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Powerful earthquake rocks wide arc of Middle East killing at least eight, sending tourists in pajamas into streets./2A



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New family

Phillip Green, 8, kisses his new 4-month-old sister Madeline outside a gate in the Minneapolis/St. Paul International airport in Minneapolis, Wednesday. Genny Green and her newly adopted daughter were stranded in Brazil waiting for a visa for Madeline because of the federal shut-down.

Trade deficit drops

WASHINGTON — The U.S. trade deficit narrowed to \$8.35 billion, the lowest level in nine months, as sales of cars, computers and heavy machinery pushed American exports to an all-time high. The trade gap with Japan shrank to its lowest level in more than two years. The Commerce Department reported that the September deficit in goods and services was down 0.1 percent from an \$8.36 billion imbalance in August. Story page 1B

Speed limit

AUSTIN — Even though faster moving vehicles emit more pollutants, the Texas Transportation Commission won't consider air quality when it votes next week on whether to raise speed limits on freeways and major highways, the Austin American-Statesman reported Wednesday. The federal speed limit law, passed in 1973, is being scrapped in favor of individual states being allowed to set their own maximums. Air quality experts and environmentalists say they fear raising speed limits could push cities close to exceeding federal air pollution limits into violation. Story page 4A

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White House: Peace is worth risk of lives

■ Clinton administration presses case for sending 20,000 peacekeepers to Bosnia.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The chance that American troops will be killed in Bosnia is a risk "well worth taking" to achieve peace, the Clinton administration said Wednesday as it pressed its case for sending 20,000 peacekeepers. The Army's top general said casualties were inevitable.

Faced with congressional skepticism, President Clinton will make a televised speech Monday night arguing that peace in the region is worth the risk of deploying Americans.

White House press secretary Mike McCurry said, "It is incumbent upon the commander-in-

chief to make that case clearly because everyone is well aware of the test that is often called the 'mother test' — What do you say to the mother of the young man who has lost his life in pursuit of this peace agreement? That is a risk this president thinks is well worth taking."

Gen. Dennis Reimer, chief of staff of the Army, which would do the lion's share of the work in Bosnia, said U.S. troops are well trained but still vulnerable.

"If we make a commitment to this, we've got to expect some type of casualties," Reimer said. "We've got to be able to withstand those casualties." The four-star general made no estimate of how many might get killed.

The timing of U.S. troop movements remained fuzzy, and administration officials stressed that Clinton must first get briefed on the Bosnia peace

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Keeping the peace in Bosnia

The peace agreement calls for a NATO-led force of an estimated 60,000 troops made up primarily of U.S., French and British forces.

Under both NATO and President Clinton's orders:

■ 20,000 U.S. troops, likely headquartered in Tuzla, would take orders only from the American general who commands NATO and would have the authority to respond with force to any threat against them.

■ The cost to the United States would be \$1 billion to \$1.5 billion.

■ Forces would begin moving into Bosnia when the three Balkan presidents agree to implement the pact with peaceful intent and "absolutely minimal" violence.

■ The United States is preparing plans to send a separate force to Bosnia to help train the Bosnian government military.

Our many blessings

Thanksgiving stirs gratitude for family, community, health

By Tonie Miller-Uzzel
Staff Writer

Today, Midlanders will join the country in giving thanks for their blessings during the Thanksgiving celebration.

"Thanksgiving is a day set aside each year for giving thanks to God for blessings received during the year. On this day, people give thanks with feasting and prayer," according to World Book Encyclopedia.

Thanksgiving is usually a family day, a celebration with big dinners and joyous reunions, the encyclopedia states.

Midland will be no different. Midland police spokesman Sgt. David Garcia said he will offer praise and thanksgiving for a healthy family.

"I'm thankful for my family, thankful for my health and thankful for my job," Garcia said.

As his family bows their heads in prayer, Garcia said he will thank God that "everybody is able to come together and, in these hard economic times, that we are employed and have a job we enjoy doing."

Garcia also feels blessed because "we live where the quality of life remains high and it's a good place to live."

"So many places, once it gets dark, the criminal element takes over you're afraid to leave the house. We're fortunate we don't live in that kind of environment," Garcia said.

Midland Postmaster Stan Sartain agreed with Garcia's gratitude regarding his family and the community.

"First of all, the biggest thing I'm thankful for is my family; for the support and love they show me. Next, I'm thankful to work for the postal service in Midland, Texas. It's one of the best jobs."

"Third, I've got a great community that I'm able to serve as postmaster. And the customers in Midland — in my experience, there is no place that has better customers," Sartain said.

Victim rights advocate Lydia Fresca praises God for the community as well.

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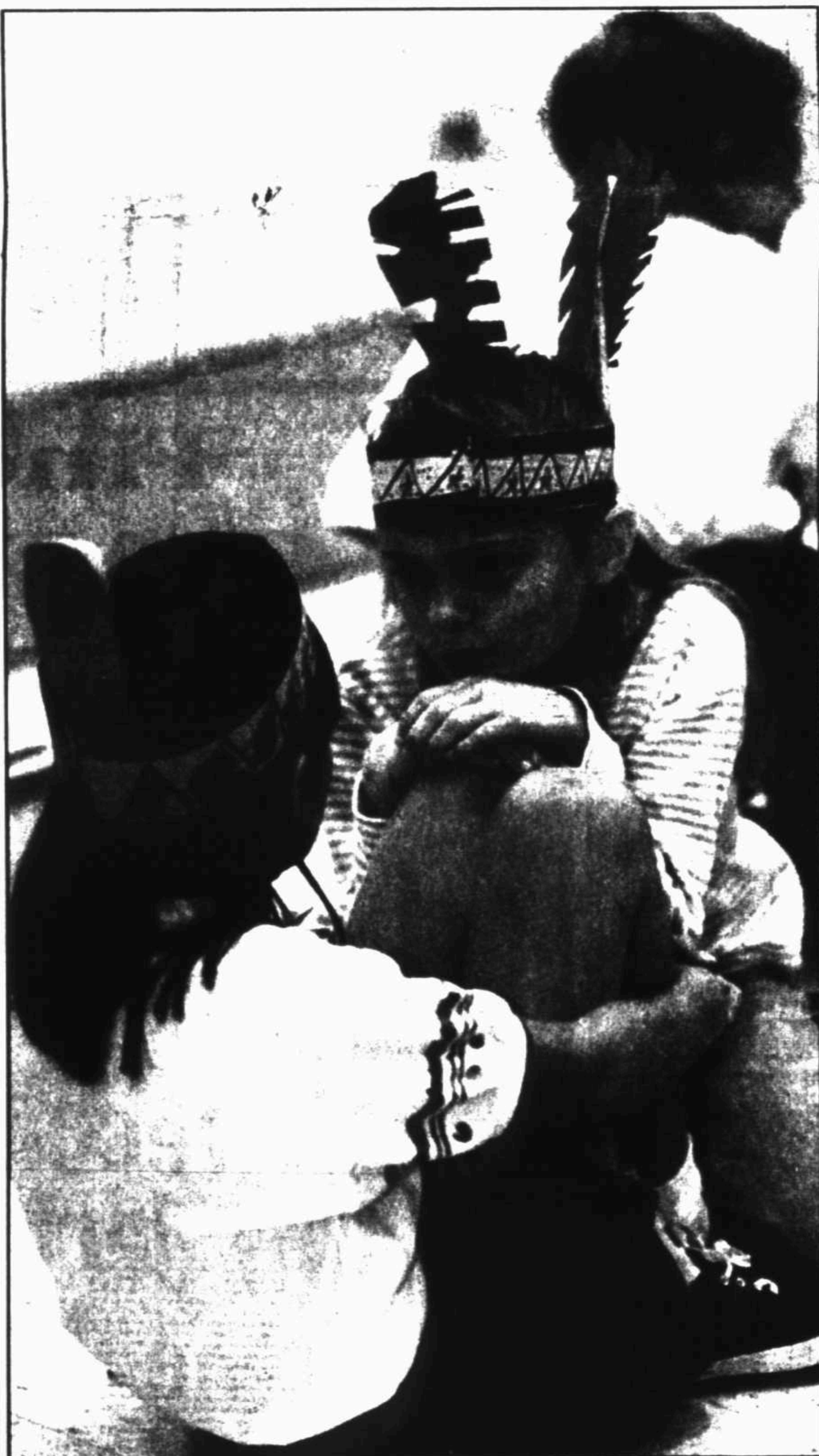


Photo by Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram
Marianne Bearden, facing the camera, shares with fellow Midland Christian School third-grader Jennifer Oden what she is thankful for this Thanksgiving season. Before leaving for Thanksgiving break Tuesday, the students shared food and why they were thankful.

Hidden hunger in wealthy suburbs: Middle class falls on hard times, too

By Marlene Alg
Associated Press

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — Friends had to persuade Suzanne Gingold to go to a food pantry for the needy.

The 44-year-old computer operator, raised in well-to-do Mamaroneck where "we always had a boat," was laid off in 1991 and hasn't found another job.

"They said the food is collected for you, too," said Gingold, whose husband died in a 1989 car accident. "I spend all my money paying rent. There's nothing

for food."

To relief agencies in affluent Westchester County this Thanksgiving, Gingold's predicament is familiar: white-collar workers fallen on hard times.

The 875,000 residents in the county just north of New York City have a median family income of \$67,102. But behind the walls of some of the prettiest houses in the nicest neighborhoods, people are going hungry.

"It's a common story," said Christi-

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Fondest wish

Disney world? Forget it; child picks computer chip

By David Dishneau

Associated Press

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, Ill. — The keys to the Magic Kingdom were his for the asking, but Peter Valeo had other worlds to conquer.

When the charitable Starlight Foundation offered to grant the paraplegic 12-year-old's fondest wish — a visit to Walt Disney World, perhaps? — Pete instead chose a chip: Intel Corp.'s new Pentium Pro microprocessor and all the hardware he could imagine.

Intel agreed, donating a \$10,000 system that would make any cyberfreak salivate. The Santa Clara, Calif., company also made Pete a member of an elite user group that is testing the chip for flaws.

"He has the most powerful computer of any 12-year-old on the face of the earth," Intel spokesman Howard High said.

"It's great," Pete said Wednesday. "It is so fast compared to my other one, it is like light speed."

He said a game that takes three minutes to load on his dad's PC is ready to play in five seconds on the new system.

The sixth-grader, paralyzed from his midsection down since last December by transverse myelitis, an inflammation of the spinal cord sheath, spends two to three hours a day playing games such as Doom, Myst and Mortal Kombat III, writing e-mail and reading. His injury is not considered life-threatening.

The Los Angeles foundation grants special wishes to severely ill children.

Pete's colleagues in the 600-member "beta tester" group are putting their Pentium Pros through the torturous paces of engineering problems, mathematical research and movie special-effects creation.

Intel says Pete's biweekly performance reports may help it avoid the embarrassment and multimillion-dollar replacement costs it suffered last year after users detected calculating flaws in the Pentium chip, the Pentium Pro's predecessor.

Pete, an aspiring doctor who gets around with a purple wheelchair and walker, said the computer has "given me something to do."

Now that he has his dream system — complete with color printer, text scanner and musical instrument interface — what will become of the family's tired old 486-based PC?

"We'll move it back upstairs," said his envious dad, Tom Valeo, a theater critic for the Daily Herald in suburban Chicago, "so I can use it."



People wait in line for a Thanksgiving Day meal at St. Gabriel's Church in New Rochelle, N.Y., Wednesday. The residents in Westchester County have a median family income of \$67,102. But behind the walls of some of the prettiest houses in the nicest neighborhoods, people are going hungry.

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Quake shakes Middle East, kills at least 8

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Tourists in pajamas and bathrobes fled hotels at coastal resorts and residents of Cairo ran into the streets shouting Muslim prayers when an earthquake rocked a wide arc of the Middle East Wednesday.

At least eight people were killed and dozens injured — including two students who suffered broken legs when crushed by hundreds of youths fleeing down the stairway of a crowded Cairo hostel.

The quake struck at 6:15 a.m. (11:15 p.m. Tuesday EST) and was centered about 68 miles south of the Israeli resort of Eilat on the Gulf of Aqaba.

It shook seaside resorts in Egypt, Israel, Jordan and Saudi Arabia, and was felt as far away as Lebanon, Syria and the Mediterranean island of Cyprus to the north.

Buildings, including a four-story hotel, collapsed and electricity was cut.

Hardest hit were towns along the Gulf of Aqaba — including Eilat, Israel, neighboring Aqaba in Jordan, and Nuweiba, Egypt, about 40 miles south. Vacationers ran from hotels in pajamas, bathrobes and,

in a few cases, covered only by towels.

There was a strong noise. Then the whole ground started moving. There was panic and people were screaming. Customers in the hotel left their rooms. It was very scary," said Mashaat al-Haddad, a desk clerk at Aqaba's seafarers Holiday Inn.

In Nuweiba, the four-story Baracuda Hotel collapsed, killing three people, including the manager, police said. Rescue workers said an Egyptian woman was missing and feared trapped under the rubble.

A 67-year-old man died of a heart attack after carrying his invalid wife down two stories from a swaying hotel in Eilat.

An 18-year-old man was killed jumping in fear from a fourth-floor balcony in the southern Egyptian city of Assiut; a 5-year-old boy and a Pakistani man were killed in Saudi Arabia; and a 50-year-old man died of a heart attack in Aqaba just after the tremors.

At least 58 people were reported injured in Egypt, most in the Sinai Peninsula along the Aqaba gulf.

In Cairo, where a quake left 550



Tourists in the southern Israeli town of Eilat sit wrapped in blankets Wednesday after they were evacuated from their hotel following a powerful earthquake that shook Israel, Egypt and Jordan.

dead three years ago, a busdriver said he did not realize a quake had hit until he heard people crying out Islamic prayers in fear.

"I thought I was dizzy and then I saw people running out saying 'God is great' and 'There is no god but God.' Then I knew there was an earthquake," said Amin Rizk Allah, 36.

Authorities in Cairo reported damage to at least 23 buildings,

ranging from collapse to serious cracks in foundations. Most were vacant, including some condemned after the 1992 earthquake that caused widespread damage and 10,000 injuries.

The government moved swiftly to assess the damage and provide relief, eager to avoid the scathing criticism it suffered after the 1992 quake, when Islamic groups came to the aid of earthquake victims.

U.N. suspends economic sanctions against Serbia

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Acting swiftly to boost the Balkan peace accord, the U.N. Security Council on Wednesday suspended economic sanctions against Serbia and eased the arms embargo against the states of the former Yugoslavia.

The council voted unanimously to suspend the 3-year-old economic embargo and voted 14-0 to ease the arms ban. Russia abstained from voting on the arms embargo.

Leaders of the three Balkan states agreed Tuesday in Dayton, Ohio, on a plan to end 3 1/2 years of ethnic bloodshed in Bosnia.

"By lifting the arms embargo and suspending economic sanctions, we have kick-started that long journey," said U.S. Ambassador Madeleine Albright. "And we have given the parties the support they need to sign this historic agreement and insure its effective implementation."

Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic was instrumental in winning the Bosnian Serbs' agreement, and he participated in the Dayton talks in hopes of winning an end to the sanctions that have crippled the Serbian economy.

The vote Wednesday was his reward.

"This is the first concrete way of translating what happened in Dayton," Albright said before the vote.

The council ordered an immediate suspension of its trade sanctions against Yugoslavia, imposed in 1992 to punish Belgrade for its role in fomenting the war in Bosnia.

The trade sanctions would remain in force in Bosnian Serb areas until after Bosnian Serb forces withdraw to buffer zones.

The sanctions against Yugoslavia, which is now comprised of Serbia and Montenegro, could be reimposed if Belgrade does not formally sign a peace agreement. The signing is expected early next month in Paris.

The sanctions also could be reimposed if international forces monitoring the peace decide that Yugoslavia or the Bosnian Serbs are violating the agreement.

The economic sanctions would end permanently 10 days after elections in Bosnia, but only if the Bosnian Serbs have withdrawn to the buffer areas.

Loss of Sarajevo ruins peace agreement for many Bosnian Serbs

PALE, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — They won a separate state and almost half of Bosnia. But for many Bosnian Serbs, they lost their heart in a peace deal that deprives them of any claim to Sarajevo.

"There is nothing to be happy about: Sarajevo is theirs," Stanka Ciric, a shop assistant in this Serb stronghold east of the Bosnian capital, said Wednesday. "Where shall we live, in the woods?"

The question of who would control Sarajevo, Bosnia's symbolic heart that has been battered by 43 months of Serb bombardment, was one of the most contentious at the peace talks in Dayton, Ohio.

Serb negotiators had insisted on a divided city, like Berlin, in order to retain control over the districts of Sarajevo they have held since war began. For the Bosnian government, and most of the Western allies, a unified Sarajevo was non-negotiable.

Under the deal announced in Dayton on Tuesday, a unified Sarajevo is part of the federation of Bosnia's Muslims and Croats — one of the two entities that will comprise an effectively partitioned Bosnia.

"By winning Sarajevo, Muslims won the war," said Sasa Radic, who lives in Pale.

Before the war, one-third of Sarajevo's population was Serb. The city holds great historic significance for Serbs, standing, among other things, as a symbol of the Serb rebellion that led to World War I. Bosnian Serbs claim 120,000 Serbs still live in the Sarajevo area.

Though some Bosnian Serbs were remorseful about the pounding their forces gave the city during the war, others defiantly declared that if they couldn't control the city, they should destroy it.

Secretly, however, many dreamed that it would one day be

theirs.

The three Bosnian Serb negotiators at the Dayton talks

condemned the agreement in anger over the status of Sarajevo and other territorial issues. They have threatened not to implement the accord.

Momcilo Krajisnik, the second-ranking Bosnian Serb political official, accused Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, who repre-

sented the Bosnian Serbs at the talks, of betraying his former proteges in order to get economic sanctions lifted on Serb-led Yugoslavia.

"Our delegation has not accepted the plan and we were unanimous on that. We will inform our parliament about it," said Krajisnik, the speaker of the Bosnian Serb assembly.

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Union leader sent employee 'hit list' to Cisneros, HUD officials say

WASHINGTON (AP) — The week President Clinton took office, the head of a federal employees union sent Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros a list of agency workers the group claimed were anti-union, racist or aligned with Republicans. These workers, most of them career senior managers, could pose a "blocking mechanism" to the new administration's policies, warned the report from American Federation of Government Employees president John N. Sturdivant.

Since then, all but two of the 13 Housing and Urban Development employees on the AFGE list have been reassigned, given fewer responsibilities or left the agency,

according to HUD officials. The union list was obtained by The Associated Press.

The agency said it did not solicit the list or use it improperly, and said any personnel changes were a coincidental result of efforts to make the agency smaller and more efficient. No one's pay was cut.

"We pride ourselves on being fair, and we just do not operate in the manner that would concur with any of this," said Frank D. Wing, a senior adviser to Cisneros who received the report and wrote Sturdivant a "thank you" letter.

"As far as I'm concerned, there has not been an adverse action taken against any one on this list," Wing said.

"I can go down that list and tell you, the ones that we've had anything to do with, I think they're highly professional and they've done their job," he said.

In an interview this week, Sturdivant defended the list, saying it was "part of working with the administration that we helped elect."

In interviews, some workers on the list say they experienced difficulties with the Clinton administration but were unaware of the AFGE report and now wonder whether it may have played a role.

Eleven of those on the list were career workers who by law are supposed to be free from political pressures. Nearly all

the job changes occurred in the first 20 months of the Clinton administration.

"Accepting a 'hit list' from the union is poor management, shows poor judgment, and in my opinion is unethical," said Walter G. Sevier, a now-retired HUD official who was described in the list as a "reported racist and anti-union" manager.

Internal HUD records show that in 1993, Sevier's Fort Worth, Texas, office, which he headed for more than a decade, had the highest percentage of minority workers among regional offices.

Sevier said he quit last year rather than accept HUD's offer of a transfer to Newark, N.J., after his own job in Texas

was eliminated.

The AFGE report called former Federal Housing Administration comptroller Eleanor M. Clark a "reputed personal friend of George Bush." Clark called that "false and defamatory" and might help to explain the "frustrations" she experienced with the Clinton administration before she took a retirement buyout offer.

"I am not a personal friend of former President George Bush. ... I have never even met him," said Clark, who worked for the government for 22 years in career positions.

Jury convicts man of vigilante-style murders

LEWISTON, Idaho (AP) — A man was convicted of murder Wednesday in the vigilante-style slayings of a couple he claimed had sexually tortured his teen-age daughter.

Kenneth Arrasmith, a 44-year-old truck driver and former sheriff's deputy from Sunnyside, Wash., could get the death penalty at sentencing Feb. 22.

The jury reached a verdict after 10 hours of deliberations in the case, which had been cast as a tale of frontier justice in the West.

Arrasmith was convicted in the shooting deaths May 17 of Ronald and Luella Bingham. He contended the Bingham had drugged and abused his daughter, Cynthia, now 16, while she was living with her boyfriend next door.

Asotin County, Wash., authorities investigated the alleged abuse but made no arrests.

Defense attorneys argued that the Bingham had threatened

Arrasmith and that he acted in self-defense and in defense of his daughter and others who might also be abused by the couple.

"What he did is what any parent would do," defense attorney Craig Mosman said. Mosman said Arrasmith acted only after it was clear authorities were not going to charge the Bingham.

"What was Arrasmith to do when the system wouldn't work for him?" Mosman said. "His daughter was raped and sodomized by this couple who were continuing their reign of terror on his family with threats and intimidation."

Prosecutors contended Arrasmith was not in imminent danger because Bingham were unarmed

at the time. They argued that Arrasmith was instead bent on vengeance when he shot the couple at their Lewiston auto repair shop.

Prosecutors cited the fact that Bingham was shot more than 23 times and Mrs. Bingham was shot six times in the back as she tried to run away.

"It's so easy to say these were horrible people and they deserved to die," prosecutor Michael Kane told the jury. But Arrasmith "did not have that right. ... Please, please, do not tell the world it is OK to kill."

Arrasmith testified he didn't intend to kill the Bingham when he armed himself and drove to the couple's shop.

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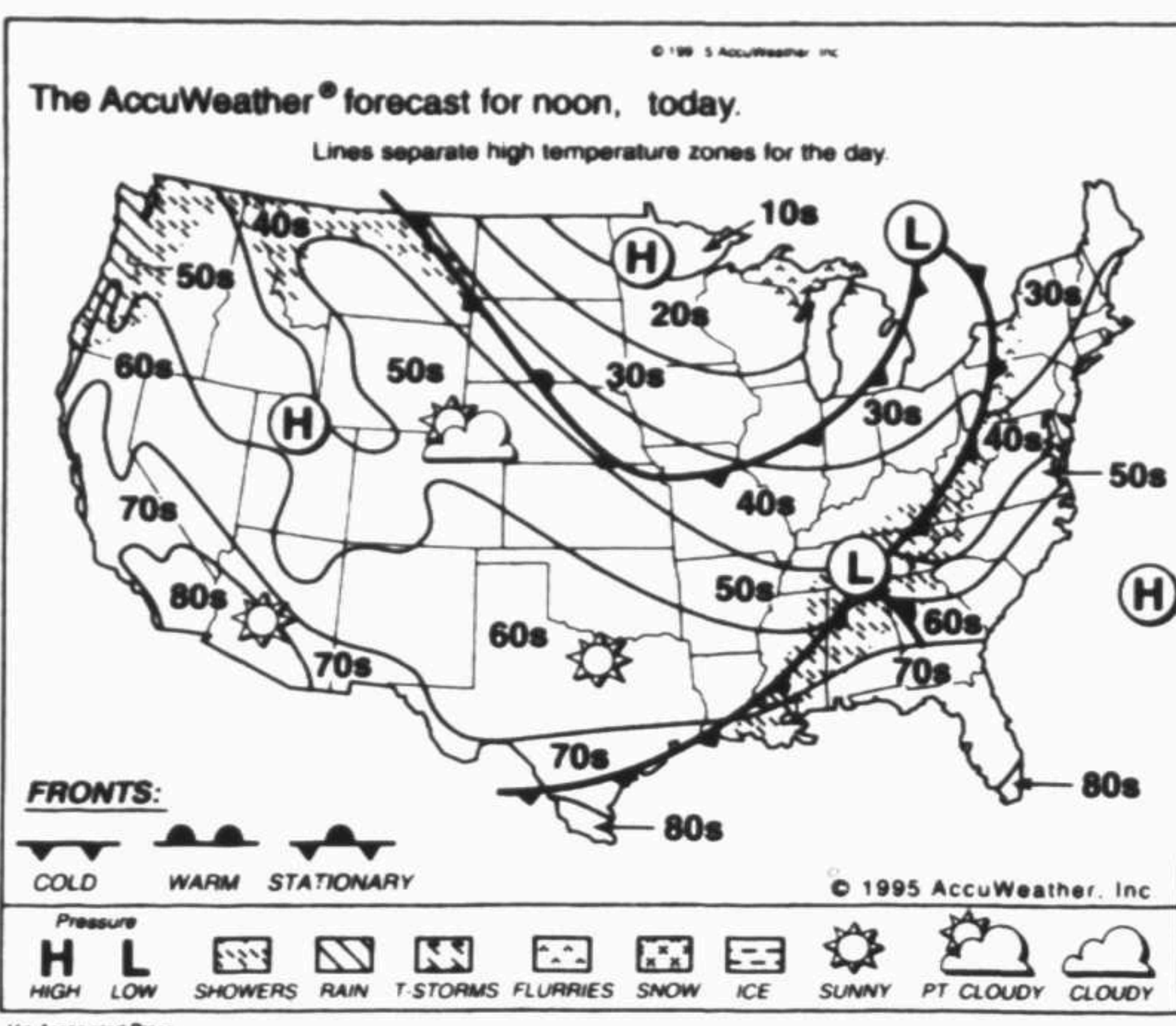
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WEATHER WATCH



Thanksgiving to be sunny, mid-60s

Staff Report

The Thanksgiving Day forecast calls for sunny skies, a high in the mid-60s and north to northeast winds at 5 to 15 mph, according to the National Weather Service in Midland.

Tonight will be clear with a low between 35 to 40.

Friday is expected to be sunny with a high in the lower 70s.

After an overnight low of 45, Wednesday's high was 79 compared with the record high for that date of 81 set in 1966. The record low for today's date was 22 set in 1988.

STATE

Gusty southerly winds buffeted Texas on Wednesday and sunshine kept temperatures at shirt-sleeve levels.

Highs were mostly in the 70s but ranged at 3 p.m. from 65 degrees at Guadalupe Pass in Far West Texas and 68 degrees at Dalhart in the northern Panhandle to 80 degrees at Dyess Air Force Base near Abilene, Alice in South Texas and Wink in West Texas.

Skies were only partly cloudy and winds were 20 to 30 miles an hour from the south to southeast and gusty.

The Panhandle had northerly winds at 15 to 25 mph in the wake of a cold front expected to bring storms to East and Southeast Texas.

The forecast for North Texas is for partly cloudy skies Thanksgiving Day. Windy and cooler with highs in the 60s. Lows tonight in the 30s under partly cloudy skies. Friday will be sunny and cool with highs in the 60s.

South Texas is to have highs today in the 70s followed by lows in the 50s. Skies will be partly cloudy.

NATION

Temperatures dropped below zero Wednesday in some places near Lake Superior as cold air spread throughout much of the East.

The lowest temperature in the nation was minus 5 degrees at Ely, Minn., followed by a few other locations in northeastern Minnesota, northern Wisconsin and upper Michigan.

With the cold air moving east, freeze warnings were posted for the South Carolina coastal region Wednesday evening. The temperature in Tallahassee, Fla., dipped to 27 degrees, tying the 1987 record for the date.

Snow fell at the rate of 1 to 2 inches per hour in the morning in sections of western and central New York, as cold winds blew off Lakes Erie and Ontario.

Some freezing rain was falling in some valleys of western Montana around Kalispell and Helena as a new storm system brushed the Northwest with rain showers and high elevation snow.

Gusty winds to near 35 mph were common throughout western and central Texas in the early afternoon as a cold front pushed across the southern Plains. Winds were also blustery in the upper Midwest, with gusts as high as 47 mph in Crookston, Minn.

Midland statistics

FORECAST
Today: Sunny, high in the mid to upper 60s, north to northeast winds 5-15 mph.
Tonight: Clear, low 35-40.
Friday: Sunny, high in the lower 70s.
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS
Yesterday's High: 79 degrees
Overnight Low: 45 degrees
Sunrise today: 5:48 a.m.
Sunset tomorrow: 7:25 a.m.
Precipitation:
Last 24 hours: 0.00 inches
This month to date: trace
Year to date: 10.46 inches
LOCAL TEMPERATURES
6 p.m.: 62 6 a.m.: 48
7 p.m.: 57 7 a.m.: 48
8 p.m.: 53 8 a.m.: 48
9 p.m.: 50 9 a.m.: 54
10 p.m.: 50 10 a.m.: 52
11 p.m.: 53 11 a.m.: 58
midnight: 50 noon: 71
1 a.m.: 50 1 p.m.: 75
2 a.m.: 52 2 p.m.: 77
3 a.m.: 51 3 p.m.: 79
4 a.m.: 51 4 p.m.: 78
5 a.m.: 50 5 p.m.: 78

Texas temperatures

Highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours ending at 7 p.m. CDT.

	H	L	Pcp
Abilene	77	52	
Amarillo	71	35	
Austin	75	56	
Bryan-College Station	77	55	
Corpus Christi	78	55	
Dallas	76	45	
El Paso	75	38	
Fort Worth	76	46	
Galveston	74	64	
Houston	77	49	
Lubbock	75	44	
McAllen	79	59	
Paris	74	42	
San Angelo	74	50	
San Antonio	75	56	
Victoria	76	54	
Waco	75	48	
Wichita Falls	79	46	
Wink		83	34

Weather Elsewhere

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:30 p.m. EST.

	H	L	Pcp
Atlanta	44	31	cdy
Atlanta City	43	31	cdy
Baltimore	44	31	cdy
Boston	48	38	cdy
Chicago	36	19	cdy
Cincinnati	40	20	cdy
Cleveland	34	26	cdy
Denver	58	40	cdy
Detroit	36	25	cdy
Indianapolis	41	18	cdy
Jackson, Miss.	67	30	m
Jacksonville	62	36	cl
Kansas City	60	32	cdy
Las Vegas	73	46	cl
Little Rock	67	34	cdy
Los Angeles	78	53	cl
Memphis	32	18	cdy
Mobile-St. Paul	38	15	cdy
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San Antonio	68	48	cl
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Area forecast

WEST TEXAS Permian Basin — Thanksgiving, sunny. Highs in the mid to upper 60s. Tonight, clear. Lows 35-40. Friday, sunny. Highs in the lower 70s. Friday night, mostly clear. Lows in the upper 30s to lower 40s.

Correction

In an article that appeared in the Nov. 12 edition, it was stated that Midland architectural designer Sue Mullins was completing a Mediterranean-style house in northwest Midland. The house is being built by C.D. Griffith Custom Homes. The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

Pick 3 Texas

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BLESSED: Many thankful for family

(From 1A)

"I think about a lot of people in this community helping each other out," she said. "I'm also thankful for my family's health and thankful for what God gives us every day."

She added, "this community is so grand, they are always helping each other with canned goods or clothing drives. I feel fortunate to live in a place where they are always helping out the needy."

KOSA-TV Channel 7 News anchor Daphne Dowdy, too, is thankful for her family and the blessings they have bestowed

upon her.

"I was just thinking about it," she said Wednesday afternoon. "But I am thankful that I was adopted by my parents."

"I'm thankful I got them because I could have gotten anyone in the world," she said.

She said different factors could have prevented her from being placed with her parents, so she feels "very lucky" to have been blessed with the parents she has.

As she flies home today to spend the holiday with her parents, she can continue to count her blessings and say a little prayer of thanks for them.

TROOPS: Losses 'worth risk,' White House says

(From 1A)

deal announced Tuesday in Ohio and on NATO's plan for implementing it on the ground.

In another development Wednesday, the U.N. Security Council suspended economic sanctions against Serbia and eased the arms embargo against the states of former Yugoslavia.

Clinton will add a stop in Germany to his European trip next week so he can visit U.S. troops who would take part in the peace-keeping mission.

Defense Secretary William Perry announced he will travel to Bad Kreuznach, Germany, on Friday to visit troops of the U.S. Army's 1st Armored Division, which has been training as the main American element in the NATO peace force for Bosnia. Perry will then visit NATO military command headquarters in Belgium.

At the White House, press secretary McCurry said the choices for American participation in the planned 60,000-member NATO force are clear now that the three warring parties have signed a comprehensive peace plan.

"I think it becomes a lot clearer for the American people what's

at stake here," McCurry said. "It's literally peace vs. war. You either want the United States to participate in helping keep the peace the parties have agreed to, or you want the war to continue. That's just bluntly the truth of the matter."

McCurry said Clinton would not be deterred from committing troops if Congress tried to withhold money for their deployment.

"The importance of the mission that we must undertake here will not be circumscribed by funding," McCurry said. He said Clinton "will figure out how to pay for it one way or another."

Richard Holbrooke, an assistant secretary of state who helped mediate the peace pact, said on NBC's "Today" program that U.S. ground troops would not be sent to Bosnia "until we're absolutely sure that the peace agreement ... will work, that it will hold. And we're not going to send people into a war."

But he added, "Once the troops are there, they are going to be top dog in the country. If anybody hits them, then they are going to hit back."

If, as expected, Clinton approves U.S. military participation in the

NATO force in the next few days, NATO's political arm, the North Atlantic Council, could give its blessing as early as next Wednesday. That could trigger the deployment within days of an initial "enabling force" of about 1,500 U.S. and other NATO troops to Bosnia to clear the way for the arrival of the main NATO force.

Skeptical members of Congress raised more questions about U.S. military involvement, including this: How could American forces there maintain the appearance of being neutral peacekeepers if Washington simultaneously supplies arms and military training to the out-gunned Bosnian government side?

Reimer, speaking with defense reporters, said this was "a major concern on my part."

"Our soldiers will be out there trying to enforce a peace accord, and we have to be careful that we're not perceived as being on one side or the other," he said.

The administration has said it might help train and arm the Bosnian Muslim side in order to achieve a balance of military strength that would enable the peace to endure. But it prefers that all sides reduce levels of arms.

In a letter to Clinton, Rep. Ike Skelton, D-Mo., said it was critical that the president explain what, if any, arms-supply operations would be undertaken in Bosnia. He cited the 1983 bombing of a U.S. barracks in Beirut, Lebanon, in which more than 200 U.S. troops were killed, and the disastrous U.S. Army raid in Somalia in 1993 as examples of U.S. forces being targeted for political reasons.

"The safety of our American troops is always paramount," Skelton said.

Reimer said the exact number of U.S. troops sent to Bosnia depends on how many are contributed by other countries, including Russia. The U.S. total could be 25,000, the general said, and some thousands would be elsewhere in the region, including at Pecs, Hungary, where a major U.S. logistics base would be set up.

HARD: Middle class suffers from hunger, too

(From 1A)

na Rohatynskyj, executive director of Food Patch, which supplies food to more than 150 county agencies. "The one thing they have left is their home, and they may not want to sell it or, in this market, can't. The choice is to keep a roof over their heads or buy food."

Food bank directors cite layoffs by major companies in Westchester, such as IBM, NYNEX and AT&T.

"They maintain a front, an image," said the Rev. William Shillady, who helps run the Larchmont Mamaroneck Food Pantry. "They pay their mortgages and keep their cars so people don't

think they have a problem."

When Barbara DiFiore collects food donations from schoolchildren in Westchester, many of them think it's going to New York City "or someplace poor" for holiday dinners.

"They don't know it's going to their classmates," DiFiore said. Of the 36 meals she is distributing this Thanksgiving, 16 are going to families with two working parents.

One woman, who spoke on condition of anonymity, works two part-time health-care jobs to keep her home in Pleasantville because she wants her children to go to school there. Sometimes she goes to the food pantry.

"I feel guilty about taking the food," she said, "but it's for my kids."

Food Patch and Hunger Front estimate that in the past 18 months, the more than 200 Westchester agencies that are supplied by the two food banks have received 250,000 to 300,000 visits from people wanting groceries.

According to the Second Harvest National Food Bank Network, a 1993 study showed 30 million Americans at risk of hunger. About 4.2 million of them were last employed in technical, management, professional, clerical or secretarial positions.

Some go to food pantries far

from home so they won't be recognized, said Mary Lou McNaney at New Rochelle HOPE. She arranges private trips to the pantry for those who might be too embarrassed to show up on the open days.

One man with five children used the pantry a few times, then gave McNaney \$50 after he got a job. Others, Shillady said, do some volunteer work before taking a bag of groceries home, "so they at least feel they've earned it."

Commission won't consider air in speed limit vote

AUSTIN (AP) — Even though faster moving vehicles emit more pollutants, the Texas Transportation Commission won't consider air quality when it votes next week on whether to raise speed limits on freeways and major highways, the Austin American-Statesman reported Wednesday.

The federal speed limit law, passed in 1973, is being scrapped in favor of individual states being allowed to set their own maximums.

Air quality experts and environmentalists say they fear raising speed limits could push cities close to exceeding federal air pollution limits into violation. The cities include Austin, San Antonio and Corpus Christi.

"It's not going to do air quality

any good," said Wayne Young, a transportation planner for the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission's air quality office.

The three-member Transportation Commission meets Nov. 30 and will set new speed limits based on traffic engineering studies.

An air-quality impact assessment is not part of that traffic engineering study, said Carlos Lopez, traffic engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation.

Instead, the study focuses exclusively on determining the speeds that 85 percent of motorists drive during non-rush hours. If the average speed is lower than 70, then the state may set a lower speed limit, Lopez said.

Sen. Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi, said raising the speed limit seems to oppose common sense when cities, including his own, are on the brink of exceeding pollution standards.

Paul Robbins, an Austin environmental activist, said he is discouraged that the environmental ramifications of raising the speed limit are not being considered.

"I guess I'm just kind of galled that in the excitement to give back state's rights, our society and our Congress are forgetting why this law was passed in the first place, and that was to save energy and stop pollution," Robbins said.

Young said a recent study has shown that increasing driving speeds in Dallas from 55 mph to 65

mph would result in an overall 7 percent increase in the levels of the compounds that create ozone.

"There's a relationship that's fairly well known that correlates the emissions coming from a vehicle with the speed of that vehicle," said H.D. Brown Jr., environmental engineer for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's regional office in Dallas.

The ozone level is measured to determine attainment of federal air-quality standards.

Young said 48 mph is the optimal speed for vehicles in terms of the fewest amount of emissions. Air emissions also are high when automobiles are moving slowly or stuck in bumper-to-bumper traffic.

Judge rules official violated U.S. Disabilities Act

EL PASO (AP) — Texas' chief elections officer has discriminated against the disabled in violation of federal law by failing to ensure all polling places are accessible, a judge ruled Wednesday.

U.S. District Judge David Briones gave the Secretary of State's Office 30 days to find some way to allow blind people to cast a secret ballot statewide. Otherwise, officials will be ordered into court and remedies will be imposed.

"The system of voting in the state of Texas does not presently comport with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The present system discriminates against the disabled," Briones said in his decision, which attorneys believe could set the stage for similar cases to be brought nationwide.

The ruling came in a class-action lawsuit filed under the ADA by six disabled El Pasoans and a local advocacy group who claimed disabled voters were not getting fair treatment statewide and asked for relief.

Plaintiff Burns Taylor said forcing the blind to have to ask someone to read and mark their ballots made them live with "a dependence that's not necessary" and a "paternalism that sighted people are comfortable with."

The judge found the state has statutes which "if enforced properly" provide for accessibility to polling places.

But there are no provisions for the blind to cast private ballots as is their right under the law, Briones said. He gave the state an opportunity to reach an agreement with plaintiffs on how to create a fair system.

Attorney Jim Harrington said the plaintiffs on Monday will be sending Secretary of State Tony Garza suggested remedies that could be put into place to help the state comply with the judge's order.

But he didn't seem to hold out much hope that a settlement would be reached, given that the state had fought the plaintiffs during a three-day trial in June. "Maybe they'll see the light," Harrington said.

Garza's office issued a statement Wednesday that said although they support the right of all registered voters to cast a ballot, officials disagree with Briones' findings.

"We will carefully review the decision with our attorneys and reserve our right to appeal pending the outcome of the case," the statement said.

Garza's office said officials do not believe the ADA requires the creation of a unique voting system for visually impaired voters. The state added that such technology does not exist and the cost of developing it "is likely to be prohibitive."

The plaintiffs disagreed, noting that at the trial they had introduced several systems which could be used, including a phone-in voting system and a tape recording that could be used with a braille ballot.

"I'm angry," said plaintiff Olivia Schonberger, who is blind. "Instead of doing what's right and what's just, they're trying to find loopholes."

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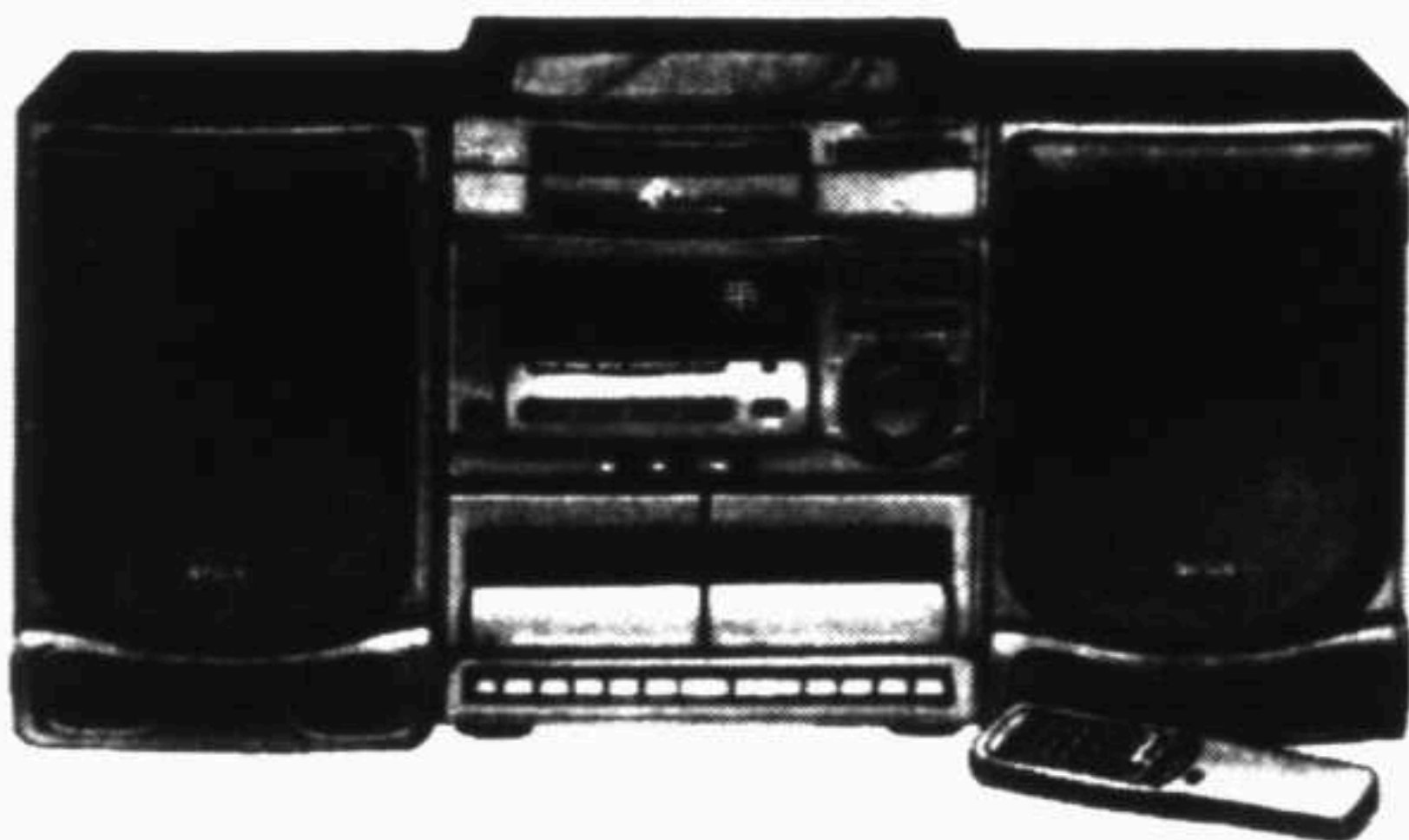
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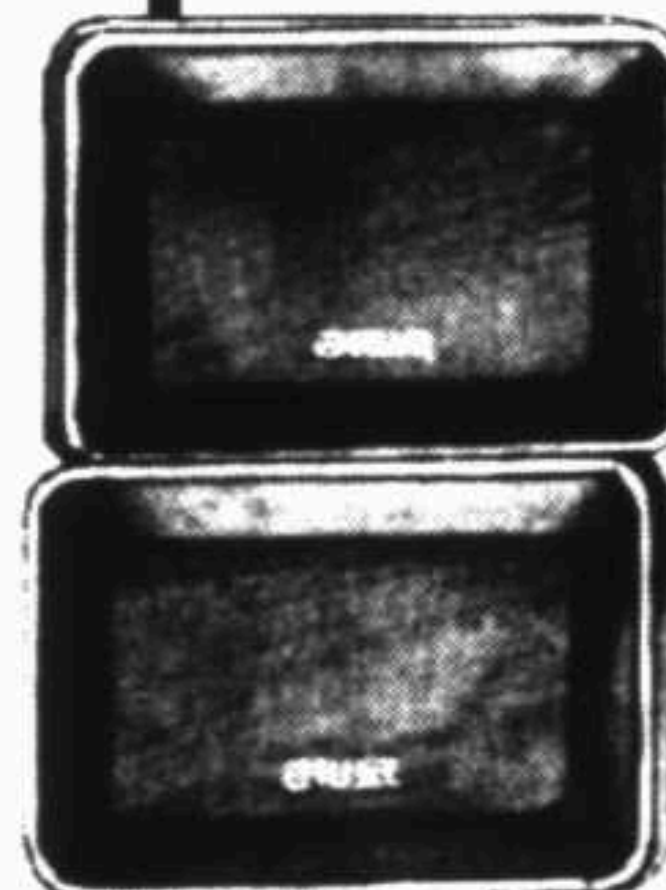
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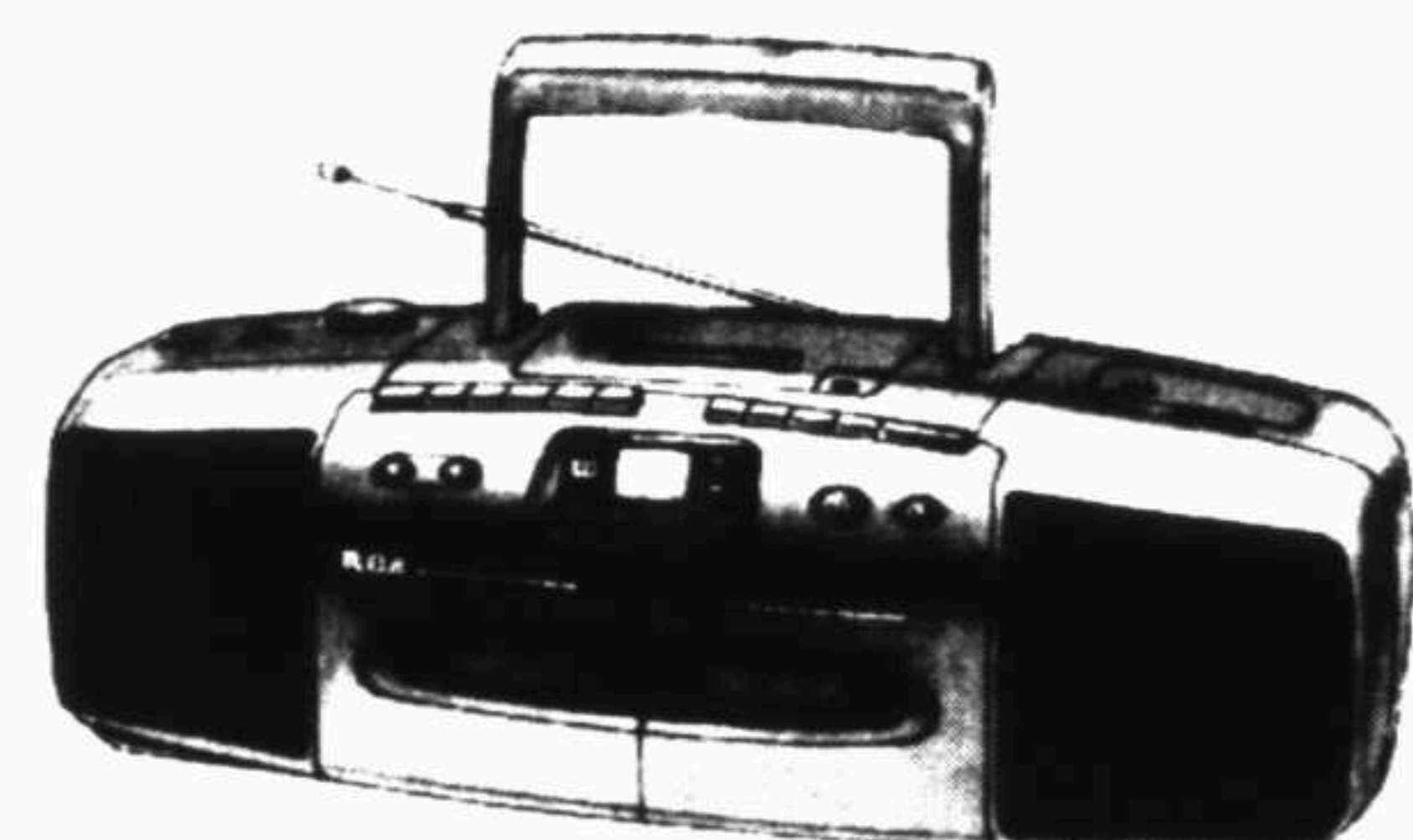
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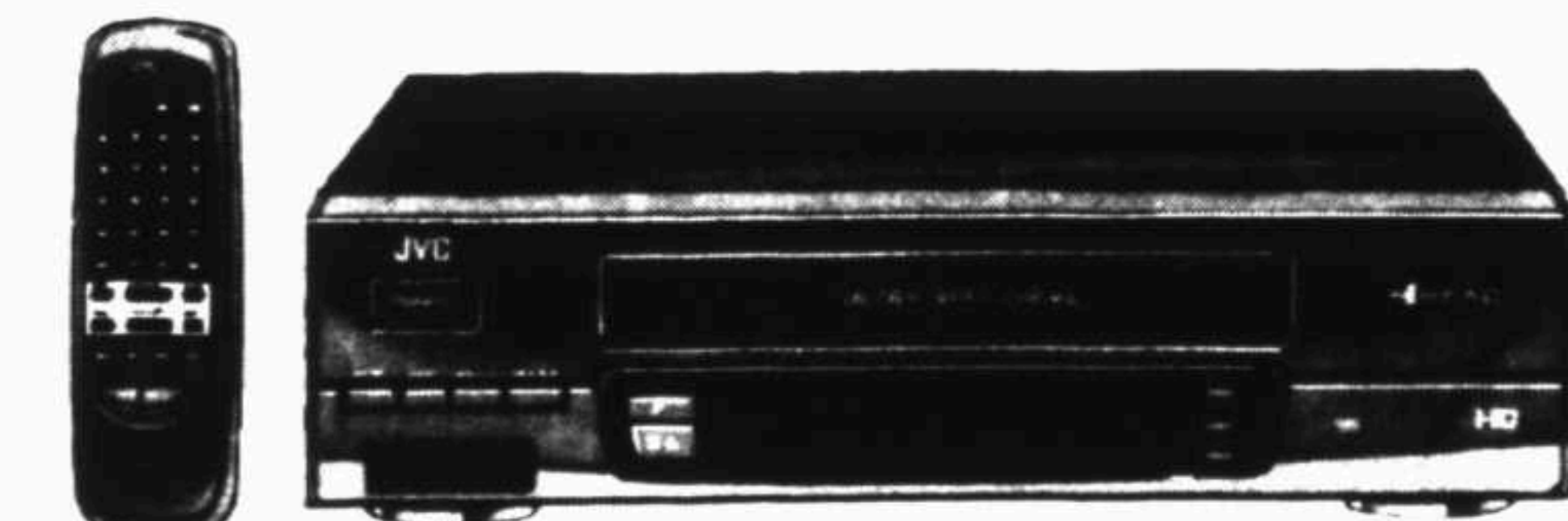
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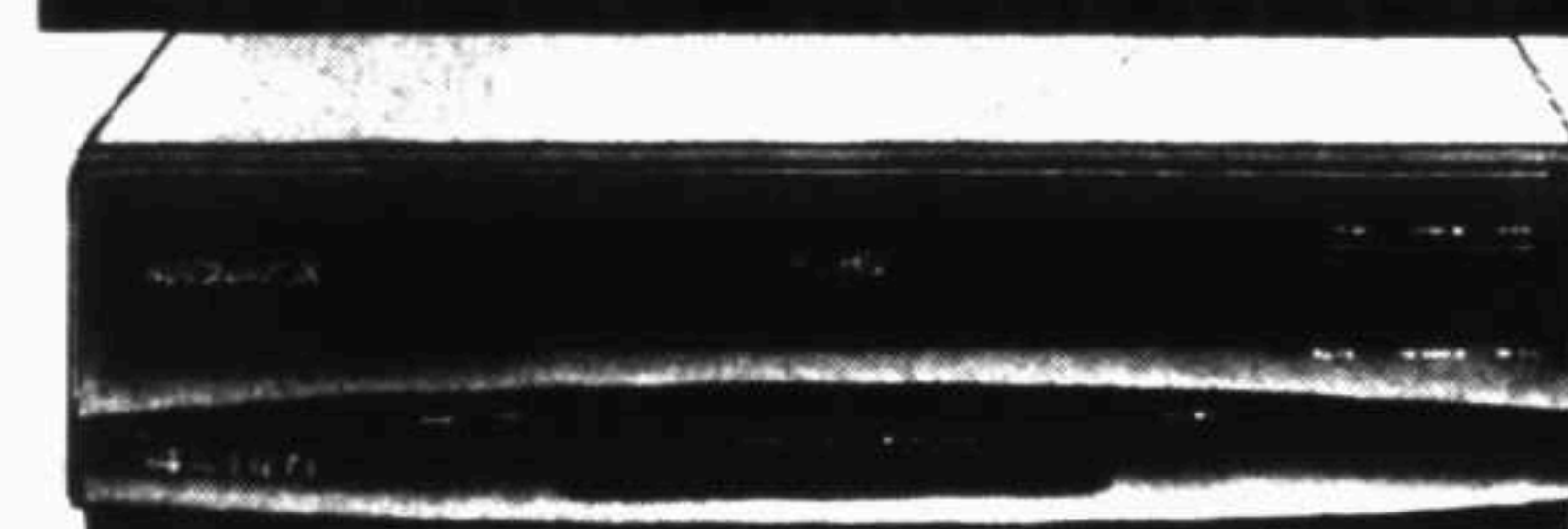
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By Abigail Van Buren

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Today is Thanksgiving Day, so take a few minutes to reflect upon all the things for which you are thankful.



Van Buren

How's your health? Not so good? Well, thank God you've lived this long. A lot of people haven't. You're hurting? Thousands — maybe millions — are hurting even more. (Have you ever visited a veterans hospital? Or a rehabilitation clinic for crippled children?)

If you awakened this morning and were able to hear the birds sing, use your vocal cords to utter human sounds, walk to the breakfast table on two good legs and read the newspaper with two good eyes, praise the Lord! A lot of people couldn't.

How's your pocketbook? Thin? Well, most of the world is a lot poorer. No pensions. No welfare. No food stamps. No Social Security. In fact, one-third of the people

in the world will go to bed hungry tonight.

Are you lonely? The way to have a friend is to be one. If nobody calls you, pick up the phone and call someone.

Are you concerned about your country's future? Hooray! Our system has been saved by such concern. Your country may not be a rose garden, but neither is it a patch of weeds.

Freedom rings! Look and listen. You can still worship at the church of your choice, cast a secret ballot, and even criticize your government without fearing a knock on the head or a knock on the door at midnight. And if you want to live under a different system, you are free to go. There are no walls or fences — nothing to keep you here.

As a final thought, I'll repeat my Thanksgiving prayer: perhaps you will want to use it at your table today:

O heavenly Father: We thank thee for food and remember the hungry.

We thank thee for health and remember the sick.

We thank thee for friends and remember the friendless.

We thank thee for freedom and remember the enslaved.

May these remembrances stir us to service.

That thy gifts to us may be used for others. Amen.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving, and may God bless you and yours.

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An afterthought: Want an instant high? The surest cure for the holiday blues is doing something nice for someone. Why not call a person who lives alone and invite him or her to share dinner?

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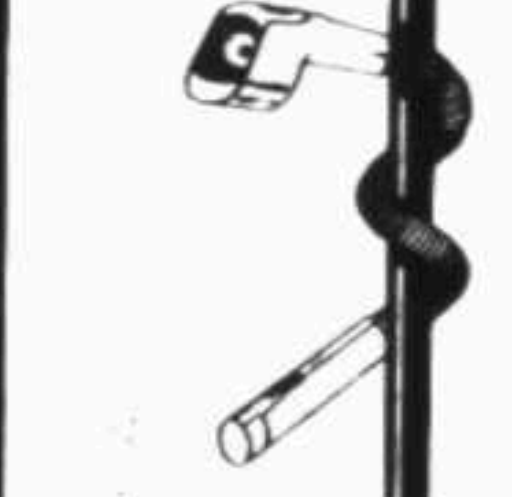
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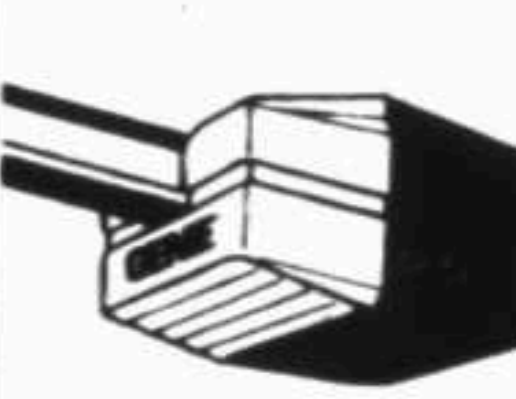


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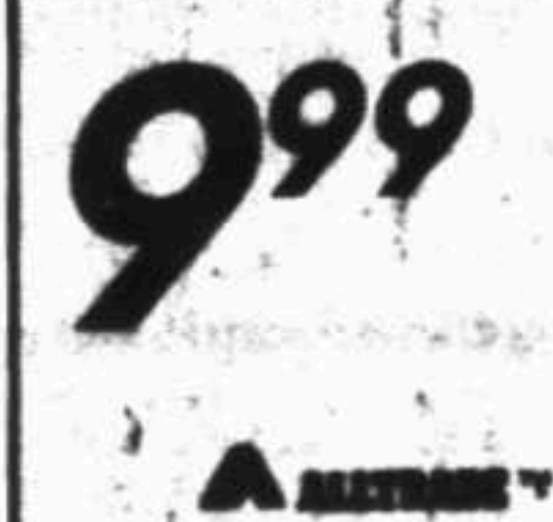
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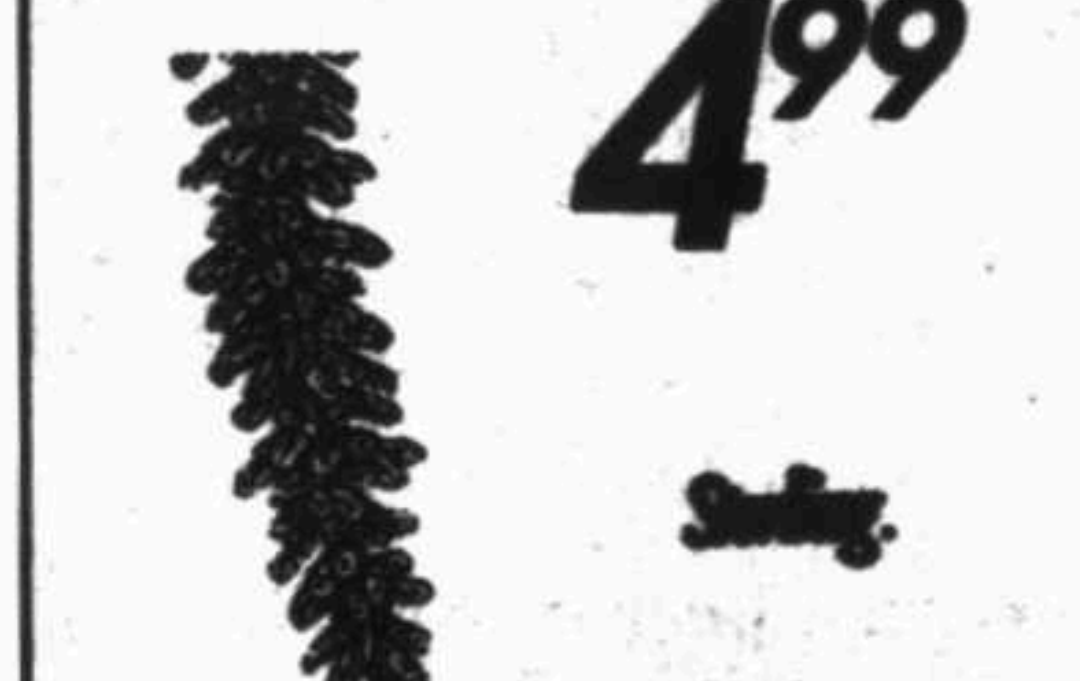
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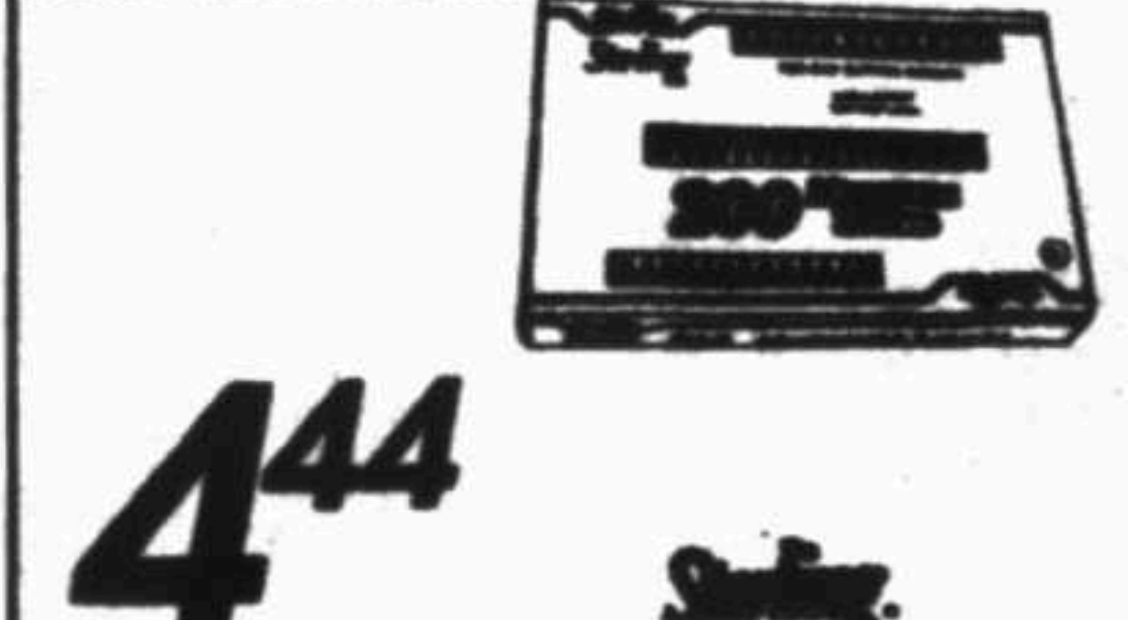
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Thanksgiving has special memories

Thanksgiving undoubtedly brings thoughts of past celebrations to numerous Midlanders — gatherings once enjoyed that now are cherished as memories. What we remember from those past Thanksgivings warm us immeasurably, even while we are creating new memories.

Ah, the memories... A home nestled amid oak-covered hills where deer scamper through colorful woodlands. An inviting kitchen, warmed by heat from the morning's baking — laced with the aroma of fresh bread, pies, cakes, and a plump, golden turkey.

A crackling fire and the fragrance of burning logs near which a grandfather sits holding a wide-eyed child, listening to tales of Thanksgivings long ago.

In another home a circle of friends sits sipping cider and relating joyous stories from their cherished past.

Elsewhere youngsters enjoy the crisp air outdoors, throwing a football or riding bicycles.

Thanksgiving offers

many varied delights, each private and special.

Thanksgiving is turkey and dressing.

Thanksgiving is the warmth of family.

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Thanksgiving is the tender memories of the elderly. And the young. And the ageless.

The story of Thanksgiving dates back to the earliest years of American civilization, when a day of thanksgiving was proclaimed in order that pilgrims could praise God for their safe journey to this land. Yet the celebration of Thanksgiving did not end with that first Thanksgiving Day observance. It continued to grow and evolve as the United States of America grew and evolved.

The reason for the celebration has not changed, however. We each should give thanks today for the bounty that we enjoy. That bounty is provided not by our own work, but by the Grace of God. Be thankful this Thanksgiving Day for all in life that you enjoy.

JACK ANDERSON

Republican rookies set tone, agenda for 1995

WASHINGTON — Congressman Sam Brownback, the 39-year-old freshman Republican from Kansas, knows many things but is defined by something he did not know until last week. He has been in Congress 11 months and in 1991 he was a White House Fellow assigned to the U.S. Trade Representative. But when recently he was invited to join a journalist for breakfast at the Four Seasons Hotel in Georgetown, he did not know where the hotel was.

His work is on Capitol Hill, his wife and three children are back on the plains of eastern Kansas, and when he is not on the former he is on the latter, so a lot of the federal city is unfamiliar to him. But the city is horrid to know him and the other 72 Republican House freshmen who dug in their 146 heels and forced Republican leaders to force the president to agree to a seven-year timetable for balancing the budget. From that they would not budge. The coming budget battle will be driven by what they decide not to budge from.

Not all of them are "conviction politicians" to the same degree, but Brownback believes that less than a quarter of this Class of 1994 has begun to go native, making decisions motivated by careerism. Most are like Oklahoma's Steve Largent, NFL receiver turned legislator, who told Congressional Quarterly he would like his political career to be summarized in three words: "Brilliant but brief."

Brownback is surprised about how easy it is "to move the ball" in Washington. He says, "I have a two-year constitutional right to stupidity," as Washington defines stupidity — a failure to understand what is unthinkable or undoable. "You can," he says, "do a lot of things if you don't know you can't."

For Brownback and his classmates, the pebble in the shoe of life is not the executive branch or even congressional Democrats. Rather, it is the Senate. Once in the 1950s when Air Force General Curtis LeMay was being briefed by a young officer who repeatedly referred to the Soviet Union as the "enemy,"

LeMay, exasperated, interrupted and said, "Young man, the Soviet Union is our adversary. Our enemy is the Navy." Which is how House freshmen feel about the Republican senators who are reluctant to get with the program as the more fire-breathing House defines it.

Back home, Brownback's experience, like that of his classmates, is that constituents' questions concerning the nation's moral condition come "eight to nine" times as frequently as questions concerning the nation's economic condition. And in Washington the freshmen do not treat, because they do not regard, economic questions as merely, or even primarily, economic questions.

They regard the budget as the cause of many kinds of unwholesome behavior and the sender of many deplorable social signals. Which is why they cannot get in the Washington spirit of splitting all differences. Which is why they horrify Washington: Their behavior cannot be predicted by the usual calculus of pains and pleasures, and they cannot be controlled by the usu-

al stimuli of rewards and threats. And because they resolutely refuse to learn the rules of polite society, they enable Newt Gingrich to profess that they are coercing him to do what he wants to do.

Denigrating Gingrich is a task to which Time magazine, like most of the media, has taken (in words from crime novelist Donald Westlake) "like a buzzard among entrails." So Time's editors must be in agony trying to avoid putting Gingrich on the year-end cover as the newsmaker of the year, which he obviously is. Occasionally Time's editors select a group for the year-end cover — Hungarian Patriots (1956), "25 and Under Generation" (1966), American Women (1975). If Time's editors want to avoid the pain of accuracy, they can evade Gingrich by putting on the cover Brownback and the other Republican rookies who set the tone, and much of the agenda, for 1995.

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Anderson



MIKE ROYKO

Even senator can somehow botch recipe for success

This simple little quiz is directed at those who love hot dogs. Not any hot dog, but the true, classic Chicago hot dog. The finest hot dog known to man.

Look at the following recipe and see if something is wrong. If so, what?

Chicago hot dog: Vienna beef hot dog, poppy seed bun, dill pickle, jalapenos, relish, mustard, ketchup. Place dog in bun. Cover with jalapenos, relish, mustard and ketchup. Serve with dill pickle.

The flaws are so obvious that by now those with civilized, discriminating Chicago taste buds are snorting and sneering and flinging this shameful recipe to the floor and spitting on it.

It deserves nothing less. But not merely because it includes ketchup and omits sliced tomatoes, chopped onions and that miraculous dash of celery salt.

No, I won't condemn anyone for putting ketchup on a hot dog. This is the land of the free. And if someone wants to put ketchup on a hot dog and actually eat the awful thing, that is their right.

It is also their right to put mayo or chocolate syrup or toenail clippings or cat hair on a hot dog.

Sure, it would be disgusting and perverted, and they would be shaming themselves and their loved ones. But under our system of government, it is their right to be barbarians.

The crime is in referring to the above abomination as a "Chicago hot dog."

And who did it? Brace yourselves for a real shocker.



Royko

Some time ago, a hot dog recipe book was put together by the American Meat Institute, the National Hot Dog and Sausage Council and other groups that promote the eating of dead animal flesh.

They got their recipes by calling the offices of United States senators and representatives. Being publicity freaks, most of them responded.

Most of the recipes are ridiculous, since most members of Congress are ridiculous.

And this shameful recipe was contributed by Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun.

Yes, Sen. Moseley-Braun, who claims to be a Chicagoan, actually told them that a Chicago hot dog includes ketchup. And it doesn't require chopped onions or sliced tomatoes or celery salt.

I don't know what could have possessed her to do such a thing. She is a liberal Democrat, so I can understand her deep yearning to seize our money and throw it hither and yon like so much political confetti. That's part of the natural order of Washington creatures.

But to publicly state that you put ketchup on a Chicago hot dog? And overlook celery salt? It is said that power corrupts. I didn't know that it brings on utter madness.

Apparently Sen. Moseley-Braun pays little or no attention to my efforts to maintain standards in those things that are unique to Chicago.

If she did, she would have noted a column that appeared here in July of 1993. In it, various hot dog experts said the following about ketchup:

Maurie Berman, who owns Superdawg, where I've been eating classic hot dogs for about 40 years: "I see more and more desecrations of the Chicago hot dog. Yes, we provide ketchup, but we have the customer defile it himself."

"We say, 'Sir, the ketchup bottle is on the side. We'll ask you to squirt that yourself.'"

John Miyares, who serves hot dogs at the Irving's near the Loyola University campus,

says: "No ketchup, no kraut. That's the law. But when you're younger and your mom lets you put ketchup on the hot dog, you get used to it, I guess. The people about 35 and over, they get upset if you mention ketchup, especially if they're born and raised here. And even more if they're South Siders."

"But we get a lot of students from out of town, and they all want ketchup. Except if they're from New York. They want steamed sauerkraut."

Pat Carso, manager of Demon Dogs, said: "You have to ask for it. And more people are asking. I don't know why. Maybe parents think it is better for their kids. But we choose not to put it on. Even if they say 'everything.' In here, that does not include ketchup. We don't even keep ketchup up front. We have a little bottle in the back if people ask for it."

These men are keepers of the flame. They are cultural and culinary descendants of the short Greeks who used to bring their pushcarts into every Chicago neighborhood and would have thumbed the eyeballs of anyone who dared ask for ketchup.

But here we have a United States senator, allegedly representing Chicago and the rest of Illinois — even the Downstate yokels — and she shames herself and the rest of us by displaying her ignorance of what makes a hot dog a true Chicago hot dog.

I'm sure Sen. Moseley-Braun has the usual excuse. Someone on her staff did it.

Well, forget it. That only proves that senators hire boobs.

No, the buck and the hot dog stops here. There is time for Sen. Moseley-Braun to mend her ways. But if the election were held today, I'd have to vote for just about anyone running against Sen. Moseley-Braun.

Especially someone who knows the difference between ketchup and Shinola.

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ANOTHER VIEW

Mrs. O'Leary's 'fire' should consume her

It took another O'Leary to start a major fire. This time around it's Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary who has been spending tax dollars to rate press coverage of her department. But every time you play with matches there's the risk of getting burned and O'Leary should be consumed by her own mess.

Most people have an opinion of how the media do their jobs. But what public benefit is there in O'Leary's spending \$43,500 of federal funds to determine if she likes what the media are saying about

her or the Energy Department?

No, there is nothing to show for this public expenditure except for O'Leary's highly inappropriate judgment and paranoia. She apparently doesn't understand the meaning of public scrutiny at a time when voters are asking for more fiscal accountability and Congress is chopping budgets everywhere. Therefore, she shouldn't be energy secretary at all.

— Reno Gazette-Journal
 Reno, Nev.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Nov. 23, the 327th day of 1995. There are 38 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 23, 1889, the first jukebox made its debut in San Francisco, at the Palais Royale Saloon. The contraption, devised by Louis Glass, consisted of an Edison tin-foil phonograph with four listening tubes — no loudspeakers — and a coin slot for each tube. A nickel purchased two minutes of music.

On this date:

In 1765, Frederick County, Md., repudiated the British Stamp Act.

In 1804, the 14th president of the United States, Franklin Pierce, was born in Hillsboro, N.H.

In 1903, singer Enrico Caruso made his American debut at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York, appearing in "Rigoletto."

In 1936, the first edition of Life, the picture magazine created by Henry R. Luce, was published.

In 1943, during World War II, U.S. forces seized control of Tarawa and Makin atolls from the Japanese during the Central Pacific offensive in the Gilbert Islands.

In 1945, most U.S. wartime rationing of foods, including meat and butter, ended.

In 1959, the musical "Fiorel-

lo!" with music by Jerry Bock and lyrics by Sheldon Harnick, and starring Tom Bosley as New York City Mayor Fiorello La Guardia, opened on Broadway.

In 1963, President Johnson proclaimed Nov. 25 a day of national mourning following the assassination of President Kennedy.

In 1971, the People's Republic of China was seated in the U.N. Security Council.

In 1980, some 4,800 people were killed by a series of earthquakes that devastated southern Italy.

Ten years ago: Retired CIA analyst Larry Wu-tai Chin was arrested and accused of spying for China. He committed suicide a year after his conviction. Gunmen hijacked an Egyptian jetliner en route from Athens to Cairo, forcing the plane to land in Malta.

Five years ago: President Bush conferred separately with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Cairo and Syrian President Hafez Assad in Geneva, seeking Arab support for his drive to expel Iraqi troops from Kuwait.

One year ago: NATO warplanes blasted Serb missile batteries in two air raids while Bosnian Serb fighters, for the first time, broke into the U.N.-designated safe haven of Bihac.

CHARLEY REESE

All domestic governing should be done by states

Much to my dismay, the federal government, which had been shut down for six days, has reopened.

I would like to see it shut down permanently in its present form and return as a constitutional government which, I grant, most Americans would not recognize, having never lived under one.

A constitutional government would not be involved at all with public education, public welfare, environmental matters, or most of the other areas into which the current federal government sticks its hog-like snout.

The Constitution really did intend — as is plain if you read it, which nobody does these days — a limited federal government with virtually all the domestic governing to be done by the states. The Constitution was ratified by the states, not by the people, and it was intended to be an agent of the states.

That's the meaning of the Tenth Amendment

in the Bill of Rights: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

It didn't take long, however, after ratification for people to start arguing that the Constitution created a national government, rather than an agent of sovereign states. That dispute, clouded by the issue of slavery, was the real cause of the War Between the States — American history as re-written by Hollywood and television scriptwriters notwithstanding.

Thus, the nationalists said the issue was settled once and for all on the battlefield. But they were wrong. The South may not rise again but the issue of state sovereignty is rising again. You can see it in complaints about federal mandates, in complaints about states being forced to provide services to illegal immigrants, and in arguments that states can handle welfare and public education better than the federal government.

In my opinion, House Speaker Newt Gingrich is trying to stifle this movement to restore the proper balance between states and the federal government by offering Trojan horse solutions — block grants to states. But making block grants of federal money is still maintaining federal control.

The old system of a limited federal role is by far the more practical system. People who love federal money forget that it was originally the people's money. The federal tax collector not only weakens the individual by taking money from him but it also weakens state and local governments by sucking up wealth that could otherwise be taxed at the local level and spent more sensibly.

The advantage of state and local governments is not that they magically govern better but that the people can keep up with their shenanigans much easier and so correct the abuses at the ballot box. It's a lot easier to find out what your local councilman or state legislator is doing than it is to find out what your federal senator is up to. The other advantage is that it is obviously easier for officials to make decisions about areas in which they have personal knowledge. What does a man from Florida, sent to Washington, know about the problems of Alaska? Nothing.

Now that slavery and segregation are dead, maybe we can debate the real issue — the Constitution and state sovereignty.

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Reese

Couple receives acquittal on manslaughter charges, racketeering conviction

SEND, Ore. (AP) — A couple who won accolades for adopting dozens of handicapped children were acquitted Wednesday of charges they let three youngsters die of neglect and abused others with cattle prods and beatings. They were convicted, however, of racketeering and forgery.

The split verdict capped the yearlong trial of Dennis and Diane Nason and followed seven days of jury deliberation. The couple had adopted 84 children in addition to their six biological children and raised them in a 33-room farmhouse.

The Nasons remained free pending sentencing Feb. 6; each could get anything from probation to 20 years.

Mrs. Nason said she felt vindicated because she felt the manslaughter and child abuse charges were the most important. She said she and her husband simply adopted too many children.

"My heart was bigger than it should have been. I don't think I was wrong ... I don't know anything about racketeering. All we had was a mob of kids."

Prosecutors accused the couple of allowing three small children to die neglected in their beds — an infant girl who died of starvation in 1988, and a boy of about 2 and a girl of about 4 who died of a form of dysentery called shigella in 1985, days apart.

Nason was acquitted of manslaughter in the children's deaths, while Mrs. Nason was acquitted on two of three manslaughter charges. The jury was deadlocked on a third count against her.

The Nasons were also acquitted of using a cattle prod and other forms of abuse to discipline children and of siphoning off \$10,000 in contributions from their Great Expectations school.

Their forgery conviction involved falsifying records to

adopt more children.

The racketeering charge alleged that the Nasons ran their family as a criminal enterprise, adopting more and more children to keep money coming in from contribu-

tors.

The couple relied on donations to give a home to abandoned children, many with severe physical and mental disabilities, from around the world.

The Nasons countered they were victims of a witch hunt by state child welfare workers who did nothing to help them care for children no one else wanted. They said the children were in poor health when they arrived, and the couple

did their best to care for them.

The jury seemed to go along with District Attorney Michael Dugan's post-trial assessment that the Nasons began their mission with good intentions, but it became too much for them to handle alone.

The couple, married in high school, moved in 1977 to the farmhouse near Sisters with a spectacular view of the Cascade Range. Nason was postmaster in the central Oregon town.



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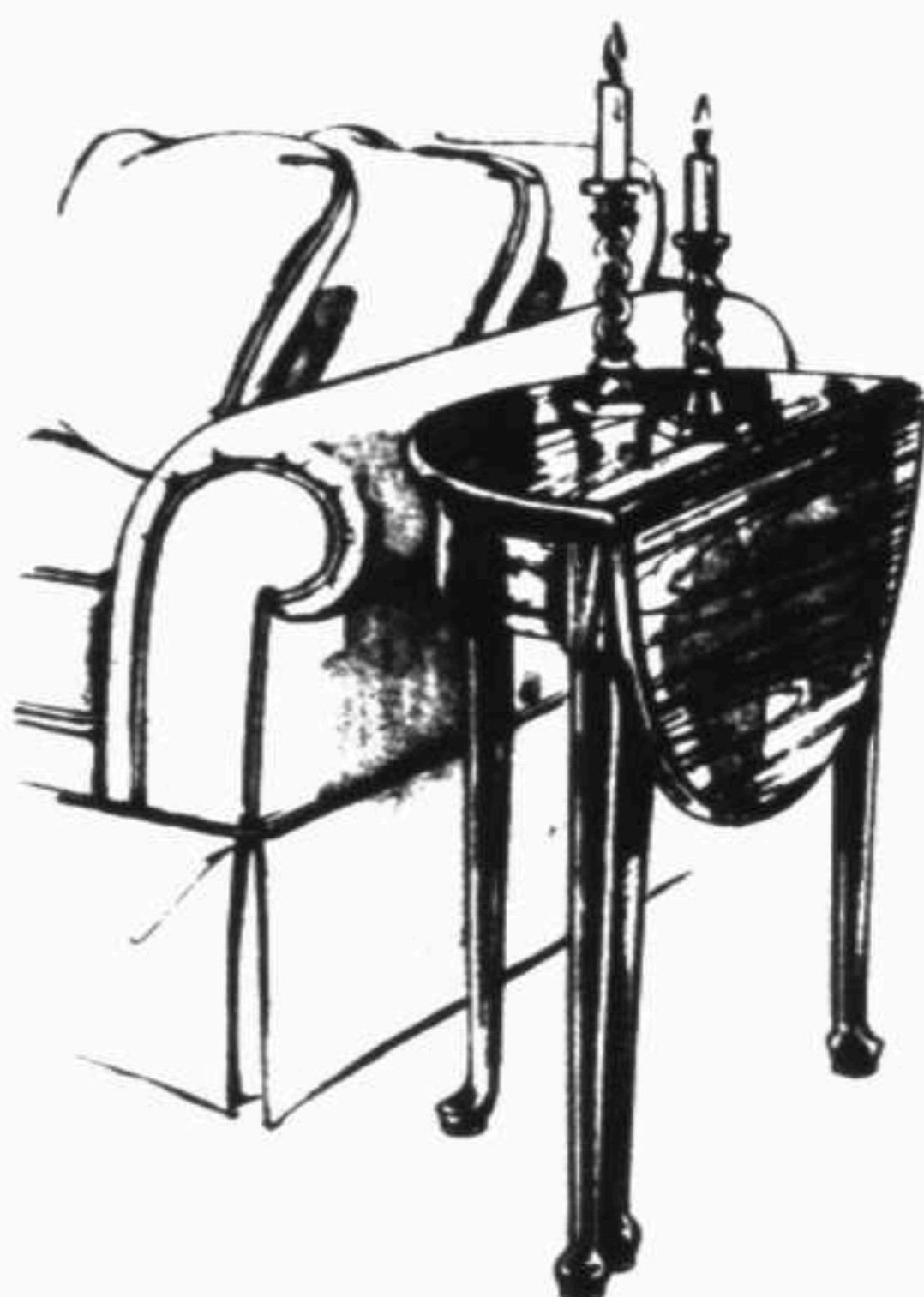
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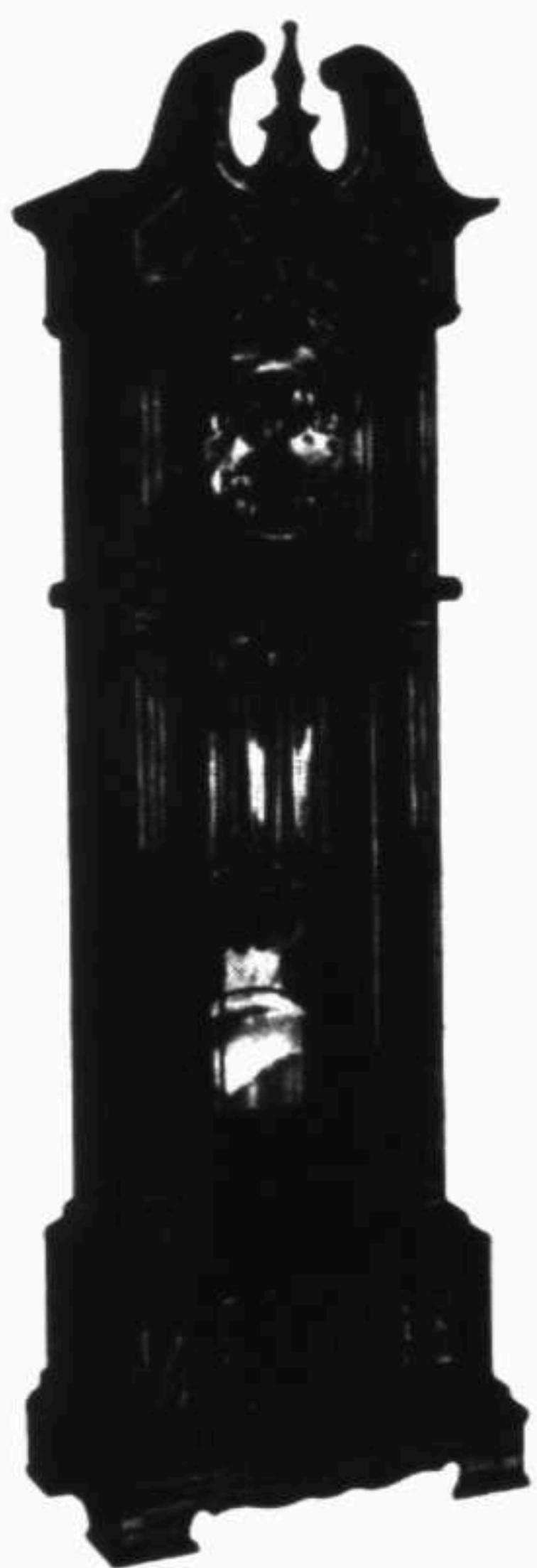
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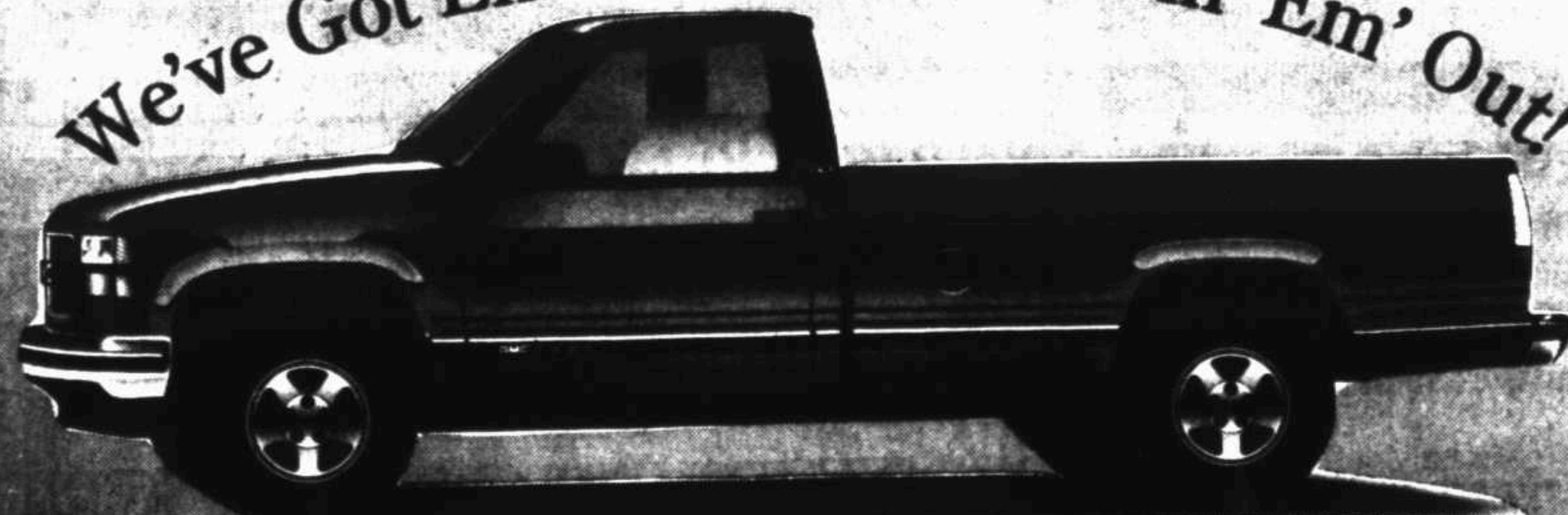
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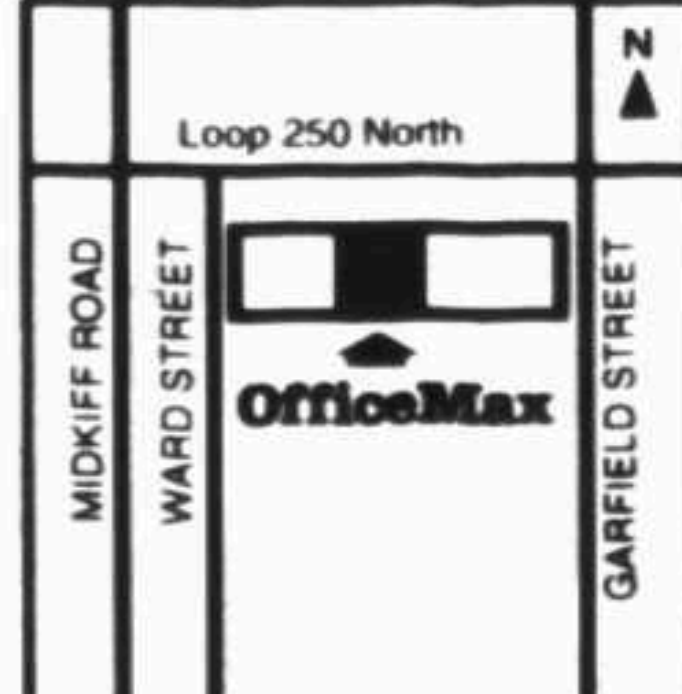
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New prayer amendment causes rift within religious right

By Katharine Seelye
N.Y. Times News Service

WASHINGTON — Opening a rift within the religious right, a House Republican on Tuesday introduced a constitutional amendment that would provide for prayer in public schools, a proposal that some other conservatives and religious groups say goes in the wrong direction.

As a result, Rep. Ernest Jim Istook Jr., a fiery second-term Republican from Oklahoma who introduced the amendment, is now in a standoff with one of the most respected conservatives in Congress, Rep. Henry Hyde of Illinois, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee.

Istook's goal is to have prayer in the schools. The goal of Hyde, who introduced his own amendment last week, is to prevent discrimination against the expression of religious views, whether in public school commencements or on public radio stations; he is silent on school prayer, which is a priority for some conservatives.

THE STANDOFF is forcing House conservatives and the religious right to choose sides, leaving some to fear that this internal squabble may doom the entire yearlong effort to amend the Constitution as a way of protecting and furthering religious expression in American life. Central to the

debate is the role of government in religion.

"Right now, this is shaping up as a fight between those on the religious right," said Forest Montgomery, counsel to the National Association of Evangelicals, one of about a dozen groups that have been helping to draft religious-protection language. "These are our brothers and sisters, and there's a disagreement here."

Montgomery's group, like many others, supports the Hyde approach but acknowledges that Istook has more co-sponsors and that a major struggle lies ahead.

On the sidelines for now are those who oppose any change in the Constitution as it applies to religion.

"This conflict just proves what we've been saying all along," said Joseph Conn, a spokesman for Americans United for Separation of Church and State. "It's not that easy to improve on Madison and Jefferson."

CONN DESCRIBED both proposals as "atrocious." He said the Istook amendment would essentially repeal the First Amendment's Establishment Clause, which says that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion." And he said the Hyde approach would allow the government to promote religion through a "benefits provision" requiring that when it finances sec-

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— Michael McConnell
professor of constitutional law

ular institutions, it finance religious institutions as well.

Hyde's supporters say his amendment would prohibit discrimination against people who want to express their religious views. They deem the measure necessary despite the First Amendment's guarantee of religious freedom because of so many differing legal interpretations of what is permissible.

Istook's amendment would allow student-sponsored prayer in public schools and would permit communities to decide themselves on whether to have religious displays during the holidays. His critics, which include numerous religious groups, object to organized school prayer and say the proposal smacks of a "majority rule" that would exclude members of religious minorities.

Istook took the lead on the reli-

gious amendment nearly a year ago, when Speaker Newt Gingrich said the House would deal with the social agenda of its conservative members after it finished work on the Contract With America.

But among many religious conservatives, the major concern as defined by one of them, Michael McConnell, a professor of constitutional law at the University of Chicago, is not school prayer. It is instead, McConnell says, that expression of religion has become subordinate to secularism.

"THE AUTHENTIC vision of the First Amendment, and of the Founders, and of the United States until about 40 years ago, was one of pluralistic public space in which all citizens, religious and nonreligious, have equal rights," McConnell said in an interview Tuesday. The real problem today,

he said, is "the enforced secularization of public life, not school prayer."

McConnell and others pointed to several cases to bolster their point. One involved Brittny Settle, a ninth grader in Tennessee who was assigned to write a research paper on any topic using four sources. When the girl wrote on the life of Jesus, her teacher gave her a failing grade, saying all "documentation" on Jesus would "derive from one source, the Bible."

In another case, the Commerce Department rejected a grant application from Fordham University to raise its radio antenna because the Jesuit school's radio station broadcast Sunday morning Mass. This violated department policy against financing noncommercial stations that broadcast religious programming.

AS DISCUSSIONS about a religious equality amendment proceeded in Capitol Hill this year, it became evident that Istook was most interested in reviving school prayer. But others, including Hyde, agreed with McConnell that the lack of organized school prayer was not the problem; the problem was discrimination against religious expression.

Montgomery, of the evangelical group, said Istook's amendment treated discrimination "as an afterthought, whereas for us that is the central issue, the *raison d'être* of the whole exercise."

"Istook doesn't prevent the courts from construing the Establishment Clause as requiring discrimination against people because of their religious expression," Montgomery said. "That's the crux of the problem."

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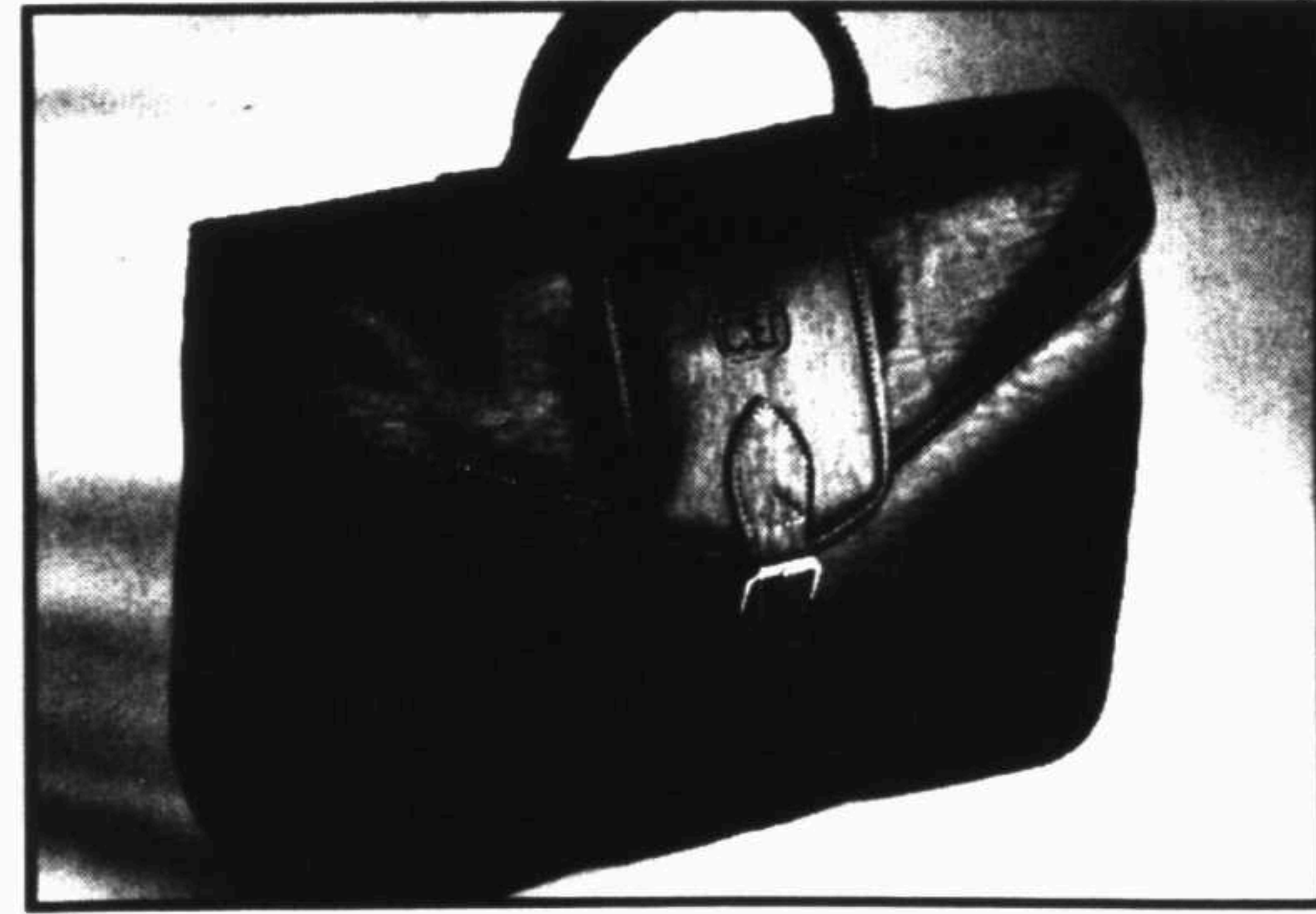
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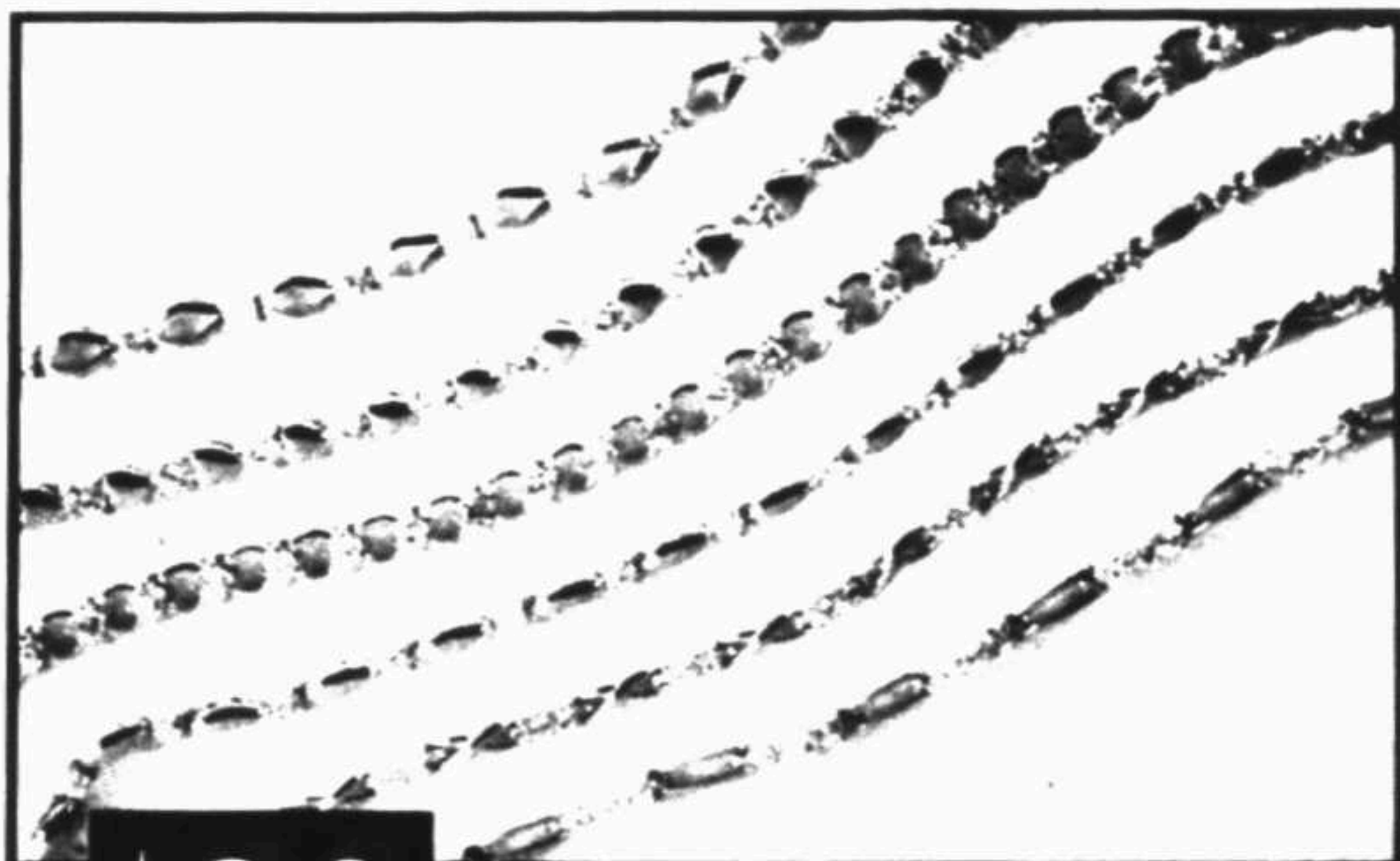
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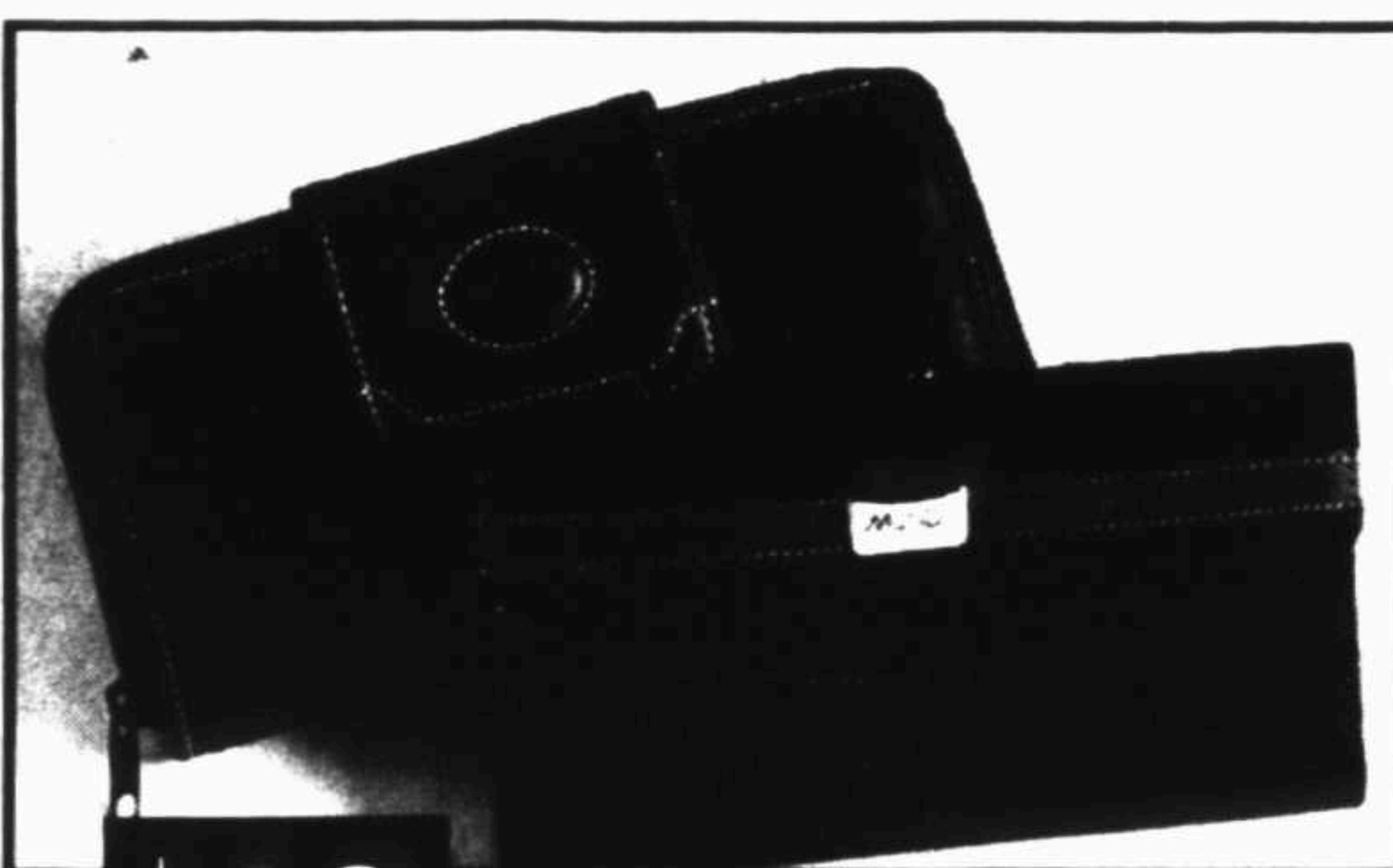
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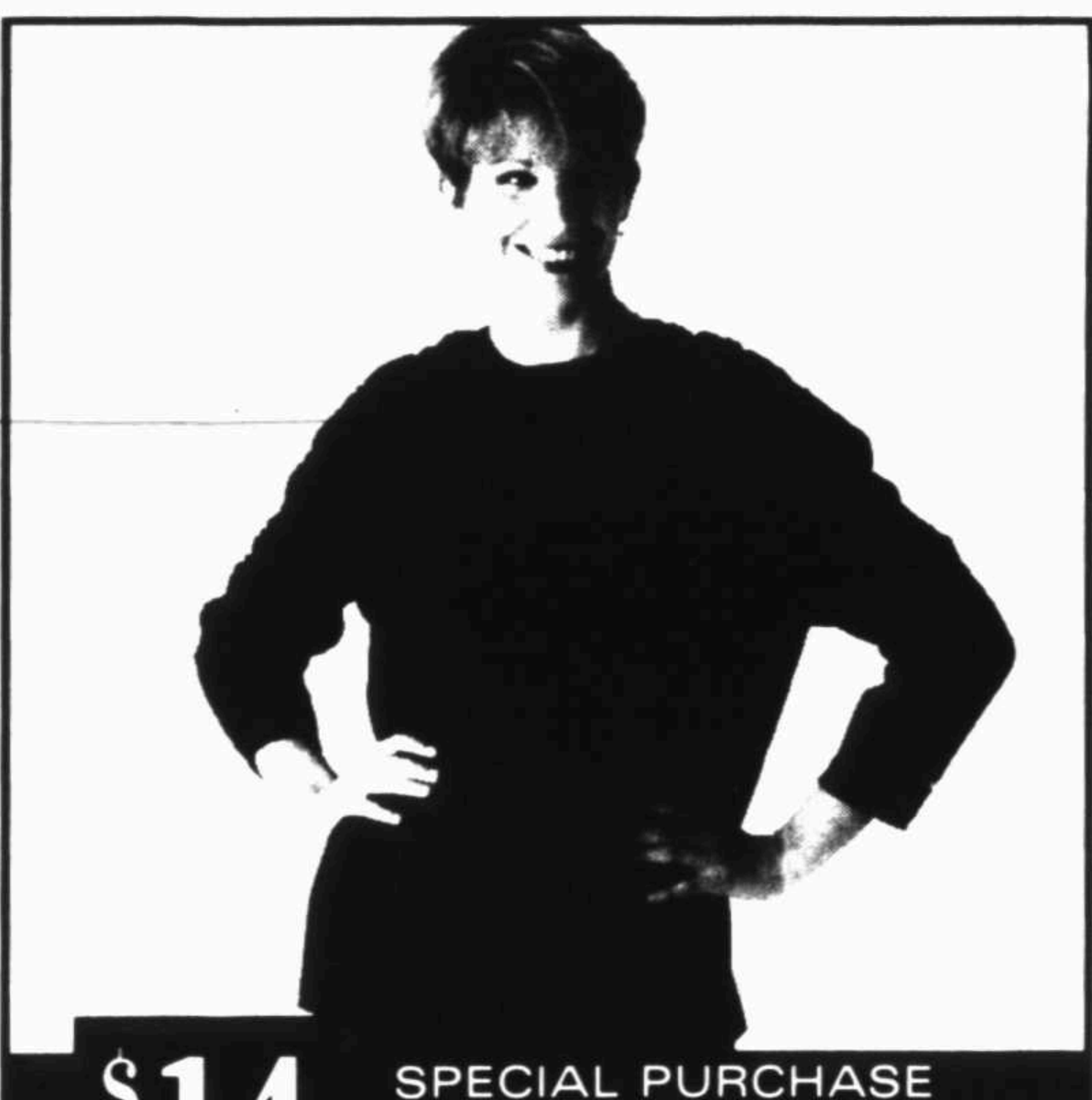
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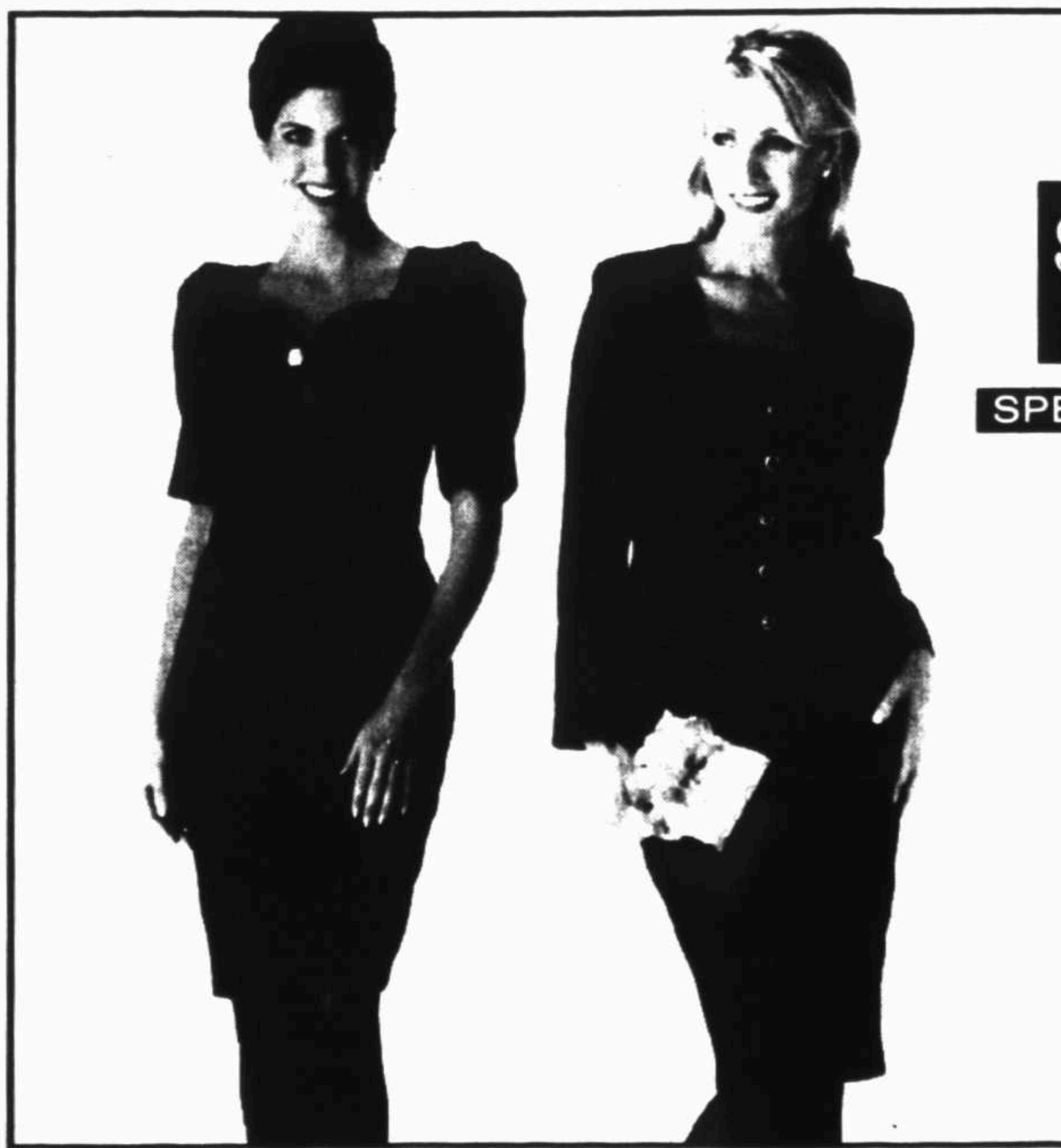
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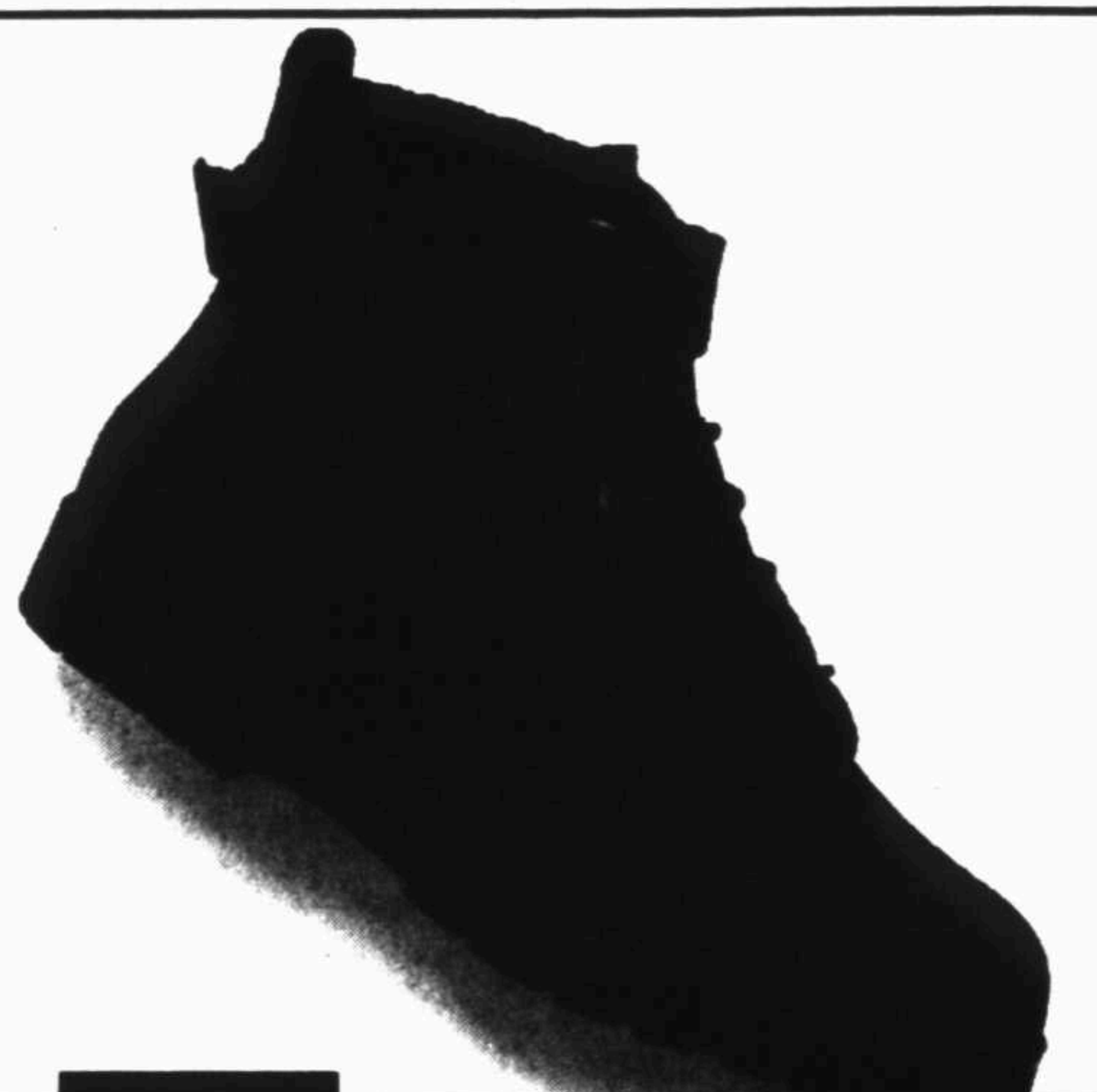
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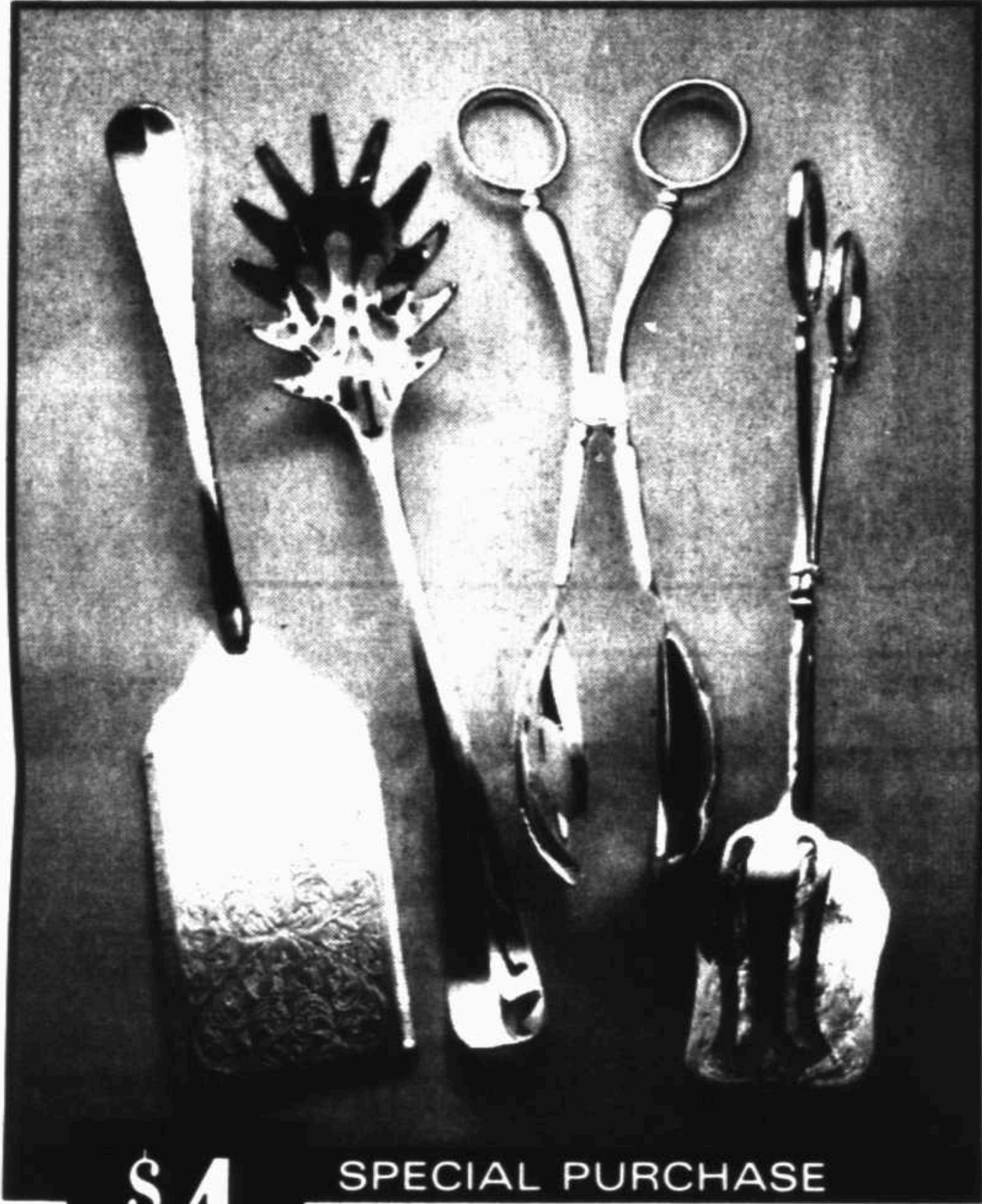


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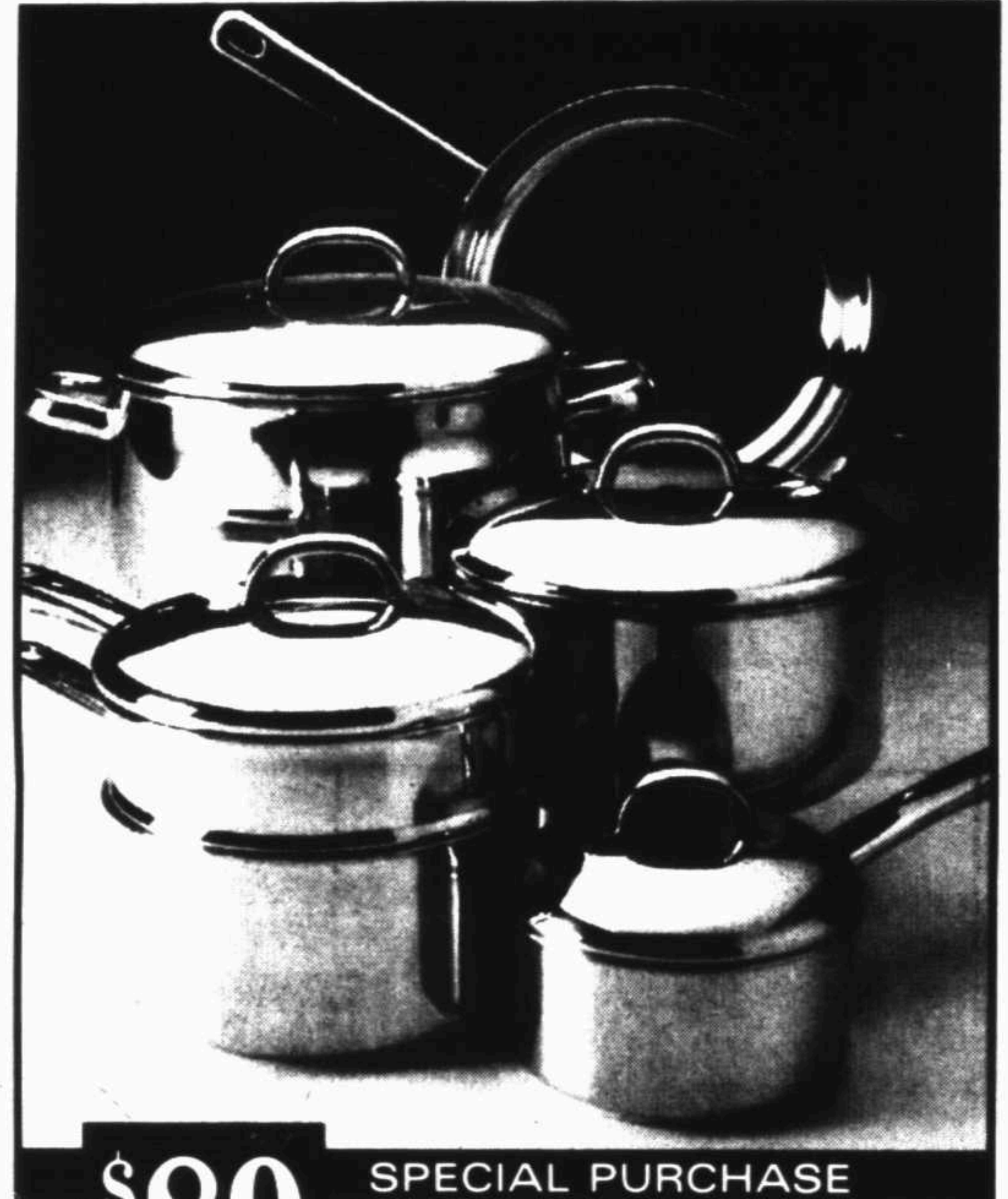
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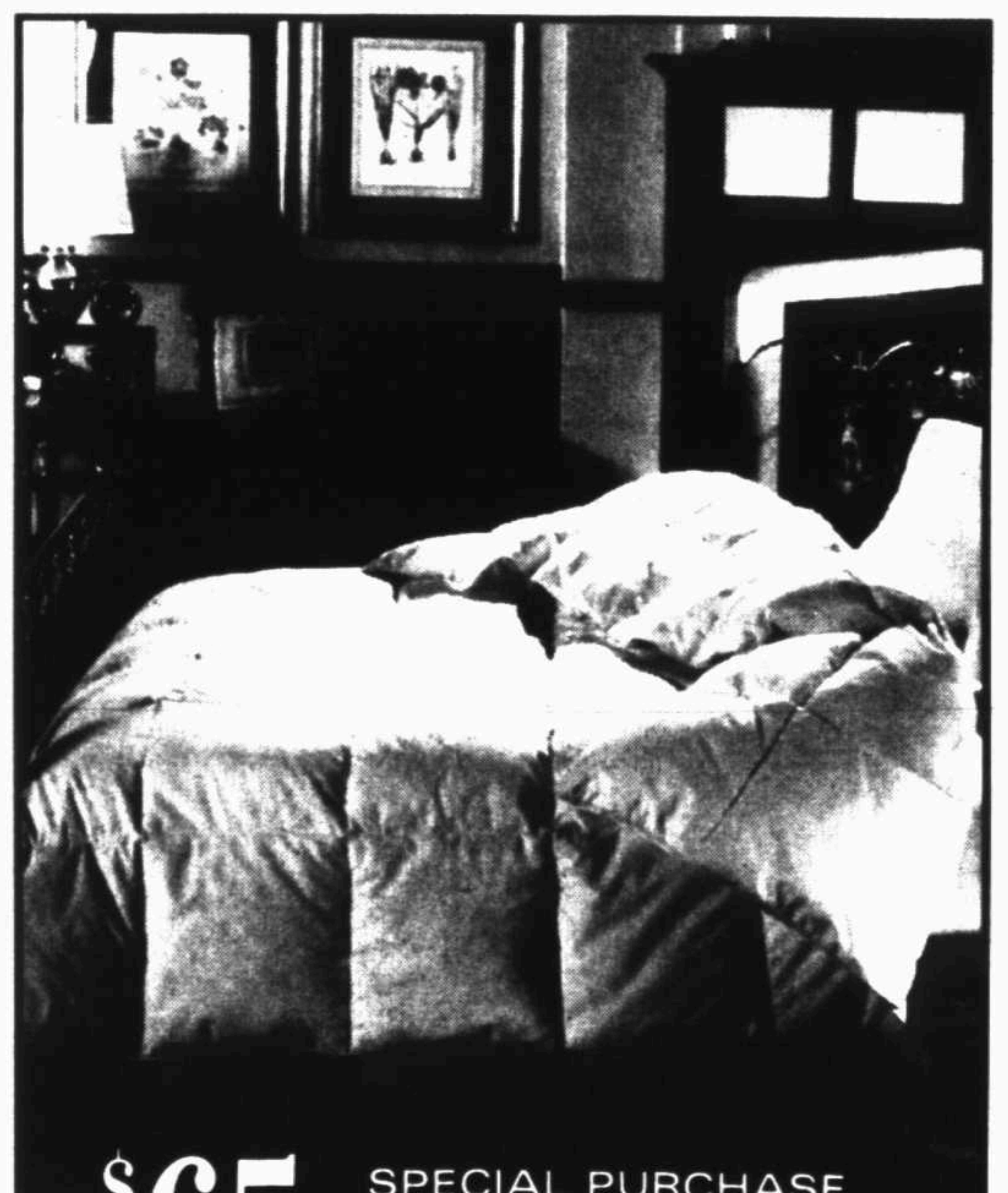
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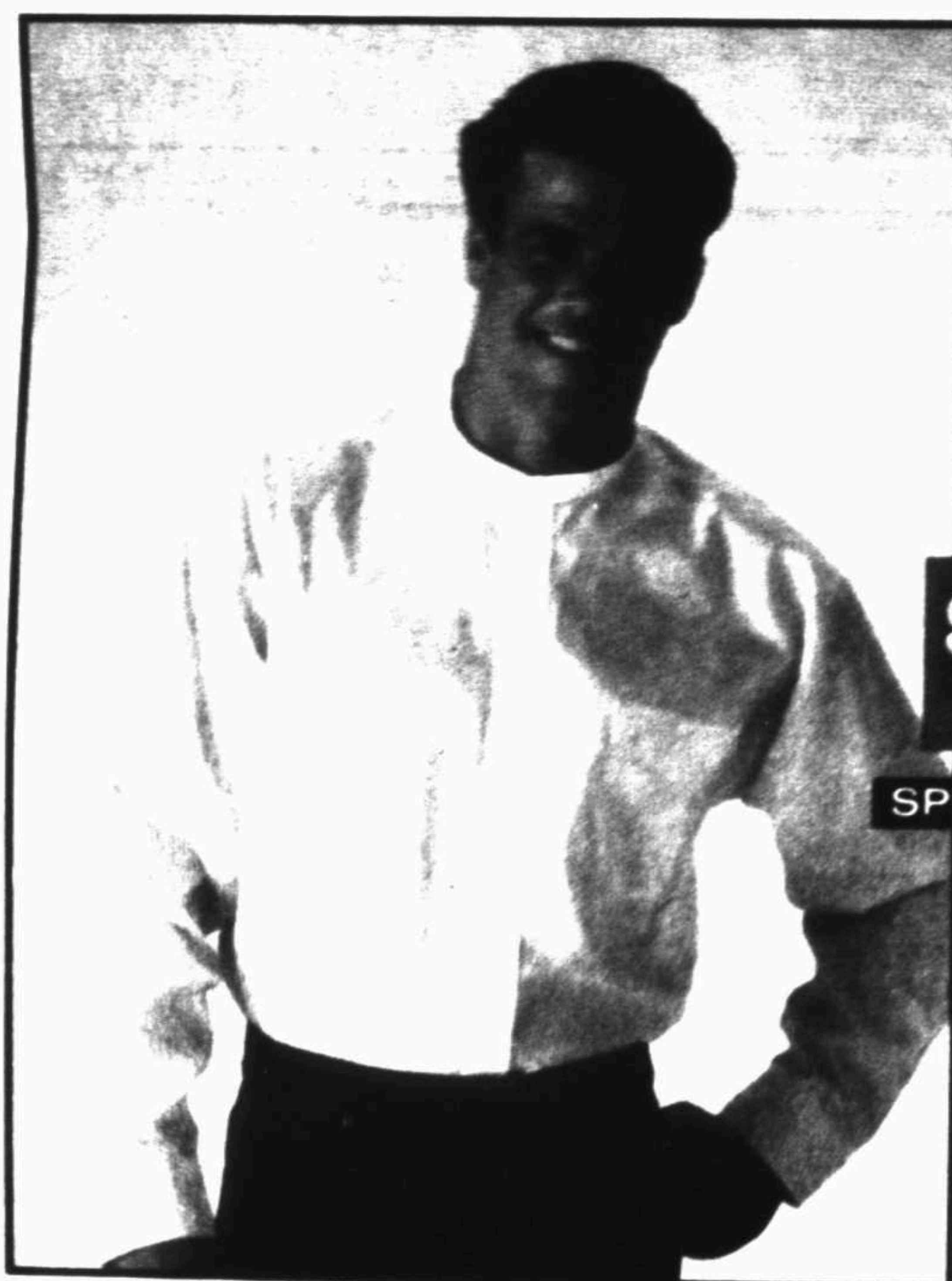
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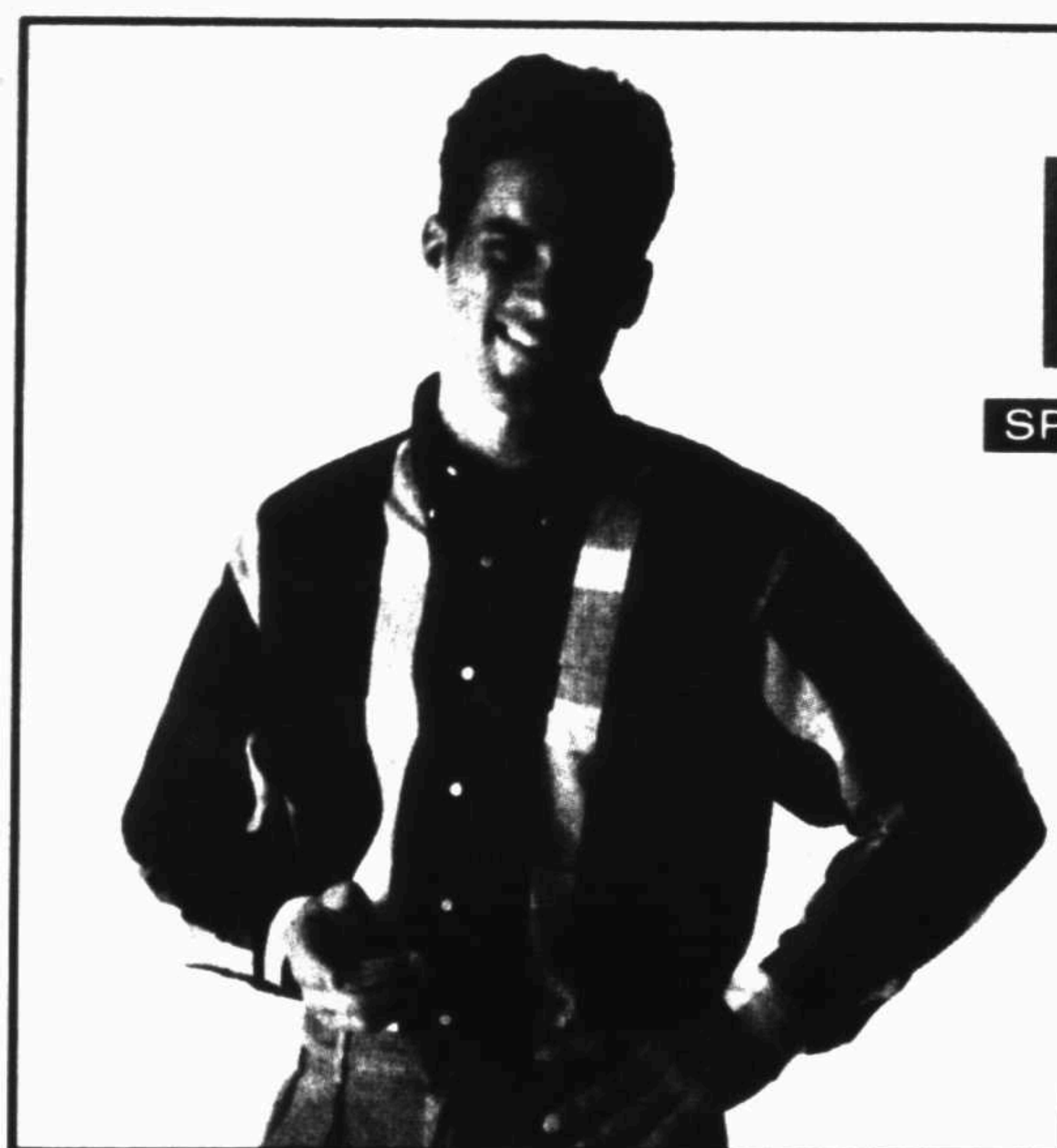
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Prices hold

Crude oil futures traders shrugged off a decision Wednesday by OPEC ministers to maintain their production ceiling for the first half of next year.

"It was no surprise to anybody," said Peter Beutel, president of Cameron Hanover Inc., an investment research firm in Bronxville, N.Y.

Crude oil for January delivery fell just 1 cent to \$17.96 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange in light, pre-holiday trading.

Gasoline, heating oil and natural gas futures posted strong gains.

Analysts said price moves may have been exaggerated by thin trading conditions due to the absence of many traders. U.S. commodity markets will be closed Thursday. Chicago exchanges will hold abbreviated trading sessions Friday but New York markets will not reopen until Monday.

January natural gas climbed 5.5 cents to \$2.113 per 1,000 cubic feet.

The January contract has started catching up to where the December contract left off when it expired Tuesday at \$2.241, analyst John Saucer of Smith Barney Inc. said.

He said strong demand prompted by cold weather continued to drive up both futures and cash prices, which were quoted on the Gulf Coast Wednesday at \$2.25 to \$2.30 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Dollar mixed

NEW YORK — The dollar ended mixed in foreign exchange trading Wednesday despite a brief boost the currency got from a government report detailing a decline in the U.S. trade deficit.

The dollar traded at 100.76 Japanese yen, down from 101.47 yen. The dollar also traded at 1.4090 marks, up from 1.4076 Tuesday.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Tuesday: 1.3669 Swiss francs, unchanged; 4.8680 French francs, up from 4.8640; 1,589 Italian lire, down from 1,591; and 1.3530 Canadian dollars, up from 1.3523.

The British pound was quoted at \$1.625, up from \$1.5580.

Record Dow

NEW YORK — Blue-chip stocks pushed higher into record territory Wednesday on the hope of lower interest rates, but technology stocks depressed the broader market.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 18.06 to 5,041.61. That was less than half its intraday gain of 44 points, but still far above the previous record high close of 5,023.55 set Tuesday.

Although the Dow components were showing remarkable resilience, the market gains were narrow. Advancers had a tiny lead on declines on the New York Stock Exchange. Volume was heavy at 404.91 million shares on the Big Board, but that was below Tuesday's pace.

And broad-market indexes, in which more speculative and smaller-company stocks are more heavily represented, were lower. The NYSE's composite index fell 0.52 to 319.71. The Standard & Poor's 500-stock index fell 1.84 to 598.40. The Nasdaq composite index dropped 3.75 to 1,021.24. The American Stock Exchange's market value index lost 0.22 to 528.33.

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OPEC decides to extend output cap

By N.Y. Times News Service

Vienna — OPEC ministers, frustrated by rising oil supplies outside their control, agreed to extend a two-year-old cap on their own output through the end of June 1996 in the hope that prices will rise with demand.

It's the fifth time the production ceiling was left intact since the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries set it at 24.52 million barrels a day in September 1993. Since then, non-OPEC supply has risen 7 percent while demand rose 4 percent.

"We were doing what was best for the market," Libyan Oil Minister Abdalla Salem El-Badri said after the meeting.

OPEC is hoping — as it has for more than two years — that keeping its own flow of oil at or near current levels will be enough to boost prices as demand rises. Traders aren't so sure, and oil prices fell a few cents a barrel in New York and London.

Some analysts said the extension, which was expected, won't boost prices

to OPEC's target of \$21 a barrel because non-OPEC production will rise faster than world demand next year and OPEC members continue to ignore its self-imposed quotas.

"The market is going to read this as a signal that they are going to raise production in June, and that is bearish," said Mohammed Abduljabbar, a senior economist at the Petroleum Finance Co.

OPEC ministers said their decision was unanimous, excluding non-show Gabon, the group's smallest producer. They plan to meet again June 5, 1996, to review the production ceiling for the rest of the year.

Some traders weren't convinced OPEC can hold the line on its output if it's only committed for six months, in part because the 12 countries that make up the group already produce almost 1 million barrels more than the production cap it extended today.

"It means that they will carry on over-producing as they were," said John Lichtblau, chairman of the New York-based Petroleum Industry Research

Foundation, who was in Vienna.

Such concerns were reflected in recent trading of crude oil futures. While initially rebounding after OPEC's announcement, prices fell for the third consecutive day after a four-month high Friday.

Some analysts were concerned that OPEC didn't pledge to crack down on members that are pumping more oil than their self-imposed quotas. The gap between the production cap and actual output has widened the past two years.

Allowing OPEC production to remain well above 25 million barrels a day, even for the next year, "is too much oil," said Leo Drollas, deputy director at the London-based Centre for Global Energy Studies.

Ministers declined to say what, if anything, they would do to dissuade cheaters, the biggest of which is Venezuela, who are contributing to the perceived glut in the oil market, several observers said.

"We all agreed to stick to our ceiling of 24.52 million" barrels a day, Kuwaiti

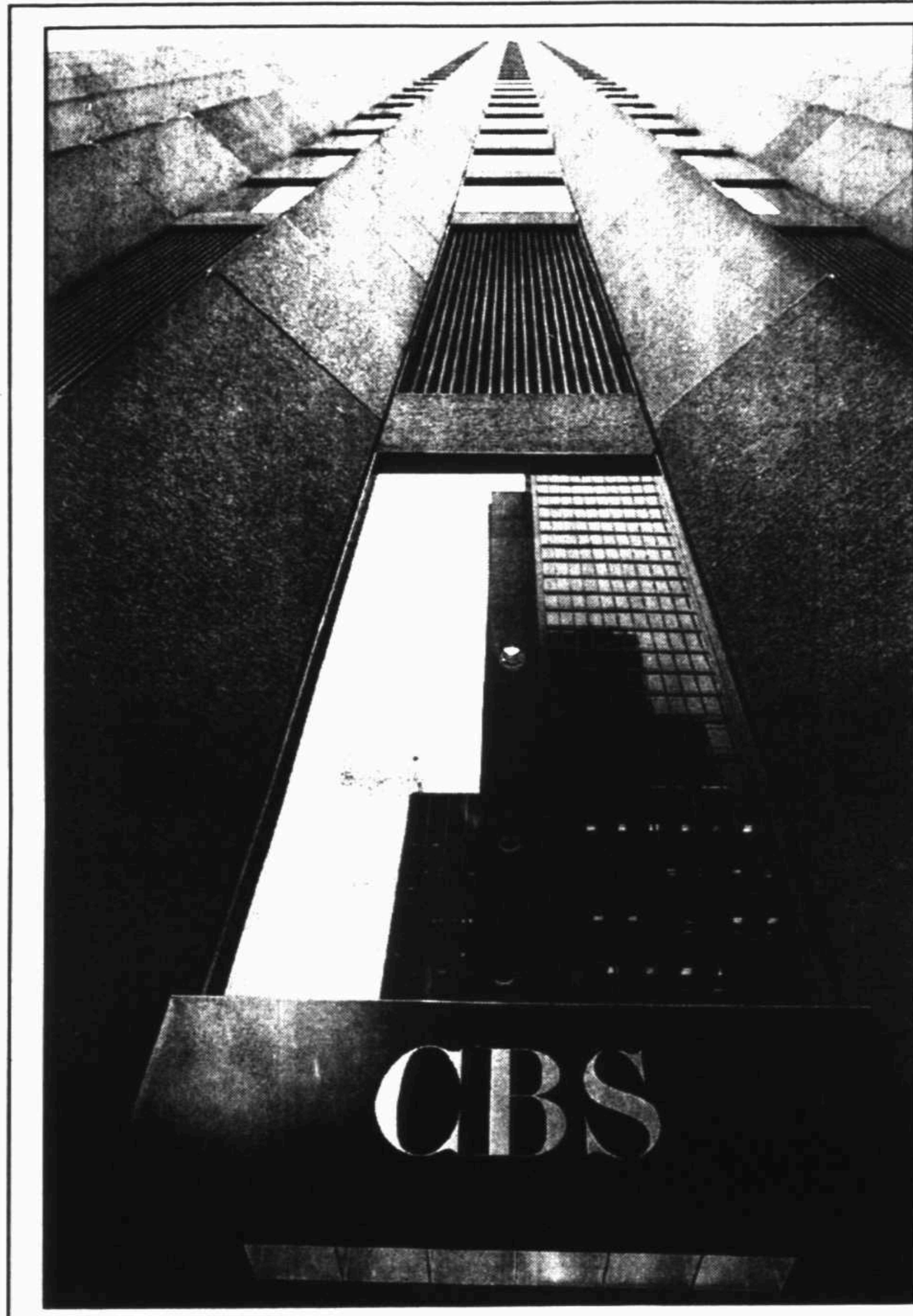
Oil Minister Abdul Mohsen Medej Al-Medej, said after the meeting.

OPEC ministers indicated they had little choice but to continue the group's production target.

"Our objective is to get a fair price, and you can't get a fair price by increasing production," Libya's El-Badri said earlier in the week.

In their final communique after the meeting, the ministers said, "In light of the oil market performance during 1995 and the foreseen supply-demand situation as of January 1996, the conference decided to maintain the present agreed ceiling of 24.52 million barrels a day until the end of June 1996."

So far, OPEC's strategy of keeping its production ceiling unchanged hasn't worked because demand hasn't risen as fast as oil supplies outside of OPEC, notably from North Sea producers such as Norway and the U.K., which have boosted their share of the world market at the expense of OPEC's 12 members.



CBS sold

The CBS headquarters building in New York is shown in this 1993 file photo. Westinghouse Inc.'s \$5.4 billion takeover of CBS won Federal Communications Commission approval Wednesday and the deal, creating the nation's largest broadcaster is expected to be sealed by week's end.

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Trade deficit narrows to nine-month low

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. trade deficit narrowed to \$8.35 billion, the lowest level in nine months, as sales of cars, computers and heavy machinery pushed American exports to an all-time high. The trade gap with Japan shrank to its lowest level in more than two years.

The Commerce Department reported that the September deficit in goods and services was down 0.1 percent from an \$8.36 billion imbalance in August. Both months reflected big improvements from the record monthly deficit of \$11.28 billion in June.

The Clinton administration hailed the improving deficit as proof its trade policies are working. The stock market, which burst through the 5,000 mark on Tuesday, continued to push higher in record territory on Wednesday.

"Since the beginning of the administration, President Clinton has pursued a trade policy that aggressively promotes exports and presses for open markets abroad," Commerce Secretary Ron Brown said. "This policy is the cornerstone of an improved balance of trade."

But while Brown said it appeared that the deficit had peaked in the spring and was now headed lower, private economists were not as optimistic.

They said the country was still headed for its worst trade gap in history this year with little prospect for much improvement in 1997.

"We had some abnormally bad numbers early in the year because of the collapse of Mexico," said David Wyss, economist at DRI-McGraw Hill Inc. in Lexington, Mass. "It looks like the worst is now over, but that doesn't mean we are going to bounce back very quickly."

So far this year, the deficit in goods is running at an annual rate of \$182 billion, which would far surpass the previous merchandise record of \$159 billion set in 1987.

"We still have a serious trade problem that is hurting economic growth in this country," said Lawrence Chimerine, chief economist at the Economic Strategy Institute, a Washington think tank.

The September trade figure was among a batch of economic reports released Wednesday as the government sought to catch up following last week's shutdown.

The Labor Department said that the number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits climbed to 371,000 last week, pushing the four-week moving average up to 372,250, its highest point since late July.

Accountants warn Mesa may face closure

IRVING, Texas (AP) — If its finances don't improve, Mesa Inc. faces the prospect of being shuttered, accountants for the energy company cautioned in a statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Year-end financial statements for Mesa, which is operating under the weight of \$1.2 billion in debt, will include "a discussion of substantial doubt about the company's ability to continue as a going concern," if it is unsuccessful in efforts to solve its cash crunch, the statement says.

Analysts greeted with the news, which was stated in less urgent terms in the Irving-based company's June quarterly report, acted as if it were expected.

"None of that's surprising," Frederick P. Leuffer of Bear Stearns & Co. in New York is quoted as saying in Wednesday editions of The Dallas Morning News. "Unless they get asset sales, they will be out of cash by midyear 1996."

Mesa spokesman Jay Rosser said the company headed by investor Boone Pickens is "pursuing a course of action that's designed to address those concerns."

Mesa, which has been trying since mid-summer to attract an equity infusion or sell assets or the entire company, said it received proposals from possible buyers. While details of the offers were not disclosed, several major oil companies have been identified as potential buyers.

Meanwhile, dissident shareholders Dennis Washington and Marvin Davis have put on hold an effort to wrest control of the company.

Because of a dramatic increase in Mesa's debt payments, analysts point to next year as critical.

Investor's Guide

Mutual fund investments intended for 'long haul'

By Bill Doyle

Q: I have some \$58,000 in an individual retirement account. This money was in mutual funds, which went down in 1994. On paper, I lost about \$4,000. I panicked and redeemed the fund shares. My IRA now is in a 6.75 percent certificate of deposit, which matures in February.



Doyle

A: I am 70 years old and will have to start taking money out of the IRA after age 70 1/2.

What can I roll over the IRA into that will give me a better return than CDs in the long run? I would like the value of my IRA to grow while I take the minimum required out of it.

A: Mutual funds holding common stocks as investments would be the logical choice. Over the long haul, such funds have produced "total returns" — dividends plus gains in share value — far better than CD yields.

That's what makes your situation so sad. By panicking last year, you

missed out on this year's great bull market, during which stock and mutual fund share prices soared.

And, if you are enticed back into a mutual fund, you might well panic again when the market takes a dip — as it eventually will.

Neither I nor anyone else can predict when the much-heralded "correction" — lowering stock prices by 10 percent or more — will occur.

But it will happen. You can be sure of that.

Investors who hang on through those periodic corrections come out ahead. If you can brace yourself to ride out occasional market storms, well-managed mutual funds will accomplish the investment aim you outline.

Q: I invest in a stock index fund (\$100,000) an equity income fund (\$30,000) another common stock fund (\$30,000) and a "new Asia" fund (\$30,000). The first three all do well, but the new Asia fund only recently got back to the price I paid. I am considering selling it.

I also have \$50,000 in a 401(k) fixed income retirement plan at work and \$50,000 in a stock index fund as my individual retirement account. I'm 43 years old and invest approximately

\$1,500 a month.

Will I be diversified enough when I sell the new Asia fund, or would a fourth mutual fund help round out my investing?

A: In my opinion, you would be adequately diversified after you redeem the shares you now have in the Asian fund.

As the name indicates, that type of fund holds as investments stocks of Asian companies. Many such stocks have turned in excellent price performance, but the Japanese market has been a drag of late, as Nippon's stocks have faltered.

In recent years, it has become popular to hold shares of 10, 15 or more mutual funds. But I have to count that as a fad. Each mutual fund provides diversification by virtue of the many securities it holds in its investment portfolio. I can't see any good reason for an individual to invest in more than five or six mutual funds.

After redeeming the new Asia fund shares, the three you will continue to hold plus the one in your 401(k) should be plenty.

Q: How risky are closed-end funds? Their currently large discounts and high yields make them seem awfully

attractive.

A: True, but those discounts might become larger.

A closed-end fund — technically a closed-end investment company — is somewhat similar to a mutual fund, which is an open-end investment company.

The net asset value per share of both types is calculated the same way: by adding up the market value of the company's investments and other assets and dividing by the number of shares "outstanding" — owned by investors.

A mutual fund stands ready to redeem its shares on any business day. A closed-end fund does not. When you own a closed-end fund's shares and want to sell, you must do so in the open market — where there always is a big risk that the discount from net asset value will become larger.

Bill Doyle is a syndicated columnist for King Features. He welcomes written questions, but is able to provide answers only through the column.

Address your questions to Investor's Guide, King Features Syndicate, c/o Reporter-Telegram, Box 1650, Midland Texas 79702.

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NFL FOOTBALL — Minnesota Vikings at Detroit Lions, 11:30 a.m., FOX
Kansas City Chiefs at Dallas Cowboys, 3 p.m., NBC

COLLEGE FOOTBALL — Georgia Bulldogs at Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets, 10 a.m., ABC
Baylor Bears at Texas Longhorns, 7 p.m., ESPN

CFL FOOTBALL — 1995 Grey Cup, Baltimore Stallions vs. Calgary Stampeders, 8 a.m., ESPN

GOLF — World Championship of Golf, 2:30 p.m., ESPN

Texas Scores

NBA — Houston Rockets 115, Philadelphia 76ers 106
Chicago Bulls 103, San Antonio Spurs 94

NHL — Vancouver Canucks at Dallas Stars, late

Off and running

Since 1960, the year the American Football League was born, no NFL or AFL expansion team has had more than three wins in its first season. This year, the Carolina Panthers already have five wins and the Jacksonville Jaguars have three.

Expansion teams	First-year record
1960 Dallas Cowboys	0-11-1
1961 Minnesota Vikings	3-11
1966 Atlanta Falcons	3-11
1966 Miami Dolphins	3-11
1967 New Orleans Saints	3-11
1968 Cincinnati Bengals	3-11
1976 Tampa Bay Buccaneers	0-14
1976 Seattle Seahawks	2-12
1995 Carolina Panthers	5-6*
1995 Jacksonville Jaguars	3-8*

*through week 11

Source: NFL

AP/Ed De Gassio

Peach gets Cavs

Virginia accepted an invitation Wednesday to play in the Peach Bowl, the site 11 years ago of its first bowl game and first bowl victory.

"It couldn't have been a better choice for us," coach George Welsh said. "It was very exciting in 1984. It would be nice to repeat."

The Cavaliers most likely will play No. 23 Arkansas (8-3) if the Razorbacks lose to No. 3 Florida on Dec. 2 in the Southeastern Conference championship. Another possible opponent is No. 21 Alabama (8-3), which is appealing a NCAA ban on postseason appearances. A decision on that appeal is expected this week.

AP tabs Piniella

NEW YORK — Lou Piniella, who led the Seattle Mariners to their first playoff appearance, was voted The Associated Press Manager of the Year on Wednesday.

Piniella received 27 of 66 votes in nationwide balloting by sports writers and broadcasters. Colorado manager Don Baylor was second with 13 votes, followed by Cleveland's Mike Hargrove with 10. Atlanta's Bobby Cox and Boston's Kevin Kennedy had six votes each.

Earlier this month, Piniella was voted AL Manager of the Year by the Baseball Writers Association of America. The AP began selecting one major league Manager of the Year in 1984.

"I'm very humble about it because I know I'm just a figurehead for the organization," Piniella said from his home in Tampa, Fla. "When players play well, when coaches do a good job, when the front office gets you players, the manager reaps the reward. In my case, my players did an outstanding job for me, as did my staff."

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Bizarre day awaits Cowboys, Chiefs

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Thanksgiving Day at Texas Stadium. Sometimes it's like being in the Bermuda Triangle.

It's a time of unlikely heroes and crazy plays. Witness the last two years as examples.

Last year, Jason Garrett, a third stringer who had never started an NFL game, did so against the Green Bay Packers because Troy Aikman and Rodney Peete were injured.

Called "Rudy" by his teammates because of his resemblance to the Notre Dame movie hero, Garrett had an Aikman-like day and the Cow-



boys rolled to victory over the bewildered Packers.

Two years ago was a scene out of Football Follies.

The first and only snow and ice storm ever to strike Texas Stadium on Thanksgiving Day turned the Miami-Dallas game into a bizarre scene.

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Vikings battle Central foe Lions

By Harry Atkins
AP Sports Writer

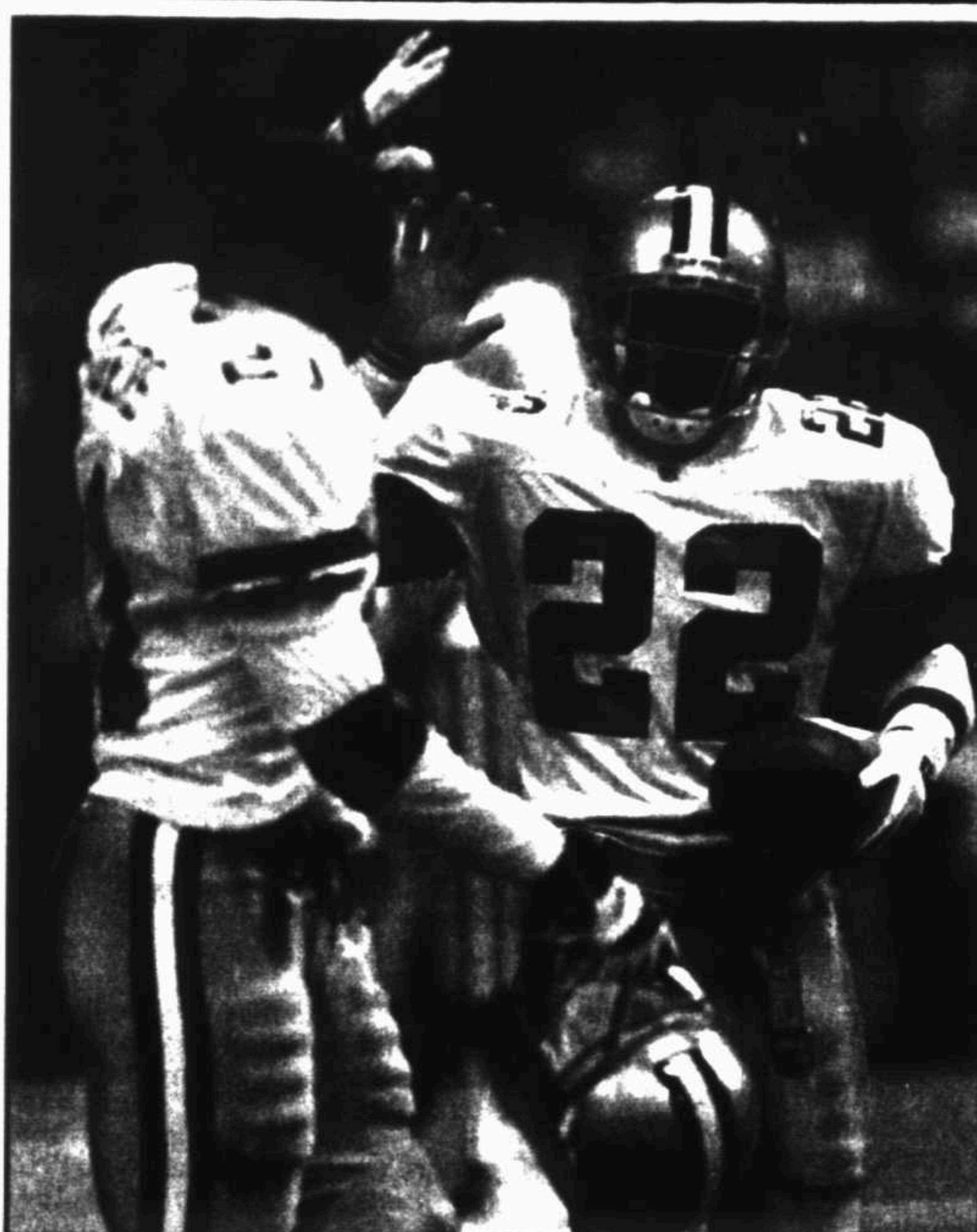
PONTIAC, Mich. — There will be plenty of banners hanging in the Silverdome on Thanksgiving Day, as usual. Don't expect "Save the Wayne" to be among them.

Detroit fans will be pulling for their Lions (5-6) to defeat the Minnesota Vikings (6-5). Yet it's

hard to find anyone willing to admit they want coach Wayne Fontes back next season.

Lions fans have seen this act before. Too many times, perhaps. The team stumbles around and seems hopelessly out of the playoff picture by midseason. Then the players rally around Fontes, put on a strong finish and save the coach's job — again.

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Emmitt Smith and the Cowboys have a Thanksgiving date with the Kansas City Chiefs, but it will be the first one with Deion Sanders.

CLASS 5A SMALL-SCHOOL PLAYOFFS

4-5A's worst nightmare

■ Lee's John Norman has become District 4-5A's leader in interceptions as a junior.

By Stewart Doreen
Sports Writer

What is the single worst nightmare facing quarterbacks and offensive coordinators across District 4-5A?

Aside from playing the game in their underwear, the gray 38 across the maroon Midland Lee football uniform might be the first thing on the list.

Yes, junior defensive back John Norman has been a piercing thorn in his opponents' side and has them staying up all night in an effort to avoid the horrible consequences that happen when people throw his way.

"For what he does, he was born to do that," said Midland Lee football coach John Parchman. "He has all the physical and mental tools to be the best we've ever had at Lee High School."

Norman is the district's leader in passes intercepted (9), interception return yards (359) and interceptions returned for touchdowns (4). The numbers are good enough to rank with the 5A leaders in the greater big city areas such as Dallas, San Antonio, El Paso, Houston and Austin. Before coming up with those all-state numbers, Norman has to first start with hefty goals.

"My own personal goal was 12 interceptions," said Norman. "Last year, the leader in the state had 12."

"I just want to get my job done as well as I can."

But Norman is not only the district's No. 1 pass thief but his play against the run makes him doubly tough. Just ask Odessa Permian's Ja'Quay Wilburn.

In the Oct. 27 matchup between the district's top two teams, Norman caught the district's 1995 100-meter champion as Wilburn tried to turn the corner from six yards out. The score would have given the Permian a 14-7 lead in the second quarter but Norman ran down and dragged Wilburn to the Ratliff turf in maybe Lee's biggest stand of the season. Permian ended up with a short field goal try that missed. Norman's play exemplified the double-

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John Norman has nine interceptions this season and a key figure behind Lee's attacking defensive style which has limited its opponents to 7.6 points a game.

jeopardy nature that faces opposing offenses going up against Lee.

"It's the style of the defense," said

Parchman. "You're going to get burned if you don't make things happen defensively. In our scheme, he's as

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Velarde signs 3-year deal with Angels

■ The former Midland Lee standout free agent leaves New York for a \$2.45 million contract and playing time with California.

By Stewart Doreen
Sports Writer



Velarde

Midland native Randy Velarde knew what he wanted when he became one of baseball's 138 free agents after the 1995 season.

Wednesday, Velarde found out his worth as the former Midland Lee Rebel signed a three-year, \$2.45 million deal to become a California Angel.

"It's a great opportunity for us," said Velarde at a press conference Wednesday. "Security (financially), playing for a winner and playing on an everyday basis were factors I had to consider in wanting to play for the Angels. They are a young, strong team."

In 1995, Velarde, who didn't get any significant offers from either of the Texas teams, started 104 games, including 53 and second base, 24 at shortstop, 14 in left field and 13 at third base. The 32-year old said getting a bigger salary this season is extremely satisfying to him as a player.

"A player strives for consistency and to see where you stand as a player," said Velarde, who chose Angels over the Philadelphia Phillies, Los Angeles Dodgers and Yankees.

Velarde, who hit .278 last season with seven home runs and a career-high-tying 46 RBI, comes from a Yankees team that made its first playoff appearance since 1981. Velarde, who made his first-ever appearance in the post season, said playing for a winner was a key in why he took a pay cut in New York in 1995 and why he signed with the Angels for the '96 season.

"That (the playoffs) is what baseball is all about," said Velarde who played in

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Sean Wallace

SWC ready to go bowling, but where?

By the time you're finishing that third leftover turkey sandwich just as the Texas-Baylor game ends tonight, the Southwest Conference bowl picture could be as clear as white wine served for dinner or as cloudy as Aunt Mabel's special gravy.

The Longhorns come into tonight's nationally-televised game (ESPN) just where they wanted to be. Texas is on top of the conference, unbeaten in the league and can clinch at least a share of the final SWC title with a win.

A win today and another over A&M next week would ensure Texas its first Top 10 standing going into a bowl game since 1990 when it went into the Cotton Bowl ranked No. 3 against Miami. It would also put the Longhorns into either the Sugar Bowl or the Orange Bowl under the new Bowl Alliance format.

But if this has taught us one thing it's this: don't bet on it.

In a year that has seen Texas Tech beat A&M yet look horrible in a loss to Baylor, Texas beat up on everyone yet struggle against a mediocre TCU team and the Aggies have to pull out a last-second win over SMU, the final week-and-a-half of the conference season should be nothing if not interesting.

Texas A&M still has a chance to be the conference's representative in the Alliance if it beats TCU Saturday and Texas next Saturday in College Station.

Baylor also has a shot to win the title, but it needs a little help. The Bears must win today over Texas and then hope Texas beats A&M. That would put Baylor and Texas in a tie for the conference title, but the Bears would get the Alliance berth because they would have beaten the Longhorns.

A bowl bid probably awaits for all three, but for the two teams on the outside looking in at the conference crown, the Small 4 will have to fight with the Big 8 to find out just where they are going.

The Alliance is already considering A&M (7-2), Texas (8-1-1), Baylor (7-3) and Tech (7-3) members of the Big 12 in its bowl selection process, and with top-ranked Nebraska almost certain of being one of the Alliance's top six picks and Colorado (Cotton vs. Oregon) and Kansas State (Holiday vs. WAC Champ) locked into bowls, the SWC runner-ups will fight Kansas (9-2) for spots in the Aloha (Big 12 fifth), Copper (Big 12 sixth) and Alamo (Big 12 fourth) bowls.

The Red Raiders must win Saturday against Houston to keep its bowl hopes alive. The win over A&M could carry a lot of weight in decision-making, and if Tech doesn't get a Big 12 berth, it should be a shoo-in for either the Liberty or Independence bowls which have open slots.

TODAY'S GAME

BAYLOR (7-3, 5-1) at TEXAS (8-1-1, 5-0) — Baylor's Jerod Douglas set a team freshman rushing record in this game last year, but Texas' defense is a lot better. Texas' Shon Mitchell (904) and Ricky Williams (741) have combined for 1,645 rushing yards which will help Texas clinch a tie for the SWC title. Texas 31, Baylor 17.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

TEXAS TECH (7-3, 4-2) at HOUSTON (1-8, 1-4) — Byron Hanspard scored five TDs against SMU last week...He might do that in the first half against Houston. The Raiders need a big win to impress bowl scouts and they should deliver. Texas Tech 38, Houston 14.

TEXAS A&M (7-2, 4-1) at TCU (6-4, 3-3) — Like Texas' game with Baylor, this game is the preliminary bout before the main event next weekend in College Station. The Aggies feel good about themselves again after beating up on Middle Tennessee State, and conference championship game with Texas is all but assured. Texas A&M 41, TCU 21.

LAST WEEK: 4-0. OVERALL RECORD: 35-14 (.714).

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SPORTS CORECARD

NCAA Hoops

Preseason NIT
Southeastern
 Wednesday, Nov. 22
 Arizona 68, Michigan 79
 Georgia Tech vs. Georgetown (n)
 Friday, Nov. 24
 At New York
 Michigan vs. Georgetown Tech-Georgia
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NBA Results

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	9	2	.818	—
Orlando	9	2	.818	—
Miami	6	5	.545	1 1/2
Boston	4	7	.364	3 1/2
New Jersey	4	7	.364	3 1/2
Washington	4	7	.364	3 1/2

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	9	1	.900	—
Indiana	8	2	.800	—
Atlanta	6	4	.600	2
Detroit	6	4	.600	2
Milwaukee	6	4	.600	2
Toronto	3	7	.300	5 1/2
Charlotte	3	7	.300	5 1/2
Cleveland	2	8	.200	6 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	9	2	.818	—
San Antonio	6	5	.545	1 1/2
Dallas	5	6	.455	2 1/2
Phoenix	5	6	.455	2 1/2
Vancouver	2	9	.182	7 1/2
Minnesota	2	9	.182	7 1/2

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	7	3	.700	—
Seattle	7	3	.700	—
Portland	6	4	.600	—
LA Lakers	6	4	.600	—
Phoenix	5	6	.455	2 1/2
Golden State	4	7	.364	3 1/2

Tuesday's Games

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	108	124	102	0
Denver	107	125	99	0
Portland	106	126	98	0
LA Lakers	105	127	97	0
Phoenix	104	128	96	0
Golden State	103	129	95	0

Wednesday's Games

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
LA Lakers	108	124	102	0
Denver	107	125	99	0
Portland	106	126	98	0
LA Lakers	105	127	97	0
Phoenix	104	128	96	0
Golden State	103	129	95	0

Thursday's Games

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
LA Lakers	109	123	103	0
Denver	108	124	102	0
Portland	107	125	101	0
LA Lakers	106	126	100	0
Phoenix	105	127	99	0
Golden State	104	128	98	0

Friday's Games

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
LA Lakers	110	122	104	0
Denver	109	123	103	0
Portland	108	124	102	0
LA Lakers	107	125	101	0
Phoenix	106	126	100	0
Golden State	105	127	99	0

Saturday's Games

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
LA Lakers	111	121	105	0
Denver	110	122	104	0
Portland	109	123	103	0
LA Lakers	108	124	102	0
Phoenix	107	125	101	0
Golden State	106	126	100	0

Sunday's Games

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
LA Lakers	112	120	106	0
Denver	111	121	105	0
Portland	110	122	104	0
LA Lakers	109	123	103	0
Phoenix	108	124	102	0
Golden State	107	125	101	0

Monday's Games

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
LA Lakers	113	119	107	0
Denver	112	120	106	0
Portland	111	121	105	0
LA Lakers	110	122	104	0
Phoenix	109	123	103	0
Golden State	108	124	102	0

Tuesday's Games

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
LA Lakers	114	118	108	0
Denver	113	119	107	0
Portland	112	120	106	0
LA Lakers	111	121	105	0
Phoenix	110	122	104	0
Golden State	109	123	103	0

Wednesday's Games

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
LA Lakers	115	117	109	0
Denver	114	118	108	0
Portland	113	119	107	0
LA Lakers	112	120	106	0
Phoenix	111	121	105	0
Golden State	110	122	104	0

Thursday's Games

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
LA Lakers	116	116	110	0
Denver	115	117	109	0
Portland	114	118	108	0
LA Lakers	113	119	107	0
Phoenix	112	120	106	0
Golden State	111	121	105	0

Friday's Games

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
LA Lakers	117	115	111	0
Denver	116	116	110	0
Portland	115	117	109	0
LA Lakers	114	118	108	0
Phoenix	113	119	107	0
Golden State	112	120	106	0

Saturday's Games

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
LA Lakers	118	114	113	0
Denver	117	115	112	0
Portland	116	116	111	0
LA Lakers	115	117	110	0
Phoenix	114	118	109	0
Golden State	113	119	108	0

Sunday's Games

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
LA Lakers	119	113	114	0
Denver	118	114	113	0
Portland	117	115	112	0
LA Lakers	116	116	111	0
Phoenix	115	117	110	0
Golden State	114	118	109	0

Monday's Games

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
LA Lakers	120	112	115	0
Denver	119	113	114	0
Portland	118	114	113	0
LA Lakers	117	115	112	0
Phoenix	116	116	111	0
Golden State	115	117	110	0

Tuesday's Games

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
LA Lakers	121	111	116	0
Denver	120	112	115	0
Portland	119	113	114	0
LA Lakers	118	114	113	0
Phoenix	117	115	112	0
Golden State	116	116	111	0

Wednesday's Games

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
LA Lakers	122	110	117	0
Denver	121	111	116	0
Portland	120	112	115	0
LA Lakers	119	113	114	0
Phoenix	118	114	113	0
Golden State	117	115	112	0

Thursday's Games

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
LA Lakers	123	109	118	0
Denver	122	110	117	0
Portland	121	111	116	0
LA Lakers	120	112	115	0
Phoenix	119	113	114	0
Golden State	118	114	113	0

Friday's Games

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
LA Lakers	124	108	119	0
Denver	123	110	118	0
Portland	122	111	117	0
LA Lakers	121	112	116	0
Phoenix	120	113	115	0
Golden State	119	114	114	0

Saturday's Games

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
LA Lakers	125	107	120	0
Denver	124	109	119	0
Portland	123	110	118	0
LA Lakers	122	111	117	0
Phoenix	121	112	116	0
Golden State	120	113	115	0

Sunday's Games

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
LA Lakers	126	106	121	0
Denver	125	108	120	0
Portland	124	109	119	0
LA Lakers	123	110	118	0
Phoenix	122	111	117	0
Golden State	121	112	116	0

Monday's Games

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
LA Lakers	127	105	122	0
Denver	126	107	121	0
Portland	125	108	120	0
LA Lakers	124	109	119	0
Phoenix	123	110	118	0
Golden State	122	111	117	0

Tuesday's Games

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
LA Lakers	128	104	123	0
Denver	127	106	122	0
Portland	126	107	121	0
LA Lakers	125	108	120	0
Phoenix	124	109	119	0
Golden State	123	110	118	0

Wednesday's Games

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
LA Lakers	129	103	124	0
Denver	128	105	123	0
Portland	127	106	122	0
LA Lakers	126	107	121	0
Phoenix	125	108	120	0
Golden State	124	109	119	0

Thursday's Games

San Jose	2	16	4	8	61	101
Tuesday's Games						
Boston	5	Winnipeg	4			

UT's Brown questionable for game against Baylor

By Chip Brown
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — The Thanksgiving night showdown between No. 9 Texas and Baylor has turned into one big quarterback quandary.

The Longhorns' James Brown is nursing a sprained left ankle and is questionable for the game.

Baylor coach Chuck Reedy says he is simply not pleased with the play of his signal callers and may wait until game time to announce a starter.

Texas (8-1-1, 5-0 Southwest Conference) and Baylor (7-3, 5-1) kick off at 7 p.m. The game, which has SWC title and bowl ramifications, is being televised by ESPN.

"You'd like to think that going into the 11th game, you'd have your quarterback situation settled, but we don't really," said Reedy, who is trying to choose between sophomore Jeff Watson and true freshman Jermaine Alfred.

"All I can say is we'll have a quarterback in the game Thursday and we'll have a game plan he can execute," Reedy said. "I think whoever we have at quarterback will play well."

Brown, who is 12-1-1 as a starter and leads the SWC in pass efficiency and total offense, didn't practice this week. The first-string offense was instead run by redshirt freshman Rich Walton, who is 10-of-20 for 147 yards with one TD pass and two interceptions this year.

Texas coach John Mackovic said he would wait until kickoff before ruling out Brown as a starter. Brown suffered the ankle sprain late in last week's 27-19 vic-

SWC Standings

	W	L	T	W	L	T
Texas	5	0	0	8	1	1
Baylor	5	1	0	7	3	0
A&M	4	1	0	7	2	0
Tech	4	2	0	7	3	0
TCU	3	3	0	6	4	0
Houston	1	4	0	1	8	0
Rice	1	6	0	2	7	1
SMU	1	6	0	1	10	0

Today's Game
Baylor at Texas, 7 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Texas Tech at Houston, noon
Texas A&M at TCU, 2 p.m.

tory against Texas Christian. He wore a protective plastic cast and used crutches for the first part of the week.

"If James can move at all, he'll play," said Texas offensive tackle John Elmore. "He's that type of player."

Texas has won the past two games against Baylor, including a 63-35 trouncing in Waco last year in which Brown was 18-of-25 for 289 yards and set a school record with five touchdown passes.

"Nobody has forgotten about last year, but we don't dwell on it," Reedy said. "Now we have the opportunity to do something about it. It was very embarrassing to play that way on national TV."

If Texas wins, the Longhorns will go into their Dec. 2 game against Texas A&M with the chance to win the SWC title outright for the first time since 1990 and remain on track for a berth in either the Orange or Sugar bowls. Baylor's bowl hopes would likely be wiped

out with a loss Thursday.

If Baylor wins, the Bears clinch at least a share of the SWC title and keep their postseason hopes alive.

"That's been our goal all year — to be in a position to be playing the University of Texas on national television for the conference championship," Reedy said.

Texas understands Baylor's motivation and is prepared to counter it.

"They've got the conference title and a bowl game riding on this just like we do," Elmore said. "It will be fierce. This is a huge, huge game."

Reedy praised Texas' offensive balance and credited the Longhorns' defense as improving.

Mackovic said Texas will have to stop Baylor running back Jerod Douglas, who ran for 210 yards against the Longhorns as a freshman last year.

"They have built their attack around Jerod Douglas," Mackovic said. "He gets the ball the most and he makes the plays."

Mackovic said Baylor's defense is the "biggest we will play all year."

He singled out 6-foot-7, 315-pound defensive end Daryl Gardener, linebacker LaCurtis Jones and safety Adrian Robinson as impact players for the Bears, who are holding opponents to 260 yards per game.

Rossley to stay on at SMU

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Despite going 1-10 and holding a share of the nation's longest NCAA Division I-A losing streak, Southern Methodist coach Tom Rossley was assured Wednesday that he will return to lead the Mustangs into the WAC next fall.

The announcement came from first-year athletic director Jim Copeland, who met Monday with Rossley to evaluate the season and the future of a program seemingly still reeling from the death penalty imposed by the NCAA in 1986.

"Overall, he has done a good job," Copeland said in a brief statement. "Tom and I both realize the importance of winning football games and he has my full support as SMU enters the Western Athletic Conference."

Rossley, who has three years left on a five-year contract extension signed before last season, is 10-42-3 in five seasons coaching the Mustangs. Half of his wins came in 1992. This was his third one-win season.

The losses began early for this year's team. Star linebacker Chris Bordano failed a physical because his back had not healed from a 1994 injury, then star

quarterback Ramon Flanigan was lost for the season on the first snap in the season opener against Arkansas.

The Mustangs still managed to beat the Razorbacks, then didn't win again despite being close in the fourth quarter of several games. The 10 straight defeats ties Oregon State for the worst current skid among major colleges.

How bad were they? SMU finished 102nd out of 108 Division I-A teams in total offense, 106th in scoring (its lowest output in 30 years), 95th in total defense and 86th in scoring defense.

The Mustangs also ran their winless streak in the Southwest Conference to 20 straight. That mark is permanent as the league is splitting up after this season and SMU will be joining the WAC.

Rossley expects the Mustangs to do well in the new league because his team's wide-open offense matches the style of other WAC members. SMU couldn't keep up in the SWC because its players were too small.

The last decade in the SWC was wretched for SMU, which had dominated the league in the days of Doak Walker, Kyle Rote, Don Meredith and the "Pony Express" era of Eric Dickerson

and Craig James.

Actually, it was the recruiting of stars like Dickerson and James that led to the Mustangs' downfall. The unraveling of a pay-for-play scam led the NCAA to shut down the program in 1987. The school chose to also sit out 1988.

When football resumed in 1989, Rossley was an assistant to coach Forrest Gregg. Rossley left the next year to coach quarterbacks for the Atlanta Falcons then returned in 1991 for his first head coaching job at any level.

After going 1-10 his first season, Rossley earned widespread acclaim for going 5-6 in 1992. SMU's best season since was 2-7-2 in 1993.

Still, talk of Rossley's job status hardly made a ripple in a city dominated by the Dallas Cowboys. The student newspaper, The Daily Campus, called for Rossley's job, but there was never much of a public outcry against him.

Then again, that has long been part of SMU's problem — nobody notices it.

Even a move from tiny on-campus Ownby Stadium to the 68,000-seat Cotton Bowl this season didn't help much: Attendance barely edged up from 15,291 to 19,255.

Florida State's Kanell, Florida's Wuerffel friends off the field

By Pual Newberry
AP Sports Writer

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Danny Wuerffel and Danny Kanell probably could have been good friends.

"We first met on recruiting trips, and we've crossed paths here and there a few times," Wuerffel said. "Every time we get together, we have a good time and we always hang out a little bit."

But their relationship never had a chance to mature. Wuerffel went to Florida, Kanell picked Florida State. Saturday, they will lead their teams against each other, with the winner likely to earn a trip to the Fiesta Bowl.

"It's one of those things where if we had ever gotten together for any length of time, we probably would have developed a good friendship," said Wuerffel, who has led No. 3 Florida to a 10-0 record for the first time in school

history. "But we haven't had the opportunity, really."

During their recruitment, Wuerffel and Kanell exchanged phone numbers and talked a few times about the possibility of playing for the same team. In the end, they decided they would rather compete against each other at different schools.

"I always try to keep an eye on him and support him and hope he has good games," said Kanell, whose sixth-ranked Seminoles are 9-1.

It's hard to imagine either of these quarterbacks sitting on the bench backing up the other. Wuerffel has completed 64 percent of his passes for 2,547 yards and 29 touchdowns — tying a Southeastern Conference record — while Kanell had a 67 percent completion rate for 2,773 yards and 31 TDs.

Both are winners, too. Since

Wuerffel began playing at Florida in 1993, his team has a record of 31-4-1, including two Southeastern Conference championships. Kanell has started the past two years at Florida State, leading the Seminoles to a 20-2-1 mark that includes a tie and Sugar Bowl victory against Wuerffel and the Gators last season.

Those games helped silence the ghost of Charlie Ward, Kanell's predecessor and winner of the 1993 Heisman Trophy.

"It was extremely tough on me," Kanell says. "Charlie made everything look so easy. He'd done such a great job here."

A year ago in the final regular season game against the Gators, Kanell passed for 252 yards in the fourth quarter alone to spark Florida State's 28-point rally for a 31-31 tie.

LIONS: Fontes on hot seat in Detroit

(From 1C)

Since 1989, his first full season as coach, Fontes has guided the Lions to a record of 22-13 on and after Thanksgiving. His record before Thanksgiving is only 34-43.

"Those guys just seem to rally around Wayne," Vikings coach Dennis Green said. "That's the thing that bothers me."

After Thursday, the Lions will have four games remaining. Fontes has compiled a record of 18-6 in the final four games of the season. Through a combination of luck and pluck, the Lions have made it into the playoffs three of the last four seasons.

This season's contract run appears already to have begun. The Lions have won their last two games since club owner William Clay Ford gave Fontes a "win-or-else" ultimatum.

"I hope this is a sign of a run," Fontes said. "There have been things written and said about this team. But no one can ever say it is a team that will lay down and quit."

'BOYS: Turkey Day adventurous one

(From 1C)

Players were slipping and sliding in a wintry wonderland. Dallas appeared to have the game in hand after the Cowboys blocked a desperate last-minute field goal attempt by the Dolphins.

Enter Leon Lett, the king of football bloopers. Lett, of course, had become famous in the Super Bowl while hot-dogging on what he thought was a sure touchdown. Nearing the goal he held the ball aloft in triumph only to suffer the indignation of a Buffalo player poking the ball away.

After Dallas blocked the Miami

Still, it will be a tall order for the Lions to handle the red-hot Vikings.

Warren Moon, who turned 39 less than a week ago, has guided the Vikings to three consecutive victories. Moon has 11 touchdown passes in those three games and hasn't thrown an interception in the past four.

The Vikings have averaged more than 33 points and 418 yards during their winning streak. They have 19 plays of 20 yards or more in that span, compared to 24 in the first eight games.

"That's what we dreamed of in the beginning of the season, that the offense would have production like that," cornerback Dewayne Washington said. "I think it's coming at the right time of the season."

Moon will be operating against a Detroit defense that hasn't had much success. The Lions have been extremely weak at defending against the pass. Opponents have completed 63 percent of their passes against the Lions, chalking up 2,885 yards and 12 touchdowns.

The Detroit secondary has inter-

cepted just 11 passes this season.

However, the Lions offense has been performing well as Scott Mitchell has become the steady quarterback the Lions hoped for when they signed him last year as a free agent.

A sprained ankle kept Mitchell out of practice for one day this week. Yet he was expected to play against the Vikings. If he can't, Don Majkowski proved in last week's victory at Chicago that he is a capable backup.

"They have their passing game in high gear, now," Green said. "They have terrific receivers in Herman Moore and Brett Perriman. As a result, Barry Sanders is over 1,000 yards already."

The Vikings held Sanders to just 35 yards on 13 carries during the second game of the season, and the Vikings won 20-10.

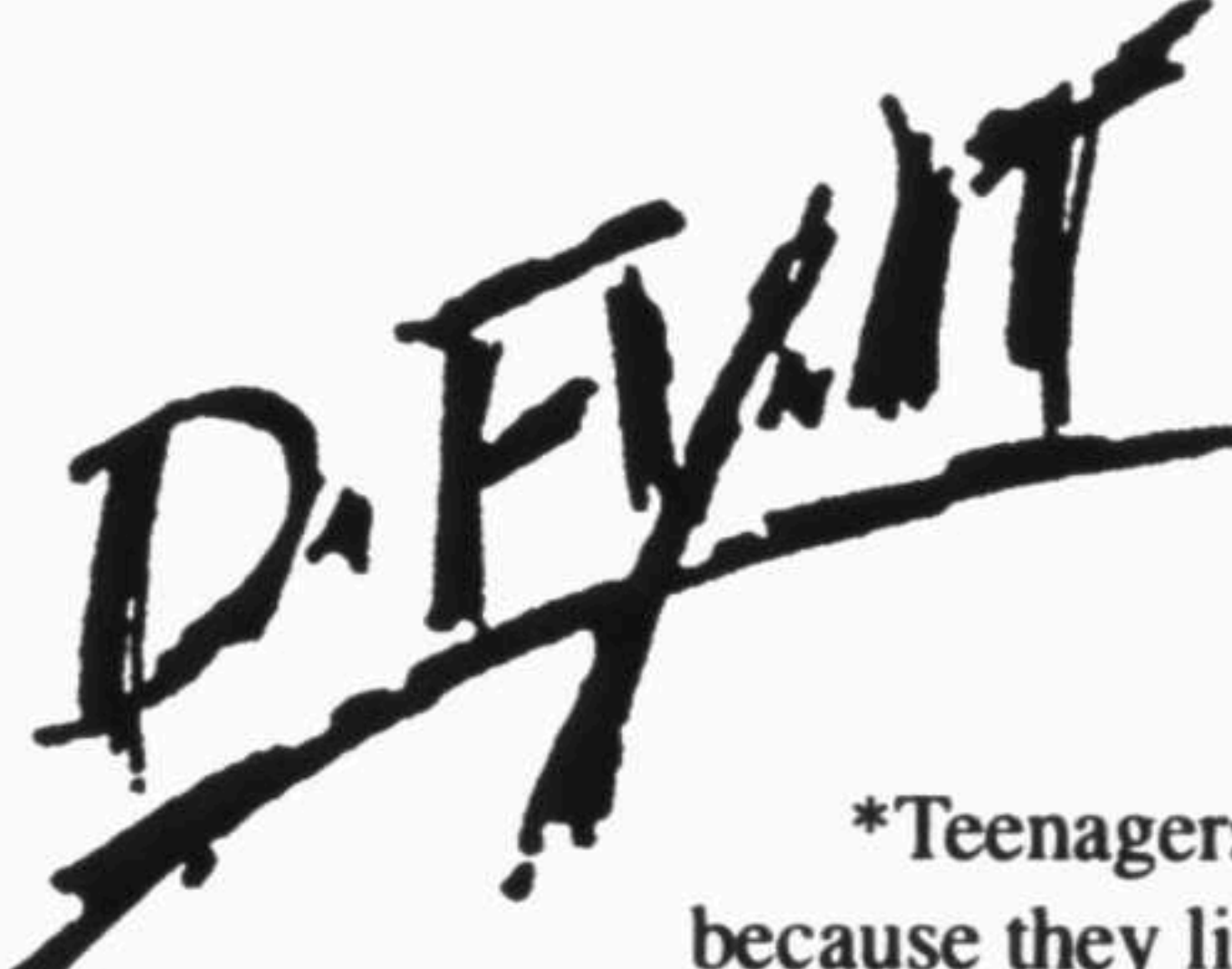
"The thing that makes Barry Sanders hard to defend this year is that Scott Mitchell is throwing the ball so much better," Green said. "You can't play everybody up on the line anymore."

Kansas City owner Lamar Hunt, who lives in Dallas, said it's a big advantage for the Cowboys always to be playing at home on Thanksgiving and has lobbied fellow owners to take the game away from Jerry Jones.

"It's a tremendous competitive advantage to them," Hunt said. "The game should be spread around."

Hunt has already been told a win can do big things for Kansas City.

The NFL office has notified the Chiefs they can clinch an AFC wild card berth with a win. The Cowboys are two games ahead of Philadelphia in the NFC East.



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Father and son become co-workers on field

By Kathy McClellan

Vernon Daily Record

VERNON — Johnny Townson officiated his first football game back in 1948 and has been on the field for some very special games, but none of those moments hold a candle to the junior varsity game he officiated this fall.

Johnny's son, Ricky, surprised him by showing up and officiating the game with him.

"He didn't know I was coming," said Ricky, a 1973 graduate of Vernon High School. "I drove up from Breckenridge and he was surprised to see me when I walked in

the door (at the house). He said he was going to have to go call a junior varsity game, and told him I'd just go with him. When he went back to change into his uniform, I went and changed into mine. He was sure surprised when he saw me."

Officiating sporting events seem to run in the Townson family. Johnny has been a sports official for over 45 years, and along with Ricky, he has a daughter, Rita Choat, who also officiates volleyball games.

"It's always something special when Rita and Ricky put on the black and white uniform," Johnny

said. "But, it sure did surprise me when Ricky came up for that game. I knew he had been officiating some games, but I didn't know they had worked that out where he was going to officiate that one with me."

Johnny has never officiated a Vernon High School varsity game, but he has officiated games at other levels in the Vernon school system since 1958. "That's what I'm most proud of. Is that I've officiating games for every little boy who has started out in football in Vernon since 1958," he said.

And, that includes his own son Ricky.

"Dad officiated some of junior high, freshmen and junior varsity games," Ricky said. "I remember one time I caught a pass for a 40-yard touchdown in junior varsity game and after I crossed the goal line I looked back and he was holding his yellow flag and waving it. He called one of our guys for holding and brought back the touchdown."

"I remember that," Johnny said with a chuckle. "Ricky just came on back with the ball and never said anything about that penalty. Never."

Ricky remembers going with his dad on Friday nights to area

games that he was officiating. "I'd go and watch and he always seemed to be having so much fun with it. I've never seen a man who loves sports more than Dad does," he said.

Johnny said he hopes Ricky and Rita have as much fun as he has had officiating games. "I tried to get Ricky to get started about 10 years ago because I thought it would be something he would like and enjoy, and now he has gotten into it," he said. "I just hope everyone involved in officiating has as much fun as I have had doing it."

Both are quick to say that the

game they officiated together is something that they will never forget.

"It was neat and fun to be on the field with him. It is something that I will always remember," Ricky said.

"It was strange to look across the field and see him in that uniform, but it felt good," Johnny said. "He's just getting started though, so I was hoping nothing too sticky would come up. He did a pretty good job."

Coach's firing won't hurt Georgia against Tech

ATLANTA (AP) — Georgia center David Weeks said it took one day for the Bulldogs to put aside the firing of their coach and turn their attention to Thursday's regular-season finale against archrival Georgia Tech.

"It's been great," Weeks said of the preparation for the Yellow Jackets. "The focus of the team has been on Tech. We put the coach (Ray) Goff situation to rest on Saturday."

"I'm glad that coach Goff is going to be out there with us," Weeks said. "After the game, I'm sure there will be some emotion."

Motivation is never an issue when these two bitter rivals get together for any event. For added incentive, the nationally televised (ABC) Thanksgiving Day game at 11 a.m. EST has a possible bowl bid at stake for both teams.

Both the Yellow Jackets (6-4) and Bulldogs (5-5) have to win to attain the sixth victory against a Division I-A foe required for bowl eligibility. Tech's victory over I-

AA Furman doesn't count toward bowl qualification.

It will be Goff's final game as coach of the Bulldogs if they fail to receive a bowl bid.

Athletic director Vince Dooley announced Saturday the end of Goff's tenure after seven seasons. Goff, 40, enters the Tech game with a 45-33-1 record.

Goff was given one year after his 1994 team went 6-4-1 to show "significant improvement."

The season started that way with a victory over South Carolina and a close loss at Tennessee, where the first of a series of injuries to offensive stars began to take its toll.

"I really thought when the season started this was the best football team we've had here at Georgia since the early '80s," Goff said. "I'll always believe in my heart if we don't get Mike Bobo and Robert Edwards hurt, we're sitting here renegotiating the contract instead of the other."

Edwards leads the Southeastern Conference in rushing.

No. 2 Buckeyes in familiar spot

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Unbeaten Ohio State is riding high, ranked among the top teams in the nation and within a measly win of clinching a berth in the Rose Bowl as it heads to Michigan.

Sound familiar? It should.

Two years ago, the Buckeyes were 9-0-1, fifth in the nation, and some of the players left the field after the Indiana game with roses clenched in their teeth. Then they went to Michigan and were handed a 28-0 beating that sent them spiraling out of the Top 10 and sent Wisconsin to Pasadena.

Now 11-0 and second in the country, Ohio State returns to Ann Arbor Saturday. No. 18 Michigan is 8-3 and has lost two of its last three games.

The similarities are almost eerie.

"There's so much at stake," Ohio State center Juan Porter said. "The last time we went up there, we got embarrassed. It was the worst feeling I've ever had as a player."

It was particularly painful for coach John Cooper. Frequently

maligned and seldom embraced during eight stormy years at Ohio State, Cooper was vilified for the loss — which made his record 0-5-1 against the Wolverines. His wife, Helen, and daughter, Cindy, were in tears as they hurried out of the Michigan Stadium pressbox that day.

By contrast, Cooper is unemotional when he discusses that game.

"I fret about every game that got away," he said. "I look back and try to make sure it doesn't happen again. The thing that stands out in my mind from the game two years ago is they made the plays and we didn't. We didn't get the job done."

Mercury Hayes and Derrick Alexander made incredible catches for the Wolverines, Hayes' diving and twisting reception going for a 25-yard touchdown and Alexander's setting up Jon Ritchie's 1-yard TD run. Tyrone Wheatley rushed for 105 yards, all

in the first half, for the Wolverines.

Ohio State's quarterback tandem of Bob Hoving and Bret Powers combined to throw four interceptions, including one late in the second quarter that led to a 21-0 Michigan lead at halftime.

"It was a sick feeling," defensive back Shawn Springs said. "We just took the loss and went to the Holiday Bowl. We didn't even want to talk about it."

Ohio State was confident, even brash, two years ago during preparations for the game at Michigan. The Buckeyes, virtually untested in rolling through 11 opponents this season, feel the same way this year.

"I'll guarantee we're going to the Rose Bowl," Buckeye flanker Terry Glenn said Tuesday, even though he declined to promise a victory over Michigan. But Ohio State can't go to the Rose Bowl without a win; a tie or loss and Northwestern will go.

Glenn also said, "I think that year we went up there and lost 28-0, a lot of people put Michigan up there on that pedestal, that we really couldn't beat Michigan. I think the attitude on this team is, we can beat Michigan."

He also said Ohio State is approaching the Wolverines just as they have other teams this year.

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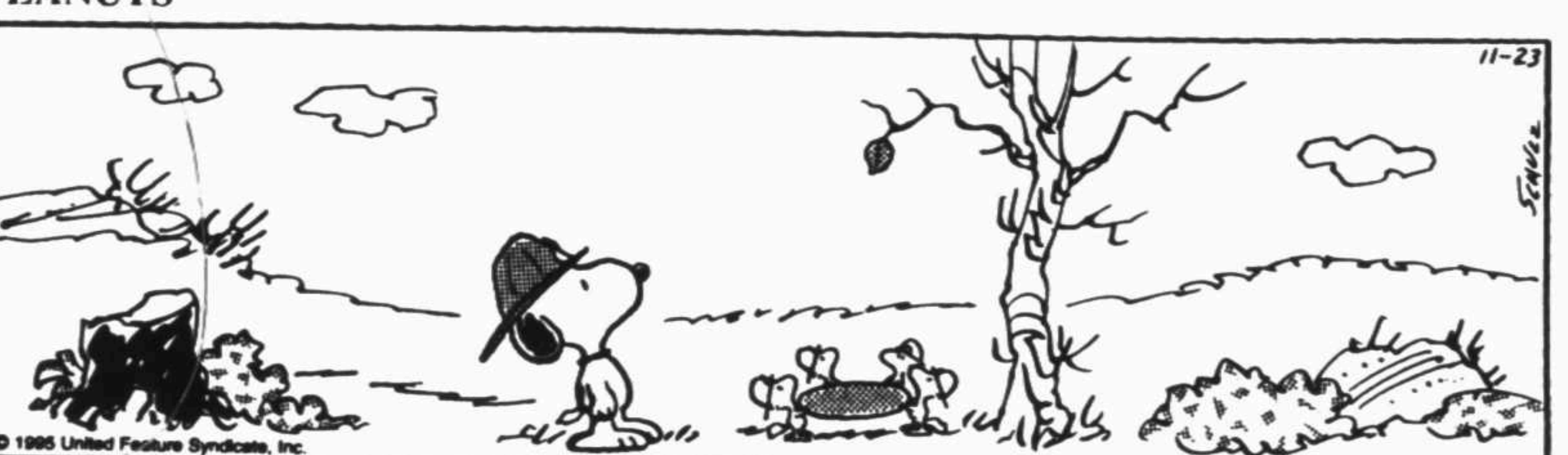
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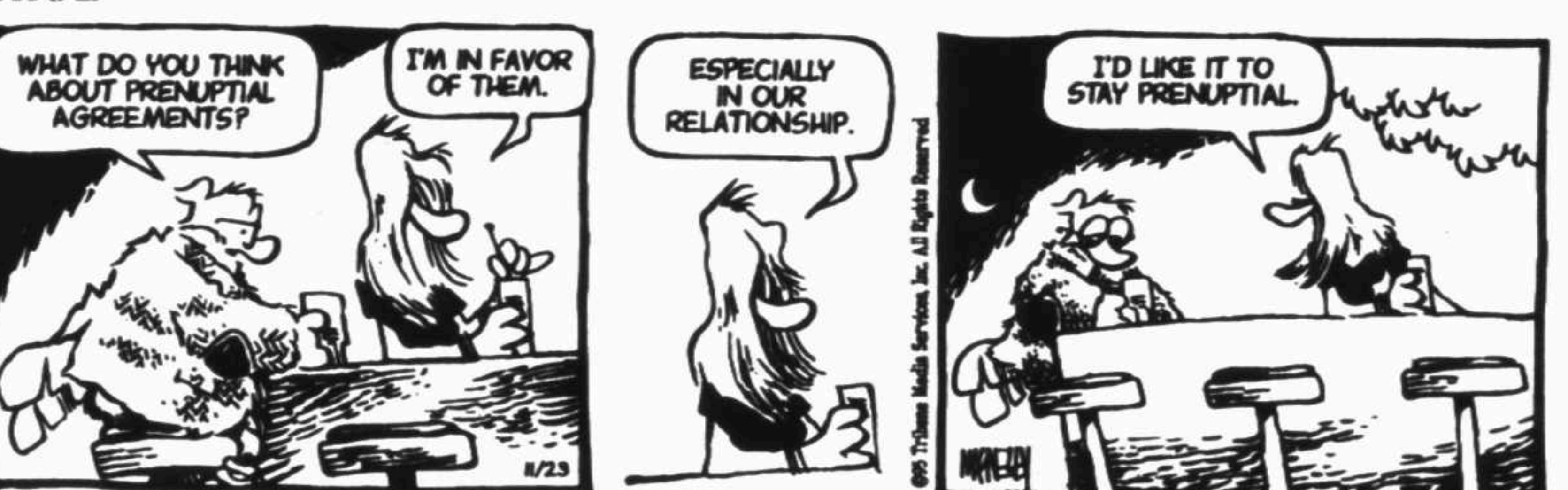
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Turkey and all the trimmings will suit most, but not all, guests. Include at least one vegetarian dish. Welcome the advice of those older and more experienced than yourself when tackling something entirely new.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): While all the family is together today, discuss your Christmas plans. They will probably be amenable to your suggestions. Encourage your dinner guests to appoint a designated driver.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You are about to enter a wonderful period of growth. Count your blessings! If single, phone a new friend. Talking shop could bore certain relatives.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Make this a happy, relaxed day for your loved ones. Small gatherings may hold more appeal than larger ones. Children are a source of delight. Arrange to do something with your one-and-only.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Get an early start if preparing the holiday bird at home. Remember, many people still look forward to the traditional holiday feast. Just in case, prepare a few tasty lower-calorie treats for dieters.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Enjoy the somewhat slow pace of this happy day. Heart-to-heart talks can heal old wounds. Controversial subjects are best avoided when everyone is trying to relax. Romance sparkles.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Use this heart-warming holiday to lay the groundwork for important changes. Go out of your way to help relatives who are having a tough time. Call someone living at a distance. Voice your support.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A special meal and loving friends make this a memorable occasion. Avoid extravagance by sharing the expense. A candid conversation leads to stronger family ties.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Forget about business and open your heart. It is not too late to invite someone who is alone to join you. Make phone calls to absent loved ones. Listen attentively to offspring home from college.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Someone faraway may be uppermost in your thoughts. Pick up the phone and find out how things are going. You could be more tradition-minded than you think.

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PEOPLE

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PORTLAND, Ore. — Katherine Ann Power, the former antiwar radical who spent 23 years underground, has hired a literary agent to help sell a book proposal. But the subject won't be her life or her crime.

It'll be cooking. Agent Sterling Lord told Esquire magazine that Power, who taught vegetarian cooking during the years she lived under an assumed name, wants to write a cookbook.

"If it's a cookbook," Lord said, "it'll be like an M.F.K. Fisher cookbook, a lot of prose. Katherine writes well." Power, who pleaded guilty to manslaughter after surrendering in 1993, is forbidden by a judge's order from "profiting financially from speech about her crime or her experience as a fugitive."

She admitted driving the getaway car in a 1970 Boston bank robbery in which a police officer was shot to death. She and her accomplices were trying to build support for a revolutionary army.

Donald Schaefer was no friend of the press during his two terms as governor.

He used to greet male reporters by saying, "Good morning, girls," deliberately mispronouncing names and once pointed an unloaded gun at a journalist.

So what's he's doing teaching a journalism class at the University of Maryland?

Schaefer was asked by Reese Cleghorn, dean of the journalism school. "We all know his relationship with the press," Cleghorn said. "But these students are not a fainthearted group. They can take care of themselves."

"You're all so cynical about politics," Schaefer told his 15 students one recent day. "Every politician is looked on as crooked. The opinion that many of you have toward politicians is wrong."

Catherine I. Riley, a former state senator who helps teach the class, said Schaefer has made progress in curing his ill will toward reporters.

"It was a little rocky at first," she said. "But I've seen a change, and it's fun to watch."

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Heather Whitestone was depressed and had no social life during her reign as Miss America. But she didn't want to go out at first when an aide to Newt Gingrich asked her for a date.

Then she told her chaperone about the offer from John McCallum.

"I told her I was too busy being Miss America, and I don't have time for dates," Miss Whitestone recalled. "But (she) said, 'Heather, trust me. It took a lot of guts for any guy to ask Miss America out.' And I said, 'OK.'"

It turned out more than OK. They're engaged.

She met McCallum, 25, in March and they didn't kiss for six months because "I wanted to get to know his heart first," she said.

The two haven't set a wedding date.

MILWAUKEE — Rocker Billie Joe Armstrong dropped his drawers and paid a \$141.85 fine for indecent exposure.

The lead singer for the rock group Green Day was arrested Tuesday night after mooning the audience during a show at Milwaukee Arena.

Armstrong, 23, was detained by several police officers while leaving through a rear door after the concert.

Green Day, whose 1994 album "Dookie" sold millions of copies, is touring to promote the group's new album, "Insomniac."

Compiled from Associated Press wire reports.



Natalie Cole files for divorce from producer Andre Fischer.

LOS ANGELES — Looks like Natalie Cole's on-again, off-again marriage is off again.

The singer filed for divorce Tuesday from producer Andre Fischer, citing irreconcilable differences. They separated in October.

Miss Cole and Fischer married in 1989. She filed for divorce in 1992 but later withdrew the petition.

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Johnny Depp's mom already has a horse. Now she's got a horse farm.

The actor paid \$950,000 for the 43-acre farm, including an eight-stall horse barn, according to the deed filed Tuesday. His mother, Betty Sue Palmer, is expected to move in by Christmas.

"This will be her permanent home," real estate agent Kay Ledbetter said. Depp "won't live here, but he'll visit from time to time. He has a house in California."

Palmer is from Prestonsburg. Depp, whose movie "Nick of Time" opens this week, was born in Owensboro and grew up in Florida.

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — William

Today's TV Schedule

THURSDAY EVENING November 23, 1995 For complete information check movie listings											
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Thanksgiving Day Movie Specials

On Thanksgiving Day, USA Networks will air six belly-bursting comedies for the whole family, including: "Ghost Dad," "Three Men And A Baby," "Problem Child," "Problem Child II," "Stop! Or My Mom Will Shoot" and "Uncle Buck."

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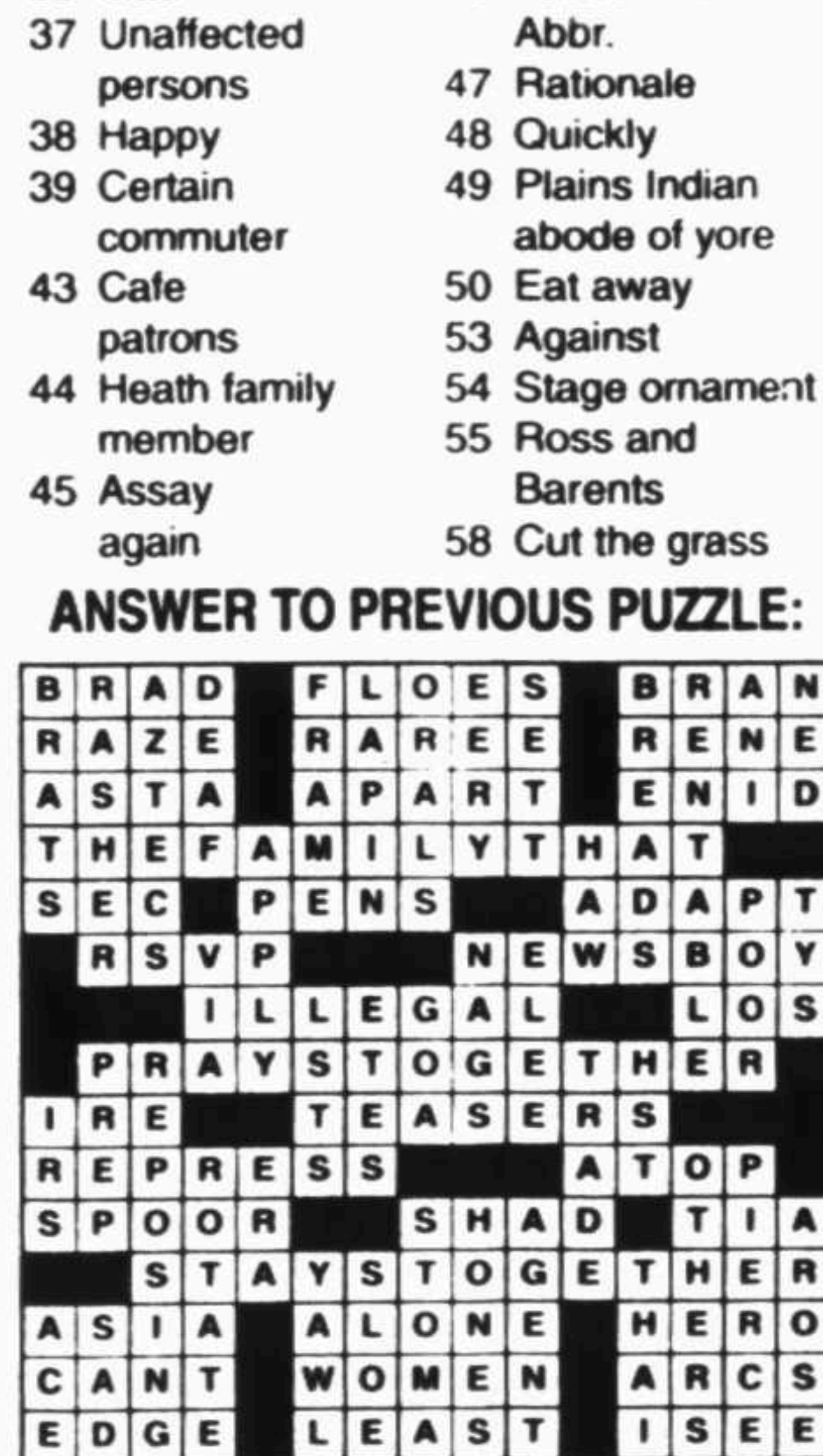
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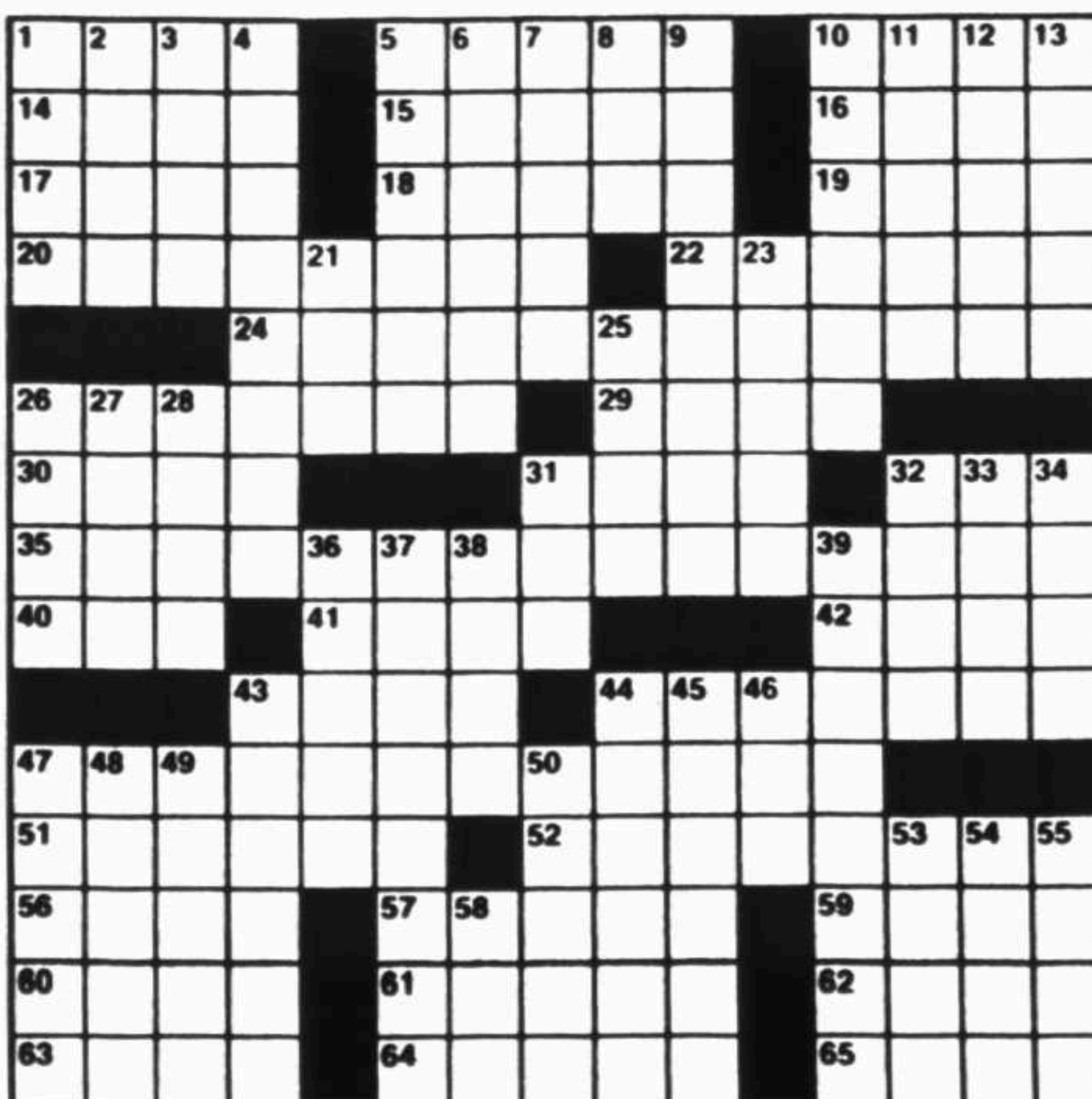
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Olajuwon leads way with 28 as Rockets beat up Philadelphia

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Hakeem Olajuwon scored 28 points and Robert Horry added 26 and the Houston Rockets withstood a late Philadelphia surge and beat the 76ers 115-106 Wednesday night for their sixth straight win.

Clyde Drexler added 24 points for the Rockets, who won their eighth straight over Philadelphia. He had a key steal and layup late in the game.

Rookie Jerry Stackhouse had 22 points and 10 assists for Philadelphia, which lost its fifth straight. Clarence Weatherspoon had 21 points and 13 rebounds.

The Rockets matched their biggest lead of the game, 99-81, on a layup by Mark Bryant with 9:08 to play.

The 76ers then went on a 15-2 spurt, and a 3-pointer by Derrick Alston brought the 76ers to 100-99 with 3:54 left.

Drexler then made a 3-point shot, and after Weatherspoon made a free throw for Philadelphia, Drexler intercepted a pass and drove the length of the court, giving the Rockets a 105-100 lead with 2:38 to play. Two free throws each by Sam Cassell and Olajuwon clinched the Rockets' victory.

Bullets 98, Pistons 97
AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Cal-

NBA Roundup

bert Chaney made a dunk with 5.8 seconds to play as Washington overcame a four-point deficit in the final 10 seconds and beat Detroit.

The Bulls, who won for just the second time in their last 18 games at Detroit, trailed 97-93 before Mitchell Butler made an off-balance 3-pointer with 10 seconds to go. After a timeout, Juwan Howard blocked Otis Thorpe's inbound pass and fed Chaney.

Heat 103, Warriors 93
MIAMI — Alonzo Mourning's 27 points, 12 rebounds and eight blocked shots helped Miami rally from a 13-point deficit to beat Golden State.

Billy Owens added 24 points and 15 rebounds for the Heat, who won their third straight and improved to 6-2 under new coach Pat Riley. Last year they started 1-7.

Golden State fell to 0-5 on the road and shot just 31 percent against the Heat, who lead the NBA in defense. Miami won for just the third time in 17 games against the Warriors.

Magic 95, Grizzlies 93
ORLANDO, Fla. — Anfernee Hardaway's running bank shot at the buzzer capped a 37-point performance and gave Orlando a victory over Vancouver, the Grizzlies'

ninth straight loss.

Scott led the Grizzlies with 20 points. Chris King scored 15 and Anthony, Benoit Benjamin and Blue Edwards all had 11 for the expansion team.

Horace Grant and Nick Anderson each had 14 points and 11 rebounds for the Magic.

Knicks 94, Cavaliers 84
CLEVELAND — Patrick Ewing scored 12 of his 26 points in the fourth quarter as New York pulled away to beat Cleveland.

The Knicks, who improved to 6-1 on the road, are unbeaten in five games in Cleveland, including playoffs, since the Cavaliers moved to Gund Arena last season. They have not lost a road game against the Cavs since Dec. 3, 1992, in suburban Richfield.

New York, which was 16-for-16 from the free-throw line, has won 10 of the last 12 regular season meetings with the Cavaliers.

Celtics 129, Hornets 124
CHARLOTTE, N.C. — David Wesley, subbing for the injured Dana Barros, tied a Boston record with seven 3-pointers and scored a career-high 37 points night in a victory over Charlotte.

It was only the second win for the Celtics against Charlotte in their last 10 meetings.

The Hornets have lost five straight overall.

NORMAN: Sees time on Lee offense

(From 1C)

good as we've seen."

Norman has been burned in the past. Just moments before in the Permian game, Norman took a risk in trying to pick off a Jason Prann pass in the first quarter. That gamble didn't pay off as Jeremy Marin caught the pass and left the junior with nothing to show for it. He came back to make the play on Wilburn and intercept a pass in the game's final seconds.

In the 1994 regional semifinal, Norman also experienced some growing pains as a sophomore. Starting at safety, Norman was burned Arlington High for what was the go-ahead touchdown. Lee came back to score a field goal and advance to the state semifinals on

penetrations.

"This year is 50 percent experience and 50 percent talent," said Norman, who had three interceptions last season. "Last year was a learning experience and this year I've been bringing this experience into the games."

"In the Permian game I made the early mistake that cost us, but I made up for it."

About the only question left is whether the junior can pull a "Deion Sanders" and be a two-way star for the Rebels. That question is being answered in the playoffs as Norman is seeing more playing time at wide receiver.

"The only thing that keeps him from playing all the time is that they (defensive coaches) need him to make adjustments," said Parch-

man. "We'll see him more."

Of course, if you look hard enough inside the Norman household, there is a Norman that has had considerable success running the ball. Sophomore Josh Norman was among the district leaders, finishing seventh in the district with 673 yards. The yardage and 7.1 yards per carry were gained as a backup to 1,000-yard rusher Alex Strambler.

Big brother, however, says that the talk at the dinner table doesn't revolve around what the players are doing on the field. Norman, will tell you it is business as usual when talking about what is best for the Rebel football team.



Arizona's Corey Williams hits a jump shot as Michigan's Maceo Baston (30) and Louis Bullock (22) try to defend.

Arizona takes Michigan

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Joseph Blair's three-point play with 26 seconds left broke a two-minute scoreless drought for No. 19 Arizona, which went on to an 86-79 victory over No. 16 Michigan on Wednesday night in the semifinals of the Preseason NIT.

The Wildcats (3-0) will play No. 5 Georgetown for the title on Friday night. The Hoyas beat No. 25 Georgia Tech 94-72 in the other semifinal game at Madison Square Garden.

Vanderbilt 75, No. 4 UCLA 71
LAHAINA, Hawaii — The road back to the national championship is going to be a long one for UCLA. For the second time in three

Top 25 Hoops

days, the Bruins were knocked off in the Maui Invitational, this time 75-71 by Vanderbilt in the fifth-place game.

Malik Evans scored 20 points and Drew Maddux 19 for the Commodores, who dropped the Bruins to 1-2. Santa Clara beat UCLA 78-69 in the opening round.

UCLA got off to an 8-3 start, but Evans scored the next seven points to put the Commodores ahead. From that point, Vanderbilt continued to build its lead; up to 15 points with 3:07 left in the half.

Seven consecutive points, including five by J.R. Henderson, made it 42-34 at the half.

VELARDE: Former Lee Rebel bolts from Yankees to Angels

(From 1C)

all five of the Yankees' playoff games against Seattle. "That is what the sacrifice was for. It is not one I will regret. It keeps the fire lit."

The Yankees were the American League Wild Card playoff team in 1995 after finishing second in the AL East behind Boston. New York won the first two games of the series only to lose three straight in the Seattle as the Mariners won the first-round series.

Velarde did admit that playing under the microscopic eye of the New York media which readily examines players on a daily basis will be nice to get away from, but his leaving New York is due to the lack of playing time he saw.

"They are highly demanding but great supporters," said Velarde. "They wanted me as an insurance factor."

In nine major league seasons, all with the Yankees, Velarde hit .263 with 43 homers, 208 RBI and a .333 on base percentage.

Velarde played in a career-high 121 games in 1991, when he hit .272 with seven homers and 46 RBIs.

Velarde was drafted by the Chicago White Sox in June of 1985. He was traded to New York on Jan. 5, 1987.

Velarde had a base salary of \$350,000 last season and earned an additional \$150,000 in bonuses.

Under his deal with the Angels, he will make \$800,000 in each of the next two seasons and \$850,000 in 1998.

Velarde resides in Midland during the off-season with his wife, Jeanie. The couple has three children, 14-year old daughter, Jennifer; two-year old Nicholas and week-old Gabrielle.

The family will live in California during the season, which is where Velarde would like to stay, as evidenced about a question concerning a hypothetical rehab at Christensen Stadium.

"We don't want that," he said jokingly.

Velarde's Career
Career statistics for Randy Velarde who agreed to terms on a three-year contract with the California Angels on Wednesday

Year	Team	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	SB	AVG
1987	NY	22	1	4	0	1	0	.182
1988	NY	115	18	20	5	12	1	.174
1989	NY	100	12	34	5	11	0	.340
1990	NY	229	21	48	5	19	0	.210
1991	NY	184	19	45	1	15	3	.245
1992	NY	412	57	112	7	46	7	.272
1993	NY	226	28	68	7	24	2	.301
1994	NY	280	47	78	9	34	4	.279
1995	NY	367	60	102	7	46	5	.278
Totals		1935	263	511	43	208	22	.264

Year	Opp.	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	SB	AVG
1995	Sea	17	3	3	0	1	0	.176
Totals		17	3	3	0	1	0	.176

LOCAL SPORTS

Greenwood falls

MONAHANS — The Greenwood boys basketball team fell to Class 4A Monahans 90-54 Tuesday in non-district action. Greenwood was led by David Upton who topped Ranger scorers with 21 points. Neil Boecking and Daniel Harris finished with 10 points each, respectively.

Monahans received a 21-point effort from Jason Pittman while Shannon Shorter threw in 20. Joey Woods had 16 and Jeremy Ornales contributed 12 for Monahans.

Greenwood took on Big Spring in the Rangers next game.

Monahans 90, Greenwood 54
Greenwood: Mike Ramirez 0-1-2-1, Neil Boecking 5-0-2-10, John Settles 1-0-0-2, Daniel Harris 5-3-4-13, David Upton 9-3-7-21, Shayd Martin 1-1-5-3, Shay Maces 1-2-2-4. Totals: 22-10-22-54.
Monahans: Shannon Shorter 7-5-6-20, Jason Pittman 9-1-1-21, Cody Avery 1-0-0-2, Joey Woods 7-0-0-16, Shannon Hucklebee 2-2-5-8, Chris Morris 2-1-1-5, Jeremiah Nichols 0-1-2-1, Michael Valencia 0-1-2-1, Zach Stevenson 3-0-2-6, Jeremy Ornales 5-2-2-12. Totals: 36-13-22-90.
Three-point field goals: Greenwood 0, Monahans 5 (Shorter, Pittman 2, Woods 2). Total Fouls: G-16, M-19.

Duo sweeps MCC Junior Open

Bonnie O'Brien and Drew Brannum swept their respective divisions at this past weekend at the Midland Country Club Junior Open Tournament.

O'Brien took first place in the

10-under girls' singles and teamed with Emily Prieto for the doubles title while Brannum won the 14-under girls' singles and teamed with Diana Prieto for the doubles title. Both Prietos advanced to the finals in their singles events.

Other singles winners include Jess Gilmour (Boys 12's), Saul Morales (Boys 14's), Matthew Gray (Boys 16's), McClure Wallace (16's Round Robin). Other doubles winners include Andy Carriens and Micheal Henthorn (Boys 12's) and Jason Yelley and Wallace (Boys 16's).

Results from the Midland Country Club Junior Open held last weekend at Midland Country Club:
Girls 10-under Championship Singles - 1. Bonnie O'Brien, 2. Emily Prieto. Consolation: 1. Kathryn Chavuk, 2. Elyn Caparra. Doubles: 1. Bonnie O'Brien and Emily Prieto.
Girls 14-under Championship singles - 1. Drew Brannum, 2. Diana Prieto. Consolation: 1. Katie Gilmour, 2. Haley Hightower. Doubles: 1. Drew Brannum and Diana Prieto, 2. Dana Giles and Katie Gilmour.
Boys 12-under Championship singles - 1. Jess Gilmour, 2. Miguel Bustillo. Consolation: 1. Michael Henthorn, 2. Nick Vasconu. Doubles: 1. Andy Carriens and Michael Henthorn.
Boys 14-under Championship singles - 1. Matthew Gray, 2. Nick Masten. Consolation: Jason Yelley Round Robin. McClure Wallace. Doubles: 1. Jason Yelley and McClure Wallace, 2. Justin Brannum and Travis Vandergiff.

Rubio claims Big Tootsie Tennis

Belinda Rubio won the "A" Division of the Big tootsie Tennis Before Thanksgiving Turkey Tournament held Wednesday at Midland College.

Rubio defeated Alisha Phillips, who finished in sec-

ond. Joann Tercero won the "B" Division while Stefan Garrard won the "C" Division.

Results from the B.T.T.T.T. (Big tootsie Tennis Tournament Before Thanksgiving Turkey) Tournament played Wednesday at Midland College:
"A" Division - 1. Belinda Rubio, 2. Alisha Phillips.
3. Jana Brown, 4. Allison Young, 5. Iliah Rodriguez.
"B" Division - 1. Joann Tercero, 2. Ashley Long.
3. Jennifer Tercero.
"C" Division - 1. Stefan Garrard, 2. Lon Brown, 3. Trisha Teague, 4. John Hedges, 5. Courtney Brown.
6. Lauren Young.

Cottrell wins W.T.M.S.A points

Troy Cottrell won the 1995 season's points championship of the West Texas Mini-Sprint Association.

Midland's Brian Reeves won the Rookie of the Year title while Odessa's Steve Corley was named the Most Improved Racer. Hobbs' Oddie Russell was the Sportsman of the Year.

Final Standings for the 1995 West Texas Mini-Sprint Association season:
1. Troy Cottrell, Odessa, 4215; 2. David Brodzowski, Midland, 3665; 3. Kevin Caswell, Odessa, 3260; 4. Ronnie Underwood, Abilene, 2745; 5. Steve Corley, Odessa, 2740; 6. Bryan Reeves, Midland, 2570; 7. Robert Spangler, Odessa, 2350; 8. Herman Wells, Pecos, 2315; 9. Al Underwood, 2285; 10. David Williams, Ft. Stockton, 2180; 11. Tom Moore, Odessa, 1900; 12. Oddie Russell, Hobbs, 1690; 13. Danny Beard, Monahans, 1565; 14. Russ Reed, Abilene, 1410; 15. Ronald Rains, Jr., Odessa, 1030; 16. Billy Henry, Carlsbad, 1010; 17. Ronald Rains Sr., Odessa, 970; 18. Reece Clark, Lubbock, 740; 19. Tommy Cash, Carlsbad, 630; 20. Bobby Pennell, Hobbs, 440; 21. Freddy Hill, Abilene, 230; 22. Pat Moore, Midland, 50.

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By Dave Goldb AP Football Writer

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This Elvis might disappear as Young returns to 49ers

By Dave Goldberg
AP Football Writer

Beat Dallas at Texas Stadium.
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Lose your job.

That's the prospect facing Elvis Grbac, who rejuvenated the San Francisco 49ers on what looked like an impossible road trip that could have imperiled their chances of defending their title. Despite 687 yards and six touchdowns in 38-20 and 44-20 wins, it looks like he's headed back to the bench when the Niners return home Sunday to take on the Rams.

"Mutual admiration society?" "Think about it," says Steve Young, whose ailing left shoulder was remedied by arthroscopic surgery less than two weeks ago. "Two weeks ago, we were 5-4 and looking dead. Now, I've got to come back and pick up the pace that Elvis set."

Says Elvis, who was 3-2 in the five games Young missed: "If Steve is healthy, this is his team. My No. 1 role is as backup quarterback."

Grbac's first start was against the Rams, a 44-10 win (he likes those "44s") in St. Louis. But that win was more the work of the defense, specifically Ken Norton, who returned two interceptions or touchdowns.

This game could sink the Rams, who started 4-0, but are 2-5 since. A game behind the Falcons and the 49ers, each 7-4, in the NFC West. Last week, St. Louis was trounced in Atlanta 31-6 and this is probably its last chance to stay in the race.

St. Louis took one step toward a catch job this week when it picked up cornerback Maurice Hurst off waivers from New England.

Rams coach Rich Brooks still thinks they've got a shot at the playoffs.

"Until we've proven we can't be a factor, then it doesn't make any sense to look to next year," he says. "We're still trying to be a factor, even though the two times we had our best opportunity to do that, we went out and threw up all over the field."

The weekend began on Thursday with Kansas City at Dallas in a battle of the teams with the NFL's two best records, and Minnesota at Detroit.

In other games Sunday, Miami is at Indianapolis; New England at Buffalo; Cincinnati at Jacksonville; Chicago at the New York Giants; Philadelphia at Washington; Tampa Bay at Green Bay; Denver at Houston; the New York Jets at Seattle; Pittsburgh at Cleveland; Atlanta at Arizona; and Carolina at New Orleans.

Oakland is at San Diego on Monday night.

Pittsburgh (7-4) at Cleveland (4-7)

Chapter II of "The Agony Continues" for the Browns and their fans.

They've now lost six of seven, including three by an aggregate score of 88-33 since their move to Baltimore became known.

Included was a 20-3 loss 13 days ago in Pittsburgh, the game in which Kordell "Slash" Stewart, as a quarterback-slash-wide receiver-slash everything else, threw a touchdown pass. Last week, Stewart caught a 71-yard TD pass from Neil O'Donnell in the 36-point comeback that lifted the Steelers past the Bengals 49-31 and put them three games ahead in the otherwise moribund AFC Central.

If Stewart played for the Browns, he might be starting at quarterback this week.

Last week, in the 31-20 loss to the Packers, Vinny Testaverde relieved Eric Zeier and threw for 244 yards and two touchdowns after the game was out of hand. Zeier, meanwhile, was just 7 of 19 for 61 yards in the loss to Pittsburgh.

Miami (6-5) at Indianapolis (6-5)

This could be one of the most critical games in Don Shula's coaching career and Dan Marino's playing career. And not because

NFL This Week

Marino needs one more touchdown pass to hit 343 and set a career record — barring catastrophe, he'll get it in the next week or two.

The problem is the Dolphins, a team rebuilt for the Super Bowl, have lost five of seven, were embarrassed 44-20 by San Francisco on Monday night and seem headed for oblivion. And it was the Colts who started the slide, coming back from a 24-3 deficit in Miami to win 27-24 in overtime and keep the Dolphins from a 5-0 start.

The winner of this game will move into second place in the AFC East and into solid contention for a wild-card playoff berth. The loser will be in serious condition — time to break out the "our backs are to the wall" cliché instead of "we control our own destiny."

Oakland (8-3) at San Diego (4-7) (Monday night)

Absolutely, positively the last chance for the Chargers if they want to get a shot at defending their AFC title. In fact, even if they win out, 9-7 might not be good enough to make the playoffs ... in the AFC, at least.

The Raiders, who give out information less readily than the CIA, aren't saying if Jeff Hostetler, who injured his shoulder in the 34-21 loss to the Cowboys last week, will start. That loss brought the team back to reality after a series of less-than-impressive wins over lower-echelon teams.

If Hostetler doesn't start, it will be the venerable Vince Evans, who was the winning pitcher a month ago against Indianapolis and played reasonably well in relief last week.

Tampa Bay (6-5) at Green Bay (7-4)

This could be a historic game for the Bucs, who need one more win to avoid a 10-loss season for the first time in 13 years. It would also put them in a tie for the lead in the NFC Central, the first time they've been in that position so late in a season since 1980.

But this may not be the time and place for the Bucs, who get the Packers again in Tampa in two weeks. Green Bay has righted itself the last two weeks and again looks like the class of the division, something unlikely to change as long as Brett Favre stays healthy.

The Bucs got lucky last week, allowing Jacksonville to drive 96 yards to come within a point, then watching Tom Coughlin become the first NFL coach to go for two points rather than one point and overtime ... and fail with 37 seconds to go.

New England (4-7) at Buffalo (8-3)

Buffalo's got no worries despite its injuries: because three-fourths of the secondary was out, it barely survived against the Jets last week.

But the Patriots are barely surviving in the AFC East, which the Bills lead by two games.

"I feel like a failure," Bill Parcells said after the 24-10 loss to the Colts last week. "I haven't been able to convince them of the urgency it takes. But I will. We might not win another game, but we will try something else until we get it done."

Philadelphia (7-4) at Washington (3-8)

Ray Rhodes may be coach of the year for integrating 31 new players into his team, then getting to the brink of a wild-card berth by winning six of seven. His latest addition: Journeyman offensive lineman Frank Cornish after almost signing the esteemed Art Monk.

But one reason is games like this. With the decline of the Redskins and the Giants, whom the Eagles beat last week, the NFC East has gone from the NFL's best division to one of the worst. Philadelphia has a potential six wins guaranteed against New York, Washington and the traditionally dismal Cardinals.

Heath Shuler returns to the starting lineup at quarterback for Washington.

Carolina (5-6) at New Orleans (4-7)

The Panthers, who have won five of six, are the NFC's hottest team south of Philadelphia. One of their wins was 20-3 at home over the Saints.

The big reason is a defense, sparked by former Saint Sam Mills. It's now sixth in the league in yards allowed after holding the Cardinals to 91 in a 27-7 win last week.

The Saints were moving, too, 4-1 after an 0-5 start, then allowed Warren Moon and backup Brad Johnson to combine for 408 yards passing last week in Minnesota.

Chicago (6-5) at New York Giants (3-8)

Two stumbling teams — each has lost three straight and the Giants are in turmoil because coach Dan Reeves is challenging the front office. He's threatening to leave after the 1997 season; the Giants may invite him to leave earlier.

Chicago continues to score points. But it also continues to allow them in bunches that make defensive-oriented Dave Wannstedt turn red — 96 (32 a game) in losses to the Steelers, Packers and Lions.

Denver (6-5) at Houston (4-7)

Not an easy trip for the Broncos, who are 1-4 on the road, 5-1 at home. Unlike Cleveland, the Oilers haven't given up despite their projected move, a tribute to Jeff Fisher's coaching ability, and probably should have won in Kansas City last week.

Denver's record is not only a tribute to John Elway, but to rookie running back Terrell Davis. Davis had 176 yards against the Chargers last week, including 50 in the drive that set up the winning field goal, and is closing in on 1,000 yards.

Atlanta (7-4) at Arizona (3-8)

Three of the Falcons' four losses have been on the road and two of Arizona's three wins have come at home.

But the way the Cardinals are playing, they probably couldn't beat Nebraska or Ohio State. They gained just 91 yards on offense in Carolina last week and everyone seems confused, from Bill Bidwell and Buddy Ryan on down.

Jeff George, who will be a free agent after the season, continues to put up big contract numbers — 352 yards and four touchdowns passes, three to Terance Mathis, against the Rams last week.

New York Jets (2-9) at Seattle (5-6)

This is a game that could vault the Seahawks into honest-to-goodness playoff contention, particularly with the demise of the Patriots, Browns and Chargers. Seattle has won three straight as rookie Joey Galloway has helped Rick Mirer return from his benching.

The Jets scared Buffalo last week, coming within a 2-point conversion of sending the Bills into overtime after trailing 28-10. But they've scared no one on the road, where they're winless in five games, scoring just 52 points and allowing 137.

Cincinnati (4-7) at Jacksonville (3-8)

Tom Coughlin, everyone's grinch at the beginning of the season, became a trivia question last week when he went for two points after the Jaguars pulled within a point of Carolina with 37 seconds left last week. For an expansion team, why not?

As for the Bengals, Dave Shula's job may be more secure than his father's. He's won one more game this year than he did all of last and his offense — Jeff Blake, Carl Pickens, Darnay Scott — can put people in the seats if the Bengals ever get a stadium to seat them. The defense? Suffice to say it gave up 36 straight points last week and 49 overall in a loss to Pittsburgh.

NFL receivers catching more attention, passes this season

By Barry Wilner
AP Football Writer

They turn little slants into big plays. Or they regularly haul in bombs.

They prance into the end zone, then go into their celebratory dance. Or they simply hand the ball to the nearest official and accept congratulations from their teammates.

Their style doesn't matter. It's the results that count and, in 1995, the NFL is getting more outstanding performances from wide receivers than it ever has.

"It's not just more talent; it's a lot of things," says Pro Bowl cornerback Aeneas Williams of Arizona.

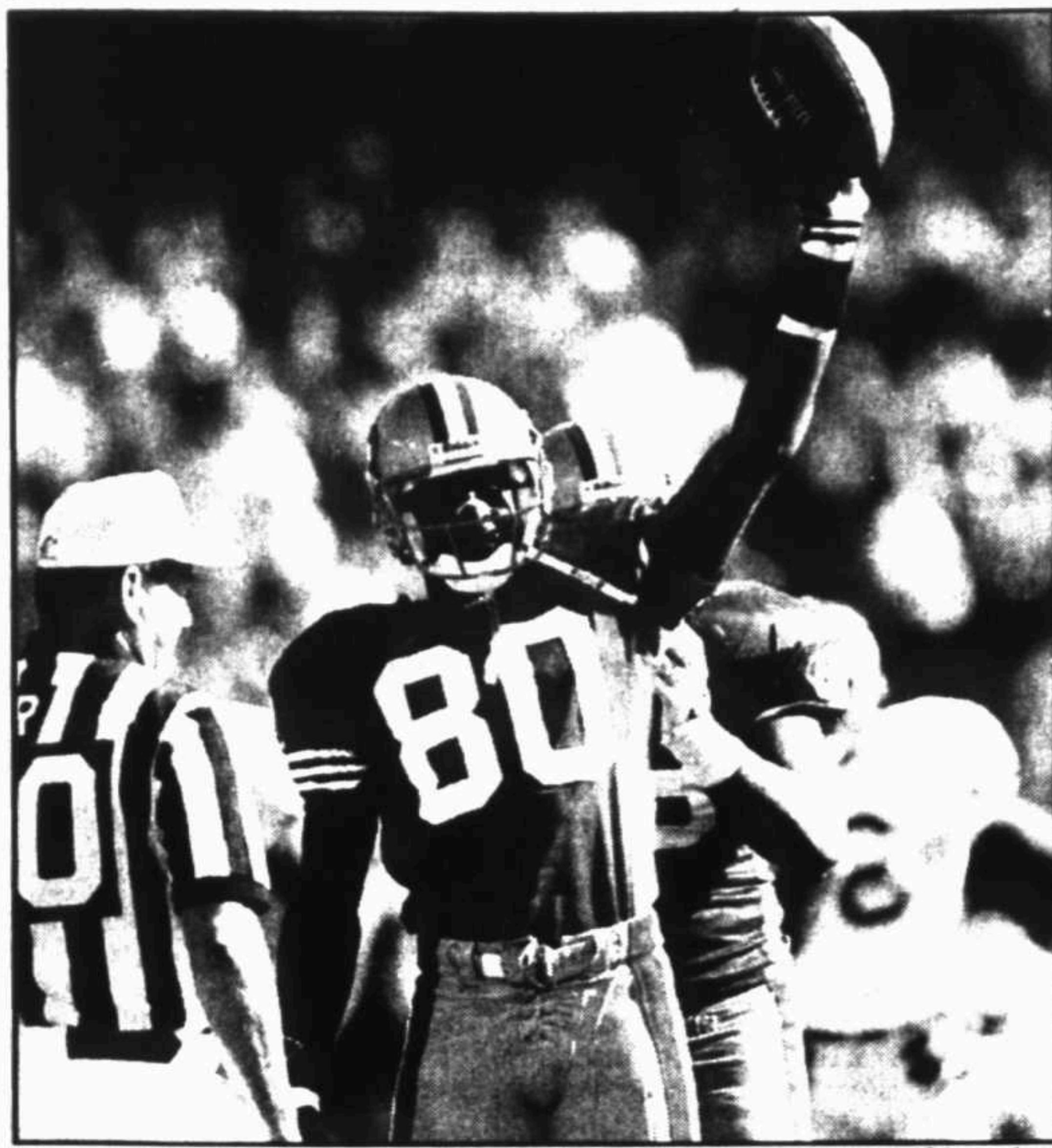
"I think guys are holding onto a lot of balls. I've seen a large number of big-time catches, and I think it's some of the offensive schemes the teams have been coming up with. The league is actually passing now a lot more. I think it's up maybe 5 percent from last year and it might be 10 percent over the past 10 years, so they're giving receivers more of an opportunity to make plays."

Who are the best at making those plays? Who better to ask than the guys who get the chore — and often the embarrassment — of covering them?

Not surprisingly, 49ers superstar Jerry Rice was mentioned almost unanimously by defensive backs polled informally by The Associated Press. Michael Irvin of Dallas drew much support, as did Cris Carter of Minnesota, Irving Fryar of Miami and Andre Reed of Buffalo.

But to further display the depth of standout receivers in the league, cornerbacks and safeties also mentioned Chicago's Curtis Conway and Jeff Graham; Cincinnati's Carl Pickens and Darnay Scott; Washington's Henry Ellard; St. Louis' rising phenom, Isaac Bruce; Herman Moore of Detroit; Andre Rison of Cleveland; Alvin Harper of Tampa Bay; Robert Brooks of Green Bay; Michael Haynes of New Orleans; Tim Brown of Oakland; and Anthony Miller of Denver.

Also praised were Sterling Sharpe, who retired this year after a neck injury, and Al Toon, who left the Jets in 1992 with post-



Jerry Rice of the San Francisco 49ers had led a host of wide receivers who are having career years in 1995.

concussion syndrome. Plus Jake Reed of Minnesota, who drew plaudits from Kansas City cornerback Dale Carter, who happens to be Reed's brother.

Several rookies made the survey, too, including first-round draftees Joey Galloway and Michael Westbrook.

But the clear leader, the most feared receiver in the game, is Rice, who barely has broken stride even with Steve Young sidelined and Elvis Grbac winging passes his way.

"Jerry Rice runs very good routes, and when the ball's in the air, he's got very good speed to go get it," says Cincinnati cornerback Rod Jones. "He has a knack to go get the ball."

"He has football speed, which is a lot different than just running down the field when they time you. When the ball's in the air, he's got enough speed to go get it. That's all that counts. He runs very good routes and when the quarterback gets him the ball on

time, it's kind of hard to make a play on him. His routes are so precise and the ball is there as soon as he makes the break."

Adds Minnesota's Donald Frank, "Not only does the guy run great routes, but he works hard. He runs the best routes of any receiver I've seen in the league. He's been doing it ever since his first year, and he hasn't slowed down. He's a workaholic."

More flashy than Rice, but just as diligent, is Irvin, who is having the best season of his eight-year career.

Irvin is more physical than Rice — even though Rice is a better downfield blocker — as well as more talkative.

"Covering Michael Irvin was a task," says Cleveland cornerback Antonio Langham. "It wasn't a task to defend him. It was a task to keep him from pushing off all the time. But you can't take anything away from Michael. He works hard, and he's a great one."

Nashville to petition Tennessee to allow raise in hotel-motel tax to fund Oiler move

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Nashville will ask state lawmakers for permission to raise the hotel-motel tax by one penny to help pay for the Houston Oilers' relocation and stadium construction.

The Metro Council approved a resolution Tuesday night to try to hike the 4 percent tax. The resolution came shortly after the council endorsed a legal agreement to move the NFL team to town.

That agreement, signed by Oilers owner Bud Adams and Mayor Phil Bredesen, doesn't include a tax hike. It requires the Metro Water Department to pay \$4 million a year in lieu of taxes from its reserves. That would provide \$65 million toward the stadium construction.

But some council members want to use the water department's reserve to lower rates for the poor.

Raising the hotel-motel tax 1 percent would bring in an estimated \$3.2 million a year. Supporters said they are unsure from where the remaining \$800,000 for the stadium deal would come.

Bredesen has said he doesn't want the deal to include any tax hikes. Industry leaders said the hotel-motel tax hike is a bad idea that could hurt the city's convention and tourism business.

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Booster Clubs...

The Greenwood Athletic Booster Club will meet each Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the library during football season.

The Midland Lee Football Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesdays in Midland Lee Youth Center. Game films will be reviewed and booster club business will be conducted. The meetings are open to the public.

The Midland Lee Basketball Booster Club's Nov. 13 meeting has been changed to Nov. 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the library.

The Lee High School Softball Booster Club will meet on the third Thursday at 7 p.m. in November in the teacher's lounge. All boosters and interested persons are urged to attend. For more information, call Mike Primeaux at 699-6142.

The Midland High Softball Booster Club will meet the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the conference room A at the high school.

The Midland Lee Soccer Booster Club will meet on Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. in the school library. For membership information, please contact Linda Shumake at 697-3350.

The Midland High School Boys' Basketball Booster Club will have a meeting on Dec. 4 at 6 p.m. in the boys' locker room. Please call 689-1131 for questions.

Softball...

Midland Lee softball coach Perry Young and Midland High softball coach Ricci Woodard will conduct the Midland Softball Clinic on Dec. 2 in the Midland Lee auditorium from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$50 or \$60 on the day of the clinic. For college or ASA youths, the cost is \$25, and checks can be made out to the Midland Softball Clinic, attention Perry Young, 3500 Neely, Midland, Tx. 79707.

Golf...

The Golf Fore Sight Card is available and will give golfers 10 free rounds of golf at 10 West Texas courses. The card, which can be bought with a \$15 donation to Prevent Blindness Texas-Midland Regional Center.

The Masters Golf Shop November events are: Nov. 25, 10:00 a.m.-12 noon, Nov. 26, 3-5 p.m., \$50 per couple.

Tennis...

The Midlander will have junior tennis programs through May 23 for pre-kindergarten to sixth grade and up. Call Luis Valdez at 683-5360.

The Midlander End of the Year Adult Member/Guest Tennis Tournament will be held on Dec. 1-3 at the Midlander. The tourney will feature men's, women's and mixed doubles events at three levels (2.5-3.0, 3.5-4.0 and open). The deadline for entry is Nov. 28 by 7 p.m. The cost is \$20 for one event and \$32 for two. Call the tennis staff at 682-0813 for more information.

The Midlander will have the Dunlop F.I.T. Program Junior Tennis Skills Contest on Dec. 8 or 9 for children ages 4-10. The contest measures the players' ability and the fee is \$6. The deadline for entry is Dec. 1. Call 682-0813 or 683-5360 for more information.

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Swimming...

City of Midland Aquatics are offering water aerobics classes at 6:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Call 684-7755 for more information. It has also added an evening preschool gymnastics class. The class will be Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30-6:15. The cost of the class is \$30 per child per month. For more information, call Tassy Miller at 684-7755.

City of Midland Aquatics are offering the 1995 COM Christmas Sports Camp on Dec. 21, 22, 26-29 and Jan. 2-5. The cost for the whole camp is \$200 or \$25 per day and the time on each day will be 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. Children will be supervised all day and receive instruction in tumbling, diving and swimming. For more information, call Tassy Miller at 684-7755.

Bowling...

Join the fun of Color Pin Bowl at Midland Park Lanes every Saturday night at 7 p.m. Call and make your reservations at 689-9725 or 520-2695. It also has room left for active seniors 55 and over for bowling on Mondays at 10 a.m. Call Jackie Waters at 689-9725 for more information.

Basketball...

The Midland YMCA is taking applications for its youth basketball program, open to boys and girls in Kindergarten through sixth grades. The league is coed for grades Kindergarten through second and non-coed grades 3-6. Registration by Dec. 2 is at the Central, Alamo or Northeast Y's. For more information call Central YMCA (682-2551) or Northeast YMCA (682-8469).

Tryout for the Girls 11-Under AAU Basketball team are Thursday nights at 6 p.m. at Midland Christian B Gym. Girls can not turn 12 before Jan. 1, 1997. Please contact Mike Hensley at 697-3018.

The Permian Basin Basketball Officials Association is actively recruiting officials for junior high and varsity games. For more information, contact

Mike Lowrance at 682-1726 or 520-9602 or Jeff Ryan at 688-0700 or 699-5001.

Soccer...

Blast Soccer Club will hold its annual Coaches Classic on Dec. 9-10. Call MSA office at 684-5425 for more information.

Football...

The O.S.A. sponsored Regional Flag Football Tournament will be conducted on Dec. 1-3. The deadline for entry is Nov. 30. For more information, call Fred Vestal at 550-8121 or 567-0370 (Beeper).

Volleyball...

The Midland Volleyball Program (MVP) will hold an informational meeting for interested parents and players concerning the 1996 season on Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. in the Davidson Lecture Hall of the Midland College Health Sciences building (located north of the tennis courts on the Midland College campus). MVP is a sanctioned Junior Olympics program of the United States Volleyball Association. Team categories include 14-under, 16-under, 18-under. Demand will determine the need for teams 12-under. Call 694-1581 (evenings) or 570-6700 (evenings) for more info.

Skiing...

The Sight Skiing card is available from Prevent Blindness Texas. The \$25 donation entitles you to a "buy one ski lift ticket, get one free" at 10 different locations in New Mexico and Colorado for the 95-96 season. For further information call (915) 683-0003.

Punching incident laced with racial overtones

By Deborah Hastings
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — This much is certain: On a Friday afternoon, minutes after the second-half kickoff, an enraged high school line-backer drew back his fist and punched a referee in the face.

Senior Kumasi Simmons, 17, an honor student, is black. Kenneth Smotrys, 34, a certified public accountant who has officiated for 12 years without a reported complaint, is white.

Little else in this story is black and white, but virtually every aspect of it is tainted by accusations of racism.

Thanks to a spectator videotape, the punch has been seen around the country. An otherwise obscure game between Compton's Centennial High School and Beverly Hills High is yet another national story about race relations in Los Angeles County.

Rodney King, Mark Fuhrman, O.J. Simpson — all the notorious cases that have heightened tensions in the multi-ethnic city — are being tapped by supporters of Kumasi Simmons.

Simmons says Smotrys called him "a nigger." Smotrys says he did not. Another Centennial player, Vincent Brooks, 16, also claims Smotrys called him the same name during the same game. Smotrys denies it.

Each side threatens to sue the other, but so far has not. Instead, the case is being tried in the media, with each side calling the other racist and liars.

Smack in the heart of South Central, Compton is 25 miles from the wealthy mecca of Beverly Hills. Devastated by the 1992 riots, Compton bears other scars as well.

It is home to indicted Congressman Walter Tucker III, accused of

extortion and tax invasion while serving as mayor. The school district has been placed in receivership by the state for failing to maintain minimum education standards.

Smotrys' attorney asserts the punching incident has turned into a West Coast version of 1987's infamous Tawana Brawley case in New York.

"They were trying to create enough smoke to get Simmons out of trouble," lawyer David DiJulio said. "And it just got away from them. And Mr. Smotrys has been raped in the process."

Smotrys declined an interview request from The Associated Press.

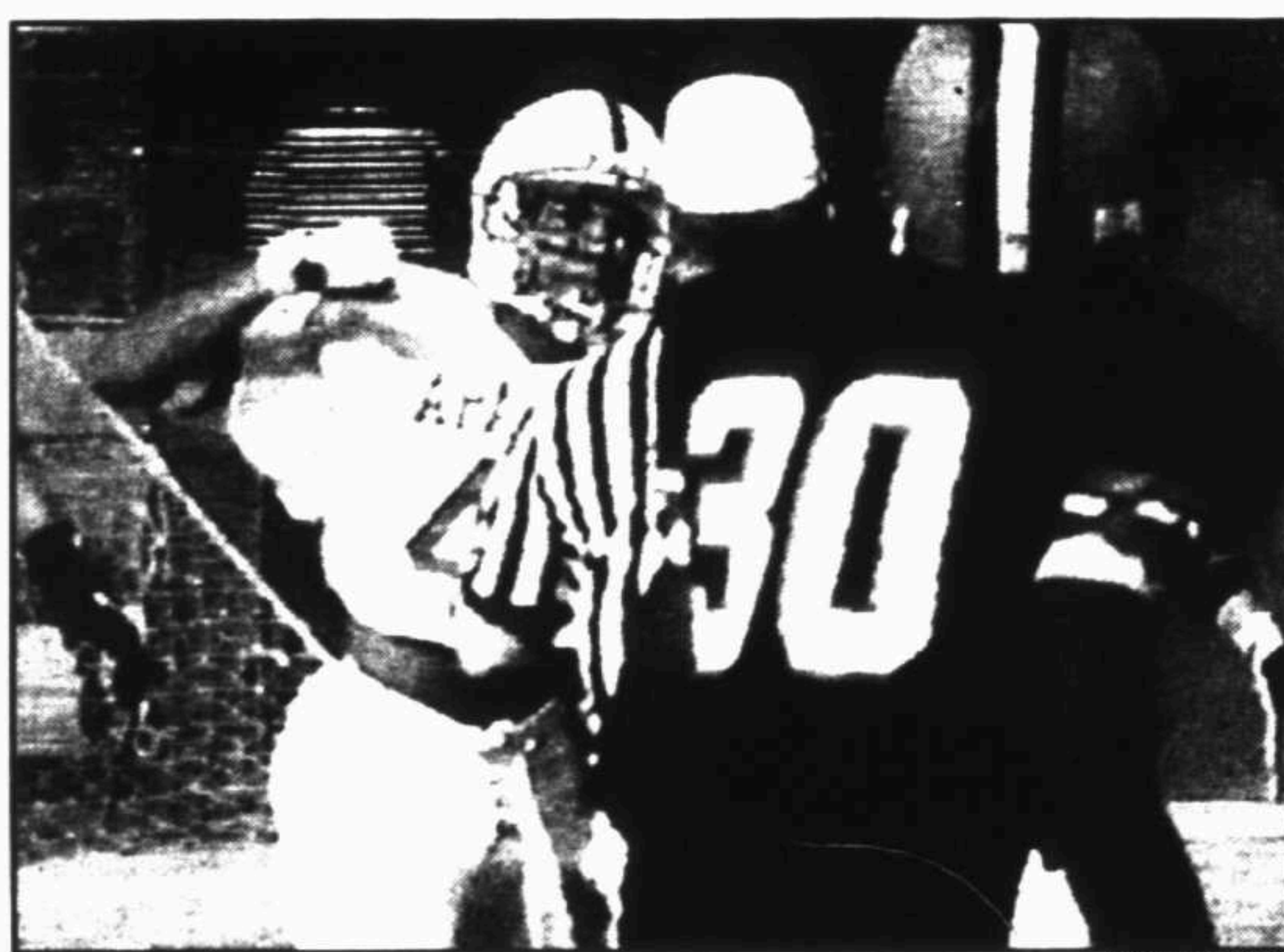
Brawley, a black teen-ager who claimed at least six white men kidnapped and raped her, was later found by a grand jury to have made up the whole incident to cover missing her curfew.

The California Interscholastic Federation and the Compton Unified School District are investigating the Simmons attack. Their findings are expected to be announced soon.

Figuring in those investigations are two videotapes — one shot in the stands by a spectator, the other from the press box where a student commentator provides color commentary for local cable viewers.

CIF officials reviewed both frame by frame. Simmons is clearly seen punching Smotrys, but both tapes are shot from a distance. With the constant movement of a football game, other views of Smotrys and Simmons are blocked. And sounds from the field are not audible.

Attorney Leo James Terrell, who represents Brooks and Simmons, claims both teen-agers are being vilified for daring to tell the truth. But, according to a Beverly



Centennial (Calif.) High player Kumasi Simmons (left) punches referee Kenneth Smotrys in an Oct. 20 high school football game.

Hills police report, Simmons never mentioned the epithet to investigating officers, Brooks did.

Terrell did not return four messages from the AP. He has publicly said his clients will not speak to reporters.

Instead, Simmons' uncle has stepped forward. Omar Bradley, who is running for the state Assembly, also is mayor of Compton and head football coach at Centennial.

In the past few weeks, Bradley, 36, called a series of angry press conferences in which he accused the CIF, the media and school district officials of "institutionalized racism."

Bradley was coaching the day his nephew punched Smotrys, and his accounts of the game are sometimes contradictory. Eight unsigned statements written by Centennial players at the behest of the school's principal also offer conflicting versions.

In one, a student wrote "No" under the question: "Are you aware of any incident where players were verbally or physically assaulted by a football official?"

Bradley, during a press conference last Friday, claimed the stu-

dents' statements backed up his nephew. "I believe the children of Compton," he said.

Asked if he believed his nephew, Bradley told the AP in a phone interview this week, "Whether I believe him or not is immaterial." As for the epithet Smotrys allegedly used, Bradley said, "I didn't hear it. So I can't comment on it."

According to school district and CIF officials who have interviewed the game's five referees and players from both sides, the match at Beverly Hills High School was uneventful for two quarters.

Andre Farkas of Beverly Hills caught the second-half kickoff and ran the ball to his 30-yard line, where Simmons tackled him. After the whistle, Simmons pushed his opponent's helmet into the ground while getting up.

Smotrys ran to the pileup, colliding with Centennial's No. 23, Vincent Brooks, on the way. Brooks later told police that Smotrys called him "nigger" and pushed him to the ground.

The referee told CIF officials he yelled at Simmons. "I told him to step out of the way and not to do that again," Smotrys told the Los Angeles Times.

Deceiving Sudan next for Rankin

■ Despite a 6-4 record, the Hornets have regained its winning ways with five victories in a row.

By Mike Butts
Sports Writer

Sudan coach Royce McAdams says polls don't mean anything. And his team backed up that opinion on the field this year.

The Hornets (6-4) play Rankin (9-2) at 7 p.m. Friday in a Class A area round playoff in Seminole.

Sudan came into the season ranked second in the state and then ran off four straight losses after winning its opener.

It fell out of the top ten rankings and is no longer considered as the best Class A team in Region I.

"We told our kids at the first of the season that we were not the No. 2 team in the state," McAdams said. "They had to put somebody there and I guess they just picked us out of a hat. That was based more on what we've done in the past."

The Hornets returned only two players on each side of the ball this year and may have fallen off enough for an improved Rankin team to avenge its 25-13 loss to the Hornets in a state quarterfinal two years ago.

A Rankin win would give the Red Devils their fifth area championship in eight years. Friday's game is the third time in five seasons the two teams have met in the playoffs.

"We've been up and down, but those were quality people we lost to," McAdams said. "We were in

all of those games." The 1994 state semifinalist's losses this year came to one Class 3A and three Class 2A teams. But the Hornets went 5-0 to win District 5-1A, beating Plains 44-36 to finish their regular season last week. In that game Sudan trailed 36-15 in the second half.

McAdams sees this week's opponent's defense and offense as opposites.

"On defense Rankin is real disciplined and does things in line," McAdams said. "But they have an offense that does everything in the world: swinging gate, no backs, one back, shotgun. They're real hard to prepare for defensively. It kind of runs us out of our base defense."

Tailback Roger Huey leads the Hornets running game with over 1,200 yards and senior quarterback Jerimi Bourland has thrown for 1,090 yards.

"Huey has excellent speed so we have to keep him contained and put a lot of pressure on their quarterback when they throw," Rankin coach Greg Althof said. "They just have a well-rounded football team and a good program."

The Red Devils overwhelmed Tornillo in their bi-district win last Friday, 53-13.

The last seven games of their eight-game winning streak have been by average margins of 34 points. Sudan will be their best test in a long while.

"We feel like we're playing good football but we really weren't tested in district play," Althof said. "But right now the weak sisters are all out and you have to beat good football teams to advance."

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Dinner served

The Midland YMCA Indian Princess Parent/Child Program, with help from Luby's Cafeteria and the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, will be delivering Thanksgiving dinner today to a number of Midland families. The program, named "Feed a Needy Teepee," is in its inaugural year and initiated to help those in Midland and surrounding counties who otherwise may not have been able to have a Thanksgiving dinner. Luby's Cafeteria is preparing the meals and the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services is providing the names of the families. The YMCA Indian Princesses, for girls, ages 5 through 10, and their fathers, is one of numerous programs sponsored by the YMCA as a part of its parent/child program.

Singer to preform

ODESSA — Grammy Award winning entertainer Julio Iglesias performs Nov. 28 at Ector County Coliseum. Tickets are on sale at Ector County Coliseum. His performance is sponsored by K-LITE 100.3, KWES-9, The Odessa American and KMRK.

Leaving Sunday ?

Only a few years ago, the day before Thanksgiving was the busiest of the year for the nation's major airlines. But that distinction now belongs to the Sunday after the holiday, when almost 1.6 million passengers are expected to jam airplanes. The airports will be crowded Wednesday, when the Air Transport Association estimates there will be 1.3 million passengers on major carriers. But travel patterns have changed, and Saturday and Monday should be worse, with an expected 1.4 million passengers on Saturday and 1.5 million on Monday./3D

Senator vacates

AUSTIN — Republican state Sen. John Leedom of Dallas, saying he wants to devote more time to his family and business, plans to resign his seat in March. "I am confident that the state is moving forward in a positive direction, and I believe that others deserve an opportunity to serve this district in the important days ahead," Leedom, 74, said Wednesday./3D

Students arrested

ARLINGTON, Texas — Six student pledges have been accused of hazing after the beating of a fellow pledge at the Phi Delta Theta fraternity house on the University of Texas at Arlington campus, police said Wednesday.

Campus police filed hazing complaints against Brandon Witte, 19, Casey M. Coon, 18, Peter L. Pegg, 24, and Paul Bandurski, 19, all of Arlington; Edward Planche, 20, of Fort Worth; and John Provence, 22, of Burleson.

Pegg also was named in a complaint alleging assault with bodily harm in the Nov. 14 incident.

Each of the six has posted \$2,500 bonds except Pegg, who posted an additional \$3,500 bond on the assault charge, said Chris Green, Arlington city jail supervisor.

The six also face disciplinary action from the university, ranging from disciplinary probation to permanent expulsion, said Kent Gardner, UTA vice president of student affairs.

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Absent parents get help from LOOPS

Local organization provides Christmas gifts for children with parent in prison

By Michael Kashgarian
Staff Writer

Christmas can be hard on disadvantaged children — including those with a parent in prison.

To bring some cheer into the hearts of area children of prisoners, Loved Ones Of Prisoners (LOOPS) — a local Christian organization — is participating in the nationwide Angel Tree Program. The program solicits Christmas gifts — or donations for gifts — to be given to the youngsters.

"These gifts, though purchased by local people with local money, are from the parent in prison," said Leland Maples, executive director of LOOPS. "These kids will get a gift that says 'Love, Daddy,' or 'Love, Mommy.'"

About 1,100 youngsters in West Texas — primarily in Midland-Odessa — are targeted this year. LOOPS is responsible for facilitating the program for children living in the 797- zip code area.

Inmates across the country apply for the program

through prison chaplains. The clergymen forward the applications to the Washington, D.C.-based Prison Fellowship, which contacts area directors, who pass along the needs to local groups such as LOOPS.

Parties — usually through churches — are given and the children receive their gifts, goodies and Gospel literature as well as sing and meet Santa Claus.

Those throwing the parties try to make the youngsters — who may be embarrassed or ashamed to have a parent in prison — feel comfortable, Maples said.

"We're trying to say, 'Hey, we're your friend' ... It doesn't matter that your dad's in prison. We care about you," Maples said. "We want them to know that the Lord loves them."

And the children welcome the gifts, not so much for the present itself, but who it comes from, he said. "See I told you Daddy wouldn't forget me," is not an uncommon response from youngsters, Maples said.

Although most children would rip open a gift at first

chance, most of these youngsters will wait until after the party to do so, Maples said. "It's a very special gift for them," he said.

Gifts for the children are in the \$35 range. Donations can be in the form of a gift or money to purchase one.

"The participation can be very involved or as simple as writing a check. We'll leave that amount of participation up to them," Maples said.

Someone who chooses to purchase a gift will do so for a specific youngster and be provided with sizes, needs and other background information.

LOOPS has been "working frantically" to get sponsors for the children, Maples said. To participate in the program, call 580-5667 or 550-5667.

In addition to participation in the Angel Tree Program, LOOPS provides support groups and other services to families of inmates, provides marriage seminars for those with a spouse in prison, and works with individuals in prison and after their release.

Midland Citizen's Fire Academy graduates 1st class

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

The inaugural class of the Midland Citizen's Fire Academy praised the new program as a success at a post-academy dinner Tuesday.

"It was great," said inaugural academy member Eileen Willis. "I loved it."

The academy was established "to familiarize our citizens with the Midland Fire Department," said Assistant Chief Eddie Katt.

Over the years, the department's duties have grown to encompass not only fire suppression, but ambulance service, rescue and hazardous materials handling, Katt said. "We're starting to wear more and more hats ... the public needs to know about that," he said.

"We fulfill a role much broader than the term implies," he said.

Firefighters conducting the academy hoped to promote understanding within the community of why varying emergency situations are handled in specific ways, Katt explained.

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Students, faculty safe from harm after dorm fire

LUBBOCK (AP) — The Thanksgiving spirit arrived early at Lubbock Christian University when a fire burned 64 students out of their dorm rooms.

Thanks, first of all, that no one was hurt in the Nov. 4 four-alarm fire. Thanks, too, that women on campus have agreed to double up and let displaced male residents move into the women's dorm.

And thanks for the generosity — in clothes and cash, Bibles and brownies — that started surfacing even before the flames were snuffed out that night.

"It's just amazing. I've never experienced that before," said senior John Williamson, 25, who learned just this week that a congregation in Plainview wanted to replace his books.

"I've got a better realization of what church is about," Williamson said. "It's about people, movement, reaching out to touch people's lives."

Insurance investigators say a computer monitor on the second floor of Johnson Hall ignited the blaze blamed for more than \$1.3 million in damage. It was the biggest fire in Lubbock this year.

Resident assistant Joseph Bryant said only about 30-40 students were in the 140-room dorm that Saturday evening. Bryant supervised the wing that burned.

"We were really blessed it wasn't later at night and there weren't more people there," he said.

Bryant described his own room as charred and dreary. His losses include photographs and afghans made by his grandmother. But he still was upbeat.

"I just lost stuff," he said, "nothing that was valuable."

About 300 students gathered the next

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Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Last of warm days

"Throw it to me, dad," Alex Stephens, 8, on the right, and Austin Stephens, 4, said as they tried to chide dad, James Stephens, into tossing the football to them. The trio was enjoying Wednesday's warm weather. Wednesday's high was 79; today's high is expected to reach the upper 60s.

Russian student gives thanks for right to return to United States, university

HEREFORD (AP) — Although Thanksgiving is not a traditional holiday for Tanya Vakhrameva, she will observe the day this year with special appreciation.

A former exchange student in Hereford, Tanya returned to Texas this fall to attend West Texas A&M University, but it was not easy.

She first came to Hereford in the fall of 1993 on a government exchange program. When she returned to her home in Russia the next summer, Tanya had set her sights on entering WTAMU.

She was hardly back on home soil before she was working toward her goal.

Tanya had finished high school before she came to the U.S. so when she went home after the year at Hereford High School, she entered college in her hometown, Yoshkar-Ola, a city not too far from Moscow.

"It is mostly a technical university," she explained, "specializing in math and science."

And Tanya was interested in another course of study. "I couldn't study the major I wanted," she said. "I am interested in foreign affairs as a future career."

Tanya began the paperwork to obtain a visa and return to the U.S. more than a year ago, corresponding with WTAMU officials and providing necessary documents. The process was complicated by slow mail ser-

vice between the U.S. and Russia.

"I had to go to Moscow to take a test of English as a foreign language," she said. Tanya also was required to provide certain documents from WTAMU, showing that she qualified to enroll in the university.

Working with the U.S. Embassy was a frustrating experience, Tanya can joke about it now but at the time it was no laughing matter.

"We had to be at the embassy in Moscow by 8 a.m. and if we didn't get in by 10 a.m., we had to come back the next day," she said.

With her father, she made the "cut" the first day but, "We got in line at 5 a.m." to achieve the feat. They had to return later in the day.

Her first application for a student visa was turned down by an embassy employee, Tanya said. The second go-round was more successful. "I went to another person and he gave me a visa," she continued.

The embassy bureaucrats also were "very picky" about the financial statement she presented.

With a student visa, Tanya is barred from holding regular employment. The financial crunch, then, is considerable.

"I hope to get a scholarship after this semester," she said. "But, until they see what kind of grades I make,

I can't get a scholarship."

Enrolled in 14 hours, Tanya would appear to be eligible for scholarship consideration — she has an A in each course.

The personable Russian student counts herself fortunate, too, that her exchange family, the Tom Fellers, invited her to live with them while she pursues her education.

Her return to Hereford was like homecoming. "I got real close to the family here ... they're my second family," she observed.

Back home in Russia are her parents, a sister and a brother. Her parents rejoiced at the opportunity for Tanya to study in the U.S.

Her father is an engineer and her mother works as a bookkeeper. She has an older sister in college and a five-year-old brother.

"My family was excited for me to come back," Tanya pointed out. Attaining her goal has meant some sacrifices for her parents.

But, Tanya was able to help her cause with a project she undertook while a student at HHS.

She raised a lamb, showed it in the Hereford Young

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POLICE REPORTS

Drugs, cash, cars and weapons were seized and several people arrested following a two-month undercover investigation, according to the Permian Basin Drug Task Force.

The task force and other law enforcement agencies executed a search warrant Tuesday in Balmorhea that netted a pound of cocaine, five pounds of marijuana, three vehicles, 14 weapons and \$1,000 in cash.

Arrested were Daniel Dutchover, 46; Hector Brito Pando, 43; Yolanda Gonzales Pando, 37; Joseph Daniel Dutchover, 21; Jaime Tarango, 24; and Martin Hernandez Garcia, 24.

A second search warrant in Pecos netted two ounces of cocaine, five ounces of black-tar heroin and \$4,000 in cash.

Arrested was Anival Pando, 21.

Daniel Dutchover, Hector Pando and Yolanda Pando remained jailed Wednesday on drug-related charges in lieu of bonds set, officials said.

Joseph Dutchover, Tarango, Garcia and Anival Pando posted bonds for drug-related

charges and were released, officials said.

Other agencies involved in the arrests were the Reeves County Sheriff's Office, Pecos Police Department and the U.S. Border Patrol.

Tuesday

Burglary of a business: The front plate glass window was broken out at Lamesa Cafe, 1109 E. Front St., it was reported at 7:27 p.m.

Wednesday

Theft: A red 20-inch bicycle was taken from 808 W. Louisiana Ave., reported Amy Ruple at 11:08 p.m.

Vandalism: Three or four Hispanic females in a burgandy Grand Am threw rocks at a vehicle and yelled "East-side" at 1304 S. Marshall St., reported Jesse Mendoza at 2:44 a.m.

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

DEATHS

John Matthews

Memorial services for John Alfred "Jack" Matthews are to be 4 p.m. Friday at First Presbyterian Church with the Revs. Jerry Hilton, Dick Braun and F. Ray Riddle officiating.



Matthews

Private burial is planned under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Matthews died Tuesday at a local hospital.

He was born Jan. 20, 1915, in Staten Island, N.Y. He was raised and educated in New Jersey.

After graduation, he worked on Wall Street and then in the insurance business.

He joined the Army Air Corps and in March 1942 was stationed at Midland Army Air Field.

As a B-29 bomber commander, he led 22 successful missions in the Pacific theater and earned two Distinguished Flying Cross awards and three Air Medals.

He married Frances Link on June 26, 1943, in Midland.

After his discharge in 1946, he returned to Midland to work as an independent petroleum landman and in ranching.

He was a member of the American Association of Petroleum Landmen, Permian Basin Landmen's Association, Exchange Club, Confederate Air Force, and a longtime member of First Presbyterian Church, where he served as a deacon and elder. He was past director at High Sky Children's Ranch and served on the Midland Independent School District board from 1967 to 1970. He was a 32nd degree Mason and a member of Midland Masonic Lodge No. 623 and was past president of Scottish Rite Club.

Survivors include his wife, Frances Link Matthews of Midland; three daughters: Judy Matthews Craig and Susie Foy, both of Midland, and Bonnie Welch of Calhan, Colo.; two brothers, Robert Matthews of Melbourne, Fla., and Harry Matthews of Stuart, Fla.; 10 grandchildren and 17 nieces and nephews.

The family requests that memorials be sent to the charity of one's choice.

W.B. Jennings

Services for Midlander W.B. "Bill" Jennings are to be 1 p.m. Friday at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bob Porterfield of West Kentucky Baptist Church officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Jennings died Tuesday at a Stanton care center.

He was born Sept. 20, 1916, in Throckmorton. He was raised and educated in Maryneal, where he graduated from Highland High School.

He married Ruby Marie Forbus Aug. 31, 1938, in Maryneal.

He moved to Midland in 1953. He worked as a mechanic and later became a salesman for Chemical Weed Control. He became semi-retired in October 1994 but continued to work out of his home.

He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby Forbus Jennings of Midland; a son, Jack Jennings of Odessa; a daughter, Carolyn Williams of Midland; four sisters, Joyce Maxwell of Abilene, Wilma Wilson of Eastland, Leta Barton of Fabens and Lela Scarborough of Clyde; five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

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Mrs. Wester died Tuesday at a Stanton nursing home.

She was born Oct. 1, 1909, in Canyon.

She married Avery Jack Wester on Aug. 31, 1934, in Canyon.

She moved to Carlsbad in 1937 and Midland in 1986.

She was a housewife, a member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Carlsbad, and a member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League in Carlsbad.

Mrs. Wester was preceded in death by her husband in 1964.

Survivors include a daughter, Doris Roy of Midland; a brother, Erwin Meyer of Fritch; and a granddaughter, a niece and nephew.

Pallbearers are to be Clarence Egbon, Ralph Cumor, Carl Krueger, Jack McCollum, O.M. Beard and Robert Daugherty.

Services for Vennie Scott Ray, 98, are to be 2 p.m. Friday at Elgin Cemetery in Elgin with the Rev. John Camp of First Presbyterian Church of Elgin officiating. Burial will follow at Elgin Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Ray died Nov. 9 at her Midland home.

She was born Sept. 16, 1897, in McDade.

She received her bachelor's and masters degree's in education from Texas A&I University.

Mrs. Ray was preceded in death by her husband, Edwin Grady Ray, in 1983 and two brothers, Otma Scott and Bremond Scott.

Survivors include a daughter, Margy Ray Woods of Midland; a sister, Ray Scott Bailey of Corpus Christi; a grandson, a granddaughter and three great-grandsons.

Pallbearers are to be Malcolm Ray Scott, Eddy J. Scott, Larry M. Kornegay, Michael G. Portie, Delmer M. Woods Jr., Curtis Ray and Lynn Ray.

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BLAZE: No injuries reported in fire

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morning to pray in thanks that things weren't worse.

People at Lubbock Christian University — a school affiliated with the Church of Christ — say the fire forced more tolerance upon the 1,230-student campus. Some students had to share their rooms for the first time.

Donations for the 64 fire victims came from alumni, churches of various denominations and Texas Tech University dorm residents. Gifts included shoes, towels, alarm clocks and half-price dry cleaning.

Student body president Matt Rush said the offers to help were immediate and constant.

"The level of generosity was astounding," said Rush, who coordinated the relief effort. "It was a humbling experience for me because I had never experienced such caring."

"It was amazing to see the speediness of the churches," said freshman Karla Hagerty. "It was

there the next day. It was wonderful to see."

Dallas masseuse sues TV evangelist for assault

Woman claims that she was assaulted sexually during a massage session.

DALLAS (AP) — A woman is suing television evangelist Garner Ted Armstrong, alleging that he sexually assaulted her during two massage sessions in July.

The woman, Suerae Robertson, a licensed vocational nurse in Tyler, filed the lawsuit Friday in a state district court in Tyler, accusing Armstrong of making lewd demands and trying to force her to fulfill them.

Garner, 64, heads the Church of God International and has a weekly television program carried nationally by cable and about 30 stations. The denomination is based in Flint, about 10 miles south of Tyler, which is 95 miles east of Dallas.

Armstrong and his attorney, Joseph Agapay of Los Angeles, did not return telephone calls to their offices Friday from The Associated Press.

However, a faxed statement signed by Armstrong said: "The allegations of sexual assault are totally false. The proper forum for proving that these allegations are false is in the courts."

Ms. Robertson, 48, alleges that Armstrong began to come to her home in March for massage therapy after she ran a newspaper adver-

tisement for her services.

According to the suit, Armstrong "insisted that he receive his therapy in complete nudity" and that Ms. Robertson "concentrate her therapy on the area of his groin, lower back, inner thighs and buttocks because of stiffness he purportedly felt from his driving."

During a July 4 session, Armstrong's behavior became "increasingly bizarre," the suit says.

The lawsuit alleges that said he needed some "relief," grabbed Ms. Robertson's breasts and genitals and tried to bite Ms. Robertson's breasts. Then, according to the lawsuit, he put her in a head lock and tried to force her head toward his genitals, but she broke free and fled the room.

Armstrong allegedly told Ms. Robertson that "his execution of the Lord's work was so vital that any transgressions on his part would be overlooked by God."

She then secretly videotaped Armstrong's behavior during the next session, on July 15, which led to the lawsuit.

Ms. Robertson seeks unspecified damages from Armstrong and his church, alleging that she has suffered severe emotional distress and mental anguish as a result of Armstrong's alleged actions that keep her from working.

"She is unable to work," said Ms. Robertson's lawyer, John C. Osborne of Houston. "She is under psychiatric care as a result of his

actions."

Armstrong's father, Herbert W. Armstrong, used radio, television and magazines to spread the word of his 80,000-member Worldwide Church of God. He died in 1986 at the age of 93.

The church received strong financial support that made it a powerful evangelistic organization. The Plain Truth and Quest magazines and "World Tomorrow" television programs are part of the Pasadena, Calif.-based church's ministry's. Another part is Ambassador College, with campuses in Pasadena and Big Sandy, 20 miles northeast of Tyler.

Garner Ted Armstrong was the heir apparent of the church until the two had a falling out in 1978.

The elder Armstrong accused his son of trying to put him aside, take over the church and move Ambassador College to the East Texas campus while turning the Pasadena campus into church headquarters.

When Garner Ted Armstrong responded by publicly denouncing what he called the church's lavish expenses, the elder Armstrong excommunicated his son and banished him from church facilities.

The younger Armstrong has conducted an independent ministry since then.

Garner Ted Armstrong made headlines again in 1984 when he was divorced from his 45-year-old secretary after a two-year court battle.

Improvised hot sauce makes inventor big bucks

NEW BRAUNFELS (AP) — It began as an accidental, temporary hot sauce.

Norma Garvey and her husband were adding a kitchen in 1988 to their bar in an old cotton warehouse in Jefferson, a tourist town in East Texas. But they almost forgot one essential ingredient the day before the opening.

"On Wednesday night, we realized we didn't have a hot sauce to go with our Mexican food on our menu," Ms. Garvey said.

Through trial and error, they developed a recipe to use the next day, hoping to tinker with the ingredients later.

But the customers loved it. One couple even brought some back to Dallas in a baby bottle.

Following a divorce soon after her son was born in 1991, Ms. Garvey moved to New Braunfels. Two and a half years later, Ms. Garvey started to sell her own combination of fresh crushed tomatoes, cilantro, jalapenos, onions and

cumin at craft shows and out of the trunk of her car.

Now bottles of Max's Hot Sauce can be found at HEB, Guadalupe Pit-Smoked Meats, New Braunfels Smokehouse and Bunkhouse Coffee in Gruene, as well as in natural food stores in Austin. Ms. Garvey also will be at Taste of the Town, the annual fund-raiser for the Children's Museum in New Braunfels, Thursday night at the old Krueger Chevrolet building at San Antonio and Academy Streets.

Ms. Garvey, a native Houstonian, said she spent her summers in New Braunfels as a child. When she moved here with her son Max in 1991, she wanted to create an opportunity for themselves to make New Braunfels their home.

"As Max grew, I wanted him to have all the joys that New Braunfels has to offer, like I did," Ms. Garvey said.

Instead of looking into opportunities in bigger cities, Ms. Garvey said she wanted to work in New

Braunfels and had the support of many of her friends to start marketing her fresh hot sauce.

"My friends got behind me and said, 'Just go for it. Just do it,'" Ms. Garvey said.

Deb Brazle, one of Ms. Garvey's high school friends who now lives in New Braunfels, said she felt that Ms. Garvey had a good product, and encouraged her to sell it in a competitive market full of other hot sauces.

"After tasting her hot sauce, I thought it was the best thing I've ever tasted and my husband won't eat anything else," Ms. Brazle said. "We buy it by the case."

Ms. Garvey's distributor, New Braunfels resident Kristine Schmidt of The Innate Company Inc., said Ms. Garvey's enthusiasm helps make her hot sauce stand out among other hot sauces.

"There are a lot of people out there who don't add the personality that she does," Schmidt said. Instead of Ms. Garvey slaving in

her kitchen as she did in Jefferson to make her "witches' brew," the hot sauce is bottled by Creative Foodworks in San Antonio, and Ms. Garvey said she is working on selling Max's hot sauce to bigger grocery stores and in a mail-order catalog.

But Ms. Garvey said her No. 1 focus is raising four-year-old Max, who sometimes makes cameo appearances to help sell his namesake hot sauce. Ms. Garvey said she wants to find her niche in the hot sauce world, a competitive market, and stay and work in New Braunfels.

Schmidt said based on the responses from the stores that sell the hot sauce, she thinks Max's, which was a finalist in the 1994 Austin Chronicle Hot Sauce Contest out of more than 350 contestants, soon could be the "No. 1 hot sauce in Texas."

"The places that we have it in, the clientele love it," she said.

Multicultural program too controversial for A&M

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas A&M President Ray Bowen says he supported a faculty plan requiring students to study other cultures, but he feared implementing the proposal would embroil the university in controversy.

In letters to the A&M faculty senate and the student body Tuesday, Bowen rejected the multiculturalism plan, saying neither the university nor the nation has shown itself ready for civil discussions about such controversial matters.

"This is a distressing observation because the proposal is a moderate, well thought-out modification of our core curriculum," Bowen wrote.

Though he supported the plan, which he studied for five months, the president said he couldn't agree to critics' demand that stringent administrative controls also be set up to monitor the courses.

"I am not going to give credibility to the idea that our faculty needs to be watched to see that they do not misuse the curriculum," he said.

If the multiculturalism plan were implemented without the controls sought by critics, "the university would be harmed by the ensuing controversy," Bowen said.

"My actions, however, should in no way be construed as an indication that I do not strongly support the educational emphasis that was the basis of the proposal," he wrote.

"As citizens of the late 20th and coming 21st century, it is manda-

tory that all of us be aware of the contributions made by individuals from cultures other than our own."

He urged students to enroll in classes about other cultures on their own initiative.

The faculty plan would have required all Texas A&M students to take one course in American minority cultures and one course in international cultures. Course offerings included women in politics, the sociology of black America, the history of England and an introductory Spanish language course.

Proponents of multiculturalism on college campuses argue that students need greater exposure to other cultures. But critics of the A&M plan complained that the requirement would evolve into

exercises in "political correctness" or "victimology."

The A&M multiculturalism plan is only the latest to fail in Texas. Similar efforts failed at the University of Texas 3 1/2 years ago. Texas Woman's University and Southern Methodist University are the only schools in the state that require classes in other cultures.

Some faculty members later said they were disappointed that Bowen chose not to fight for something he seemingly believes in.

"I'm somewhat amazed Dr. Bowen could talk about how moderate the proposal was and then attribute his decision to external pressure," said faculty senate leader Pierce Cantrell.

"He has yielded to groups who have politicized an academic deci-

sion made after three years of extensive discussions among faculty, students and administrators."

Richard Stadelmann, adviser to A&M's chapter of College Republicans, praised Bowen's decision as "a victory for reason and common sense." The College Republicans have vigorously opposed any multiculturalism plan.

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State in Brief

EDF releases toxic waste figures

Pounds of toxic waste per barrel of refined petroleum per day for the 28 Texas refineries reporting for the 1992 Toxic Release Inventory, according to data examined by the Environmental Defense Fund.

Refinery, Location	Pounds Per Barrel
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Chevron USA Inc., Port Arthur	18.18
Citgo Refinery, Corpus Christi	9.56
Coastal Refinery & Marketing, Corpus Christi	10.45
Crown Central Petroleum Corp., Pasadena	13.77
Diamond Shamrock, Sunray	10.97
Diamond Shamrock, Three Rivers	2.52
Exxon Co., Baytown	5.54

Saldivar enters prison

GATESVILLE — A subdued Yolanda Saldivar entered a women's prison Wednesday afternoon to begin serving her life term for killing Tejano star Selena.

Ms. Saldivar was transferred to the Gatesville Reception and Diagnostic Center, after being held in the Nueces County Jail in Corpus Christi.

The 35-year-old Ms. Saldivar was found guilty Oct. 23 of murder after shooting Selena once in the back March 31 at a Corpus Christi motel. She had insisted the shooting was an accident, but a jury in Houston convicted her last month of murdering her former boss.

Ms. Saldivar must serve at least 30 years of her life sentence before becoming eligible for parole.

Public Broadcasting probe

DALLAS — The North Texas Public Broadcasting board is investigating the spending and travel practices of the president of its stations and his wife, a vice president.

The probe was prompted by an anonymous two-page letter, signed by "Friends and Employees of KERA," that questioned the size of the travel schedule of KERA-KDTN president Richie Meyer and his wife Susan Harmon, vice president of radio and administration.

It also questioned how the travel is paid for, how well the board monitors financial reimbursement for the trips and further questioned the pair's salaries and the appropriateness of a married couple holding the two top positions at the stations.

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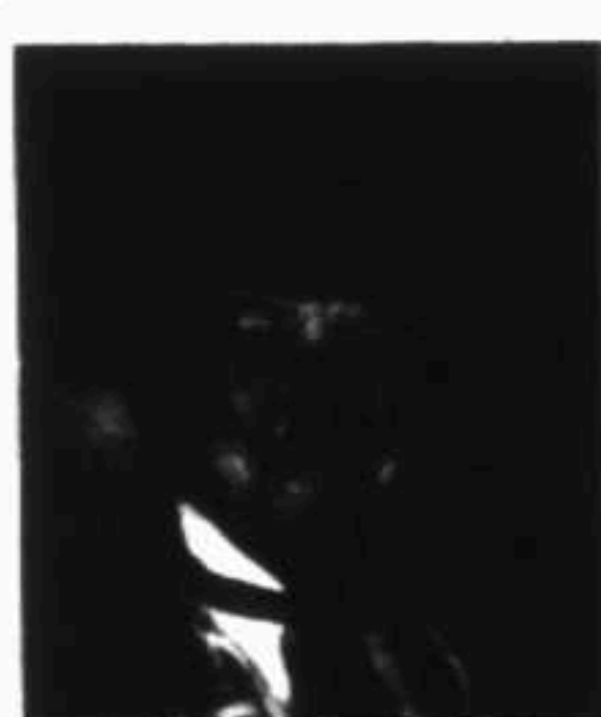
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Many look forward to holiday with anticipation; others fear disaster

By Frank Bruni
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — For Barbara Anne Livingstone, the days before Thanksgiving have been filled with premonitions of disaster. Her second-worst fear: that she will neglect her 24-pound turkey for mere seconds and burn it to ashes. Her worst: that she will not clean it properly and sicken her husband and their seven guests.

"This is my first Thanksgiving," said Mrs. Livingstone, 30, of Butler, N.J., a relatively new homeowner who has little experience with large poultry. "I want it to be memorable, but not that way."

For Arline Tarte, the days have been filled with a sense of blessed relief. In previous years, Ms. Tarte, who lives on the Upper East Side of Manhattan, would return home from long hours at the office and cook past midnight for a party of 20. This year, she has hired a chef to come to her apartment and do it for her.

"I can relax, sleep late and not look harried and exhausted," said Ms. Tarte, 53, an executive with a printing company. "What a pleasure."

Around the New York region this week, people readied themselves for a holiday with a famously long menu and notoriously complicated family logistics, but perhaps no two committed themselves to the same level of fussing, and perhaps no two felt the same amalgam of excitement and apprehension.

For some, Thanksgiving promised to be a reminder of the bounty in their lives: a large family, close friends, the means to spread out a lavish and sumptuous smorgasbord. For others, it was a sad reminder of their loneliness or poverty that held out the possibility of a brief respite from deprivation in the form of a turkey hand-out.

Janet Burgos, who stood on a long line outside a food pantry in

Manhattan yesterday, said she had not yet devised a Thanksgiving menu for herself, her husband and their four children, because it all depended on what was in the bag of free groceries she received.

"I've already spent all my food stamps for the month," said Ms. Burgos, 33, who lives two blocks from the Yorkville Common Pantry, on the border between the Upper East Side and Harlem.

Ms. Burgos said she would love to invite relatives over, or to cook something special in addition to a turkey. "I've always wanted to make lamb roasts the way I've seen them on TV, with the little paper bows," she said.

But she and her husband are both unemployed, so Ms. Burgos arrived at the pantry promptly at 9 a.m. Tuesday so she could be near the head of the line and lay claim to one of the biggest birds.

A few dozen blocks to the north and south, streets and stores buzzed with different kinds of holiday activity. On the Upper East Side, patrons filed into William Greenberg Jr. Desserts to fetch one of the hundreds of boxes of pumpkin and apple pies stacked in tall, leaning towers. In Harlem, Thora Seeley, 53, came away from an open air produce market on 137th Street with a plastic bag of collard greens that weighed 16 pounds and was more than half as large as Ms. Seeley herself.

Although she is not the host for her family's celebration in the South Bronx, she said she always makes the collard greens. She usually buys them at the same place and follows the same recipe, using plenty of smoked pork and a small amount of vinegar.

"I'll wake up at 5 a.m. on Thursday to do it," Ms. Seeley said in a tone that hovered between harried and proud.

Sleep deprivation and the burden of upholding a traditional Thanksgiving menu were common themes among those shouldering the responsibilities for cooking.



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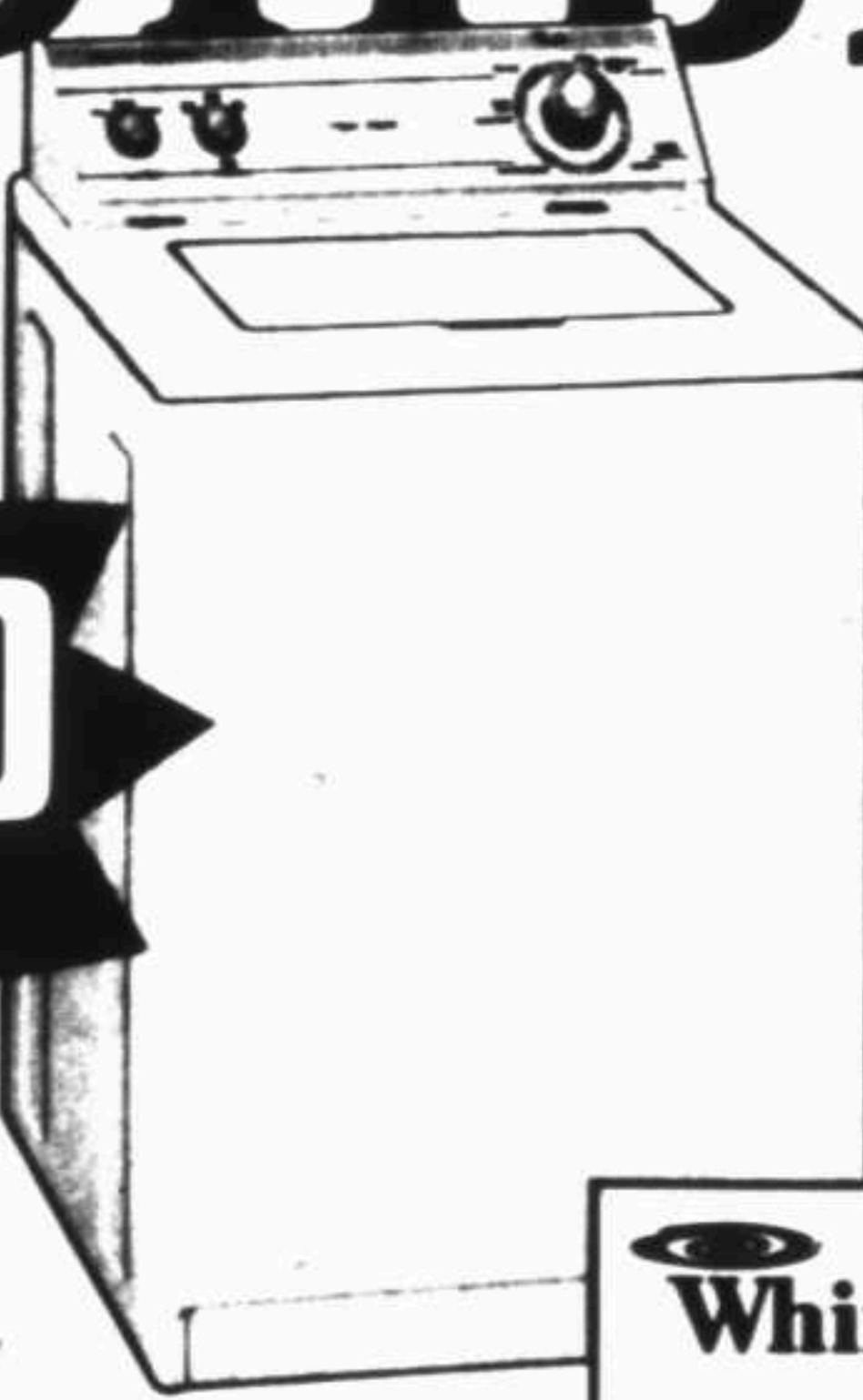
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Sunday

By EDWIN McDOW
N.Y. Times Service

Only a few years before Thanksgiving is the busiest of the year for major airlines. But now belongs to the holiday, when almost all passengers are expected to travel.

The airports will be crowded Wednesday, when the busiest travel week of the year will be 1.3 million passengers. But major carriers. But have changed, and Monday should be expected 1.4 million passengers Saturday and 1.5 million on Sunday.

Travel industry officials say Thanksgiving is the busiest travel week of the year, while the typical holiday travel week is a four to five day getaway. The number of travelers is expected to be away a day or two away from home, and because business is that not everyone same time.

On the highways, the Automobile Association says that 30.6 million people will travel 100 miles or more on the holiday, 2 percent more than last year.

Federal workers who have lost their jobs, and most of them are still looking for work. An informal survey of the workers to celebrate Thanksgiving as they intend.

"Now that we're most of us are still original plans," said Moore, superintendent of the National Sharpshooters, Md.

"On Thanksgiving, I left the office Tuesday, Mass., to be with my fiancée.

The weather appears to be moderating across the country, and prices for travel lodging are a relative.

The drivers of 25 million cars expected to be on the road over the holiday week. Gasoline prices averaged 42 cents a gallon for self-service, down 4.2 cents from last year at the pump, to be with alone.

While air fares are late for spur-of-the-moment travelers, most airlines are giving specials that a one-day advance purchase minimum.

Trans World Airline is offering 75 percent off on purchases, on road.

State Sen. Leedom to office in

AUSTIN (AP) — State Sen. John Leedom is saying he wants to resign his seat to time to his family plans to resign his seat. "I am confident moving forward in this direction, and I believe this district in the ahead," Leedom, day.

Chief executive of the Electronic System he has served in the 1981 and spent 1979 in City Council.

Leedom said a election could be District 16 seat, with most of Northeast and part of Rockwall.

The winner of the election would serve Leedom's term, January 1999.

The timing of House members election in 1996 to seat without giving posts. Those who race could continue House re-election.

Leedom's district Republican. The News reported that mentioned as potential for his seat are Reps. John Carls, Goolsby of Dallas, Garland and Fredson.

Leedom is conservative hasn't been opposed crowd.

He was the only Texan to carry guns, saying, "I was providing for state."

He also advocated efficiency in state. Among other, he created a constitution creating the state for fiscal emergency.

The Senate of Democrats and Two Democratic reelection next.

Rosson of El Paso, Paint Rock, have run.

Sunday after Thanksgiving takes over as most dangerous travel day

By EDWIN McDOWELL
N.Y. Times Service

Only a few years ago, the day before Thanksgiving was the busiest of the year for the nation's major airlines. But that distinction now belongs to the Sunday after the holiday, when almost 1.6 million passengers are expected to jam airplanes.

The airports will be crowded Wednesday, when the Air Transport Association estimates there will be 1.3 million passengers on major carriers. But travel patterns have changed, and Saturday and Monday should be worse, with an expected 1.4 million passengers on Saturday and 1.5 million on Monday.

Travel industry officials say the Thanksgiving holiday remains the busiest travel week of the year. But while the typical Thanksgiving getaway resembles a mini-vacation of four to five days, a growing number of travelers are getting away a day or two earlier than usual—in the hope of avoiding crowds and because businesses require that not everyone be away at the same time.

On the highways, the American Automobile Association estimates that 30.6 million people will travel 100 miles or more from home this holiday, 2 percent more than last year.

Federal workers who were furloughed last week have returned to their jobs, and most, according to an informal survey of travel agents and the workers themselves, plan to celebrate Thanksgiving pretty much as they intended originally. "Now that we're back at work most of us are sticking with our original plans," said Susan K. Moore, superintendent of Antitam National Battlefield in Sharpsburg, Md.

"On Thanksgiving, you want to be with family and friends," she left the office Tuesday for Lowell, Mass., to be with her family and fiancé.

The weather appears to be cooperating across much of the nation, and prices for transportation and lodging are a relative bargain.

The drivers of 25.5 million vehicles expected to be on the highways over the holiday will benefit from gasoline prices averaging \$1.12 a gallon for self-service unleaded regular, down 4.2 cents a gallon from last year at this time, and down more than 3 cents this month alone.

While air fares continue to escalate for spur-of-the-minute travelers, most airlines offered Thanksgiving specials that required only a one-day advance purchase and a one-day minimum stay.

Trans World Airlines offered up to 75 percent off 21-day advance purchases, on round-trip flights

between St. Louis and 25 domestic markets. But the sale ends Thursday for travel beginning no later than Friday and returning on flights no later than noon Saturday.

Hotel prices have risen slightly since last year—by an average 96 cents a day for a room in Orlando, Fla., for example—but this week and next are replete with bargain rates at modest roadside motels and luxury properties in many big cities. Except at resorts and in cities like New York that attract many foreign visitors, hotel occupancies over Thanksgiving and the next week usually drop at least 20 percent below the yearly average.

No wonder. Fifty-two percent of auto travelers told the Automobile

Association that they intended to stay with family or friends, while only 32 percent expected to stay in a hotel.

Garrett Wardell, his wife, Tina, and Wardell's in-laws, all from Henderson, Nev., are spending Wednesday and Thursday at the Fray Marcos Hotel in Williams, Ariz., but they almost did not make it. Although they had longstanding reservations, Wardell, an estimating supervisor for auto insurance claims at State Farm, canceled the reservations after learning that Grand Canyon National Park was closed in the partial government shutdown.

When federal employees went back to work after the agreement between the White House and Con-

gress reopened the federal purse strings, he was able to rebook early this week. Thursday the four of them will board the Grand Canyon Railway for its 65-mile journey between Williams and the canyon's south rim.

"We've all been looking forward to this," Wardell said Tuesday, "because as far as I know none of us have ever been on a train."

Some friends and relatives are spending Thanksgiving in a floating hotel.

Take the families of Joy Kniskern and Paul Taylor, a husband and wife in Boca Raton, Fla. They and 54 other family members, ages 3 to 90, are aboard Royal Caribbean Cruise Line's Majesty of the Seas, on a weeklong

cruise through the western Caribbean.

"This is our fourth Thanksgiving cruise," Ms. Kniskern said. "I enjoy the traditional Thanksgiving at home, but they serve a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner aboard ship and you don't have to work for three days cooking it."

On the Navajo Reservation in Window Rock, Ariz., "Thanksgiving is an important holiday for families," said Shirley Bowman, administrative assistant of the Navajo culture and language program.

Many people celebrate at home

with relatives, Ms. Bowman said, and dinner often includes turkey, ham, beef and mutton. On Thursday evening, Navajos of every age will descend on the civic center for a powwow, with its traditional dances and songs.

About 300 miles to the south, in Sun City, Ariz., Donald and Kathryn Potter plan to celebrate Thanksgiving at home with their son, daughter, son-in-law, daughter-in-law and seven grandchildren. The couple had planned to top off the holiday, and celebrate their 40th anniversary, with a 14-day Regency cruise to Mexico.

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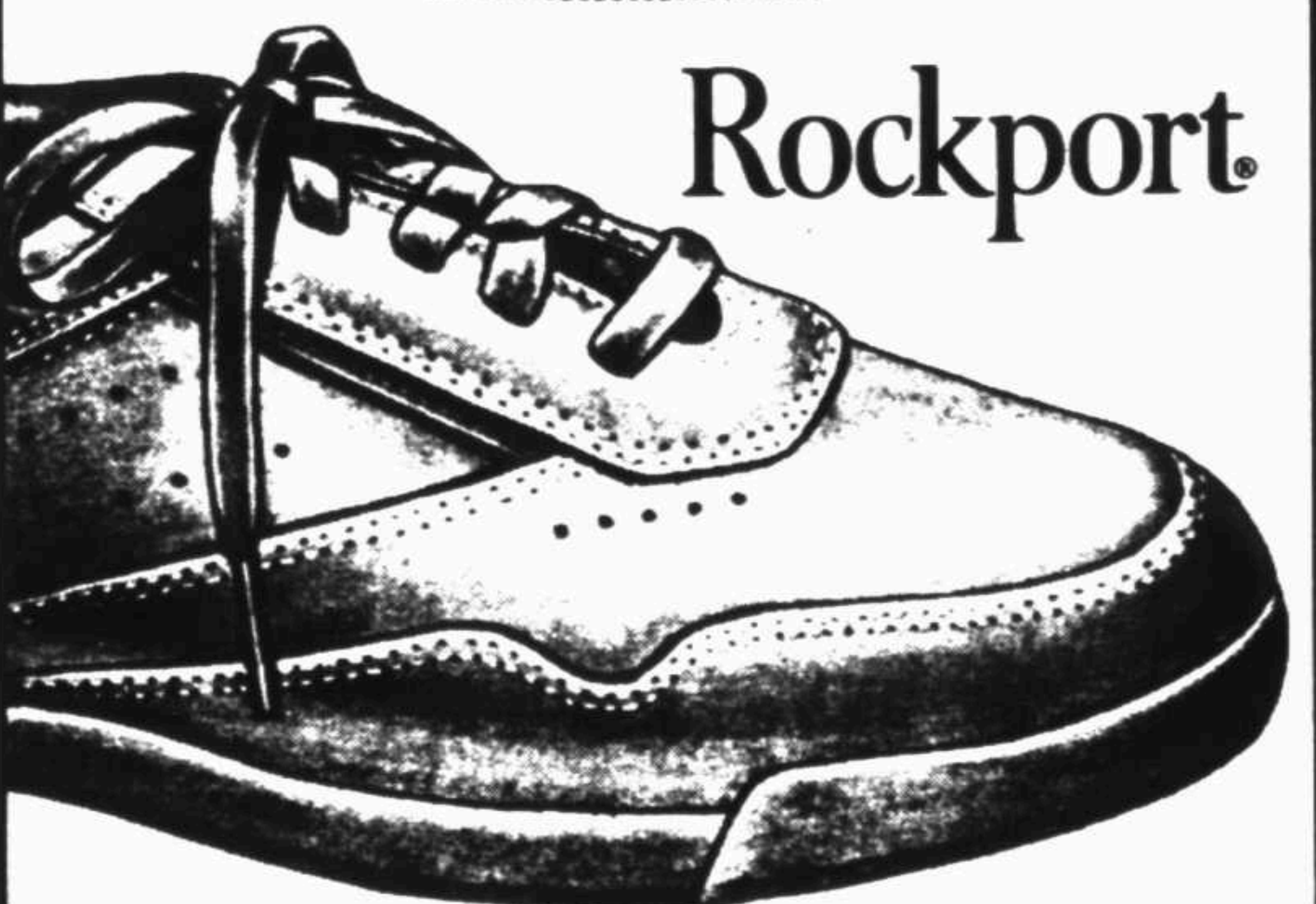
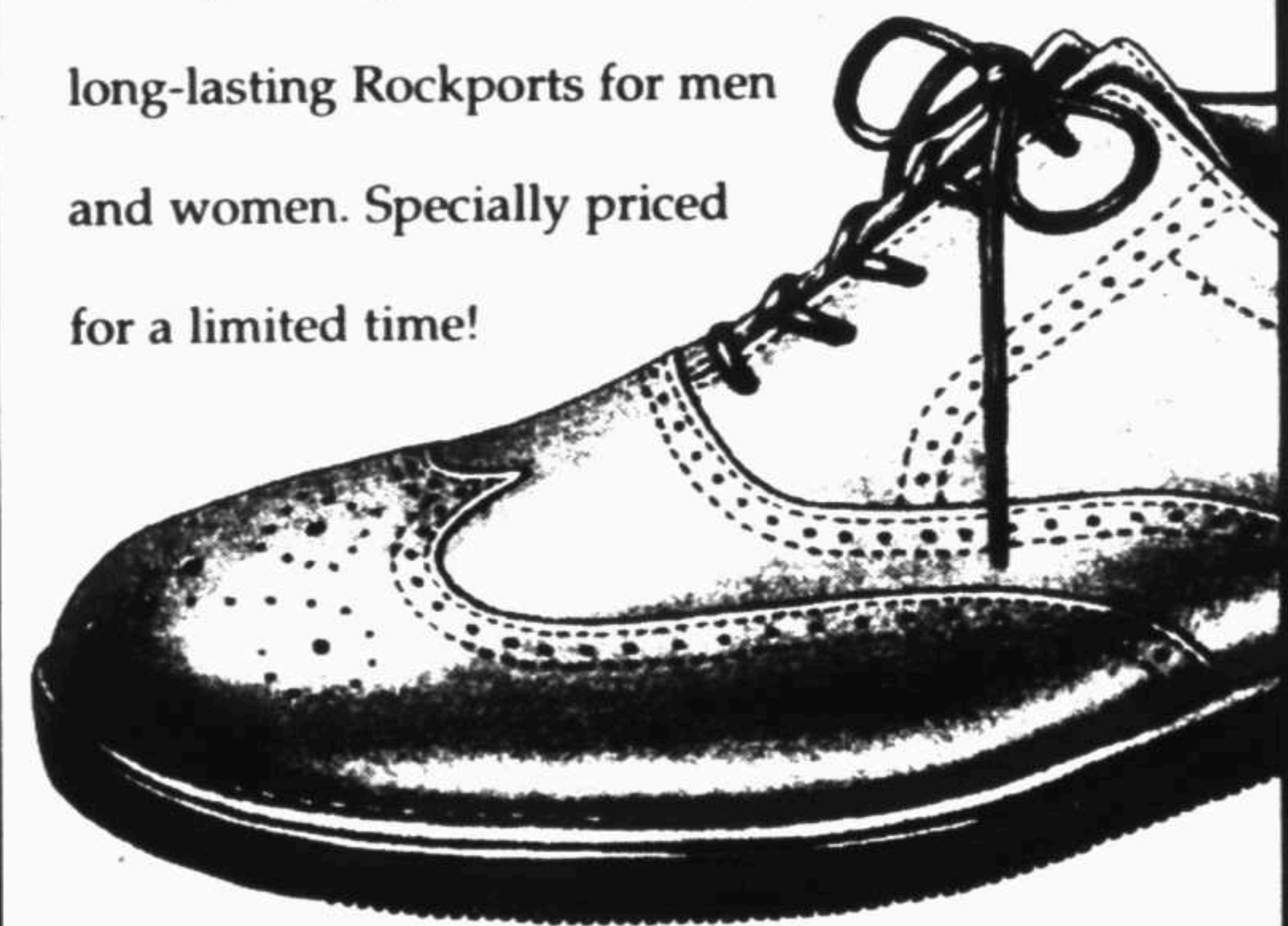
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Women's Personals

WHITE FEMALE, 23

Short blonde hair, blue eyes, western dancing, romantic dinners, quiet evenings, seeks someone to talk to. #62876

NEW TO AREA

Divorced white female, 42. Enjoys cooking, movies, music. Seeks single white male for friendship and companionship. #44516

NEEDING COMPANION

Hispanic female, 20, 5'2", brown hair and eyes, seeking a mature Hispanic man. Age unimportant. #67823

HISPANIC FEMALE, 28

Seeking honest man who likes dancing, quiet evenings and possible relationship. 35-50. Single Hispanic/white male. #66833

WHITE CHRISTIAN

Female, non-smoker, non-drinker, early 50s, enjoys reading, church activities. Seeks same in Christian male. #66782

VIVACIOUS BLONDE

White professional female, 30, enjoys sports, dancing, theatre, many interests, seeks adventurous, attractive white professional male, 27-45. #67250

CHRISTIAN MAN

Single white female, 18, attractive. Seeking warmth, romance, fun, laughter and outdoors. For friendship, possible relationship, 18-26. #44452

ATTRACTIVE BLONDE

Bubbly, compassionate, fun-loving, honest, active, seeking single Christian gentleman, 43-53, responsible, outgoing, jokes, laughs, conversationalist, travel. #63178

HUGGABLE

Divorced Hispanic female, spontaneous, enjoys football, dancing, walks, romantic evenings, seeking Hispanic male, 40 plus. Be my friend. #20747

HISPANIC FEMALE

5'2", dark hair, dark eyes, seeking spontaneous Hispanic male, 20-25, for great times. #26577

SINGLE BLACK

Mother, 29, seeking single male, with or without children, love the outdoors, together-ness and lots of romance. #66406

WHITE FEMALE

Divorced, 5'7", green eyes, 2 kids, smoker, seeks romantic, fun-loving white male, 35-40, for possible romance. #40379

SEEKS SOUL MATE

Full-figured divorced white female, 40, seeking divorced white male, 38-48, no drugs, non-drinker, build one-on-one relationship. #22729

SINGLE FEMALE

Seeking male, 35 plus, who is a good, honest, employed man. #66860

WHITE FEMALE

Divorced, 54, slender, blue-eyed brunette. Seeking white gentleman, 7-6'4", social drinker, smoker O.K., with sense of humor. #60884

SEEKING SINGLE MAN

35 plus, loves to have fun, honest and enjoys kids. #67023

ADVENTUROUS

Auburn hair, brown eyes, outgoing female, 24, smoker, seeking white male, 25-35. For fun and romance. #64587

LOOKING FOR MALE

White/Hispanic, 45-50, drug-free. Like having fun, travel, fishing, divorced Hispanic female, 43, cook, 4'11", 124 lbs. #26082

BLACK FEMALE, 20

Seeking single white male, 18-26, blue/green eyes, with good sense of humor. Must love kids! #26877

SEEKING MR. RIGHT

Single or divorced, white or Hispanic male, 27-35, who loves to have fun. #20874

HISPANIC LADY, 28

5'3", seeks Hispanic male, 25-30s, like to go out, dancing, movies, romantic dinners. #44137

US AND MOMMY

Love outdoors, togetherness, time away, country dancing. Want single or divorced white male, 20-28. Mommy's attractive. #67872

CHRISTIAN LADY, 51

Looking for Christian man for friends and whatever the Lord wants from there. #43183

SEEKS CHRISTIAN MAN

Single Hispanic female, 22, attractive, mother of 1. Seeks gentleman to build relationship, 27-45, non-smoker, non-drinker. #21082

SINGLE WHITE FEMALE

28, blonde hair, blue eyes, 5'5", 125 lbs., smoker, looking for someone to party with. #46315

SWEET LADY

Attractive, romantic, compassionate, fun-loving, honest, outgoing, N/S, seeks tall Christian gentleman, 45 plus, with similar qualities. No games. Let's become best friends, build mutually enjoyable relationship. #24318

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Attractive divorced white female, mid 40s, seeks romantic, tall, Christian, secure single/divorced white male, 38-55, who enjoys life. #68881

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23, wanting someone to lift my spirits up and show me what love is all about. #40946

WHITE FEMALE, 5'2"

Slim, trim, quiet evenings, slow dancing, country music, movies. Seeks white male, 45-55, with same interests. #43443

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Would like to meet someone with financial stability and outgoing, who loves travel. Race unimportant. #21611

ATTRACTIVE

Divorced white female, degreed professional, seeking single/divorced white male, 38-48, must be educated, adventurous, open-minded, with outstanding personality. #81415

SEEKS SOUL MATE

Looking for outgoing, active male, 36 plus, financial stability. Independent. Love to travel. #1885

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5'4", enjoys walks in the park, candlelight dinners, traveling. Seeks single male, 34 plus, race unimportant. #81676

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Seeks white female, 30-40, active, pretty, slender, likes skiing, four-wheeling, photography, outdoors, for friendship first. #40380

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Romantic white male, 48, 6 foot, likes country music, fireplaces. Seeks 5'7" plus, sincere, caring lady, 35-45. #64414

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Financially secure. Loves life, laughter and old rock-n-roll. Seeks white female, 30-45, for dating, possible relationship. #46631

PROFESSIONAL MALE

Very athletic, enjoys dining out, movies, quiet evenings, seeks attractive, slim white or Hispanic professional female, 40-48. #67226

SECOND HAND HEART

6'1", blue eyes. Enjoys outdoors, dining out, movies, nice walks, quiet evenings. Seeks white female, 25-45. #43376

SEEKS BLACK FEMALE

White professional male, 37, enjoys sports, movies, music, outdoors. Seeks female, 26-40, for fun, friendship, relationship. #41567

HARD WORKING MALE

Single male, 27, 5'10", 130 lbs. Seeks slim, single white female, over 25, for possible relationship. #20484

BLOND, 21, 6'5"

Love dancing, skating, sports, skydiving, kids, seeks Miss Right to love me inside and out. #67681

WHITE MALE, 26

Love kids, animals, outdoors, skydiving, seeks white female, 20-30, who enjoys board games, cards, movies. #22737

WHITE MALE, 27

Brown hair, green eyes, non-smoker, seeks nice white/Hispanic female, 20-30, for fun and romance. #22219

WHITE MALE, 6'3"

Workaholic seeks pretty, trim female, 25-42, to enjoy life with. Like the outdoors, sports, country music. #45548



Men's Personals

LOOKING FOR YOU

Black male, 28, professional, financially secure, enjoys movies, dancing, going out, seeks female, race, age unimportant. #51704

ATTRACTION

Employed black male seeks attractive, white or Hispanic female, 18 plus, with slender build. I'm 25, 6'1", 180 lbs. Call me and you'll be treated right by a real man. #47901

MALE, 45

Owns own business, 6'2", 195 lbs., loves country dancing, having fun, seeking Hispanic/white female, 25-45, for friendship. #25111

HISPANIC MALE, 34

Enjoys music, dancing, dinners, sports, seeking white/Hispanic female, 22-37, for friendship, possible relationship. #24757

PROFESSIONAL MALE

With adorable kids, seeks attractive, intelligent and personable single white female, 26-36, for relationship, non-smoker, non-drinker. #82975

DIVORCED

White male musician, enjoys music, sports, kids, seeking relationship with a white or Hispanic female, 35-45. #21729

SINGLE ASIAN MALE

30, educated gentleman, financially stable, new to town, seeks somebody nice, any age and race, for fun. #46126

NBODY DOES

Nobody doesn't respond to these ads. Spontaneous, adventurous male seeks female, 25-45, who likes movies, music, dinners. #57642

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WHITE MALE, 55

6'1", 190 lbs., seeking young female, 40-50, for dating, possible relationship. Like most anything. Leave number. #63212

WHITE MALE

Divorced, 35, seeking single/divorced white female, 27-43, to do things with and spend quality time. All answered. #41231



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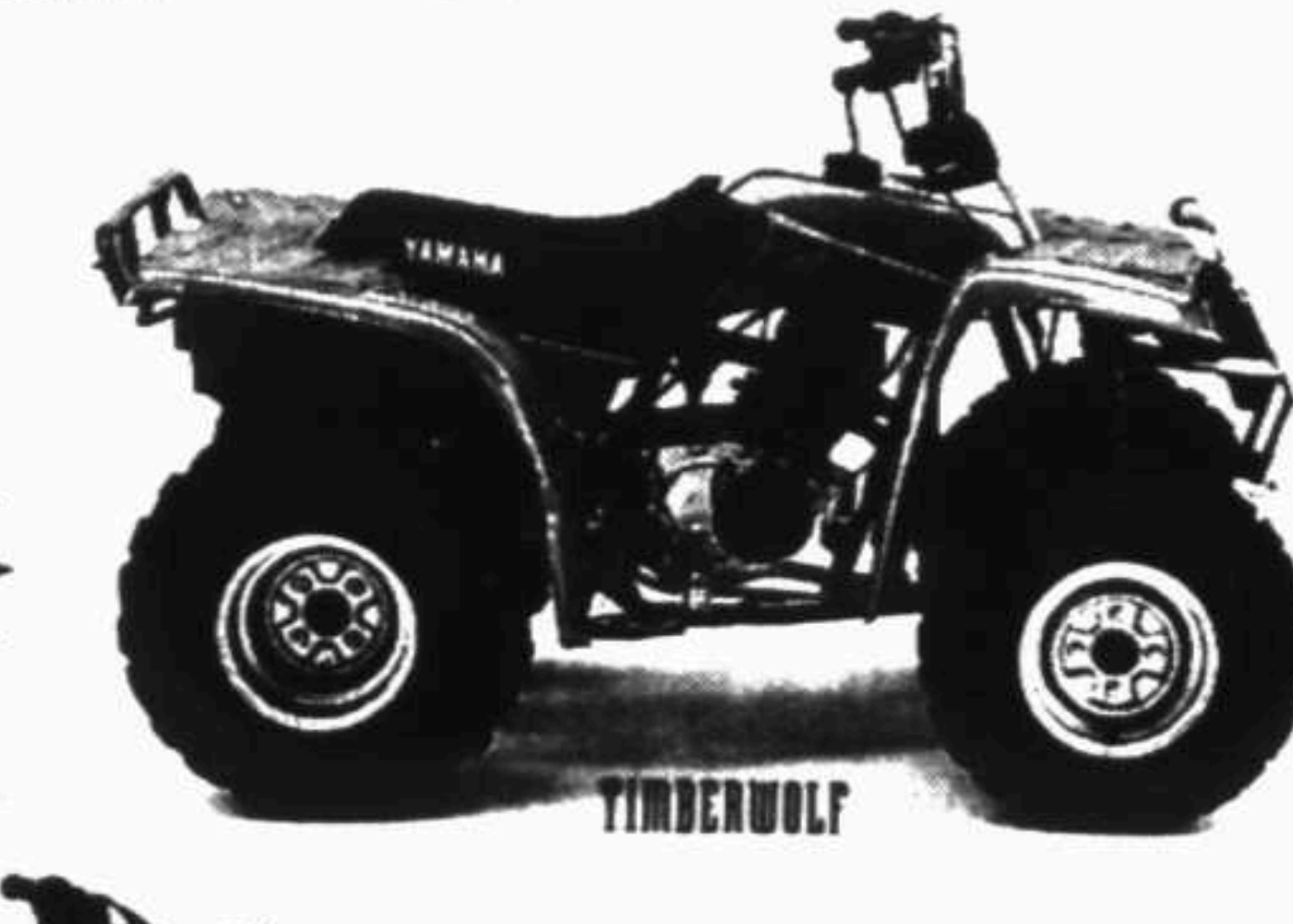
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Holiday Inn
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3701 W. Wall now hiring for Dishwashers and Waitstaff. Experience preferred, but not necessary. Apply within between 2-4 pm

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Construction company, needing laborers for service station construction. Must be willing to work out of town. Apply 4611 Sinclair

LEASING AGENT Full-time at Northridge Court Apartments, 3417 N. Midland Drive. Come by our office for an application Monday-Friday, 8:30-5:30. Closed Thanksgiving Day

LEASING Agent must have 1 year experience, be able to work Saturdays, like people and be outgoing. Full time position, great benefits. Apply in person. Oakridge Apartments, 4400 N. Hill Road, Midland. No phone calls please.

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MAINTENANCE Now accepting applications at Imperial Crest Apartments for head maintenance & assistant maintenance. Must be A/C Certified, have plumbing, painting, & electrical background. Apply in person only. 6501 Eastridge, Odessa

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MARBLE SLAB CREAMERY IS NOW HIRING!

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METAL BUILDING Erector

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NANNY/Housekeeper Monday thru Friday 8 AM - 5:00 PM. 1 full time child, 3 after school. Must be dependable and a non-smoker. Position requires childcare, cleaning, laundry, shopping and errands. Please send references to P.O. Box 53, Midland, 79702

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Midland, TX 79702

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RESTAURANT Central Park USA. Join our growing team. Need smiling faces, management, shift leaders and operators. Apply in person. 908 Andrews Hwy. between the hours of 2-4 Monday thru Sunday

RESTAURANT Experience evening cook or chef. Pick up application at Andrews Country Club, 920 Golf Course Road, anytime between 8 am-9 pm or call 915-523-2860 (Andrews)

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Christmas Jobs (Now Available)

The Midland Reporter-Telegram is now accepting applications from reliable persons for a telephone sales program.

No experience is necessary... we will train if you have a pleasant / clear voice, and you are able to work Monday through Friday evenings between 6 pm & 9 pm, AND Saturday between 10 am & 1 pm.

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Circulation Department
Midland Reporter-Telegram
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(If no answer, please leave your name & phone number & your call will be returned.)

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Midland Reporter-Telegram
201 E. Illinois
Midland

Or call 687-8810, 687-8807

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PART-TIME Evening work

(now available) 6:00-9:00 pm. Monday-Friday, optional Saturday. 10:00-1:00 pm. Attention: Moonlighters, Retirees, Students, Housewives, & Others. If you are looking for the best paying part-time job in Midland, and are willing to work smarter and harder to earn in excess of \$10.00 per hour we would like to talk with you. We will show you how to make more money than you think is possible for part-time work. You must show us reliability, a willingness to work and be able to follow simple instructions. We pay you weekly. You will sign up new customers of the MIDLAND REPORTER-TELEGRAM (Permian Basin's Finest Newspaper). You will only work in areas where the need and ability to sell is very obtainable. You are guaranteed an hourly rate, and if you are good at talking to people and following directions, you will make more than this in bonuses. We are starting real soon. Applications and / or phone calls will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis! This job is the answer to how you are going to get that \$5555. Please apply in person: Chance J. Greeley, JG Newspaper Promotions, Midland Reporter-Telegram, Circulation Department, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702 or call 688-2700 and leave your name & telephone number

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positions open with locally owned trucking company. CDL with air required. Send resumes to: F-31, c/o The Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland Texas 79702

RESTAURANT- Golden Corral
now accepting applications for all positions. Apply in person Monday through Friday 2:00 pm, 4709 N. Midland. No phone calls please.

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RESTAURANT- Dino's Pizzeria
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CASHIER and Cook Experience needed, split shifts. Apply Burger Time, 2603 N. Midland Drive

RESTAURANT Help wanted all shifts. Apply in person between 2 & 5 pm. Drug screen required. Texas Burger, 3215 W. Wadley

RESTAURANT Cooks full time / part time & waitperson needed. Must work weekends too. Apply in person at Blue Star Inn, 2501 W. Wall between 11 am - 2 pm.

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Experience required, insurance filing with Medicare, Medicaid, third party payers. Must have knowledge of ICD-9 & CPT Codes. Will post payments, do electronic billing.

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Luxury caps, chairs, folding bed, dual a/c, 350 V8, 16" wheels. \$7,800. after 5. 697-3888

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V6 engine, power, tilt and cruise, rear sliding window, towing package. 133K. \$4,950. 684-4655

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454 engine, camper shell, new interior. Good truck. \$3,900. Call 684-6745

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Send updated resume with salary history to:

Box E-46
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Rapidly growing chain of fast oil change centers located in the West Texas area seeks a Director of Technical Training. Requirements include:

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Interviewing at 10:00 to 11:30 and 2:00 to 4:00
Friday November 24th, Saturday November 25th
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Resthaven Memorial Cemetery
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Ask for Milton Huff - Sales Manager

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Children's play and interests become more sophisticated during the early school years as social skills, motor dexterity and formal instruction increase. They still like to play make-believe, but require more realistic props. Many participate in organized sports. Most want the latest trends in playthings. And, they have an insatiable need to know how things work. With these things in mind, it shouldn't be hard to find a gift to delight a 5- to 8-year-old.

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- An electronic keyboard is a fun way to introduce a young person to the piano. Kids like the percussion features and various instrumental sound options. Parents like the peace and quiet made possible through plugging in headphones. Rechargeable batteries make the keyboard portable.
- The only playthings our children have consistently requested since they were five years old are Legos, Legos, Legos, and Legos. Countless action figures have gone the way of the dinosaur, but their interest in Legos has never waned.

■ Chutes & Ladders, Dominoes, Pick-up-Sticks, Checkers, Chinese Checkers, Parcheesi, and Uno are classic games for early school-aged children. Classic toys include Lincoln Logs and Tinker Toys.

- For young nature lovers, give a birdhouse or bird-feeder, or a bug collecting bottle and book.
- For kids who like to scope things out, give a periscope, microscope, geoscope, or kaleidoscope.
- Hire a clown, magician, or face painter for a child's birthday party or other activity.

GIFTS FOR 9- TO 12-YEAR-OLDS

Motorized, computerized, electronic, and remote controlled are the hallmarks of gifts to please nine to twelve year olds. Kiddie versions of grown up toys just will not do. Older children demand the real thing in sports gear, musical instruments, audio/video equipment, fashion accessories, and tools for their chosen hobbies.

- Replace children's sports equipment with the genuine articles. Give

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Older children



As children get older -- the 9- to 12-year-old range -- replace their sports equipment with the genuine articles. Give regulation basketballs and bats, soccer balls, tennis racquets and balls, and the like.

Small children



Preschoolers love to play pretend, and puppets are the perfect pretend. Parents can rig up a stage for shows.

Selecting presents for children can be a challenge for grandparents, godparents, aunts, uncles, and friends. Even mom and dad can find themselves stumped on occasion. So where do you turn for gift ideas? Children themselves — the recipients as well as their peers — are an obvious place to start. Most kids are forthcoming when asked what they'd like for the holidays, their birthday, or grandma's next visit. (Surrendering the requested loot, however, often eliminates the delightful element of surprise.)

Parents are great sources of information about children's preferences. They can tell you whether six-year-old Michael prefers computer games or sports equipment, or which coin nine-year-old Stephanie wants to add to her collection.

Parenting magazines and books are filled with advice about age- and developmentally-appropriate toys and games. Salespeople can provide input about trends in playthings and apparel. And finally, don't hesitate to use your own intuition when selecting gifts for children. Many of the things that brought you pleasure as a child are still hits with kids today.

Here are just a few ideas to help you make child's play of gift selection.

GIFTS FOR INFANTS

Infants look, listen, touch, smell, and taste their way through the first year of life as proud parents chart first smiles, rolls, claps, words, and steps. Items designed to stimulate baby's senses and encourage hand-to-eye coordination make great gifts.

- A busy box with peek-a-boo mirrors, dials, spinners, sliding doors, and the like will keep baby occupied for hours. Some are designed for both crib and floor play.
- A colorful musical mobile with high contrast images that face the baby will provide audio and visual stimulation for the very young infant.

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Companies offer variety of toys for children with special needs

By Ruth B. Roufberg

Children with special needs are more than just a euphemism for "handicapped children," an insensitive term that emphasizes the disability rather than the child. Indeed, even the child who is not, as they say, "challenged," has a special need: the need to understand and respect those with physical or mental differences.

Laws require classrooms to be mainstreamed as much as possible. But what about mainstreaming the playground? Consider these toys that enable children of differing abilities to play together.

If you have difficulty locating any of the toys, phone numbers are listed for referral to a local retailer.

■ **Adaptive Equipment for Dolls with Disabilities**, designed to fit 16-inch vinyl dolls, helps children learn to understand themselves and others. Choose from guide dog, harness and cane, two hearing aids and two pairs of eyeglasses; walker and accessory bag; two leg braces and two forearm crutches; and wheelchair. Ages 3 and up. (Lakeshore Learning Materials, 800-421-5354.)

■ **Differently-Challenged Children**, portrayed playing wheelchair basketball,

signing and walking with either a tapping cane, walker, or crutches, add an important dimension to block and dollhouse play. Set of five 4-and-1/2-inch wood figures, representing four ethnic groups, are painted front and back. Ages 3 and up. (By mail from Constructive Playthings, 800-832-0572.)

■ **Block Play People with Differing Abilities** are vinyl play figures of men and women with different ethnicities. Set of four includes one in a wheelchair, one with forearm crutches, one with leg braces, and one who is blind. Ages 3 and up. (Lakeshore Learning Materials, 800-421-5354.)

Children who lack full use of one of their five senses often compensate by more skillful use of another sense. These are some games that children with and without visual, auditory, or motor impairments can play together.

■ **Teach 'n Play Lotto Patterns** incorporates the sense of touch into picture-matching play. Four Lotto boards and 36 individual tiles are made of wood embossed with textured geometric pat-

terns. Several of the suggested games require matching tiles by feel, and for these the guidebook recommends giving sighted children blindfolds. Ages 3 and up. (Guidecraft, 800-544-6526.)

■ **Scenterville Orchard**, a game based on the sense of smell, includes one varia-

also be fun for playing house or shopping. Ages 3 and up. (Learning Resources, 800-222-3909.)

■ **Silly Expressions** is a purely visual game that can be played silently — except for the laughter it is bound to generate. The game board shows twenty pictures of boys and girls making different funny faces. The same pictures are repeated on a deck of cards. Each player in turn picks one card and uses a mirror to help him imitate the expression on his own face. The player who first finds the matching face on the board gets to keep that card. The winner is the one who has the most cards at the end of the game. For 2-6 players ages 4 and up. (Discovery Toys, 800-426-4777.)

■ **Simon** is an updated version of the classic electronic "follow me" game that generates increasingly longer sequences of sound-and-color flashes for players to repeat. A non-hearing child watches the colored light clues, while a non-seeing child listens to the music tone clues. You may remember the original game with its

black base and primary color buttons; the new one is more upbeat with cool neon color and a transparent case through which circuit boards, batteries and wires are visible. Four skill levels for 1 or more players, ages 7 and up. (Milton Bradley)

Assembling construction toys may be difficult for children who lack enough wrist mobility or hand control to turn a screwdriver. Erector Power Tool might help. Squeezing this motorized, trigger-operated tool turns a screw with clockwise (to tighten) or counterclockwise (to loosen). A magnetic chuck accepts six interchangeable tools for use with the plastic Erector Junior sets or standard metal Erector sets (to be purchased separately). Ages 8 and up. (Meccano, 212-397-0711.)

■ **Bed Basketball** enables a child who is confined to bed, whether for a long or short time, or who uses a wheelchair, to enjoy basketball for fun and exercise without assistance. It consists of a backboard, hoop, net and post that attaches to a bed or other piece of furniture. Its hoop and net are split in front to release the basketball. The ball itself is tethered to a wrist strap so it always come back to the player. Ages 5 to adult. (CAP Toys, 216-292-6363.)

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■ **Babies** love to play peek-a-boo. Give a framed unbreakable mirror that attaches to the side of the crib.

■ **Pushing and rolling** toys (chunky little cars and trucks, and colorful balls) are perfect for babies who are starting to get around on their own.

■ **Squeezable, floating tub** toys will make bath time fun for little ones.

■ **To lull baby** into a gentle sleep, give a tape of lullaby music. Vocal and instrumental versions of the classics as well as new songs are available.

■ **Sturdy cloth and vinyl** story books with simple images are good choices for the very young. If you choose to give activity books, make sure the detachable pieces are too large to swallow and that such items as buttons and snaps are fastened securely.

■ **If you are artistically inclined**, paint a colorful mural on the walls or ceiling of baby's room.

■ **Interesting wall hangings**, pictures, nightlights, lamps, switch-plate covers, and other nursery accessories also provide visual stimulation.

GIFTS FOR 1- TO 2-YEAR-OLDS

If it can be pushed, pulled, punched, rolled, doodled, stacked, turned, cranked, climbed, ridden, or slid down, chances are it will be well received by a busy toddler. Musical and other noise-making items are other toddler favorites.

■ **Crayola's washable So-Big Crayons** are just the right size for little scribbles. Give with a draw-

ing pad or supply of blank paper.

■ **For hours of hands-on fun** and creativity, give Play-Doh or homemade dough with a rolling pin and an assortment of big cookie cutters.

■ **A sturdy children's tape player** — such as Mattel's Easy Touch Tape Player — is perfect for little music lovers. (As a gift to the toddler's parents, include a generous supply of batteries.)

■ **Toddlers** will have "snow" much fun in Flexible Flyer's Deluxe Toddler Sleigh with high sides, seat belt, and sturdy tow rope.

■ **I have never seen a child** who didn't love Fisher Price's Corn Popper. When pushed, it makes a wonderful noise as bright colored beads pop inside a see-through dome.

■ **Little Tikes' Mini Van or Cozy Coupe** are kid-favorite, foot-powered ride-ins. Either one would make a great gift for the tiny traveler.

■ **For outside fun**, give a wading pool; swing, slide, or gym set; sand box; or toy lawn mower or gardening tools.

■ **An indoor gym, slide, or seesaw** allows active play on rainy days.

■ **Pop-up toys, puzzles** with large pieces and easy-to-grasp knobs, construction blocks, play telephone, and baby dolls and accessories are other great gift ideas for toddlers.

GIFTS FOR 3- TO 4-YEAR-OLDS

The pre-schooler's love of pretending is reflected in the stories

and television programs she enjoys, the way she plays, the way she dresses, and the art she creates. Give props for playing "all grown up," or gifts that stir the imagination.

■ **A trunk full of dress-up** clothes, shoes, gloves, purses, jewelry, and the like will inspire hours of "let's pretend." An assortment of hats and other head gear also makes fun gifts. Choose from engineer hats, firefighter hats, baseball caps, football helmets, straw hats, sombreros, top hats, cowboy hats, construction hard hats, sailor hats, tennis visors, tiaras, berets, derbies, or crowns.

■ **Assemble a collection** of such project supplies as washable markers, construction paper, crayons, safety scissors, glue, paints, paint brushes, and tape.

■ **Give an assortment** of puppets and a puppet stage. (With a few yards of fabric and a couple of tension rods, you can construct a doorway stage. Simply drape fabric over the tension rod, or sew parting curtains, embellished with decorative trim, cording, or braid. Sew pockets on the curtain backs

to make a great place for storing props and scripts.)

■ **Give blocks, blocks, and more blocks.** Wooden blocks, plastic blocks, giant cardboard blocks, and magnetic blocks. To embellish the block structures for creative play, include small animals (farm, zoo, and wild), cars, trucks, dinosaurs, and people.

■ **One of the few possessions** I remember from my childhood is a little red wagon. This classic toy was also the perfect gift for our daughter, Lauren's, third birthday. I'm sure she and her brothers will always remember the hours they spent together pulling and pushing her up and down the hills of our neighborhood in her Radio Flyer.

■ **A rhythm band set, painting easel, chalkboard, tricycle, dollhouse, non-electric train set, and storybook tapes** are also great gifts for three and four year olds.

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regulation basketballs and bats, soccer balls, tennis racquets and balls, and the like.

■ **Give craft kits** that challenge older children's creative skills. A pottery wheel, paper making kit, weaving loom, or jewelry making kit are good choices.

■ **Walkie talkies** are a great way for kids to communicate while playing spy games or hide-n-seek. For just a few dollars more than the toy walkie talkies, you can get a simple version of the real thing from Radio Shack.

■ **Give admission** (for two or more) to play miniature golf or drive go-carts.

■ **Air hockey and ping pong**

tables are popular among nine to twelve year olds.

■ **Give an electric train** or racing sets. Or anything remote control.

■ **Older children** love the advance Lego sets, Erector sets, and models.

■ **Give a book or magazine** subscription related to a hobby or interest.

■ **Give a junior membership** in the National Geographic Society. Membership includes a subscription to World magazine, a membership card, an official certificate, and an iron-on insignia. Call 800/638-4077.

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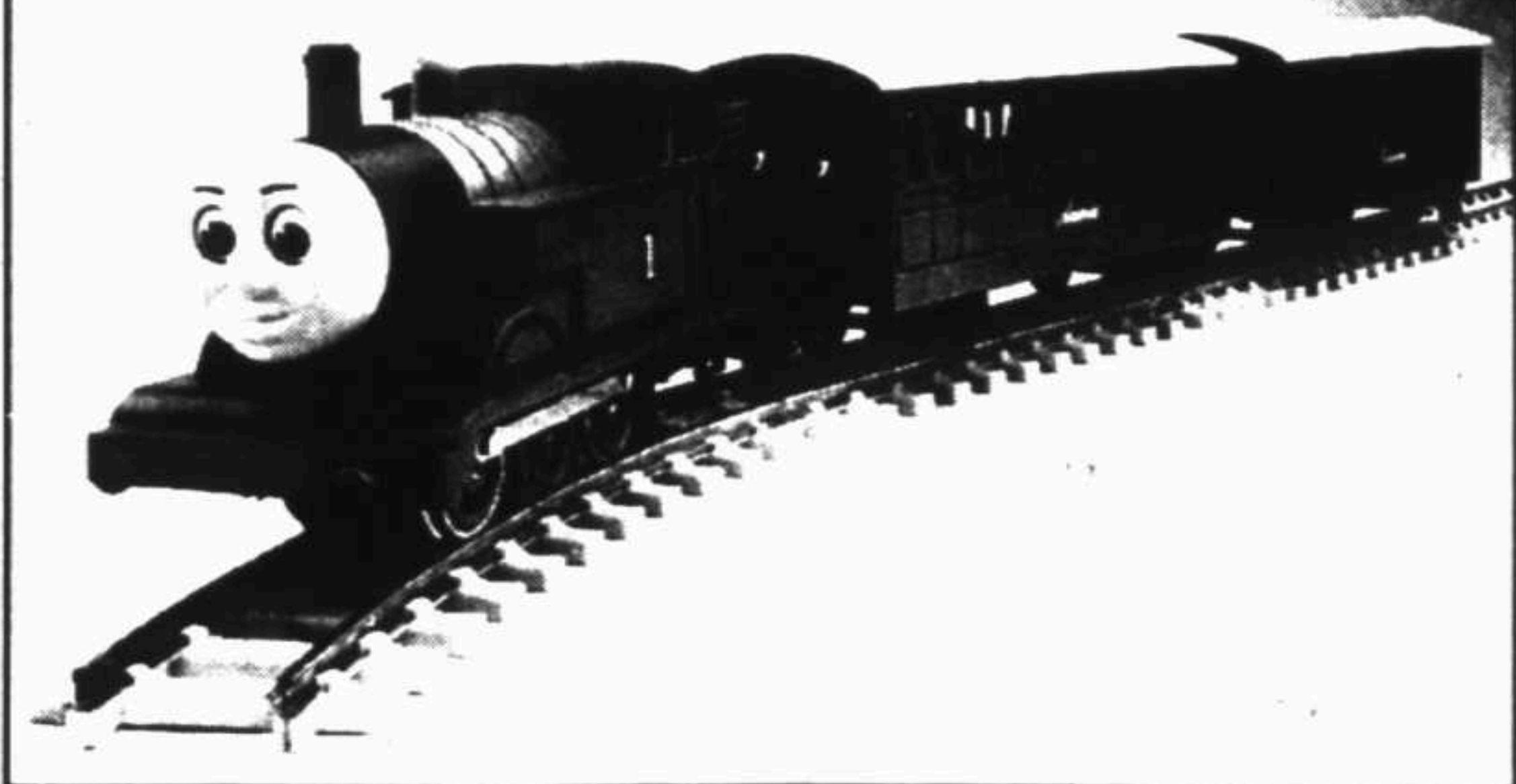
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Some items never lose their appeal. Above, Schwinn's classic 1949 Black Phantom bike, one of its most popular models from the past, is being reissued in a limited edition. Right, Lionel keeps the tradition alive with its Tank Engine and Friends Electric Train Set.

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Magazine subscriptions for children keep on giving fun for whole year

By Sherri Athay

Magazines make wonderful gifts for children and provide a monthly reminder of your thoughtfulness. Here are just a few of the many publications of interest to children.

n Highlights helps children from 2-12 sharpen their observation, develop their ability to make decisions, increase their attention span, and improve their language through stories, games, puzzles, riddles, jokes, experiments, exercises, science, and craft projects. Write Highlights for Children, 2300 West Fifth Avenue, P.O. Box 182345, Columbus, OH 43272-4705.

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■ Stone Soup features stories, poems, book reviews, and art by children from all over the world. Budding writers and artists (through age 13) are encouraged

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■ Faces is a magazine about world cultures for the 9- to 14-year-old. It aims at instilling an interest and respect for different people, their customs, art, food and so forth.

■ Cobblestone tries to bring to life past events and people in

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■ Calliope, a world history magazine for 9- to 14-year-olds, invests history with reality through articles, stories, activities and regular departments devoted to word origins, archaeology, maps, and time lines.

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Gemstones offer colorful selection for holiday gifts

By Kathryn Bold

Colored gemstones used to fall into two categories: the big three — emeralds, rubies and sapphires — and everything else, which was classified as semiprecious.

Semiprecious stones are no longer treated like poor relations. Colored gemstones such as tourmaline and tanzanite have grown so much in value and prestige in recent years that jewelers say the term "semiprecious" has become outdated. Some semiprecious gems are even more valuable than so-called precious gems.

People have come to appreciate semiprecious stones as beautiful gems in their own right. The stones offer a rich spectrum of colors, from the deep, translucent purple of tanzanite to the yellowish green of peridot. Many stones, such as tourmaline and topaz, come in a rainbow of hues.

"As a (jewelry) designer, you have a total palette to work with. You can find a stone in almost any color whereas, with the big three, you're fairly limited," says Lance Heck, a jewelry designer in Laguna Beach, Calif. "Semiprecious stones used to be substitutes for sapphires and rubies, but now they're coming into their own."

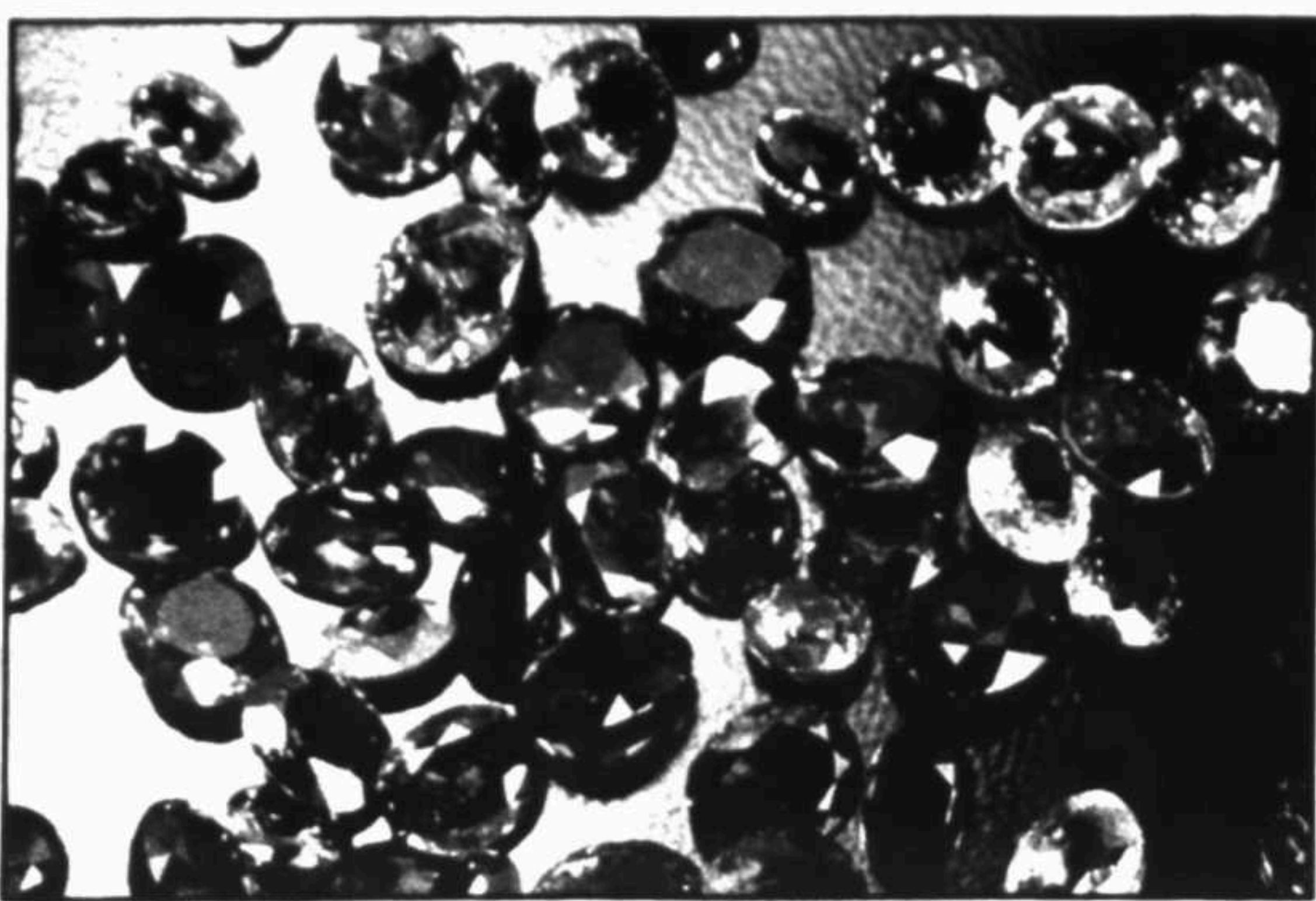
Creative jewelry designers treat the colored gemstones the way an artist treats paints, mixing hues to create dramatic contrasts often not possible with precious gems.

"Colored gemstones come in a lot of unusual, one-of-a-kind cuts, so they lend themselves to custom pieces," Heck says. "Diamonds have a more standard cut, whereas with colored stones there's more leeway because the material isn't quite as expensive. The (gem cutters) will go more by what the rough stone looks like instead of standardized shapes."

Heck uses unusual-shaped stones to design unique pieces such as a colorful tiered pendant of three rounded triangular-shaped tourmalines in deep red, gold and blue-green accented with a few small diamonds (\$3,500) as well as a dramatic Art Deco-style brooch of inlaid opal and blue-green tourmaline (\$5,400).

Designers can create bolder looks using larger stones that aren't as scarce or expensive as precious gems.

"You can go bigger, whereas with the other three (precious gems), you have to stay fairly small because of the cost," Heck says. Tanzanite, for example, resembles a sapphire but costs



Colored gemstones are a delight because of their rich spectrum of colors ranging from the deep, translucent purple of tanzanite to the yellowish green of peridot.

far less. Its violet hue and array of shapes have transformed it from an unknown stone to a hot rock.

"People are beginning to know the stones by name. They used to come in and say, 'I want a purple stone.' Now they ask for tanzanite," Heck says.

The Italian jeweler Bulgari was among the first jewelers to introduce semiprecious stones into fine jewelry.

"One of the reasons people love semiprecious stones is the combination of color," says Bonnie Kyle, West Coast director of Bulgari.

Bulgari creates chokers of multicolored stones mixed with gold, pearls and even fine white porcelain. One gold link necklace has boules that look like colorful marbles made of blue calcedonies, jade, rhodolite (a pink opaque stone) and amethyst (\$15,000). Another necklace has fully cut rondelles (a narrow bead) of amethyst, peridot, pink tourmaline, aquamarine and green tourmaline, interspersed with a gold hook links and pearls (\$28,000).

"Some people like the clear stones, and some like the opaque. The opaque are very big in Europe," Kyle says.

Technology has played a key role in expanding the role of colored gemstones in the jewelry market.

"We can get things out of the

Earth we couldn't get before," says Ron Cohan, owner of Zia Jewelry Company in San Juan Capistrano, Calif.

Thanks to advanced mining techniques, stones buried deep in the Earth have become more accessible in recent years. Sugilite, a rich opaque purple stone discovered in the '40s, did not become widely available until the 1980s because it had to be retrieved from 3,000 feet below the surface in Africa. Now it, too, is becoming increasingly rare.

"The entire deposit is about the size of a car," Cohan says. "It's going for higher and higher prices."

New cutting and polishing techniques have improved the color and fire of the stones, enhancing their value and appeal.

"Years ago they weren't handled well or cut well," Cohan says.

Lasers have allowed gem cutters to carve extra facets in the stones for added sparkle, he says. "They can turn a medium stone into a fantastic cut gem."

Jewelry designers, meanwhile, have learned to show off the stones to their best advantage. Many now inlay stones side by side into channels, a process that eliminates the use of prongs and bezels.

"It lets the colors come through better," Cohan says.

Therapeutic lore makes stones more attractive

By Kathryn Bold

Adding to the attraction of colored stones is the mystery and legend surrounding their therapeutic properties.

"It takes the earth a tremendous amount of energy to create a stone, and a lot of people feel the stone retains that energy," says Ron Cohan, owner of Zia Jewelry Company in San Juan Capistrano, Calif.

"When you think about the millions of years and tons of pressure needed to make these stones, and that all the right elements and chemicals had to be in the right place at the right time to create them, than it makes it easier to think that that energy gets locked in. A lot of people feel these stones release that energy forever."

Amethyst, for example, is said to sharpen intuition, cure headaches and deaden the appetite.

"Some people even keep amethysts in the fridge," Cohan says. "You'd be surprised how many people choose stones that will enhance their lives."

Since ancient times, stones were said to symbolize different powers based on their color, energy and vibration.

The legends passed down have been collected by Cohan. Here is a sampling:

■ Amber: Color: yellow, orange, brown; symbolizes: knowledge, wisdom and optimism.

■ Amethyst: Color: purple; symbolizes: spirituality, dependability, safety and deep love.

■ Aquamarine: Color: bluish green or blue; symbolizes: health, youth, grace and elegance; clear communication.

■ Blue topaz: Color: bright blue; symbolizes: luck, success and clear communication.

■ Garnet: Color: every color except blue; symbolizes: success, power, loyalty. Garnet is said to promote long life, good health and fortune.

■ Opal: Color: translucent white with fiery flashes of all colors; symbolizes: virtue, love, self-confidence and hope.

■ Pearl: Color: shades of white, pinks and grays; symbolizes: purity, goodness and wisdom.

■ Tanzanite: Color: blue-purple; symbolizes: creativity, royalty and spirituality.

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By Julie Bawden

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Traditions, rituals anchor family members, help build memories

By Julie Bowden Davis

Every Christmas season, Janet Whitney and her three children make and decorate 350 to 400 gingerbread-men cookies. The production is a major one that covers three tables in their Irvine, Calif., home. When the icing has dried, they decorate the house with their gingerbread creations and give them to friends and relatives.

The gingerbread men are a much anticipated tradition in the Whitney home, as is breakfast out every Saturday morning.

"The kids really look forward to our breakfast together, and we rarely miss a weekend," says Whitney, who is single. "They know they can count on that special time with me."

Family traditions and rituals — and not just during the holidays — were common years ago. But today, many traditions have been forgotten because of increased divorce, extended families living apart, long work hours and the interference of television, experts say. This is unfortunate, they add, because traditions and rituals can be a reassuring anchor during troubled times.

"Family dinners, holidays, birthdays and special times specific to each family give children and adults a sense of security and stability when there's so much unpredictability in the outside world," says therapist Joanie Heinemann of Coastline Counseling Center in Newport Beach, Calif. She says that depression during the holidays is often linked to a lack of family traditions.

In family therapy, mental health experts actually prescribe rituals and traditions, says Richard Golden, a marriage/family/child counselor in Woodland Hills, Calif.

"Traditions and rituals anchor families, make members feel special and communicate value and meaning to kids," he says.

Through their church, Whitney and her children sponsor a disadvantaged child every Christmas.

"At first, my oldest, who is now 8, wanted to buy toys for himself when we went Christmas shopping for the child we sponsor," Whitney says. "Now he even offers to give his own toys. The experience has taught him to think of others."

Rituals and traditions also do the important task of putting boundaries on times of mourning and celebration.

"Traditions and rituals, such as funerals and anniversaries, give you a time to indulge emotions and then contain them so they don't bleed over into everyday life," Golden says. "Rituals

can also give participants a valuable sense of family history."

Every August, Maria Gonzalez and her extended family honor her father by holding a special Mass in his name around the anniversary of his death.

"We all attend church in our old East Los Angeles neighborhood, and then we go to my mom's house or a restaurant for breakfast or lunch," says Gonzalez, 41, a second-generation Mexican American who lives in Huntington Beach, Calif.

After eating, family members travel to the father's grave, where they pray silently.

"We all really miss our father," Gonzalez says. "He and my mother were married 45 years. Although this day is sad

and we always cry when we visit the grave, it gives us a chance to remember him among ourselves. We also take the opportunity to tell the grandchildren about their grandfather."

Every year before Christmas, Gonzalez and her family also celebrate Las Posadas, a re-enactment of Mary and Joseph's journey for shelter before the birth of Christ.

"As I get older, family becomes even more precious to me," Gonzalez says. "Traditions and rituals are so important because they teach

Tradition and ritual anchor families, making members feel special about themselves and the holidays they celebrate. Tasks like baking holiday cookies become fond memories in later years.

values and create wonderful memories."

Traditions are what wonderful memories are made of, agrees therapist Heinemann. "People won't have warm, fuzzy feelings about the television shows they watched, but they will cherish times spent with family."

Grace Means, 39, of South Gate, Calif., says she now understands why her parents found rituals and traditions so important.

"Traditions create family unity and a belief in something," she says. "They give you a sense of peace, which is critical in today's stressful world."

Every other Sunday, Means takes her three daughters to church and out for breakfast, then they spend the day together.

"We take the time to review the week and catch up on each other's lives," she says. "This keeps us connected."



Means, who is Mexican American, also has traditions she follows from childhood, including cuddling up with Mexican hot chocolate and (ital) pan dulce (unital) (sweet bread) on winter nights.

"Hot chocolate and sweetbread is a symbol of unity and communication in my family," she says.

"I've passed this tradition on to my daughters."

Every holiday season, Means and her mother and sisters get together a week before Christmas to make tamales for their Christmas Eve feast.

"This is a wonderful time when we talk and listen to Christmas music," she says.

With her children, Means started her own Christmas tradition of making or buying each of them a special Christmas tree ornament every year. Her daughters will take the ornaments with them as keepsakes when they move out.

Every Hanukkah, Barry Greene shares special holiday rituals with his family. Although these are very important to Greene, of North Tustin, Calif., he thinks that rituals at other times of the year may be even more so.

"It's easy to remember and practice rituals and traditions during the holidays," he says. "Incorporating (them) throughout the year is just as important, and we make a conscious effort to do so."

Greene, 44, and his wife, Carol, 46, have taken a trip to the coun-

try every year since their daughter, now 8, was an infant.

In late September or early October, they spend a day picking fruit.

"We make memories on that trip that we wouldn't have if we'd simply gone to the market and bought apples," Carol Greene says.

The Greens also believe in using family traditions to educate their child, who has gone to vote with her parents in every general and primary election.

"Last year she watched the election results with us and was well-versed on the different propositions," Barry Greene says.

The Greens also have important daily rituals. "Whoever drops Sarah off at school will tell her to do her best and make herself proud," Barry Greene says.

"Rituals are so important because they give children a sense of belonging and a certain amount of security," Carol Greene says. "They are good for adults too. I know our rituals and traditions give me a warm, secure feeling."

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— Joanie Heinemann, counselor

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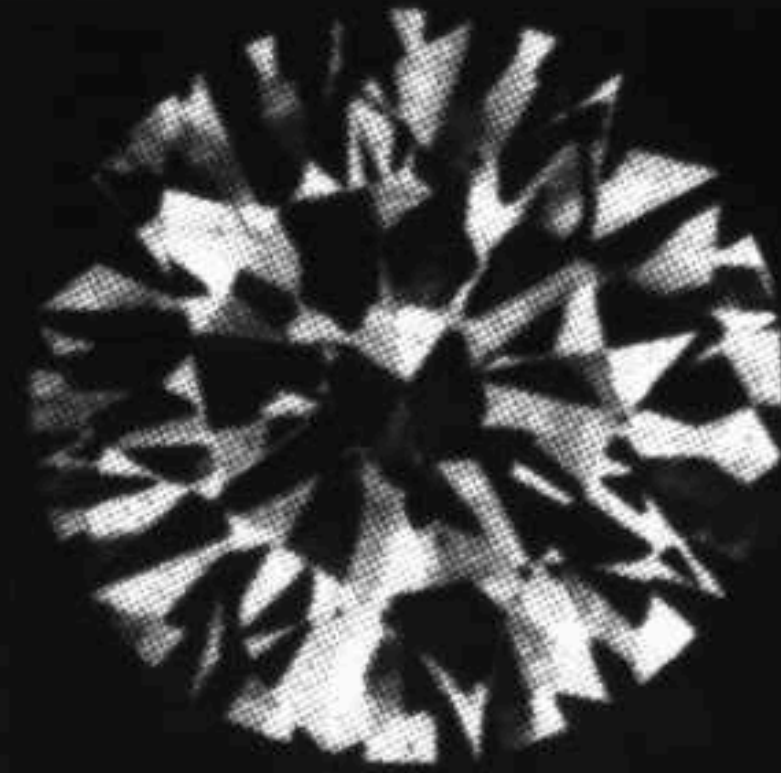
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Potpourri makes homemade present with lingering scent

By Janet Kinoshian

Potpourri — the French word for "rotten pot" — defines something far more pleasant. The mixture of dried, sweet-smelling flower petals placed in decorative containers adds fragrance to the air.

In essence, potpourri is what Shakespeare called "twice-touched." Fresh flowers can be appreciated in gardens and vases, then recycled as fragrant decorations for the home.

Making potpourri is an ancient art — older than the Pharaohs — which suggests it is a mysterious and exotic process. But there's no mystery involved in making potpourri. It's as easy to follow as a cooking recipe.

There are four basic ingredients: flowers and leaves, herbs and spices, fixatives, and essential oils.

Dried flower heads or flower petals are the first requirement. Start with flowers and leaves collected from the garden or flower arrangements, or bought from a flower shop. Florists often have full-bloom flowers that are ready to be discarded or passed along to people making potpourri.

Hundreds of varieties of flowers can be used, such as roses, honeysuckle, violet, larkspur, lemon verbena, bachelor's buttons, wallflower, jonquil, hyacinth and carnations.

Since many flowers lose their fragrance after they've been dried, add herbs and spices for a natural scent. Use roots, berries, fruits or seeds of aromatic plants such as rosemary, nutmeg, cinnamon, cloves and mace. Also add spices found in the supermarket.

Fixatives are used in pot-

pourri to stabilize the scent. After you've blended the ingredients, the fixative — whether in liquid or powder form — is what allows the scent to continue its smell.

Next are the essential oils. The other ingredients — flowers, spices, herbs and fixatives — contribute to the blend, but the essential oil dominates the potpourri. Using the finest essential oils will add strength and durability.

Essential oils come in natural and synthetic form. Both will vary in quality and strength. Natural oils are more expensive than synthetics, which are not always inferior.

Always try to buy the best quality, and ask questions before you buy. In recent years, natural oils such as musk (from deer), civet (from the civet cat) and ambergris (from the sperm whale) have been replaced by more environmentally sensitive oils such as benzoin, orrisroot, vetiver, oak moss and storax.

There are two ways to make potpourri: a dry method and a moist procedure. The dry method is the most common, since it is easier and quicker than the moist method. Dry potpourri can be kept scented all year by periodically replenishing it with essential oils.

The first rule for making dry potpourri is that the flowers, herbs, spices and leaves — all the ingredients except the essential oil — must be completely dry. Petals should have the crispness of cornflakes. Even a trace of dampness in any of the original ingredients can cause mildew and leave you with a sorry mess instead of scented potpourri.

Because dry potpourri should look as beautiful as it smells, pick elements that add color, shape and texture.

Workplace gifts don't have to bring feeling of dread

By Sherri Athay

While many people enjoy the exchange of gifts in the workplace, other people approach the prospect with apprehension — if not outright dread. In the absence of a well-defined company gift policy, co-workers are left to muddle through gift exchanges year after year or to initiate informal guidelines on their own.

To alleviate undue stress, those who wish to participate in gift exchanges in the workplace should decide in advance how they will handle gifts for all sorts of occasions including the holidays.

Since circumstances vary from workplace to workplace, there is no single solution to this dilemma, but in every case, the following points should be considered:

■ **Participation.** Attitudes on gift exchanges in the workplace vary widely — from those who wish to acknowledge every minor event in their own lives as well as the lives of others to those who wish to celebrate milestones in their own social circle rather than in a work setting.

Some may not feel inclined to participate in office gift giving. Others may be willing to contribute to the gifts of work mates, but wish not to have their own special dates acknowledged. Respect these preferences.

■ **Contributions.** Will co-workers contribute to a general gift fund on a monthly, quarterly, semiannual or other basis? Or will collections be made as occasions and events arise?

■ **Administration.** Who will be in charge of collecting and administering the funds? Will transactions be handled on a cash basis or will a separate checking account be set up?

■ **Budget.** How much money will be allocated for each gift or type of gift?

■ **Gift selection.** Will the same general gift be given for each occasion — for example, flowers for a hospitalized co-worker, balloon bouquets for birthday celebrants — or will an effort be made to customize presents? Will one person be responsible for selecting all gifts, or will gifts be chosen by the co-worker(s) who best knows a specific recipient?

WORKPLACE GIFT TABOOS

■ Do not give gifts that will embarrass or interrupt the work of the recipient or others. Most people consider strip-o-grams, gifts with sexual overtones and the like to be offensive, not humorous.

■ Do not give expensive gifts to your boss. Doing so may make him or her uncomfortable. In addition, your fellow workers are likely to call you unkind names.

■ Do not give gifts of a personal nature. Perfume, clothing, jewelry and other such items are generally inappropriate for giving in the workplace.

■ Do not give gifts of liquor,

tobacco and goodies high in fat or calories unless you're sure the recipient has a penchant for them. With growing health concerns, it may be well to steer away from such gifts as a general practice.

■ Do not give gifts that hint to self improvement or change on the recipient's part. A book on salesmanship given to a member of the sales team, or a "Komputerese for Klutzes" manual given to a computer operator will not be well received, unless requested by the recipient.

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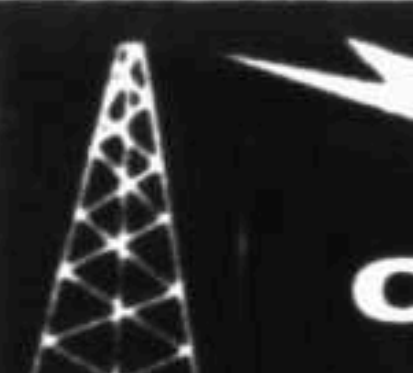
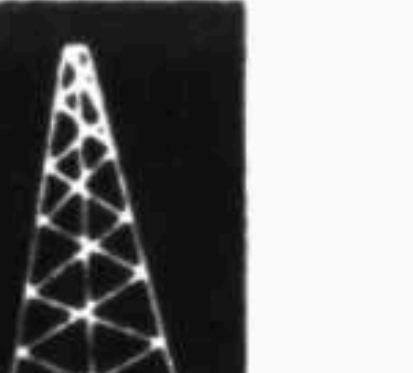
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Presents that come from grandparents have special potential

By Judy Wade

More than seven in 10 mature Americans — or about 46 million — boast at least one grandchild. It's a pretty safe bet that most of them are thinking about holiday gifts for those youngsters.

Considerations often include cost, especially if a number of grandchildren are involved. Today's electronic games and sophisticated playthings can leave a healthy dent in a fixed-income budget.

An excellent substitute can be something that grandparents are in a unique position to give. For example, a collection of heirloom teacups may delight a pre-teen, and a dainty lace monogrammed handkerchief can become a treasure to a younger child.

Because seniors have a wealth of experience to draw on, their gifts can incorporate family history. For instance, a Midwest grandmother found a photo of

herself taken in the 1930s when she was 11 — exactly the age of her granddaughter. She put it in a pink-flowered frame and accompanied it with a note that described what her Christmas had been like as a child growing up on a Wisconsin dairy farm.

The grandchild was interested in the clothes her grandmother wore in the photo, and in the fact that she had chores to do before and after school, thus opening a dialog that lead to a rich exploration of the family tree.

Some grandparents tend toward the practical. Says Rita Mae Tripathy of Dover, Ohio, grandmother of seven tykes ranging in age from one to eight, "We try to minimize what we

spend on toys. Rather, we put money into a mutual fund for each child. Toys will be forgotten, clothes will be outgrown, but money for college will always be important."

The Tripathys fulfill the chil-

drren's wish to have "something to open" at Christmas by bringing a small gift for each grandchild back from their travels.

The gift is always representative of the area where it was purchased. A small jeweled elephant from India and a carved wood puzzle from Germany

became learning experiences about foreign cultures as well as presents.

Sometimes, the gift of a grandparent's time can be the best present of all. Helping to plan a gamut of special inter-generational get-aways is Grandtravel (800-247-7651), an agency that offers a yearly schedule of domestic and international trips structured specifically for grandparents and grandkids.

They include barge trips on the waterways of Holland and Belgium, exploring the castles of England and Scotland, traveling through Southwest American Indian country, and experiencing an Alaskan wilderness adventure.

Premier Cruise Lines (800-327-

7113) operates three Big Red Boats in the Caribbean that do three to seven-day cruises. On-board activities, meals and shore excursions are targeted specifically for kids and older adults.

A long weekend at a nearby resort that has special children's activities is often an easy jaunt to arrange. In Palm Springs, Calif., at the Palm Springs Marquis (800-223-1050), grandparents and small fry share a one-bedroom villa suite, with kitchen.

During summer months and major holidays, kids can settle in at Kamp Wannakombak to join in pinata parties, pool activities, crafts and storytelling, and still

have plenty of time left to have fun with grandparents. Even though the trip may be scheduled many months in advance, grandparents can wrap colorful brochures from the resort along with a small pool toy to be opened on Christmas morning.

Experts point out that to establish a closeness between generations, far-flung vacations are not necessary. Museums, lakes, beaches, parks and zoos close to home can provide opportunities to spend important time together. A small gift suitable for the destination, such as sand toys for the beach, can be presented before the excursion.

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Far-away grandparents can still send memorable gifts

By Judy Wade

Grandparents who aren't geographically close to their grandchildren can turn to the colorful pages of glossy catalogs for help. Many offer advice on age-appropriate gifts, and specialize in items that have a learning component in addition to their fun value.

One grandparent remembers that as a child he was given a puzzle of the United States that helped him learn U.S. geography. He found a three-dimensional globe for his eight-year-old grandson that served the same purpose in an updated way.

Among educational gifts in the National Wildlife catalog (800-432-6564) are exploration kits that teach kids about rain forests, outer space, the undersea world and endangered species. Brainstorms (800-231-6000) has a section devoted to

unusual things for children like a rain forest chewing gum maker, a pottery wheel, and a kit to create animation art.

Kids age 10 and up can learn to make a traffic light, a morse code generator and more with the Fun With Electronics kit from PlayFair Toys (800-824-7255). In the same catalog, the Star Theater turns a child's room into a planetarium as the constellations and their names rise above a city skyline. It becomes a 3-D sky map for outdoor use.

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Although many children are fascinated with how-to gifts, others will clamor for the toys of the

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Best toys for children invite participation

By Ruth B. Rousberg

The best toys have one feature in common. They invite children to take an active role in their play. These toys don't talk, dance or beep to entertain a passive onlooker. Only the child's active participation, imagination and involvement will bring them to life. Children learn by doing and these toys give them lots to do.

If you have difficulty locating any of the toys, phone numbers are listed for referral to a local retailer.

■ Floor Spinner presents a sitting or crawling baby with a choice of four activities: tracking ball, squeaker, rattling beads on a prismatic background, and mirror. Each activity is embedded in an easy-to-grip conical handle that radiates from a central sphere. Whichever way the toy is placed on the floor, one activity faces upward and the other three act as wheels that twirl when the top handle is turned. Ages 6 months and up. (Primetime Playthings, 201-831-1400.)

■ 4-in-1 Busy Center spans the years from infancy through preschool. One side converts from vertical busy box for a floor-player to horizontal activity table for a toddler. The other side is an art surface that transforms from an angled easel to a flat playtime desk for a preschooler. All adjustments are made with an easy-to-turn handle on sawhorse-type legs. Ages 6 months to 4 years. (Playskool, 800-PLAYSKL.)

■ Pop-Up Farm is an updated classic, noteworthy for adhering scrupulously to the farm theme in every detail: the silo/barn-shaped toy outline, farmer in his tractor, animals behind barn doors, and the dials, knobs, and levers that make the figures appear. This gives the toy extra uses for story-telling and memory games. The director of the day-care center where this was tested was impressed with its safety: doors never accidentally pinched children's fingers, as has happened with other pop-up doors she has on hand. Ages 1 to 3 years. (Fisher-Price, 800-433-5437.)

■ Play 'n Fold Clubhouse is a play environment where toddlers can exercise big muscles in the crawl-through, on the slide, in and out of the front door, and on both sides of the shuttered look-out window. For imitative household play, the swing-open door has a ringing doorbell, turning key, and drop-through mail slot.



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The best toys all have one thing in common: They invite children to take an active role. This Skull's Eye Schooner can fire up the imagination.

A portable echo phone and clicking light switch add to the fun. Special hinges allow the clubhouse to fold flat for storage or easy portability. Ages 1 to 3 years. (Today's Kids, 800-258-8697.)

■ Truck Wagon is two toys in one. A lever raises the dump truck bin and reveals a handle that pulls forward to convert the truck into a wagon. Our testers discovered a third play possibility: the handle in its stored position makes a fine downhill slope for tiny cars. Also commendable: it comes fully assembled! Ages 18 months and up. (Playskool, 800-PLAYSKL.)

■ Up & Down Roller Coaster is a child's very own amusement park ride designed for utmost safety and ease of use. Everything is fully assembled and it takes scarcely a minute—and a half to lock two track sections together and onto the non-slip steps. A retainer holds the coaster car at the top of the track until the child is ready to roll. Our play testers squealed with delight during each descent, and also enjoyed riding the car along the floor the after leaving the track. Although the track is ten feet long, it extends only 30 inches from the wall. Ages 2 to 5 years. (Step 2, 800-347-8372.)

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■ Duplo Toolo uses a remarkable new screwdriver in its innovative preschool building sets. It is actually two screwdrivers in one: two sizes of triangular tip are piggy-backed on the shank to accommodate different size connectors. Simply insert the screwdriver and turn until it locks with a clock. Testers (and their parents!) especially liked the fact that screws are already embedded in the connectors, so there's nothing extra to hold in place or to lose. Originally introduced to the school market, Toolo sets are now available to everyone. Ages 3 to 6 (LEGO, 800-243-4870.)

■ Erector Junior has big news this year, too. Its plastic Young Engineer sets are now compatible with the original metal sets for older children. And it, too, introduces a new tool, also by coincidence, a triangular-tipped screwdriver. When not in use, the screwdriver locks into a cover that converts it into a "tool buddy" play figure. Play testers found the wordless instruction book particularly easy to follow because its photo of each assembly step shows the new pieces needed for that stage, as well as

a magnified view of the new connection. Ages 4 to 7. (Meccano, 212-397-0711.)

■ Flash Screen brings a science museum exhibit into your home. Turn off the lights, strike a pose in front of the glow-in-the-dark screen, press the electronic flasher, and the shadow remains on the screen even after the subject walks away! Once the novelty wears off, children become quite creative with "stop motion" effects, writing on the screen with the light beam tip of the flasher, and their own discoveries. Ages 6 and up. (Mattel, 800-524-8697.)

■ Beautiful Beads is a jewelry-making machine for rolling elongated triangles of colored paper into beads for bracelets, necklaces and earrings. This is the best of three brands of bead-rolling machines we tested this year: it is sturdy; holds the paper firmly without slipping; permits applying glue without messy smears. Included are an assortment of lovely papers, templates with various patterns, and an inspiring instruction/idea booklet. Ages 7 and up. (Milton Bradley, 413-525-6411.)

■ Magic Showcase is a fully prepared magic show packed in a suitcase that folds out to become the performance stage. Visible only to the performer is a flip book on step-by-step guidance and patter to consult while performing eight illusions. This kit is extremely well-designed, with quality components, clear instructions, and out-of-the-ordinary tricks. They take practice, but all are within the ability of pre-teens. Ages 8 and up. (Jumbo/Small World Toys, 310-410-9606.)

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Gift choices often reveal motives of giver

By Julie Bawden Davis

If gifts could talk, they would reveal a great deal about givers and receivers. "For the first couple of Christmases, my mother-in-law gave me and her other son-in-law look-alike sweaters," says one man I know. "It was as if she was saying, 'I want to make sure you both stick around awhile before I give you anything more.'"

We communicate much more than we realize during the holiday season. Gift giving is a non-verbal way of expressing feelings.

"Any transaction between two humans is a form of communication, and gift giving is a definite way to relay a message to another individual," says Stephen Mason, Ph.D., an Irvine, Calif., psychologist. "The man who goes out and buys his wife lingerie for Christmas is saying, 'I think you're sexy, and I'm still virile.'"

"People receive a great deal about themselves when they choose presents for others," says Cindi Hindman, owner of Carousels, a contemporary women's boutique in Dana Point, Calif.

"One man comes into the shop and shows me the latest diamond he has bought for his girlfriend," continues Hindman. "He then takes a great deal of time to pick clothes in the colors and styles that he likes on her that complement her new jewelry. This shows that he is romantic and not afraid to express his emotions. On the other hand, it also reveals that he is a little narcissistic and egotistical because he wants the woman on his arm to look a certain way."

Men and women often think differently about gifts.

"Females often read more into gift giving than men," says Amy Stark, Ph.D., an individual and family therapist in Tustin, Calif. "They analyze gifts for information about their relationship with other people. If your husband gives you a lot of gifts, it doesn't necessarily mean that he's feeling bad about something. Maybe he liked all of those things and wanted to give them to you. Sometimes a cigar is just a cigar."

Mason agrees. "Women see things on multiple levels and interpret gifts in many ways. As a result, they sometimes do men an injustice. Males aren't as close to their emotions and think in a more linear, straightforward fashion. He may give her lingerie just because he likes it, but she thinks it means 15 different things."

A male friend once innocently gave a woman a gift that caused a misunderstanding. "Before I was married, I got the friend of a girlfriend a pair of opal earrings," he says. "They were just inexpensive gold-plated earrings, but were apparently packaged right. When my girlfriend saw them, she was furious and exploded. 'How come she gets those when all I got were \$60 boots?'"

People who procrastinate on gifts can be thoughtless. They don't allow enough time to select special gifts that really mean something to the receiver. "I don't like generalizations, but most men rush through their gift shopping," says an observer. "They go into a store looking for 'X' number of gifts.

Once they reach this number, they consider themselves done. It's hard to put a lot of thought into gifts when you're in a hurry."

Males also tend to focus on quantity. "Men like to come in and buy the store out," says Hindman. "They will buy anywhere from two to 10 outfits for their wives or girlfriends. They want to have 200 boxes under the tree."

The secret to giving gifts isn't always number, though. A gift tailored especially for the receiver's personality will strike a delightful chord. "I recently received a hand-painted silk scarf," says Stark. "It has all the colors that I wear and looks like me. It showed that the person did some thinking, and that I am special and important to that individual."

As the recipient of gifts, don't become disappointed when you fail to receive what you really want. "Many people brood when they don't get their wish at Christmas," says Lynda Towle Moss, Ph.D., a psychologist based in Orange, Calif. "Tell others what you want. If you don't get it, go out and buy it for yourself. Don't depend on others to fulfill all your needs."

Most importantly, avoid putting too much stock in gifts.

"We tend to focus on presents rather than human relationships," says Moss. "What can I buy or get for that person? is what we constantly think, instead of 'Who do I want to be with and enjoy?' We need to return the more simple things in life, because they are the true sources of happiness."

Selections should express understanding of recipient

By Julie Bawden Davis

Gift-giving is an art: It requires attention to detail and a true understanding of the person you wish to honor. Here are some positive attitudes.

HANDMADE GIFTS

"Handmade items almost always evoke positive feelings," says Stephen Mason, Ph.D., an Irvine, Calif., psychologist. "People who give something that they made with their own hands are giving a part of themselves, and they generally consider you a good friend to do this. Even if the handicraft is amateurish, the thought is there. And when the person is very talented, you can receive some beautiful gifts."

FOOD

"Those who give presents of food want to provide others with sustenance," says Mason. "They tend to be mothering types who want to take care of others. I think this relays a very nice message to the recipient."

Lynda Towle Moss, Ph.D., a

psychologist based in Orange, Calif., warns food givers to be careful who they grace with their culinary abilities, however. "Food can cause guilt trips for overweight people or those with eating disorders," she says.

Mason recalls one woman who became extremely upset when she received food as a present. "Her husband got her chocolate truffles, and she had been on a diet for a month," he says. "She thought that he wanted her to be fat again so she wouldn't be attractive to other men."

PRACTICAL GIFTS

If you want a dictionary or blender and someone buys you one, you'll probably be charmed by the giver's foresight. If you had hoped for something more personal instead, disappointment sets in.

"The whole idea of receiving gifts is getting things that you wouldn't go out and buy yourself," says Mason. "Practical gifts often miss the point of gift giving altogether and can closely resemble a lump of coal. A wife may say, 'I know I can use a new

can opener, dear, but couldn't you get me something more romantic?'"

Moss believes that husbands insult wives with practical gifts. "He doesn't see her as a separate entity with her own needs of nurturance," she says. "She's not a sensual woman to him. Instead, she's like a commodity — she is the house."

CLOTHING

Although some types of apparel can be too intimate, well-chosen presents of clothing can show both love and thought. "If someone gives you something to wear that fits, matches your coloring and personal style preference, and suits your image, that person is saying, 'I like you the way you are,'" says Mason. "Such a gift is among the highest forms of flattery. On the other hand, if the clothing is something you wouldn't be caught dead wearing, that refutes the very essence of your character."

EXPERIENCE GIFTS

A special type of present is the experience gift. "These are gifts

that people always remember, such as a balloon ride, a cruise on a boat, a chance to attend a favorite play or sporting event," says Mason. "Other interesting gifts include something sensual like a massage, a mud bath or a session with an acupuncturist."

TOYS

"The person who gives sporting goods and toys is giving a positive energetic message," says Mason. "A tennis or ski enthusiast will usually love to get a new racket or ski boots. A carved chess set for the chess buff is also very thoughtful. Executive toys, thought, are not good choices. Desk items meant to make people laugh often just cause embarrassment."

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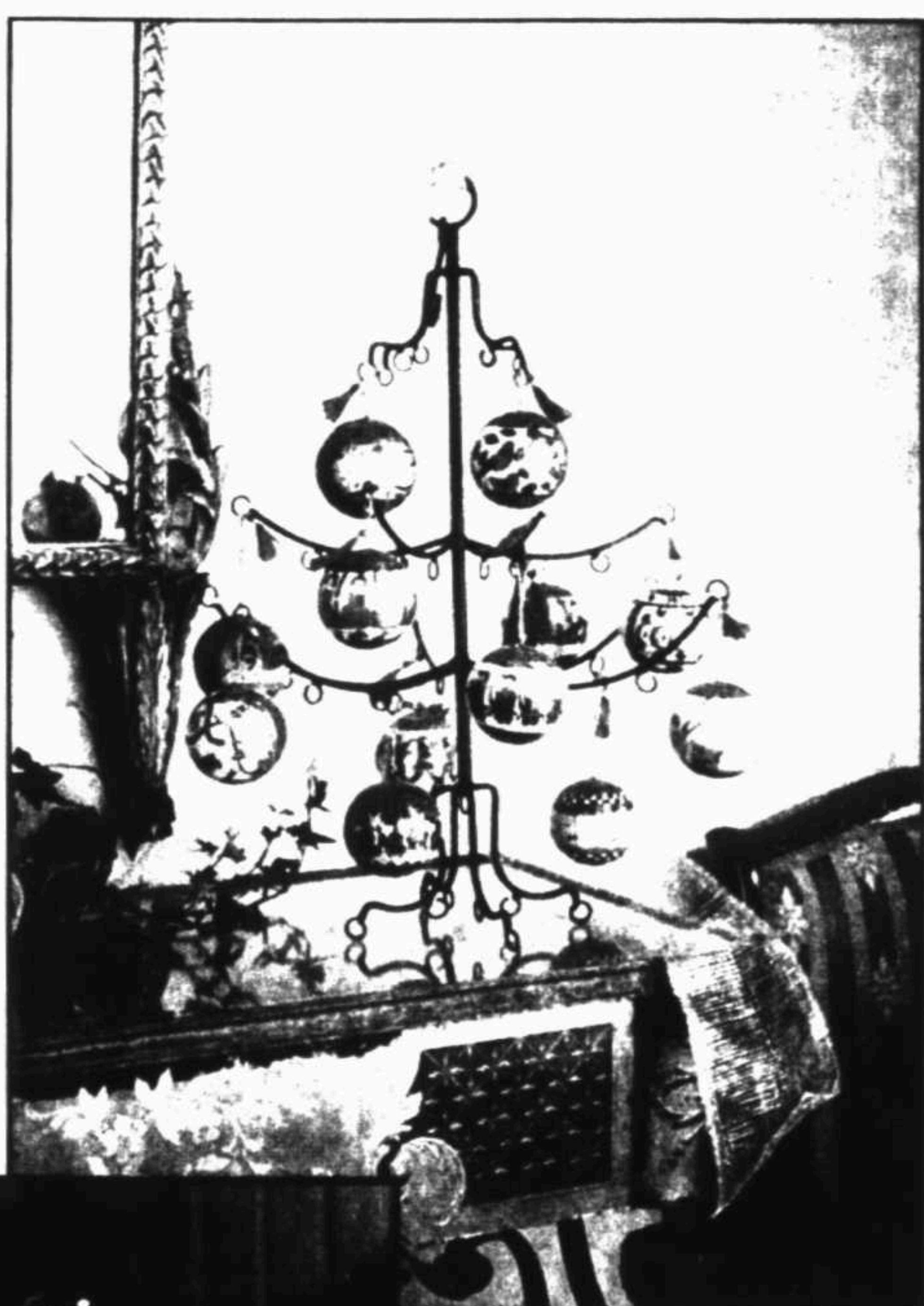
Make the holidays bright



Above, wreaths, whether made of herbs like the one in the center of the photo, or made of dried greens and ribbons, such as the one at the top, make great holiday centerpieces. Below, it's the season that just cries out for elegance. It's the season to deck the halls and open up our homes to friends and family by welcoming them with mouth-watering food and hearty good cheer.

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Each year, the Wiggins family of Athens, Georgia, tops the Christmas tree with an angel that Mom made when she was eight years old.

In Dayton, New Jersey, Rabbi Kerry Olitzky and his family eat latkes (potato pancakes) on Hanukkah — just as his family has done for generations.

At the Thanksgiving table, each member of the Smith family takes turns sharing a highlight of his or her year. Then each person names something to be thankful for.

You may not use the same angel on your Christmas tree each year, eat latkes on Hanukkah or even take time to give thanks on Thanksgiving. But you probably have your own family traditions, and they are more than just another way to pass time on a holiday. Family traditions provide "islands of predictability in an unpredictable world," suggests Marianne Neifert, M.D. who is a pediatrician with Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center, in Denver, Colo., and the author of "Dr. Mom's Parenting Guide." /Story page 4G.



Dried flowers are experiencing something of an image overhaul these days. Once thought of as frumpy, dumpy leftovers, stuffed ingloriously into dusty baskets, today they are finding themselves center stage in beautiful, elaborate arrangements and wreaths — all made possible through the use of techniques as ancient as the Pharaohs.

And the holidays puts this dried flower renaissance into full gear.

"Dried wreaths make a big splash at Christmas," says Barbara Milo Ohrobach, owner of Cherchez, the trend-setting home furnishings store in New York City, and author of several books.

"The delightful thing about dried flowers is that they enable us to enjoy the lushness and beauty of live flowers all year long. In the dead of winter, when a large floral variety is tough to find, you can take all the leaves and blossoms you dried the summer before. I find the best way to utilize dried flowers in winter and during the holidays is in festive, unique Christmas wreaths."

There are many kinds of wreaths you can make but three work especially well: Flower wreaths, which are overstuffed,

Dried flowers blossom for holidays

colorful and rich-looking; herb wreaths, made from a variety of textured

leaves and monochromatic colors; and branch-and-berry wreaths, using bark, branches, twigs, berries, fruits and sometimes even vegetables.

All wreaths are made basically the same way.

Herb wreaths are made from a straw form (about \$2 or \$3) available at craft stores. Finished wreaths are 2 to 4 inches larger than the form; choose the size accordingly. Straw forms will be wrapped in wire and ready to go.

You'll need sprigs of four different dried herbs, each 5 inches long. Group together opal basil, silver king artemisia, parsley and sage; or for a color contrast combination use lamb's ears, rosemary, silver lace artemisia and tansy.

Start with the lightest color herb, arranging several sprigs, stems outward, to make a curved row circling the form, as if you are wrapping the herbs around the formlike ribbons. Use florist pins to attach the herbs.

Create a second and third row with the rest of the herbs so that the three rows are equidistant from each other. Be sure to keep all sprigs curving in the same direction and to overlap the sprigs to hide the pins.

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Stockings brim with tradition, reveal memory, personality of owners

Holiday custom varies around world

By Valerie Olean

The custom of hanging Christmas stockings is found throughout the United States, England, Australia and New Zealand. In Europe, children often hang stockings as well, but generally they do so the night before St. Nicholas Day on Dec. 6.

The tradition most likely began simply enough. Peasants would often hang wet stockings near the fire. When Santa (or other gift givers) began leaving presents in them is unknown, although there are as many different stories as there are cultures.

In France, children place their stockings on the hearth — a tra-

dition from when the French wore "sabots," wooden peasant shoes. Dutch children sometimes fill their shoes with hay and a carrot for St. Nicholas' white horse. It is believed that when Sintirklass (cq) comes down the chimney, he grabs a handful of hay from each shoe and replaces it with a gift.

In Italy, it is La Befana — a good witch — that children try to attract by leaving their shoes out on Jan. 5, the night before Epiphany. In Puerto Rico, the custom is for children to place grass and flowers in boxes under their beds on the night before Epiphany for the Three Kings so the camels have something to eat. In exchange, the Kings leave gifts for the youngsters.

By Valerie Olean

The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.

— "A Visit From St. Nicholas" by Clement Clarke Moore, 1823

This year, as in every year, children around the world will hang Christmas stockings by the fireplace in the hope and time-honored tradition that they will awaken to find them filled with presents, candy and other delights.

In earlier times, the stocking was likely to be just that — something worn on the foot — when it wasn't being put to this nobler use.

Today, the Christmas stockings hung in most households were never intended to be worn. They are likely to have been created out of rich fabrics — velvet, quilts and tapestry — and festooned with ribbons or other trimmings. Some are knitted or feature intricate stitchery; still others are simply red felt trimmed in white.

Often handcrafted by a family member or an artisan, the stocking has become a fixture of Christmas decorating.

"I think everyone loves stockings," said Jean Smith, a doll maker who teaches stocking-making in Westminster, Calif. Smith's stockings feature a porcelain head designed to resemble Santa Claus, Father Christmas or an angel.

"Stockings are very popular because they are unique and handcrafted," Smith said. "The folks who create them plan to hand them down for generations."

Those who want to let someone else do the creating can find intriguing stockings at import and holiday specialty shops or even from individual stocking makers.

For example, Sue Fenton, who runs the Third World Handarts shop in Orange, Calif., imports stockings from 33 developing nations as well as six areas of the United States. The choices range from jute stockings from

Bangladesh to miniature, multicolored knit stockings from Peru.

"A lot of people use stockings, particularly the miniature versions, as Christmas tree ornaments," Fenton said. "We've also had people buying suede medicine bags created by Native Americans of the Lakota tribe (in South Dakota) to use as stockings or wrappings for small items such as jewelry."

Linda Quarry of Placentia, Calif., has a virtual Christmas stocking factory in her home. Throughout the year, her stockings, shaped like a Victorian lady's shoe and a new cowboy boot version, are sold at holiday boutiques throughout Southern California.

"I just love making them," she said. "I try to

from Fountain Valley, Calif. "I've also used wreath hangers to hang stockings on doors. It adds a very festive touch."

Others lay a stocking across a child's bed. (This has the added benefit of allowing exhausted parents a few more precious moments of sleep as children tend to immediately empty the contents of their stocking upon awakening and will likely spend several minutes admiring the largess.)

Sometimes a fireplace doesn't lend itself to stockings if the mantel is made of marble or mirrored or if it would be somehow damaged by tapping a nail or hook into its surface. In these instances, interior designer Lisa Weber, also of Placentia, Calif., recommends a weighted hook that sits on the edge of the fireplace mantel or shelf.

"There are lots of different styles now," she said. "Everything from country-style to contemporary. And if you're not interested in a weighted hook, I've sometimes used a heavy object, like a book or candleabra, to hold a stocking securely."

Sometimes, however, the best bet is to remove the stocking once it's filled as the additional weight can tax even the strongest hook.

Whatever the shape or size, the tradition of hanging a Christmas stocking is well established — and beloved.

"People are often very sentimental about Christmas stockings," said Randy Bremer, one of the owners of Tail Mouse, a crafts store in Yorba Linda, Calif. "At the shop, we sell kits and materials to crafters so they can make their own stockings."

"We get a lot of grandmothers making stockings for grandchildren, and, since they make the stockings themselves, they can add names or a particular design if they choose. These stockings frequently end up becoming a family heirloom because people recognize that making a Christmas stocking takes time and love."

And Bremer's treasured stocking is no exception. His personal stocking is made of felt with his name and a snowman decoration on it. It was made by his great-grandmother for him when he was a child.

BLOSSOM: Dried flowers receive image overhaul

From 1G

Using the same technique, make three rows each of the next two darker herbs, then do the same for the darkest herb. You should now have 12 rows on the form. Now attach a wire loop to the back of the wreath and hang.

A dried branch-and-berry wreath can look traditional or avant-garde.

There are lots of berries to choose from: red holly berries, juniper confers, black ivy berries, mistletoe and privet berries. Add fruits and small vegetables such as apples, pomegranates, chilies, peppers and crab apples.

For the wood elements, use red bark dogwood, curly willow, pussy willow, larch branches, catkin, cone-studded larch twigs, kerria, oak, birch, hornbeam, beech horse chestnut or ash. Yellow dogwood, red-barked alder and red-golden and purple barked dogwood add sharp color.

Because branches and woods vary in brittleness and flexibility, you will have to experiment when making your wreath. Follow the same circular building scheme, and attach the pieces with fast-drying glue.

The same construction methods apply to floral wreaths. You'll need some craft wire for attaching the greens, and self-adhesive floral tape.

Pick a variety of dried background greens with stems. These will cover the front and sides of the wreath form and should be flexible. Good choices include silver king artemisia, sage, boxwood,

eucalyptus, honeysuckle, Spanish moss, princess pine and lamb's ears.

Your dried flower heads could be peony, anemone, rose, larkspur, tansy, yarrow, statice, cornflower, lily, iris, lavender, hollyhock, calla lily or tulips.

Layer the greens around the front of the form, wrapping and anchoring them with wire. Add another layer of greens and circle the form until it's completely covered.

Place the dried flower heads around the wreath, then glue each flower gently and press onto the greens. To keep the wreath from looking stiff, place the flowers in random directions and at slightly different depths.

To add years to the life of a wreath, avoid placing it in direct sunlight or in a humid room. Dust it gently with an artist's soft, watercolor brush, and store it in an airtight container with a handful of silica gel to absorb moisture. Place the container in a dark, cool closet.

Although dried wreaths generally last a long time, they won't last forever. When a wreath looks faded or even slightly bedraggled, discard everything but the wreath form, and start again.

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Many pleasures of tea are reason enough to throw holiday party

Tea is hot, even when it's iced: Tea rooms, tea shops and tea clubs are sipping, not gulping, a cup of tea is an oasis of calm in a frenetic world — and a wonderful excuse to gather friends together.

So why not think about having a holiday tea party? Or several? It's a great way to have friends and family in for a little relaxation when the holiday crush begins to wear everyone down.

We gave our own tea party at the elegant Farrington House near Raleigh-Durham, N.C., with teatime treats created by its chef, Cory Mattson.

Several of the recipes for the goodies to go with the tea given below — "Miniature Glazed Orange Muffins," "Cucumber Sandwiches" and "Heart-Shaped Scones With Currants" — were adapted from "The Farrington House Cookbook" (Ventana Press, 1987).

If you have leftovers of these orange muffins, don't worry; these bite-size morsels freeze well. The recipe originally called for a stick of butter; we reduced it to a mere 2 tablespoons, but felt some butter was needed for authentically rich flavor. If you prefer, use stick margarine instead.

MINIATURE GLAZED ORANGE MUFFINS

Makes 3 dozen muffins (18 servings)

1 egg
3/4 cup low-fat (1.5 percent) buttermilk

1/4 cup canola oil
2 tablespoons thawed frozen orange juice concentrate

2 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted (or unsalted stick margarine)

Grated zest of 1 orange
1 1/2 cups plus 3 tablespoons all-purpose unbleached flour

1/3 cup granulated sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder

1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt

3 1/2 tablespoons orange marmalade spreadable fruit
1 tablespoon lemon juice

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit. Spray miniature muffin pans with nonstick cooking spray.

2. In medium bowl, add egg and beat lightly. Add buttermilk, oil, juice concentrate, melted butter and orange zest; whisk to blend.

3. In medium bowl, sift together the flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Add egg-buttermilk mixture and stir just to combine; do not overmix. Fill muffin cups 2/3 full and bake until puffy and golden, 15 to 20 minutes.

4. While muffins are baking, prepare orange glaze: In microwave-safe small bowl, combine spreadable fruit, lemon juice and 1 tablespoon water; microwave on HIGH 20 seconds and stir. Mixture should have the consistency of a light syrup.

5. While muffins are still warm, pierce tops lightly with fork and drizzle evenly with glaze. Remove from pans when cool.

Farrington House serves these sandwiches using its own country ham and tomato bread, but you can substitute hickory-smoked ham on whole-grain bread. For a decorative touch, use a cookie cutter to cut the bread into interesting shapes like flowers, hearts or pumpkins.

Country ham sandwiches with two-squash relish

Makes 12 servings
1/2 medium zucchini, finely diced

1/2 medium yellow squash, finely diced

1/4 medium red bell pepper, finely diced

1/4 medium red onion, finely diced

1 tablespoon rice wine vinegar

1 teaspoon chopped fresh oregano, or 1/4 teaspoon dried

1 teaspoon olive oil

1/2 teaspoon salt

Freshly ground black pepper, to taste

6 ounces quartered whole-grain bread slices

6 ounces sliced lean hickory-smoked ham, cut into 24 squares

Fresh oregano sprigs for garnish (optional)

1. To prepare two-squash relish, in small bowl, combine zucchini, yellow squash, bell pepper, onion, vinegar, oregano, oil, salt and pepper; toss to combine thoroughly.

2. Top each bread slice with 1 ham square and 1 tablespoon relish. Arrange on serving tray and garnish with oregano sprigs, if desired.

For tenderest, flakiest scones, work quickly, keep ingredients cold and handle the dough as little as possible.

Heart-shaped scones with currants

Makes 1 dozen (12 servings)

1/4 cup dried currants

1/2 cup low-fat (1.5 percent) buttermilk

2 tablespoons canola oil

1 cup plus 2 tablespoons all-purpose unbleached flour

1 tablespoon plus 1 1/2 teaspoons granulated sugar

1 teaspoon baking powder

1/4 teaspoon baking soda

Pinch salt

2 tablespoons stick margarine, chilled

2 tablespoons egg substitute

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit. Spray baking sheet with nonstick cooking spray.

2. In small bowl, combine currants with 1/4 cup hot water; set aside until currants are plumped, about 5 minutes; drain in colander and reserve.

3. In small bowl or glass measure, whisk together the buttermilk and oil; set aside.

4. In medium bowl, sift together 1 cup of the flour, 1 1/2 teaspoons of the sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Add margarine and blend with pastry cutter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Add buttermilk mixture and combine with fork, handling dough as little as possible. Gently fold in currants.

5. Sprinkle work surface with the remaining 2 tablespoons flour. Gather dough together and pat out into a 12-inch diameter circle, 1/2 inch thick. With 2-inch heart-shaped cookie cutter, cut into 12 heart shapes. Place on prepared baking sheet; brush top of each scone with egg substitute. Sprinkle scones evenly with the remaining tablespoon sugar. Bake until golden, 12-15 minutes.

Smoked salmon and orange-chive cream cheese crackers

Makes 12 servings

1/4 cup nonfat cream cheese

2 tablespoons finely snipped fresh chives, or 2 teaspoons dried

1 tablespoon grated orange zest

24 water crackers or melba toast rounds

Types of tea

Weight Watchers Magazine asked food consultant and cookbook author Rosa Ross to recommend some novel teas to complement a tea menu. Here, a quick primer on the choices:

■ **Black teas:** Produced by allowing tea leaves to wither and ferment, oxidizing them. Strong flavor stands up to milk, lemon or sugar. Sample rich-flavored Assam (a key ingredient in English and Irish Breakfast blends), brisk Ceylon, smoky Lapsang Souchong and delicate Darjeeling.

■ **Green teas:** Produced by simply drying tea leaves with no fermentation, resulting in a delicate, slightly grassy flavor. Green tea novices might enjoy Chunmee or Gunpowder tea

(named for its tightly rolled leaves). One exquisite Japanese tea, Genmaicha, contains toasted rice.

■ **Oolong teas:** Produced by fermenting leaves only a short time, turning them green-brown. The best known is the delicate Formosa Oolong, from Taiwan (formerly Formosa).

■ **Flavored teas:** Black teas infused with flavoring ingredients such as dried flower petals. Classic flavorings include oil of bergamot (in Earl Grey tea), jasmine or rose petals.

■ **Herbal "teas":** More properly called "infusions," since they're not made from tea leaves. Try chamomile, verbena, mint, rosehip or elderflower.

SMOKED SALMON AND ORANGE-CHIVE CREAM CHEESE CRACKERS

Makes 12 servings

1/4 cup nonfat cream cheese

2 tablespoons finely snipped fresh chives, or 2 teaspoons dried

1 tablespoon grated orange zest

24 water crackers or melba toast rounds

9 ounces thinly sliced smoked salmon, cut into 24 equal pieces

Chive blossoms for garnish (optional)

1. In small bowl, combine cream cheese, chives and orange zest; refrigerate 1 hour to blend flavors.

2. Spread 1/2 teaspoon cream cheese mixture on each water

cracker; top each with 1 salmon slice. Garnish with chive blossoms and arrange on serving tray.

CUCUMBER SANDWICHES

Makes 12 servings

1/2 cup nonfat cream cheese

2 scallions, white and green parts, finely minced

2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill, or 2 teaspoons dried

1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce

1/4 garlic clove, finely minced

1 drop hot red pepper sauce

12 ounces French bread, cut into 24 thin slices

1 1/2 unpared medium cucumbers, thinly sliced

Fresh dill sprigs for garnish

1. In small bowl, combine cream cheese, scallions, dill, lemon juice, Worcestershire sauce, garlic and red pepper sauce until well blended; cover and refrigerate until firm but still spreadable, 20 minutes.

2. Spread 1 teaspoon of the cream cheese mixture on each bread slice; top each with 2 cucumber slices and garnish each with a dill sprig. Arrange on serving platter; if not serving immediately, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate up to 8 hours.

If you're lucky enough to have chives in your garden, garnish these luxurious mouthfuls with pretty, edible chive blossoms.

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Have a Wonderful Holiday!
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Dallas men light up neighborhood whole year round

By Bill Marvel

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.

Not everywhere you go, perhaps. But certainly in the 1500 block of Abrams, where yuletide lights are merrily ablaze at the home of Robert Jacobson and Nick Gehler.

A few stores jumped the holiday gun and were displaying Christmas merchandise weeks ago, as soon as they had cleared the Halloween stuff off the shelf. But that's seasonal, more or less. Jacobson and Gehler leave their Christmas lights up all year round.

A lot of folks just never get around to taking their Christmas lights down. Even in July and August, you'll see a string of them around the porch or just under the eaves. But Jacobson and Gehler keeps theirs lighted. Every night, 365 days a year.

"They're pretty," says Jacobson of the multicolored lights strung around a balcony and in the window of their second-floor duplex apartment. "They're festive. They make the street festive."

Eating healthy isn't as difficult during holidays as most people think

By Wendy Worrall

The holidays are just around the corner, and that means indulging in festive feasts and party treats. But for those people suffering from digestive disorders or trying desperately to watch their weight, this can be a difficult season.

The first step toward maintaining healthy eating habits — and not triggering symptoms — is to plan your activities carefully. Try not to schedule too many functions in the same week, so you can stick to your dietary timetable as much as possible. Also, remember that stress may affect digestive disorders; if you feel overwhelmed, your symptoms could flare up.

"If you know you're going to four parties in one week, you'd react differently than if you're going to one," said Ginny Goldenberg, R.D., community dietitian with the Paloma Pomerado Health System in San Diego County, Calif.

Find out when you'll eat and what will be served. Cocktail party appetizers may provoke a different reaction than a lengthy sit-down dinner.

"If the individual knows what gives them discomfort, then they need to be prepared," said Gail Frank, spokesman for the American Dietetic Association and professor of nutrition at California State University at Long Beach. "Limit the amount, or be aware of what the side effect will be."



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Holiday eating can be nutritious. Providing guests with plenty of healthy things to crunch on — like these fresh vegetables that complement a Gouda cheese dip — means they can fill up on low-calorie foods.

If the menu doesn't include many foods you can tolerate, offer to bring a dish you enjoy.

Balance your meals prior to the event and, if food will not be served when you need to eat,

have a snack or a meal beforehand. Most of all, don't be afraid to speak up if there is something you shouldn't eat.

"It's not as hard now to say, 'I can't eat that because I'm on a modified diet,'" said Marty Gonzales, assistant director of food and nutrition at Tri-City Medical Center in Oceanside, Calif.

Don't stand near any food if you like to nibble. If you want a handful of snacks, put them on a plate and walk away to avoid taking more. When serving yourself, don't overload your plate; take small portions of potential trouble foods that you want to try, or are particular favorites.

"Put less on your plate and tell yourself — and everyone else — you can go back for more," Goldenberg advised. "People don't really watch their plate that much. Take a small amount, taste it and keep it on your plate."

If you wind up with more than you can eat, don't feel badly for not cleaning your plate. Eat slowly, put your fork down between bites, drink lots of water and engage in conversation with your table mates.

To avoid hurting a proud chef's feelings, take a small portion of the proffered dish, take a bite, then praise their efforts.

If you have a digestive disorder and will be hosting a holiday get-together, choose foods that accommodate your needs but can be altered to satisfy your guests. For example, prepare mashed potatoes with low-fat

butter, but offer gravy on the side.

"That's the big key as the host — give your guests choices," said Goldenberg.

Look for healthy foods that can look creative with a clever arrangement. If someone has a chewing or swallowing disorder, Frank suggests blanching or par-boiling the vegetables to make them tender, serve with a sauce on the side and offer silverware, so they can be cut into manageable pieces.

Choose recipes with natural fiber to counter the high fat and cholesterol found in many holiday recipes.

"It would be neat to come up with a few desserts that use prunes as a base to add fiber and combat constipation," Frank said.

Gonzales recommends preparing family favorites with healthy substitutes, or creating new traditions. Sources for recipes include the American Heart Association's "Low Fat, Low Cholesterol Cookbook" and the American Diabetes Association's

"Holiday Cookbook."

Reduce food availability in your home to reduce temptation. Instead of nuts or candy, put out bowls of spiced popcorn for a flavorful aroma. When fixing a meal, don't make more than everyone will eat; if there are leftovers, send them home with the guests.

"Enjoy it once and get it out of there," Goldenberg said. "Don't keep tasting it over and over."

Gonzales also suggests freezing meal-sized portions.

Focus on why you're hosting or attending a holiday function — to share the joys of the season with family and friends.

"Remember what the holidays are all about," Goldenberg said. "It's not a six-week eating binge."

Reduce stress, choose wisely and you should eat comfortable throughout the holidays.

"For one or two days a year, it's not going to hurt," Gonzales concluded. "Just use moderation and be careful of things that cause discomfort."

Family traditions are much more than way to pass time

By Marion Edelman Borden

Each year, the Wiggins family of Athens, Georgia, tops the Christmas tree with an angel that Mom made when she was eight years old.

In Dayton, New Jersey, Rabbi Kerry Olitzky and his family eat latkes (potato pancakes) on Hanukkah — just as his family has done for generations.

At the Thanksgiving table, each member of the Smith family takes turns sharing a highlight of his or her year. Then each person names something to be thankful for.

You may not use the same angel on your Christmas tree each year, eat latkes on Hanukkah or even take time to give thanks on Thanksgiving. But you probably have your own family traditions, and they are more than just another way to pass time on a holiday. Family traditions provide "islands of predictability in an unpredictable world," suggests Marianne Neifert, M.D., who is a pediatrician with Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center, in Denver, Colo., and the author of "Dr. Mom's Parenting Guide" (NAL-Dutton, 1993).

It's especially important for children, who have so little power over their lives, to know that certain things will always happen. Traditions also give youngsters a sense of belonging. "They put your signature on your family," says Neifert. They also enrich our family life and build a treasure trove of memories.

But sometimes holiday traditions threaten to overwhelm the enjoyment of the celebration. You should consider what is really meaningful to your family. And you might consider creating some new customs from time to time.

For the sake of continuity, as well as family enjoyment, be sure that your children play an active role in your holiday traditions. Mary Anne Beattie, M.D., a pediatrician in private practice in Wichita, Kan., fondly remembers making (ital) pfefferneuse (unital), a holiday cookie, with her mother and grandmother. She continued the tradition with her own children, and now enjoys making these family favorites every Christmas with her two grandsons.

Traditions have been described as the glue that keeps families together. We need these links to the past to enrich our present and guarantee our future.

HOLIDAY TRADITIONS — NEW AND OLD

Consider adding some of these customs to the ones your family already loves:

■ Cutting down your own tree for the holiday may start a wonderful family tradition. Young children can pick out the tree while an adult does the chopping.

■ Make charity a part of your holidays. Take your children with you to the store and let them pick out a toy to donate to a local hospital or shelter. Have your kids choose a charity that is meaningful to them — and let them contribute some of their

own money. Some Jewish families volunteer in a soup kitchen, hospital or nursing home on Christmas Day, so employees who celebrate the day can spend it with their family.

■ Capture the holidays on film — and include one "every year" photo. For example, one family always takes a picture of all the children standing in front of the fireplace on which they hang their stockings. It's fun to look back over the years and see how much everyone has grown.

■ If you love baking holiday cookies but are short on time, use ready-to-bake cookie dough, and enjoy the luscious smell of

the holidays.

■ Eager to impart a tradition of giving thanks, one mother always gives each child a box of stationery during the holidays. Even the youngest child can dictate a letter of appreciation and add a special drawing.

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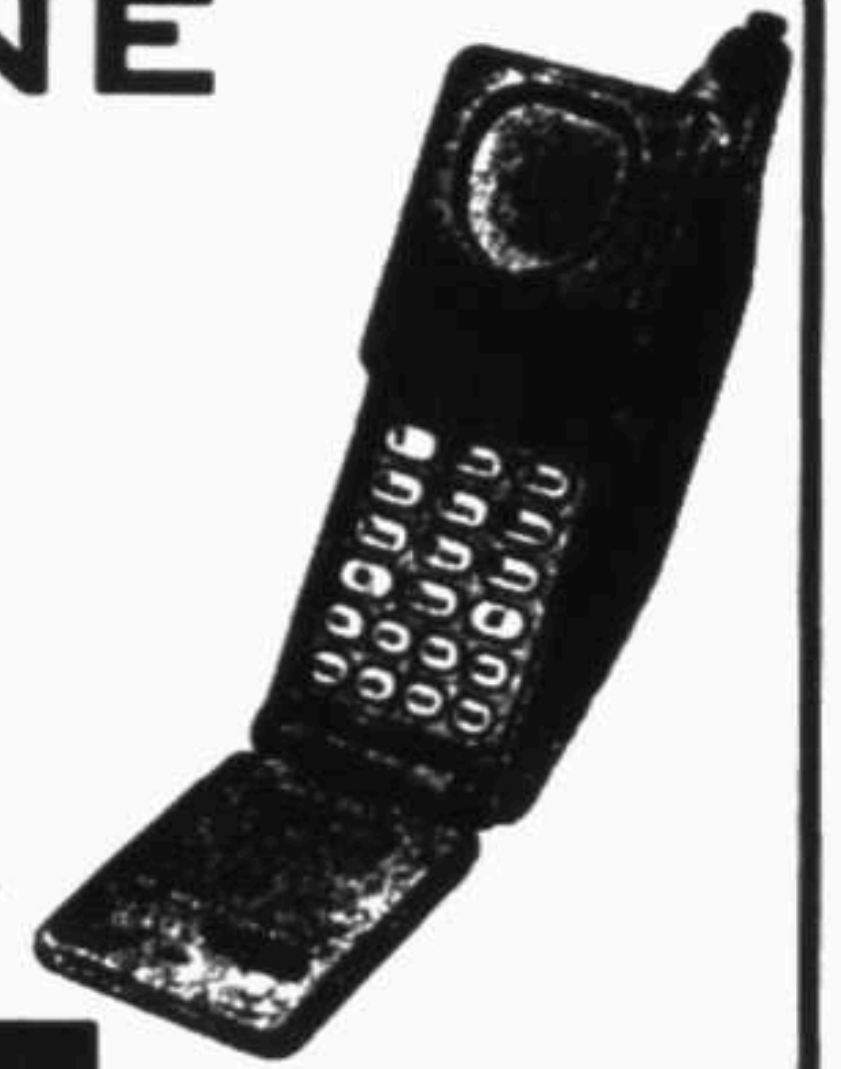
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Easy potpourri provides recipe to sweet-smelling holiday season

POTPOURRI RECIPES THAT SPELL SUCCESS

By Janet Kinoshian

All ready to roll up your sleeves and mix up a batch of potpourri?

To assemble a dry potpourri, you will need:

■ A kitchen scale that indicates ounce measure. Even though some recipes call for "cupfuls" or "handfuls," use ounce measurements.

■ A mortar and pestle such as those used to crush kitchen herbs. A stone mortar set is preferable to wood, which absorbs oils.

■ Several wooden spoons specifically made for potpourri. Do not use spoons you use for cooking or you will mix flower and food tastes and smells.

■ One or more glass or glazed pottery mixing bowls for mixing. Plastic and wooden bowls absorb the oils and should be avoided.

■ An eyedropper to add the essential oils. Wash eyedroppers after each oil essence for purity.

The recipes below outline the order in which the ingredients should be mixed. Follow this exactly because more delicate ingredients are generally added last to prevent them from being crushed.

With an eyedropper, scatter the drops of essential oil over the com-

bined mixture of flowers and dry ingredients, and stir. Place the mixture in a brown paper bag that you've lined with wax paper (so the oils won't seep through). Fold and seal the top of the bag with a paper clip and place in a dry, cool place to "cure" for about two weeks.

Every other day, turn the contents gently with a wooden spoon to disperse and blend the ingredients. This allows the scents of the herbs, spices and oils to permeate each other.

After it's cured, the potpourri is ready to be placed in a decorative container.

The container should be as pretty as the mixture it holds. A sparkling glass bowl, for example, is perfect for showing off the potpourri's colors and textures. Porcelain, pottery, sterling silver bowls — either simple or ornate — and any metal are also good choices.

Potpourri that does not fit into its intended container — that is, leftovers — should be sealed in tight glass jars such as tinted Ball jars and stored in a cool, dry, dark place like a closet to prevent the color and scent from fading before you're ready to use it.

Potpourri is especially effective in small rooms, such as a study, foyer, dressing room, bedroom or bathroom. There is just one rule: Do not place it in direct sunlight,

which will fade the color of the flowers.

POTPOURRI RECIPES:

CHERCHEZ'S OLD ENGLISH ROSE

- 5 ounces pint rose petals
- 2 ounces red rose petals
- 2 ounces Roman chamomile flowers
- 1 ounce heather flowers
- 2 ounces quassia chips
- 2 ounces lemon grass
- 1 ounce powdered orrisroot
- 1 ounce oak moss, cut into 1-inch pieces

- 20 drops rose, tea rose or rose geranium oil
- 1 whole rose head in red or pink can be added to the top.

RED AND WHITE POTPOURRI

- 1 quart red rose petals and blooms, and any pretty white flowers
- 2 ounces mixed sweet herbs
- 1 ounce rosemary
- 1/2 teaspoon whole cloves
- 1 teaspoon crushed cassia
- 3 teaspoons ground mace
- 3 drops rose oil
- 2 drops rosemary oil
- 1 drop rosewood oil

WOODLAND POTPOURRI

- 3 ounces pink rosebuds
- 4 ounces patchouli leaves
- 2 ounces dark-red rose petals
- 2 ounces cedar shavings
- 1 ounce powdered orrisroot
- 8 drops patchouli oil
- 2 ounces peony petals
- 1 whole dried peony head in deep red adds a nice finishing touch

WINTER POTPOURRI

- 1 quart mixed alder cones, pine

- cones, pine needles, juniper tips, and scented conifer tips
- 2 ounces mixed scented evergreen leaves made up of myrtle, bay, eucalyptus, and box
- 1 ounce fine-ground gum benzoin
- 1 ounce lavender
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon powder
- 1/2 teaspoon whole cloves
- 1/2 vanilla bean
- 2 drops lavender oil
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By Sherri Athay

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Experiment with various combinations of paper and ribbon until you find one that says You. Then use that combination as your own signature wrap for all of your gifts.

Here are some creative ways to wrap up different gifts.

■ Wrap a baby gift in a cloth diaper secured with diaper pins. Top with an assortment of teething rings or rattles.

■ Wrap a gift to someone who has been ill recently in ace bandages. Make a bow from strips of gauze. Top with a bottle of aspirin or thermometer.

■ Wrap a kitchen gift in a pretty dish towel. Tie with a colorful bow and attach wooden spoons or wire whisks.

■ Wrap oversize gifts in pillowcases, paper table cloths, butcher paper, or lawn and leaf bags. Tie with rope or wide ribbon and attach an extra large gift tag.

Create a portable wrapping center you can use at the drop of a hat. Assemble the following items in a large wastebasket, plastic container or cardboard box so you'll be ready to wrap last-minute gifts at holiday time. (You'll be surprised how handy this wrapping center is any time of the year.)

Here's what to include:

■ Wrapping Paper: Include "all occasion" as well as occasion-specific wrapping papers. Note: Do not use holiday wrap



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Wrapping gifts like cookies can be a snap — if you use some creativity. These peppercorn cookies, back, and festive pecans make great gifts when packed in baskets and metal buckets.

for birthday, wedding or other occasion presents during the holiday season.

■ Wrapping Tissue: This is now available in many patterns and colors as well as white.

■ Ribbon and Bows: Raffia, ribbon (satin, lace, metallic, cloth), colorful shoelaces, rope, twine, and yarn may be used to make interesting accents for gifts.

■ Scissors/Stapler/Pen: Keep these items with your wrapping supplies so you don't have to search for them when needed.

■ Packaging Supplies: Brown packaging paper, masking or packaging tape, markers for addressing packages, and shipping information from the post office, UPS and Federal Express

will come in handy when you need to ship packages.

■ Cards/Gift Tags: Keep a variety of greeting cards or your own personal cards to attach to your presents.

■ Assorted Boxes: Gifts are easier to wrap if they are in appropriately sized boxes.

■ Gift Bags: These are available in a wide range of sizes, colors and patterns and are great for last-minute wrapping or wrapping of odd-shaped or unboxed items.

■ Personal Touches: For added interest, keep a collection of baubles, dried or silk flowers, trinkets, ornaments, potpourri sachets, balloons, small toys or knickknacks for embellishing your presents.

Christmas decoration business is ho-ho-hot

By Steve Clements

Wichita Falls Times Record News

GRAHAM — On a warm November day, Santa Claus and his reindeer stand outside K.C. Alexander's home, greeting visitors.

Around these parts, Christmas morning dawns 365 days a year.

With his wife, Burnell, and a staff of six full-time workers, the Graham man runs Santa's Barn, a company that builds decorations from steel reinforcement bar — the kind used in concrete — and multi-colored Christmas lights.

For more than one reason, Christmas means good things to Alexander. His company has already used more than 70,000 feet of "rebar" and 500,000 lights this year, with the busiest season still to come.

"The last five years, we've been manufacturing them year-round. We don't ever stop," Alexander said. "I never realized it before, but people think about Christmas all year. We do business all year."

Santa's Barn originally was nothing more than a recuperative hobby for Alexander, who underwent heart surgery nine years ago.

"After the surgery, I couldn't get up on top of my house to put my decorations up for Christmas," he said. "I figured I could make some for the front yard, if nothing else. Well, once I had them up, people kept stopping, and asking me if I could make one for them. It got bigger and bigger and finally I was working on them all the time."

"I figured why not sell them, and make some money at it?"

Now Santa's Barn keeps a string of sales people in towns across the state. In one town — Colleyville — three different dealers compete for customers, Alexander said.

The competition is "hot and fast," he said, but

sales are constant: one of the Colleyville dealers recently placed a \$50,000 order.

Accordingly, the Barn's creations pop up all over the place. The Vernon Fire Department has been a regular customer for years, and Alexander's Santas play a big role in the town's annual Christmas display.

In neighborhoods near the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport, the large population of pilots prefers a sculpture that features Santa waving from the cockpit of a 747.

And the emu ranchers around Graham like their Santas in sleighs pulled by big, flightless birds.

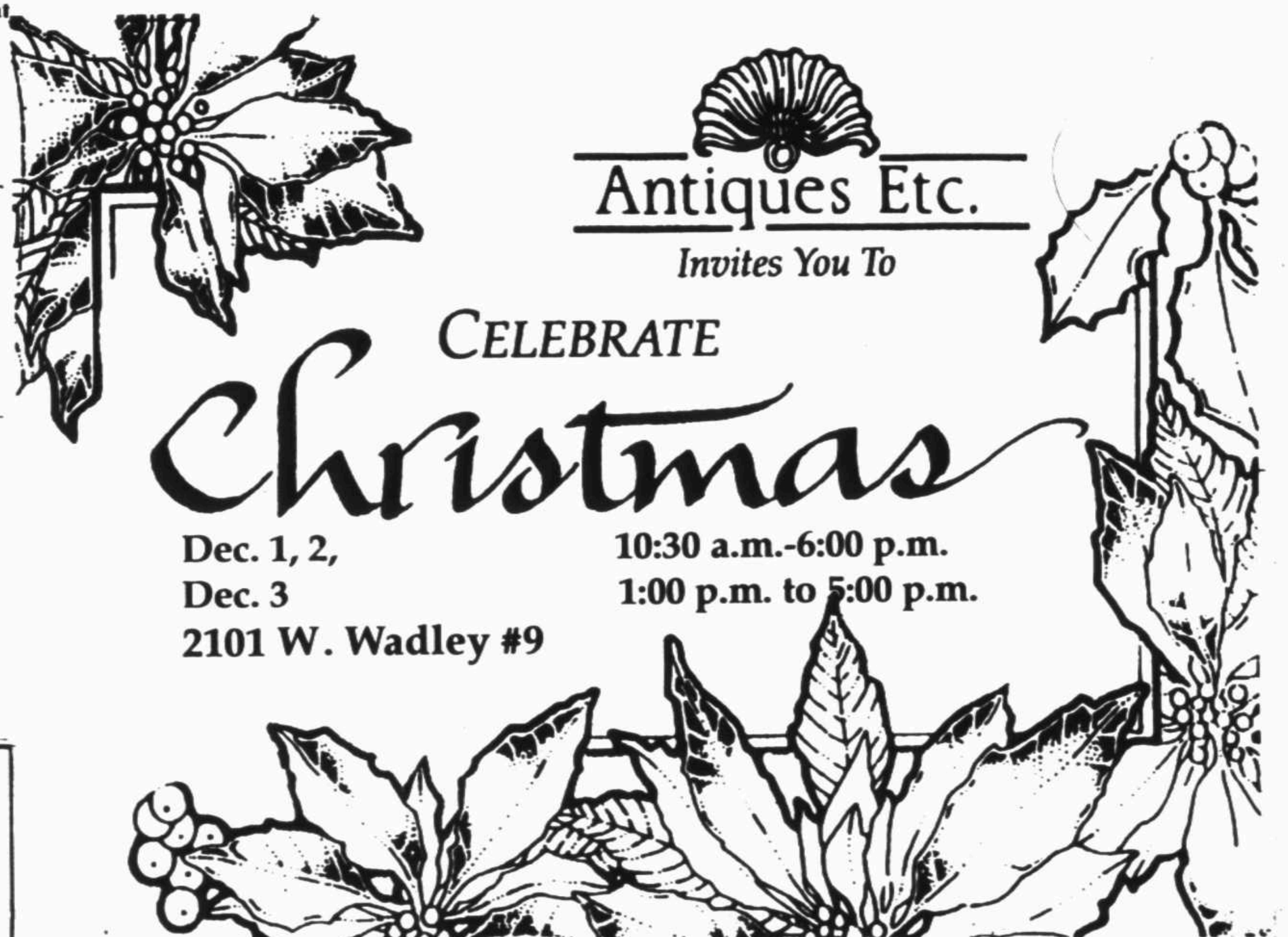
"Once people see the decorations, they want one for their home. We get a lot of customers like that," Alexander said. "We had a man in San Angelo that put them up on the highway near his home, and that led to us making decorations for the San Angelo golf course."

Alexander's employees bend the rebar with their hands, then attach thousands of twinkling lights, also by hand. The company offers hundreds of selections, from popular cartoon characters to traditional Christmas scenes, such as baby Jesus in his manger.

Although some of his creations are always on view in his front yard, Alexander marks Christmas with a huge display of lights.

This year, the display will include his piece de resistance — a 10-foot-tall carousel with six lighted, life-size horses that turn circles. The hardest part of the job, Alexander said, was figuring out how to turn the carousel without tangling the light cords.

"It's kind of funny to think that I got started on all this work because my doctors told me to take it easy," Alexander said. "I started out just piddling with it, but it took off, and now we're working all the time."



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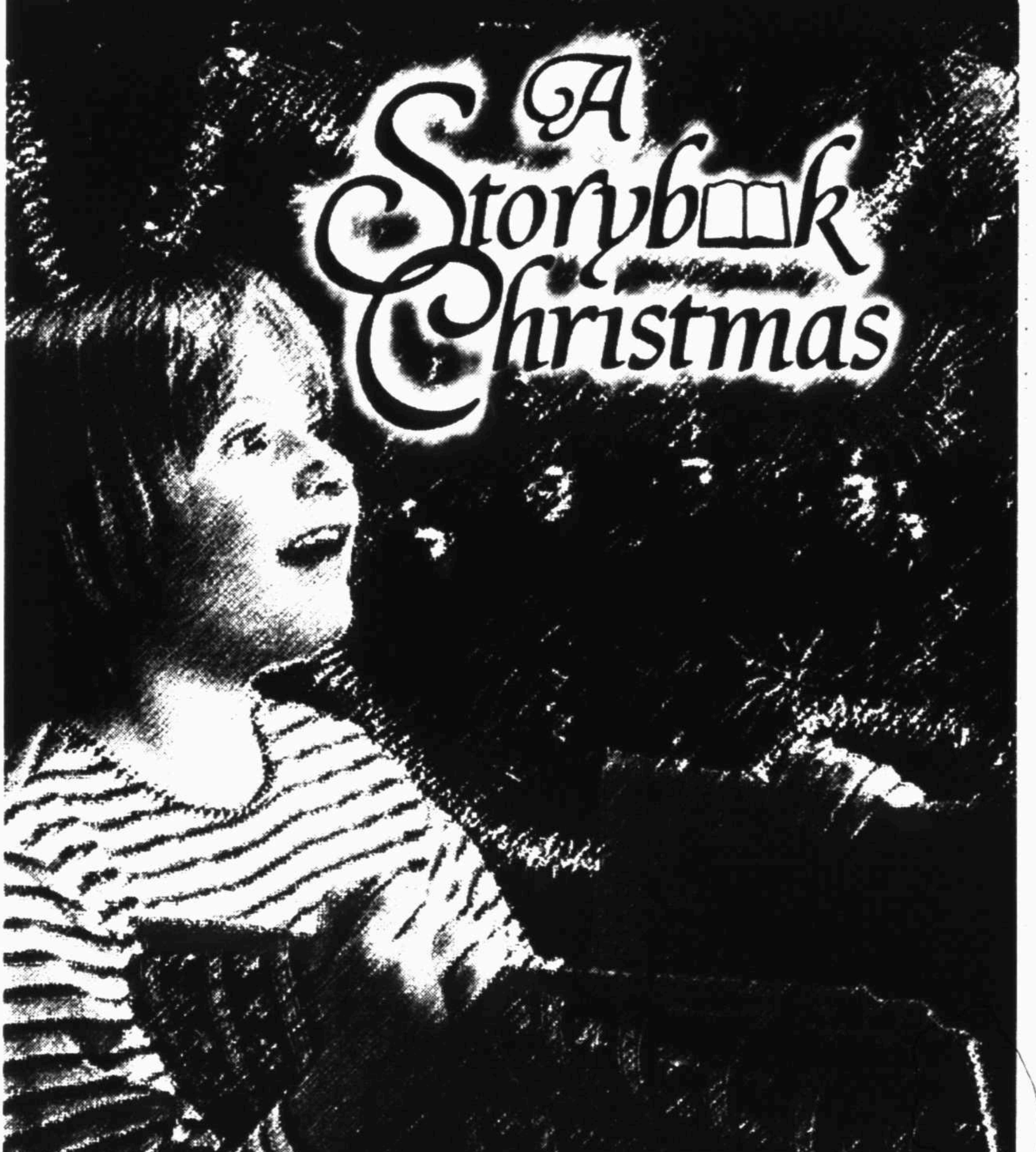
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Creativity can outshine best china, crystal at any holiday table

By Kathryn Bold

When it comes to setting the table for a holiday gathering, creativity can outshine even the best china and crystal.

To create a personalized table setting, forget about copying tables pictured in magazines and books and, instead, draw upon your ingenuity. That's how interior designers and other home entertainment professionals create inspired tables for themselves and their clients.

Their advice: Use the things around you, don't be afraid to experiment and combine linens and china in fresh ways.

Fred Chuang, display consultant for Tiffany & Co. in Costa Mesa, Calif., describes the act of setting the table the way an artist describes painting or sculpting. He talks of symbolism, texture and meaning as well as practical matters — such as where to put the dessert spoons and making sure the flatware is, above all, clean.

When asked to set a table for a Hanukkah party last year, Chuang began by thinking about the symbols associated with the Jewish tradition. Choosing the color scheme — blue and white — was easy, but with such formal colors, he wanted to lighten the look of his table.

"I hit upon the idea that a snowflake has six points, as does the Star of David," Chuang says. So he took plastic snowflakes and ironed their impressions on to blue velvet to create a symbolic but sophisticated tablecloth.

"They looked like snowflakes floating in the night," he says. To complement the cloth he chose simple white china plates with blue borders atop silver chargers and cobalt blue bowls for a soup starter.

A collection of silver candlesticks, including two shaped like palm trees to symbolize the Holy Land, stood at the center of the table. For fun, Chuang added a silver dreidel at each bread plate.

"The table was very shiny and mystical," he says.

Before Chuang begins pulling together items for any table, he says, he thinks about the occasion and surroundings.

"That will tell you everything you need to know," he says. "I take apart the symbols of the occasion and then see how many times I can use them."

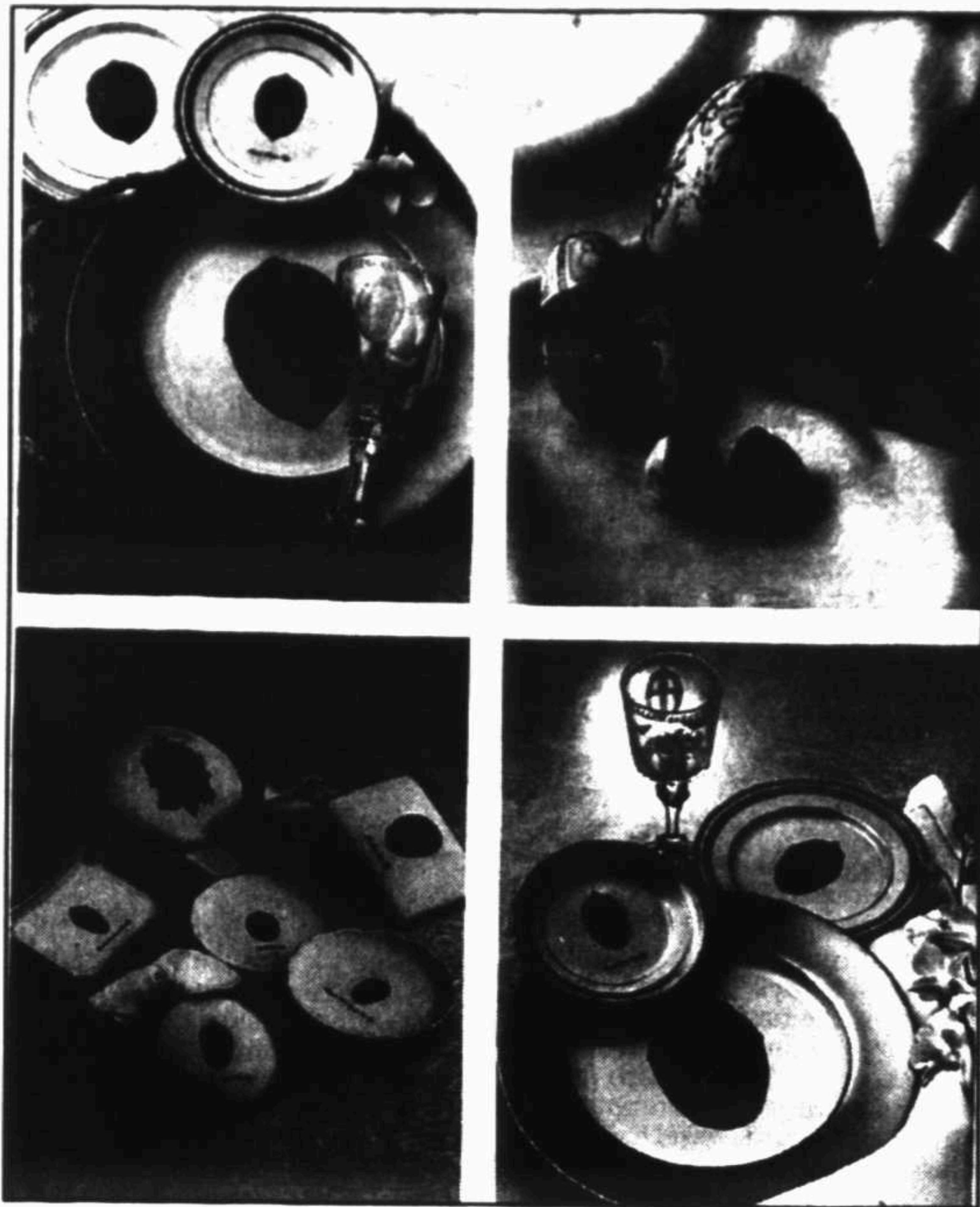
For a New Year's Eve table for two, Chuang conveyed the idea of time passing by using wristwatches for napkin rings and a clock for a centerpiece. "New Year's is easy. The symbolism is built in — all you have to do is point to it."

People often have treasured, familiar or found objects in their homes that they can plan the rest



Creativity puts the finishing touch on any table. To create a personalized table setting, draw upon your ingenuity. This buffet, above, uses wicker baskets, greens and candles to set a holiday tone and could

even outshine china, stemware and classic egg bibelots from The Faberge Collection, right, which recall turn-of-the-century opulence.



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of the table around, he says. That was the inspiration for a Christmas table he designed for children. It had a 20-inch snowman made of popcorn sitting in the middle of a white tablecloth to simulate a "blanket of woolen snow."

Chuang says that a table can be special whether one uses paper plates or fine china.

potted plants, potted spices and vases at each place.

More important than the crystal and china are the flowers and candles, he says. They set the mood and add drama.

"You can take a plain white china, add charger plates and gorgeous flowers and have a beautiful table," he says.

To heighten the mood of a New Year's Eve table for an open house at his showroom, Apel chose dinnerware in muted shades of gold, bronze and black and brightened it with a dramatic floral centerpiece and a collection of votive candles.

Libby Jason, owner of Your Home Place, a custom table-setting service in Coto de Caza, Calif., likes mixing china and linen in unexpected color combinations.

To decorate a Christmas table, for instance, she'll begin with a basic Christmas tree china. But instead of putting it on a solid red or white tablecloth, she uses yards of vivid red, green and black plaid taffeta.

"I mix and match everything," Jason says.

She combines the Christmas tree china with a black charger that complements the cloth, then stacks on it a salad plate that has a green marbled rim. She tops it off with a bread and butter plate covered in a pine cone and

berry pattern.

"It's best to use a bread and butter plate that's fabulous because that's what your eye sees first," she says.

Jason frequently layers different types of linens when the table calls for added color. She'll put a royal blue tablecloth that drops to the floor beneath a smaller white cloth and a bright orange overlay to match the colored rim on a fun set of dishes.

Centerpieces act as the focal point of the table. They're designed to grab guests' attention, Jason says. When looking for a centerpiece, she says, she's often inspired by the theme of the plates.

She says she does not worry about the centerpieces being too big — if they're too small, they look "wimpy," and large ones can easily be moved when guests sit down or the food arrives.

"Don't pay attention to the rules," Jason says. "Do what you think looks good rather than what's proper, because proper's boring."

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"You can always use your ingenuity to make what you have appropriate to the occasion," he says.

For Rand Apel, an interior designer in Laguna Niguel, Calif., the first rule of table setting is that there are no rules.

"It's more fun to be creative" than to follow somebody else's notions, he says.

He often makes use of resources that cost next to nothing.

For a formal beach party, he put sand in the middle of the table along with bits of broken glass. He once created a tablecloth made of fresh flowers and leaves under glass. Other settings have included individual

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Light-stringing technique makes difference between glamorous, Charlie-Brown Christmas tree

By Sharon Cohoon

Do your Christmas trees look like they were decorated by Charlie Brown — especially compared to the dazzling ones in department stores?

The main difference between home and commercially decorated trees, say professional tree decorators, is the way their lights are attached.

Professionals each have their own methods, but there are specific things that most do or do not do. For instance, they don't leave wires hanging from branches. They don't cross a string of lights to a new branch without returning first to the tree trunk. They attach lights to a branch by looping the wire once around to hold the cord in place. They light the entire tree. They keep cords neatly aligned at the trunk.

The advantage of these methods is that the cord becomes almost invisible, and the tree is evenly lit. You don't notice the lights themselves so much as the effect they create. And that's what you want.

"From a decorator's point of view, the tree is just a mannequin," says Maryrose Goodwin, a representative of Barcana Trees who has strung thousands of lights and taught others her method in workshops. "The ornaments are the point. They're the clothing. And the lights are just that — lights. They're only there to illuminate the ornaments."

One big disadvantage of this method is that it's time-consuming. Another drawback is cost. Lighting each branch and attaching bulbs to the tree by their cords uses up light sets quickly. You'll need at least nine sets, for example, to illuminate a seven-foot tree.

If you're up to the work and materials, here's what you'll need to get started:

- Mini-lights, at least one set (50 bulbs) for each foot of tree up to five feet, plus two sets per foot for each remaining foot up to seven feet; and three sets of lights per foot for each remaining foot up to 10 feet. For example, you'd need at least 12 sets for an eight-foot tree. Use mini-lights, not the larger C-7 or C-9 lights, for this method. Goodwin recommends (ital) never (unital) using C-7 or C-9 lights indoors.
- Several heavy-duty extension cords.
- A power strip (necessary if using more than 18 sets of lights and recommended as a surge protector in all cases).
- A long-sleeved shirt to protect your arms and a pair of glasses to safeguard your eyes are also advised.
- Additional items not absolutely essential but highly recommended, according to Goodwin, are a stack of holiday cassettes to pop in your stereo or Walkman, and a Tom & Jerry or other favorite holiday beverage ready to

sip during breaks.

To begin, plug the first set of lights into an extension cord. Secure the light set or the extension cord to the trunk of the tree near its base.

You can make a loop at the point on the string where the first bulb from the plug is located, and the bulb will hold the cord in place. Run the cord straight up the trunk to the top of the tree.

"Always work with a lighted line," Goodwin advises. "You don't want to wrap a whole section and then find the set doesn't work."

Pick a branch at the top and, starting from the trunk, weave the lights into the branch to within an inch or two of the tip. For the best effect, try to position each bulb so that it points upward and slightly outward. Secure the bulbs to the branch by looping the cord around itself — Goodwin likes to make a loop in the cord at each bulb.

After securing the string at the branch tip with a loop, turn around and weave back to the tree trunk. There, you can cross to the adjoining or opposite branch and continue weaving. Goodwin does all the branches on one level before moving down to the next level. Keep going until you run out of line; then begin a new line.

If you are using straight line, which has a plug at either end, you can plug the second light set into the end plug of the first set and keep going. Goodwin prefers working with add-on or stacked plugs, which have a plug at only one end.

"I prefer stacked plugs because if you start from the same place with each set, it's a lot easier to keep track of them all," Goodwin says. "It looks neater, too."

With stacked-plug light sets, you will secure each succeeding set to

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the base of the tree, just as you did the first, and run the cord up the trunk of the tree to the point where you left off with the first set.

Check the manufacturer's directions to be sure, but generally you can safely connect six strings of 50-light sets back-to-back. A caveat: Only plug together like sizes of light sets (such as 50 with 50) from the same manufacturer. When you begin wrapping your seventh light set, start a new column of plugs.

If you use an extension cord that has three outlets, you can attach up to three columns (or 18 light sets) to that cord. If you need more lights, use a second extension cord. If that's the case, you'll also need a power strip. You might



George Hook, Jr., visiting his parents' antique farmhouse, decorates a 17-foot-high Christmas tree that towers into the rafters.

want to use one anyway as a surge protector.

When you have the entire tree wrapped in lights, push all the cords running up the trunk as close to the trunk and out of sight as possible. Secure them together with wire or twist-ties.

And that's it.

Sit back and relax — you've earned it. You may want to leave the fun part, putting on the ornaments, for another day.

If you use an artificial tree, says Goodwin, next year all you'll have to do is the fun part.

There's no reason to unwrap the lights if the tree branches are permanently attached to the center pole. If the tree comes in two sections, leave a little slack cord between the top and bottom sections for packing purposes.

Panel type trees, in which several major sections hang from the top of a hollow-centered tree, can also be stored with wrapped lights, Goodwin says. Just wrap each panel separately.

If the holidays wouldn't be the same for you without a real tree, though, and you can't see spending most of a day to light it for such a short period, just do it the same old Charlie Brown way you always have and don't feel guilty about it, Goodwin says.

"People I visit during the holidays always seem apologetic

about their trees because they know tree-trimming is part of my job, but I never look at other people's efforts critically," she says. "Perfection isn't what Christmas is about."

HOW TO STRING A TREE

Lighting a Christmas tree the way the pros do requires patience and lots of lights. In the end, the tree is evenly lit and there are no cords showing. Plan to use at least two strings of 50 lights per foot of tree height.

1. With plug-in at the bottom, bring light string up along tree trunk to top of tree. You can use an extension cord starting part way up the trunk or at bottom of tree. You'll be putting lights on the tree starting at the top and working down. Always plug in light sets before using to make sure they work.

2. Weave light strings individually around branches, securing them in place at trunk and at end tip by wrapping the cord around itself. Start at center and work toward the branch ends, then double back to the center of tree.

3. After you've finished a branch, complete the others in that row before moving down to next row. To keep cord from showing, don't cross to a new branch unless you have returned to the tree trunk. Depending on light style, plug strings end-to-end or stack plugs together, keeping cords and plugs neatly arranged at trunk so they don't show. For safety, don't stack more than six sets of lights on a plug. When you reach the bottom of the tree, weave any extras into the lower branches.

Rare find: Fort Worth museum buys Madonna-and-child work

By Janet Tyson

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH — The Kimbell Art Museum has bought a charismatic Renaissance painting of Madonna and Christ-child — a sort of Christmas card to Fort Worth.

The work of Francesco Mazzola, commonly known as Parmigianino, is only the second by this important artist to enter a public collection in the United States. It went on public view Nov. 1, for the first time in its history, in the Kimbell's west lobby.

The Kimbell Art Foundation purchased the painting at auction in July at Christie's London for about \$1.4 million, near its low estimate — a bargain perhaps attributable to other bidders' doubts about the painting's condition.

Announcement of its acquisition was postponed until permission could be obtained to export the painting from England, and until it could be cleaned. It was found to be in remarkably good condition.

"The quality of this painting by Parmigianino appeals to the heart as well as to the mind," said foundation President Kay Fortson. "I cannot imagine a more beautiful example of classical European art to display at the Kimbell."

Born in Parma in 1503, the artist was considered a prodigy by his peers and patrons. During the course of his short life — he died at age 37, possibly due to exposure to toxic, alchemical elements — Parmigianino created paintings, drawings and prints of great significance in the history of art.

Still, his name may not spark immediate recognition.

"Parmigianino is not a household word in America," said Mary Vaccaro, a University of Texas at Arlington art historian and authority on the artist. "To people here, Parma means cheese more than it

means the artist. But if you look at a survey book of Western art, he's one of the few who gets a color plate. He was one of the extremely talented artists who, basically, were heirs to Raphael and Michelangelo and Leonardo."

During his youth, Parmigianino was also strongly influenced by Correggio, who had moved to Parma to work on various commissions.

But, perhaps feeling overshadowed by the older artist, Parmigianino traveled to Rome at age 21, to study firsthand the great works of the Renaissance and to seek commissions.

Although he was well-received there, he made little career headway in Rome. Then, when the city was sacked by German troops in 1527, Parmigianino escaped to Bologna.

It was most likely during his three-year sojourn in Bologna that the Kimbell's painting — commonly referred to as the Scarsdale Parmigianino — was painted.

Rediscovered in 1992, it had hung, unrecognized, in an English country-house collection for more than 200 years. It had been brought to England from Italy in 1758 by an art dealer who purchased it for Sir Nathaniel Curzon, the first Baron Scarsdale.

It was the dilemma and challenge to artists of Parmigianino's generation to carry art beyond the serenely rational works created by their predecessors, Vaccaro said.

The extent to which Parmigianino succeeded is apparent in the Kimbell's painting — a small (approximately 17.5-by-13.5-inch) picture of a simple subject, masterfully treated.

"Madonna-and-child pictures were sort of the bread-and-butter pictures of the Renaissance," Vaccaro said. But, in pictures like the new acquisition, Parmigianino makes the familiar seem fresh, she added.

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San Antonio woman gives most precious holiday gift: time

By Daniel J. Vargas
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — Sitting at a small wooden table in her living room, Billie Fisher Graebner points to the stacks of items that bring her the most joy and happiness. She strolls to the dining room and goes through piles of neatly folded clothes. There are 18 pairs of shorts, six pairs of pajamas, 20 shirts and 125 small pillows. The clothes illustrate the motto she lives by: A happy person is a busy person.

Mrs. Graebner, a retired clothes maker, spends — on the average — about 100 hours a month making clothes and other garments for nonprofit groups and mentoring a student in the San Antonio School District. Last month, she spent more than 130 hours sewing badly needed clothes for groups such as the Salvation Army.

Seeing her enthusiasm and hard work ethic, it's hard to believe that Mrs. Graebner is 85. "In the first place, no one believes I'm 85," she said. "Even my doctor didn't believe it. I still get around, but I'm not like I used to be. I used to be a live wire."

Her workplace is inside her modest, three-bedroom North Side home. Two of the bedrooms serve as her tailoring studio.

As she walks into one of the rooms, Mrs. Graebner's brown eyes — with the help of eyeglasses — survey a large cutting table that divides the room. Boxes filled with clothing materials tower over her small 5-foot

frame. A narrow pathway among the boxes and material leads to a large factory sewing machine that helps Mrs. Graebner sew 5,000 stitches per minute. "That's why I have to stay thin — just to get through this room," Mrs. Graebner said, displaying her contagious smile.

Mrs. Graebner's causes include sewing "thousands" of pillowcases and sheets for the Salvation Army over the past 13 years and making clothes for Central Christian Church, which benefits the San Antonio Metropolitan Ministry shelter and the

adopted by the Opti-Mrs. group. "We're stressing clothes more this year than anything else because they're so expensive," she said. "These kids need clothes more than they do toys around this time."

She said she uses leftover material from her business days. She made children's and adult's clothes until the mid-1970s. For the pillowcases and sheets, she uses donated scraps of material from a curtain company.

Irma Mellon, director of social services at the Salvation Army, said Mrs. Graebner calls her often to make sure the Salvation

Army isn't running low on baby blankets and sheets for its homeless shelter. She has seen Mrs. Graebner haul in piles of sheets for more than 13 years. "She is an angel that has been sent to help me with my clients and this facility," she said. "She has saved us thousands and thousands of dollars. If she knows I have an urgency, she will get right on it. I'm totally indebted to her for making my job easier."

Mrs. Graebner said she has always volunteered her time to help others. She said she learned how to knit at age 7, when she helped her grandmother make socks and scarves for World War I soldiers.

Since then, Mrs. Graebner has used her knitting and sewing skills to help others whenever she could.

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done all my life."

Barbara Morrison, director of the child care center at Central Christian Church, said she has seen Mrs. Graebner "give so much of herself" during the three years that she's known her. "She is just so sparkly and always on the go," she said. "Age just doesn't seem to be a factor at all. All someone has to say is that they have a need and she's there."

Mrs. Graebner, who has no children and no family in the San Antonio area since her husband died in 1973, said she has found solace in volunteer work.

She calls Sierra Brooks, a third-grader whom she mentors at Austin Elementary, her "little girl."

Sierra said she felt sorry for her because I don't have kids," she said. "She's my little girl on Thursdays. To see her big smile when I show up just takes my breath away. It says it all."

Mrs. Graebner said she drills Sierra, who she has mentored for two years, in spelling and reads to her. The two are even designing a shirt together for Sierra.

"Anyone interested in children could do this," she said. "It would be a wonderful thing for the children if more people could mentor."

When she isn't sewing or stitching, Mrs. Graebner will work on crossword puzzles, occasionally watch a soap opera or the news and play with her cats, Princess and Simon.

Although she admits getting tired sometimes, she says she somehow finds the energy to keep helping others.

"If I didn't have anything to do, I'd go crazy," Mrs. Graebner said. "What good would I be to anyone if I just sat around all day? I do this because I want to or because someone needs something."

"Time is the most precious thing we have; we better use it."

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— Billie Fisher Graebner, who makes clothes for nonprofit groups

Battered Women's Shelter of Bexar County. She also makes small pillows for cancer patients as part of the women's version of the Optimists Club called the Opti-Mrs. Club.

"I always think about those little kids getting something new," Mrs. Graebner said. "Everything I use is new. We don't use old stuff and they like that, because some of these kids probably haven't had anything new in their life."

"That's one of the things I get a kick out of: To see them when they get new clothes."

For Christmas, she is stitching up three dozen pairs of new jeans for boys helped by the two shelters, and a dozen new t-shirts for the five children in a family

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Santa Claus makes his 53rd trek through Kentucky coalfields to delight of children

By Allen G. Breed
Associated Press

ELKHORN CITY, Ky. (AP) — Eddie Miller shivered in the mountain air last Saturday as he stood along a railroad track. It was 8:30 a.m. and Santa Claus was 10 minutes late.

"He's taking a break eating a donut," said the 7-year-old from Sycamore.

Moments later, about 200 children, parents and grandparents broke into cheers as the Santa Special crossed the Russell Fork River and slowed to a halt.

"Hey, give me some, give me some comic books," shouted 6-year-old Brandon Hylton of Elkhorn City.

"Choo-choo, Ho-Ho," said 2-year-old Wesley Wright, from Pikeville.

The arrival of the special train has marked the beginning of the Christmas season in central Appalachia for 53 years. It winds 110 miles through isolated communities in mountainous eastern Kentucky, southwestern Virginia and eastern Tennessee, a region rich in coal but scarred as one of the nation's poorest.

The train tradition started in 1943 as a way for Kingsport, Tenn., merchants to thank the people of the mountains for their business throughout the year.

For some children, the stuffed animals, pencils, comic books and candies thrown from the back of the train may be the best — or only — Christmas presents they receive.

Now, 18 tons of goodies come from donors around the nation, said Ed Moore, chairman of the train for the Kingsport Chamber of Commerce.

"They do it for the children of Appalachia," he said.

Some people in the mountains have suggested that events like the Santa Special perpetuate stereotypes of poverty in the mountains and should be stopped.

Others say it's more a matter of tradition than need.

"It's just something you look forward to, to watch the people and to watch the children," said Ernest Mullins, 67, of Elkhorn City. He has greeted the train every year for the past 51.

"They talk like the Appalachian area is all starved to death, but that's not right," he said.

"I think if you took a vote among the kids along the way, they wouldn't have that same sort of cynical attitude that some of the adults have," said Tennessee Gov. Don Sundquist, who rode the train this year. "I think the vote of the kids would be to keep doing it."

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