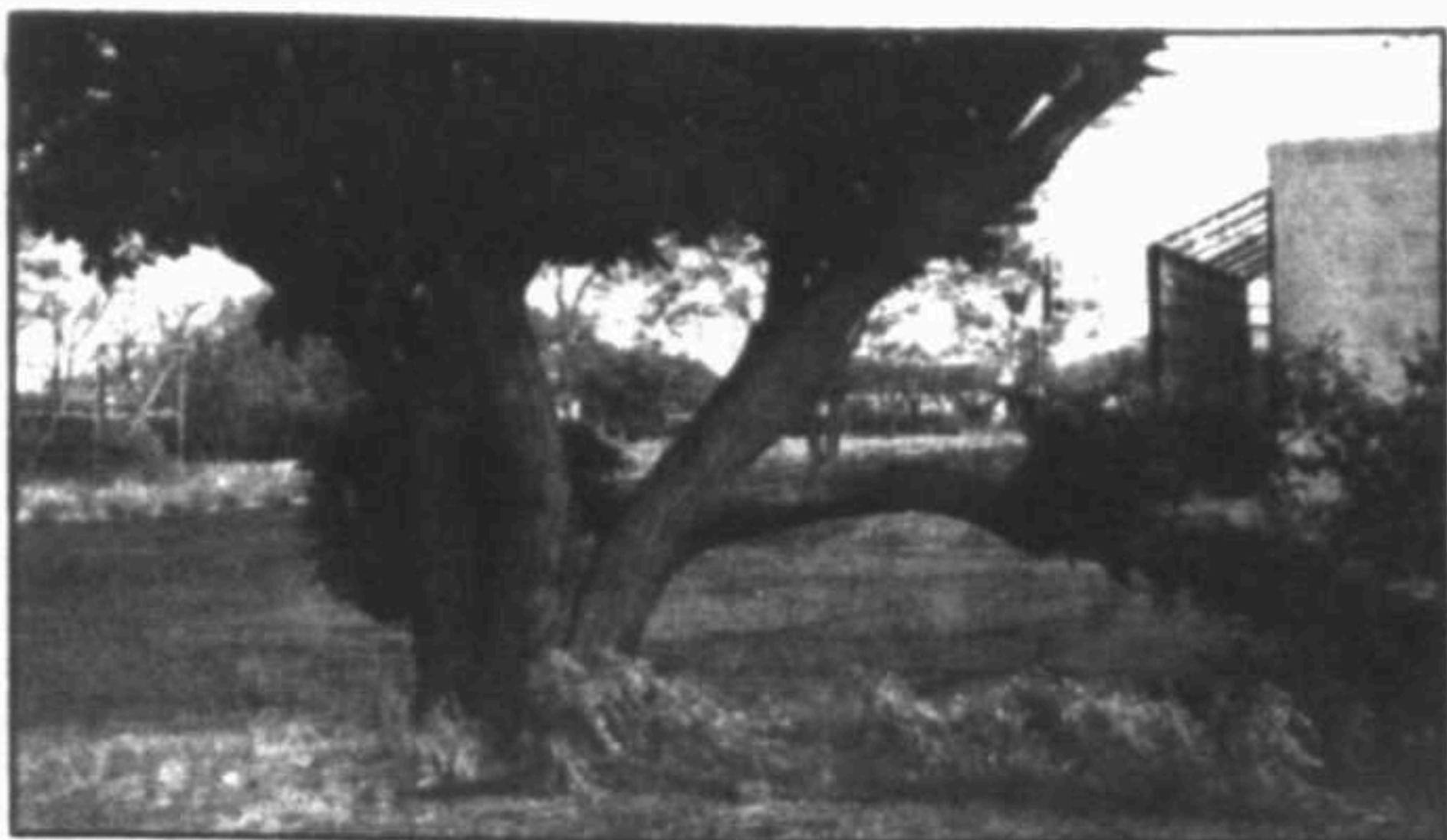




GARDEN

Season's beating

The weak-wooded China berry tree can split, rip and tear with strong winds or too much weight, ruining the tree and presenting a hazard./1D



SPORTS

High ranking

Midland High's tennis team awoke Wednesday to its highest ever state ranking under coach Tom Heiting after the day's 18-0 romp over Midland Lee./1C

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Cassandra Gomez, 1, is held aloft by Ariel Rodriguez, left, as she is extracted from her home near Guayama, Puerto Rico Tuesday. Cassandra, her three sisters and her father were trapped inside their home for nine hours as waters from Hurricane Hortense rushed through the home. Her mother and five others from the house are still missing.

AP Laserphoto

Picking up speed

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Hurricane Hortense smashed the island of Grand Turk with torrents of rain and 90-mph winds Wednesday as it picked up speed and headed toward the United States, leaving 14 dead in its wake.

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Resignations

WASHINGTON — Two of the Clinton administration's senior officials on welfare policy resigned Wednesday in protest of the law President Clinton signed last month ending the federal guarantee of cash assistance to the nation's poorest children.

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New millionaire

One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The ticket was worth an estimated \$12 million. The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 6-10-18-19-21-39.

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1. Saddam Hussein fired a new challenge at the United States on Wednesday, boldly targeting American F-16 jet fighters enforcing a "no-fly zone."
2. The Pentagon ordered a pair of B-52 bombers and eight radar-evading F-117 jets to the vicinity of the Persian Gulf on Wednesday to prepare for possible new hostilities with Iraq.
3. Around 5,000 refugees, arriving on foot or crammed into cars, buses and trucks, crossed into Iran at Basma. A few thousand more are believed to have entered at other border points.

U.S. F-16 Fighting Falcon

Dole vows to fight odds, portrays self as lifelong survivor

WASHINGTON (AP) — Trying to calm GOP jitters, Bob Dole portrayed himself Wednesday as a lifetime survivor against long odds — and for proof displayed an ominous 1945 letter to his father from the Army.

The letter regretfully informed Doran Dole that the recovery of his second-lieutenant son from World War II wounds "is somewhat questionable."

Dole, who spent years in hospitals recuperating, produced the recently discovered letter to underscore that he's overcome daunting odds before.

"I want to say to those faint-hearted people in the audience — there are probably not very many — don't worry about this election, we're going to win. We're going to make it happen."

—Bob Dole

this election, we're going to win. We're going to win. We're going to make it happen," Dole said.

The former Senate majority leader and running mate Jack Kemp spoke at a sparsely attended joint meeting of House and Senate Republicans, many of whom are sharing November ballots with them.

"Don't let anyone dissuade you in this effort," despite disappointing polls, Dole told his audience. He trails President Clinton by about 15 points in major national polls.

Later, at a campaign stop in Hartford, Conn., Dole again exhorted supporters, "Don't pay any attention to the polls."

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Oath of office

U.S. Magistrate L. Stuart Platt slips on his robe with the help of his wife, Carissa. Federal Judge Royal Furgeson, background, administered the oath of office Wednesday. Platt is magistrate for the Midland-Odessa and Pecos divisions of the Western District of Texas.

Kris Gilmore Reporter-Telegram



U.S. set for possible third round with Iraq

■ Pentagon sends B-52 bombers, F-117 jets to vicinity of Persian Gulf after Iraqi missile battery fired SA-6 surface-to-air missile at two U.S. F-16s.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Warning Iraq that America is "not playing games," the Pentagon ordered a pair of B-52 bombers and eight radar-evading F-117 jets to the vicinity of the Persian Gulf on Wednesday to prepare for possible new hostilities.

Defense Secretary William Perry, using uncharacteristically harsh language to discuss an Iraqi attempt to fire on U.S. aircraft in the region, pledged a U.S. response to Saddam Hussein "disproportionate to the provocations which were made against us."

At a campaign rally in Arizona, President Clinton spoke in similar terms. "We will do what we must to protect our people," President Clinton said. "The determination of the United States to deal with the problem of Iraq should not be underestimated."

Later, after meeting with former Sen. Barry

Goldwater in a Phoenix hospital, Clinton said his administration was determined "to manage the situation in an appropriate and disciplined way."

"I think it is important not to let the word war spiral out of hand," he told reporters.

The confrontation between the United States and Iraq began after Iraqi President Saddam sent troops into his country's northern areas in support of one of two contending factions of the country's Kurdish minority. In retaliation, Clinton sent 44 Navy and Air Force cruise missiles to destroy southern Iraq radar sites that might pose a danger to U.S. pilots flying missions to enforce a southern "no-fly" zone barring Iraqi flights.

Republican vice presidential candidate Jack Kemp blamed the Iraqi problem on vacillation by Clinton in formulating foreign policy. "Our alliances are in disarray, and support for our mission is at risk, because President Clinton's policy is vague and uncertain," Kemp said in a statement he issued while campaigning in Georgia. He issued the statement also in the name of the GOP presidential challenger, Bob Dole.

White House spokesman Mike McCurry, asked

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'Midland is our kind of town'

By Joe Gaines

Staff writer

Wednesday, Midland welcomed its newest grocery store, H-E-B, and store officials are hoping the store's size and variety will make customers choose them over the competition.

With a pharmacy, Chinese Kitchen, tobacco shop and wine department, store officials don't just see their competition as other grocery stores like Albertsons and Wal-mart.

"Our competition is broad," Fully Clingman, H-E-B president, said. "We're competing with the

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Grand opening

Food sampling and music from the symphony filled Midland's newest grocery store as shoppers celebrated city's first H-E-B store, which is open 24 hours a day and employs 350.



By Joe Gaines

Staff writer

The newest business in Midland opened its doors Wednesday amidst enough pomp and circumstance that it may as well have been Disney World opening instead of a H-E-B grocery store.

A few days earlier, Midland was given a hint of what to expect from the store when its gasoline station opened. The station's price on regular unleaded gasoline, \$1.09, was nearly ten cents lower than the cheapest competitor.

The low-price gasoline resulted in long lines at the pumps and prompted nearby stations and others to lower their prices as well.

The celebration of Midland's first H-E-B store, which is open 24 hours and employs 350, started with a ribbon cutting attended by Mayor Bobby Burns, members of the Midland Cham-

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At left, H-E-B President Fully Clingman, left, chats with Charles Butt, chairman and chief executive officer, during the store's grand opening Wednesday.

Above, customers make their way through the meat section and to the more than 16 check-out stands.

Photos by Brian Adamcik

Telltale symptoms suggest Edgar Allan Poe died of rabies, not drunkenness

NEW YORK (AP) — Edgar Allan Poe didn't die drunk in a Baltimore gutter, according to the first scientific study of the writer's final days. The telltale facts suggest rabies instead.

Dr. R. Michael Benitez, a cardiologist who practices a mere block from the writer's grave, says it's true that the master of the macabre was seen in a bar on Lombard Street on an election day dreary in October 1849, delirious and possibly wearing somebody else's soiled clothes. But Poe wasn't drunk.

"I think Poe is much maligned in that respect," said Benitez, an assistant pro-

fessor of medicine at the University of Maryland Medical Center.

He describes Poe's last days in a medical horror story as dramatic as the writer's most gruesome tales.

The author of "The Raven" and "The Murders in the Rue Morgue" entered the hospital comatose, but by the next day was perspiring heavily, hallucinating and shouting at imaginary companions. The day after that, he seemed better but couldn't remember falling ill. On his fourth day at

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WEATHER WATCH

Today mostly cloudy, chance of rain

Staff Report

The forecast for today calls for mostly cloudy skies and a 30 percent chance of rain, a high of 80-85 and southeast winds at 5-15 mph becoming east in the afternoon, according to the National Weather Service.

Tonight should be mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers or thundershowers and a low near 60.

Friday should be mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain and a high in the lower 80s.

After an overnight low of 63, Wednesday's high reached 86, compared to the record high for that date of 102 set in 1930. The record low was 50 set in 1935.

STATE

As high pressure hung over Texas, clear skies and warm temperatures dominated weather statewide Wednesday.

Throughout North Texas, temperatures generally hit the lower 90s with highs ranging from 91 degrees at Dallas Love Field and Fort Hood, to 84 degrees at Nacogdoches. Partly cloudy skies with lows in the mid-60s and highs in the upper 80s will continue throughout the week.

Temperatures in South Texas ranged from the mid-80s to the low 90s under clear to partly cloudy skies. The lower Rio Grande Valley experienced mostly cloudy skies with the possibility of widely scattered showers and thundershowers through today. Highs were expected in the mid-80s along the coast and mid-90s in the rest of the region. Overnight lows will dip into the mid-60s in the Hill Country and mid 70s elsewhere.

Rain-cooled air Wednesday kept the Big Bend region's high temperatures in the 70s. The rest of West Texas experienced partly sunny skies and temperatures in the 80s. Thundershowers are expected through Friday. Cooler air from the north today might bring high temperatures into the mid 70s in the Panhandle and the mid 90s in the Big Bend. Lows will range from the low 50s in the Panhandle to 70s in the extreme south.

NATION

Just as North Carolina tries to clean up from Hurricane Fran, a band of storms dumped more rain Wednesday, aggravating flooding problems in already-saturated areas. It also rained in parts of the West and Midwest.

Storms stretched from New England to Florida, the heaviest along the Carolina coastline and over Washington, D.C. This area received as much as 2 inches of rain in just 1 1/2 hours.

More than 1,000 people were told to leave their homes in North Carolina as creeks and rivers surged over banks in the eastern part of the state. Roads were closed because of high waters.

The flooding extended to Washington, D.C., where a surging Potomac already bloated from Fran washed over Independence Avenue, which runs along the river and between the Jefferson and Lincoln memorials.

Many areas in South Carolina received well over 3 inches of rain, including Charleston, at 3.8 inches, and Ridgeville, at 3.38. Wilmington, N.C., and Roanoke, Va., each received 2.14 inches of rain.

Showers and thundershowers also rumbled along a cold front across southern Iowa and northern Missouri. Other storms swept across Arizona through Utah and southern Idaho. This was due to a strong surge of tropical moisture northward.

Behind Fran, Hurricane Hortense picked up speed as it headed up the Atlantic Ocean after hitting Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic. The National Hurricane Center said there was a slight chance the hurricane would cross the Bahamas and come within 65 miles of West Palm Beach and Fort Pierce on Florida's east coast Friday.

But forecasters say it's more likely a weather trough in the mid-Atlantic states will keep the hurricane offshore, pushing the storm north and possibly targeting the Northeast and New England by Sunday.

Temperatures Wednesday ranged from a morning low of 31 shared by Wildhorse Reservation, Nev., and Leadville, Colo., to a midday high of 96 at Palm Springs, Calif.

Also see our expanded weather coverage and map on page 8B.

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery: 6-10-18-21-39. Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot: \$12 million.

Pick 3 Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-4-3.

CHAIN: Midland has one of largest stores

(From 1A)

drug stores and the fast food chains."

Customer demands on grocery stores have changed and increased over the last ten years, Clingman said.

"They want a shopping experience that is enjoyable but short," he said. "They are looking to spend less time in the supermarket and want it to be simple."

In addition, customers want to be given the nutritional value of their foods to make sure the food they choose is safe and healthy, he said.

H-E-B plans to provide that and

more, he said.

"We want to give our customers a superior product, low prices, better service and better people," he said.

On lower prices, H-E-B began by beating prices at other gas stations in town, but Butt would not say if that trend would continue.

"Gas prices are always changing," Butt said.

H-E-B has more than 233 stores across Texas, with Midland's being its farthest west. But that won't be for long with another store in Odessa soon and two more planned in Monterrey, N.M. next year, Charles Butt, H-E-B chairman said.

The chain also has a new store in Louisiana, but it has no plans for a greater country-wide expansion, Clingman said.

"We still have a lot of work to do in Texas and right now we're doing the best we can do," Clingman said.

Midland has one of the largest H-E-B stores in Texas, only four others are the same size.

"We needed a large store in Midland to compete with our competition in freshness," Butt said. "With the large store we can have real turn over in our seafood, produce and meat sections, giving the customer the freshest products."

Midland was chosen for a store

because it is has had a stable economy and has seen a lot of growth recently, Clingman said.

"Midland is our kind of town," Clingman said. "They fought through their recession and we are overwhelmed by the response we are getting."

Midland was studied a long time before store officials decided to build, Butt said.

"Midland is an important city to us," Butt said. "It was challenging to find a location here and that took some time. But we are thoroughly impressed and this is the kind of town we wanted."

OPEN: H-E-B begins serving shoppers

(From 1A)

ber of Commerce and store management and the Lee High School Band.

After the ribbon was cut, the doors and the flood gate of shoppers opened. As the shoppers filled their baskets, they were treated to a number of food samples from the store's various departments.

Shrimp was handed out in front of the seafood department that offered everything from trout to green-lipped clams. Samples of plumcot, a mix between a plum and an apricot were given in the produce section along with pineapple and cantaloupe and sauteed mushrooms.

If the samples weren't enough, there were musicians from the

Midland-Odessa Symphony to help customers enjoy their shopping experience, including Jack Hawke who played the piano near the checkout lanes.

The seafood department alone may be enough for Maria Cardoza of Gardendale to change where she shops — that and because her brother-in-law works at H-E-B.

"I usually shop at Wal-Mart, but H-E-B has lower prices and their seafood department is better," she said.

Cardoza and her children braved the crowd along with another shopper, Maggie Lopez, who didn't realize the store had opened that day.

"I didn't know it was going to be like this," she said. "We were going to turn back, but we could-

n't get out of the parking lot."

Lopez is the type of shopper H-E-B is hoping to convert with its variety. Even though she wasn't sure if she would change from Albertsons, she was impressed by the store's variety.

She had just put a multipack of Pop-Tarts into her cart that she usually gets at Target, the only other store to sell them in that size.

The 92,000 square-foot store has product variety and specialty departments, including a Chinese Kitchen and coffee bar, that are seen as an edge over the competition, store management said.

While Lopez may still be undecided, another shopper had already decided to switch.

Virginia Robertson said she loves the H-E-B store near a rela-

tive's home in San Antonio and couldn't wait for one to open in Midland.

"I've just seen a whole lot more here, and different things too, like brands I've never seen before," she said.

Agreeing with her was Sharla-ree Campbell, who said the store had a great selection.

"Look. They have a bar full of olives. A bar of olives. You can use that to make an authentic greek salad," she said.

Campbell's daughter, Chynna, was tasting brie for the first time from a sample given to her. She didn't like it.

"That's odd for a girl whose middle name is Brie," her mom said.

POE: Doctor thinks author died of rabies

(From 1A)

Washington College Hospital, Poe again grew confused and belligerent, then quieted down and died.

That's a classic case of rabies, said Benitez, whose diagnosis appears in the September issue of the Maryland Medical Journal. And there are other clues, too.

During the brief period when he was calm and awake, Poe refused alcohol and could drink water only with great difficulty. Rabies victims frequently exhibit hydrophobia, or fear of water, because it's painful for them to swallow.

Although there's no evidence that a rabid animal bit Poe in the days before he succumbed, that doesn't cast much doubt on Benitez' theory. About a quarter of rabies victims can't remember being bitten at all. And once a person is infected, the symptoms of rabies can take up to a year to

appear.

But once the symptoms do show up, rabies is a swift and brutal killer. Most patients die within a few days.

Poe "had all the features of encephalitic rabies," said Dr. Henry Wilde, who frequently treats rabies at Chulalongkorn University Hospital in Bangkok, Thailand.

Although it has been well-established that Poe died in the hospital, legend has it he succumbed in the gutter, a victim of his debauched ways. The legend may have been fostered by his doctor, who in later years became a temperance advocate and changed the details to make an object lesson of Poe's death.

Poe scholars welcomed the diagnosis as the first scientifically valid assessment of Poe's death. Jeff Jerome, curator of the Edgar Allan Poe House and Museum in Baltimore, said he has heard

dozens of wild tales, but "almost everyone who has come forth with a theory has offered no proof."

Some versions have him lying unconscious under the steps of the Baltimore Museum before being taken to the hospital. Others put his prostrate form on planks suspended between two barrels outside a Lombard Street tavern.

In most versions of the story, Poe is wearing someone else's grimy clothes, having been robbed of his own fine white suit.

Whatever the facts, Poe almost certainly didn't die of alcohol poisoning or withdrawal, Jerome said.

The writer was so sensitive to alcohol that a glass of wine would make him violently ill for days. Poe may have had problems with alcohol as a younger man, Jerome said, but by the time of his death at 40 the author almost always stayed clear of the bottle.

Benitez took on Poe's case as part of a clinical pathologic conference, a common exercise at academic hospitals. Doctors are presented with a hypothetical patient and a description of the person's symptoms, then are asked to diagnose the patient and present their findings.

Benitez didn't know at first that he'd been assigned Poe because his patient was described only as "E.P., a writer from Richmond." But by the time he was scheduled to present his findings a few weeks later, he'd figured it out.

"There was a conspicuous lack in this report of things like CT scans and MRIs," Benitez said. "I started to say to myself, this doesn't look like it's from the 1990s. ... Then it dawned on me that E.P. was Edgar Poe."

THIRD: U.S. prepares to respond to Saddam

(From 1A)

if the administration is worried that Iraq is becoming a political issue, said he had heard of Kemp's comments. "I'd say, as we've said in the past, that when we're facing provocative behavior by Saddam Hussein, the United States will fulfill its mission in the region best when we speak with one voice," McCarthy said.

Earlier Wednesday, an Iraqi missile battery fired an SA-6 surface-to-air missile at two U.S. F-16s patrolling the "no-fly" zone in northern Iraq.

"Very foolish" is how Perry characterized the Iraqi decision to fire.

"Iraq air defense crews were playing some kind of a game. They will very soon learn we are not playing games," Perry told reporters questioning him after a speaking appearance in Washington.

The normally soft-spoken defense secretary, clearly irritated, said it was lucky the Iraqis activated their radar only long enough to wildly dispatch one missile. "If they'd had it on any longer than that," he said, "they would have had an anti-radiation missile down their throats."

Missiles used against such installations home in on radar

emissions, find and destroy the unit. The F-16s returned to their base in Turkey unscathed. A pair of F-15 fighter jets was dispatched to search out the missile launcher but did not find it, Pentagon officials said.

The incident was Iraqi President Saddam's second rebuff to the Clinton administration in two days. On Tuesday, Pentagon officials confirmed Iraqi crews were rebuilding air defense installations destroyed this month by U.S. cruise missiles, something Washington has warned him in writing not to do.

At the State Department, spokesman Nick Burns was equally blunt about that.

"Should he do so, we reserve the right to take any military action we wish to counter the reconstitution of an air defense system," Burns said. "Saddam Hussein is on notice."

Perry confirmed that F-117 stealth fighter-bombers were ordered into the region but would not say how many or where they would go. Speaking anonymously, an administration official said eight would be dispatched to Kuwait, which authorized them to land.

On Capitol Hill, Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., a leading member of the Senate's Foreign Relations

and Intelligence committees, urged "more extensive air strikes" and criticized the administration for taking half-measures.

"We should not stop until Saddam Hussein's regime is crippled and incapable of harassing its neighbors and destabilizing the Middle East," Lugar said.

But Barbara Starr, the Washington bureau chief for Jane's Defense Weekly and a specialist on cruise missiles, said Washington remains in the difficult position it was in during the 1991 Persian Gulf War: it has limited capability to mount strikes against Saddam's mobile missile units and his intricate underground bunkers.

"The United States still lacks a really good conventional weapon to use against a buried target," she said. "Saddam can continue to bury his facilities deeper than we can reach them."

And the mobility of some of Saddam's missile units causes other problems, she said, because it makes them best targeted by manned aircraft and not cruise missiles.

The eight-engine B-52s were flying to the Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia from their base on Guam. Planes flew from Guam last week for the first of two cruise missile strikes.

The F-117s, manned by a single

pilot, must fly from Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico to the Persian Gulf. Although the aircraft can be refueled in flight, the trip still could take close to a full day.

The newly deployed aircraft will join the estimated 130 U.S. warplanes already in the region.

Saudi Arabia did not allow U.S. aircraft based there to fly in the first round of attacks against Iraq, and continued inability to use those aircraft would severely limit chances for a major air strike against Iraqi targets.

Until the F-117s are in place, the burden could be on the B-52s and 70-plus aircraft on board the carrier USS Carl Vinson, whose battle group is in the Persian Gulf. A second carrier, the Enterprise, is in the Adriatic and could be moved if needed to the eastern Mediterranean, officials said.

"If you have to go back and use manned aircraft, you are talking about a much more significant military operation," Ms. Starr of Jane's said.

She said such a force requires the use of tankers, airborne warning and control aircraft and fighters to defend the bombers. "There really are no perfect options," she said.

FIGHT: Dole tells audience not to worry

(From 1A)

He also told a business audience there that his election-year call for big tax cuts might seem at odds with his long Senate record. "None of us are perfect and we've all got voting records ... but it's time we moved on this complicated, outdated tax code of ours," he said.

The Capitol Hill session — in the auditorium-sized House Ways and Means Committee hearing room — was arranged as a pep rally to help quiet fears that Dole's struggling campaign could endanger GOP control of the House and Senate.

In some districts, Republicans have been distancing themselves from the national ticket and seeking to share some of the credit with President Clinton for the growing economy.

During his 35-year congressional career, Dole seldom talked about the war wounds that robbed him of any use of his right arm and hand. But he has been referring to his experiences as he campaigns.

He read aloud from a Dec. 27, 1945, letter to his father from a second lieutenant at the Percy Jones General Hospital in Battle Creek, Mich., where Dole was taken after being shot in Italy. He said he came upon the letter two weeks ago while looking through archives.

"We regret to inform you that your son, Robert J. Dole, who was admitted to this hospital on 10 October 1945, is seriously ill with pulmonary infection. At the present time it would appear that his recovery is somewhat questionable."

Dole told a suddenly hushed audience the letter "indicates that I've, you know, I've been in a tough spot before ..."

"I understand you have your ups and downs in this business, you have your ups and downs in this life. But the bottom line is, if you're optimistic, if you have the right message, if you believe in the American people. ... We're going to do it again, we're going to win on Nov. 5, 1996."

In remarks that, at times, appeared aimed at buoying his own spirits as much as those of fellow Republicans, Dole said: "Each of us has been in close races, tough races. ... The polls go up and down, and people get discouraged. But the candidate can never get discouraged. The candi-

date has to be optimistic."

"We are behind right now," he conceded. But, he added, "We're out there working every day." Dole also campaigned Wednesday in Connecticut and Delaware.

Dole and Kemp, who represented upstate New York in the House for 15 years, were received with applause that was warm and long. But only about 120 Republican members — out of 288 — showed up for the morning event. Many seats were filled by staffers.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott blamed a morning rain storm, the early hour (8:30 a.m.) and the fact that the House was not yet in session. "We didn't even know anything about this until midafternoon Monday," he said.

Later, Connecticut Gov. John Rowland, a former House member, told reporters on Dole's campaign plane that Dole was pleased with the way he was received. Such pep talks can be helpful, particularly to House members, Rowland said. "Nature of the beast. They're running every two years. It always makes them a little edgy."

Meanwhile, Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle suggested playfully that Dole had come to Capitol Hill "to take his orders" from House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

Gingrich, who spoke briefly before Kemp and Dole, praised the ticket for "courage and tenacity."

If there were any fainthearted in the audience, they weren't admitting it. Sen. Larry Pressler, R-S.D., locked in a tough re-election race, called Dole's performance "a great speech" that "showed a lot of optimism."

And Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, R-Colo., said Dole's speech showed "if anything, he's getting stronger."

Noting he'd been down by similar numbers, Campbell said: "I don't have any faith in polls anymore. These polls indicating that he can't win. I think that's malarkey."

Dole later said he was pleased with the session and seeing so many longtime friends. "I didn't see any anxious people," he told reporters.

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WORLD IN BRIEF

American plane turns back to Britain

GLASGOW, Scotland (AP) — A Chicago-bound American Airlines flight returned to Britain on Wednesday after a passenger found a threatening note in a seat pocket.

Flight 47 had departed London at 2:39 p.m. and was off the coast of Scotland when the pilot was alerted about the note and decided to interrupt the flight.

The Boeing 767 landed at an airport in Glasgow, Scotland at 5:35 p.m. The 179 passengers and 14 crew members were evacuated, airport spokeswoman Pamela McTaggart said.

Scottish police searched the plane and found nothing.

"Clearly, the incident was a hoax," American Airlines spokesman Ian Burns said, adding that the airline would conduct an investigation.

John Hotard, American Airlines spokesman in Dallas, said the company would not reveal the contents of the note.

Ariane puts U.S. satellite in orbit

PARIS (AP) — An Ariane 4 rocket blasted off from French Guyana and placed a U.S. television satellite into orbit, officials for the European Space Agency said Wednesday.

The Ariane lifted off at 9:01 p.m. Tuesday from Kourou, the ESA launch site in South America.

The EchoStar-2, built by Lockheed-Martin, is to relay TV programs with digital technology for the next 10 years. It will operate in conjunction with EchoStar-1, launched by in December last year. Together, the two satellites can relay up to 200 TV channels.

It was the ninth Ariane launch this year and the 91st for Ariane 4. The next launch is planned for mid-October.

The ESA suffered a major setback in June when its Ariane 5 rocket blew up shortly after takeoff on its maiden launch, destroying four solar energy research satellites. The company blamed the mishap on software design errors.

ESA said the next Ariane 5 launch is not likely before March.

Report: Hammer caused explosion

MOSCOW (AP) — A missile warhead exploded in the Russian Far East last weekend when soldiers tried to break open the casing with a hammer in hopes of finding precious metals, a leading newspaper reported Wednesday.

All three died when the warhead of a S-125 Neva surface-to-air missile exploded Sunday morning.

The daily newspaper Izvestia said some newer models do have components containing gold and platinum. But the warhead the soldiers tried to open was an older model without precious metals.

Sunday's incident was just the latest example of carelessness and corruption inside Russia's demoralized armed forces, Izvestia said, describing the problem as severe in the Russian Far East. "Thefts of weapons, munitions and explosives have acquired an unprecedented scale in Far Eastern military units," it said.

The conscripts were able to steal the warhead because the officer in charge left the keys unguarded, according to Izvestia.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

Court convicts 2 more in Rabin assassination

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Two accomplices helped plot the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, an Israeli court ruled Wednesday, convicting the avowed assassin's brother and friend for conspiracy.

Yigal Amir is already serving a life sentence for the Nov. 4 murder at a Tel Aviv peace rally. He was convicted of conspiracy Wednesday along with his brother, Hagai and their friend, Dror Adani.

The three will be sentenced Oct. 3. They face a maximum of 29 years in prison.

Yigal Amir smiled as Judge Amnon Strasnov read the three-judge panel's verdict.

Defense lawyers said they would appeal the convictions.

All three defendants pleaded innocent to the conspiracy charges when the trial opened April 17.

Yigal Amir claimed he acted alone and Hagai Amir told the court that while he knew of his brother's plan to kill the prime minister, he didn't think he would go through with it.

But Strasnov said "Hagai's claim that he didn't take Yigal's threats seriously did not convince me."

Adani's defense claimed he had only vague knowledge of the plan and didn't actually take part. But Strasnov cited Adani's own testimony in which he said he gave the Amir brothers his gun and suggested the three plant explosives in the prime minister's car.

"Adani was involved in the plans and agreed to carry them out," Strasnov said.

Strasnov also rejected defense claims that Hagai and Adani were coerced under interrogation into making incriminating statements.

All three defendants sat together on the defense bench, occasionally exchanging smiles and comments and waving and winking at family members in the courtroom. At one point Yigal flashed his relatives a thumbs-up signal.

Adani's lawyer, Zion Amir, said the verdict was "not surprising," but added that the judges based their findings "more on public opinion than the law."

Yigal Amir, a religiously obser-

vant Jew and former law student, says he shot Rabin to stop the prime minister from giving "land God promised to the Jews" to the Palestinians.

Yigal Amir and Adani, who met while serving in the elite Golani brigade of the Israeli army, were also convicted of conspiring to kill Palestinians.

The prosecution claimed the three men had planned to attack Palestinian prisoners released by Israel as part of its peace deals with the PLO.

Eight people besides Yigal Amir were originally arrested on suspicion of conspiring to assassinate Rabin. Charges against five were eventually dropped. A soldier, Sgt. Eric Schwartz, was convicted in a military court trial of providing the Amir brothers with army ammunition.

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Official: Most Russian drinking water polluted

MOSCOW (AP) — Seventy percent of Russia's drinking water is so polluted that it fails to meet even minimal safety standards, an official said Wednesday.

It doesn't meet "our own lenient standards, least of all fairly tough world requirements," Nikolai Mikhayev, head of the government water agency, said at a news conference.

According to the Interfax news agency, Mikhayev proposed looking for new underground springs to supply 30 percent of the water for Moscow, a city of about 10 million people.

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He told guards he was just fixing the plumbing. But police said he later confessed to claiming he was inspired by the 1966 film "How to Steal a Million."

The theft had him being Mohammed Salim, a director, told Press. "He even prints behind."

Police said an unemployed 25-year-old man was under a display of He then sneaked into rooms that housed treasures of Tutankhamun.

He unscrewed and stole a gold bracelet, a gold

Rebel leave 1

BUJUMBURA — Sixteen people, rebels and two soldiers, were killed in separate guerrilla attacks on northern Burundi, a spokesman said.

The assaults on Tuesday, a day after the Roman Catholic Burundi was riddled with six ambushes.

The military protected a camp 27 miles north of Bujumbura, replacing the ethnic Hutu rebels who had claimed about 100 Burundi since October.

Although the Hutu makes up 85 percent of the 5.6 million people, the Tutsi controlled the country since independence from Belgium.

Meanwhile, the rebels had recovered the bodies of two nuns and a child who were traveling with bishop Joachim Ndayishimiye. The search for the bodies of the driver's two children was still ongoing, said Lt. Col. Long.

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McDougal should pay for silence

Susan McDougal, sent to jail Monday for contempt of court because she refused to tell a federal grand jury in Little Rock, Ark. what she knew about President Clinton's Whitewater involvement, ostensibly is convicting Clinton as much through her silence as she would be if she testified.

McDougal also is facing a two-year prison sentence assessed in August after she, her husband James McDougal and former Arkansas Gov. Jim Guy Tucker were convicted of fraud and conspiracy charges in connection with the Whitewater real estate development.

In addition to that, Mrs. McDougal is still to be tried in California on a 10-count indictment that accuses her of systematically looting more than \$150,000 from conductor Zubin Mehta and his wife, Nancy, between June 1989 and July 1992 while McDougal was an assistant and bookkeeper to Mrs. Mehta.

But first comes McDougal's jail time for not cooperating with the federal courts by testifying before the grand jury. The question that immediately surfaces is what has she got to hide. Why does she believe that she must remain

silent? Is it to protect Bill and Hillary Clinton or to keep the truth from ever seeing the light of day? Voters this November will have to make that determination for themselves, but McDougal's silence about Clinton's involvement in the land development cries loudly that there's more here than meets the eye.

Prosecutors wisely asked federal Judge Susan Webber Wright NOT to subtract the time McDougal serves on the contempt charge from her assessed prison sentence. If that were done it would make the contempt citation meaningless.

As it now stands, McDougal could remain incarcerated on the contempt citation until she agrees to cooperate, until the judge decides to release her or until the term of the Whitewater grand jury expires a year from now.

That is appropriate. Susan McDougal has information that the federal grand jury needs and that potentially could affect the outcome of the Whitewater case and the November presidential election.

She should pay a penalty if she chooses not to divulge that information to the court and the American public.

GEORGE WILL

Conservatism causes problems for Dole

WASHINGTON — This presidential season is defined by a double paradox: Bob Dole's campaign is being crushed by the country's conservatism. And by some significant indices, his opponent's record, not just his rhetoric, is more conservative than that of the last Republican president.



Will

With 53 days of campaigning remaining, Bill Clinton is highly competitive even in Arizona, Virginia and Florida, which have not been carried by Democratic presidential candidates since 1948, 1964 and 1976 respectively. The voters' conservatism is making them resistant to Dole's message and tolerant of Clinton's

performance.

Conservatives have told the country that the federal government is less useful than it thinks. Convinced, the country has concluded that stewardship of the government is not nearly as important as it was during the Cold War and when the government had confidence in, and money for, grand domestic designs. This diffidence of the electorate makes it difficult for Dole to communicate a sense of urgency, or even get the electorate's attention.

Dole hoped the issue of Clinton's character would have high saliency. But conservatives have convinced the country that politicians are not generally moral exemplars, so the country is not scandalized by Clinton scandals. Besides, the country's conservatism has caused it to outgrow the statist expectation that politicians can and should set society's moral tone.

Dole blames Clinton for sharply increased drug use since 1992, and promises to stop drugs at the nation's borders. But the conservative country understands the complexity and essential autonomy of the culture, and hence understands that broad behavioral changes are almost never the direct and immediate results of new administrations. And having been tutored by conservatism concerning the government's incompetence, the country disbelieves that the government can even measurably dent the drug problem by performing wonders of interdiction.

The conservative case against President Carter in 1980 emphasized the "misery index," the combined inflation and unemployment rates. With the August unemployment rate of 5.1 percent, the lowest in seven years, today's "misery index" is 8.1 percent, lower than the lowest yearly total recorded in the Reagan-Bush years (8.9 in 1986).

Conservatives preach that "big government" is bad, and that the best measure of bigness is federal spending as a percentage of

GDP. However, Richard McKenzie of the University of California, Irvine, says federal spending in Clinton's term will be 21.1 percent of GDP, a smaller fraction of GDP than in Reagan's first term (23) and his second (21.8).

Conservatives will object that using total federal spending is unfair because Reagan's sharp increase in defense spending contributed to the collapse of the Soviet Union, and hence to the decline of defense spending relative to GDP. Fine, says McKenzie, exclude defense spending.

But then also exclude federal debt service. It is a function of federal debt accumulated primarily under Clinton's post-World War II predecessors, particularly Reagan, but has stabilized as a percentage of GDP in the 1990s. And exclude Social Security and Medicare expenditures, which have increased as a portion of GDP because of the aging of the population.

The remaining federal spending declined under Reagan from 8.9 percent of GDP to 6.3 percent. It rose under Bush but under Clinton has declined from 7.7 percent to 7.1, and McKenzie says three-quarters of the decline during Clinton's term occurred before the arrival of a Republican Congress.

Conservatism deplores deficits. The deficit averaged 5.1 percent of GDP in Reagan's first term, 3.5 in his second, and will have averaged 2.3 in Clinton's term.

Finally, conservatism teaches realism — looking facts in the face — and hence inoculates the country against extravagant expectations.

So the country's conservatism disposes it to skepticism about the core of Dole's campaign, his promise to cut taxes 15 percent while balancing the budget (and protecting Social Security and Medicare, as he recently said in Florida, and protecting veterans programs, as he recently assured a veterans convention, and protecting the Department of Energy's labs in New Mexico, as he recently said in New Mexico).

Jonathan Rauch coined the term "demoscrosis" to describe the disease that makes government resistant to large change. It is resistant precisely because it has been responsive to so many intense factions. Today, writing in the National Journal, Rauch notes that unreality is flourishing among some conservatives: "It is the right more than the left that clings to the millennialist visions of a transformed government." He recommends conservatives adopt an attitude of "enlightened defeatism" because: "Taxpayers will not allow the government to do much more than it does now. But government's client groups will not allow it to do much less."

The conservative victory of 1994 forced the debate that came to this conclusion. Dole's fundamental problem is that the country is conservative and, if not content, reconciled.

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CAL THOMAS

Clinton should beware Dole's character bomb

President Clinton's little Iraq attack is nothing compared to the character bomb the Dole campaign appears ready to drop on its opponent.



Thomas

The New York Daily News reports that Dole plans to launch a hard-hitting television barrage within a few weeks that may include a "Clinton Hall of Shame," showing pictures of disgraced Democratic aides. Will a 30-second commercial be sufficient to list them all?

Walter Mondale tried the character attack strategy in 1984 — the "sleaze factor" — his campaign called it. It didn't work because, while some members of Ronald Reagan's administration might have engaged in unethical or illegal behavior, voters considered Reagan's personal character above reproach.

Not so with Bill Clinton, who should be known by the company he keeps.

The president knows he is more vulnerable on the character issue than any other. That's why he attempted to preempt it in his acceptance speech in Chicago. He promised he wouldn't talk about other people's character in this campaign. That's because Bob Dole has

character, and Clinton doesn't.

Dole hinted he might travel the character road (the press is likely to call it mud-slinging) in his Sept. 3 speech to the American Legion. Reporters focused on his remarks about Iraq, but later in the speech Dole reminded us that "beliefs," not economics or feeling good, are the foundation "on which American greatness depends."

He said that he and President Clinton have "a basic conflict of vision" and contrasted his and Clinton's approach to government as the solution to our problems. "For Bill Clinton," said Dole, "the desire to help us has become an excuse to rule us.... Our government must not lose its compassion, but it must be forced to lose its imperial arrogance."

Dole said that so much depends on getting the basic things right. That is what he meant in San Diego when he said he hoped the voters would allow him to be a bridge to the past. It isn't about going backward. Clinton's generation blew up the bridge. Dole wants to rebuild it in order to retrieve the values and principles we left behind in our race toward materialism and pleasure. Then, having reclaimed them, we could move into the future with our personal and national priorities straight.

If the Dole campaign decides to lob the character bomb, it must be careful that it doesn't present a "holier-than-thou" attitude. The commercials should focus less on Dole and more on the standard so frequently abandoned

by members of this administration and their cronies.

The question that will be answered in this strategy is whether those swing voters apparently moving toward Clinton can be shamed the way their mothers and grandmothers once admonished them by appealing not to their inner selves but to something outside themselves. Or as Maureen Dowd wrote last Sunday in The New York Times concerning the departed but soon-to-be-rewarded aide Dick Morris: "By getting extravagantly rewarded for stripping authenticity from public life, and proving you can get further fixing an image than fixing on a principle, Dick Morris showed there is no floor to our shamelessness.... Doing something heinous used to get you into trouble. Now it gets you into a higher tax bracket. We're playing by Morris rules now. There is no honor, no reticence, no loyalty."

Who is Dowd indicting? Is it Clinton? Is it Morris? No, it is us! If we buy the image-without-substance campaign the Clinton people are effectively selling, if we say that character and honor and integrity don't count in our leaders, we will be saying that such things don't count in us. Is that the message we want to send over that bridge Clinton says he'll build to the 21st century? Is that how we want to be remembered by future generations?

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ANOTHER VIEW

Libyan philanthropist really divisive force

The government made the right decision in denying Louis Farrakhan, leader of the Nation of Islam, permission to accept a \$1 billion gift from Libya.

The Nation of Islam contends that Libya's gift would be used for economic development.

But Libya's leader Moammar Gadhafi seemingly has a very different take on his promised gift. According to Libya's official news agency, Gadhafi has said the gift would create "a loophole to enter the fortress (of American politics) and to confront it from within."

This is the same man whose

"divide and rule" policy in Africa supports the brutal, slavery-tolerant regime in the Sudan, promotes chaos in Chad, underwrites military dictators in West Africa, and armed the warlords of Liberia.

The federal government should employ every legal means to keep the Libyan dictator's money out of Farrakhan's hands. More important, Americans should see Farrakhan for the divisive force that he is, not the philanthropist he pretends to be.

— The Post and Courier
 Charleston, S.C.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Sept. 12th, the 256th day of 1996. There are 110 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history: On September 12th, 1609, English explorer Henry Hudson sailed into the river that now bears his name.

On this date: In 1814, the Battle of North Point was fought near Baltimore during the War of 1812.

In 1938, in a speech in Nuremberg, Adolf Hitler demanded self-determination for the Sudeten Germans in Czechoslovakia.

In 1943, German paratroopers took Benito Mussolini from the hotel where he was being held by the Italian government.

In 1944, during World War II, U.S. Army troops entered Germany for the first time, near Trier.

In 1953, Massachusetts Sen. John F. Kennedy married Jacqueline Lee Bouvier in Newport, R.I.

In 1960, Democratic presidential candidate John F. Kennedy addressed the issue of his Roman Catholic faith, telling a Protestant group in Houston, "I do not speak for my church on public matters,

and the church does not speak for me."

In 1966, the situation comedy "Family Affair" premiered on CBS television.

In 1968, "The Monkees" debuted on NBC-TV.

In 1974, Emperor Haile Selassie was deposed by Ethiopia's military, after ruling for 58 years.

In 1977, South African black student leader Steven Biko died while in police custody, triggering an international outcry.

In 1988, Hurricane Gilbert slammed into Jamaica with torrential rains and winds of 145 mph, killing 45 people and causing damage estimated at up to \$1 billion.

Ten years ago: Joseph Ciccipio, the acting comptroller at the American University in Beirut, was kidnapped; he was released in December 1991. The United States released Soviet physicist Gennadiy Zakharov and the Soviet Union released American journalist Nicholas Daniloff to the custody of their respective countries' embassies, pending their espionage trials.

ART BUCHWALD

Dick Morris could fill a book — if they'd let him

There is good news from the book publishing world.

Dick Morris, the former Clinton advisor, is going to write a book about his successful political career. He is getting \$2 million from Random House to write about his triumphs and his failures, which is peanuts compared to the book deals of other inspirational writers in Washington.

What will Morris put in the book to justify the advance?

He had a meeting with his editor at the Jefferson Hotel last week to go over the subject matter.

The editor said, "Dick, what we're paying for is a family book. Something Al and Tipper Gore would die to read. You are a role model for all political advisors."

"Don't you want any stuff about me with my paid girlfriend?"

"Definitely not! People might misread that

to mean you were fooling around with someone who didn't have security clearance."

"I had a ball. Let me tell you about it. It might give the book some jazz."

"If we include any of your bedroom activities we won't get a plug on 'Hard Copy' and Bill Bennett will refuse to give us a blurb. The reader is interested in knowing what strategy you used to take California and Delaware away from Ross Perot. Why not tell us your ideas for creating jobs for welfare recipients?"

"I'll do it if you let me write about necking with my girl and talking to the president on the phone at the same time."

"Dick, how many times do I have to tell you that we don't want any sleaze in this book? We pride ourselves on squeaky-clean autobiographies, and all we want to know is how Clinton's college tuition program will work."

"I once had a girlfriend in Arizona with an illegitimate daughter. Can I include her in the book?"

"No, you can't. Some people might get the idea that you're lacking in ambition. This will bring the president's judgment into question, and that would be a terrible thing to do. Let's leave all the kinky stuff to The Star and National Enquirer and devote ourselves to

Medicaid, Social Security and what the government can do to save the gypsy moth."

"Are you telling me that you want a Washington book without passion, free love and adultery?"

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"Suppose I wrote it under a pseudonym such as Anonymous? Could I put in all the hanky-panky then?"

"Dick, people are going to buy your book for only one reason. They want to know how the president is going to balance the budget in seven years."

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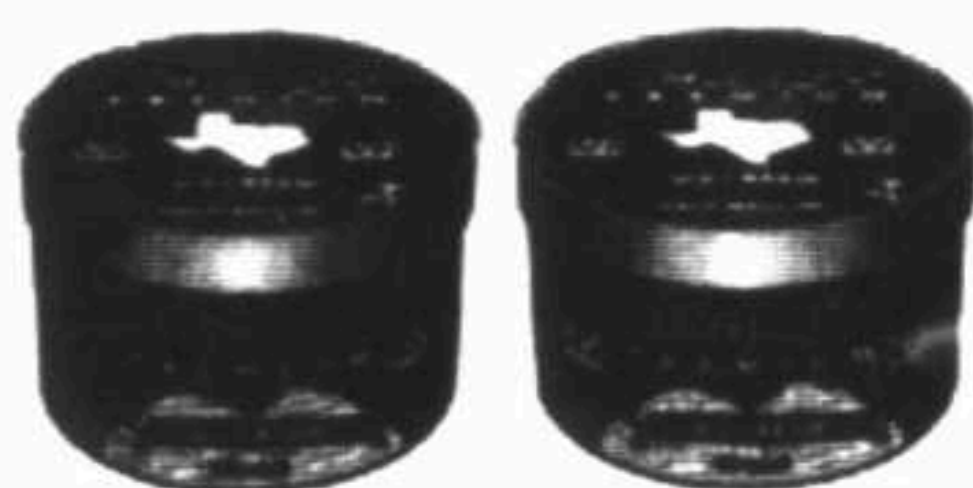


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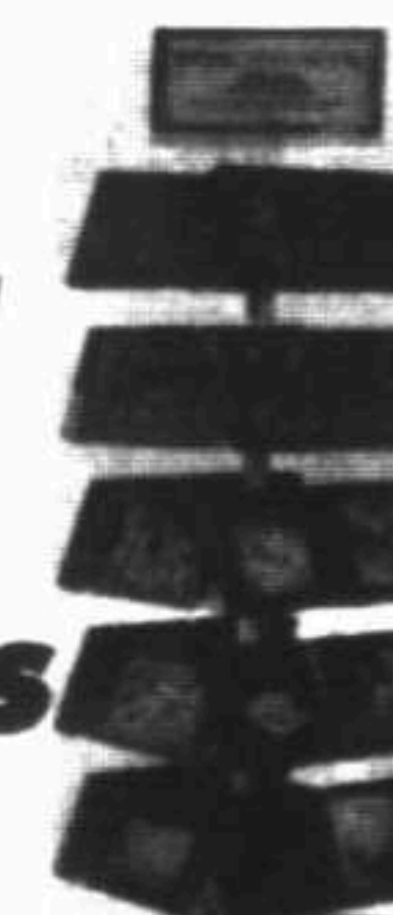
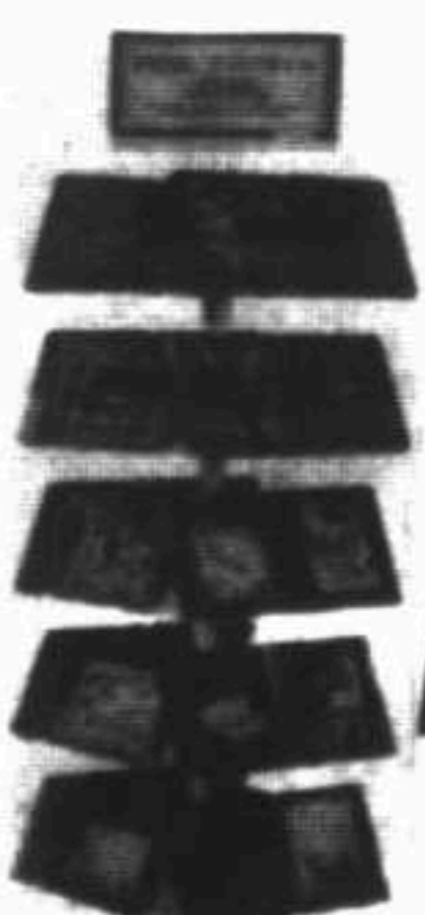
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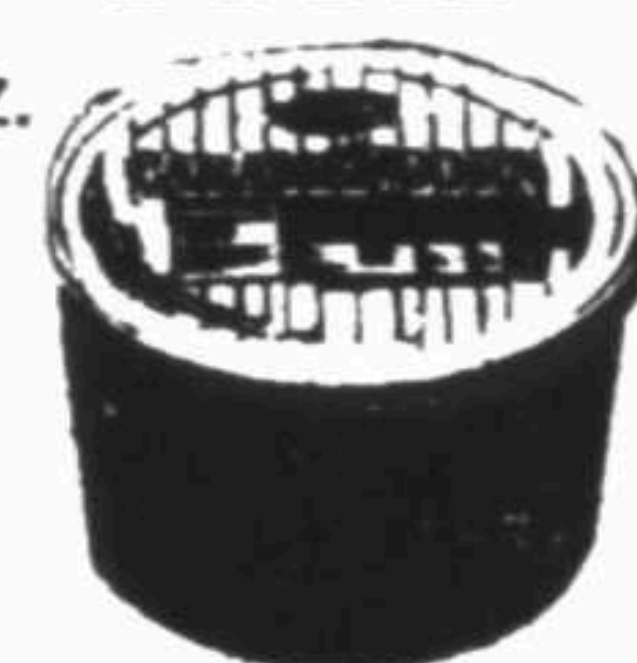
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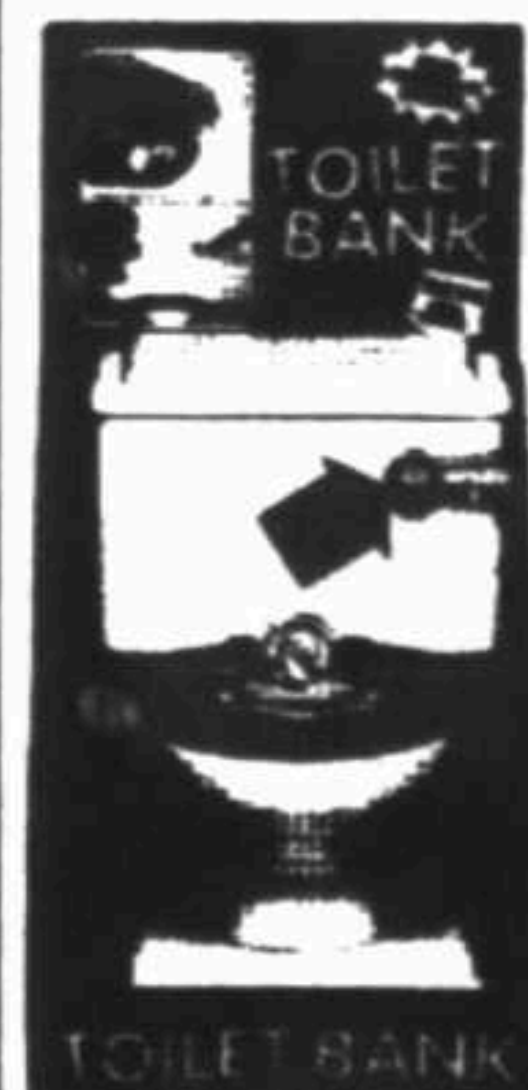


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Officials quit to protest welfare law

N.Y. Times News Service

WASHINGTON — Two of the Clinton administration's senior officials on welfare policy resigned Wednesday in protest of the law President Clinton signed last month ending the federal guarantee of cash assistance to the nation's poorest children.

The departure of the two officials, Mary Jo Bane and Peter B. Edelman, both assistant secretaries at the Department of Health and Human Services, illustrated the continuing deep divisions in the administration over Clinton's decision to approve the Republican welfare legislation, which he said had "serious problems" but which he called "the best chance we will have for a long, long time to complete the work of ending welfare as we know it."

In a memo Wednesday to his staff, Edelman, who has been a longtime friend of the Clintons, said: "I have devoted the last 30-plus years to doing whatever I could to help in reducing poverty in America. I believe the recently enacted welfare bill goes in the opposite direction."

Ms. Bane, in an e-mail message to colleagues noted that her "deep concerns" about the welfare bill "have led me to conclude that I cannot continue to serve" as assistant secretary.

Neither official made clear why they waited until three weeks after Clinton signed the bill, and both declined though spokesmen to be interviewed.

Another high-ranking official of the department, Wendell E. Primus, quit last month, saying that "to remain would be to disown all the analysis my office has produced regarding the impact of the bill." His studies had estimated that the law would push more than a million children into poverty.

The latest resignations came just as the administration and the states are embarking on a difficult and potentially wrenching effort to move millions of adults from welfare to work. It also sets a lifetime limit of five years on benefits to any family and requires most adult recipients to work within two years.

Clinton in recent days has implored churches and businesses alike to use welfare benefits the states could give them as subsidies to create jobs for welfare recipients, saying that to make the transition from aid "morally defensi-

ble and practically possible, there has to be work for those people to do."

Earlier this week state officials attended a series of seminars on the new law in Washington and said they were frustrated by their inability to get authoritative interpretations of its provisions from administration officials.

With the resignations to be effective Sept. 28, the administration moved quickly to elevate the deputies to Edelman and Ms. Bane to be their acting replacements. Officials said Jack Ebeler would be named the acting assistant secretary for planning and evaluation, and Olivia Golden would be named acting assistant secretary for children and families.

Officials said that if Donna Shalala remains as health and human services secretary should Clinton win a second term, the two acting assistant secretaries would be expected to be put forth for Senate

confirmation.

Dr. Shalala herself had been a tenacious critic of the welfare bill, but she has argued to angry liberals in recent weeks that they needed to support Clinton so he could fight for changes in the legislation.

After the Republicans won control of Congress in 1994, they quickly seized the initiative on welfare, proposing to give the states control of welfare policy and trim spending on the program by \$54 billion over six years.

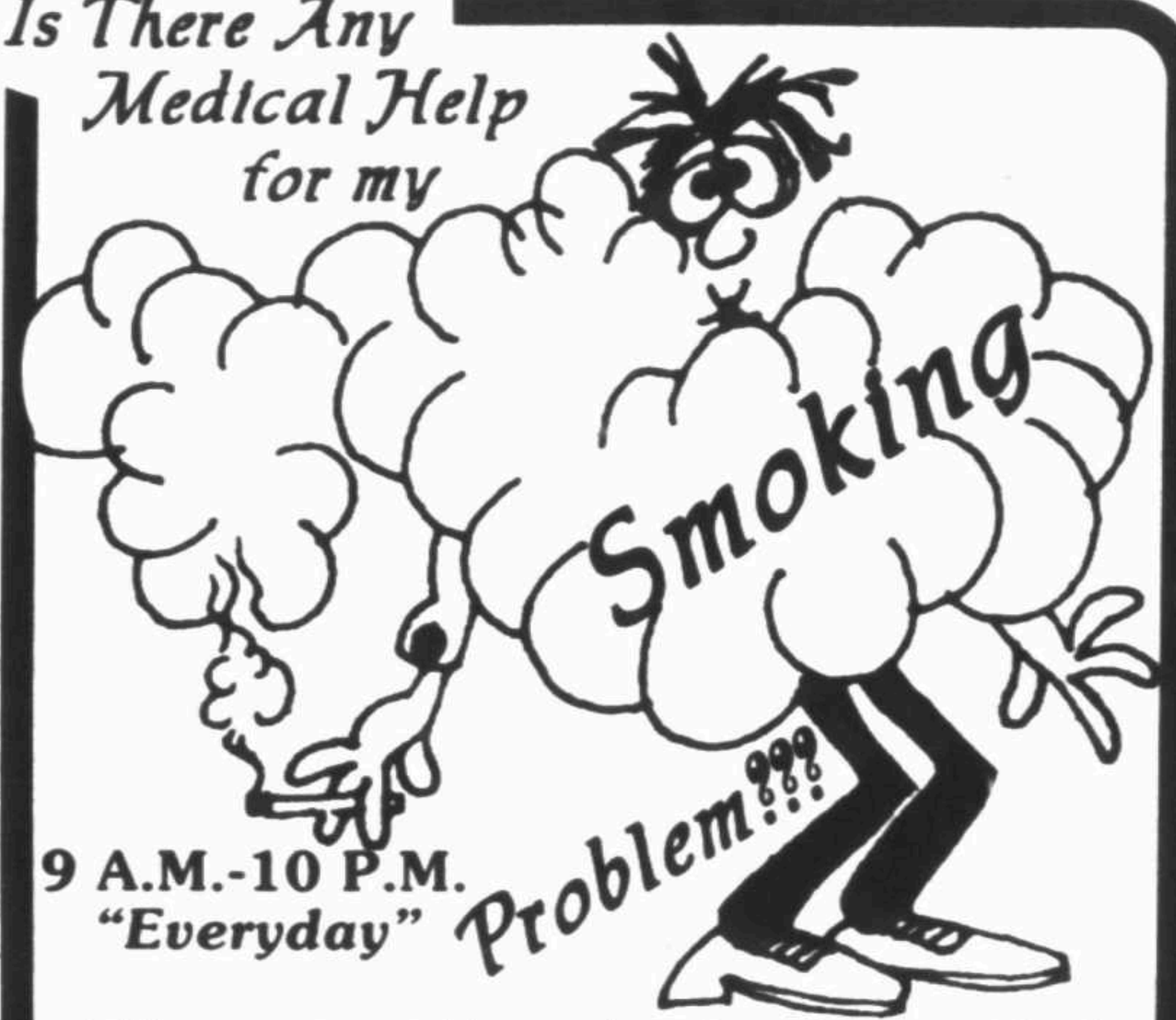
Clinton twice vetoed Republican welfare proposals but this summer faced a political quandary over whether to risk vetoing it again so close to the election and allowing the Republicans to accuse him of breaking his promise to change the welfare system.

Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York praised Ms. Bane on Wednesday.

"I told her she had done just the right thing," Moynihan said. "The only people who come back to Washington are the ones who know when to leave. I look forward to her return."

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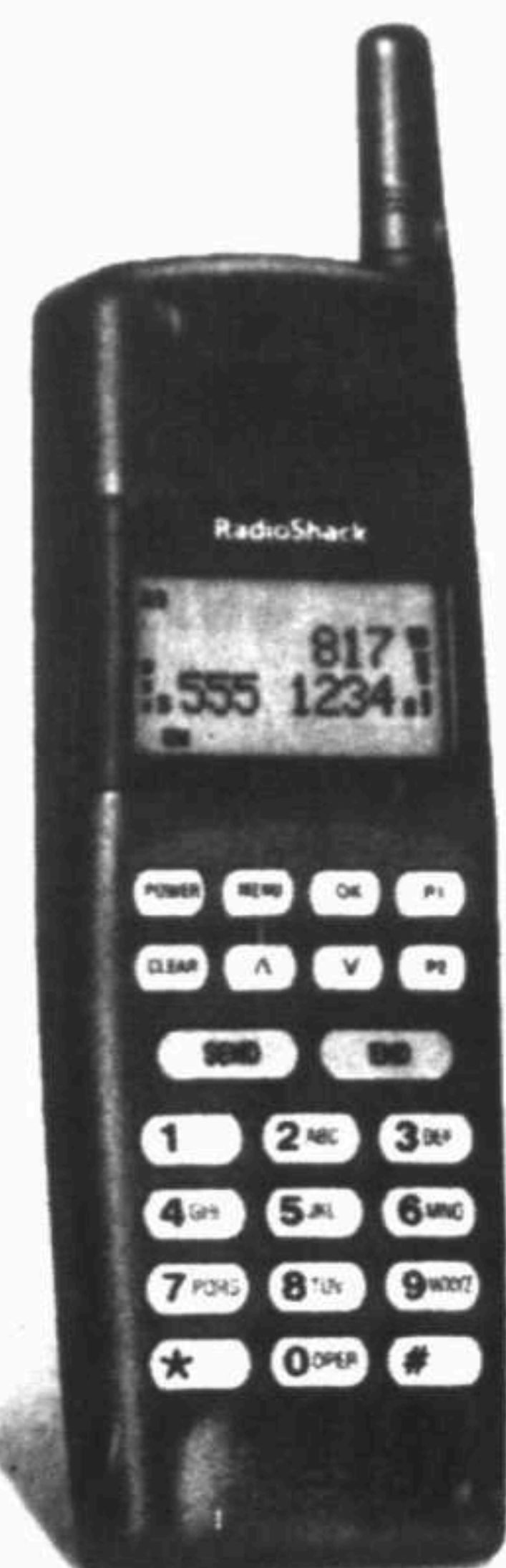
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BASIN BRIEFING

War on drugs

A North Carolina man who is walking across the United States to publicize the drug problem and to rally Americans to enter the war against drugs, will speak at the 6:30 p.m. service Sunday at First Baptist Church. Ted Stone will talk about his personal war against drugs. For more information, call the church at 682-1646.

Comedian canceled

Steven Wright's Midland engagement at Midland College's Chaparral Center Saturday has been canceled. Ticket refunds will be given where tickets were purchased. No date has been set for rescheduling the comedian.

Spanish book club

The organizational meeting for a Spanish Book Club is set for 7-9 p.m. Friday at Barnes & Noble Booksellers. Rhina Toruno, professor at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, will discuss classic Spanish literature. Books will be available to read in both Spanish and English. Anyone interested in reading or learning about Spanish literature are invited to attend.

TODAY'S AGENDA

For information on checking out books, library hours and how to get a library card, call the Midland County Library Information Line, on CITYLINE, 560-2400, Category 7100.s

Flatlanders Toastmasters Club, Chevron Building, 15 Smith Road, 11:30 a.m., 687-7286.

Survivors Group for Sexual Abuse, Rape, Incest Victims, 6 p.m., Glenwood Hospital, 3300 South FM 1788, 563-1200.

Midland Genealogical Society, 902 W. Denger Ave., 7:30 p.m.

DAV Chapter 58 & auxiliary VFW Post 4149, 6:30 p.m., 682-3562.

SHARE SUCCESS-BASICS of Goat Setting, Mr. Gatti's (party room 1), 3205 W. Cuthbert Ave., noon, 570-4533.

Project ADAM, (Alternatives to Domestic Assault for Men) - Support group, 6:30-9:00 p.m., 889-8428 or 520-0277.

Midland Jaycees, 7 p.m., Furr's cafeteria, 899-1643.

Toastmasters, Permian Club, noon, Permian Basin Graduate Center, 684-0044.

Optimist Club of Midland, noon, Best Western Sidewalk Cafe.

PMS/PHS/Menopause support group, 7 p.m., family room, Memorial Hospital, 697-4700, 699-7477.

SELF-HELP FOR HARD of Hearing, Golf Course Road Church of Christ Bereavement Support Group, 7 p.m., Hospice of Odessa office, Texas Commerce Bank, fourth floor, 362-1431.

Northside Lions Club 7:30 a.m. Plaza Club at ClayDesta, 694-5624.

Texas State Guard 4th MP Group Headquarters, 7:30 p.m., National Guard Armory.

Post traumatic stress disorder support group for women, 6 p.m., Community National Bank, 601 E. Florida Ave., 570-9412.

Hogan Park Women's Golf Association, Hogan Park Golf Course.

Westside Lions Club, noon, Westside Lions Den.

ROTARY CLUB OF MIDLAND, 11:55 a.m., Chamber of Commerce, 109 N Main St.

Ranchland Hills Country Club Womens Golf Association, 9 a.m.

Golden Park Retirement Center, senior citizens' bingo, 3 p.m., 3100 W. Kansas Ave.

SHIP, 7 p.m., Golf Course Road Church of Christ.

Impaired Nurses, 8 p.m., Memorial West, 697-5200.

Parents Anonymous, self-help meeting and parent education, 520-2282.

Suburban Lions Club, 7 p.m., 2550 Flint Ave.

SEARCH FOR GOD, "Edgar Cayce" study group, 7 p.m., 2311 Elizabeth, 684-8448.

Lupus Support Group, 6:30 p.m., 2301 W. Michigan Ave., 682-5822 or 694-6871.

Novice duplicate bridge, Allison Bridge Center, 7 p.m., 682-4461

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Garza urges LHS students to vote

Official announces school has been chosen to participate in election

■ Pupils to campaign, vote for choice of president in statewide program.

By Myra Lee Salcedo
Staff Writer

In a bid to encourage young adults to vote, Secretary of State Antonio Garza Jr. visited Lee High School Wednesday. Three social studies classes filled one room to hear the state's chief elections official speak.

Garza said LHS students have been selected to participate in a statewide election. Students will campaign and vote for their choice of U.S. president; the winner will be

announced shortly before the Nov. 5 election.

"We'll be able to tell people, here's who the students in the state voted for. Now, it's your turn," Garza said.

"Why vote?" Garza said. "Because it affects your life, not just the life of the guy next door or the guy down the street. You are going to have to live by decisions made today."

The affable Garza joked with students in an effort to spark their interest in politics. But rather than talk about the elections process, students wanted to know more about Garza.

"How much money do you make?" was the first question asked.

Unflinching, Garza said, "\$74,600 a year." He explained that he was appointed by Gov. George W. Bush

and serves no specific term, but serves "at the governor's pleasure. As long as he's pleased with me I have a job. So, if you see him, tell him how much you liked me," Garza quipped.

Students murmured approval to learn that Garza has

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Secretary of State Antonio Garza Jr. speaks to Lee High School students Wednesday. The students have been chosen to be part of a statewide program.

Brian Adamcik/
Reporter-Telegram



Randolph takes stand, says wife died accidentally during struggle

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

A Midland jury likely will decide today the verdict for a man accused in the death of his wife, with final arguments in the murder trial scheduled to end this morning. Daniel Randolph Jr. took the stand in his own defense Wednesday and refuted the prosecution's claims that he deliberately killed his wife.

Randolph, 40, is charged in the shooting death of his wife, Wanda Randolph, 44. Mrs. Randolph was found lying on her bed with one large-caliber bullet wound in her head, according to testimony in the case.

The death occurred at the Randolphs' home at 302 S. Adams St. in the early morning hours of Dec. 23.

According to Randolph's testimony, the shooting happened accidentally as he struggled with his wife.

Randolph testified that he was trying to get the .45-caliber pistol away from her when the weapon discharged.

Mrs. Randolph's mother, Kuma Mitchell, also took the stand for the defense. She was in the home at the time of the shooting, but she said she did not witness the actual event.

Ms. Mitchell testified that there was no violence in the home and recanted a statement she made to a police detective at the time of the death.

In a statement taken after the shooting, Ms. Mitchell was quoted as saying, "Whenever he drank, he was violent."

"I never said that," Ms. Mitchell testified.

Perhaps the most damning testimony against Randolph came from two former wives, who were seated under objection from defense attorney Rusty Wall.

Before the testimony of these witnesses, 23rd District Judge John Hyde directed the jury to apply this testimony only toward the offense for which Randolph has been charged and to do so only if they believed beyond a reasonable doubt the person testifying.

Wall filed a "running objection" to all

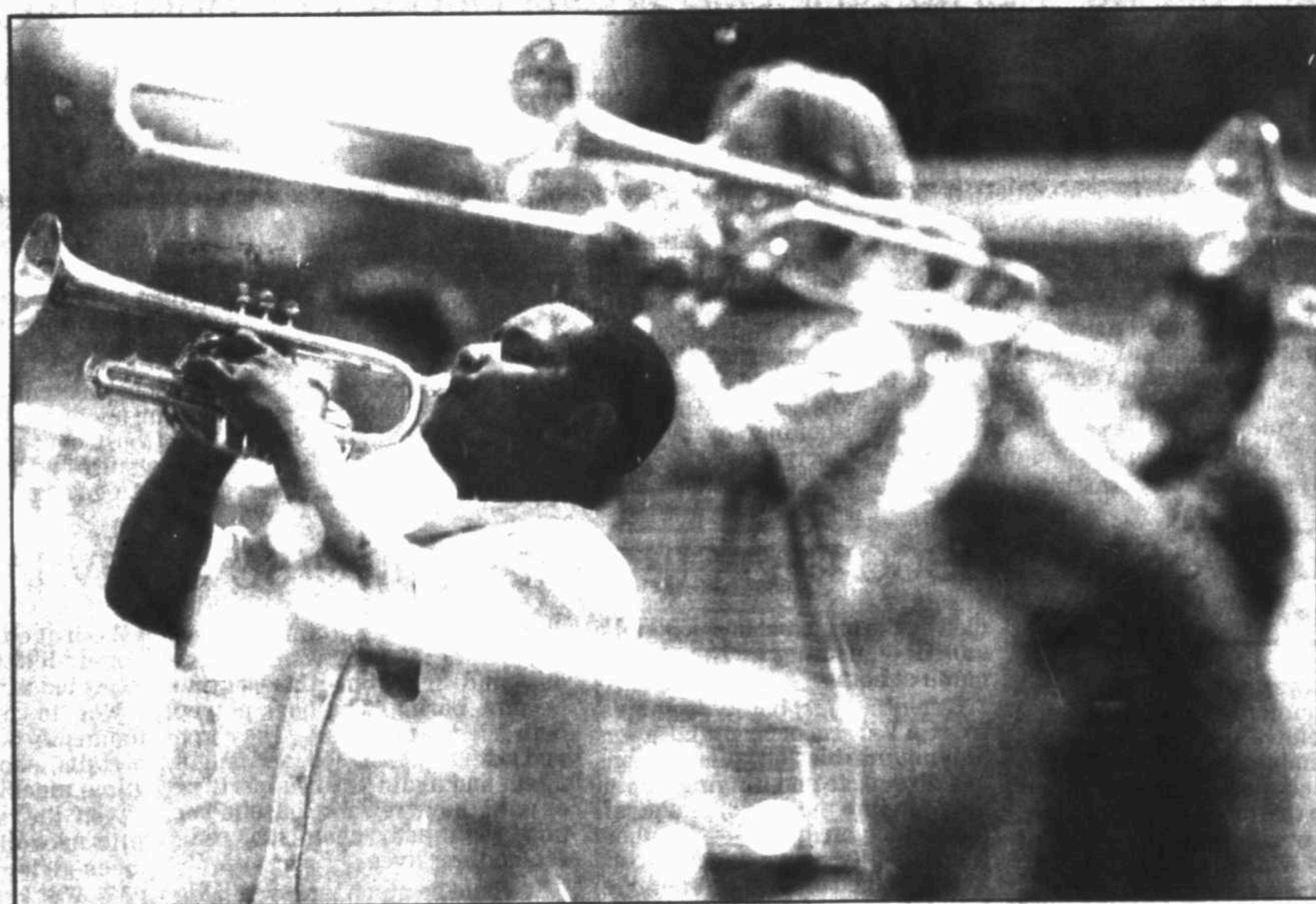
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STRIKE UP THE BAND

Lee Freshman High School band director Paul Sikes, left, leads while trombonist Lawrence White, below, practices Tuesday. The band was rehearsing for its half-time performance during Friday's game between Lee High School and El Paso Franklin.

Photos by Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram



Legislator speaks about education, crime, rights of voters at luncheon

By Michael Kashgarian
Staff Writer

State Sen. Jane Nelson, during a visit to Midland Wednesday, said the state should give teachers more autonomy in the education process, eliminate parole for those convicted of serious crimes and implement an initiative and referendum option for Texas voters.

Ms. Nelson (R-Flowermound) spoke to the Midland County Republican Women at their first monthly luncheon following the summer recess.

She summarized bills and proposals she'd like to see present-

ed at the upcoming 75th legislative session and said Republicans have a good chance of gaining ground in the November election.

A former teacher and board-of-education member, Ms. Nelson said education problems — such as one-fifth of high school graduates unable to read their diplomas — are not being solved by the Austin bureaucracy.

Teachers should be given the opportunity to teach and not be buried in thick manuals full of regulations, she said. "We've got to decentralize the decision making back to the teacher, the student, the parent," she said.

On the topic of crime, Ms. Nelson — a former member of the senate's criminal justice committee — said laws have gotten stricter in recent years but not tough enough.

Ms. Nelson said there are 17,000 empty prison beds in Texas and those convicted of the most serious crimes generally serve only a third of their sentences.

"I'm proposing truth in sentencing. If they are sentenced to 30 years, they should serve 30 years behind bars," she said.

In addition to doing away with parole for those convicted of

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ED TODD

School-day memories remind us adulthood was once far away

School days. There's nothing like 'em, particularly in those early years when schoolchildren — the pupils — are trying to figure out their way and place in their minute world that really doesn't seem so small. And as the six-week term turns into years, that place turns out to be far, far bigger and more complex and convoluted than the schoolyard or even the place called home.

It goes from the familiarity of home and school to "going away" and far into the country and to mystic places, such as "over there" beyond the oceans. Apart from that is the universe, and beyond that is home and school. It just works that way.



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Being grown-up seems more than a lifetime away. It is beyond fantasy. It is as foreign as imagining your grandfather's or grandmother's childhood.

On the balancing scales, the light moments of a child's sunshine years by far outweigh the heaviness of gloom.

That's the experience of the kid in this bloke banging on the keyboard that resembles the mechanical typewriter of old.

It must be that within the child in each grown-up, particularly the older ones, is the tenderness of past moments now colored with sentimentality and nostalgia.

And one is careful to rate those "memorable" fleeting moments, for each has its role in molding the psyche and, for good or ill, the character.

Among the lot of memorable moments for this fellow was "back East" in Delta County, Texas, where primary schoolteacher Edna Welch each morning led the class in reciting John 3: 16: "... God so loved the world ..."

And homage was paid to Old Glory whose sons and daughters had given of their lives and talents in the then-recent World War II and in other series of battles, both moral and political, unsung and heralded, on the home front, on foreign soil and within self.

In school days in Roxton over in neighboring Lamar County, there still reverberates in the mind's eye Bertha Adams' reading "Freckles," the Gene Stratton-Porter 1904 novel about a sweet and courageous Irish lad and his challenges in Limberlost.

If memory serves true, the chapter-by-chapter readings, which came on the last period each Friday, were vivid in color and spirit and detail. The story

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DEATHS

Rose Rodriguez

Services for Rose Mary Rodriguez have been set for 1:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13, at San Juan Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.



Rodriguez

Rodriguez died Monday, Sept. 9, at a local hospital.

She was born Dec. 12, 1965, in Midland where she was raised and educated.

She married Euriel Rodriguez in Midland in 1983.

She worked with Nurses Unlimited.

She was a Catholic.

Survivors include her husband of Midland; three sons, Sergio Rodriguez, Jose Luis Rodriguez and Adolfo Yharte, all of Midland; two daughters, Luz Elena Rodriguez and Valerie Rodriguez, both of Midland; her mother, Maria Tucker Martinez of Midland; five brothers, Arthur Romero, Samuel Jurado, Jimmy Jurado, Raymond Galan, and Eric Rios, all of Midland; two sisters, Gloria Lombardo and Linda Rosales, both of Midland; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Tonja Higgins

SAN ANGELO — Services for Tonja Higgins of Midland have been set for 2 p.m. today, Sept. 12, at Johnson's Funeral Chapel in San Angelo with the Rev. James Higgins of Westside Baptist Church in Midland officiating. Burial will follow at Water Valley Cemetery

under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home.

Ms. Higgins died Monday, Sept. 9.

She was born Jan. 11, 1963, in San Angelo. She graduated from Sterling City High School.

She worked as a Tire-Lube Express manager for Wal-Mart.

Survivors include her husband, Philip Higgins of Midland; a son, Blake Hanson Higgins, of Midland; and her mother, Celia Ruth Hanson of San Angelo.

Henry Black

ODESSA — Graveside services for Henry Ralph Black, 90, have been set for 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland. The Rev. David Ring will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Odessa Funeral Home Angeles Memorial Chapel.

Black died Tuesday, Sept. 10, at an Odessa nursing home.

He was born Oct. 28, 1905, in Matador.

He married Erin Ella Black on July 21, 1950, in Carlsbad, N.M. He served in the U.S. Army.

He worked for Phillips for 41 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife on July 12, 1989.

Survivors include three daughters, Betty Bishop of Kermit, Shirley Thurston of Keams Canyon, Ariz., and Linda King of Odessa.

The family requests memorials be directed to Family Hospice.

John Price

Services for John L. Price Jr., 34, of Midland are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Price died Wednesday, Sept. 11, at his residence.

POLICE REPORTS

Midland Police Department Tuesday

Burglary of a vehicle: Four cassette tapes and keys were taken at 1807 S. Loraine St., reported Maria Medrano at 3:32 p.m.

Theft: Items were taken from a wallet at 1800 Heritage Blvd., reported Cindy Ford at 4:28 p.m.

Wednesday

Burglary of a vehicle: A briefcase, computer monitor, hand-held computer and a daily planner were taken at 1608 W. Pecan Ave., reported Harold Jarrard at 7:44 a.m.

Vandalism: A window of a vehicle was broken at 2101 N. D St., reported Deanna Strah at 7:53 a.m.

Burglary of a vehicle: Two commercial radios were taken at 1803 N. H St., reported Lee Ligon at 7:56 a.m.

Burglary of a vehicle: A VCR, garage door opener and television were taken at 220 Shell Ave., reported Andy McHazzlett at 8 a.m.

Burglary of a vehicle: A purse and credit cards were taken at 2009 N. D St., reported Melanie Mitchell at 8:26 a.m.

Burglary of a vehicle: Compact discs were taken at 1711 Douglas Ave., reported Linda Neighbors at 8:29 a.m.

Graffiti: A report was made at 1304 W. Texas Ave. at 8:36 a.m.

Burglary of a vehicle: A JVC stereo was taken at 1501 Winfield Road, reported Joe Rutter at 9:08 a.m.

Vandalism: A report was made at 3000 W. Kansas Ave. by Donald Hoffman at 12:07 p.m.

Burglary of a building: Crystals, small appliances and clothing were taken at 2900 W. Kentucky Ave., reported Debbie Rasmussen at 12:07 p.m.

Graffiti: A fence was spray painted at 1400 W. Texas Ave., reported Jane Hancock at 12:24 p.m.

Burglary of a residence: Clothing and other items were taken at 1303 S. Jefferson St., reported Manuela Galindo at 11:57 a.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office Tuesday

Vandalism: A garage was spray painted at 2015 S. Baird St., reported Mrs. Wright at 3:35 p.m.

Anyone having information concerning these incidents should contact the Police Department at 685-7108, the Sheriff's Office at 688-1228 or Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS.

LHS: Garza speaks to students about importance of voting

(From 1B)

two hefty Great Danes that both weigh in the range of 150 and 170 pounds. Their interest also perked up when they found out qualifications for the secretary of state's job didn't require an education. "By law you don't need an education, but it makes a huge difference to have one," Garza said, noting he earned a degree in finance, graduated from law school, served as an attorney and as a county judge before being appointed secretary of state.

Garza said if he could change anything it

would be the mind-set of voters who think their votes don't count. "Every vote counts as one. The president's vote counts as one. Your vote counts as one. That's why voting is a great leveler in this country," he said. He allowed that some votes carry more weight in the smaller elections. But too many people don't vote, using the excuse: "My vote doesn't count."

The elections official said he traveled to Nicaragua to register voters. "People walked for five or six hours to stand in line for 10 to 12 hours for the privilege and opportunity to register to vote," he said. "Then they were pre-

pared to go through the process all over again to vote. In Texas, people walk right past registration tables. It's sad that voting is taken for granted."

The elections official said that citizens have until Oct. 6 to register to vote in the Nov. 5 election. He said 38 Texas school districts will participate in Project VOTE (Voters of Tomorrow Through Education) and that the project has a home page on the Internet (<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/>). The Internet page has up-to-date information on the general election.

RANDOLPH: Murder case likely to go to jury today

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testimony from these two witnesses.

Jean Warren Hill, the defendant's first wife, testified first.

"Did Mr. Randolph ever strike you?" said Assistant District Attorney Brian Carney.

"Yes he did," she replied.

"Did he ever hospitalize you?" Carney said.

"Yes he did," she said. "Did he ever threaten to kill you?"

"Yes."

The defendant's second wife then testified — describing repeated beatings at the hands of Randolph.

In one such beating that led to the breakup of the marriage, the woman described an entire evening of being punched to the

floor and then stomped. "He put a 9mm (pistol) to my head and threatened to kill me," she said.

The woman testified that at the end of this initial beating, she was raped and forced to go to bed naked with Randolph allegedly draping one leg over her as he slept to ensure that she would not leave, she testified.

In the morning, she was beaten

again, she said.

A verdict is expected today, with the jury to decide if the defendant is guilty of first-degree murder, guilty of a lesser offense such as criminally negligent homicide, or not guilty because he acted in self-defense.

For a murder conviction, Randolph could face five to 99 years or a life sentence.

LUNCHEON: Legislator speaks to Midland County GOP women

(From 1B)

serious offenses, Ms. Nelson advocates making long sentences mandatory for first-time child molesters, based on the opinion of experts that molesters can't be rehabilitated. And molesters released from prison should be required to have their driver's licenses marked to show they were sex offenders, she said.

Along the lines of giving more power to the people, Ms. Nelson, who chairs the senate interim committee on initiative and referendum, supports giving Texas voters the right to enact or repeal laws. Twenty-four states and 207 home-rule cities in Texas allow citizens to put laws on the ballot by petitioning to do so.

"I find people are very frustrated because the

Legislature, and even Washington, are failing to address some issues very important to the public," she said.

During the last legislative session, Ms. Nelson proposed a bill that would put an issue on the ballot if 8 percent of voters — of the number in the previous election — signed a petition. And if a law required legislative review and the Legislature failed to do so, the issue would go back to voters and if approved, become law.

Ms. Nelson said the possibility of getting a senate majority this November betters the chance of passing bills related to the issues she discussed. And to improve the Republican standing, the public needs to be informed of the party's message.

Although Democrats "sing the song of our

song book," Ms. Nelson said, "... we have the solutions."

"They are the liberal party. We are the conservative party. That's the message we have to get out," she said.

Although Midlanders don't live in her district — District 9 that includes parts of Dallas, Denton, Ellis and Tarrant counties — and therefore can't vote for her, she can vote for Midlanders in the Legislature, she said.

Ms. Nelson, elected to the Texas senate in 1992, will run unopposed this fall. She has been called the most conservative senator in the Texas Legislature and boasts a 100 percent conservative voting record.

TODD: School becomes student's universe away from home

(From 1B)

line was mesmerizing and charming and humorous and suspenseful and hopeful. The book's messages about kindness, courage, heartbreak and perseverance reverberate to this day in this old heart.

There was a time, at the outset of recess, when three boys, envisioning themselves as the Three Musketeers in the "modern times" of the 1940s jumped from an open window of a first-floor classroom and landed upright, battle-ready and charging on the East Texas grass until the school bell rang again.

As it turned out, the brief dare was witnessed by a lurking "The Shadow" type. And the Musketeers ended up in the principal's office bent over like a jackknife in mumbletypeg. They were firmly pad-

dled by the principal in a non-game called punishment. The encore came at home.

Other than just ball-type games, free time at school for the boys was playing marbles or spinning tops in a dirt circle and flinging a spinning top into the ring like a strafing fighter or an attack bomber. Occasionally, there was a "bust" — a damaged top, which spelt victory for one and defeat for another.

It spelt the conflict and competition to come way past those old school grounds.

The girls would play jacks, a skill of deftness — eye-hand coordination — and a precursor of such abilities as flying, sailing, piano-playing, typing and doctoring on the surgical table.

And the boys, influenced by the perceived glory of fighting and

dying in the great war, played "war games." They were innocuous and fun, but the routine became boring. The boys played both friend and enemy. They won and lost, lived and died, and fought again and again until suppertime or until they grew into baseball or until their body chemistry redirected their lives.

It would be much later when the youngsters would learn, in stern disillusionment, the tragic reality of war and the finality of death on the battlefield. They would be reminded of their ailing classmate, a quiet and polite girl called Peggy, who, one day, disappeared into the grave. Still, death seemed too far away to be real. Yet, it was so close.

In the main, there was decorum and discipline in the classroom primarily because the teachers

encouraged it, the principal demanded it, and the parents expected it.

Not to mislead, there were moments of mischief — pulling pigtails, shooting spit-wads, giggling, mocking and yacking.

And the wooden desk, replete with inkwell, ink stains and boy-loves-girl etchings from years past, was a child's operating base in the homeroom during the school year.

The old desk was the seat of many hours of many a child's formative years wherein the world outside the schoolyard and home would be studied and pondered like a dream. Then, all too soon, childhood and school days would fade into reflection.

Ed Todd is a staff writer for The Midland Reporter-Telegram.

FEC to rule on campaign contributions in redistricting case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Election Commission is taking up a key financial question for Texas congressional candidates running in districts redrawn by a trio of federal judges.

At issue is whether the FEC will raise individual contributor limits now that March primary results have been discarded — and new primaries ordered — in 13 of Texas' 30 House districts.

The question is a pressing one for candidates in competitive races who

spent hundreds of thousands of dollars before the March primary. Some want to be able to go back to those same contributors and ask for money to fuel their campaigns for the court-ordered November special election.

The FEC was to take up the question today. If the commission follows the advice of its professional staff, it will rule out increased limits.

The FEC's staff, in a pair of draft advisory opinions, argues that higher limits shouldn't be allowed in part

because candidates are running in districts largely similar to the ones they campaigned in earlier this year.

The opinions were requested by five Democratic House members whose districts were redrawn and by the campaign of Republican Kevin Brady, who won the 8th District's GOP nomination last March and is running in the special election.

On Aug. 5, a three-judge federal

panel imposed new boundary lines in 13 districts and ordered an open primary on Nov. 5. Runoffs will be held Dec. 10 in races where no one emerges with a majority.

The judges' ruling resulted from the Supreme Court's finding that three Texas districts were unconstitutional because race was improperly used in drawing lines. In correcting the three districts, the judges tinkered with 10 adjacent districts.

Baylor faculty members question new leader's religious standards

WACO (AP) — A number of Baylor University faculty members are accusing newly installed President Robert Sloan of weeding out those who don't meet his strict religious standards.

They say professors have been denied tenure, lecturers fired and job candidates run off for not being sufficiently devout, the Waco Tribune-Herald and the Texas Journal of The Wall Street Journal reported Wednesday.

"My sense of it is that Baylor took a sharp turn to the right and slapped me in the face," said Mark Pantle, a psychology professor denied tenure last spring.

Critics say Sloan's attempts to create a conservative religious atmosphere threaten to damage the Baptist-affiliated university's reputation and stifle intellectual freedom. "The new president has an interest in having an ever-stronger Christian evangelical religious fervor on campus," Michael Bishop, chairman of Baylor's journalism department, said.

"He wants to select faculty members who come out of a narrow Baptist tradition that he's comfortable with, but that is foreign to the historic tradition of Baylor.... I believe that religious credentials under Robert Sloan have surpassed in importance academic qualifications."

Sloan, 47, says nothing has changed in the year since he took the helm.

"Baylor for 151 years has been committed to its Christian heritage," he says. "I have the same commitment that every one of my predecessors has had."

Some Baylor faculty think the campus uneasiness is caused by the fallout of Baylor's first real presidential transition in more than 20 years.

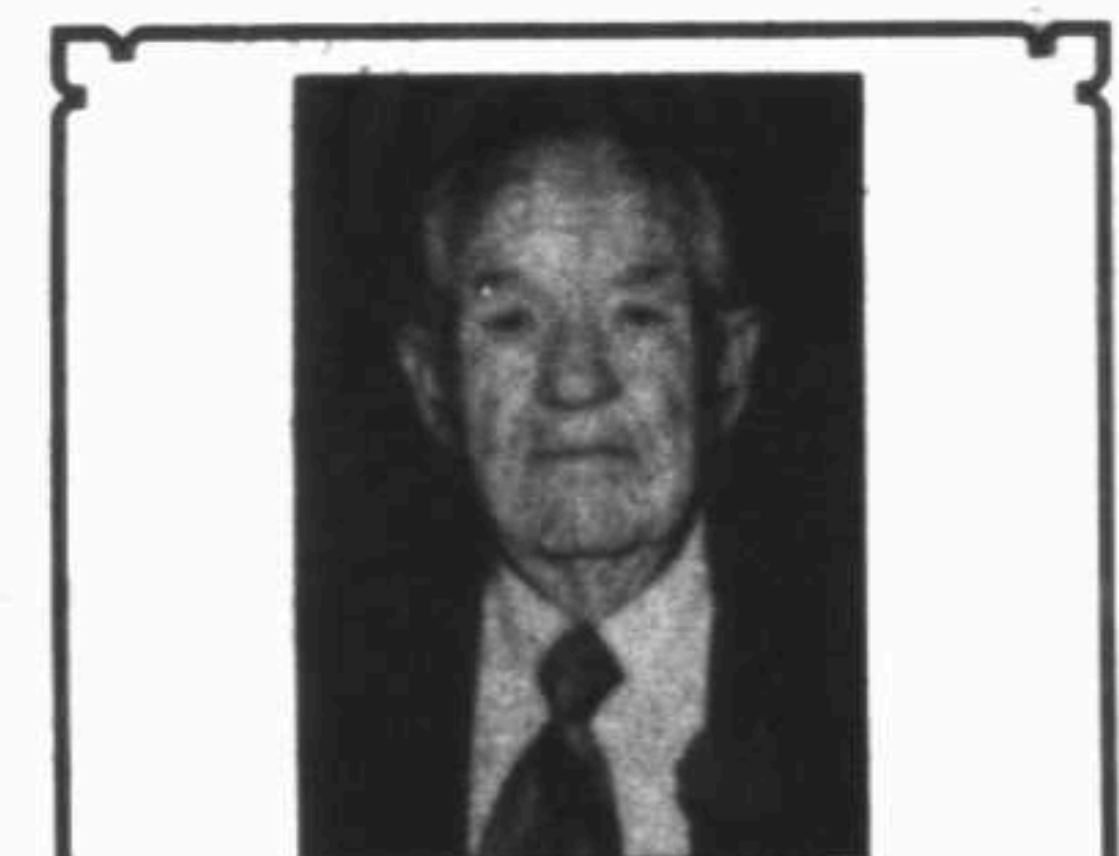
"Most of the faculty here have not been through an administrative change like their peers at Texas and Texas A&M," said sociology professor Larry Lyon. "They may be reacting differently than people at a place where the administration changes every four to five years."

Baylor, the largest Baptist university in the nation, is legally free to choose its faculty based on religious criteria and always has done so, giving preference first to Baptists, then to other Christian denominations except Mormons.

In recent decades, however, many church-affiliated universities have grown more secular, partly to cultivate their academic reputations. Baylor has been no exception.

When Sloan allowed the school to hold its first-ever dance in April, it widely was viewed as a sign that Baylor was falling even more in line with secular universities.

But there already is talk in academic circles that Baylor is becoming more "BC," or "biblically correct," says Glenn Linden, a Southern Methodist University history professor and former president of the American Association of University Professors in Texas.



J.C. Whisenant, a beloved father and brother, departed this earth to be with his maker on Sunday, Sept. 8, 1996.

Funeral services will be held in Chambers Wilcox Funeral Chapel in Cisco Texas at 11 a.m. on Saturday Sept. 14 with Rev. Gary Turner officiating. Graveside services will be held at Oakwood Cemetery where he will be laid to rest beside his wife, parents and grandparents.

Palbearers will be Jack Graham, Jerry Lyon, Delbert O'Neil, Edward Pitts, David Russell, and Don Williams.

J.C. was born in Eastland Co., TX to Henrietta Caton and Ernest Bailey Whisenant on June 20, 1910. On April 29, 1931 he married Lillie Mae Garrett. To this union were born two daughters. In 1933 J.C. and Lillie Mae started a music store and watch repair shop in Breckenridge, TX, where they lived until 1943. They moved to Orange, TX so J.C. could work in the ship yards during WWII. After the war they moved with their daughters to Odessa, where they lived until their deaths. Preceded in death by his wife Lillie Mae in May, 1990. Mr. Whisenant is survived by his daughters Dot Erwin of Odessa and Marjorie "Jinx" Stokes of Midland. He is also survived by 2 sisters, Nell McCracken and Grace Lemmertz and 1 brother, Sherrill Whisenant; 8 grandchildren, Richard Erwin of Monahans, Angie Kirk of Odessa, David Erwin of Odessa, Edward Tindol of Midland, Ce'Zanne Barton of Midland, Misty McKinney of Odessa, Cider Jones of Midland, and Gary Stokes Jr. of Midland; and 13 Great-grandchildren.

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Most students in Texas fail end-of-course Algebra test

AUSTIN (AP) — Only 28 percent of Texas students passed the new Algebra I end-of-course test, and education officials said Wednesday they are looking at pilot projects, a curriculum rewrite and teacher training to help improve matters.

"There is a lot to be done. I suppose at that low passing rate, I would at least be concerned about whether or not the test reflects what the kids are being taught," said Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, former Education Committee chairman.

Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, said there may be "a disparity between what we're testing for and what the teachers think they're supposed to be teaching. If we don't find a problem there, we have to at least question whether or not we're doing an acceptable job of getting these kids prepared for higher math," he said.

Results of the algebra test released by the Texas Education Agency showed that 28 percent of the 226,348 students who took the test in grades six through 12 this spring passed. The passing score is 70.

Of the 45,764 eighth-graders who took the test, 67 percent passed, along with 86 percent of the 2,115 seventh-graders and 72 percent of the 25 sixth-graders, said Keith Cruse, TEA senior

director of student assessment.

In the ninth grade, the passing rate was 22 percent, while it was 7 percent in grades 10-12.

Some students may have failed the course previously, Cruse said. It is up to school districts to decide whether to the end-of-course test will affect a student's grade.

The algebra test results show a real need for improvement, according to Gov. George W. Bush. "Gov. Bush believes that the algebra results are unacceptable. The school districts must do a better job to raise the algebra results," said Bush spokesman Ray Sullivan.

Education Commissioner Mike Moses didn't return a phone call from The Associated Press.

The TEA also released end-of-course scores on the Biology I end-of-course test, showing 76 percent of the 202,061 students taking it passed.

Students who pass end-of-course tests in various subjects, beginning in 1998-99, will be exempt from having to pass the exit-level Texas Assessment of Academic Skills exam to graduate.

When state officials approve a math curriculum rewrite for lower grades, they hope to reinforce skills students will need for algebra, said Felipe Alanis, deputy education commissioner.

Appeals court rules stalking law unconstitutional

■ Texas Department of Criminal Justice has no way of knowing how many incarcerated stalkers will go free because of the court action, spokesman says.

Associated Press

AUSTIN — For the second time in less than 15 years, the state's anti-stalking law has been ruled unconstitutional because it's too vague.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals on Wednesday ruled the state's 1993 anti-stalking law unconstitutional in a case involving a man found to have stalked an Austin woman.

The state's highest criminal court said the statute threatened to criminalize Texans' First Amendment rights.

The state's anti-stalking law first was found unconstitutional by the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in 1983 because of vagueness.

Texas lawmakers attempted to tighten the statute's language in 1993. But the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals on Wednesday said the current law, in some ways, was more broad than the previous statute.

State Rep. Brian McCall, R-Plano, the House sponsor of the 1993 legislation, vowed Wednesday to rewrite the law during the 1997

Legislature, which begins in January.

"The good news is that while it (the law) was enforced, people who had their lives turned upside down were able to get their lives back together and have their stalkers incarcerated," McCall said.

"The bad news is, those who have been convicted and jailed will be released and those convicted will have their cases overturned until the Legislature can meet and fix the problem, which we will do."

Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Larry Todd said there's no way to know how many incarcerated stalkers will go free because of the court action.

"It's impossible for us to get a specific number of stalkers that we have because we don't keep that statistic," Todd said.

State Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth, the Senate sponsor of the 1993 legislation, also said he would work to fine-tune the law.

"The decision by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals to strike down the stalking statute is a great tragedy for victims of stalking," Moncrief said. "No longer can victims feel protected from the physical and psychological terror of being stalked."

The current law states that a person has committed stalking if "on one or more occasions (the stalker) engages in conduct directed specifically toward the other person, including following that

person, that is reasonably likely to harass, annoy, alarm, abuse, torment, or embarrass that person."

In its written opinion, the Court of Criminal Appeals said, "The words annoy and alarm remain in the statute (from 1983) although they are now joined by the words harass, abuse, torment and embarrass."

"But, all these terms are joined with a disjunctive 'or,' and thus do nothing to limit the vagueness originally generated by 'annoy' and 'alarm.' Moreover, the additional terms are themselves susceptible to uncertainties of meaning."

The case involved Raymond Edward Long of Austin, who was sentenced to 180 days in jail and ordered to pay legal costs of the

woman he was found to have stalked.

Because of the appeals court's ruling, the case was dismissed.

The appeals court said the First Amendment rights of Texans could be taken away by the stalking law in certain instances.

"For example, a political protester who crosses the line and makes a threat might find himself forever barred from engaging in peaceful, legitimate expression for fear of subjecting himself to punishment for stalking," the court said.

"The Legislature may legitimately punish the threat, but it should not be permitted to hold someone's First Amendment rights forever hostage after he makes such a threat."

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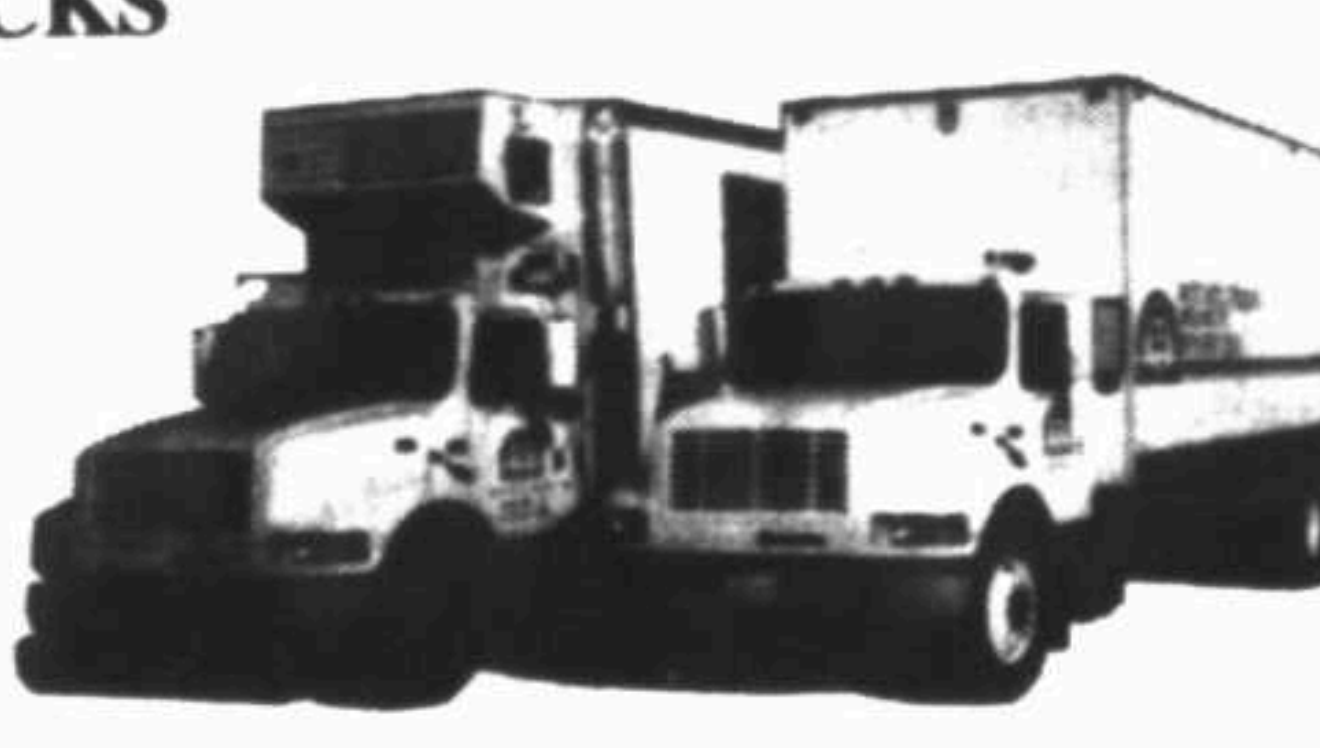
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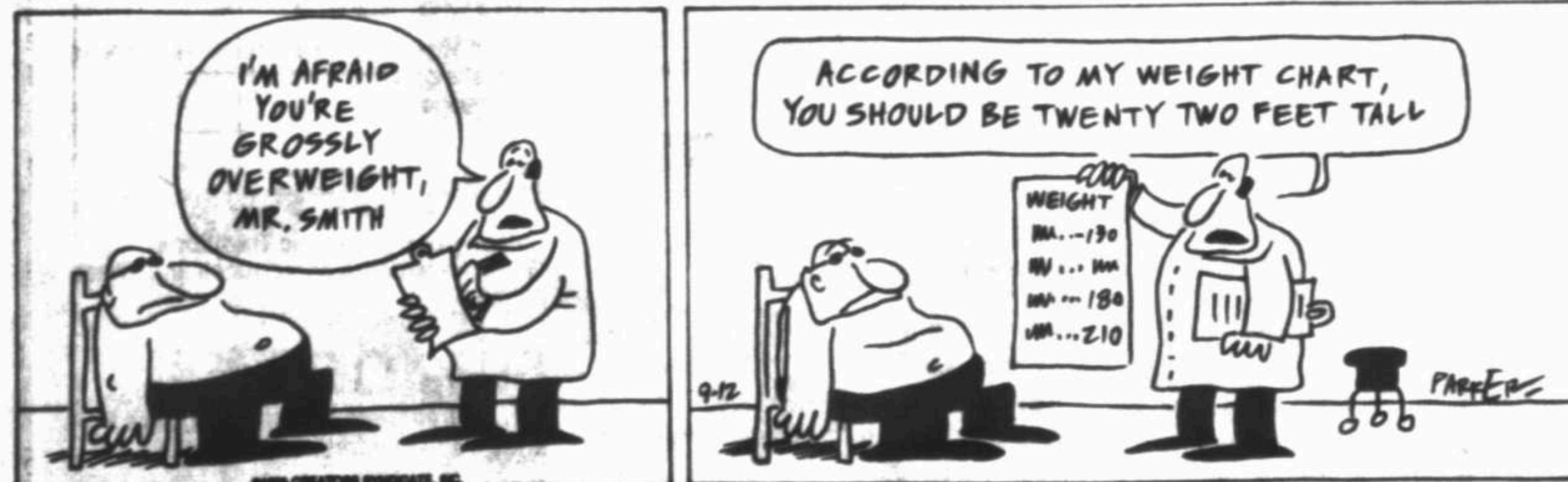
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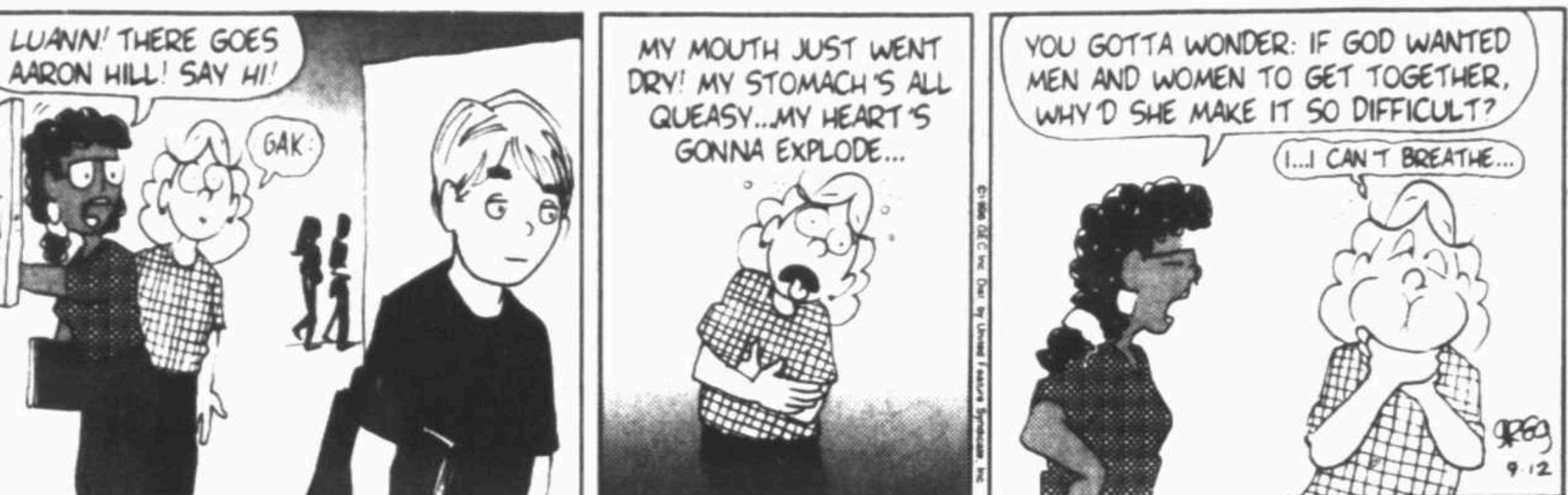
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the table by overtaking the six of diamonds with the eight. The ten of hearts was led, again covered and ruffed with a high trump, and the queen of diamonds served as the re-entry to the board to lead the eight of hearts. When East followed low, declarer, a club was jettisoned while West gained the lead.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: A former employer or partner could send some business your way. Show your appreciation. Family support plays an important role in your plans. Be careful not to burn any bridges. Greater subtlety will convince key allies to do your bidding. The management of jointly owned funds could receive new attention early in 1997. Travel for both business and pleasure as next summer approaches. A business partner's indecision could affect your finances.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: actress Linda Gray, singer Barry White, Olympic legend Jesse Owens, singer Maria Muldaur.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Friends, at a distance help you explore new areas of interest. Partners offer suggestions for solving a career or financial problem. Better communication will lead to greater domestic harmony.

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South, declarer at five diamonds, found an elegant solution to a seemingly impossible problem. Can you, looking at all four hands, find the maneuvers declarer managed at the table?

South was too strong to be be shut out of the bidding by any heart raise. With three tricks in support of diamonds (the queen of trumps is surely worth a trick), North's five diamonds was automatic. West led the seven of clubs, obviously a singleton. That caused an

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Life on streets is getting old for 'Homicide' star who will leave show when contract is up

NEW YORK — Life on the street is getting old for **Andre Braugher**.

Braugher, who plays the brooding Detective Frank Pembleton on NBC's "Homicide: Life on the Street," said he will leave the show when his contract expires in two years.

"This is a wonderful job," the Emmy-nominated actor said in a "Day & Date" interview scheduled to air Wednesday. "But it's time to go... I think it's going to be time to move on."

He spent the summer playing the title role in the New York Shakespeare Festival's production of "Henry V" in Central Park.

"Homicide" begins its fifth season this fall, narrowly escaping cancellation to win two Emmys and the praise of critics.

LOS ANGELES — **Tom Petty's** marriage of 22 years is free fallin'.

Jane Petty has filed for separation from the leader of Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, citing irreconcilable differences. The couple have a 14-year-old daughter.

Petty, 42, won a Grammy in February for "You Don't Know How It Feels." His hits include "Free Fallin'" and "Don't Do Me Like That."

SALISBURY, Md. — **Jay Leno** spilled the beans about Salisbury State University.

On Monday's "Tonight Show," Leno mentioned that the school gives each new student a potted plant. My roommate had to grow his own plant in the closet with a light on," Leno said.

The school on Maryland's Eastern Shore doesn't hand out anything that needs to be hidden in a closet, but for four years it has given each incoming freshman a spider plant or ivy grown in the school's greenhouse.

The university welcomed Leno's free plug.

"We're flying pretty high around here

right now," President **William Merwin** said.

LOS ANGELES — A movie poster featuring **Woody Harrelson** wearing an American flag diaper won't fly.

Columbia Pictures confirmed on Tuesday that the Motion Picture Association of America asked the studio to change the poster for its Christmas season release of "The People vs. Larry Flynt."

The poster features Harrelson, who portrays the Hustler magazine publisher, wearing a diaper made of an American flag and standing in front of a bikini-clad model.

"We submit all of our ads to the MPAA, and this is nothing unusual," said studio spokesman **Dennis Higgins**. "We're working with the MPAA to make sure our ad materials reflect the spirit of the movies and they are in good taste."



Rosa Parks to answer mail all at once with book-length response.

DETROIT — Civil rights pioneer **Rosa Parks** gets so much mail she's tried to answer it all at once.

"Dear Mrs. Parks, A Dialogue With Today's Youth" is her book-length response to letters she gets from teenagers seeking guidance.

The \$16.95 book, published by Lee & Low Books, contains hundreds of letters grouped under 12 themes: hope, fear, knowledge, quiet strength, living with God, vision, youth, self-esteem, relationships, wisdom, legacy and the future.

The 83-year-old black woman helped launch the civil rights movement in 1955 when she refused to give up her seat to a white man on a segregated bus in Montgomery, Ala. Her refusal led to the Montgomery bus boycott, which lifted the Rev. Martin Luther King to prominence.

She also has co-written "Rosa Parks: My Story" and "Quiet Strength: The Faith, the Hope, and the Heart of a Woman who Changed a Nation."

Compiled from Associated Press wire reports.

TODAY'S TV SCHEDULE

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(1) WGN	10	Family Man	Baseball: Chicago White Sox at Baltimore Orioles 658983										
(1) WTBS	11	Fun Videos	Fun Videos	The Delta Force (R, 88) (Chuck Norris, Lee Marvin) 4961247									
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(1) CNN	35	Moneyline	Crossfire	PrimeTime Politics	Larry King Live 738299								
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Senate may be out of step with nation in ending job protection for gays

By Calvin Woodward
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Like Washington, America is a house divided on gay rights.

Guaranteeing rights to gay men and lesbians on the job appeals to many people's sense of fairness. But closer to the home, not so fast.

Tuesday's Senate vote played to the sentiments of most Americans against same-sex marriage. Bill Clinton and Bob Dole don't like it either.

Yet the Senate seemed out of step with public opinion, if only by inches, in narrowly defeating employment protections in the workplace that the public has generally favored for gays and every-

one else.

In the presidential campaign, in Congress and across the country, religious beliefs and other rallying points in defense of the traditional family have made gay marriage a non-starter for many.

"I just don't think that's what marriage is about," said Tom Pitra, 31, manager of a software development office in Minneapolis.

■ News analysis

But "from a work standpoint, it should have no bearing."

Social scientists say attitudes on gay rights parallel those on other difficult social questions — the

more distance from the issue, the more tolerant people become.

They say support for employment equality is stronger for the gay airline pilot than for the grade school teacher, stronger for the notion of domestic partnership benefits at work than for the right of a homosexual couple to live in your apartment building, stronger for gays in the military than for gays adopting children.

"Because of the special nature of what homosexuality involves, the idea of marriage is something many people, even with no antipathy toward gay people, think is not appropriate," said Tom Smith of the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago.

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Still, social conservatism and personal liberty are both threads of the American tradition, and people were quick to show their colors on the issue.

"It's time for a little change and acceptance in America," said Susan Spector, 37, of Philadelphia.

"Hey, this is America, and as long as it doesn't hurt anyone, then it's OK," said Troy Foster, 27, of Newark, N.J.

But for Bert Rollins, 50, of Miami, it was just this simple: "The good Lord made Adam and Eve. I don't think it's proper. I don't think it's right."

At the University of Chicago,

Smith is director of the General Social Survey, a broad social measure than has tracked attitudes on homosexuality for 25 years. The bottom line, he said, is that most Americans still believe homosexuality is wrong.

Even so, they are increasingly open to extending civil liberties to gays, he said, and hostility has waned somewhat this decade.

In this year's survey, 60 percent of respondents said homosexual sex is "always wrong," down from the 75 percent or more who thought so until the last few years. A greater number now frown on extramarital sex.

The Senate voted 85-14 on Tuesday to reject same-sex marriage

and President Clinton has said he will sign the bill.

The anti-discrimination bill failed on a 50-49 vote. Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said Wednesday he doubted the legislation would be tried again this year.

The vote was so close that even some gay activists were heartened in their loss.

"I think that, yes, Congress is out of step," said Elizabeth Birch, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign. "And yet, despite a conservative majority, the Senate (vote) indicates a profound step forward. That's how far we've come in five years."

Defense team portrays McVeigh as conservative Gulf War hero

DENVER (AP) — Attorneys for Oklahoma City bombing suspect Timothy McVeigh portrayed him Wednesday as a Gulf War hero whose political attitudes are "hardly distinguishable from the average voter for Pat Buchanan."

In fact, if McVeigh is allowed a separate trial from co-defendant Terry Nichols, jurors will see him "as an extroverted, outgoing, intelligent, bright and engaging young man, though an all-too-trusting one," attorney Robert Nigh said.

In court papers supporting motions for separate trials, Nigh said the differences between McVeigh and Nichols are stark. "If Mr. McVeigh's character is not assessed independently of Mr. Nichols', he will be severely prejudiced."

The weight of evidence is against Nichols, not McVeigh, Nigh said. Attorneys for Nichols are also arguing for a separate trial.

McVeigh and Nichols face federal murder and conspiracy charges in the April 19, 1995, truck bombing at the Oklahoma City federal building that killed 168 people and injured more than 500.

Prosecutors are seeking a single trial. U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch will rule on the request after a hearing Oct. 2.

Aside from noting McVeigh's military accomplishments — which included being among the first wave in the attack on Iraq — Nigh acknowledged his client was sharply critical of the federal raid on the Branch Davidian complex in Waco, Texas, and was concerned about the right to bear arms.

"However, these political attitudes are hardly distinguishable from the average voter for Pat Buchanan," Nigh argued.

'(McVeigh's) political attitudes are hardly distinguishable from the average voter for Pat Buchanan.'

— Defense attorney Robert Nigh

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Grand jury steps up investigation of Mrs. Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP) — White-water prosecutors, intensifying a grand jury investigation involving first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, have questioned witnesses to determine if she knew about a backdated real estate document written at her law firm, according to sources familiar with the proceedings.

Prosecutors have gathered material suggesting that a document dated Sept. 24, 1985, may have been created in the spring of 1986.

The document allowed the father-in-law of Webb Hubbell, a friend and law partner of Mrs. Clinton, to receive hundreds of thousands of dollars from the failing Arkansas savings and loan owned by the Clintons' Whitewater partners.

Prosecutors are trying to ascertain whether Mrs. Clinton or Hubbell had anything to do with the document and whether it was used in a scheme to defraud the S&L, according to five individuals familiar with the probe.

The sources, speaking on condi-

tion of anonymity, said Hubbell was among the witnesses who testified to the grand jury in Washington — the same panel to which Mrs. Clinton testified last January.

At the time the document was created, Mrs. Clinton was a partner in the Rose Law Firm. The firm's clients included the S&L owned by the Clintons' Whitewater business partners, James and Susan McDougal.

Mrs. Clinton has said numerous times she knows nothing about the backdated document, and recalls little of the legal work she did. Hubbell has testified that he doesn't recall the backdated document.

However, Hubbell's former secretary at the Rose Law Firm said she believes that, based on the format and type face, she typed the document, according to an interview summary prepared by federal regulators.

Prosecutors' interest in the first lady was heightened when they recently looked at notes written by the president of McDougal's S&L.

The notes mentioned Mrs. Clinton eight times during a 23-day span in the spring of 1986 — around the time they believe the document may have been backdated.

One of the notes scrawled on the daily calendars of former Madison Guaranty Savings & Loan President John Latham denotes "Hillary" on the same page where it refers to details about the real estate transaction involving Hubbell's father-in-law, Little Rock businessman Seth Ward. Copies of the calendars were obtained by The Associated Press.

David Kendall, Mrs. Clinton's lawyer, said his client worked on other S&L issues in the spring of 1986, but "there's no indication that Mrs. Clinton ever worked on" the September 1985 document.

As for the Latham notes, Kendall said, "I can't reasonably speculate about the meaning of someone else's sketchy and cryptic notes from more than 10 years ago."

In the backdated document, James McDougal agreed to pay

hundreds of thousands of dollars in commissions to Ward and to give Ward 22.5 acres of land called Holman Acres.

The payments to Ward were for his role as a co-owner with McDougal of Castle Grande, a failed 1,050-acre development that federal regulators say has cost taxpayers nearly \$4 million.

Hubbell's lawyer declined to comment. Ward's lawyer, Alston Jennings, said his client has always said the document was backdated and that the length of time was irrelevant.

Prosecutors began exploring whether the Sept. 24, 1985, document was backdated by at least six months when they discovered its legal description of a property came from a document that was not written by a surveyor until March 31, 1986, according to the individuals familiar with the probe.

Dems fume over children's access to tobacco

N.Y. Times News Service

WASHINGTON — A group of Democratic Senators said Wednesday that the GOP-dominated Congress is helping tobacco companies "to hook young people on cigarettes" by opposing federal regulation of tobacco.

Listening to a parade of ex-smokers, former tobacco industry employees and a 12-year-old smoker, the Democrats pledged support for the Food and Drug Administration's new regulations designed to reduce the number of teen-age smokers.

"I saw people smoking on TV

shows, when we went out to eat, driving down the street on billboards and in stores I would always see tobacco advertisements, especially Joe (Camel) for Camel cigarettes and I always thought it looked kind of cool," said 12-year-old Justin Hoover of West Des Moines, Iowa. The boy said he had his first cigarette at six and can't quit.

"Joe Camel is just as recognizable to 6-year-olds as Mickey Mouse," said Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, holding up T-shirts and mugs emblazoned with the cartoon camel.

"If there were ever any doubt in

anyone's mind that their goal is to hook young people, I show you this and I rest my case."

Harkin said the Joe Camel items are "designed for one purpose and one purpose only — to hook young people on smoking."

But Michael York, a lawyer for cigarette maker Philip Morris Co., said all of the Marlboro gear criticized by the senators for its appeal to youth is available only to people 21 and older.

Simpson to spend 2 weeks on stand

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Although he never testified in his criminal trial, O.J. Simpson is slated to spend two weeks on the stand in his civil wrongful death trial, according to witness lists filed Wednesday.

Simpson is listed as a key witness in both the plaintiff and defense presentations, with time estimates keeping him on the stand for at least nine court days. Also, he could be called a third time if a punitive damage phase of the trial is required.

Simpson was acquitted a year ago in the 1994 slayings of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ron Goldman. But families of the two slaying victims insist Simpson is liable for the killings and should pay damages.

In a final "trial statement" required before the case opens on Sept. 17, witness lists indicate that in addition to familiar faces such as Brian "Kato" Kaelin and Mark Fuhrman, both sides will call witnesses who have never testified in court.

Among them are Simpson's golfing buddies and social friends, his former girlfriend, Paula Barbieri, and the man who drove Simpson on the famous slow-speed Bronco chase, A.C. "Al" Cowlings.

The lawyers also listed some 2,000 pieces of evidence they expect to be admitted including the gloves, shoe prints and blood drops introduced at the criminal trial.

The lengthy list of witnesses —

150 for the plaintiffs and 100 for the defense — indicates a long trial, and Judge Hiroshi Fujisaki asked lawyers during a hearing Wednesday to give him an accurate time estimate.

Simpson lawyer Robert Baker said it would take at least four months to try the case and "that would be getting through the evidence in a pretty rapid fashion."

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Rainfall Tuesday trace
Rainfall Wednesday 0.00 in.
Total for the month 0.24 in.
Total for the year 6.48 in.
Normal for the month 0.93 in.
Normal for the year 10.28 in.

WEDNESDAY'S TEMPERATURES

High 86
Low 63
Norm. High 87
Norm. Low 62

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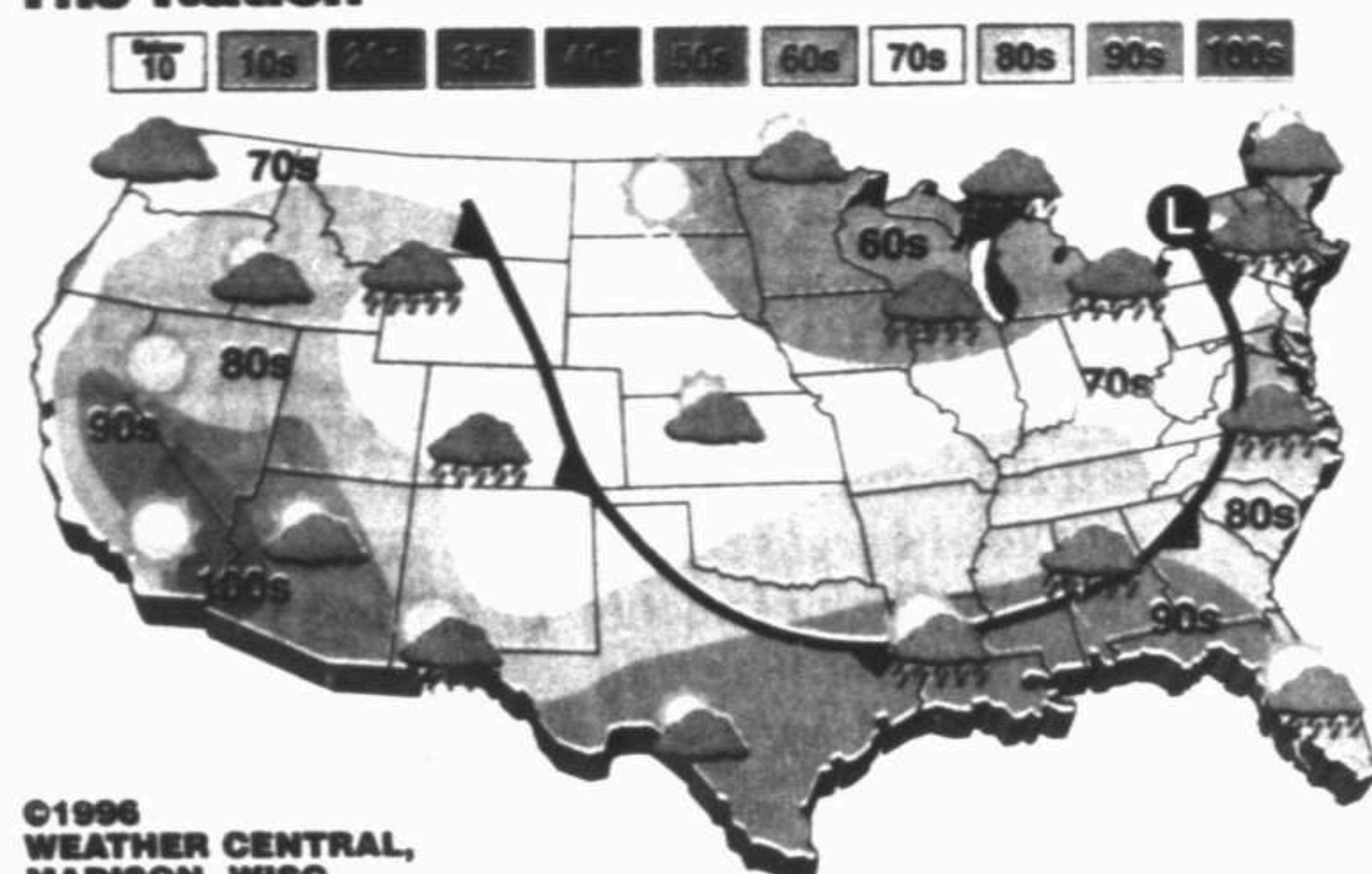


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Albuquerque	78	60	t	Columbia, SC	85	68	pc	Kansas City	73	50	pc	Pittsburgh	75	56	pc	Bermuda
Anchorage	52	41	c	Columbus, OH	74	51	sh	Las Vegas	96	72	s	Portland, OR	73	56	pc	Cabo San Lu
Aspen	60	39	t	Dayton	73	50	sh	Little Rock	88	62	pc	Raleigh	82	66	t	Chihuahua
Atlanta	88	66	t	Denver	75	51	t	Los Angeles	82	65	s	Reno	81	46	s	Guadalajara
Austin	94	68	pc	Des Moines	69	47	pc	Louisville	78	54	pc	Richmond	80	67	t	Havana
Baltimore	80	62	t	Detroit	70	52	sh	Memphis	85	62	pc	St. Louis	75	52	pc	Kingston
Birmingham	89	63	t	Duluth	60	39	pc	Miami Beach	89	78	t	Salt Lake City	85	60	pc	Mazatlan
Bismarck	70	45	s	Evansville	76	56	pc	Milwaukee	67	45	sh	San Diego	74	66	s	Merida
Boise	89	57	pc	Grand Rapids	65	50	sh	Minneapolis	64	45	pc	San Francisco	69	54	s	Mexico City
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Buffalo	73	53	t	Helena	82	52	pc	Nashville	81	58	pc	Sioux Falls	74	46	pc	St. Thomas
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Guadalajara	78	58	sh	London	68	51	s								
Havana	86	76	pc	Montreal	66	59	r								
Kingston	80	78	pc	Moscow	56	45	c								
Mazatlan	90	74	t	Nairobi	75	51	t								
Merida	96	74	pc	New Delhi	91	79	pc								
Mexico City	75	55	c	Paris	61	54	pc								
Nassau	90	77	t	Rio de Janeiro	78	66	t								
St. Thomas	88	77	sh	Riyadh	104	74	s								
San Jose	80	64	t	Rome	75	55	pc								
San Juan, PR	88	77	t	Stockholm	54	39	pc								
Torreon	89	72	t	Sydney	63	56	w								
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BASEBALL — Toronto Blue Jays 8, Texas Rangers 3.
Philadelphia Phillies 10, Houston Astros 8.

76ers sign Davis

PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia 76ers signed forward-guard Mark Davis, a free agent who played last season with the Minnesota Timberwolves.

Davis, 6-foot-7 and 210 pounds, played for Texas Tech before being selected in the second round of the 1995 draft by Minnesota.

In his rookie season last year, he averaged 3.3 points, 2.2 rebounds and 10 minutes in 57 games.

After two years at Howard College in Big Spring, Texas, the Thibodaux, La., native transferred to Texas Tech, where he finished his college career with an average of 17.9 points and 8.3 rebounds a game.

"Mark Davis has excellent quickness, speed and spring," 76ers general manager Brad Greenberg said. "He's a superb defensive player capable of covering guards and small forwards. Mark is a solid ball handler who can get to the basket."

Greenberg also said the 76ers are very close to a deal with the top selection in the draft, guard Allen Iverson of Georgetown.

Astros get Cedeno

HOUSTON — The Houston Astros acquired infielder Andujar Cedeno from the Detroit Tigers on Wednesday for a player to be named.

Cedeno played for the Astros from 1990-94.

"With the nagging injuries to Bill Spillers and Ricky Gutierrez, in addition to Sean Berry's current condition (sore shoulder), we felt we needed some insurance for the left side of our infield," Astros general manager Gerry Hunsicker said. "Acquiring Andujar Cedeno gives us someone with major league experience at third base and short stop."

Cedeno, 27, began the year with San Diego before being traded to Detroit.

In 101 games in both leagues, he hit .213 with 10 home runs and 38 RBIs.

No Extension

IRVING — Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones says his decision not to extend coach Barry Switzer's contract, as he's done the last two years, is strictly good business.

When he hired Switzer in 1994, Jones gave him a five-year contract with a rollover option, meaning it could continue to be a five-year deal as long as the team wanted.

Jones invoked the rollover before the 1994 playoff opener to relieve pressure on the rookie coach. Jones did it again in 1995 because he said he was "bolstered by the prospect of long-term progress with Barry Switzer."

Now, he said there's no reason to do it.

"It just is not necessary for any constituency to bolster the confidence by rolling over the contract, and it would not be good business for the team," Jones told The Dallas Morning News in Wednesday's editions.

Without rolling over the deal, Switzer is only bound to the team through 1999.

"This is not a diminishing of how long I think he will be with the Cowboys," Jones said. "But if you don't have to do it, then it is not something you do gratuitously, and we don't have to do it to have him coach the Dallas Cowboys."

The decision doesn't seem to bother Switzer.

"I trust Jerry," Switzer said. "My contract has nothing to do with how long I will coach here. The contract only provides compensation to the coach if the owner decides to cancel their arrangement."

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Lee, MHS volleyball teams gear for 4-5A opener

■ Midland Lee starts the District 4-5A volleyball campaign with a new coach and high hopes.

By Stewart Doreen
Sports Writer

A new coach and new system. It is not exactly *deja vu* for the Midland Lee volleyball team. It is becoming a bad habit. But this season new coach Connie Alexander is trying to turn this bad habit into a playoff berth for the first time since 1993.

"To be a successful season, this team has to make the playoffs," Alexander said. "Three coaches in three years is tough, but they have adjusted well. There is potential, but they just have to put it together. They are hungry."

Alexander came to Lee after a 16-year stint in Fort Stockton. She inherits a team loaded in years and short in experience with her system. Her eight seniors have been through the last two seasons with Anita Corder in 1994 and Carol McCann in 1995. Neither season produced good results (two consecutive fifth-place finishes) in District 4-5A, but players can already tell that might change. Ten wins already this season is more than either of the past two seasons.

"I'm getting used to the change," said Allison Bradshaw, a second-team all-district player last season. "We had to go into it with an open mind. We are more focused. She (coach Alexander) hates to lose and we are developing that attitude."

What Lee did lose from last season were 4-5A first team hitters Amber Willis and Kasey Wolters. But replacing them



Midland Lee's Allison Bradshaw, Vanessa Mosely and LaToya Strambler hope to aid the Lady Rebels' path to the playoffs in 1996.

has not been as difficult as one might think. Alexander has moved Bradshaw from the middle to the outside. She will join another senior, LaToya Strambler, at the strongside positions.

Vanessa Mosely has been moved to the middle to take her place with sophomore Maurion Strambler. LaSaundra Christian, Tiffani Zachry and Shelby McPherson

Please see LEE/5C

■ The Midland High volleyball team is searching for a third consecutive state playoff berth.

By Stewart Doreen
Sports Writer

Terri McColloch has earned her keep at Midland High, making the volleyball playoffs in her first two seasons as head coach.

Now, the program comes back after losing five starters, trying to make it three straight. McColloch and her players will need to come up with a little more.

■ MHS at Lee, 2:30 p.m., Saturday, 4-5A opener.

"Everyone in the district (4-5A) is good," said McColloch, whose teams have a combined 36-21 record in 1994-95. "There are not any weak teams. If we are going to beat teams, it will be because of defensive hustle and determination."

"This year's team is a totally different team, personality wise. It is a joy to coach."

McColloch, the district's 1995 co-coach of the year, lost three first-team all-district performers, Jamee Stennett, Toya Zachery and Sara Pritchett, the outstanding defensive player of the year. Outside hitter Elesceeya King, a second-team player, is also gone, but this season's crop is ready to rally and knows what must happen for success.

At tournaments this season, we have



Midland High seniors Christy Trautman, Talitha Belcher, Brianne Elkins and Becky Salgado want a return trip to the volleyball playoffs.

shown that we can play together, and it has been surprising that we have played this well," said Christy Trautman, the lone returning starter from last year. "There is a lot of pressure being the only returning starter. Mistakes are amplified more."

Trautman has been moved from her

Please see MHS/5C

DISTRICT 4-5A TEAM TENNIS: MHS vs. LEE

No. 7 Bulldog netters romp

■ Midland High starts 4-5A team tennis play with 18-0 shutout over cross town rival Midland Lee.

By Mike Butts
Sports Writer

Midland High's tennis team awoke Wednesday to its highest-ever state ranking under coach Tom Heiting. And after the day's 18-0 romp over Midland Lee at the Lee tennis courts, who could argue with the Bulldogs' No. 7 standing?

Midland High lost only two sets in the district team tennis opener for both teams. Only Lee's No. 1 singles girl Deborah Ho and the Rebels' No. 2 boys singles player Wesley Hunt were able to carve out set wins in the Bulldogs' dominating victory. It was Lee's second team match loss of the season.

"This is the first time we've been ranked that high," MHS coach Tom Heiting said. "It means a lot to the kids. They had a lot more pride today and were more professional. And they told me they still want to improve."

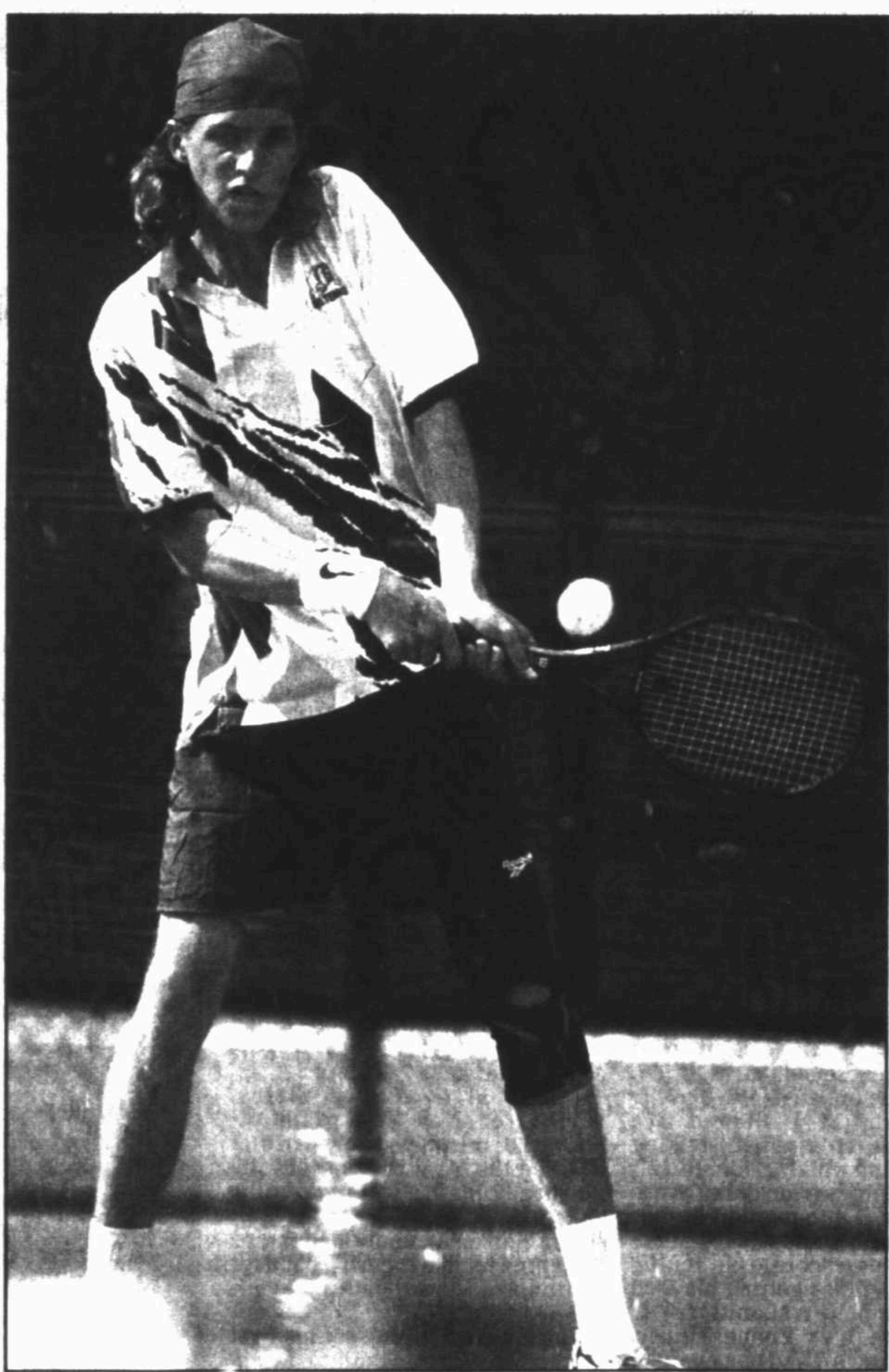
Conner Austin of Lee and Jan Vanco of MHS staged the battle of the tall and the small in the boys No. 1 match. The 6-foot-7 Vanco won in straight sets 6-4, 6-3, but Austin was able to frustrate Vanco some with his return of service.

But the best match of the day was between the No. 1 girls. Midland High sophomore Meryl McClung had to go to a third-set tie-breaker to beat Deborah Ho of Lee 3-6, 6-4, 7-6 (8-6). McClung was battling a pulled hamstring muscle and more.

"She does have a knot (in the hamstring)," Heiting said. "But I think more so it was being a sophomore and being at No. 1 with a lot of pressure on her. I was in the same position as a sophomore when I played at Permian and I told her the same thing my coach told me."

Austin played gamely against the larger Slovakian foreign exchange student. He fought back from at least five match points before falling. He was down 40-love in the last game and pushed it to deuce.

"What it amounted to was one break



Midland High's Jan Vanco returns a shot during the District 4-5A team tennis opener at Midland Lee. The Bulldogs, ranked No. 7 in the state, defeated Lee, 18-0.

Please see TENNIS/5C

SEAN WALLACE

Overtime rule good idea, but it doesn't go far enough

When the NCAA announced the addition of the overtime rule for college Division I college football this season, the masses hailed it as an important step on the way to the inevitable annual Nebraska vs. (fill in your favorite team here) national championship extravaganza.

Pay no attention to that man behind the curtain. It's a nice idea — an idea which is well past overdue — but it seems more like a Snickers bar to satisfy a grumbling stomach than the four-course meal college football fans deserve.

The format, not the idea, is flawed. It's the same format which high school teams will use this fall: teams start from the 25 and keep moving the football until they get a first down or score. The team with the most points after each team has had possession of the ball wins.

The overtime rule has been in place in Division I-AA for a number of years, not to mention the NFL, and has worked quite well in the sudden-death format. First team to score wins. Period. There hasn't been any great cry to change their systems, have there?

We've seen overtime used by two Big 12 schools so

far this season — Oklahoma State beat Southwest Missouri State while Iowa State lost to Wyoming — but the NCAA needs to do more. Either do overtime right, or don't do it all.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

■ #24 KANSAS (1-0) AT TEXAS CHRISTIAN (1-0) — The Frogs jumped on Oklahoma early and often last week, thoroughly outplaying the Sooners and taking the home field advantage way. Now it's Kansas' turn. The Jayhawks haven't played since beating Ball State two weeks ago, and running back June Henley, the Big 12's second leading rusher behind Texas Tech's Byron Hunsford will be rested and ready. PREDICTION: Kansas 27, TCU 17.

■ #25 TEXAS A&M (0-1) AT SW LOUISIANA (0-1) — Ok, I've got it. Maybe the Aggies thought THIS was their season opener. Brannon Stewart's good performance against BYU was overshadowed by their Wrecked Crew defense. Not this time. Three of the next four games involve teams A&M should — and will — knock silly. PREDICTION: Texas A&M 65, SW Louisiana 10.

■ BAYLOR (1-0) AT LOUISVILLE (1-1) — The Bears got off to a good start but got tired in the fourth quarter against Louisiana Tech. Baylor can't afford this type of letdown against Louisville. QB Jeff Wat-

son is ninth in the Big 12 in passing efficiency and will have to put up better numbers if the Bears want to be mentioned with the top teams in the league. PREDICTION: Baylor 21, Louisville 20.

■ UTAH (1-1) AT SMU (2-0, 1-0) — Seems like the Rangers aren't the only Metroplex team which has stunned its critics, waiting for them to inevitably fall by the wayside. The Ponies have charged out to their first 2-0 start since 1985 behind QB Ramon Flanagan, and you keep wondering if they can sustain it. Are they this year's Northwestern? Probably not. But they are showing signs of becoming not only a competitive team, but a good team. Utah was upset by in-state rival Utah State in its opener but rebounded with a win over Stanford. PREDICTION: Utah 24, SMU 20.

■ RICE (0-1) AT TULANE (1-0) — Tulane has hired a marketing firm to help sell tickets to its home games, but the season theme should be Much Ado About Nothing. Rice isn't as bad as last week's 70-7 loss to Ohio State indicates, but not good enough to fill the Superdome. PREDICTION: Rice 17, Tulane 14.

LAST WEEK: 4-2 (.667). OVERALL: 9-3 (.750).

Sean Wallace is a sports writer for the Reporter-Telegram.

Please see AREA/5C

Next Novacek may already be in Dallas

IRVING — Eric Bjornson faked a block from his tight end position, slipped over the middle and took a perfect pass from Troy Aikman for a 10-yard gain.

This happened in training camp two years ago and Aikman labeled the rookie fourth-round draft pick from Washington as the next coming of Jay Novacek.

"I think Eric is really going to help us," Aikman said. "He runs a good route and has good hands. He reminds me a lot of Jay."

Novacek has been Aikman's best third-down receiver. Since Novacek joined the team in 1990, he has caught 339 passes.

But the Novacek era could be close to an end. A degenerative back problem has kept him out of the lineup all season.

In fact, Dallas Cowboys coach Barry Switzer said this week, "I'm concerned whether Jay can play this year."

Trainer Jim Maurer said a magnetic resonance imaging test taken Tuesday revealed no changes from an exam taken last month.

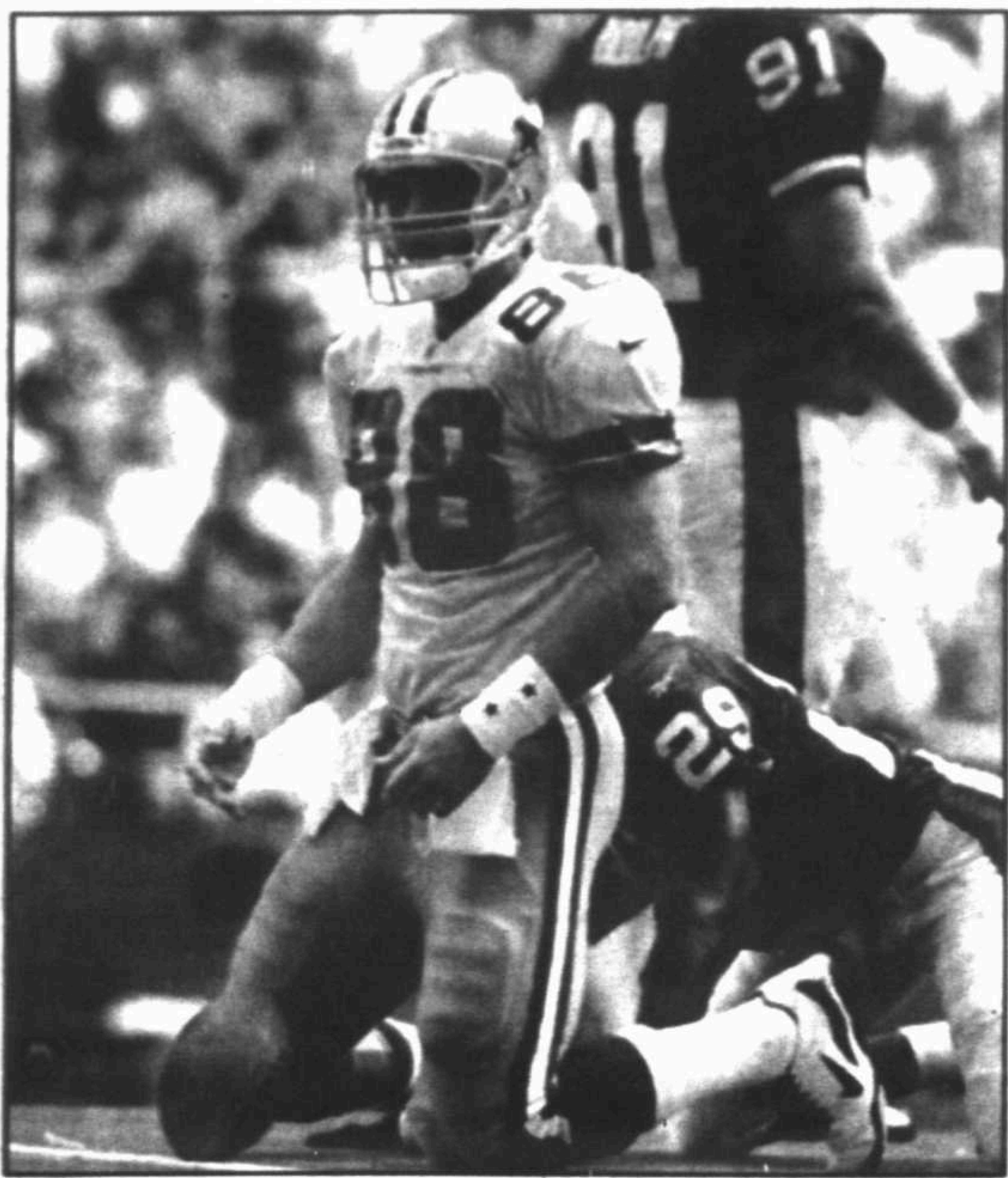
"No change is good from a rehab perspective," Maurer said. "That means what we've been doing is not aggravating it."

Novacek's prolonged absence puts a lot more pressure on Bjornson, a 6-foot-4, 235-pound former quarterback and wide receiver who has a knack for getting open.

However, he has been dogged by hamstring problems that limited his play last year and kept him down this season.

He finally showed what he could do in a 27-0 victory over the New York Giants on Sunday when he caught four passes for 41 yards.

"It really helps our offense when Eric can play," Aikman said. "For one thing, we get to keep D.J. (Daryl Johnston) at fullback. Eric is a good blocker and he's a



Dallas tight end Eric Bjornson caught four passes for 41 yards in the Cowboys' victory over the New York Giants Sunday.

tremendous receiving threat. It keeps other teams honest. They can't double the wide receivers with him in there."

During practice Bjornson still limps like an old man because of the sore hamstrings.

"It's really been frustrating," he said. "At least I got through the Giants game no worse for wear. I know the team really needs me."

Bjornson's toughness in the Giants game impressed none other than offensive tackle Nate Newton, who grades players on being able to take a hit.

"Troy dumped off a short pass to Bjornson so he would get tackled, and he got hit by three Giants and

jumped right up," Newton said. "I like that. He showed some toughness like Jay used to. I think Bjornson could really help us. He could be a threat."

Novacek has contributed to Bjornson's development by coaching him on the sideline during games.

"He's really been help by telling by giving me little tips that help me get open," Bjornson said. "It's great to have him around."

So, is Bjornson the next Novacek?

"I'm nowhere near the athlete he is," Bjornson said. "This guy has been the real deal in this league for a long time."

Astros fail to gain ground on Cards

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Mickey Morandini had four hits and knocked in two runs as the Philadelphia Phillies defeated the Houston Astros 10-8 Wednesday night.

Houston remained 2 1/2 games behind St. Louis for the NL Central Division lead. The Cardinals lost 4-2 to San Francisco earlier in the day.

The Astros actually outthrew the Phillies 15-14, but left 13 runners on base. Ricky Bottalico pitched the ninth for his 31st save.

Giants 4, Cardinals 2
SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds' second two-run homer of the game broke an eighth-inning tie.

Bill Mueller drew a leadoff walk

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in the eighth off Alan Benes (13-9), who was pitching in relief of starter Danny Jackson. Bonds followed by hitting a 3-2 pitch just over the right-field fence for his 39th homer.

Expos 2, Cubs 1
CHICAGO — Moises Alou finished an otherwise horrible road trip by hitting a two-run homer in the eighth inning, giving Montreal a victory over Chicago.

Alou was 3-for-27 on the Expos' seven-game trip, including 1-for-11 in the three games at Chicago, before pulling a pitch by Terry Adams (2-6) over the left-center field wall and out of Wrigley Field.

Mets 3, Marlins 1

NEW YORK (AP) — Jason Isringhausen, in his second start since coming off the disabled list Sept. 6, scattered four hits in 6-2-3 innings.

Isringhausen (6-13), averaging nearly four walks per nine innings, walked only one. Derek Wallace pitched the ninth for his first major-league save.

Rockies 6, Braves 5
DENVER — Denny Neagle remained winless with Atlanta as Andres Galarraga homered for the second straight game, leading Colorado over the Braves.

Neagle (14-8), who is 3-4 with a 6.97 career ERA against Colorado, has given up 12 earned runs and lost two of his three starts.

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Blue Jays use errors to nail Texas

Associated Press

TORONTO — Texas third baseman Dean Palmer committed two errors on the same play, allowing Toronto to score the go-ahead run in a six-run seventh inning Wednesday night that gave the Blue Jays an 8-3 win over the Rangers.

Otis Nixon had two hits as the Blue Jays stopped an eight-game losing streak to Texas.

Ivan Rodriguez and Will Clark homered for the AL West-leading Rangers, who had their winning streak end at five games.

Trailing 3-1, Nixon and Jacob Brumfield started the seventh with singles off Ed Vosberg (1-1) before Joe Carter hit an RBI double.

Juan Samuel walked to load the bases, and one out later, Dennis Cook walked Carlos Delgado with to force in the tying run.

Alex Gonzalez followed with a chopper to third where Palmer misplayed the ball for one error, then threw wildly to the plate for another, allowing two runs to score.

Nixon capped the inning with a two-run single to give the Blue Jays a 7-3 lead.

Luis Andujar (1-2), making his first start since he was acquired from the Chicago White Sox on Aug. 22, gave up three runs and nine hits over seven innings.

Royals 4, Mariners 2
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Joe Vitiello broke out of an 0-for-17 slump with a two-run double after Ken Griffey Jr.'s bad throw put two runners in scoring position as Kansas City beat Seattle.

The Mariners stranded 11 runners, including two in the eighth when Jeff Granger struck out Dave Hollins, who hit a two-run homer in the seventh.

After Tom Goodwin, Bip Roberts and Craig Paquette singled to open the Kansas City fourth, Mike Macfarlane hit a short fly to Griffey in center.

Goodwin tagged up and scored when Griffey's throw sailed wide of the plate, which also allowed Roberts and Paquette to move up a base. Vitiello then doubled in both runners to put Kansas City up 3-0.

Doug Linton (7-9), making his first start since Aug. 31, got the

AL Roundup

win. He gave up four hits in six innings, including the homer to Hollins.

Jaime Bluma pitched the ninth for his second save.

Jamie Moyer (11-3), acquired by Seattle just before the July 30 trading deadline, took the loss. He allowed four runs on eight hits in seven innings.

Goodwin singled in the eighth, stole second, went to third on catcher Chris Widger's throwing error and scored when shortstop Alex Rodriguez bounced a throw to first on McFarlane's grounder.

The Mariners entered the game four games behind Baltimore in the AL wild-card race.

Red Sox 4, Brewers 1
BOSTON — Bill Haselman hit a tie-breaking home run and Tim Wakefield allowed four hits in eight innings as Boston snapped a four-game losing streak.

It was 1-1 in the eighth inning when Nomar Garciaparra tripled leading off. Doug Jones relieved Cal Eldred (3-4) and Haselman hit the third pitch over the Green Monster for the game-winner.

Jeff Frye walked and, two outs later, Mo Vaughn and Mike Greenwell singled to make it 4-1. Heathcliff Slocumb pitched the ninth for his 26th save.

Indians 2, Angels 0
CLEVELAND — Jack McDowell won for the first time since Aug. 9 as Cleveland defeated California and lowered its magic number for winning their second straight AL Central title to 10.

McDowell (11-9) allowed five hits over seven innings, striking out seven and walking one. He left after a 67-minute rain delay at the start of the eighth inning.

Eric Plunk and Jose Mesa pitched one scoreless inning apiece with Mesa getting his 33rd save to complete a six-hitter.

McDowell, a Cy Young winner, had an 0-3 record and one no-decision in four previous starts. He had a 10.43 ERA in his last three starts.

McDowell avenged his shortest outing of the season. In an 8-7 Angels win on Aug. 14, the right-hander allowed seven runs on eight hits in 2 1/3 innings.

Chuck Finley (13-15) allowed

four hits and two unearned runs in seven innings but lost for the eighth time in his last 10 decisions.

Cleveland, which had battled from behind to win the previous two nights, took a 2-0 lead in the first inning with the help of two Angels errors.

Twins 7, Athletics 2
MINNEAPOLIS — Paul Molitor went 3-for-5 to move within seven hits of 3,000 and Brad Radke pitched a five-hitter as Minnesota kept its slim wild-card hopes alive with a win over Oakland.

Molitor, who singled twice and doubled, now has 2,993 hits over his 19-year major league career. With 17 games remaining in 1996, it's likely that Molitor will become the 21st player in history to reach the 3,000-hit milestone.

The Twins entered Wednesday six games back in the AL wild-card race.

Orioles 7, White Sox 6
BALTIMORE — Eddie Murray drove in the winning run with a sacrifice fly in the 10th inning as Baltimore beat Chicago, extending its wild-card lead to 1 1/2 games.

Baltimore has won five straight and 29 of 44, including the first two games of the series that concludes Thursday. Chicago came to Camden Yards with a half-game lead in the wild-card race.

The Orioles, striving to make the playoffs for the first time since 1983, started the day 2 1/2 games behind the New York Yankees in the AL East. It was the first time in 13 games that Baltimore failed to hit a home run.

Yankees 7, Tigers 3
DETROIT — Ruben Sierra, traded from New York to Detroit on July 31, misplayed a fly ball that allowed the Yankees to score the go-ahead runs in a victory over the Tigers.

The Yankees maintained their 2 1/2-game lead in the AL East over Baltimore, which beat Chicago 7-6 in 10 innings.

Jimmy Key (11-10) got his first victory at Tiger Stadium in six years. Key, who was 0-4 with a no-decision here since his last win in 1990, gave up three runs on eight hits in six innings.

Brian Boehringer, Mariano Rivera and John Wetteland each pitched an inning of scoreless relief for the Yankees.

Playoffs expensive

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers are making special plans to accommodate corporate fans should the team reach the postseason for the first time in franchise history.

And it isn't cheap. The deposit alone costs \$12,000, and tickets must be bought for 11 possible post-season games.

The cheapest plan for a corporation to reserve an area — \$35,000 — includes 20 upper-level tickets. The price tag covers three division series games (\$2,500 each), four American League Championship Series games (\$3,000 each) and four World Series games (\$4,000 each).

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Tech goes to Greaser

LUBBOCK (AP) — The battle to become Texas Tech's first-string kicker was supposed to be wide open, not wide right.

Even though Tony Rogers was one of college football's most accurate long-range kickers last season, Red Raiders coach Spike Dykes wanted to give possible diamond in the rough Jared Greaser a chance.

Rogers won the job, then missed four of his first five kicks in an opening week loss at Kansas State. Backup Jared Greaser came in late to drill a 53-yarder, and he was a backup no more.

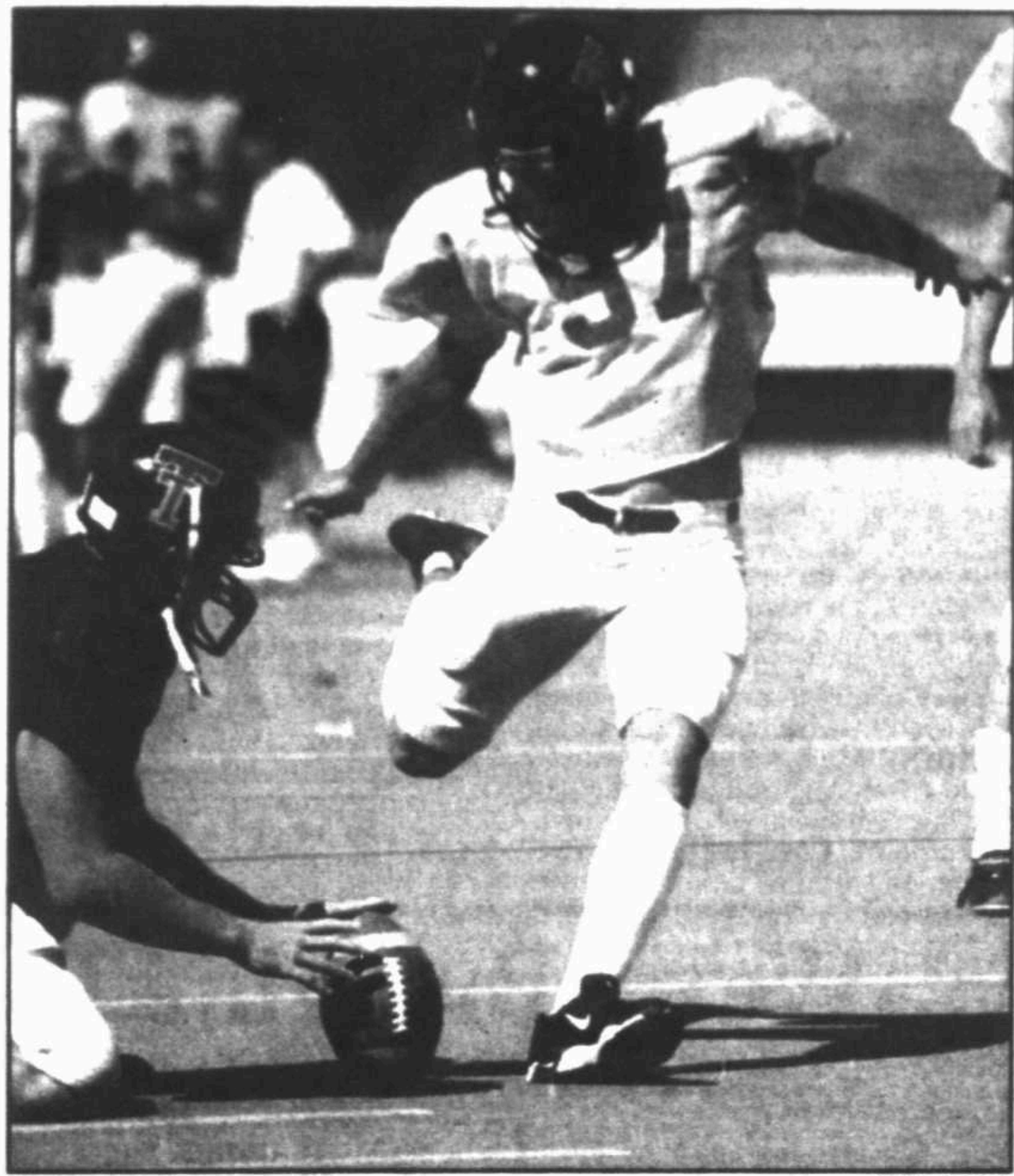
Greaser nailed four more in a row last Saturday in a 31-3 romp against Oklahoma State, further securing his spot as the Red Raiders prepare to visit Georgia a week from Saturday.

"That's the life of a kicker," said Greaser, a walk-on sophomore from Amarillo. "It's a difficult situation. One minute, you're best friends with everyone. The next minute, you're sitting by yourself."

Greaser, who has the stronger leg of the two, handled kickoff chores last season while Rogers was the Southwest Conference's fifth-leading scorer with 70 points, including 37-for-37 on conversions.

Few teams feature two quality Division I-A kickers like Tech, which allowed coaches to concentrate more on the punting job this summer. Going into the season, coach Spike Dykes admitted he was nervous about who would replace Brad Cade, a senior last year.

Jeremy Hernandez, a sopho-



Texas Tech kicker Jared Greaser has been a bright spot in the Red Raider kicking game, hitting four field goals in a row in a win over Oklahoma St.

more from Midland, beat out two freshmen for the job and has responded with a 47.2-yard average on nine tries, ranking him among the nation's best.

"I can't believe it," Hernandez said. "I need someone to pinch me. If someone had told me I'd be the punter and doing as well as I've done after two games, I'd have driven myself to the funny farm."

The services of Hernandez and Greaser are magnified by a Tech

offense that has scored just four touchdowns in two games despite having one of the country's top tailbacks in Byron Hanspard.

The Red Raiders will take what they can get until the offense gears up, offensive coordinator Rick Dykes said.

"Any time you move the ball down the field around the 30 and get three points, that's important," Dykes said.

Stewart ready to continue career

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M quarterback Brandon Stewart, a former Stephenville star who began his collegiate career at Tennessee, looks forward to the day he'll be asked only where he's going and not where he's been.

Since Stewart ended his battle with Peyton Manning and transferred to A&M two years ago, he's been asked repeatedly about his adjustment to new surroundings.

Now, he's ready to continue improving after completing 20-of-28 passes for 232 yards, two touchdowns and no interceptions in the No. 25 Aggies' 41-37 season opening loss to Brigham Young.

"I was just anxious to play, I was ready to play. After a few plays, I felt comfortable," Stewart said.

Despite his solid start, Stewart's performance was overlooked because the A&M defense col-

lapsed and BYU's Steve Sarkisian threw for 536 yards and six touchdowns, the biggest passing day ever against the Aggies.

"He was overshadowed by a great quarterback who had an outstanding game against us," A&M coach R.C. Slocum said. "I thought his performance was good when you consider the circumstances."

"He was making his first college start and playing in a game that he got no breathing room. You'd like to see him in a game where he could go have some fun. But you never saw any panic."

Against BYU, the Aggies showed the balanced attack they've been trying to establish in previous years. Sirr Parker (101) and Eric Bernard (108) each had 100-yard performances.

The Aggies have had almost three weeks to prepare for Satur-

day's second game against Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette, La. Slocum got the Aggies started on their long down period with three days of two-a-day workouts.

"This is like reporting all over again," said Stewart, who has a good grasp on the offense after two years of spring practices. "I think we've put the BYU game behind us. We're looking at this as the start of our season."

LOCAL SPORTS

Four win at Basin Playday

ODESSA — Two players won in individual categories while two tied for the fewest putts Wednesday at the Permian Basin Playday at Mission Dorado Country Club.

Jo Dickson had the low score in the gross category with a 78 while Nita Dickman won in the net competition with a 68. Catalina Navarette and Doris Schultz tied for the fewest putts with 29 apiece.

Gross play 1. Jo Dickson (RHCC) 78; 2. LaNell Guetter (ACC) 79; 3. Trena Albright (GTCC) 80; 4. Joy Harlan (ACC) 84; 5. Joan Daniel (BSCC) 85. **Net play** 1. Nita Dickman (SCC) 68; 2. Paula Baggett (MDCC) 69; 3. Marly Farris (RHCC) 70; 4. Tammy Houston (MDCC) 71; 5. Sandra Holt (BSCC) 71. **Low putts** 1 (tie) Catalina Navarette (SCC) and Doris Schultz (GTCC) 29; 3 (tie) JoAnn Teasley (GTCC) and Betty Perkins (MDCC) 30; 5. Paula Butler (MDCC) 31.

Arthur wins Ping PGA

Perry Arthur shot a final round 65 Wednesday for a score of 206 to claim the winning score and \$2,400 prize at the Northern Texas Section Ping PGA Championship at the Midland Country Club.

Arthur was tied for the lead with Benny Passons and Gordon Johnson at 141 after the first two rounds. Passons had an excellent final round, shooting a 66, but it still came up a stroke short of

Arthur at 207. Johnson slipped to a 74 and finished tied for seventh.

Steve Bowman finished third at 211, Joe Hager was fourth at 213 and Doug Higgins and Bill Garrett were tied for fifth at 214. Two Midland players finished in a tie for 15th. Chris Carpenter of Green Tree Country Club and Terry Lester of Midland Country Club both shot 218. They each won \$310.

MHS Freshman teams triumph

The Midland High Freshman Purple and Gold teams both won their matches over their Midland Lee Freshman opponents Wednesday night. The Purple team swept Lee's White squad 18-16, 15-11 while the Gold team defeated Lee's Maroon team 15-8, 15-7.

Alamo and Abell advance in v-ball

The seventh-grade teams for both Alamo and Abell have advanced to the semifinals of a preseason volleyball tournament for city junior high schools.

Host school Alamo's White team defeated San Jacinto White 15-2, 12-15, 15-5. Erin Evans had 12

service points in the first game for Alamo while Brittany Cave added seven service points. Alamo White will play Abell White at 6:15 p.m. Friday.

Alamo Gray and Abell Blue advanced to Friday's round and will also play at 6:15. Alamo Gray defeated San Jacinto Gold 15-7, 15-10, 15-7. Jade Cowdery had 12 straight service points for Alamo while Megan Tipton added seven service points.

Abell Blue defeated Goddard Red 15-5, 15-4, 16-14. Amanda Anschutz had 19 service points for Abell, including 16 aces. Candice Carney had nine service points with eight aces while Angela Hurtado had 11 digs.

Goddard, Abell win matches

Abell's Blue and White teams and Goddard's Red squad all won their eighth-grade season openers Wednesday.

The Abell Blue team defeated Alamo Gray 15-11, 11-15, 15-6. Crystal Schultz had nine straight service points in the third game for Abell. The Abell White team beat Alamo Red 16-14, 15-5, with Jenny Maury scoring 15 service points and Laura Bullock tallying 10.

Goddard Red defeated San Jacinto White 15-8, 15-2.

Major Hurricane heads toward Rutgers

PISCATAWAY, N.J. (AP) — While help has been the last thing Miami has ever needed against Rutgers, the Hurricanes can count on it Thursday night.

After scoring 82 points the first two games of the season, No. 10 Miami (2-0) will be able to put a little more juice in its offense by welcoming tailback Danyell Ferguson and wide receiver Yatil Green to the lineup in the nationally televised game.

Ferguson, the Canes' leading rusher last season, and Green, the No. 2 receiver, were suspended for two games by the NCAA for accepting the use of a limousine for a night from a former Miami player.

"It's been a real long wait," said Ferguson, who gained 1,069 yards last season. "It was real tough, but I felt a better because we won."

Miami coach Butch Davis has refused to say whether he'll start Ferguson and Green, but he really doesn't need them against Rutgers (1-1).

The Scarlet Knights are rebuilding under new coach Terry Shea and the only thing that is working now is the defense, which played well last week in a 10-6 loss to Navy.

Shea's offense has been pathetic, with three quarterbacks trying to make something happen. Mike Stephens, a senior walk-on whose only previous start for Rutgers was

at third base for the baseball team, gets the nod this week.

"Obviously we would love to win," Stephens said. "You don't go out to play a game to try and look respectable. Nobody likes to get blown out. Nobody likes to lose. We want to go out and compete as best we can."

"If we come out a loser, then we come out a loser," he added. "As long as we play hard and play the game we're supposed to play, it should be a good game."

That hasn't been the case ever against Miami.

Rutgers has played the Hurricanes in each of the last three years and lost by margins of 31-17, 24-3 and 56-21.

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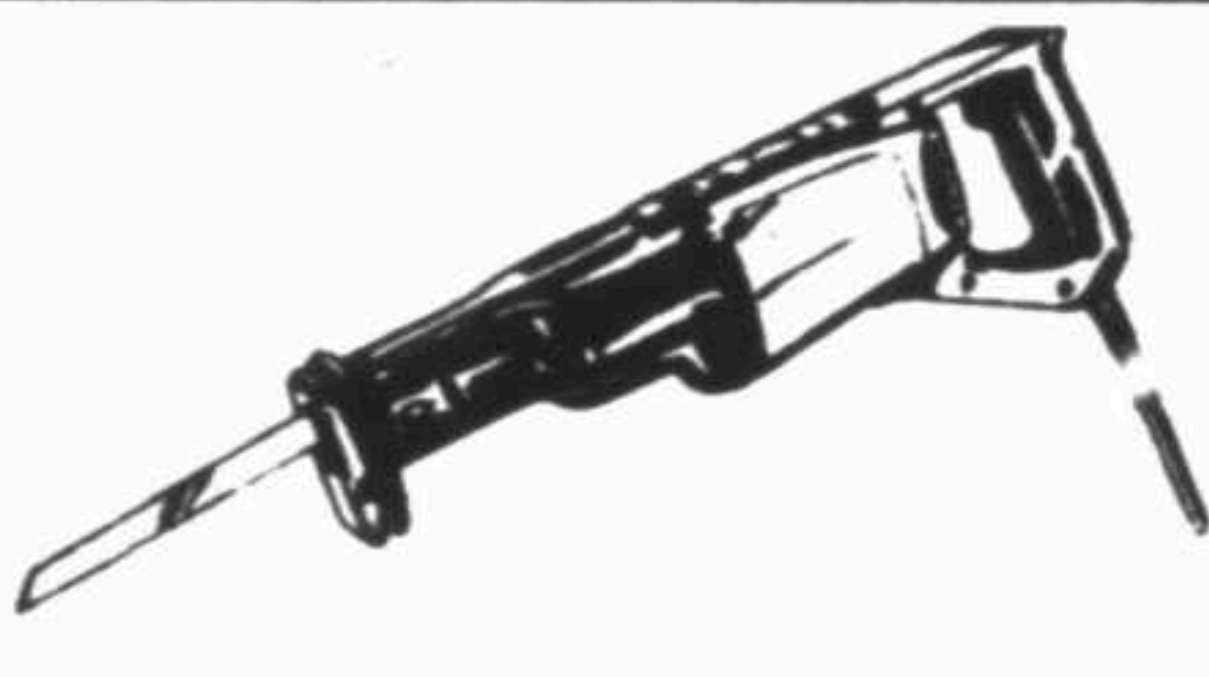
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son will also get time at weakside hitter. Alexander says that with the number of attackers returning, there will be the help to make the transition go better.

"In this case, having so many seniors is a good position because it gives us that many hitters," Alexander said. "We are strong in the hitting department. That has given us time to develop. There are some rough spots. But they (the players) are cooperative and do what you ask of them."

The players agree that their ability to hit will help carry the team at times.

"We are doing different things than last year," Mosely said. "We have a lot of experience. It is fun to watch the ball go down, and we will be able to do that more than last year."

The hitting, however, will only go as far as the team's passing and setting will allow. Alexander's six (hitter), two (setter) offense was sidetracked by a knee injury to Amanda Smart, who was penciled in to start the season as a setter. That left senior Shawn Nishi and junior Sara Buchanan to take over. What Alexander hopes is that her team's passing and setting will improve and help the team become more consistent.

"The mental toughness is what they have to overcome," Alexander said. "We have to become more consistent. Right now, we are struggling to play point-to-point."

MHS: Lady Bulldogs seek playoffs

(From 1C)

setting role to an outside hitter spot in McColloch's six (hitter), two (setter) set. That makes room for Becky Salgado and Kiersten Donnelly to take over setting duties and give McColloch some experience on the outside.

"It (being the setter) makes me nervous. Coach says it makes or breaks a team," Salgado said. "I'm working on making the team go. It has worked better than I expected. We don't have any weak hitters on the team."

Joining Trautman in the hitting line will be the strongest of the strong, Brianne Elkins.

The 5-foot-7 senior has made the most of her opportunity to take up where last year's team left off. Elkins leads the team in kills with 143 in 14 matches and is becoming a valuable part of the offense. She says that success will not come from just one person but from the whole unit.

"We have to work together and believe in ourselves," Elkins said. "Everyone has a job to do. If I do mine and everyone else does theirs, it will be OK."

MHS will run a one-back defense, which concentrates on taking the lines away and allows the team to take full advantage of its speed. McColloch's service reception keys off four strong passers.

Those spots are where this team will have limited problems. The ability to pass and keep the ball in play will keep the Lady Bulldogs in matches and make up for a lack of blocking. Actually, with four players standing 5-4 in the starting six, it is more of a necessity than luxury.

"Being strong defensively is our goal because we have short blockers," said Talitha Belcher, who joins Salgado as MHS' two returning players who didn't start but

TENNIS: MHS wins team tennis opener

(From 1C)

in the first set," Austin said. "And he broke me once in the second set and then again to win the match. I broke him once in the second, and I play on momentum and that changed the momentum a lot."

Austin handled Vanco's serve well.

"I think for others his serve will be real tough," Austin said. "But I'm low to the ground and I blocked them back onto the court."

Lee's Wesley Hunt lost to Nathan Lawrence of MHS 6-2, 3-6, 6-1. Heiting thought Hunt's play was one of the highlights of the match.

"I thought Nathan Lawrence did an excellent job playing Wesley Hunt because Hunt was up in a match against Matt Parkhill last year and Parkhill went to state," Heiting said. "Even Nathan said this (Hunt) is the scrappiest player around."

The Bulldogs strength could be in their depth, which is crucial in team tennis matches, which use least six players from each team.

"I really want to emphasize the depth of my team, especially in

Baseball decisions still on hold

CHICAGO (AP) — Baseball's ruling executive council failed to make any major decisions when it met Wednesday, leaving labor talks — and interleague play — on hold.

"I won't kid you," acting commissioner Bud Selig said. "There's still a huge difference of opinions, and I don't want to minimize that. They were all articulated to the point where I felt we had a positive meeting."

Neither Selig nor Randy Levine, the owners' chief negotiator, publicly detailed the discussion during

They have to realize that the winning attitude has to develop.

Good tournaments early on, and a 10-5 record, seems to be getting through to the players.

"The key is for us to believe in ourselves," LaToya Strambler said. "We are coming along and improving each tournament. We are finding success and using it."

Defensively, Alexander will rotate many players into her two-back defense. Players like seniors Michelle Primeaux, Tracy Ryan and Aleena Smith should see time.

Lee Notes: The Lady Rebels won the 4-5A opener last season but finished 4-8 and in fifth place for the fifth consecutive season. The Lady Rebels played to a 15-31 record over the past two seasons...

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
14	Midland High	Lee	2:30
17	Odessa High	OHS	7:30
21	Cooper	Lee	2:30
24	Open		
28	Abilene High	AHS	2:30
1	Permian	Lee	7:30
5	San Angelo	SA	2:30
8	Midland High	MHS	7:30
12	Odessa High	Lee	2:30
15	Cooper	CHS	7:30
19	Open		
22	Abilene High	Lee	7:30
26	Permian	PHS	2:30
29	San Angelo	Lee	7:30

Name	position	year
Allison Bradshaw	Hitter	Sr.
LaSaundra Christian	Hitter	Sr.
Vanessa Mosely	Middle Blocker	Sr.
Shawn Nishi	Setter	Sr.
Michelle Primeaux	Def. Specialist	Sr.
Tracy Ryan	Def. Specialist	Sr.
Amanda Smart	Setter	Sr.
Aleena Smith	Def. Specialist	Sr.
LaToya Strambler	Hitter	Jr.
Sarah Buchanan	Setter	Jr.
Shelby McPherson	Hitter	Jr.
Tiffany Zachry	Hitter	Jr.
Maurion Strambler	Middle Blocker	Jr.

saw considerable playing time last year. "This year, I play with more confidence, because everyone is playing together to do what we have to."

McColloch has seen her fair share of talent in her time at MHS. This team will have talent, maybe not in the areas that other teams have seen, its commitment to playing as a team.

"Everyone is unselfish," McColloch said. "They don't care who gets glory as long as it is for the team. They know they are underdogs and are up to the challenge. That motivates me."

MHS Notes: The last two seasons the Lady Bulldogs have posted identical 8-4 district records. If they make the playoffs, they will look to get through the first round of the playoffs for the first time in McColloch's tenure... MHS has gone through its pre-district schedule with a 6-8 record... McColloch says that this year's team has no clear cut favorite though Odessa High looks strong with Beth Espinoza and Linda Garcia returning. She also points to San Angelo's Katrina Pearson as maybe the best player in 4-5A...

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5	Dual - Seminole and Kermit	Seminole	1 p.m.
8	Lee	MHS	7:30
12	Permian	PHS	2:30
15	Abilene	MHS	7:30
19	San Angelo	SA	2:30
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26	Odessa High	MHS	2:30

Name	Height	Classification
Kiersten Donnelly	Setter	Jr.
Tarhonda Belcher	Def. specialist	Jr.
Talitha Belcher	Middle hitter	Sr.
Christy Trautman	Hitter	Sr.
Niki Green	Hitter	Soph
Alice Kirk	Hitter	Sr.
Becky Salgado	Setter	Sr.
Brianne Elkins	Hitter	Sr.
Jessica Moss	Hitter	Sr.
Marisa Hernandez	Def. Specialist	Soph
Heidi Lange	Def. specialist	Soph
Kyleigh Griffin	Hitter	Jr.

doubles," Heiting said. "It's what wins these matches in the long run."

In the girls No. 2 match MHS' Sonya Valdez beat Lee's Lili Vo 6-1, 6-0. The closest doubles match was between Vo-Stephanie Hofer and Valdez-McClung. The MHS team won 6-3, 6-4.

"As far as the varsity and the junior varsity a lot of those matches were very competitive," Heiting said. "And just because we have a state ranking we still have to do our job. It's not automatic."

But Wednesday's win was as close as it gets to routine.

Results from the Midland Lee-Midland High District 4-5A team tennis match Wednesday at the Lee tennis courts:

BOYS SINGLES
Jan Vanco def. Connor Austin 6-4, 6-3; Nathan Lawrence def. Wesley Hunt 6-2, 3-6, 6-1; Matt Gray def. Brian Brethaupt 6-1, 6-4; Spencer Ritchie def. Trent Broach 6-1, 6-4; Terrell McDonald def. Frank Ruda 6-1, 6-2; Justin Brainer def. Mike Descoli 6-4, 6-2.

BOYS DOUBLES
Vanco-Lawrence def. Austin-Hunt 6-3, 6-4; Ritchie-Gray def. Brethaupt-Broach 6-1, 6-3; McDonald-Brainer def. Ruda-Descoli 6-0, 6-3.

GIRLS SINGLES
Meryl McClung def. Deborah Ho 3-6, 6-4, 7-6 (8-6); Sonya Valdez def. Lili Vo 6-1, 6-0; Laurie Haas def. Stephanie Hofer 6-2, 6-2; Marci Holland def. Mandi Hayes 6-1, 6-1; Lindsey Hanolin def. Marie Lannom 6-1, 6-1; Katherine Geib def. Emily Oskerman 6-0, 6-1.

GIRLS DOUBLES
Valdez-McClung def. Vo-Hofer 6-2, 6-2; Haas-Hanolin def. Hayes-Oskerman 6-3, 6-2; Holland-Geib def. Ho-Reddy 6-3, 6-3.

the 4 1/2-hour session. Selig declined to call for a vote, saying he wanted to continue to inform teams of details of the proposed deal, according to a source with knowledge of the meeting who spoke on the condition he not be identified.

Levine said the council will meet again — either in person or by conference call — and the source said Selig probably will ask the council then to give Levine permission to wrap up an agreement.

Just 6 1/2 weeks remain until the start of the off-season.

AREA: Lamesa's Tors find QB the hard way

(From 1C)

"They use multi-formations on offense and just run out of every set in the world," Cotton said. "They have a tremendous quarterback and a good offensive line. Defensively they're ever bit as good as Colorado City."

And so is Stanton, almost. The Buffs led the Wolves 17-14 with four minutes to play and Colorado City facing a fourth down. On the next play the Wolves converting the first down and scored the winning touchdown. Stanton scored the first 17 points and probably didn't play its best game.

Leo McCalister had 134 yards receiving but the Buffs lost three fumbles and had one pass intercepted.

"I do feel like we're going to have to get more people involved in the offense than just Leo because people will start double and triple teaming him," Cotton said.

Starting quarterback Kyle Herm took only about four snaps in the second half of the Colorado City game. But backups Kory Williams and John Bryan played well, completing four of six passes.

Stanton had 81 yards rushing.

"We feel we're going to have to throw the football some but our running game has got to improve over last week," Cotton said.

Meanwhile, Roscoe has already shown they can handle the move up to 2A.

"I don't think they even batted an eye at it," Cotton said. "As a matter of fact I think they're out to prove that 2A is not going to be any problem for them."

Stanton may present a problem for them, as long as no one shoots the Buffs' schedule maker.

Area Highlights

Track coaching must have looked pretty good to new LAMESA (1-0) coach Tim James in the second quarter of his team's 21-6 win over Pecos Friday. James went from heading up the track

Vaughn injured

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Kansas guard Jacques Vaughn will require surgery for his injured right wrist and is expected to be out action 12 to 16 weeks, school officials said Wednesday.

Vaughn, who had decided to return to the Jayhawks for his senior season rather than enter the NBA draft, tore ligaments in his shooting wrist Tuesday night in a pickup game with some Jayhawk teammates.

No date has been set for the surgery and the school said Vaughn will discuss the surgery with his family and coach.

team to head football coach this year. But with Pecos leading 6-0 in his first game as head man, starting quarterback Jared Watson, a senior, went down and out for the season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament.

Junior backup Randy Trevino ended up running the winning leg and maybe convincing James to stay at the helm for a few more games. Trevino's first pass was a 53-yard touchdown to Eric Whiting that tied the game.

"That kid is really a competitor and it showed Friday night," James said.

The Golden Tornadoes will need all the competitive juices they can muster Friday against state-ranked San Angelo Lake View (1-0). The Chiefs have beat Lamesa by 28 points each of the last two years. But James said the game

This Week's Games

Friday
Roscoe at Stanton, 8
Greenwood at Seminole, 8
Christoval at Midland Christian, 8
Big Spring at Ballinger, 8
Forsan at Rankin, 8 p.m.
Lamesa at Lake View, 7:30
Brownfield at Andrews, 7:30
Saturday
Buena Vista at Midland Trinity, 3 p.m.

last year wasn't as lopsided as its 28-0 score indicated.

"It was 6-0 just before the half and they scored with five seconds left in the half," James said. "And they scored toward the end of the game and really it was closer than it looked."

It was a tough week for Reporter-Telegram area and private school teams. Lamesa and MIDLAND CHRISTIAN were the only winners. GREENWOOD (0-1) tries to rebound from a 34-point loss to Ballinger at Seminole (1-0) Friday. RANKIN (0-1) will have a good chance to even its record against Forsan (0-1).

In Class 4A BIG SPRING (0-1) plays at 3A No. 3 ranked Ballinger (1-0) in the Steers second straight away game. ANDREWS (0-1) hosts 3A Brownfield.

Midland Christian takes its 1-0 record against Christoval, another team that recently moved from six-man to 11-man. The Cougars are in their third year of 11-man. MIDLAND TRINITY (0-1) plays the Huntress Poll's 44th-ranked Buena Vista Saturday in the Chargers' first home game.

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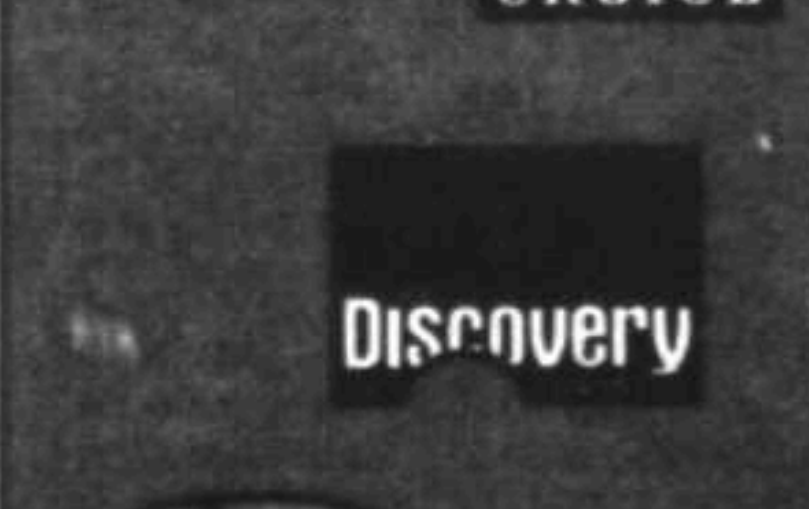
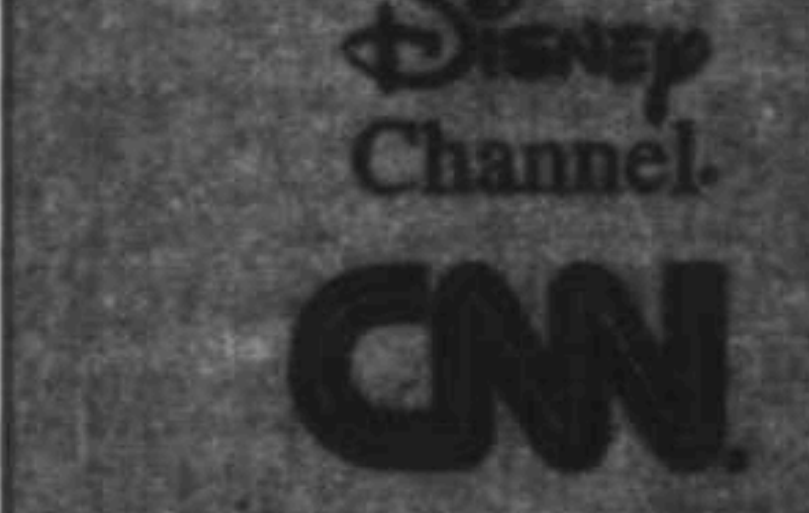
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Prices climb

Heating oil futures prices rose to the highest level in almost five years Wednesday on fears escalating tensions in the Middle East will keep stockpiles low going into winter. October crude rose 63 cents to \$24.75 a barrel. Local crude purchasers raised their posted price 50 cents to \$23 a barrel.

October natural gas rose 1.5 cents to \$1.806 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Pentagon officials said Wednesday the United States is moving additional warplanes to the Persian Gulf region and may send more. The action comes after Iraq fired a missile at two U.S. warplanes patrolling northern Iraq.

Long-anticipated Iraqi oil had been expected to hit world markets about now — just in time for refineries to step up production of heating oil for winter. Now, it could be next year before Iraq is allowed to sell the crude in exchange for humanitarian supplies.

Reserves of heating oil are about 20 percent below normal for this time of year, despite builds in inventories for the past month, according to figures released late Tuesday from the American Petroleum Institute. The deficit is especially worrisome if wintry weather comes early or with great ferocity.

Heating oil for October delivery rose 1.52 cents to 68.19 a gallon — its highest point since November 1991. October unleaded gasoline rose 1.06 cents to 65.91 a gallon.

Dollar mixed

NEW YORK — The dollar reached a new eight-week high against the Japanese yen and was mixed against other major currencies Wednesday as some traders took profits after a three-day rally while others waited for fresh reports on U.S. inflation.

Analysts said the dollar traded in a tight range ahead of Thursday's release of the Producer Price Index and Friday's Consumer Price Index. In late New York trading, the dollar traded at 1.5105 German marks, down from 1.5112 marks on Tuesday. The dollar traded at 110.20 yen, up from 109.80 yen and the highest since mid-July.

The British pound traded at \$1.5550, up from \$1.5545.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Tuesday: 1.2351 Swiss francs, down from 1.2359; 5.1589 French francs, up from 5.1555; 1,524 Italian lire, up from 1,520; 1.3712 Canadian dollars, up from 1.3700.

Stocks climb

NEW YORK — Stocks rose modestly Wednesday, with the Dow Jones industrial average creeping toward record levels as a new report reinforced optimism that inflation isn't alarming enough to send interest rates soaring.

Trading remained somewhat restrained, however, as investors braced for some key inflation data later this week.

According to preliminary calculations, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 27.74 to 5,754.92.

Advancing issues outnumbered declines by 9-to-5 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,261 up, 1,047 down and 899 unchanged.

NYSE volume totaled 375.20 million shares vs. 371.67 million in the previous session.

The NYSE's composite index rose 1.51 to 358.00, and the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index rose 3.47 to 657.26.

The Nasdaq composite index rose 4.53 to 1,153.95, and the American Stock Exchange's market value index rose 0.83 to 568.06.

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Fed survey finds pressure on prices

■ Federal Reserve districts say price increases expected to intensify.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Inflation pressures from tight labor markets are building in many areas of the country, but they have yet to translate into substantial price increases, a Federal Reserve survey found Wednesday.

"None of the districts indicated inflationary pressures are subsiding, and at least one report noted that price increases are expected to intensify," the survey by the Fed's 12 regional banks found.

Still, the survey found reports on inflation varied and "generally inconclusive." While tight labor markets in many areas put upward pressure on wages, it said, "substantial price increases were notably absent."

The report made more likely the prospect that central bank policy makers would raise short-term interest rates

when they meet Sept. 24 to guard against any inflationary burst.

The survey, known as the beige book, was prepared for use at that meeting. The information was gathered through the middle of last week.

Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan warned this summer that, while Fed officials expect economic growth to slow on its own this fall, they would boost rates to brake the economy if needed to control inflation.

Compared to the April-June quarter, when the economy was surging at a sizzling 4.8 percent annual rate, the Fed survey found it now expanding "moderately."

Nevertheless, many of the banks found pockets of labor market tightness. Some appeared to be broadly based, especially in the Richmond, Kansas City, Chicago, St. Louis and San Francisco districts.

A number of district summaries contained scattered indications of labor shortages in entry-level positions, retailing and some skilled occupations, the report said. "Low unemployment rates

were noted in the Cleveland and Minneapolis districts."

So far, however, wage gains have tended to outstrip price increases, the survey found.

"Several districts indicated that consumer prices are either stable or rising only slightly," it said.

"Price increases were cited for a wide variety of industrial commodities, but these appear to be confined to a small set of markets, such as lumber and various agricultural commodities including grains and dairy products."

"Several districts also noted price declines in a few areas, especially memory chips," the survey found.

Still, it said most districts reported a modestly growing economy. Two exceptions: "Growth in the San Francisco District is characterized as strong, and the St. Louis region has continued to moderate slightly."

"The back-to-school shopping season got off to a good start, and several districts indicated that sales are meeting — or exceeding — expectations," the survey

found.

"A good number of districts reported strong apparel sales (Boston, New York, Cleveland, Atlanta and Kansas City), although these vary by type and outlet. Household appliances and other big-ticket items are a noted weakness in two reports (Cleveland and Chicago)."

The district banks also found industrial activity either expanding or holding steady at a high level in most regions. Building activity also remained strong in most parts of the country. Loan demand was holding steady at a generally high level.

Agricultural conditions varied widely by district, although most regions reported better crop conditions than earlier in the summer.

"Still, a delayed planting season has resulted in underdeveloped crops in many areas, and there is concern that crops could be threatened in the event of an early frost," the survey found.

Districts with a significant tourist trade reported mixed results for the summer season.

Austin complex wants to sell electricity

Associated Press

AUSTIN — If sales calls at dinner time drive some Texans to take their phones off the hook, they could end up turning off their lights, too.

An Austin apartment complex is asking the Texas Public Utility Commission to allow it to become an electric wholesaler, buying electricity from a power broker and "selling" it to its tenants.

But one PUC commissioner warned on Wednesday that the move could lead to a market in which electricity sellers contact individual consumers to sell their services.

Commissioner Judy Walsh said consumers' protections and other issues have to be considered before then. The threshold at which businesses can be classified as wholesalers has to be carefully considered, she said.

Park Place on the Lake says it should be allowed to operate as a wholesaler because it buys electricity from the city of Austin and then distributes it among its 220 units. The complex wouldn't be allowed to make money as a wholesaler, but could negotiate with other electricity providers for lower rates and use that as a selling point to lure new tenants.

Power Clearinghouse Inc., a Houston company that buys and sells electricity, told the PUC that the complex should be classified as a wholesaler. PCI hopes to sell electricity to the complex.

But Commission Chairman Pat Wood said the complex and any complex or building owner who followed would have to agree to certain provisions, including:

■ Allowing tenants to opt for city electric services if they choose.

■ Committing to providing fair and reasonable service and repairs to all tenants.

■ Sharing in the costs the city of Austin faces because it anticipated selling electricity to the complex and its tenants.

So-called stranded costs are a big fear for electricity generators who have built facilities to meet anticipated usage from its customers.

If power brokers can sell to apartment complexes, office buildings or even neighborhoods, traditional power companies would be stuck with heavy bills and fewer customers to help pay them.

But Robert Gee, another commissioner, said he doesn't think current law allows apartment complexes or building owners to act as wholesalers simply because they distribute electricity to their tenants through individual meters.

Gee said laws requiring meters for tenants were meant to protect them from owners who may have overcharged tenants in the past for electricity.

The commission delayed its final decision on the question. It could send the matter to an administrative court, which would give the commission a recommendation on how to proceed.



Soup's on

Campbell Soup Co. will introduce a new line of four premium ready-to-serve Campbell soups in glass jars. The line will be introduced nationally this fall. Each jar will be embossed

with the signature of Joseph A. Campbell, one of the founders of the company.

Credit card loans, losses don't dent bank profits

■ FDIC says nation's banks are healthy enough to cover losses.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Credit card loans and losses mounted in the second quarter, but that hardly dented the profitability of the nation's 9,700 commercial banks. They earned a near record \$13.8 billion during the same period, regulators said Wednesday.

Ricki Heller, chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., said the agency is stepping up scrutiny of credit card issuers, but the agency believes banks are quite healthy and have sufficient reserves to cover the losses.

"The earnings of commercial banks have never been better," Heller told reporters.

In the three months that ended June 30, banks raked in \$13.78 billion, up 15 percent from the first quarter profits and slightly off the all-time record earnings of \$13.83 billion in the third quarter of

1995. For the first half of the year, bank earnings were \$25.5 billion, up 10 percent, due to savings from bank mergers and higher fee income.

The second-quarter numbers show a continuing problem with loans to individuals. Banks charged off as bad debt \$3.8 billion in loans in the second quarter, up 36 percent from the same period last year. Almost two-thirds of these losses resulted from bad credit card loans, Heller said. Banks now are charging off credit card loans as bad debt at a 4.48 percent annual rate, the highest level since 1992.

Amid the rising debts, banks still are aggressively expanding their credit card loans, which rose by more than \$7.3 billion in the second quarter.

"Credit made available through credit cards has more than doubled since the end of 1992," Heller said.

Heller and Wall Street analysts blame the trend on rising personal bankruptcies, which many debt-burdened consumers are choosing as a first option instead of

restructuring their finances.

Salvatore DiMartino, bank analyst for Advest Inc. in New York, said bankers are alarmed to see loans which they thought were good "all of a sudden showing up as surprise delinquencies because people are filing for bankruptcy." Based on current trends, Heller said, "we expect there to be over 1 million bankruptcies in 1996, which would be the first time that occurred."

The industry nevertheless has socked away sizable reserves against problem loans: Banks now have a record \$1.77 in reserves for every dollar in delinquent loans, Heller said.

Heller added that the FDIC has taken additional steps to scrutinize banks credit card lending activities, giving examiners new tools to inspect credit card portfolios and instructing regional staff to meet quarterly with credit card issuers.

In addition, the FDIC is meeting with fellow banking regulators to discuss the credit card problem, among other bank issues, she said.

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Careful planning will pay off for first-time worker

By Eric Tyson

Q: I am just starting to work at my first job. While the work is sometimes challenging and the pay seems reasonable, I've quickly learned that after taxes and other needed living costs, there's not much wiggle room.

After seeing my parents struggle for many years at making ends meet, I want to get on the right financial track as soon as possible. What do you recommend?

A: To make the most of entering the workforce and earning money, you should plan ahead financially. Good for you for thinking about such issues now instead of waiting until middle age or later.

One often-overlooked consideration among twentysomethings is insurance. Since accidents and unexpected illnesses can strike at any age, forgoing

health insurance coverage can be financially devastating to a family.

You also should consider securing disability coverage, which would replace income lost to a long-term disability.

A big key to getting on the path to financial success instead of fiscal disaster is learning the right and wrong ways to spend and save money. The use and abuse of credit can cause financial pain and hardship well into adult life. To get off on the right foot, young workers should not get in the habit of making purchases on credit cards, unless they pay each bill in full when it arrives in the mail.

Equally important to not overspending is getting in the habit of saving and investing. If you hope to own a home someday and cease full-time work, you'll need to save for many years.

Thinking about a home purchase or retirement is usually not in the active thought patterns of young people entering the work force. But as an ancient Chinese proverb so eloquently says, "Do not wait until you are thirsty to dig a well."

Try saving 5 percent and then even-

tually 10 percent of every paycheck.

Thanks to the beautiful power of compounding interest, the sooner you start saving regularly, the less you will need to save each month to reach a particular longer-term goal, and the better able you will be to achieve all your goals.

Q: I work for a nonprofit concern that allows you to save money in a retirement plan. We have dozens of investment companies to choose from, but I'm getting lots of calls from insurance company representatives wanting me to invest in their companies.

How do I decide how to invest my contributions?

A: Those insurance representatives who are calling you have a strong financial incentive to do so. They are brokers who seek to earn a 5 percent to 8 percent commission on every dollar you invest.

Since your nonprofit outfit offers numerous investment companies as options, I bet you have access to no-load mutual funds. Such investments put all your investment money to work on your behalf.

With no-load funds, no commission is

deducted from your investment contributions, since no brokers are involved.

Major no-load fund companies that you might be able to use include Fidelity, T. Rowe Price, USAA and Vanguard. If your employer does not offer you access to no-load funds, ask for that opportunity.

Within most mutual fund companies, you have many fund choices, including stock and bond funds. If you're willing to take moderate risk, subtract your age from 110 and designate the resulting amount as the percentage for stocks. So if you're 35 years old, you'd have 75 percent in stocks, a third of which could be invested in stocks overseas. You would invest the rest — 25 percent — in bonds.

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By Deborah A. L.

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Evaluate and Update

By Deborah A. Bengé Frost

After the erratic temperatures of spring, the unrelenting heat and drought of summer and the persistent winds of the season, it's a wonder that area landscapes still have any plants growing in them. Following a marathon such as this one is a good time to take stock in your landscape and see what worked and what didn't.

Unlike a fine sculpture or splendid architecture, the art form of gardening needs a periodic evaluation and updating. Since the garden is composed of many living organisms, it's in a constant state of birth, growth and death. Plants have certain life spans as well as forces that influence their health and performance, such as weather, pests and man-made stress. In order to keep your garden

looking and performing its best, an evaluation in late summer is an excellent idea.

A three-year drought has taken its toll on several plants, giving us clear signals that certain species might be a lot happier in Houston. In addition to weather, there are insects and diseases that can riddle individual plants. Choosing an ill adapted species, using a poor planting site and improper planting and care can all take their toll. Top these off with man-induced stresses such as damage from weed-eaters and mowers, improper pruning, root damage and the misuse of herbicides and other chemicals, and you've got a mess. These factors can work independently or collectively to bring plants down to a level that's simply not worth prolonging.

When making the summer-end evaluation there are other things to consider, such as the value of the plants. How valuable is this plant to your overall landscape. If it is a shade tree on the south or west side of your home that shades large glazed areas, drives, walks and/or patio, it's valuable and worth some trouble. On the other hand, if it is a tree, declining with age, pest ridden, plagued with brittle wood and sloughing bark, seriously consider replacing it with a better quality of plant.

To help you with decisions concerning the garden, take a look at some of the various factors that may be stressing your plants.

PLANT STRESS FACTORS

Weather-related stress is probably one of our most challenging plant battles. During winter, the cold is not usually the problem. It's the ups and downs of the season.

Sudden early fall freezes and late spring freezes can kill large healthy trees, shrubs, ground covers, vines and other plants. The problem with an out-of-season freeze is the condition of a woody plant. It's still in an active state of growth, not fully dormant.

Dormancy protects woody plants, but plants that have not yet reached the dormant stage or those coming out of dormancy are extremely vulnerable to dips in the temperature. Damage can range from dead bark and limbs to the death of the entire plant.

Mild winter days can cause some woody plants to become active out of season. When the sun's rays shine on the south and west sides of the trunk and branches,

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Most maple leaves (above) simply burn up in the heat of summer. They start off good, but by mid-summer, their leaves are ringed with brown and by late summer the leaves are totally brown.

Sycamores adapt poorly to this area. These leaves (below) began to show brown margins and interveinal browning as early as June due to summer heat.



A destructive and unnecessary man-made stress to trees is "moweritis" and "weed eateritis" (above). Nicking trees with weed eaters and mowers has caused the weakening or death of many young trees such as this pecan tree. High soil pH, unadapted species, too much phosphorus or over watering can cause iron deficiency symptoms (right), such as yellowing between the leaf veins while veins remain green on the newest growth.



Tree species with shallow invasive roots can heave and buckle sidewalks, patios, drives and curbing, creating a safety hazard.

Photos courtesy of Deborah Bengé Frost/
Texas Agricultural Extension Service



The weak-wooded China berry tree can split, rip and tear with strong winds or too much weight, ruining the tree and presenting a hazard.

Design by Elizabeth Edwin

Oak wilt fungus can plague neighborhoods

By Deborah Bengé Frost

Live and red oaks have become highly prized and utilized trees in the City of Midland, and no wonder! They are gorgeous trees that add beauty, value and shade wherever they grow. Unfortunately, they also can easily fall prey to a fungal disease known as oak wilt fungus, considered to be one of the most destructive tree diseases in the U.S.

Oak wilt has devastated oak stands and individual trees in the Austin and Central Texas areas. This fungus plugs the vascular tissue of oaks, causing them to wilt and die. Live oaks, red oaks and Spanish oaks are very susceptible, but all oaks can be infected.

Unfortunately, oak wilt has found its way to Midland. Several neighborhoods have been invaded by this destructive disease. Since so much of our urban forest is composed of oaks, it would be wise to learn how to suppress the spread of oak wilt.

Oak wilt is spread two ways:

■ Oak trees growing adjacent to one another in a landscape or neighborhood can have shared root systems. As trees roots grow larg-

er and touch, they can graft to one another, sharing water, nutrients and plant sap. If one tree becomes infected, the disease can be spread to the next tree through the root grafts. This spread can continue as long as some roots are grafted and the rate of spread is reported to be about 75 feet per year. Oak wilt acts a little different in Midland and much is yet to be learned, so rate of spread may differ somewhat from the state average. This type spread accounts for the reason whole neighborhoods can have dead and declining oaks.

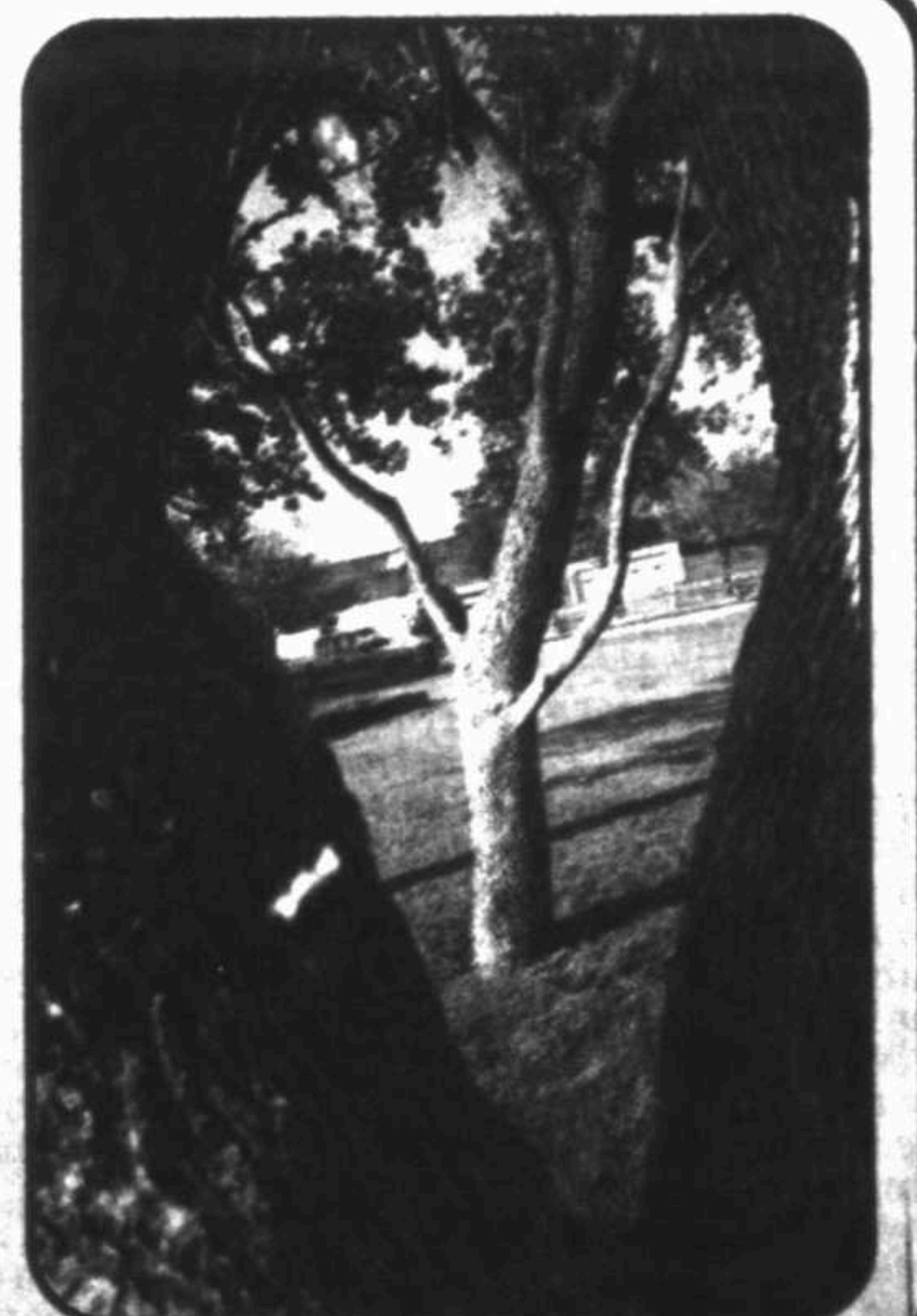
■ The other method of spread is by insects. Sap-feeding beetles are attracted to the spore mats of the disease, where they feed. Consequently, spores stick to their bodies. They then can be attracted to pruning cuts and/or other wounds on oaks, where they feed and deposit spores, which can infect the tree.

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Live oak trees with wilt fungus (right) will have few leaves, lack their usual vigor and appear beary alive. In fact, they often will die.



Live oak trees with the oak wilt fungus will often drop leaves with the telltale symptoms of "veinal necrosis," veins that turn yellow or brown while the rest of the leaf remains green.



UPDATE: Plant selection should be made with care

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they can become active; if temperatures drop rapidly at sunset or due to a cold front rolling into town, severe damage can result. Daytime temperatures can easily be up in the 70s and 80s and then at night plunge into the 30s and 20s. The resulting damage often shows up on the southwest side of the plant and is referred to as "Southwest injury." Damage can range from sloughing southwest trunk bark and dead limbs to dead plants.

Winter moisture, or lack of it, can stress plants. Root systems of all plants, evergreen or deciduous, need some moisture in the soil or else a very dry winter soil will begin to steal moisture from the roots of those plants. Evergreens are probably a little more vulnerable to this than deciduous plants because they retain their leaves and lose moisture from them continually. If this moisture isn't replaced at the same rate it is lost, leaves and roots begin to desiccate. Soils with adequate moisture will protect the root system as well as the entire plant.

Winds of winter can be very damaging. Directly related to the previous topic, they take moisture out of soils and leaves sometimes at a rate faster than it can be replaced resulting in desiccation.

Summer weather usually brings extreme drought, heat and wind to the Permian Basin. When these factors work alone or together, it's enough to bring many plants, not to mention gardeners, to their knees. One of the most obvious symptoms of these conditions is a distinct leaf margin burn called summer scorch. Water is lost from the leaves at a faster rate than it can be replaced.

Most water quality in our area is high in salts, as well as the soil damaging many plants. Salt-sensitive plants begin to exhibit a brown leaf tip and margin about mid-summer as salts are deposited at the leaf margin. Salt, heat, wind, low humidity and drought can really take a toll on plants. Roses and some crape myrtles are examples of plants with such salt sensitivity.

PLANT NUTRIENTS are sometimes a limiting factor. There are 16 different plant nutrients, but nitrogen is the one generally deficient. Landscapes, vegetables, flowering annuals and perennials all benefit from some nitrogen source.

Micro-nutrients can sometimes be unavailable due to the high pH of our soils. Iron deficiency is common with some unadapted plants, such as photinias, willows and slash pine. Symptoms include yellow new growth with green leaf veins. Zinc deficiency is a common problem in pecans and occasionally with ash, stone fruits and yaupon.

INSECTS ARE TOO vast a subject and problem for us to get too deeply into, but we will hit the high points. Insects don't usually kill woody trees and shrubs, but they can be a very damaging, persistent and/or annoying. Occasional insect problems are usually not a big deal; however, if it is a yearly attack that lasts all summer or all winter long, that's a big deal. A couple of classic examples are the multiple generations of elm leaf beetles that attack Siberian elms every year and the annoying aphid population that dog pecan trees every summer and fall. These are reason enough to get rid of the plant or, in the case of the pecan, avoid planting it near any sitting, walking or parking areas.

Insects that can be yearly problems include scale insect, whitefly, lacebug, box elder bug, worms of various kinds, bag worms and galls. Then there are insects that are not only annoying but damaging, such as cicadas, which are highly attracted to soft wooded trees.

Diseases are not as prevalent, but still a potential problem in our area. There are various types of disease organisms, such as fungi, virus, bacterial and nematodes. Fungal problems can attack vascular tissue, leaves, stems, crowns and roots. Some leaf- and stem-attacking fungal problems are promoted by wet leaf surfaces, warm temperatures and overcast skies. Crown- and root-rotting fungi are promoted by wet soils and/or poorly drained soils low in oxygen. Plant species selection and water management can have a big influence on whether fungal problems flourish or remain inactive.

Virus and bacterial problems are much more difficult to deal with and the control measures are not nearly as good or available. Nematodes are equally difficult to control, but in vegetable gardens you can use a combination of practices such as trap crops, rotation, resistant varieties and adding organic matter to the soil.

Plant management — from

planting to pruning — can have a life-or-death effect. This too is a vast topic, so we'll hit the high points. If soils are shallow, rocky or poorly drained, most plants suffer in these conditions. Selecting only the hardiest of plants or utilizing raised beds will help. Plants which are planted too deep, too shallow or with girdling roots rarely do well and often die.

Care practices such as watering, fertilizing and controlling pests can sometimes damage plants. Lawn care is the biggest culprit. When turf is heavily watered or frequently fertilized and weed killers are used, this can weaken, damage and sometimes kill trees and shrubs. When determining what kind of care regime to follow, keep in mind the value of trees and shrubs and the time it takes to establish it. Grass, on the other hand, can be established in a matter of weeks.

Other practices that can damage plants include the gruesome, disfiguring, and sometimes lethal "weed-eaters" and "moweritis." Innocent little bumps and whacks with either of these "tools" can do irreparable damage.

Why pay \$50 for a tree and then slice it to ribbons with a weed eater? Improper pruning can also disfigure and weaken plants, and lead to the early departure of a plant, especially trees.

There are other plant care practices that can hinder rather than help, but these are some of the biggies.

Plant characteristics are worth considering. If you have a patio tree that constantly sheds leaves, stems, fruit or honeydew, it can be enough to make you crazy. Litter trees, whether due to a flower, fruit, insect or weak wood, are not for highly traveled and utilized areas of the landscape.

CONSIDER THE roots. If the plant is shallow-rooted or invasive, this can be an important point especially in the home landscape where you've got foundations, curbs, patios, walks and utility lines. There's nothing more dangerous than a sidewalk heaved up 2 inches by a root or a sewer line that gets repeatedly plugged by a wad of roots. Excessive root sprouting is a disturbing characteristic of a few trees, shrubs and vines.

Brittle or soft wooded trees can be a problem. If you have to pick up tree limbs with every heavy wind, it can get old. This usually becomes an increasing problem as

some trees age.

And then there is plant adaptability. This is one of the most important decisions you'll make concerning your landscape. Poorly adapted trees and shrubs can have burned-looking leaves, yellow leaves, dead branches, continual pest problems and generally be "more trouble than they are worth."

PLANTS WITH PROBLEMS

While there are no perfect plants, there are some that are superior to others. Selecting plants that are adapted to the climate and soils, and have few pests or maintenance requirements are good choices. If you find your self in a position of evaluating trees and shrubs, the backbone of the landscape, get the facts before you put up with or get rid of anything.

Look the community over and see which plants seem to thrive and look good. Visit with knowledgeable nurserymen, Master Gardeners or the Texas Agricultural Extension Service for suggestions of well-adapted plants. Try to avoid planting exactly what everybody else has. A monoculture of trees can spell disaster for a community.

Here are a few questionable or at least troubled trees you may be dealing with. If you don't have these plants, you may want to avoid them or at least be familiar with their shortcomings before you plant.

Siberian elms have shallow, invasive roots, brittle wood and an annoying elm leaf beetles that chew on the leaves beginning in spring, resulting in brown leaves and premature leaf drop almost every year. These have been valuable trees in the founding of our communities, but it's time to remove and replace them with better trees.

Silverleaf maple and most other maples tend to be fast growers, but be short-lived and brittle wooded, which attracts cicadas. The thin leaves begin to suffer from summer heat, wind and drought in early summer, and by July and August can be brown and crispy.

Willows, whether weeping, globe or twisted types, grow rapidly, are short-lived and have soft brittle wood that attracts cicadas by the droves. This genus of trees has a high iron and water requirement. They have dozens of little insect problems, such as leaf hoppers, spider mites and borers. The root system is shallow and invasive. These trees are the first trees to

leaf out in the spring and the last to drop their leaves in the fall and, as a result, are highly susceptible to winter injury and kill.

Cottonwoods and poplars are fast growers, short-lived, weak-wooded and root-sprouters. They are hosts for insects and disease. Noisy cicadas and web worms love them. They have huge water requirements and are sometimes iron deficient. In defense of the cottonwood, their leaves make a lovely rustling sound in the wind. Willows are best used on a pond or ditch bank or close to a low lying area where water collects.

Black locust is a fast-growing, short-lived, litter prone tree. Its roots sprout all over the place, which can be a most discouraging problem. They are very susceptible to borers.

Pin oaks very closely resemble shumard and Texas red oaks in leaf shape, but not in West Texas adaptability. They need water and a neutral or acid pH soil. In our soils, they are chartruse, yellow and burned. In almost all cases, continual attempts to supplement iron chelates and sulfates are futile.

This oak, as well as red oaks and live oaks, is susceptible to a killer disease known as oak wilt fungus. This fungus has found its way to several Midland neighborhoods. (More information on battling this destructive disease is given in the accompanying story on this page.) Sycamores are large, fast-growers that have weak wood and tend to be messy. The large, thin leaves begin burning as early as June, and by August it is has gradually changed from a green to a reddish brown.

How leaves do or don't tolerate heat and drought has partly to do with a waxy layer, called the cuticle, that covers the leaf surface. The thicker the cuticle, the more protection the leaf has and the slower water will evaporate from it. Most waxy leaf plants have good drought tolerance. Sycamores and maples have very thin cuticles so they scorch easily.

ARIZONA ASH is considered a trash tree in most of Texas. As a general rule, they grow fast and die young, being very susceptible to borers and cicadas damage. They are very susceptible to winter injury, and dead branches throughout the canopy is not unusual. One of their strong points is excellent drought tolerance. Benny Simpson, Texas A&M native plant researcher, has high

praises for the Texas ash which grows fast, has good drought tolerance, attractive fall color and fewer poor qualities than other ash species.

At the risk of getting criticized or downright ostracized, I am going to list some of the problems associated with our state tree, the pecan. Not always, but in many cases, pecans require regular zinc sprays each spring to set a full crop of normal sized leaves, which is important for health and yields. Then in late May or early June, they may need a spray to control the pecan nut casebearer, an insect that eats and destroys the nuts. Then 42 days later a second spray is needed for the second generation casebearer. Then comes late July and August and aphids can set in, so there's sticky honeydew to deal with. At the same time, full-size pecans start dropping, which is known as August drop of pecans. Then, if good shuck opening has been a problem or a rough black patch shows up on the outer pecan shell, you'll need to spray for the hickory shuckworm. So if a pecan tree is in your landscaping plans, reconsider or at least locate it away from high traffic areas.

OTHER TREES WITH problems that may make you want to rethink their continued existence in the landscape include mulberry, walnut, sweetgum, slash pine, afghan pine, catalpa, tree of heaven and mimosa. The value of a shade tree makes it very difficult to remove one, even if it is a problem child.

In considering the value of the plant, determine (1) whether the problems are occasional, yearly or constant in nature, (2) whether the problem plant could actually become life- or property-threatening, (3) if the stress factor actually weakens the plant each year and causes it to decline. These kinds of questions can help you decide if you've had it or if there are still more advantages than disadvantages.

For a list of trees, shrubs, ground cover and vines, go by the Midland County Extension office for the Recommended Landscape Materials for the Permian Basin list.

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DEAR ABBY

Live-in companion left out of class reunion write-up

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My live-in companion (call her Beth) is having a 55-year class reunion in about a month. We have lived together for eight years, travel together, attend church together, etc.

The trouble is, when she received her information on the reunion, she answered the questionnaire saying her husband was deceased, she was active in church groups, had friends, traveled all the time (last year to Australia, Hawaii and Mexico) — not once mentioning that she had a companion.

I pay for all her trips and all of her expenses. I feel left out by her failing to mention me. I don't even want to go to the class reunion. Please give me some advice. — LEFT OUT



Van Buren

photographs, and we gave them an album to put them all in.

Nanny and Poppy were thrilled and are still ecstatic over all of the memories. We can't thank you enough for printing such a fantastic hint. — JERRY, KATHY, CAITLIN AND COURTNEY SLACK, BASKING RIDGE, N.J.

DEAR JERRY, KATHY, CAITLIN AND COURTNEY: I can think of few things as priceless as being showered with happy memories. I'm happy to have been of service.

DEAR ABBY: I have been an avid fan of yours for years, but have been reluctant to add to your voluminous pile of mail until now. Concerning the letter in your column about "calendars that feature scantily clad young women," I do not believe your reply was entirely appropriate.

Most large companies have established rules against such sexual harassment. Lockheed Martin Tactical Aircraft Systems Standard Practices 825-3, which includes the display of calendars that are offensive or sexually suggestive, is an example of such rules. Although there are many public laws and federal regulations against harassment, the most comprehensive is Title 7 of the Civil Rights Act.

I hope you will reconsider your reply and let people know that they do not have to put up with sexual harassment no matter how subtle. — FREDERICK H. CLEVELAND, FORT WORTH, TEXAS

DEAR FREDERICK H. CLEVELAND: I have reconsidered, thanks to overwhelming outcry from more sensitive readers. Pictures of scantily clad women are inappropriate "art" for display in any office.

DEAR ABBY: I need to know what is required of godparents. I have two godchildren. My problem is, even though I make myself available at all times (birthdays, school illnesses, any time the parents need a break, etc.), I am not being utilized.

In both cases we stood before God in a church service and made vows to be accessible to the children, and I have been. I have spoken to both sets of parents and made it perfectly clear that I want to be in each child's life, yet whenever the parents need any assistance with their children, they turn to grandma and grandpa. I

have gifts of toys and clothing that my godchildren have outgrown by now, so after many calls went unreturned, I've given up trying.

I am concerned that years from now, when the kids are in their late teens, the parents will seek me out for help with money for college and cars. Please help. — AN M.D. IN D.C.

DEAR M.D.: While in theory a godparent is responsible for the spiritual guidance of a child in accordance with his or her family's religion, in practice the obligation may be no more than that of any close friend of the family.

Contrary to what some might assume, there is no requirement to provide financial assistance. However, a godparent does customarily give a birthday and possibly a Christmas gift until the godchild is grown. You need not worry about future financial obligations to the children, but you should ask the parents what their expectations were when they asked you to assume this solemn and significant role.

DEAR READERS: A reminder from a National Fire Protection Association bulletin:

"Never put butter, ointment or any form of grease on a burn. Grease insulates the skin, keeping the heat in, which makes the injury worse."

"Cool a burn by holding the burned skin under cool running water for 10 to 15 minutes. If the burned area is charred or blistered, the victim requires immediate emergency medical attention."

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

WILT: Reduce spread of disease

(From 1D)

Identification of the disease is very important in reducing its spread and limiting its damage.

In live oaks, some leaves will begin to show a characteristic pattern. The veins in the leaf will turn yellow or brown while the rest of the leaf remains green. The tips of some may also turn brown, or the leaves may turn yellow with only veins remaining green.

Once live oaks are infected, most leaves gradually drop off and the tree dies over a period of three months. In our area, for whatever reason, trees die over a much longer period of time or don't die, but remain looking very bad.

In red oaks, leaf symptoms are not as distinct. The main thing to

Trees can be deadly

SUMBAWA, Indonesia (AP) — Can a tree be dangerous to life and limb? Some say the Upas, a large tree growing in forested parts of southeastern Asia, is deadly enough to kill birds that perch on its branches.

Early explorers in the area heard rumors about a poisonous tree. They discovered local tribesmen who mixed the poisonous milky sap of the Upas tree with other plant poisons to tip the points of their arrows and darts lethally.

Other superstitions here hold that nothing will grow in the shade of the Upas tree, and only people completely covered with clothes may safely approach the tree. The Upas belongs to the mulberry family.

watch for is leaves that quickly turn from pale green to brown, but usually remain on the tree for quite some time. Red oaks die quickly, like within a couple of weeks.

The red oaks are the only trees that form a spore mat, which forms under the bark and is literally full of spores with the potential of spreading the disease to many trees via the sap-feeding beetles.

If you have a suspect tree, send a sample to the Texas Plant Diagnostic Laboratory in College Station. Instructions and forms can be picked up at the Midland County Extension Office.

Dr. Jerral Johnson and Dr. Dave Appel and other resource personnel will conduct an "Oak Wilt Update" for home owners 7 p.m. Sept. 24 at the Sibley Learning Center. Johnson and Appel are two of the state's most knowledgeable oak wilt plant

pathologists.

At 1 p.m. Sept. 25 at the entrance of Saddle Club on the corner of A Street and Solomon Lane, an "Oak Wilt Update" will be conducted for tree care specialists, nurserymen, landscape maintenance and others who work with landscapes and trees. At both updates, identification, control and suppression will be discussed.

Call the Midland County Extension Service at 687-1351 for program details.

Protecting resources as valuable as the oaks in our community shouldn't be ignored. If you have oak trees, you'll want to know more about stopping oak wilt fungus.

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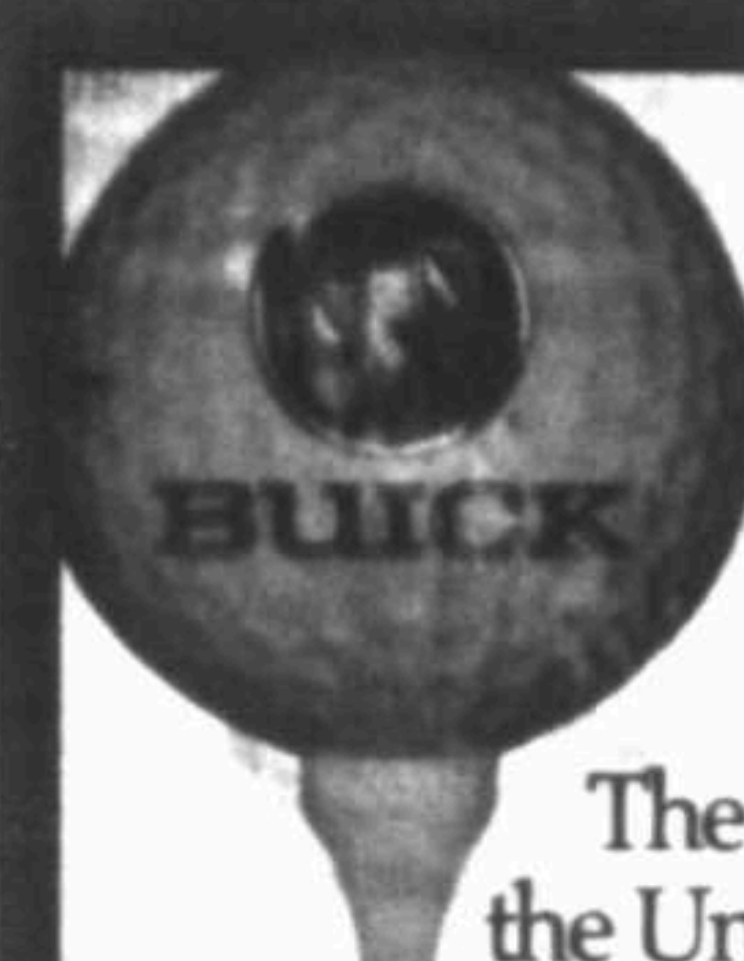
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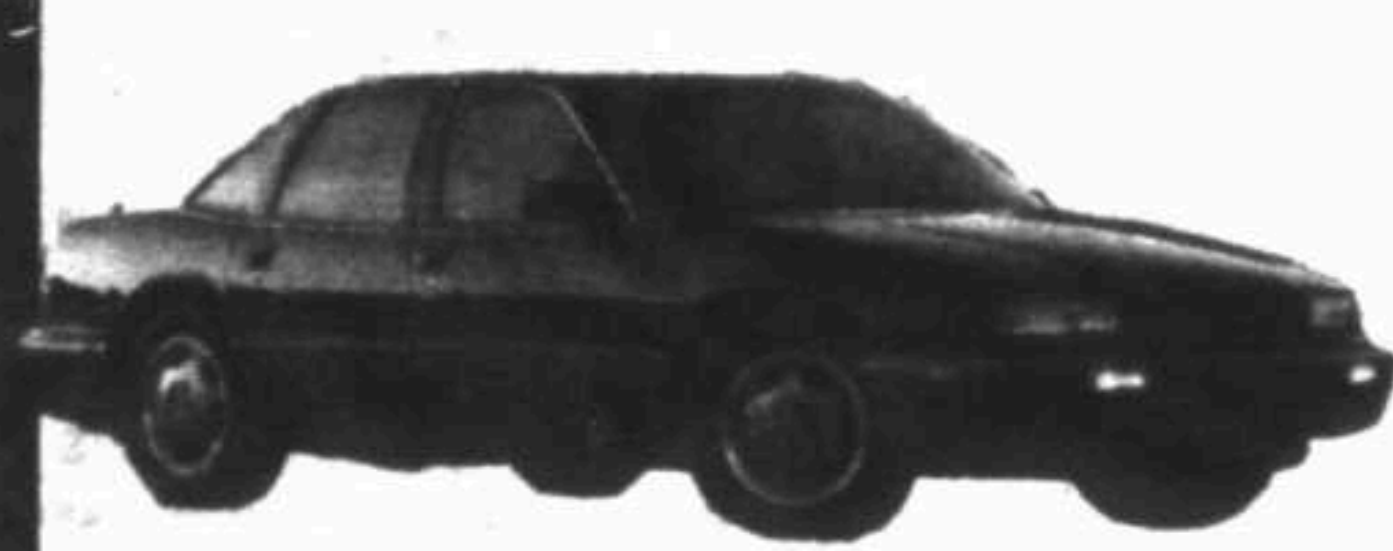
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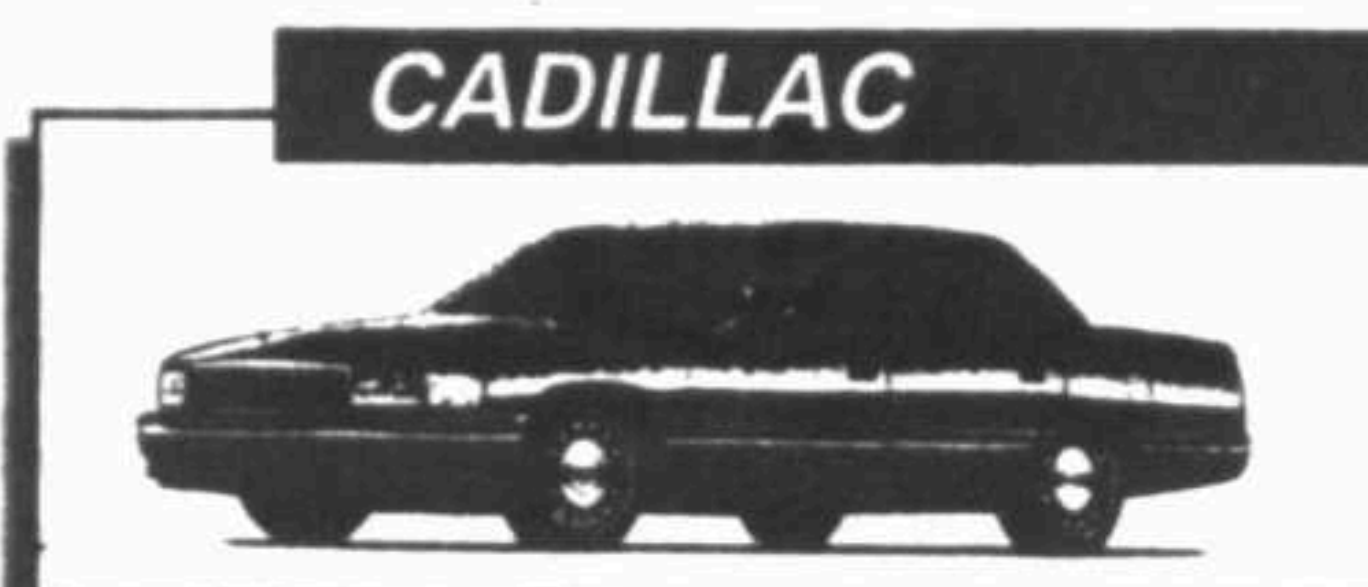


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needed. Light bookkeeping and other clerical duties. \$5.00 an hour. Mail resume to: Box F-16, c/o The Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, Texas 79702.

SECRETARY

Law office. \$7 per hour. Word Perfect and Windows 60 wpm. Qualified candidate will be self-starter. Strong organizational skills in midst of busy law office. High degree of initiative. Submit resume to: Box 2391, Midland, TX 79702.

Need An Office Job?

Call Us!

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SALES, CLOSERS: 'LEADS'

'LEADS' 'LEADS' 'Cash Paid Daily' \$1,000 - \$4,000 weekly Home Improvements 683-5888

SALES: Outgoing, energetic

self-starter for inside/outside sales. Professional sales experience and computer literacy preferred, but will train the right person. Excellent benefits and working conditions. Send resume to Box E-44, c/o The Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

MARKETING/Outside Sales

person for retirement center. Within a 50 mile radius. Send resume to Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th, Big Spring, TX 79720 or call Marae at 267-1353.

RETAIL SALES

Management Trainees
Full-Time Clerks
Part-Time Clerks

Seeking responsible individuals. Great for Retirees, Moonlighting Moms, others. Must be at least 21 years old.

Drug Test Required.

Apply At:
PINKIE'S
WINE • BEER • SPIRITS
2701 N. Big Spring
3211 N. Midkiff
608 Andrews Hwy.

FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR

Experience and schooling needed for retired senior citizens. Send resume to Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th, Big Spring, TX 79720 or call Marae at 267-1353.

PRESENT JOB GOING NOWHERE?

THEN COME TO BERG MOTOR COMPANY IF YOU ARE A SELF STARTER WITH ENTHUSIASM, NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED WE PROVIDE A PROFESSIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM WE ARE PART OF A MULTIPLE DEALERSHIP ORGANIZATION AND CAN OFFER:

across the state and trucks to sell from. Our separate new car department, aggressive advertising budget, aggressive bonus plan, employee pay plan. Health, Inc./401k.

PLEASE APPLY IN PERSON
NEW CAR DEPARTMENT
3205 W. WALL, MIDLAND
ASK FOR JOHN OR STEVE
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
10:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

GENE SLEDGE DRILLING CORPORATION

Now hiring experienced Rig Personnel. All former employees will be considered for re-hire. Drillers, Derrickmen, Motormen, Floors. Competitive wages, driving pay for drillers, safety incentives, group insurance, profit sharing. Drug Screens required.

See King at 1602 S. Midkiff, Midland.
570-4732

Equal Opportunity Employer

STORE MAINTENANCE MECHANIC

Performs preventive and corrective maintenance services for Dillard's Midland and Odessa stores. Must have had prior training and experience with commercial HVAC and plumbing systems, 277 volt lighting circuits and 3-phase electrical systems. Send resume in confidence to:

Dillard's Department Stores
Attn: Engineering
4501 North Beach Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76137

REGIONAL Marketing Manager

Finance experience required. National company is expanding. Base salary plus commissions. Income potential \$55K. Must be willing to travel. Advancement possibilities excellent. Auto allowance plus travel expenses. Apply in person. BIDCO Corp. 312 E. 2nd, Odessa.

RESTAURANT: Jumburto

now hiring Managers and Management Trainees. Apply in person at business office 2600 W. Kansas.

CARPETLAYER

Temporary position. Must have experience and references. Aaron, 683-5966.

CERAMIC TILE SETTER

needed full time. Must have experience. Medical insurance provided. Worldwide Refinishing, 570-7114.

MACHINIST

day shift, second shift, part-time. Salary DOE. Competitive compensation, company benefits and a great work environment. Apply in person 15500 W. Hwy 80, Midland.

FOREMAN: CAREER

minded working shop foreman needed for local machine shop. Candidate must possess working knowledge of CNC, lathe, and mill and must be able to program each of these. Must be a thinker and producer. Excellent salary, medical benefits and 401K plan to qualified person. Call 367-8413.

EQUIPMENT OPERATORS

Local pipeline contractor now hiring experienced equipment operators. Apply in person: 4407 W. Industrial, Midland, Texas.

NEED experienced single hand welders

and metal stud framers to work out of state. Serious inquiries please call 308-762-8611 extension 155.

JOIN THE TEAM AT THE HOLIDAY INN!

KITCHEN MANAGER

Must be experienced in food preparation, cost controls and sanitation. Salary DOE.

Apply in person:
Holiday Inn Midland
4300 W. Wall

BUS PERSON and Host/Hostess

needed. Must be able to work weekends and evenings. Apply in person only. Cattleman's Steak House, 3300 N. Big Spring Street.

CAB DRIVER

Must be Courteous, Dependable, Good Driving Record. Retirees & others welcome. Call 685-7070.

CARPET CLEANER

Needed. Experience preferred but not required. Good pay. Send resumes to: PO Box 10731, Midland, TX 79702-7731.

CARPET CLEANER

SuperStar Carpet Cleaning now hiring experienced carpet cleaner. Good pay, guaranteed work! Call for appointment, 685-3366 or 570-7778.

CASHIER

needed. 2 nights per week, 3 to 11 shift. See Debbie at Dunkin's Convenience Store, 2300 W. Wadley, before 3 pm.

CLERK: POSITIVE, self-reliant

person for clerk/shorter position at Salvation Army Store. Spanish speaking helpful. Apply in person 300 S. Baird, see Rich.

COOK

Are you a good, old fashioned cook? Holiday Retirement Corp., managing over 100 beautiful retirement residences for active seniors, is seeking a part-time experienced Cook for our Midland facility.

You must be knowledgeable in cooking, portion control, ability to follow menus/recipes, beautiful plate presentation and timely preparation. If you possess these qualities and have a smiling disposition, please give us a call or send your resume to:

Polo Park Estates
2100 Castelford Rd.
Midland, TX 79705
(915)-682-5772

"COOK"

Nursing Home seeking experienced Cook. Must be able to read recipes, cook for large numbers and maintain clean kitchen. Prefer experience in hospitals, schools or nursing homes. Apply in person, Rockwood Manor, 2000 N. Main.

CUSTODIAN WANTED

Experienced. Must be dependable and neat in appearance. References must be provided. Application which can be picked up at 305 N. Baird, Monday: Friday, 8am-5pm.

HAIR STYLIST

incentives to lease offered to join a great group in a great location! Private and semi-private stations. Hair Safari, 694-2517, evenings 699-6425.

DECORATOR & Assembly help

needed full or part time. Decorating experience helpful. Must be able to work independently. Come by and fill out application at Cookie Bouquet, 3323 N. Midland Drive, Suite 114.

DRIVER WANTED

24 hour call, good driving record. Apply at 1607 W. Florida.

DRIVERS

Need experienced vacuum and transport drivers with CDL and clean driving record. Good pay. Apply in person at 4601 Rankin Highway, 682-0434.

EXPERIENCED BARTENDER

Wanted for downtown area. Apply in person: The Bar, 606 W. Missouri, Monday-Thursday, 2-4 pm. Best tips in town!

Field Representatives "Cash Paid Daily"

Earn up to \$4,000 a month selling appointments for fast growing, full service home improvement company. Call AM... 683-5888

FLORAL

Part-Time & Full-Time Designer. Experience required. Flowerland, 413 Andrews Hwy.

FOR RESUMES

that get results. Call 699-1919. Fast service. Reasonable rates. Professional quality.

FRONT Counter Clerk

Personality and customer service a plus. Excellent potential. Apply in person Monday thru Thursday, 905 Andrews Hwy.

GENERAL Attention

Mothers and Others! Now hiring: Servers, Dishwashers, Cooks, Prep. Excellent opportunity for advancement. Great benefits. Apply anytime, 4517 N. Midkiff.

RESTAURANT: BENNIGAN'S

Now Hiring: Servers, Dishwashers, Cooks, Prep. Excellent opportunity for advancement. Great benefits. Apply anytime, 4517 N. Midkiff.

NURSERY worker

needed. Part-time nursery worker needed for Sundays and Wednesdays. Please call 694-2571 if interested.

SHERIFF'S TECHNICAL OFFICER I

Ensures safety and security of inmates in County facility. High School diploma or GED. No experience. Must be 21, or older, able to pass background investigation and Sheriff's exam. \$1,264-\$1,390/month. Applications issued and accepted Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm. Tarrant County Personnel, 100 E. Weatherford, RM 301 Fort Worth, Texas 76196. Equal Opportunity Employer.

OIL FIELD

Needed: H2S Supervisors. Experience required. Good salary, insurance, 401k, other benefits. Call 550-0042 or mail reply to: 6955 Market Street, Odessa, TX 79762.

PART-TIME Cashier and Deli Help

Apply in person 1007 North Midkiff, ask for Brenda.

RETAIL SALES

Matney Shoe Box now accepting applications for full time positions only. Salary commission/benefits. Apply in person only at Midland Park Mall.

PLUMBERS HELPER

needed. Experience required. Good driving record a must. Apply in person, Roto Rooter, 1410 Carter.

PRINTING MANAGER

Odessa based printing company has immediate opening for Printing Plant Manager. Must be skilled in all facets of printing operation. Apply in person BIDCO Corp., 312 E. 2nd, Odessa.

PRODUCE CLERK

Position available. Experienced Produce Clerk. Must be available 10 pm-7 am. Good pay, good benefits. Contact Wal-Mart Personnel, 697-0871.

KENT KWIK - AVIS LUBE

24 Hour * Job Hotline 520-4053 ext. 371

RECEPTIONIST

must type 35 wpm accurately, requires 2 years experience in same or similar position, ability to work with the elderly and be very organized. Send resume or make application to: 2800 W. Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701. No phone calls. EOE M/F.

REPRESENTATIVES

Needed: Sell Avon part-time. Full-time. Great earnings. Call Verla 520-0119, Independent Rep.

RESTAURANT

waiters & waitresses needed. Experience preferred. Part and full time. Apply 11 am - 2 pm Monday through Friday, La Mission, 4410 N. Midkiff (Loop 250).

BURGER KING

We need several service minded individuals with smiles, energetic and willing to work. Apply in person only, Burger King, 710 Andrews Hwy., or 4605 Midkiff.

TELEMARKETERS WORK AT HOME

EARN \$500 to \$700 weekly Selling a long distance service over the phone. Paid training. 1-800-842-1409

GENERAL

Midland Central M.C.A. is accepting applications for Men's Locker Room Attendant. Full time and part time positions available. Apply in person at 800 N. Big Spring.

WAREHOUSE

position. Requires high school diploma, drivers license and drug tests. Painting, sheetmetal, welding, carpentry experience a plus. Apply 707 S. Colorado.

WATER EXTRACTION Technician

needed. Send resume to P.O. Box 80912, Midland, TX 79708.

WELL SERVICE

Yale E. Key, Forsan hiring operators and relief operators. Call 1-800-687-4661 for interview. Must relocate to Big Spring.

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SERVICE ADVISOR

and car care technicians needed, for full-time position. Must be customer oriented, and have drivers license. Apply in person, Village Car Wash, 604 Andrews Hwy.

PART-TIME Optical Assistant

Experience helpful, but not necessary. Call 915-699-8556.

RESTAURANT

Waiters/Waitresses needed for full/part time and Christmas help. \$5.25 per hour. Apply in person Monday thru Friday, 10 am-11 am and 4:30-5:30 pm, #20 Plaza Oaks, Wadley & Garfield.

TEACHER/ CAREGIVER

Mrs. Irene's Day Care is looking for full time worker. Must have 2 years experience as a Teacher, 2 years with children working under supervisor with child care credentials or better. Salary DOE. Apply in person, 1007 Adkins, 686-6309.

TELEMARKETER

Salary + commission or commission only. Male/female, flexible hours. Must be very strong closer. Must furnish references. \$20-\$50K potential. Industrial products and specialty products. Call 682-5345 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

RESTAURANT

Marble Slab Creamery now hiring day time workers 32-40 hours per week. Also Assistant Manager position available. Apply in person Midland Park Mall.

RESTAURANT

Now hiring day shift cooks and wait staff. Flexible hours. Also hiring manager trainees. Please apply in person. Sonix Drive-In, 1109 N. Midkiff Road.

RESUMES

Attractive, professional, confidential. Ready for presentation to prospective employers. 687-0129, 683-6725, ask for Patty.

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PART-TIME Renal Dietitian

Apply in person Permian Basin Dialysis Center, 1501 E. 8th Street, Odessa.

DENTAL

We are seeking an excellent Hygienist for our office. Salary plus bonus, continuing education plus. Assistant available. Call Kristi at Dr. Bartee (806) 792-2311.

NURSE AID

or equivalent for doctor's office. Apply at 1802 W. Wall.

MASSAGE THERAPIST

Licensed. Needed for established and growing clinic. Send resume to: Box D-16, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, Texas 79702.

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330 Skilled Trades

INSTRUMENT TECHNICIAN. Seeking Instrument Technician for employment by Midland company. Electrical/Electronic background required. Duties include equipment maintenance and shop organization. Flexible schedule. Send resume to: P.O. Box 5274, Midland, TX 79704.

PLANT Electrician, 3 years experience. Electrician, 2 years experience. Call 915-394-4915.

ROOFING HELP Needed. Experienced in composition and wood. Call between 8-6, 685-0607.

REPAIR PERSON- experienced with air and electric tools. Call 684-4817 for interview 8 am-6 pm Monday through Friday.

MECHANIC IMMEDIATE OPENING

Immediate opening for an industrial engine mechanic. Must have good driving record. Company benefits, salary according to experience. Apply in person: General Machine & Supply, Inc. 8510 W. I-20, Odessa, Texas

330 Employment Wanted

PROFESSIONAL Grant Writer, specializing in foundation grants to individuals for education, arts and cultural programs. Call George at 915-597-3416.

335 Adult Care Needed

RESPONSIBLE Person wanted as companion and aide to wife. Some light housework. Call 694-0518.

ELDERLY LADY needs "carer" couple to care for her and yard. Free rent in separate house plus \$300 a month salary. In Greenwood area. Is surrounded by beautiful trees. 684-6094 after 5 pm.

335 Adult Care Providers

HOME HEALTH Aides available to attend your daily needs. Also hospital sitting. We work from 4 to 24 hours. Call 520-4425, ask for Jackie.

MALE CERTIFIED Respiratory Therapist with 1 year nursing, will sit with disabled person. Excellent references. 683-2257.

COUNTRY Living! 24 hour assisted care for the elderly or disabled. Private or semi private rooms available. Call Diana Mitchell, 683-6292.

340 Child Care Needed

CHILD CARE needed in my home. 3 to 5 days a week, full-time. References required. 520-5005.

WORKING mother needs after school care for children, 6 & 10. Santa Rita area. Need references. 686-9515.

341 Child Care Providers

LITTLE ANGELS Academy, a Christian Pre-school in a home environment, featuring Abeka curriculum, has limited openings for 2-3 year olds. 697-1722.

LICENSED Home has opening for over 2 years. 17 years experience. Meals, snacks, laundry, fun! Monday-Friday, 7:30-5:30. Excellent references. 697-7608.

ATTENTION Night Workers, or Nannies. Copy this number, 683-3662.

MONDAY-SATURDAY, baby-sitting in my home, references available. Call for rates. 520-6614.

EXPERIENCED, LOVING Child Care in my home. Infant-4 years old. Southwest Midland. 689-4630.

CHILD CARE 20 years experience. CPR/First Aid trained. Meals/ Snacks Monday-Friday. References. 689-8859.

BABYSITTING in my home. Excellent references. Meals/snacks, lots of love. Jones School District. 694-6558.

BARKER'S Day Nursery now enrolling Babies! We also have openings for 2 & 3 year olds. Meals and snacks provided. 694-5443.

OPENING For Toddlers, 18-36 months. Meals, snacks, loving care Monday-Friday. Excellent references. 694-9671.

24 HOUR DAYCARE, 7 days a week. Great references. Good care at a low price! 520-3427.

WILL WATCH your kids in my home. Infants welcome. From 7:30-5:30. Meals & snacks provided. References available. Please call for rates, 520-7593.

350 Business Opportunities

VENDING ROUTE 52 Machines. Earn \$500-\$1,500 Monthly. Locally owned. 683-3956.

WEST TEXAS Cab Company. Excellent Cash Flow! Call Hamilton & Associates, Business Brokers, 550-4610.

EASIEST Home Based Business ever!! No inventory. No selling. No sign-up fees. Step by step instructions to financial freedom. 520-0153, (800) 222-9471.

WANT An excellent income? Our home based business is exploding. Time to help 5 other people do same. IF SERIOUSLY trainable, call 528-5216 for appointment.

GET REAL Estate License quickly. Short state course. Day, weekend or evening. Southwest College, 697-7277.

WE HAVE \$ CASH & BUYERS for your business - any size! Call Hamilton & Associates, Business Brokers, 694-5209.

350 Auctions

PUBLIC CONSIGNMENT AUCTION

10 A.M. Saturday, September 14th
6415 W. University, Odessa, Texas

All merchandise to be sold item by item, without minimum or reserved bid. A partial list of consignments to date:

One consignment complete wood mill shop equipment, a partial list as follows: 10" Craftsman Radial Arm saw, 10" surface planer, 10" band saw, 16" scroll saw, electric nail guns, 16 speed drill press w/150 bits, 10" foot-controlled disc sander, 3 1/2 HP air compressor, 16 gauge finish nailer, 18 gauge nailer, Makita and Craftsman sanders, routers, saws, scroll jig saws, bench grinders, drills, hundreds of hand and misc. tools and supplies.

Another large consignment of tools, welding equipment, cut-off saw, wood lathe, scroll saw, table saw, band saw, parts washer, drill presses, grinders, and many hand tools.

A large consignment of pottery, ceramics, gift store items, jewelry, collectables, coins, clocks, knives, Also, TVs, radios, stereos, computer equipment, burglar alarm, exercise machine, etc.

Large consignment of furniture, appliances, cafe equipment, office desks, chairs, electric typewriters, grocery baskets, Building materials, lumber, doors, storm doors, windows, etc.

Need your consignments, call 366-4621 Odessa, or 520-3221 Midland for appointment.

Col. Jimmy Davis, Auctioneer
"Our 2,336th sale in 38 years"
License No. 7354 Phone No. 366-4621

350 Business Opportunities

SERIOUS ENTREPRENEURS

Tired of working for someone else? Want to achieve financial success? Wouldn't you like to work with a product that markets itself?

We can show you how to eliminate your long distance bill, and earn extra income. For an appointment call 570-4411 or 684-0981.

ESTABLISHED Gift Shop in Midland specializing in Gift Baskets and more. Great location. Only interested persons call. 694-8662.

FOR IMMEDIATE LEASE: Convenience store with consignment gas. Please contact Curtis Vaughn, 1-800-563-5271 or 520-6933.

Attention Readers

Occasionally ads found in this section come from distant points and the Midland Reporter-Telegram cannot always know the merits of the offers. We suggest when you are in doubt that you call the Better Business Bureau before signing any contract.

410 Miscellaneous Sales

1994 JACUZZI Hot tub with waterfall. Seats 8, also includes insulated cover. New \$8,000. Will sell for \$2,000 or best offer. 687-0233.

DISNEY AREA 5 days, 4 hotel nights. Use anytime. Value \$320. Sell \$100. 915-578-8562.

HERBALIFE Independent Distributor. For products or opportunity call 689-HERB.

SEGA SATURN with lots of extras including 14 games. \$325. Will sell individually. Call 697-4752.

AEROBIC RIDER, \$115. Rocking horse and old cradle built by master craftsman. \$50 each. 694-1404.

FEW REMAINING above ground pools- 50 year warranty- complete with filters and etc.- save over 40% installation available. 563-1807.

SKYDIVING Parachute Rig with Bag, helmet, chest altimeter for sale. 559-2605. Leave message: pager.

ANTIQUE Gem Garland wood burning stove, electric Oral B toothbrush and plaque remover. Wellbuilt bread machine. RV Queen size Travelsak. 520-8005.

RESTHAVEN Garden of Serenity. Lot #8, Spaces 1 & 2, next to paved road. Both spaces \$2,400 plus transfer fees. 684-7255.

EXCELLENT condition Sony play station, 2 controllers, \$150. Firm. Games \$25-\$35. Call 686-9515, ask for Josh.

DOG Houses, New, \$35-\$45. Porch Swings, \$35. Glider Swings, \$65. Childs playhouse, new \$400. 563-0452.

140 FT. of 6 ft. chain link fence, complete, \$150. 697-5127.

METAL OFFICE furniture set. Also, sofa, executive chair, light table, drafting stool and map rack. 682-0284 or 694-5583.

MIDLAND COLLEGE Text book. Current for 1996 Fall semester. Excellent condition. \$30. 697-8090.

VACUUM cleaners \$40 and up, all brands. Wrightway Vacuum Cleaner Sales & Repair, 520-6464.

EVAPORATIVE Coolers, mowers, golf clubs, refrigerators, stoves, pit group, washers, dryers, dining suites, TVs 570-4851.

EXERCISE equipment: Abductor/ Adductor, inclined weight bench/ leg extension, Hip Sled/ Hack Squat, Lap Pull with leg extension, bar with weights. Small chest freezer. Please call 570-6622.

EXPECTED Super Bowl Champ. Cowboy/ Indianapolis Colts. September 15th. 40 yard, second level, 2 tickets, \$100. 689-2132.

RESTHAVEN "Garden of Prayer" Lot 162, Space 5 & 6. Both lots \$2,000. Call (512) 450-0548.

MUST SELL this week: 5 to 7 person spa- redwood cabinet/ cover, chemical kit- 563-1807.

MARY KAY CONSULTANT selling all inventory- 50% off! Call (915) 456-2625.

PORTABLE dishwasher \$75, pink 24" 10 speed bike, \$50. Grayco stroller \$30. Gery toddlers car seat, \$25. All in excellent condition. 683-0040, 699-0791.

GORGEIOUS 8.11 ct. Tennis Bracelet. Incredible price \$5,200. 697-6804 or 570-7702.

400 Household Goods

REFRIGERATOR, 17 cu. ft., al- mond, frost-free, trouble-free, we got a bigger one! \$250. 697-6920.

SELF CLEANING electric stove for sale. Will take best offer. Call 697-9781.

CURTAINS with rods for sale. Fitting for different rooms. Call 682-1280.

★ WASHER, Dryer, Refrig- erator, Stove, Freezer. Call 550-8540.

QUEEN HIDE-A-BED & match- ing chair, \$225 (modern colors). Small navy sofa, \$35. 697-4421.

★ FREE REMOVAL of your unwanted appliances. Fast pickup. 567-5221.

104 YARDS MOHAWK Tan car- pet. Good shape. \$250 or best offer. Call 520-3930.

APPLIANCES reconditioned with 6 month plus warranty. Wood & Son Appliances. 2811 W. Wall 699-1224.

MATTRESS sets, dinette sets, bunk beds, daybeds and Futon couches. Reasonable prices. Also catalog orders available. Credit Cards- Layaways welcome. Wood & Son Appliances. 2811 W. Wall 699-1224.

413 Jewelry & Furs

MEN'S STEEL & Gold Rolex watch. Perfect condition! \$2,400. Ladies Steel & Gold Rolex, \$1,400. Call 686-1968.

ROLEX, Men's 18K President. Quickset. Like new. Call 570-4695.

415 Miscellaneous Wanted

WANTED G.E. 800 MHz trunk- ing SMR mobile units. 682-3283.

SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687-5039.

WANTED TICKETS for Texas-OU football game. Call Gene Abbott at 563-2422 (Before 5pm) or 694-4091 (After 5pm).

420 Good Things To Eat

LARGE tomatoes, organically grown, 60¢ per pound- you pick. Closed Wednesday and Sunday 14678 N. Pecan, Gardenale. 362-5708.

TOMATOES for sale. Vine ripened. 50¢ lb. Monday thru Saturday, 9 am-5 pm. Call 570-4040.

430 Household Goods

WATERBED for sale. Headboard, sheets, pads. \$150. Call 694-5108.

4 PIECE mirrored full/ queen bedroom suite, white oak finish, beautiful condition, \$800. Tall oak space saver cabinet with Singer 2001 Touchtronic Sewing Machine, great condition, \$500 or best offer. 697-2694 after 5.

FACTORY DIRECT Spa Sale- several models to choose from. 10 year warranty- delivery available- 563-1807.

440 Firewood

TURF SPECIALTIES FIRE- WOOD, 2427 E. Hwy. 80. Many varieties available. Delivered or do it yourself. Call 684-7166 or 570-7166.

DICK'S FIREWOOD, Oaks, Mesquite, Pecan & Cedar. We deliver. 1-(915) 453-2151, Fax 1-(915) 453-4322.

450 Sporting Goods

SOLO FLEX has butterfly at- tachment and leg extension, less than 1 year old. \$700. Call after 6 pm 520-8403.

SOLO FLEX and Health Max (new) exercise equipment. Both for \$395. 685-1980.

COMPOUND bow, Whitetail Legend, 55-70 lb. bow with arrow, quiver, overdraw and TM hunter rest. \$100. 520-3203.

BOB TOSKI Catalyst Irons 3 thru SW, 3 wood and 5 wood graphite shafts, 1 year old, like new. Cost \$700, sell \$450. King Cobra Titanium driver, 3 months old, \$300 new, \$250. Other clubs. 699-4463.

TITANIUM DRIVERS. Bubble shafts, lefty clubs, grips, re- pairs. The Clubmaker, 2605 W. Kentucky Ave, 683-2614.

MASTER Gun Smith. Service, repair, & engraving. By appoint- ment only. Please call (915) 684-0809, 1-800-327-0809.

PRE-BAN Eagle arms, Car-15 with 3 magazines, \$900. Smith & Wesson competition 44 mag- num with 10 5/8" barrel and ac- cessories, \$550. 689-2312.

THE SPORTS ARMOY concealed hand gun certification and all your firearm and ammo needs. 2515 W. Industrial, 682-2210.

SOLO FLEX and Health Max (new) exercise equipment. Both for \$395. 685-1980.

FOR SALE. Browning Over & Under 20 Gauge Shotgun. Call 686-1039.

460 Sporting Goods

DEER BLINDS, tripods, feed- ers, corn, black powder and muzzle loading supplies. Also hunting license available. Rocky Creek Outfitters, 1403 Garden City Hwy., 688-5198.

460 Antiques & Art

LONE STAR ANTIQUES. Unit #3, Advantage Storage, 5000 N. Lamesa and Solomon Lane, 570-8243.

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