Baltimore Orioles. The last member of the White Sox to drive in eight runs in a game was Jim Spencer in 1977. The eight RBIs also tied Paul O'Neill of the New York Yankees and Mike Blowers of Seattle for most in a game this season.

Ventura started the night tied with Ron Karkovics and Harold Baines for the franchise record with five grand slams.

Chicago won its sixth straight, while the Rangers lost their seventh of eight.

Tigers 3, Indians 2

DETROIT — Tony Clark tripled for his first two major league RBIs as Detroit edged Cleveland.

Clark, called up Sunday from Detroit's Toledo farm club, hit a drive to center in the fourth that eluded a diving Kenny Lofton and rolled to the fence.

The triple scored Chris Gomez and Cecil Fielder, and tied the game 2-2. Bobby Higginson's sacrifice fly then brought Clark home to put the Tigers ahead.

Detroit starter Clint Sadovsky (1-0) allowed three hits over five innings in his major league debut.

AL Roundup

Dwayne Henry, one of four relievers who held the Indians hitless the rest of the way, pitched the ninth for his first save.

Loser Mark Clark (8-6) gave up four hits, all in the fourth, in eight innings.

The win gave the Tigers a split of a four-game holiday weekend series with the Indians, but Cleveland won the season series from Detroit 10-3.

A crowd of 24,987 was comprised mainly of Cleveland fans, many of whom came to Detroit this weekend because they can't get tickets for games at sold-out Jacobs Field.

Yankees 13, Mariners 3

NEW YORK — Paul O'Neill drove in three runs and New York got a season-high 19 hits to beat Seattle.

O'Neill doubled home a run in the first, singled in another in the second and had an RBI groundout in the third as the Yankees took a 9-2 lead.

Andy Pettitte (8-8) won for the fifth time in his last seven decisions. He gave up eight hits and three runs in eight innings.

O'Neill, Bernie Williams, Wade Boggs and Dion James each had three hits for the Yankees. Williams hit his 16th homer, a three-run shot in the eighth.

Edgar Martinez hit a two-run homer for the Mariners' 27th of the season.

The Yankees have won seven of their last nine games, while the Mariners have lost two of their last three. New York started the day two games behind Seattle and Kansas City for the American League wild-card berth.

Twins 9, Brewers 6

MINNEAPOLIS — Kirby Puckett homered twice and Pedro Munoz had four hits as Minnesota beat Milwaukee.

John Jaha hit a grand slam for Milwaukee, the team's 10th of the season. The total ties the major league record by Detroit in 1938 and the New York Yankees in 1987.

Puckett, who has a .346 lifetime batting average against the Brewers, hit his 21st and 22nd home runs off starter Scott Karl (5-4). It was the 13th time in Puckett's career that he has homered twice in a game.

Trombley (3-8) won for the first time in a month, despite giving up the grand slam and a solo homer by Jeff Cirillo in the fifth that made it 7-5. He gave way to Scott Watkins in the sixth after giving up six hits and walking three.

Blue Jays 6-7, Royals 1-9

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Pinch-hitter Les Norman had a two-run triple in a three-run eighth inning and Kansas City rallied for a victory over Toronto and a split of a doubleheader.

Norman, called up from Class AAA Omaha earlier Monday, tripled just inside the first-base line off reliever Tony Castillo. Castillo (1-4) had relieved starter Paul Menhart after the Royals scored four in the seventh.

Castillo had hit Joe Vitelle with a pitch and given up a single to Greg Gagne ahead of the triple. Johnny Damon followed it with a single.

Mike Magnante (1-1) pitched 12 1/3 innings for the win and Jeff Montgomery pitched the ninth for his 27th save.

Paul Molitor had five hits, including a three-run homer, in the first game as the Blue Jays won 6-1 to break a seven-game losing streak.

Gary Gaetti hit a two-run homer in Royals' four-run seventh.

OPEN: Defending champ Agassi wins

(From 1C)

weak forehand into the net.

Seles, who wore a black brace on her left knee again because of tendinitis, ended the match easily, yielding only three points in her next two service games, smacking her fifth ace, and moving on to the prospect of playing Wednesday against No. 5 Jana Novotna, a 6-4, 6-3 victor over Katarina Stenikova.

"Against Jana, I have had some very tough matches," Seles said. "She is going to come in and serve and volley a lot. Her serve is very strong."

Seles' strength is her refusal to give up in any match, but she has learned over the years and through her encounter with the man who stabbed her more than two years ago that losing on the tennis court is nothing to cry about.

"When I go into the locker room, even the professional women or the juniors when they lose, they come in and they are crying," she said. "Like today, right before I went on, I saw a girl that was crying. You shouldn't really cry over losing a tennis match. Tennis is a sport. You start playing tennis because it is fun, not to be crying."

Seles went over to the girl, Edit Pakay, who had a similar Hungarian ethnic background, and tried to calm her.

"I told her, life is not over because you lost one match," Seles said. "I told her I lost matches and I cried, but you forget it. You learn from your loss and go home now and try to work harder and do better. It shouldn't affect your life or your outlook on life or your happiness."

"If you lose a mom or a dad or a dear friend, it is different," Seles said. "It is really hard for me to see a 15-year-old or one of the top players crying after she lost a match."

Seles hasn't had cause to cry over a loss in a long time. She is 9-0 in her comeback and won the Open the last two times she played it in 1991 and '92. But Novotna didn't appear too concerned about

playing her.

"I always felt that I have the game to play against her," Novotna said. "Not too many players these days can serve and volley. They cannot mix up the game. Hopefully, I will be able to do that. It also will depend on how well Monica will handle it, how well she will handle my approaches and return of serve. I hope, and I believe, that I have the game to beat her."

No. 4 Conchita Martinez and No. 16 Brenda Schultz-McCarthy also reached the quarters. Martinez defeated Zina Garrison Jackson 7-6 (7-5), 7-5, and Schultz-McCarthy beat No. 7 Kimiko Date 7-5, 3-6, 6-2.

The men's matches went according to seed.

Defending champion and No. 1 Andre Agassi beat Jared Palmer 7-5, 6-3, 6-2 to reach the quarters against Petr Korda, who downed Vince Spadea 6-2, 7-5, 6-4. No. 4 Boris Becker beat Marc Rosset 7-6 (7-4), 6-3, 6-3.

Agassi was in control the whole match against Palmer, a serve-and-volleyer who provided a convenient target for Agassi's passing shots. Agassi's only problem was an unusually high number of aces — six — but he was broken only once.

Agassi is in a different frame of mind than he was a year ago when he came in unseeded and had to beat five seeded players to take the title.

"Last year, I came in without a lot of matches. This year, I've played a lot. It's two different situations," Agassi said. "I'm definitely playing better, ready to peak when I have to. You do what you've got to do to win. That's the key. I've felt pretty focused for a year now, this year especially. I came in playing really well, and I have the confidence I can win. That makes a big difference. You turn the corner with a lot of confidence."

"The downside is you can't stay on top forever. Eventually, you hit a brick wall and guys overtake you. I haven't got there yet."

Palmer felt at times as if he were

playing against a brick wall, with nearly everything he hit coming back at him.

"He had me on my heels a lot, and I had a hard time," Palmer said. "I just wasn't able to stop the bleeding. I didn't play well during the summer. I just started playing well here, and I don't know why. I've never been in the second week of a Grand Slam before, so I'm happy about that. I feel like I've had my ups and downs. There's no way to beat these guys if you have lapses like that. You can't play loose points. You can't get away with that. My game was not good enough."

In a sport where success sometimes seems to last only a service break or two, Becker has displayed remarkable staying power.

Two months away from his 28th birthday, Becker is a golden oldie in a sport filled with young slugs. In the age of Agassi and Sampras, he is left over from the McEnroe-Connors generation, still playing good enough tennis to be the No. 4 seed at the U.S. Open.

"The secret to having a long career is to squeeze in a life off the tennis court," Becker said after Monday's methodical 7-6 (7-4), 6-3, 6-3 victory over No. 13 Marc Rosset put him in the quarterfinals.

Becker burst on the tennis scene in 1985 when he won the first of his three Wimbledon titles at age 17, the youngest champion in history at the All England Club. There have been a lot of games, sets and matches since then.

A decade later he's still around, largely, he said, because he hasn't let the sport consume him. "Taking six months or a year away from tennis allows me to continue playing at the highest level," he said. "Tennis is not the most important thing in my life. It is my wife and my son. You have to have both if you want a long career."

Two years ago, Becker's career seemed in decline. He had drifted from No. 1 in 1991 to No. 5 and then to No. 11, ousted at the Open by Magnus Larsson. "I know why I was playing badly," he said. "I didn't care so much because I spent more time trying to chase my

wife; not the tennis ball."

Once that task was completed, Becker returned to the busyness of tournament tennis, claiming the No. 3 ranking behind Agassi and Sampras a year ago. He punctuated his return to the top this summer at Wimbledon, when he reached the final for the seventh time before losing the championship to Sampras. His march to that match included a memorable 2-6, 7-6 (7-1), 6-4, 7-6 (7-1) victory over Agassi in the semifinals.

Even though his game seems right there with the heavyweights, Becker is shrugged off, dismissed even by Rosset. His straight-set victim on Monday was not terribly impressed.

"I don't know," he said. "He is playing, well, OK, but I think he has to play better if he wants to win."

Throughout the early stages of the tournament, the focus was on Agassi, the defending champion, and two-time winner Sampras. Even though Becker won here in 1989, he was treated as an afterthought, which suited him. "Just keep doing it," he said. "That's fine."

Even though Becker's greatest successes have been on the grass courts at Wimbledon, he has played well on the hard courts here. He said that at the moment he is on the top of his hard court game, which could make for an interesting second week at the Open, where he was a first-round loser a year ago.

With the others drawing attention away from Becker, would that perhaps allow him to sneak up on the title? His eyes narrowed at the question.

"The attention all the time is on me as well," he said. "There are periods when there is more on Andre or Pete or (No. 3) Thomas Muster, or on a couple of others who are playing well at the time. But I am in the top of tennis right now."

"Almost 10 years, almost more than that. The attention is always there and the pressure is always there."

And so, of course, is Becker.

Reds deal Astros another huge blow

Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Cincinnati Reds moved within two games of their first season sweep since the turn of the century, beating the Houston Astros 6-1 on Monday behind fourth-inning homers by Ron Gant and Benito Santiago.

The Reds are 11-0 against Houston, which has never been shut out in a season series, although the 1962 team lost 17 in a row to Philadelphia before winning the final meeting of the season.

Barry Larkin singled to start the fourth off Shane Reynolds (9-10) and Gant, who had not played since Aug. 24 because of strained rib muscles, followed with his 29th homer of the season.

After a one, Santiago hit his 10th homer and Bret Boone and Jeff Branson followed with singles. But Mark Portugal's grounder forced Boone, and Thomas Howard grounded out to end the inning.

Gant doubled in the second inning, went to third on Reynolds' wild pitch and scored on a grounder by Hal Morris. Gant is hitting .410 in 11 games against the Astros with 17 RBIs.

The Reds added a run in the eighth on Brett Boone's double and another run in the ninth on Jerome Walton's seventh homer.

Portugal (9-9) evened his record at 4-4 since he was traded to the Reds from San Francisco.

Giants 2, Expos 1

SAN FRANCISCO — Carlos Perez pitched 6 2/3 no-hit innings for Montreal, but Barry Bonds had an RBI double and the San Francisco Giants rallied for two runs in the ninth Monday to defeat the Expos 2-1.

David McCarty won the game with an RBI single, his first National League hit, off Mel Rojas (1-4), the fifth Montreal pitcher.

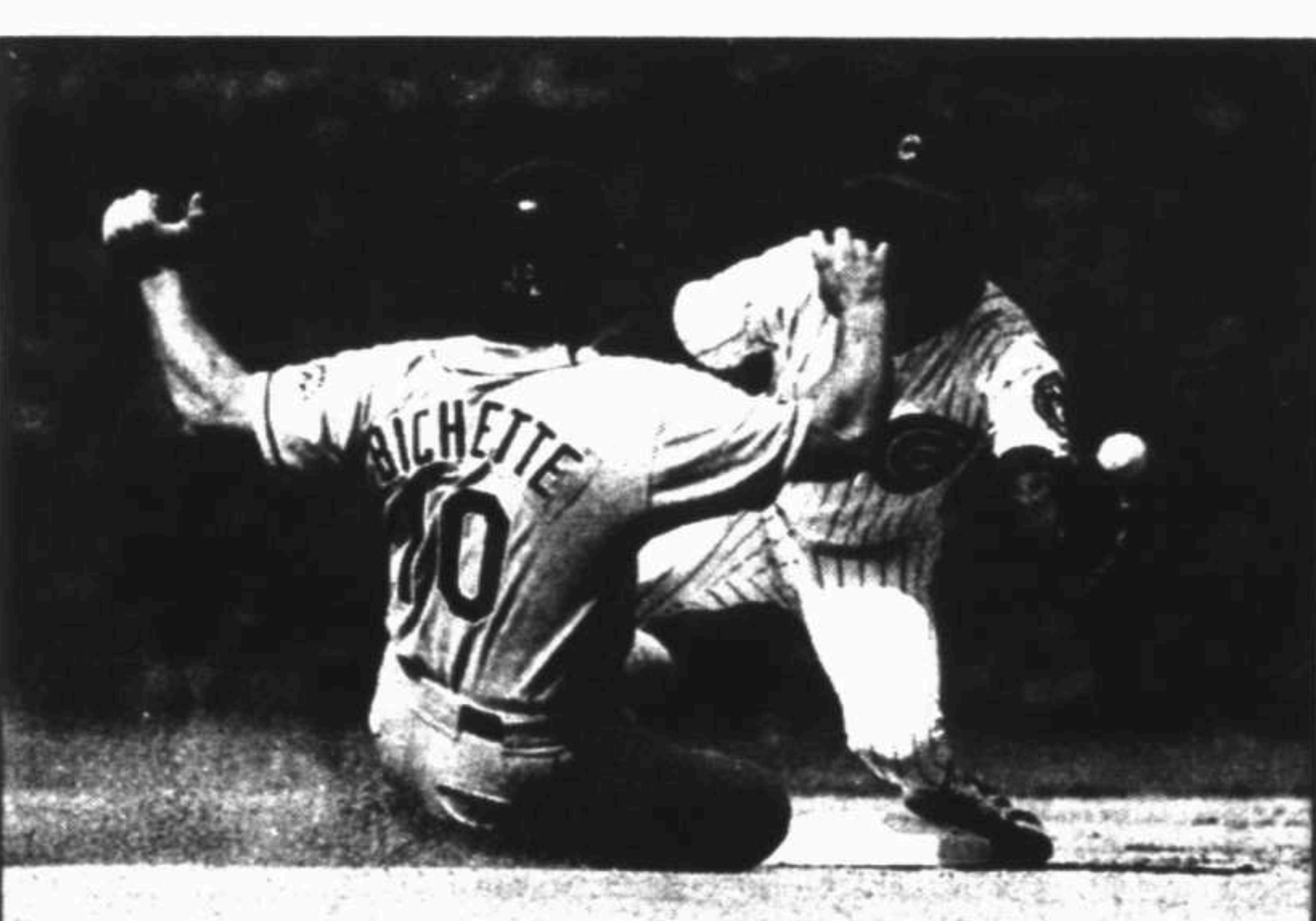
Deion Sanders led off with a single and scored on Bonds' double to left-center. Matt Williams was intentionally walked and two outs later, McCarty singled inside third base to drive in Bonds.

The winner was Shawn Barton (4-1) who struck out the side in the ninth.

Perez, who left the game because he was limited to a specific number of pitches, walked one and allowed another batter to reach base on his own error in the first inning.

The Giants got their first hit with two outs in the eighth when pinch-hitter Glenallen Hill softly lined a single to center off Gil Heredia.

Perez displayed his usual demonstrative character on the mound, celebrating after each of



Colorado's Dante Bichette, a former Midland Angel, steals second base as Chicago's Shawn Dunston, a former Midland minor leaguer, tries to make the play in a game played Monday afternoon.

his seven strikeouts and even after some routine groundouts.

A rookie who had not pitched in 14 days because of a suspension and a stiff lower back, Perez allowed only three balls to reach the outfield.

Perez was ejected by umpire Bill Hohn on Aug. 22 when he disputed a home run by Raul Mondesi of the Dodgers. The ejection turned into a four-game suspension when Perez bumped Hohn.

He then missed a week because of his back. He was supposed to throw a maximum of 70 pitches Monday but reached that limit in the sixth inning and finished with 83.

Perez tipped his cap to cheering fans as he left the game after walking Matt Williams with two outs in the seventh. He shook hands with several fans and accepted congratulations in the Giants bullpen as he walked to the clubhouse following the inning.

The only no-hitter in the majors this season was thrown by Ramon Martinez of the Los Angeles Dodgers on July 14 in a 7-0 win over Florida.

Cubs 2, Rockies 0

CHICAGO — Sammy Sosa again hurt Colorado with a home run and Frank Castillo pitched a five-hitter to beat the Rockies for the third time this season.

The Rockies fell into a first-place tie in the NL West with Los Angeles, which played later Monday. The Cubs moved within a game of the lead in the league's jumbled wild-card race.

Sosa has homered in each of Chicago's last five games against the Rockies.

This time, Colorado manager

NL Roundup

to drive in the winning run and give Atlanta a victory over St. Louis.

With one out, Rafael Belliard doubled to center. Pinch-hitter Luis Polonia singled to left, sending Belliard to third. Grissom then singled sharply through the hole at shortstop to score Belliard and beat reliever Jeff Parrett (3-6).

The Braves led 5-4 entering the ninth, but Mark Wohlers (7-3) ended a string of 21 consecutive successful save opportunities.

The Cardinals tied it when Wohlers walked Mark Sweeney with the bases loaded. With one out, Gilkey and Smith singled. John Mabry singled to center and Grissom threw Gilkey out at the plate. Smith took second and Mabry third on the throw.

Wohlers then walked Ray Lankford to load the bases and he did the same to Sweeney on a 3-2 pitch. It was Wohlers' first blown save since May 10.

Atlanta starter John Smoltz allowed four runs and five hits over 6 1/3 innings. He struck out six to increase his total for the season to 164, second in the NL behind Hideo Nomo of Los Angeles, who has 205.

Padres 2, Mets 1, 10 innings

SAN DIEGO — Scott Livingstone hit a bases-loaded single with one out in the 10th inning to lift San Diego over New York.

Livingstone, who drove in San Diego's first run in the sixth, singled just inside first base and scored Bip Roberts, who had hit a leadoff single off Doug Hensley (3-6).

With one out, Tony Gwynn singled and Ken Caminiti was intentionally walked to load the bases.

Trevor Hoffman (7-4) pitched a perfect 10th for the victory.

Dodgers 5, Phillies 1

LOS ANGELES — Raul Mondesi hit a two-run homer and Eric Karros and Brett Butler had sacrifice flies as Los Angeles regained first place in the NL West with a victory over Philadelphia.

The Dodgers have a one-half game lead over the Colorado Rockies, who lost 2-0 to the Chicago Cubs on Monday.

Tom Candiotti (7-12) ended his four-game winless streak, allowing a run and five hits over 6 2/3 innings with five strikeouts and three walks. It was only the third win in 13 starts by the right-hander, who has allowed fewer than four earned runs in 18 of his last 20 outings.

Candiotti took a three-hit shutout into the seventh before giving up a leadoff double by Jim Eisenreich, who scored on Kevin Stocker's two-out bunt single.

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Scooter says repeat customers are cornerstone of success

After doing business in the Permian Basin for about 35 years, Roy "Scooter" Rotan says he knows to whom he credits a lot of the success for Scooter's Plumbing, Inc. "It's the people. You can have good employees and products, but without customers you don't have anything."

Rotan and wife, Irene, would like to express their sincere appreciation to their customers for steady patronage during the last three-and-a-half decades. "We have a lot of regular customers, some that have been with us almost since we started."

When asked why he thinks people come back to Scooter's, Rotan (a good ol' boy with quick wit and a good sense of humor) said "they gotta call somebody." When pressed further, Rotan admitted that he relies on the best kind of advertising of all, word-of-mouth. "We get a lot of repeat business and that's what keeps us in business."

When Rotan started his business so many years ago, he didn't have a client base from which to work, since he didn't buy out or partner with another plumber. His motivation for even starting the business? An employer wanted to move him out of Midland.

"The company I was working for in the late fifties got the Lee High School plumbing job, and they sent me out there. When we finished (the job), the company wanted to transfer me out of town. I was faced with a choice: leave town or go into business. And I didn't want to leave town, because Midland's home," said Rotan.

So with his wife to help him, Rotan set out his shingle and started making calls. With a nickname like Scooter, it wasn't hard for people to remember him. "People have been calling me Scooter as long as I can remember. It just stuck somewhere along the way."

And somewhere along the way customers kept calling Scooter and calling Scooter and calling...you get the idea. To go into business for yourself, Rotan might agree that you have to do your best John Wayne imitation. "Better have a lot of grits and guts. That's where your staying ability comes from. You have to be willing to make sacrifices."



Roy "Scooter" Rotan and his wife, Irene, express appreciation to all their customers over 35 years in business.

Those long-ago sacrifices have paid off for Scooter's Plumbing, which employs almost 20 people and has a widespread client base, including local builders. "We appreciate every customer we have, from small residential jobs to large commercial jobs," said Rotan. "All a business needs is enough steady customers." After 35 years, Rotan is very thankful indeed that enough is plenty for Scooter's Plumbing, Inc.

Scooter's Plumbing, Inc. installs and repairs plumbing, heating and air conditioning systems in residential and light commercial applications. A Carrier dealer, the company is open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and has a 24 hour emergency service.

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What if Ripken is injured?

By Ben Walker
AP Baseball Writer

BALTIMORE — Imagine this: It's Wednesday night at Camden Yards, Mike Mussina throws the first pitch of the game and California's Tony Phillips lifts a foul pop behind third base.

Cal Ripken drifts toward the special row of box seats the Baltimore Orioles have built for the big day, trying to make the catch. He tumbles hard into the stands, misses the ball... and breaks his right ankle!

So, on the night Ripken was set to break Lou Gehrig's record by playing his 2,131st straight game, does he get credit for continuing his streak?

"Somebody in baseball would have to make a ruling," said Seymour Siwoff of the Elias Sports Bureau, which compiles the official major league statistics.

"It would probably go to the Playing Rules Committee," he said. "The acting commissioner of baseball also would have authority to rule on this."

Here's the rub: Baseball rule 10.24 (c) says a consecutive-game streak can be extended only if a player completes a time at bat or spends a half-inning in the field.

That means because Baltimore is the home team, Ripken has to be on the field for all three outs in the Angels' first inning. As in, a broken ankle, a bruised hand or even a bee sting could end the 13-year string by the Orioles shortstop.

Or could it?
"Well, it's far-fetched that something like that would happen," said Siwoff, a member of a sub-

committee that oversees such things. "But if it did, my personal feeling is that the streak would continue."

The rules provide one exception — if a player is ejected before he can meet the requirements, his streak remains intact. Twice during Ripken's streak he has been ejected in the first inning for arguing called strikes, by Tim Welke on Sept. 25, 1987, and by Drew Coble on Aug. 7, 1989.

Siwoff, however, said that rule 10.24 (c) is really just a guideline for governing streaks.

"Actually, those rules can change," he said. Siwoff was a member of a committee that met in Colorado Springs, Colo., in 1957 to determine qualifications for things such as consecutive-game hitting and playing streaks. Among the rules still in place: a pinch-running appearance alone does not extend a playing string.

"We didn't want any chicanery," he said. "We wanted to eliminate a device for an injured player doing something merely to extend a streak. Otherwise, a team could announce a player as a pinch-runner, then pinch run for him."

Coincidentally, Ripken made his major league debut as a pinch-runner on Aug. 10, 1981, the season before his record streak began. He replaced Ken Singleton in the bottom of the 12th inning at Memorial Stadium and scored the winning run against Kansas City on John Lowenstein's single.

Officially, that was his first game in the big leagues. But, according to the rule regarding pinch-runners, his consecutive-game streak — at that point — still stood at zero.

Gordon makes run for Cup crown

DARLINGTON, S.C. (AP) — Now that stock car racing's newest superstar has won at the sport's oldest raceway, what's next for the seemingly unstoppable Jeff Gordon?

Can the 24-year-old hold off Sterling Marling for his first Winston Cup championship? Will he use his skill and savvy to run down David Pearson's career record of 10 victories at Darlington?

Gordon's crew chief Ray Evernham says with Gordon, anything, especially success, is likely.

"I knew from the time I saw him test at Charlotte when he was 18 that he could do anything and go as far as he wanted," Evernham said.

Gordon held off Dale Earnhardt and Rusty Wallace in a 10-lap sprint Sunday to win the Southern 500, one of Winston Cup's most prestigious races.

"The other drivers tell you about the prestige held over this track, about who wins here and who doesn't," Gordon said. "That makes a win here even better."

It also increases his chances of winning the points title. With eight races left, Gordon has a 217-point lead over Marlin, who finished 10th. Earnhardt is 294 points back in third.

Only Earnhardt, still hopeful of a third straight title and record-setting eighth, has won the crown by 100 or more points in the past 16 years.

Gordon and team owner Rick Hendrick haven't gotten swept up in Winston Cup title fever. There is no one in the pits, Gordon said, calculating how many points will be gained or lost on the next backstretch shuffle.

"We watch TV, we read the paper, we know what's going on," Gordon said. "We're not going to dwell on everything that happens, but racing is our lives and winning championships is a major part of it."

Gordon's lead, while substantial, is not safe. NASCAR is littered with drivers who spun away points, while others charged harder at the finish.

Richard Petty made up 187 points on Darrell Waltrip in the final seven races to win the 1979 title.

Waltrip did it on Bill Elliott in 1985, overcoming a 206-point lead in the last eight races.

The late Alan Kulwicki was 278 points behind Elliott in 1992 with six races left. But Elliott was knocked out twice down the stretch and Kulwicki won by 10 points.

Steelers lose Woodson

PITTSBURGH (AP) — All-Pro cornerback Rod Woodson, who missed only four games to injury in eight NFL seasons, will now learn what it's like to miss nearly an entire season.

The Pittsburgh Steelers' worst fears were realized Monday when MRI tests disclosed the six-time Pro Bowl cornerback has a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee. He will undergo surgery later this week and probably won't play again until 1996.

"Unless God lets me heal faster than normal and we make the playoffs," Woodson said Monday.

The verdict was better on backup quarterback Mike Tomczak, who bruised several ribs in Sunday's 23-20 victory over Detroit. He expects to play Sunday in Houston.

Woodson, voted to the NFL's 75th anniversary All-Time team last season, was hurt as he reached to his left to make an arm tackle on Barry Sanders. Woodson's right leg planted in Three Rivers Stadium's artificial turf and stuck, and the knee gave way before he could free his leg.

"It was the turf. I couldn't get my leg up fast enough. I knew what I did right away," Woodson said. "It's what you get when you play on turf sometimes. I've played on turf for nine years, and sooner or later it's going to grab you."

The Steelers have discussed replacing the artificial turf with grass, but growing grass in a multipurpose stadium used all but three months a year in a cold-weather city is difficult. Such a change would also require the approval of the Pirates.

Still, Woodson's injury is the latest in a series of turf-related problems to strike the NFL in less a month.

Woodson and Cincinnati's Kijana Carter, the No. 1 overall pick in the April draft, already have been lost to season-ending injuries, and an exhibition game in Houston was cancelled because of turf problems.

Woodson has been virtually injury-free in his career, so he wonders if going down in the first game of a season might prove as difficult mentally as it will physically.

Woodson, 30, will require extensive rehabilitation after doctors replace the torn ligament. The injury is one of the worst that a football player can experience.

Arizona has no clue how to play in opener

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — The Arizona Cardinals should know how to handle a disastrous loss. They've had plenty of practice.

The Cardinals are 0-4 in their last four openers, two under Joe Bugel and two under Buddy Ryan. And they've lost before the five largest home crowds in franchise history, while trying to win over Arizona fans since 1988.

They haven't won a playoff game since 1947 or had a winning season since 1984.

But Sunday's 27-7 debacle against the Washington Redskins, who turned areas viewed as weaknesses — defensive line, quarterbacking, running game — into strengths, was difficult even for veterans to stomach.

"That was terrible," kicker Greg Davis said Monday. "Only one team showed up at that stadium, and it wasn't us. Four hours is a long plane trip if you lose."

Still, he said, the loss didn't rank among the top 10 in his experience, not with 15 games left. The Cardinals lost their first three last season and finished 8-8.

Davis, the franchise record-holder on long field goals, missed a 51-yarder that hit an upright and rebounded toward the field. Later, Washington's Eddie Murray hit an upright on an extra point and saw it bounce through.

"Their clown hit one, and it goes through. And our clown hit

one, and it comes back," Davis said.

Ryan thought his team was pathetic immediately after the game, but he said Monday that he found some bright spots, starting with Garrison Hearst's rushing for 97 yards in 17 carries behind a good effort by the offensive line.

Ryan said he made the offense watch film of the defense's play and vice versa to emphasize the point that everyone needed to improve.

"That was probably punishment enough," Ryan said.

Dave Krieg, one of seven new starters on offense, threw three of four interceptions. He said he was punishing himself in lieu of taking heat from Ryan, who excused his hand-picked quarterback by referring to a game when 1969 Super Bowl winner Joe Namath threw five.

Krieg said he spent a fitful night and morning with a pen and paper, writing down things he should have done at crucial points in the game.

"I'm very self-critical. The running game was there, but passing-wise we were brought brought in here to do some things, and we didn't do them, and that's frustrating," Krieg said.

Arizona's offense started the season right where it finished 1994 with different personnel — near the bottom of the NFL.

Zimmerman ends win drought

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Mary Beth Zimmerman won her first LPGA tournament since 1987, capturing the Rail Classic on the second hole of a playoff Monday against the tour's youngest pro, 21-year-old Emilee Klein.

Zimmerman came from seven shots back and completed her regulation round with a tournament-low 7-under-par 65.

Klein, who tied Hall of Famer Betsy King for the lead after the first two days, was leading when she missed a putt and bogeyed the 18th hole to force a playoff.

Zimmerman and Klein parred the first playoff hole, a repeat of the 18th. Then came the course's toughest par-3 water hole, the 16th.

Klein's tee shot was closest to the pin, but Zimmerman sank a 25-foot uphill birdie putt and Klein missed her putt.

"I played really well today," said Zimmerman, who was four groups ahead of Klein and had seven birdies and no bogeys. "I didn't back off at all."

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She said she was especially pleased to win in front of her family and friends from nearby Hillsboro. Zimmerman's father had colon cancer surgery Monday and wasn't able to watch her play in the Rail Classic for the first time since 1983.

"He's my biggest supporter," she said.

Zimmerman, 34, started on the LPGA tour in 1983 and won two tournaments in 1986 and one in 1987. She also holds an LPGA record set at the Rail Classic in 1984, eight consecutive birdies.

Zimmerman and Klein finished regulation play at 10-under 206.

Klein, unusually poised throughout the tournament, admitted being "a little nervous" going into the 18th hole with a one-shot lead over Zimmerman.

"I played a little too conservatively, and I wasn't making birdies all day," she said.

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Booster Clubs...

The Midland High Bulldog Football Booster Club will hold its first meeting of the season Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. in the MHS Youth Center. There will be a hot dog dinner honoring the coaches and varsity football team. Any interested persons invited to attend.

The Midland Lee Volleyball Booster Club will have its meetings every second and fourth Thursday every month at 7 p.m. in the Lee library. All members and interested person are welcome to attend. Call Mike Primeaux at 699-6142 for more info.

The Midland High Softball Booster Club will hold its first meeting of the 1995-96 school year at 7 p.m. Sept. 7 in Conference room A at MHS. All parents and interested persons are welcomed to attend. For more information call Ray Kelley at 683-2863 or Greg Shelton at 689-6494.

The Midland Lee Softball Booster Club will meet Sept. 7 at 7 p.m. in the Teacher's Lounge, yellow hall. All interested persons are invited to attend. Call Betty Primeaux at 699-6142 for more information.

The Greenwood Athletic Booster Club will meet each Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the library during football season.

Football...

The Permian Basin Football Officials Association is actively recruiting people to officiate junior high and high school games for the 1995 season and beyond. If you enjoy football and other sports and are interested, please call 570-9136 or 686-0002.

The Midland YMCA is now taking registrations for its Youth Flag Football Program. The program is open to boys and girls in Kindergarten through sixth grades. Deadline is Sept. 16. Register at Central, Alamo or Northeast YMCAs. Call 682-2551 or 682-8469 for more info.

Boys and Girls Clubs of Midland is sponsoring a Youth Flag Football League. The last day to sign up is Sept. 14. Space is limited. There will be three divisions: 6-8 year olds, 9-10 year olds, 11-12 year olds. Cost is membership (\$3/year) plus \$5.

Volunteers also needed. Call 683-0050 for more info.

Softball...

West Texas Heat's 14-under girls ASA fastpitch softball team will hold tryouts Sept. 9-10 at 2 p.m. at the M.U.G.S. Complex. For more information, please call Denny Walker at 699-4100 or Keith Mills at 689-8730.

Golf...

The West Texas State School Benefit Golf Classic is Oct. 14 at Monahan's Ward County Golf Course. The four-person scramble shotgun start begins at 9 a.m. A tax-deductible entry fee is \$35 and includes lunch. Register before first tee time Saturday.

The Ranchland Hills Women's Golf Association will host the 17th annual tournament of the West Texas Senior Women's Golf Association Sept. 17-21. Registration is Sept. 17 and qualifying is Sept. 18.

The Big Spring Country Club will host a two-man scramble combined team age over 80. Oct. 28-29. For more information call (915) 267-5354.

Stanton's Martin County Country Club will hold a three-person scramble Sept. 16-17. \$120 per team. Call (915) 756-2556 or (915) 756-2314 for more info.

A two-person Partnership will be held Oct. 1 at Ratliff Ranch Golf Links in Odessa. Format is 6-hole scramble, 6-hole best ball and 6-hole alternate shot. Entry fee is \$50, which includes cart, green fees and lunch. Call 368-GOLF for information.

Tennis...

The Midland Tennis Club schedule is Sept. 9-10 Men's Singles Club Championship (19-over) and Junior Boys Club Championship (18-Under), Sept. 23-24 SWOT and Junior Clinic, Sept. 30-Oct. 1 Mixed Doubles Club Championship (19-Over) and Junior Mixed Doubles Club Championship (18-Under), Oct. 7-8 Women's Doubles Club Championship (19-over) and Junior Girls Club Championship (18-Under), Oct. 21-22 Women's Sin-

gles Club Championship (19-Over) and Junior Girls Club Championship (18-Under), Oct. 28-29 Men's Doubles Club Championship (19-Over) and Junior Boys Doubles Club Championship (18-Under).

The Seventh Annual Southwest Oilman's Tennis Tournament is Sept. 20-23 at Midland Country Club and the Raquet Club. Entry fee is \$200. For more information, call Dick Sevier at 683-5863.

A free tennis lesson will be offered by The Club at Mission Dorado and the Odessa Country Club to adults age 19 or over who are new to tennis or would like to get back into the game. Lessons will take place Sept. 30. Racket loans are also available. USTA Play Tennis America free lesson programs are a combination of on-court professional instruction and supervised play while emphasizing both the fitness and social aspects of the game. It is a national program and the Permian Basin is one of the select areas chosen to pilot this program. Call Tami Houston at 915-563-4707 or 915-685-1149 or Rosie Garza at 915-362-0001 for more info.

The Midlander Adult Tennis Program with divisions for men's and women's beginners and intermediates will be conducted on Saturdays starting Sept. 9. Call 682-0813 (ask for tennis staff) for more info.

The Tennis Association of Midland (TAM) will be conducting three tournaments this fall for youth tennis players. The third TAM Junior Circuit Tournament on Sept. 16-17, the fourth TAM Junior Circuit Tournament on Oct. 14-15, and the TAM Masters Invitational Tournament on Nov. 11-12. The tournament is for boys and girls ages 10-18 at the Midland College courts. For more information call TAM at 682-BALL.

Running...

Septemberfest will be held on Sept. 9 at the Haley Library at starting at 8:30 a.m. Entry fees post marked until Sept. 2 and the fee is \$12. Fee on race day is \$15. For more information, call Sue Johns at 520-7400. The race fes-

tivities will include a five and 10 K road race, 5K fitness run and a 1K children's fun run. Registration packets may be picked up 7 to 8 a.m. the day of the race.

Bowling...

The "Rusty Hinges" Senior League will hold an organizational meeting Sept. 11 at 10:30 a.m. at Midland Park Lanes. Anyone interested in joining or forming a team should contact Jacki Waters at 689-9725 or 520-2695.

Midland Park Lanes will hold its annual Youth Round-up and Pre-Registration on Sept. 9 at 10:30 a.m. for youths between the ages of eight and 21. For more information contact Jacki Waters at 689-9725 or 520-2695.

Midland Park Lanes will have league organizational meetings for City Men's League, Sept. 7 at 8 p.m.; Rock & Roll Seniors, Sept. 8 at 10 a.m.; Park Singles, Sept. 8, 6 p.m.; Holy Rollers, Sept. 8 at 8 p.m.; Fearsome Foursome, Sept. 10 at 8 p.m. If interested in joining a league, call Jacki Waters at 689-9725 or 520-2695.

Midland Women's Bowling Association's fall meeting is Sept. 9 at 3 p.m. at Midland Park Lanes.

Flag Football...

The Odessa Softball Association is holding an Adult Flag Football League starting Sept. 11. Deadline is Sept. 7. The games will be nightly at Comanche Trails Park. There will be a team meeting at 8 p.m. Aug. 31 at the UTPB Softball Complex. Anyone interested in serving as referees should also attend and a clinic will be conducted. Call Fred Vestal at 550-7811 or 567-3070 or Brian Holloway at 550-8930 for more info.

Swimming...

City of Midland Aquatics is now conducting tryouts Monday through Thursday after school hours. Swimmers must be capable of swimming 25 yards of backstroke and freestyle. Call 684-7755 for more information.

NFLers lining up to get face on TV

By John Nelson
AP Sports Writer

Last year, Howie Long and Anthony Munoz went to work at Fox. This year, Joe Montana and Phil Simms joined NBC. Sterling Sharpe got a job at ESPN, and Warren Moon is moonlighting at TNT. Football players with marquee names, past and even present, are lining up to get on TV.

This is not a line that always forms at the rear, however. The next, hottest property — in football, at least — is quarterback Boomer Esiason of the New York Jets, and don't be surprised if he one day joins ABC's "Monday Night Football" cast.

All the others can step to the rear. After losing 52-14 to the Dolphins on opening day, Esiason could be available for broadcast duty by, let's say, mid-September.

"I don't think there's any doubt among network executives that when he retires, there will be a spot for him," said Steve Rosner, co-founder of Integrated Sports International, which specializes in placing former athletes on TV.

Among ISI's clients are Long, Moon and, of course, Esiason. "He's articulate, he gets right to the point without looking for controversy. I think he definitely is a superstar in the making," Rosner said. "And sooner or later, they'll need to replace one of the three announcers on 'Monday Night Football.' That's definitely one place we've had some interest from. He did the pregame with them last season for the Super Bowl."

Esiason is not ISI's only announcer-in-waiting. Other clients include such football players as Steve Young, Jim Kelly, Drew Bledsoe and Randall Cunningham. Other high-profile clients in other sports include baseball players Matt Williams and Will Clark, basketball player Hakeem Olajuwon, boxer Oscar De La Hoya, and former speed-skater Dan Jansen.

Any or all of them could wind up on TV.

ISI's strategy is to take the big names, try to get them some TV exposure during their playing careers, then make some polite inquiries among the networks just before they retire.

"One thing we always ask our client is, 'Do you want to be an announcer or a commentator?' Commentators specialize in one sport, like John Madden," Rosner said. "But on the other side, you've got a guy like Pat Summerall, who's an announcer. He was CBS' lead guy on football, tennis and golf."

OUT TAKES: Joe Montana made a relatively successful debut on NBC's pregame show, "NFL Live," on Sunday, and he's got every chance to improve. The question is, will he take it?

"He made a commitment to NBC this year, but as far as I'm concerned, he hasn't made a career decision," said Rosner, whose company does not represent Montana. "Probably, it's wait-and-see with him."

"NBC is taking the high-profile road. He's one of the greatest quarterbacks to ever play the game. They get him for a few weeks and maybe increase their ratings, and maybe he'll develop into a fulltime announcer."

On the other hand, Rosner said NBC sees Simms as a more all-around announcer.

"He's been on the NBA sidelines, on a TV special, at the 'NFL Quarterback Challenge.' I understand he'll be doing the Olympics, and now they've made him their No. 1 color guy," Rosner said. "I think they see him as an announcer. I'm not sure they see Montana as that now."

NBC's Bob Uecker on widening the strike zone to speed up baseball games: "I guess that's what the original strike zone was to have been, or started out as being: the letters to the knees. And in the National League, it's always been a little bit lower than that. In the American League, it's been the knees to the ankles. Either that, or, like I said earlier, start in the fifth inning."

Are they getting a little carried away with this Fabulous Sports Babe business at ESPN, or what? On Monday, Sept. 18, she makes her ESPN2 debut on an hour-long special.

So, Mark Mason, G.M. of ESPN Radio, says in a prepared statement: "For loyal Babe listeners, Sept. 18 holds the anticipation of the day the curtain was opened in Oz."

Preseason predictions can quickly turn sour

By Dave Goldberg
AP Football Writer

How quickly can preseason predictions turn around once the regular season starts?

Ask the Pittsburgh Steelers, who beat the Lions in their opener but lost Rod Woodson for the season and Neil O'Donnell for part of it.

"This is not baseball, where there's nine starters," coach Bill Cowher, jutting out his iron jaw at his troops after the game.

"This is not basketball, where there's five. Or hockey, where I'm not sure what the number is. This is football. And there are 22 starters and 23 guys every Sunday that back them up."

But in the salary cap era, the 23 that back them up aren't as good as they used to be. If a starter goes down, there's rarely much behind him, particularly if the starter is Woodson, who was named to the NFL's 75th anniversary team with only half a career behind him.

Even San Francisco, the defending Super Bowl champion, is vulnerable even though the 49ers still look like No. 1.

On Sunday, there was a tense moment when Steve Young went down to one knee, his neck in pain. It was accentuated when Young left the game and Elvis Grbac's first pass was intercepted by Sean Lumpkin and returned for a touchdown that got the Saints back in what eventually became a 24-22 49ers' victory.

"At first I didn't think it was anything," Young said. "Then it began to hurt and I said to myself 'oh, oh.' I felt better after the X-rays showed it wasn't bone or ligament damage, but

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it's still sore."

But depth, or lack of it, is one reason Young's in jeopardy.

He was sacked five times, not good for his health. One reason: his best offensive lineman, Harris Barton, was out, leaving right tackle (Young's blindside because he's left-handed) to journeyman Kirk Schafford.

In other words, one injury can lead to another.

None of this is new — injuries often make a difference.

But for the last two years, they've been everything.

Last season, the 49ers went 13-3. But they started just 3-2 because most of the offensive line was out and Young's health was at such risk that George Seifert pulled him in the middle of a series in a 40-8 loss to the Eagles.

So before the 49ers are conceded their sixth Vince Lombardi Super Bowl trophy, the Cowboys their fifth or the Dolphins the Don Shula-Dan Marino going away title, remember the injury factor. If Marino goes down, as he did two years ago, there's Bernie Kosar behind him and nothing beyond that.

YOUNG GUNS: For those who bemoan the lack of young NFL quarterbacks, look at the young arms that helped Tampa Bay and Cincinnati to rare September wins. There were others too.

—Trent Dilfer, Tampa Bay, second year: 11 of 19 for 215 yards and two touchdowns, nice-

ly complementing Errict Rhett's young legs. Result: Bucs 21, Eagles 6 and maybe no double-digit losses for the first time in two decades.

—Gus Frerotte, Washington, second year: Coming in for the Heath Shuler, when Shuler sprained his throwing shoulder: 9 of 16 for 157 yards and two touchdowns. Result: Redskins 27, Cardinals 7.

—Jeff Blake, Bengals, fourth year but first as a full-time starter: 19 of 33 for 249 yards and a touchdown. Result: Bengals 24, Colts 21 in overtime.

—Drew Bledsoe, Patriots (third year). Yes we know all about him, but this time he pulled off a Montana-Marino-Elway, driving New England to the winning TD with 19 seconds left to beat the Browns 17-14. Bledsoe was 30 of 47 for 302 yards.

OLD GUN: Dave Krieg, Cardinals: 10 of 22 for just 92 yards with three interceptions in a 27-7 loss to the Redskins, just the kind of Krieg game that's driven Chuck Knox and Marty Schottenheimer to distraction.

What will it do for Buddy Ryan, shredder of quarterbacks? Will he go to Jay Schroeder? Re-sign Jim McMahon?

"I hope that we are a better football team than we looked," Ryan said. "We bordered on pathetic."

Ryan might look in the mirror — his Philadelphia teams had a history of beating good teams and losing to bad ones, something some of his players recognize.

"Maybe some of the guys got caught up in the hype about the Redskins not being that good," said linebacker Eric Hill.

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Prices gain

NEW YORK — Energy futures closed mostly higher Friday as a late-afternoon rally erased earlier drops.

The market were closed Monday for the Labor Day holiday.

Friday's rally was pushed further along by short-covering traders, who had gambled on a fall in prices, moving in to change their holdings.

West Texas Intermediate for October delivery settled at \$18.04 per barrel, up 20 cents at the New York Mercantile Exchange. Local crude purchasers raised their posted prices to \$16.50.

There was no fundamental news for the market, but the session capped a week of generally higher demand due to contract expirations and reports that domestic stockpiles remain low. Refined products also moved higher.

Natural gas prices fell 0.8 cent on the October contract, settling at \$1.740 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Pilots contract

HOUSTON — Continental Airlines' pilots overwhelmingly have approved their first labor contract in nearly 12 years.

Union President Bob Wilson said he was surprised by the 93.3 percent approval of the pact in voting from about 2,500 union members, who mailed in ballots to ratify the contract.

Company and union negotiators agreed to the deal on June 28.

The agreement was formally signed last week. The occasion was celebrated by union and company officials with a champagne toast in the offices of the Independent Association of Continental Pilots.

The two-year contract, retroactive to July 1, includes a 13.5 percent base wage increase for pilots on July 1, 1996, and a 5 percent base wage increase on July 1, 1997.

It also includes a \$20 million cash payment that will likely be paid in mid-October, an amount equal to \$5,263 for each of the 3,800 pilots.

The contract marks the pilots' first labor pact with Continental since September 1983.

Buyout spurned

HOUSTON — The board of directors for National Convenience Stores, which owns and operates 661 Stop N Go stores, has unanimously voted to reject a more than \$200 million buyout offer from rival Circle K Corp.

"The board believes that it is in the best interests of the company's stockholders to remain an independent public company," said a company statement.

The deal offered Aug. 14 would amount to about \$103 million for the stock and Circle K would assume \$100 million in outstanding NCS debt.

Auto sales

DETROIT — General Motors posted gains for August in five of its seven vehicle divisions, reporting its U.S. sales of cars and light trucks were up about 7 percent from a year ago.

Also Friday, Honda reported its best month ever, and Chrysler and Nissan also showed sales improvements from last August.

With reports from the major automakers except Ford and Toyota, the industry's overall sales were up about 3 percent for the month.

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Texas shows signs of slowing economy

By N.Y. Times News Service

Dallas — Texas reported its biggest rise in unemployment in more than two years, signaling that the state's economy may be slowing, economists said.

The number of people employed in the state dropped by 110,000 in August from July, while the number of unemployed increased by 61,000, according to the U.S. Labor Department. Texas' unemployment rate surged to 6.7 percent in August from 6.0 percent in July.

It's the biggest increase in the unemployment rate since 1992, and the first time this year that unemployment has exceeded last year's levels. The state's unemployment rate in August 1994 was 6.5 percent.

At the same time, some of the state's biggest industries continued to add jobs, and businesses are expanding operations across the state, said Bill Luker, chief regional economist with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in Dallas.

"It's very hard to determine where things are going in Texas," he said. "There's a lot of different forces moving in different directions."

It's too soon to say whether the state's unemployment

rate will continue to rise, Luker said. On a three-month average, which many economists consider a more accurate measure of unemployment, the state's jobless rate climbed to 6.5 percent from 6.1 percent, less than the 6.6 percent reported a year ago.

"We're not growing as fast as last year, but we're still growing pretty fast," said Jorge Gonzalez, an associate professor of economics at Trinity University in San Antonio.

The San Antonio region, for example, has taken hits from the Mexican peso crisis, which cut retail revenue in border cities, and a somewhat slower tourist season this year. Also looming over the local economy are cutbacks at Kelly Air Force Base, which is slated to close sometime after 2000. That will eliminate as many as 16,000 jobs during the next 10 years.

San Antonio is adding more than 20,000 jobs a year, though, and there are few signs the economy will slow down significantly. For example, Chicago-based CNA Financial Corp. created about 300 jobs this summer with a new regional insurance office.

Home sales are down from last year's levels, although with more than 2,000 home starts in July, San

Antonio still rates as one of the nation's busiest new home markets.

More than anything the base closing is a psychological blow, and the city should absorb those jobs easily," said Gonzalez. "Tourism should start increasing, too, as more Mexicans come to San Antonio."

Statewide, Texas got good news and bad news in August. In Austin, Motorola Inc. opened a \$1 billion semiconductor fabrication plant that will eventually employ 900 to 1,000 people, boosting Motorola's employment to 12,000 by the end of the century.

At the same time, Motorola officials said the company, Austin's largest private employer, probably won't build any more big plants there because it doesn't want to destroy the city's lifestyle and ambience by increasing traffic and congestion.

High-tech jobs are expected to continue to grow for the rest of the year, as four new semiconductor plants open, Luker said. The new factories, which include one owned by Texas Instruments Inc. in Dallas and one by Advanced Micro Devices in Austin, will employ as many as 4,000 people.

SBA tackles red tape for small firms

■ New "Low document" program eases loan process.

By N.Y. Times News Service

Long Beach, California — For Victoria Fullerton, applying for a \$50,000 loan from a local bank for her insurance consulting company was a nightmare.

"It was very humiliating to apply for a business loan," said Fullerton, president of Materiel Resource Associates Inc. in Long Beach, California. "They didn't talk with me and came back two weeks later and said the loan application was insufficient."

Fullerton's search for financing for her 6-year-old company — an insurance cost-containment service with seven employees and annual revenue of about \$1 million — reflects a dilemma faced by many small business owners. Conventional bank loans are hard to get and loans guaranteed by the federal Small Business Administration have been so mired in red tape that both banks and business owners shy away from them.

"The problem is that small businesses typically need longer-term loans and don't have huge piles of collateral, while banks make shorter-term loans after satisfying that collateral is available," said SBA spokesman Michael Stamler.

The SBA loan-guarantee program is supposed to address the problem, but the cost of processing loans guaranteed by SBA can discourage a banker from making even a government-backed loan to a fledgling firm.

Recognizing the issue, SBA last year introduced a low documentation or "low-doc" program aimed at reducing paperwork necessary for SBA-backed loans under \$100,000.

As a result, the percentage of loans made by SBA that are under \$100,000 rose to 65 percent this year, compared with 34 percent in 1993, Stamler said.

That's been good news for many small-business owners, including Fullerton, who finally obtained her "lowdoc" loan from The Money Store Inc., with the assistance of Women Inc., a Sacramento, California-based company that assists women in business.

"It was the most human experience I've had as far as dealing with loan officers," Fullerton said. "They walked through the process. The whole philosophy was to assist you, rather than deny you."

Lindsey Johnson, co-chief executive of Women Inc., said her non-profit membership organization helps find candidates for a \$150 million loan pool that The Money Store established for women entrepreneurs. According to SBA, women own 38 percent of all small business in the U.S.

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

High expenses major complaint against annuities

By Bill Doyle

Q: Reading your column, I get the idea you are not all that crazy about investing in annuities. Why is that?

A: My wife and I have single-premium annuities. They are not taxable until withdrawals are made. There is a penalty for early withdrawal, but 10 percent can be withdrawn without penalty.

One of our annuities builds up interest at a fixed annual rate, which changes from time to time, but cannot fall below 4 percent. The other is invested in two funds, with the interest dependent on how well the funds perform.

A: My chief gripe against annuities is their high cost.

You should be aware that the person who sold the annuities to you collected fat commissions. Don't be conned into believing otherwise.

You have "deferred" annuities,

meaning you won't start drawing money out of them until some future time. Sales charges on deferred annuities generally run 4 to 9 percent of the amount you pay in.

In years gone by, that commission came right off the top as a "front-end load" — leaving less money to be invested.

Nowadays, most insurance companies have dropped that arrangement and have substituted surrender fees — the "penalty" you mention. Typically, it's on a sliding scale, starting at 7 or 8 percent if you pull your money out in the first year and dropping 1 percentage point annually until it disappears.

That has properly been dubbed a "rear-end load," because it's a kick in the rump to annuitants who leave early.

Insurance companies advance commissions to salespeople who sell annuities with surrender fees, and then recoup those costs from corporate profits.

That's possible because a successful insurance company earns much more by investing the money paid in by you and other annuitants than it credits to your accounts as "accrual rates."

That is especially true with a "fixed" annuity, the first one you mention, whereby the money is put into bonds, mortgages and other fixed-interest investments. When interest rates in general decline, the insurance company will cut the rate on that contract.

Your other one is a "variable" annuity, so named because the funds can rise or fall — taking the value of the annuity contract up or down. Think of it as a mutual fund in an insurance wrapper.

That makes it costly. Its ongoing expenses include both the fund's operating costs AND an insurance charge. At most variable annuities, that lifts annual expenses above 2 percent and reduces your return by a similar amount. In contrast, a well-run mutual fund keeps its annual expenses below 1 percent of fund assets.

The tax situation that so appeals to you is a temporary thing. Annuities are tax-deferred, not tax-free. Income tax will have to be paid on the withdrawals.

If you are in so high a federal income tax bracket that tax-free interest is advantageous, you should consider municipal bonds rather than annuities.

All of which boils down to the fact that many other types of investments incur lower expenses and consequently provide higher returns.

Q: I purchased an insurance company annuity in April 1987, when it was paying 8 percent. That rate started to come down in 1991 and now is 5.5 percent.

Should I take my money out of the annuity and put it into something like a certificate of deposit?

A: That would be a wise move, assuming you can get out without a surrender charge and you can locate a CD paying more than 5.5 percent — which isn't too difficult these days.

That 8 percent at which your annuity initially accrued interest smacks of a "teaser rate," which was reduced after a quantity of annuities were sold — as they say in the trade, "after the pigeons are in the coop."

Bill Doyle is a syndicated columnist for King Features. He welcomes written questions, but is able to provide answers only through the column.

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Million-unit order

Stephan Koenigfeld, head of multimedia for the KirchGruppe, holds a satellite receiver at the Berlin electronic consumer products fair through which his company plans to offer German viewers up to 60 channels of digital television by 1997.

The KirchGruppe's order of a million receivers from Noki-awas the talk of the Berlin show, where digital broadcasting was a hot topic.

Battle brews over local telephone service

DALLAS (AP) — MCI Communications Corp. plans to ask state regulators to allow it to offer local telephone service to Texans without building its own phone network, escaping requirements in a brand-new telecommunications law.

"The law was clearly written to discourage Southwestern Bell's most viable potential competitors," Neal Larsen of MCI's government affairs department told The Dallas Morning News in Friday's editions.

"I don't have any intention of letting them get away with it if I can help it," he said.

Legislators who developed the law say the request, which MCI is expected to file as early as next week with the Public Utility Commission, is contrary to their intent.

A spokesman for Southwestern Bell, Texas' dominant local telephone com-

pany, called the plan by the \$13 billion-a-year long-distance company "unfortunate."

"It doesn't surprise me that MCI will try to litigate" what it couldn't win in the Legislature, said Jon Loehman, managing director of regulatory affairs for Southwestern Bell in Texas. But he said he thinks MCI will fail.

MCI officials believe the new legislation, which took effect Friday, leaves an opening to lease and resell local service, much as long-distance competition started in the 1970s.

The measure allows companies to offer local service by leasing time on existing telephone lines, but only if the company carries less than 6 percent of the long-distance calls made within Texas in the past year.

Lawmakers have said they believe that AT&T, MCI and Sprint would be exclud-

ed by the provision, forcing them to spend millions of dollars to build their own networks.

But MCI says that by its count, it fits under the cap.

An MCI victory would be a blow to Southwestern Bell, which hired numerous lobbyists this year and contributed nearly \$300,000 to state lawmakers from political action committees in the 12 months that ended in March, according to state records, the Morning News reported.

Wall Street analysts have said the requirement for big long-distance companies to build their own networks is a big part of making the new law favorable to Southwestern Bell. The long-distance companies say the provision would make it impossible for them to offer local service in most areas of Texas.

Deion: NFL price just keeps climbing money ladder

By Mark Camps
N.Y. Times News Service

SAN FRANCISCO -- Deion Sanders was talking "junk" Sunday, and he didn't mean the stuff coming out of the New York Mets pitchers' hands.

Sanders, back in the Giants' starting lineup after missing two starts because of migraine headaches, acknowledging he's getting antsy to settle his football-related issues, precisely where he'll be playing and for how much money. In part to prod NFL executives into getting a deal done, Sanders offered a thinly veiled warning.

"With the junk I saw today," said Sanders, referring to blown coverages in NFL secondaries all around the league, "the price is definitely going up. The longer they wait, the more I appreciate."

Sanders, following the Giants' 11-6 loss to the Mets, spoke candidly about his NFL desires for one of the few times since joining the Giants in late July. It

recently was reported that Sanders will decide on an NFL team by the end of the week. Sanders, who attributed this latest bout of migraines to his uncertain NFL status, would like a decision as soon as possible.

"I want you all to understand, it (the delay) is not me," Sanders said. "No one has made an offer, none, and they blame me. The first offer will be greatly appreciated."

"I'm praying by this week I'll know everything. Hopefully, no later than Wednesday."

It seemed like a normal NFL Sunday for Sanders — talking football at Candlestick Park. And for the early part of the game, Sanders looked more like a cornerback than a center fielder. In the first inning, he crashed into the fence after catching a Carl Everett drive; in the second, he made a headlong dive to snare a fly ball by Chris Jones.

Showing no signs of the migraines that had him "a little dizzy" at the start of the game, Sanders hit a

home run in his first at bat, and he later singled twice.

Sanders, hitting .276 since joining the Giants, could not alone offset the Mets' 16-hit attack. The score was 6-6 after six innings, but the Mets scored one in the seventh and four more in the eighth off relievers Carlos Valdez and Chris Hook to put the game out of reach. The loss was especially costly as both Colorado and Los Angeles won. The Giants are six games behind the front-running Rockies and 5 1/2 behind the Dodgers in the race for the wild card.

Barry Bonds knocked in three runs with a home run and two-run triple, but he also cost the Giants two runs when, after a long run, he dropped a fly ball. With runners at second and third in the third inning, Bonds called off Royce Clayton on Jeff Kent's pop-up, but the ball caromed off his glove and rolled away.

Bonds, who quickly left the clubhouse after the game, was also thrown out at home when he tried to turn his triple into an inside-the-park home run. For his effort, Bonds received a gash on the side of his

head after colliding with Mets catcher Kelly Stinnett. Bonds needed medical attention, but he remained in the game.

NOTES: During Monday's game against Montreal, Giants personnel will distribute organ-donor cards, an effort to honor the final wishes of baseball great Mickey Mantle. . . . Outfielder Glenallen Hill, out of the starting lineup the last four games with a left hamstring strain, likely will be in there today, Baker said. Mark Leonard has been in right field the last two days substituting for Hill. . . . Robby Thompson's first-inning double was his 14th of the season and 226th of his career, tying him with Orlando Cepeda for fourth place on the S.F. Giants career list. . . . Before making two errors Sunday, the Giants had made just three in their previous 13 games. . . . Pitcher John Roper, acquired from Cincinnati in the Deion Sanders trade, yielded three runs and five hits in a rehab assignment on Saturday night at Class AAA Phoenix.

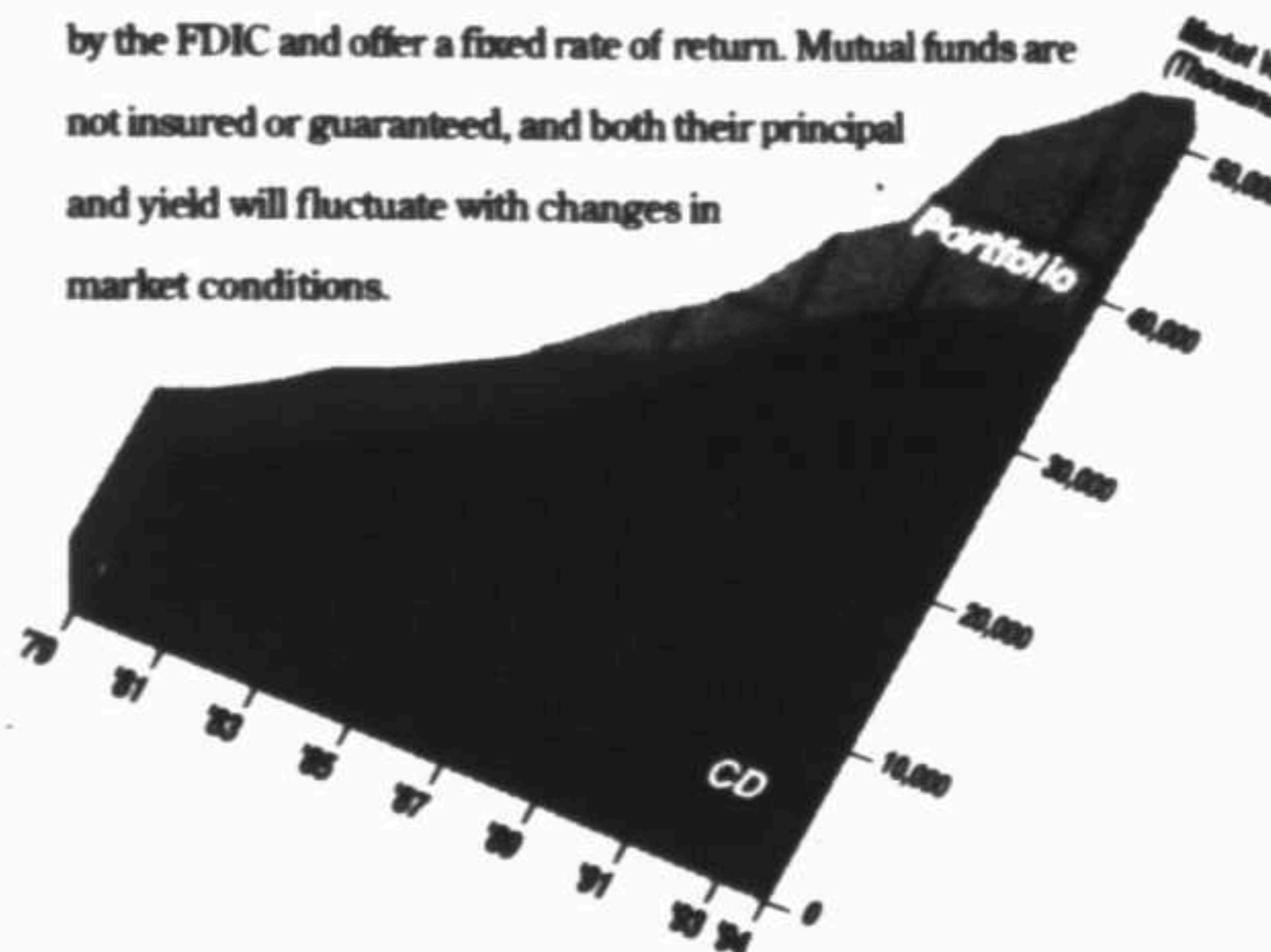


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Northwestern basks in glow of Irish upset

EVANSTON, Ill. (AP) — Gary Barnett always envisioned a big football victory for Northwestern when he became coach four years ago.

But what he couldn't have expected was the reaction to the Wildcats' stunning 17-15 victory at Notre Dame two days ago.

For one, alumni and fans have called from all over the country. Tennis star Todd Martin, who went to the school, said the win inspired him to a third-round victory Sunday in the U.S. Open. Quarterback Steve Schnur appeared Monday on "Good Morning America."

Some have called it the school's greatest football victory, certainly the biggest since the Wildcats won the Rose Bowl in 1949.

"There's been a reaction by people who said, 'It's the greatest day of my life,'" Barnett said Monday. "Just one indication is the number of people who have called, given us faxes and messages on how important this has been. . . . I was happy but I don't know if it was the greatest day of my life. It was a good day."

Northwestern's football past is not one that stirs conversation. No winning seasons since 1971, a tradition of losing that began before the current players were even born.

"It's a case that our coaches and players have chosen to look at where we are and where we are going rather than dwell so much on where we've been and what we haven't done here," Barnett said. "Right now it just seems to be what we all came here to do."

Northwestern has had good starts before. The Wildcats were 3-1 last season and then lost the final four games. Two years ago they were 2-1 with victories over Boston College and Wake Forest. They didn't win another game.

Barnett is going to make sure that doesn't happen this time and the schedule is in his favor. The Wildcats don't play this week and then begin a string of three straight, very winnable home games against Miami of Ohio, Air Force and Indiana.

"There has been so much publicity and so many distractions, it's probably good for us to have a couple of days to get rid of them," Barnett said. "This will allow them to get their feet back on the ground."

"We were 2-1 and beat Wake and Boston College and got a lot of publicity and I don't think the program handled it well. We went to Ohio State and got our fannies kicked (51-3)."

Northwestern will also be in an unfamiliar position, probably in all three games. The Wildcats will be favored.

"Now everybody is shooting for us and that's not a position we've ever been in," said kicker Sam Valenzisi. "I think it's good to have a week off. I think we will be able to concentrate a little more. It's a new situation for all of us."

Valenzisi, a senior, said it's too soon to fully assess Saturday's victory.

"For the guys who have been here for four years, rather than being history, it's a culmination of all the work we've put in," he said. "I guess in 20 years I'll have an idea. But it's only been three days."

Most pleasing to the Wildcats and Barnett is that Northwestern didn't win on luck. The Wildcats won in South Bend because they played better.

"I don't think anybody can say it was a fluke game," Barnett said. "Offense, defense, special teams, we won the game. That's the way you wanted it to happen. We earned it, we deserved it and we have it."

Team tennis gets push

NEW YORK (AP) — Team tennis may be the way to get youngsters playing the game.

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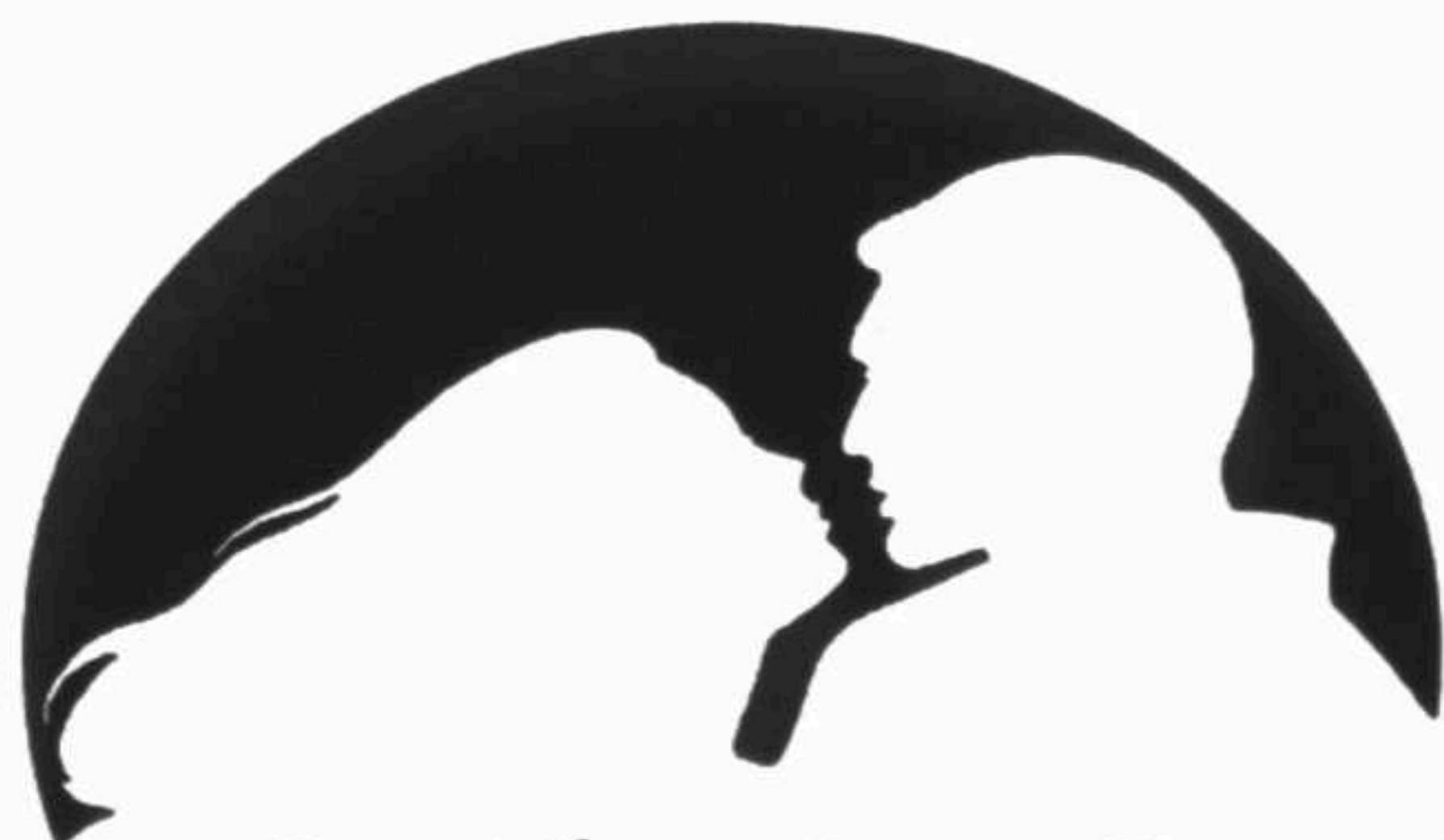
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ADVERTISEMENT AND INVITATION FOR BIDS

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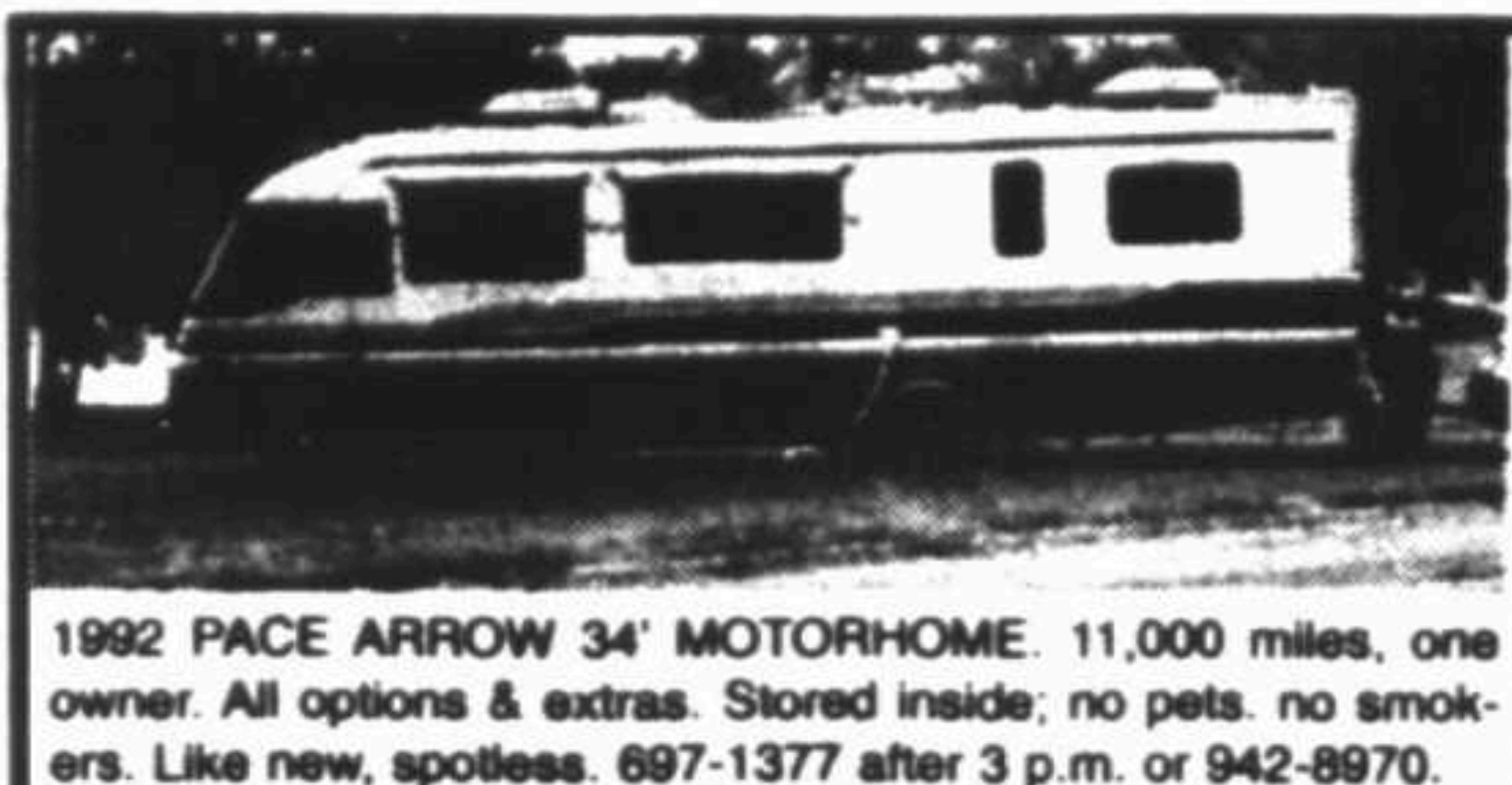
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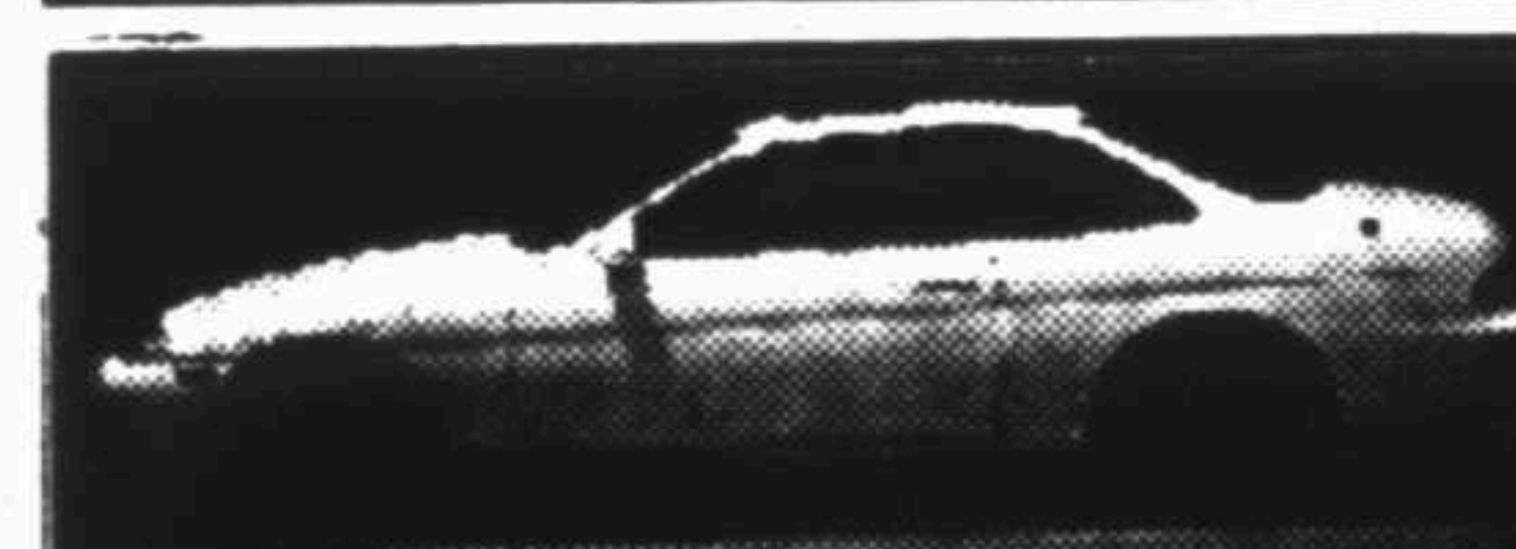
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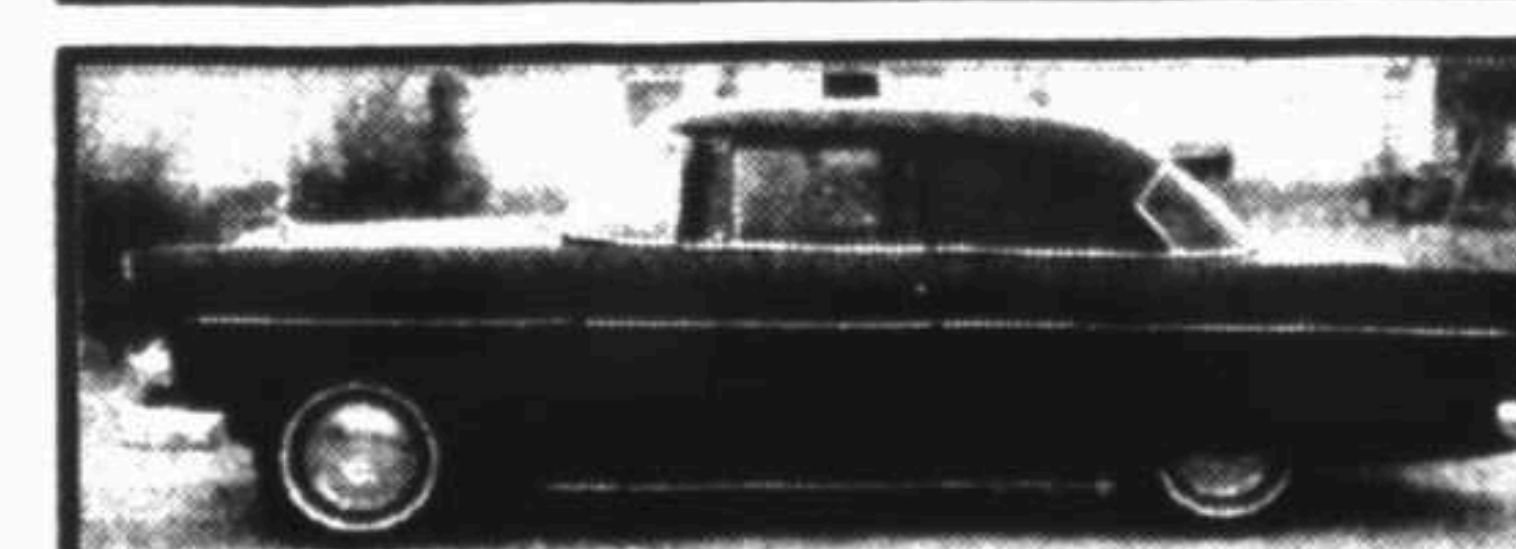
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MAZDA 1994 626. Black. Sunroof, security system, warranty. 22K miles. 699-0631(home), 695-1588 (work).

NISSAN 1990 MAXIMA GXE. Power steering, power brakes, AM-FM cassette with Bose speakers. Power windows, doors and seats. Sunroof, Champagne with black interior. 69,000 miles. 697-1791.

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SUBARU 1986 Station Wagon 4WD Turbo. 40,000 miles on engine. \$3,700. Fully loaded, power windows/locks. Excellent condition. Call 697-5874 after 5:00 pm.

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CHEVROLET 1994 1 ton. 6.5 Turbo diesel, automatic, extended cab. Silverado package. Extended warranty. 23,000 miles. \$22,950. 684-4755.

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DODGE 1992 Dakota Club Cab with camper shell. Excellent condition. Call 688-0534 after 5 pm.

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Cook
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MECHANIC. Experienced, versatile and willing to travel with seismic company. Call 683-1822.

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DOMINO'S Pizza is now hiring drivers for day and evening shifts. Advancement opportunity available in a fun exciting environment. Must be at least 18 years old. Please inquire at 2215 N. Midland Dr. at Neely

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Experienced truck driver needed in the Big Lake area, to haul crude oil and disposal water. Must have good driving record and two years experience on tractor-trailer rigs or 3 years over the road. CDL required with X endorsements, must be able to pass a DOT physical and drug screen.

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\$2.19/minute—Average call 3 minutes—Must be 18

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NEW TO AREA

Would like to meet someone with financial stability and outgoing, who loves travel. Race unimportant. #24573

SF, 18

non-smoker, place this ad on a date, seeking black male, 23-35, for friendship with possibility of relationship. #24574

18 YEARS OLD

attractive SWF, ISO strong BM between the ages of 18-25. #44740

HISPANIC FEMALE, 20

full-figured, mother of two boys, looking for Hispanic male, 25-30, to care for us. Call soon. #44740

HISPANIC FEMALE

19, seeks black male, 20-25, good sense of humor, has fun, but gentle and romantic. #22567

CITY WOMAN SEES

Country man, Michelle Pfeiffer-type looking for Marlboro Man. Gorgeous professional white female with traditional values. Seeking long-term partner, white male, secure, tall, attractive, 40-50. #22590

NEW IN TOWN

Pleasingly plump single white female, 50, a little crazy, seeks single male, 50s, for companionship. #25289

SINGLE WHITE FEMALE

Recently divorced, seeking single white male, enjoys bowling, country western dancing, walking and movies. #24841

SINGLE WHITE FEMALE

Full-figured, seeking white or Hispanic male, 24-32, for friendship, possible relationship. Enjoy dancing, movies and quiet evenings. #21281

BLACK FEMALE, 20

Seeks black male, 20-27, must enjoy children, movies, music, cooking, shopping. Sense of humor a must. #25093

I WANT TO...

Be loved like that. White female, 34, 5'4", likes skiing, camping. Seeks sincere white male, 30-45. #22593

SEEKS SOUL MATE

Looking for outgoing, active male, 36 plus, financial stability, independent. Love to travel. #21885

DIVORCED WHITE

Female, 24, seeking single or divorced white male, 24-38, for friendship, no games, must like kids. #20386

NEW IN TOWN

Hispanic female, outgoing. Seeks single Hispanic/white male, 44-50, non-smoker, drinker, for Tejanos, dining out, dancing, sports, friendship, relationship. #40148

WHITE FEMALE, 24

5'4", 115 lbs., seeks honest, attractive, single or divorced white male, 24-30, for friendship, possibly more. #47799

SINGLE FEMALE

Recently divorced, seeking male, race unimportant, enjoys parties, entertaining, walking and movies. #24285

SEEKING MR. RIGHT

Single/divorced white/Hispanic male, 25-30, who is serious about life. David, please call back. #22948

LOOKING

Divorced white female, 49, tall, slender, loves dining, theater, walking, sports, seeking single/divorced male, 6' plus. #26176

DISCRIMINATING

Pretty, educated, family-oriented divorcee loves cooking and sports. Seeking a thirtyish, non-smoking, secure, moral, educated, witty, active male. #20687

People Meeting People

BLACK FEMALE

Seeks white or black male for friendship, possible relationship. I enjoy movies, dining out, travel and good conversation. #22032

VERY ATTRACTIVE

divorced white female, degreed professional, financial secure, seeks a very special single/divorced white male, 35-45, for possible relationship. #21115

STARTING OVER

White female, 42, enjoys baseball, bowling, country western dancing. Seeks single/divorced white male, 35-45, for fun, laughter, relationship. #22288

MAKE YOU HAPPY

Attractive, widowed black female, 46, seeks sincere, honest, compassionate man, 40-60, race unimportant, for companionship. Call. #44906

Men Seeking Women

AFFECTIONATE

White male, generous, seeking white female, adventurous, who wants and needs a papered relationship. #22546

NEW IN TOWN

Hispanic male, 19, seeking Christian female for friendship, possible relationship. #22598

DIVORCE

Hurts everyone. Perhaps we can help one another. White Christian male, educated, gray but athletic, poet, artist. Enjoys theater, travel, church. Seeks white lady, 30-45, who needs healing. #21279

SWM, 50, FEEL LIKE 30

retired, secure, just moved back to Midland. Looking for friendship and more. #4713

I WANT TO KNOW

What love is Can you show me? White male, 28, seeks white female, 20-30. #22628

WHITE MALE, 26

Divorced, enjoys bowling, movies, dining out. Seeking single or divorced white female, 21-30, friendship, possible relationship. #21183

SHY WHITE MALE, 33

Tall, dark, handsome, fit. Seeks beautiful, slim female, 25-35, to share special times with. #25160

SINGLE MALE, 23

Non-smoker, like to have parties. Friends put me up to this. Seeking black female. #43378

DIVORCED MALE

44, seeks single/divorced white female, 30-50, friendship, fun. Enjoys eating out but not alone, secure, responsible. Smoker. #43582

LIFE IS EXCITING

Why don't you share it with me? Professional male, 35, seeks slim female, 18-35, for relationship. #43116

MOUNTAIN OF LOVE

For the right woman. Divorced white male, 31, 6'3", 200 lbs. Seeks single or divorced white female, 25-35, to heap affection on. Non-smoker, non-drinker, Christian preferred. #44879

SINGLE WHITE MALE

Christian, non-smoker, enjoys dining out, movies, travel, seeks white female, 35-50, for friendship, possible relationship. #21183

NEED HONEST WOMAN

Divorced white male, retired, financially secure. Seeking slim, trim young lady, 45-60, to date. Call me! #23299

CHIVALROUS ROUGE

29, seeks lady fair for friendship, romance and laughter. Seeking single female 22-40, for friendship and/or relationship. #21228

SINGLE BLACK

Professional male, 26, 6'1", seeks a white or Hispanic female who wants someone to brighten her life. #25099

SINGLE WHITE MALE

Tall, blond hair, with tattoos. Seeks friendly woman, 21-27. #25728

ADVENTUROUS

Seeking single or divorced female, 25-45, who likes movies, dinner, outdoors, quiet evenings alone. Must be slim, attractive. #25217

Religious Interest

SINGLE BLACK FEMALE 32, full-figured, attractive. Seeking Christian man, 35-50, financially secure, prefer tall, fun, outgoing. #24220

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DOWNIZING BUSINESS Canon 2000 copier, storage unit, feeder. Pick up payment \$184 a month. 694-9425.

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Apartment

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Apartment

STUDIOS, 1 & 2 Bedrooms Available Deposit required. Lexington Hotel, 1003 S. Midkiff, 697-3155.

Apartment

SMALL 1 BEDROOM. Clean, new living room furniture, walk in closets. Call 697-3510.

Apartment

BILLS PAID: 1 and 2 bedroom, electric kitchen, refrigerated air, laundry, down town. Villa Apartments, 500 W. Tennessee, 682-3589.

Apartment

ALL Utilities Paid! 1 & 2 bedroom apartments. Deposit required. 501 W. Louisiana 685-0911, 683-5161.

Apartment

NICE 2 bedroom, 1 bath, washer/dryer connections. Quiet complex, convenient location. \$300 monthly. 694-9853.

Apartment

THORNWOOD APARTMENTS. New owner. Soon to start remodeling. Keep in touch with us for the upcoming date for apartment completion. 682-5381.

Apartment

★ 1 BEDROOM, opening to a tree lined, serene courtyard. 682-4783.

Apartment

4406 PRINCETON. Acre yard and trees. Small 1 bedroom furnished house. Clean, quiet. Also, unfurnished apartment for utilities, quiet central air. No pets. 694-4786.

Apartment

RENT TO Own 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Water paid. \$275. \$150 deposit. 686-7042 or 686-9847.

Apartment

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KEY To Abbreviations

Bd. - Bedroom
Bth - Bath
Kit - Kitchen
Dbl. - Double
AC - Air conditioning
M. Bdm. - Master Bedroom
Gar. - Garage
Bldg. - Building
Cond. - Condition
N-QA - Non-Qualifying
QA - Qualifying
Ac. - Acre
9/22 - Bdrm./Ba./Gar.

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LOCATION-LOCATION-LOCATION

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