



Sports

MHS basketball

It's rare that a school can come pull off a sweep of both Midland High basketball teams. The Hobbs boys beat Midland High 84-74, a game following the Hobbs girls defeating MHS 78-71/1C

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countdown to 2000

Today: In 1956, contributions from Midland children residing near Ida Jo Moore Park purchased a Hilsire juniper tree planted at the entrance to the park as a living Christmas tree.



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Tickets to the 'Big Dance'



Tickets for the state championship football game between Midland Lee and Aldine Eisenhower went on sale this morning. Ken Arnold, above, shows the two tickets he bought. Rick Moreno, left, rolls up the 10 tickets he purchased. Moreno's son is Roan Moreno, who is a starting offensive lineman for the Rebels.

Photos by Brian Adamcik

PSC chosen to design, build new complex

By Ian Heald
Staff Writer

Before the board of directors of 4b Corporation made its choice on a contractor Tuesday for the new sports complex, the group chosen, Parkhill, Smith and Cooper, had been involved in the planning and research of the stadium for the past year.

Aside from advising the city on various aspects of stadium layouts, PSC accompanied city staff on five separate trips — Tucson, Phoenix, Los Angeles and twice to Dallas/Fort Worth — to analyze features of various stadiums.

Jay Edwards of PSC said the firm members started taking the trips a year ago because it was an opportunity to learn about the project which could in turn provide invaluable insight into the project if awarded the contract by the city. PSC paid its travel expenses and was not paid by the city in any way for its architectural advising.

The following is a list of those trips PSC accompanied city officials and councilman on stadium tours:

- El Paso and Phoenix, Sept. 3-5, 1998
- Ontario, California, Oct. 19-20, 1998
- Dallas, Jan. 7, 8, 1999
- North Richland Hills, Nov. 18, 1999
- Tucson, Arizona, Nov. 22, 1999

Mayor Bobby Burns said PSC had served an advisory role to help establish costs of the sports complex. He said the city tapped into PSC's expertise to set guidelines for the sports complex.

Pate and Associates, the competing bidder for the sports complex contract, was aware of the trips, but not invited, said president of Pate and Associates Walter Pate.

"We're delighted that we had a chance to submit our credentials," said Pate. "I appreciated the comments of the board. We're disappointed we weren't selected. The criteria was fair. We wish we'd been selected. The Parkhill, Smith and Cooper - HOK team is an excellent group. We are very supportive of the sports complex and believe the city will receive good service."

Pate and Associates had done prior jobs for MISD and Midland. Please see **COMPLEX/4A**



Council to make final decision next Tuesday

By Ian Heald
Staff Writer

Following Tuesday's recommendation by the 4b Corporation that Parkhill, Smith and Cooper (PSC) — in association with HOK Sport of Houston — be named the architecture firm that will build the sports complex, the final decision will be made next week by the Midland City Council.

The only other proposal made to the 4B Corporation was by Associate Architects of Midland in association with Ellerbe Becket of Kansas City, Mo.

In a presentation to the board Tuesday morning, Mark Phillips, director of facilities and fleet management for the city, outlined the qualifications that the city had deemed necessary in the future sports complex contractor. Those requirements were that the firm have:

- a strong local presence
- experience in big projects
- experience in stadiums and partnering with other firms
- past business relations with the city of Midland
- sufficient local staff and resources
- references

Phillips said PSC satisfied the outlined requirements. Councilman Lee Wood spoke highly of PSC and its success building Midland International Airport. "The airport showed us how important it was to have a local firm that we could drive to their office (if we needed to speak to them in person)," said Councilman Lee. Please see **DECISION/4A**

Midland grand jury indicts 28 on drug charges

By Rick McLaughlin
Staff Writer

Twenty-eight persons have been indicted by a Midland grand jury with arrests of 13 made Tuesday morning by the Midland Police Department.

Arrests of 15 other defendants, who were not immediately located, are pending, according to Tina Jauz, Midland public information officer.

Arrested were: Stacy Valdez, 18, delivery of cocaine; Jesus Rivaz Chavez, 44, delivery of cocaine; Jose Luis Martinez, 36, delivery of cocaine; Desi Rae Garcia, 24, possession of cocaine; Carlos Alberto Garcia, 26, possession of cocaine; San Juan Martinez Rodriguez, 38, delivery of cocaine; Johnny Dean Netherlin, 31, possession of marijuana;

na; Steve Henry, 36, delivery of cocaine; Richard Salvonic Hubbard, 29, delivery of cocaine; George Bill III, 22, delivery of marijuana; Enrique Medina Jr., 34, possession of marijuana; Alice Fay Mayes, 47, possession of marijuana; and Alma Ruth Thomas, 32, possession of marijuana.

The arrests were made with the help of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Midland County Sheriff's Office, West Texas Narcotics Task Force, and the Trans-Pecos Narcotics Task Force.

In an unrelated drug seizure, the Marfa Sector of the United States Border Patrol, seized more than 1,000 pounds in a 24-hour period Monday and Tuesday.

Agents of the Alpine station seized 454 pounds of marijuana after they initiated a traffic stop on Highway 385 south of Marathon,

according to Chief Patrol Agent Simon Garza Jr.

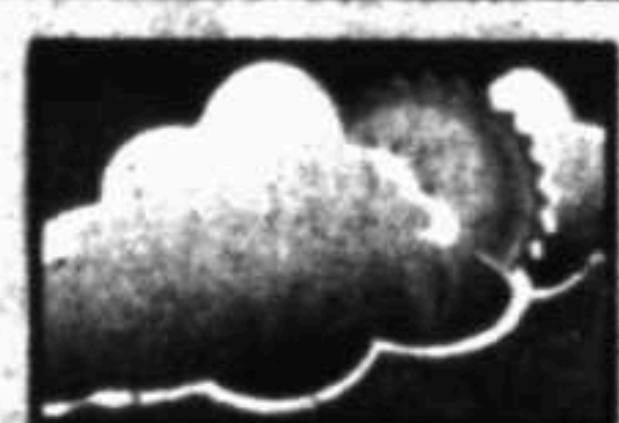
Agents were conducting "traffic observation duties" early Monday morning. As an agent approached the 1992 Ford Explorer, he noticed several large burlap and nylon bundles stacked to the roof in the rear of the vehicle.

A drug-detection dog was brought into the inspection, which resulted in the apprehension of the driver and passenger for possession of marijuana. The case was turned over to the DEA in Alpine.

Just after midnight Tuesday, agents of the Presidio station, also conducting traffic observation duties east of Presidio, seized 660 pounds of marijuana and arrested one sus-

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Words of
advice, no
matter how
confusing,
are very
important.
By James
Hershberg



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Midlanders take coffee taste test for rest of nation

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Over the years, Midlanders have been able to test products not available in other parts of the country, thanks to the Tall City's strong demographics.

Most recently, Procter & Gamble chose Midland as one of two test markets for its new Folgers Cafe Latte line of coffeehouse-type drinks. The other market is Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Procter & Gamble has arranged with Southwest Convenience Stores, owner of the area 7-Eleven convenience stores, to dispense Cafe Latte drinks from the stores' vending machines, a test available only in Midland.

Shanae Gibbs, a spokeswoman for the company, said Midland was chosen because it's a good marketplace for Folgers coffee and "it's a good representation of the nation as far as coffee is concerned."

Sean Wachsmann, an account representative for Porter Novelli, has brought the Folgers Coffee House to Midland several times to give out

"Midland was a perfect profile of the country" according to the 1990 Census, says Jerry Jones of Midland Business Center.

samples of the Cafe Lattes at community events. He said Midland was chosen "because it's far enough away from the influence of a major metropolitan area, it's got a strong economy and a sizable population."

According to the 1990 Census, agreed Jerry Jones of Midland Business Center, "Midland was a perfect profile of the country."

But, he cautioned, "we may not be with the



2000 Census. Our demographics are changing so rapidly we've been moving away from that."

According to the Connecticut-based Survey Sampling Inc., Midland was the most surveyed market in the nation in 1992. By 1994, Midland had fallen out of the top 25.

Jones predicted that as the city's demographics change, Midland will see fewer such product tests and telephone surveys.

A spokesman for SSI said that according to figures from the U.S. Census Bureau, Midland in 1990 had a population of 116,300, a household population of 42,600 and average household income of \$57,691.

In 1998, the Odessa-Midland metropolitan statistical area had a population of 240,040, household population of 86,600 and average household income of \$47,647.

Jones cautioned that the two figures compare apples and oranges because in 1990, Midland was a separate MSA whereas the 1998 figures combine Midland and Odessa.

Please see **TASTE/4A**

Cuban boy becomes folk hero as Castro demands his return

HAVANA (AP) — The Cuban boy who survived clinging to an inner tube after his mother was lost in the waters off Florida quickly became a folk hero here as Fidel Castro demanded his return from Miami to his father on the communist island.

"Little Elian will get back his country, his family, his school, his schoolmates, his school desk," Castro promised classmates celebrating Elian Gonzalez's sixth birthday in his absence Monday.

"He is a boy hero of Cuba," Castro said during a surprise appearance at the child's school in Cardenas, a two-hour drive east of Havana.

Organized by their teachers at the communist government's schools, children all over the island marched Monday in support of the boy's return.

"When I learned that his mother died, I began crying and talked with my father," Yuriel Diaz Gonzalez, a boy of about 8, told Castro during the visit to Elian's school.

Castro accused the U.S. government of kidnapping Elian, found Nov. 25 clinging to an inner tube off the coast of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and released to relatives in Miami.

Elian's mother and stepfather were among the 11 people who

died when an overloaded powerboat sank during the 90-mile crossing to Florida in what American authorities said was a case of illegal alien smuggling. Three people survived.

The boy's father said the child was taken out of the country without his knowledge.

The State Department said Monday the child's fate should be based on humanitarian considerations and decided by a Florida court, which holds precedence in child custody cases.

"We do not accept the ultimatum issued by Fidel Castro," spokesman James Foley said Monday. "This is not conducive to resolving this case in the appropriate humanitarian way."

Cuban authorities object to a Miami court handling the case, saying they do not trust "corrupt judges" in a state where anti-Castro exiles hold political sway.

While the emotional appeal of the case has quickly brought Castro the popular support he wants to reunite Elian with his father, it hasn't hurt his own image at home either.

Dressed in his typical olive green uniform, Castro looked more like a kindly grandfather as he patted the kindergartners on the head and examined Elian's tiny empty desk, now draped with a



Classmates of Elian Gonzalez hold posters asking for his return, during a sixth birthday party for Elian at his school in Cardenas, Cuba on Monday. Cuban leader Fidel Castro made a surprise appearance Monday at the celebration, continuing his campaign to return him to his father in Cuba, after he was rescued off the coast of Florida. The sign translates, "Return Elian to his desk."

small red, white and blue Cuban flag.

Several thousand protesters crammed onto bleachers Monday

night outside the U.S. Interests Section, chanting political slogans, waving Cuban flags and reciting poems dedicated to Elian.

Castro has promised more protests until the boy comes home.

Castro called his demand that

the boy be returned by Tuesday night "wise advice" — not an ultimatum. "I am appealing to their intelligence."

Government television showed the boy's father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, 31, and other relatives in Cardenas, wishing Elian a happy birthday over the speaker phone.

"Are you coming back soon?" the father asked.

"Yes," said a little voice on the other end. Tell my classmates "to take care of my things."

Back in Miami, a dozen American children in school uniforms and Santa Claus caps brought Elian gifts and sang Christmas carols in English and Spanish on Monday. They brought him a red bicycle, a baseball, a baseball glove and a bat.

On Sunday, his family in Miami got him a cake topped with a toy helicopter and two jet fighters.

"He's living with family members, and he's continued to adjust very well to life in the U.S.," said Spencer Eig, attorney for the boy's Miami relatives. He said that Elian's great-aunt and great-uncle had no plans to file for permanent custody or adopt the child.

Picasso, Cezanne and Van Gogh auction lures art collectors

LONDON (AP) — In an unusual auction, 25 Pablo Picasso works owned by murdered fashion designer Gianni Versace were sold off Tuesday at a standing-room-only sale.

Pablo Picasso's "Young Girl with a Boat," featuring his eldest daughter Maya holding a model boat, sold for \$5.98 million. The 1938 oil painting, bought by an anonymous telephone bidder, was the highlight of Sotheby's auction of drawings and oils by the Spanish artist.

Art lovers from around the world were lured to Sotheby's by the Picasso sale and a follow-up auction of impressionist paintings featuring Paul Cezanne's "Bouillolre et fruits," stolen in the United States in 1978 and recovered this year.

The Cezanne still life — a pewter pitcher and fruit painted at the height of the French impressionist's career — surpassed the individual Picasso works in price. It fetched \$29 million, also paid by an anonymous telephone bidder.

The high price tags came on the heels of Sotheby's impressionist and modernist art sale in New York in November, which took in \$242.6 million dollars over two days.

"The market is very strong and people are prepared to pay top prices for highly collectable work," said Helena Newman, Sotheby's senior director and specialist in impressionist and modernist art.

For collectors, the Versace

auction had the dual appeal of

buying a Picasso work that was

owned by a famous collector and

designer, Newman said.

Versace was killed in 1997 at

his Mediterranean-style palazzo

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twice in the head by suspected

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Prosecutor flustered by judge in Lockerbie hearing

CAMP ZEIST, Netherlands (AP) — A Scottish prosecutor fumbled Tuesday trying to fend off a defense motion to drop a key conspiracy charge against two Libyans accused in the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland.

The prosecutor came under intense questioning by the judge during a pretrial session that marked the first public appearance of the alleged Libyan intelligence agents since their handover last April.

The exchange was an indication of the intricacy of the trial, now scheduled to begin Feb. 2, and highlighted the unprecedented nature of the proceedings, in which a national court is holding trial on foreign soil.

When the judge pressed prosecutor Colin Boyd on why the Scottish court should have jurisdiction to try a conspiracy that allegedly took place in other parts of Europe and North Africa, Boyd appeared confused.

After a long silence, Boyd effectively admitted that his only basis was that the final crime — the attack on the jet — occurred in Scotland, an insufficient basis for jurisdiction under Scottish law.

"Without the overt act it is doubtful that anyone could prove the conspiracy," Boyd conceded. If the defense succeeds in getting the conspiracy charges thrown out, prosecutors would have a harder time proving the other charges of murder, legal experts said.

Prosecutors say Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi and Lamen Khalifa Fhimah carried out the Dec. 21, 1988, explosion over Lockerbie that killed all 259 people aboard the jet — including 189 Americans — and 11 people on the ground.

The court, presided over by Lord Randal Sutherland, a Scottish high court justice, is sitting at this former U.S. air base in the Netherlands as part of an unusual agreement among Libya, the United States and Britain to hold the trial in a neutral country.

Scottish police armed with semiautomatic weapons patrolled the perimeter of the base as prosecutors and lawyers wearing white wigs and robes argued the case inside a converted sports

hall, the sound of rain thrumming on the metal roof.

The defendants, wearing suits and ties and seated behind a bulletproof glass shield, followed the proceedings intently with the aid of Arabic interpreters.

Outside, David Ben Aryeh, a spokesman for relatives of the victims, said: "They want truth, they want justice. Nothing more, nothing less."

One of the suspects' brothers also attended the hearing.

"I have come here to support my brother. I know he is innocent and I am confident that justice will be done," said Mohamed al-Megrahi.

The trial, once it gets under way, is expected to last a year or more. If convicted, the suspects face up to life imprisonment and would serve their sentences in Glasgow's Barlinnie jail, Scotland's highest-security prison. Scotland has no death penalty.

Tuesday's hearing was devoted to matters of jurisdiction and legality of the charges. The substance of the case was off limits.

The defense argued the court was not qualified to consider the conspiracy charge because the activities cited in the charge — testing of explosives, purchases of timing devices, establishing false business fronts — all took place outside Scotland.

Without the conspiracy charge, prosecutors "can't call as many witnesses. They can't deal with the earlier evidence," said Alistair Bonnington, a University of Glasgow criminal law expert.

The defense also objected to the description of the men as Libyan intelligence agents, calling it a smear that violated a Scottish prohibition on impugning the character of the accused before the trial.

Solicitor-General Boyd, Scotland's No. 2 prosecutor, responded that the defendants' alleged membership in the secret service was "the glue that holds the conspiracy together."

Sutherland adjourned the hearing until Wednesday when, he said, he "may or may not" issue a ruling on the defense motion. If his ruling is postponed or appealed by either side, it could delay the start of the trial.

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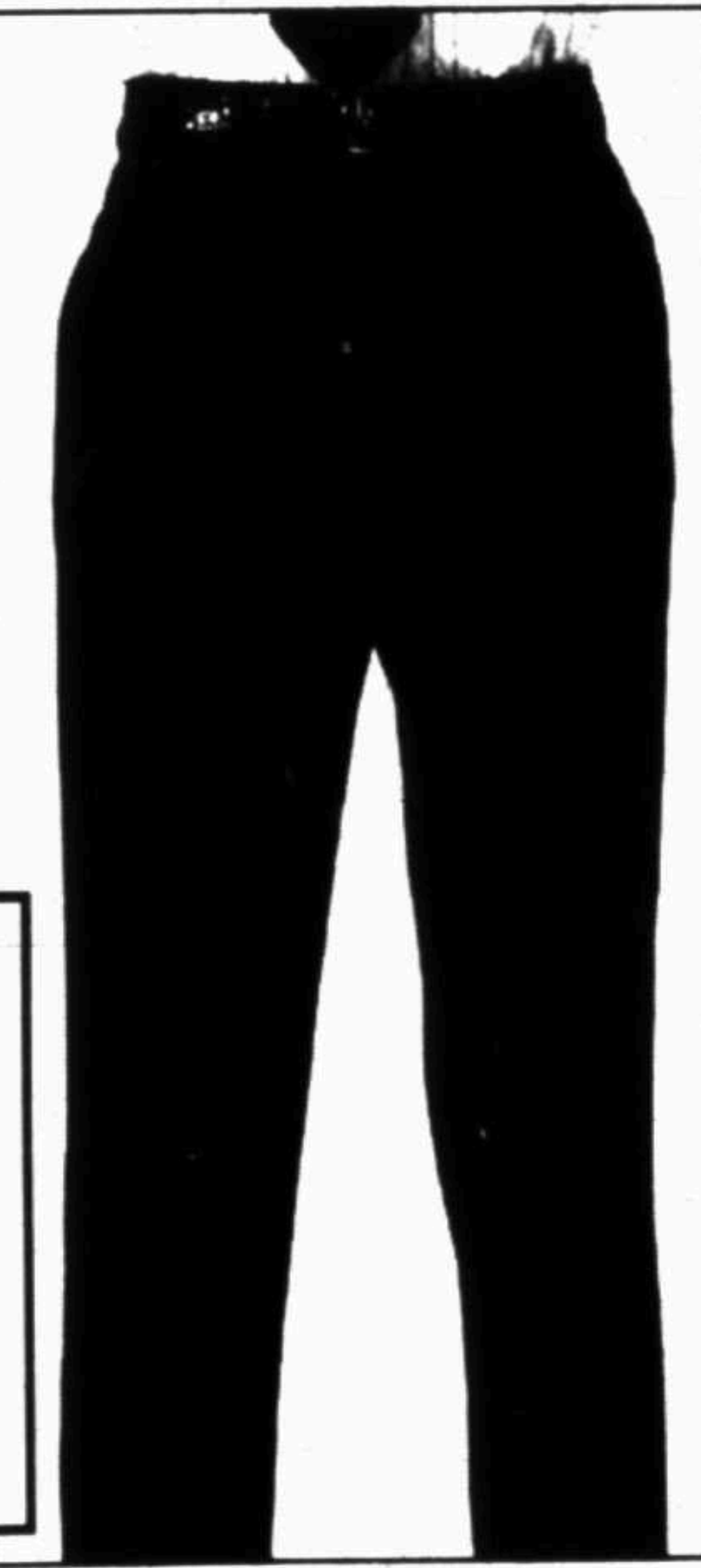
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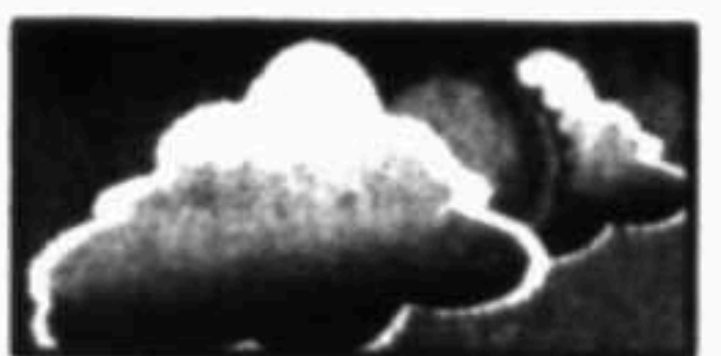
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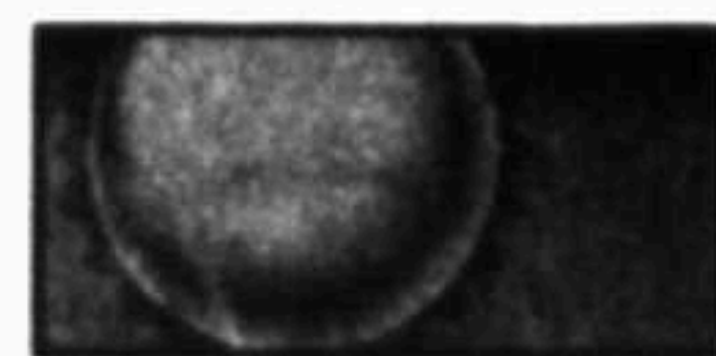
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Midland forecast

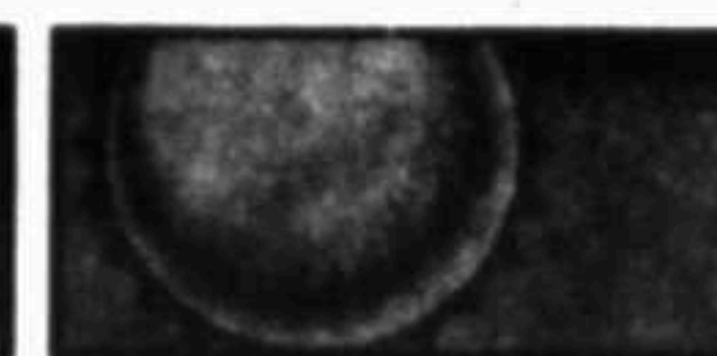
3-day forecast



Today
Partly cloudy
High 73
Low 33



Thursday
Sunny
High 56
Low 25



Friday
Sunny
High 60
Low 25

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies and breezy winds with the high in the lower 70s. A southwest wind will be increasing to 15-25 mph and gusty.

Wednesday night will be mostly cloudy and breezy with the low in the lower 30s.

Thursday's forecast calls for decreasing clouds and cooler with the high in the mid 50s.

Thursday night will be mostly clear and cold with a low in the mid 20s.

Friday will be mostly sunny with a high around 55-60.

After an overnight low of 31, Monday's high reached 69, compared to the record high for that date of 79 set in 1966. The record low of 20 was set in 1976.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Tuesday 0.00 in.
Rainfall Monday 0.00 in.
Total for month 0.00 in.
Total for year 7.6 in.
Normal total
(year to date) 14.52 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High 69
Low 31
Normal high 60
Normal low 32

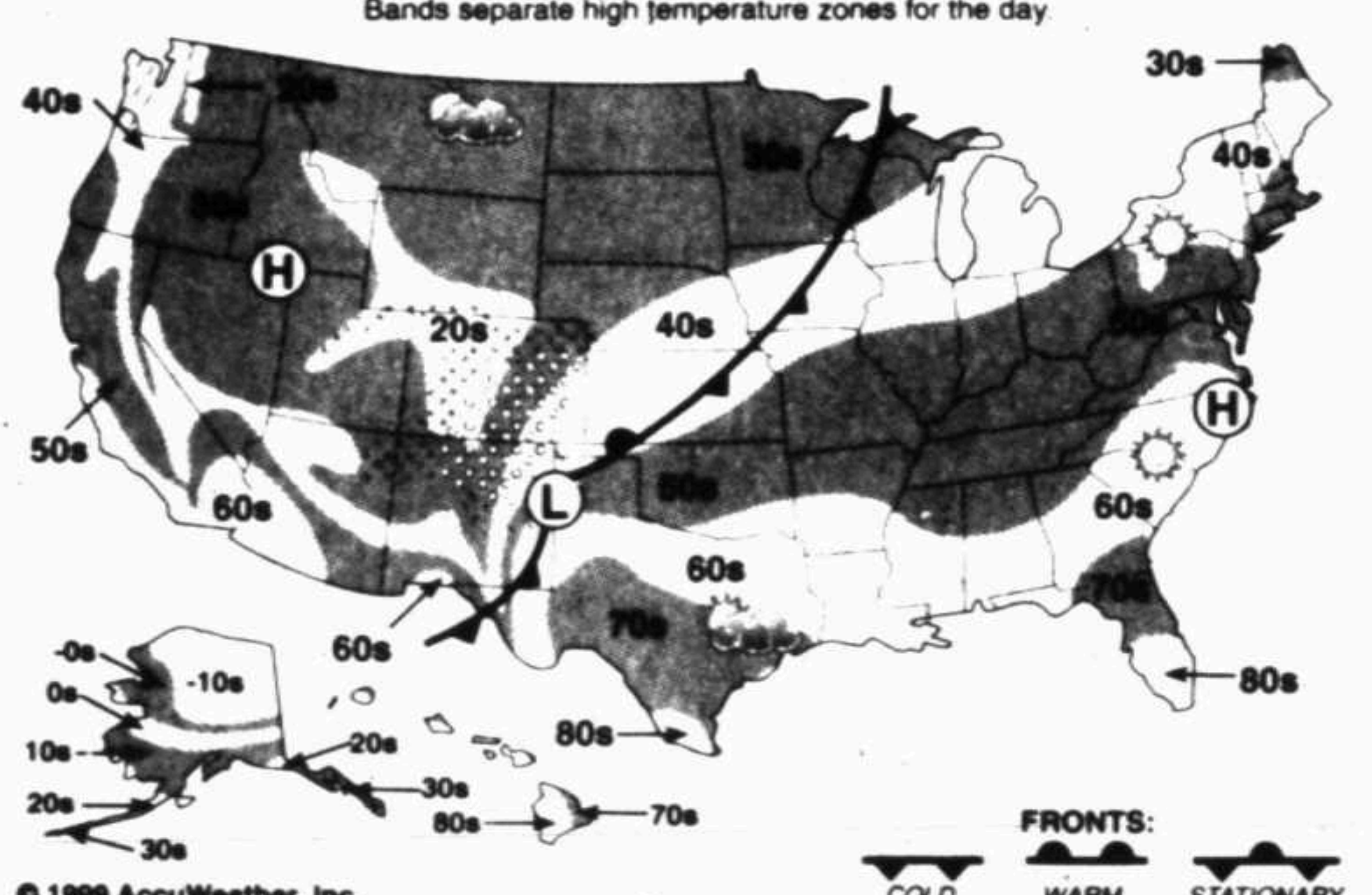
Pollen count

Trees: Low Weeds: High
Grass: Low Molds: Low
Dust: Low Warnings: Weeds
Courtesy: John D. Bray, MD.

Sunrise ... 7:37 a.m.
Sunset ... 5:45 p.m.

National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Wednesday, Dec. 8.
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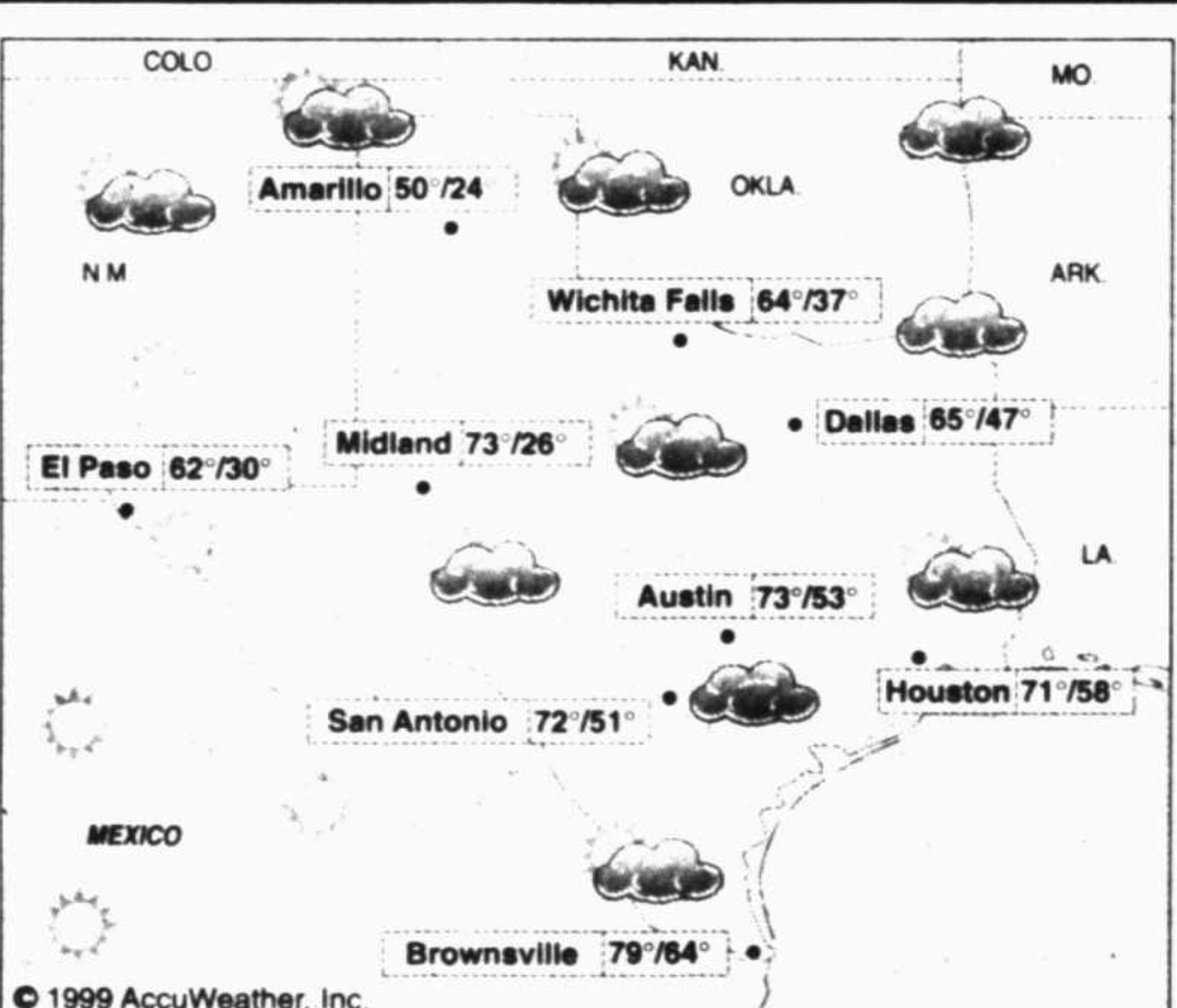
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United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:00 p.m. EST			
City	High	Low	Precip
Atlanta	52	43	cl
Boston	52	50	97
Casper	41	31	sn
Chicago	41	23	cdy
Cincinnati	43	21	cl
Cleveland	40	29	01
Daytona Beach	68	46	cdy
Denver	47	20	an
Detroit	40	28	cl
Fairbanks	-9	30	cdy
Fargo	38	24	cdy
Flint	31	22	cl
Green Bay	41	22	cl
Honolulu	81	72	cl
Indianapolis	44	27	cl
Jackson, Miss.	60	27	cdy
Jacksonville	62	36	cl
Juneau	37	34	16
Kansas City	52	36	cdy
Kenosha	43	23	cdy
Lake Charles	64	35	cdy
Lansing	40	32	cl
Las Vegas	58	41	cl
Lexington	51	26	cdy
Lincoln	53	23	cdy
Little Rock	56	30	cdy
Los Angeles	64	47	cl
Memphis	54	33	cdy
Miami Beach	78	65	cdy
Milwaukee	42	25	cdy
Mpls-St. Paul	41	27	cdy
Mobile	58	30	cdy
Montgomery	58	26	cdy
Nashville	51	25	cdy
New Orleans	60	37	cdy
New York City	50	46	38
Newark	51	44	15
Oklahoma City	62	33	cdy
Omaha	53	25	cdy
Orlando	73	48	cdy
Philadelphia	51	44	02
Phoenix	65	41	cl
Pittsburgh	42	31	cl
Portland, Ore.	50	46	74
Portland, Me.	48	40	55
Reno	45	34	cdy
Richmond	52	37	01
Rockford	40	24	cdy
Sacramento	60	44	cl
St. Louis	53	31	cdy
St. Thomas	79	74	cl
Salt Lake City	39	33	27
San Diego	62	47	cl
San Francisco	57	51	01
San Jose	59	44	cdy
San Juan, P.R.	81	72	rm
Santa Fe	45	19	cdy
St. Ste. Marie	36	24	cdy
Savannah	60	34	cl
Seattle	48	40	cdy
Shreveport	62	30	cdy
Sioux City	52	30	cdy
Sioux Falls	48	15	cdy
South Bend	40	27	cl
Spokane	36	30	cdy
Springfield, Ill.	45	30	cdy
Springfield, Mo.	56	31	05
Syracuse	37	35	02
Tallahassee	65	30	cl
Tampa-St. Pitsbg	72	47	cdy
Toledo	40	21	cl
Topeka	49	35	cdy
Tucson	67	37	cdy
Tulsa	63	38	cdy
Tupelo	55	26	cdy
Washington D.C.	50	40	01
W Palm Beach	79	72	09
Wichita	45	30	cdy
Wilkes-Barre	38	38	cl
Wilmington, Del.	51	42	cl
Yakima	47	25	cdy

State forecast



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Texas temperatures

Highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours at 6 p.m.

City	High	Low	Pcp
Abilene	63	45	
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Childress	60	34	
College Station	58	30	
Conroe	59	29	
Corpus Christi	64	41	
Corpus Christi	56	35	
Del Rio	44	23	
Dallas Love Field	56	42	
Del Rio	65	40	
Denton	56	36	
DFW Airport	58	39	
Dryden	58	34	
El Paso	56	25	
Fort Stockton	65	41	
Fort Worth Meacham	58	41	
Galveston	56	47	
Haltom	71	46	
Hondo	63	30	
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Houston Intercontinental	60	31	
Huntsville	58	30	
Junction	58	30	
Kingville	68	39	
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Waco	57	40	
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Wink	66	22	

COMPLEX: Fee will be determined in future

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College, but never directly for the city of Midland, which put them at a disadvantage to PSC who'd built the new airport and had been involved in a list of previous city projects.

Deputy City Manager Rick Menchaca said that on their trips city officials were exposed to various stadiums and met with various designers such as HOK and Ellerbe Becket, both firms based in Kansas City, Missouri. Menchaca spoke highly of Ellerbe Becket, but said that after comparing the two firms HOK was the superior choice. HOK is PSC's partner in the sports complex proposal.

Menchaca described HOK Sport as one of the premiere sports architect companies in the nation with employees that specialize in sports facility design and construction.

The positive relationship with PSC and the firm's past successes with the city of Midland made it the obvious choice for the city, Menchaca said.

Prior experience with PSC was one of the main factors, said Mayor Bobby Burns. "There is a confidence factor that goes with the HOK and Parkhill Smith team. But, I would've been comfortable with either one. I feel very confident they'll do a super job. I've known Mr. Pate and that group for years. They would've done a super job."

But when it came down to a decision city staff and 4b Corporation members pointed to PSC's prior experience working for the city of Midland, it's success building the airport and it's ability to have a strong hand in managing the sports complex at a local level.

"The projects we've done with them have gone very well," said Councilman Berry Simpson. "They're the ones that have done the most big projects for us. Their commitment to this project for some time played a role in it. If they're willing to make that kind of commitment before an election then they'll be committed to completing the project on schedule. I really think one of the reasons

the airport project went smooth was for, one of the bigger reasons, was having Parkhill here everyday."

"I can't stress how important project management is," said Director of Facilities and Fleet Management Mark Phillips.

Each proposal is comprised of a Midland-based firm but the key issue, according to Phillips, is where the project will be managed. He said the city doesn't want to be put in a situation where it's flying out of town to meet up with the management team because it's not based in Midland. "It isn't convenient," he said.

Phillips said PSC had also gained an advantage in traveling with city staff and council members to various stadiums. PSC has an advantage, Phillips said, because they have in depth knowledge of the project. "That aside, they have a larger firm," said Phillips. "It's really not a difficult decision."

Simpson expressed some concern about the Ellerbe Becket bid. "You can tell by the chain of

command they were going to control it from their Kansas City office," said Simpson. He reiterated the statements of fellow board members in saying PSC had a proven track record with the city and that their local management of the project was vital.

City Council will make the final decision as to which bidder receives the sports complex contract. If it is PSC Edwards said there are a variety of ways in which fee structure could be determined for building the sports complex. "That's our next step, negotiating the contract," said Edwards. "I don't know what it will be. It could be done as a percentage of construction."

Edwards said he wouldn't speculate on the fee PSC would receive without talking to the city first. The fee should be negotiated within the next couple of weeks, he said.

Menchaca agreed, saying the fee would be determined in future negotiations.

DECISION: Six more ex officios appointed

(From 1A)

man Lee Wood.

"I'm impressed with both proposals," said Councilman Don Washburn. "We have a proven commodity (in Parkhill, Smith and Cooper). The airport was successful. I'm leaning on past success."

Representatives from PSC were grateful for the 4b's recommendation and excited to move on and get the project started.

"We're excited and honored to be part of such a big project," said firm principal for PSC Jay Edwards, adding that the group had begun a concept study into the complex a

year ago. He felt the board chose PSC because of its success in building the airport.

Clayton Yeager, president of PSC, said he was honored by the 4b's choice and excited to start the project. "It's a once in a lifetime project," he said.

PSC has 18 employees in Midland and 140 statewide. "We'll have multiple projects, but we'll have people who are directly focused on the sports complex," said Edwards. HOK Sport has 300 employees in Kansas City, Mo.

The 4b Corporation Tuesday also appointed six more ex officios, bringing the

total number to 22. The new ex officios are:

- Randy Storie - Lee High band director
- Gary Doherty - Midland High band director
- Phillip Ward - Vista Care Hospice
- Mike Stevens - Chap Center director
- Doug Henson - SBC president
- Clarence Johnson - Ex-coach
- Wilson Heidelberg - MISD - executive director Auxiliary Services

Menchaca said ex officio members will serve as advisors on various projects involving the sports complex.

Lennon fans complain police won't allow vigil

By Corey Kilgannon
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — Every year since John Lennon was shot to death on Dec. 8, 1980, fans have held an all-night memorial in Central Park, singing his lyrics of peace and freedom within earshot of the Dakota, the West Side apartment building where Lennon lived.

But organizers of the annual memorials, at a mosaic circle bearing the title of one of Lennon's songs, "Imagine," complain that in recent years the city has broken up the vigils at 1 a.m., and that heavy police patrols have brought an intimidating presence to an event honoring a musician who championed freedom of expression.

In recent weeks, organizers of the vigil have circulated petitions and have held news conferences calling for a suspension of the curfew. But city officials, citing safety concerns and a "carnival atmosphere," remain adamant that the Lennon mourners will have to pack up their flowers, candles and acoustic guitars Wednesday night and leave Strawberry

Fields promptly at 1.

Thomas K. Leighton, a founder of the John Lennon Memorial Committee, said the memorials had traditionally been late-night events in historical deference to the night Lennon died, when mourning fans began gathering outside the Dakota, at 72nd Street and Central Park West, around 11 p.m., soon after they heard the news that Lennon had been shot.

"It's a time-specific event," Leighton said. "History doesn't choose when things happen. It ends when people are finished mourning and praying and reflecting on his memory. Can you imagine an event honoring the memory of John Lennon that ends when the police decide to break it up? I mean, this is a vigil, not a party."

"Rudy wouldn't suggest holding midnight Mass earlier on Christmas Eve because it's a safer, would he?" Leighton asked.

Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani's press office referred requests for comment to the Parks Department. Parks Commissioner Henry J. Stern said Leighton and the organizers of

the petition driver were seizing the anniversary of the death as an opportunity to cast themselves as freedom crusaders and the mayor as an authoritarian.

He said the 1 to 6 a.m. curfew had curtailed "the carnival atmosphere, with drinking and pot smoking, that was common at the customary all-nighters" that developed out of earlier Lennon vigils.

"They've made this an occasion for bashing the mayor and an excuse to drag in the ghost of John Lennon," Stern said. "If they wish to gather and sing until 1 a.m., fine, but to have a macabre commemoration of an assassination as an all-night pot party is not only disrespectful to the park, but an insult to John Lennon. I think he'd rather have people commemorate his birthday."

Stern said he too was a John Lennon fan. As a city councilman he sponsored a law in 1981 creating Strawberry Fields, and in 1985 as parks commissioner he helped with plans to build the memorial mosaic. He said the critics were in a minority.

Candido Bonilla, another

organizer of the vigil, disputed Stern's statements about safety. "In 18 years we've never had one incident," said Bonilla, 38, a jazz trumpet player. "There used to be only one or two cops there, but every year since Mayor Giuliani took office, the police have stormed in and kicked everyone out of the park."

Police vehicles, Bonilla complained, now surround the vigil and shine spotlights and headlights on the mourners.

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Student wounds four in Dutch school shooting

VEGHEL, Netherlands (AP) — A teen-age student apparently bent on revenge opened fire inside a high school in the Netherlands on Tuesday, wounding a teacher and four students in the first school shooting in Dutch history.

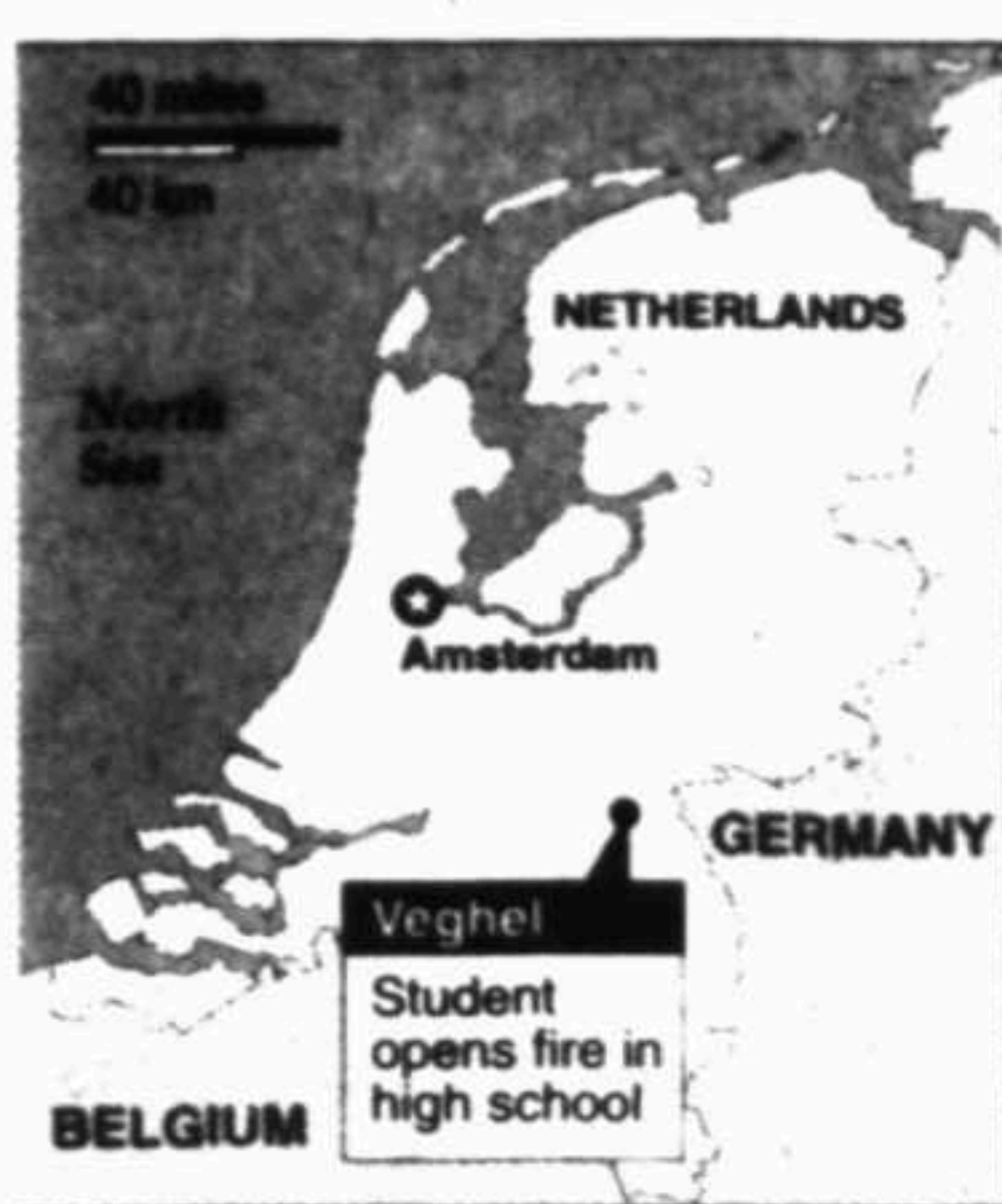
In a drama now chillingly familiar in the United States but unprecedented in this country known for its strict gun-control laws, the 17-year-old suspect fired more than 10 shots inside the regional vocational school in Veghel, about 60 miles south of Amsterdam. He then surrendered to police.

Church bells rang in sympathy through the rainy evening in Veghel, a working-class industrial town infused with the smell of chocolate from a factory that manufactures Mars candy bars for the Netherlands.

The victims were taken to hospitals, where two of the students were in critical condition. The teacher, a 46-year-old woman, and another student were in stable condition and out of danger after surgery. A fifth student suffered a minor bullet graze wound, police said Tuesday evening.

Police did not identify the suspect, in line with Dutch privacy laws. The gunman opened fire with a pistol of unknown caliber in a school hallway and in a computer room crowded with students shortly after 2 p.m.

"There was panic in the school," police spokeswoman



Gerda Preusting said.

Preusting said the suspect was upset over a romance and appeared to be hunting for someone who was not there.

Students gathered outside the school told Dutch television that the suspect was upset over a relationship involving his sister and another student and may have been intent on avenging her honor. Police said they had no further details about a motive.

"I heard the noise and went to find out what it was," the school janitor, who declined to give his name, told The Associated Press at the scene. "I thought they were firecrackers, and then I saw him shooting. He definitely knew who he was going after — he was chasing him."

The suspect's target escaped unharmed, the janitor said.

Dutch television showed the classroom floor smeared with blood, cluttered with papers and littered with shards of broken glass. A bloodied bookbag lay crumpled on the floor.

Officials closed the school and sent students home early, although classes were tentatively set to resume Wednesday. The school's principal told Dutch radio that students would be offered counseling.

Lawmakers reacted swiftly to the shooting in this country where most weapons can be obtained only on the black market, and where gun violence — even in urban areas — is comparatively rare. There were no indications of the origin of the gun used Tuesday.

Justice Minister Benk Korthals said he would not rule out the future use of metal detectors at schools to deter future attacks.

Preusting said that the school had an excellent reputation, with no significant problems in the past, and that both police and school officials were astonished that gunfire had broken out there. The principal said a few students had brought knives to class in the past, but never guns.

"When I heard the news this afternoon, I thought this type of thing only happened in America," said Michel van Leuken, 19, of Veghel. "I can't believe it would happen here."

Priest finds modern Medicis for Vatican's antique treasures

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The first full-time fund-raiser for the Vatican Museums makes money the old-fashioned way — he urns it, hunting down a patron for each antique vase, faded fresco or tarnished treasure.

In five years on the job, the Rev. Allen Duston has signed up enough monied Americans for repair projects ranging from the newly finished restoration of the Sistine Chapel to polishing up Pope Pius XI's old roadster.

"An easy sell," the globe-trotting American priest recalls at his computer in an old papal library, adding, "And the papal carriages were a very easy sell."

"Pretty frescoes" are easy too, Duston says. "And if it's a big name, it helps — Raphael, Michelangelo."

Ticket fees generally pay only for day-to-day operation of the Vatican Museums, which cover 20 miles of viewing space for art dating back millennia and covering continents.

Duston, a former president of the Dominican theology school at the University of California at Berkeley, and his Vatican-based staff of two are dedicated to finding money for the bigger projects, chiefly restoration. In 1999, the projects included everything from 8th century to 6th century B.C. Etruscan works to handicapped access to the Etruscan Museum.

Pope John Paul II will preside over Saturday's dedication of Duston's biggest project to date — the cleaning and repair of the wall frescoes lining the Sistine Chapel.

Botticelli and his peers from Umbria and Tuscany painted the

parallel allegories of the lives of Moses and Jesus in the 15th century, decades before Michelangelo got to work on the ceiling.

About 20 donors, many of them Americans, paid for the \$3 million restoration.

Over the past weekend, Duston secured his biggest single gift to date — \$2 million for his next big project, restoring rooms of Pope Pius IV, courtesy of a private New York foundation.

Americans make up about 1,000 of the 1,200 names on the patron's list — which has tripled in size since Duston and his staff started raising money full-time.

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Russia claims to open corridor for civilians but keeps bombing Grozny

ACHKOI-MARTAN, Russia (AP) — Hiding in basements, terrified residents of Grozny on Tuesday remained mostly unaware of Russia's ultimatum to flee or risk being killed by a massive attack on the Chechen capital this weekend.

Many civilians in Grozny have been too scared to venture outside amid the current relentless Russian bombing, so many have not seen the leaflets dropped by Russian planes Monday carrying the threat of the air and artillery assault set to begin Saturday. Strong winds also reportedly whisked many of the leaflets away.

While word of the ultimatum reached world capitals and provoked outrage in the West, Grozny's residents have no access to news coverage about the threat, as the shelling has wiped out television and radio transmitters.

Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin brushed off the foreign criticism, saying calls for restraint by President Clinton and other leaders were "prompted by kind intentions."

Moscow announced Monday that it would open a safe corridor for civilians to flee Grozny, but

jets bombed the city Tuesday, making it dangerous to move. There was no confirmation whether a safe corridor existed. Associated Press Television footage showed a trickle of people — mostly women, mostly on foot — leaving the city. Russian riot troops checked documents and frisked the men. A hunched woman carried a bundled child on her back.

Clinton, European Union foreign ministers and the United Nations refugee agency criticized the Russian plans for Grozny, saying they would seriously taint Russia's image abroad and risk civilian lives.

"Russia will pay a heavy price for those actions, with each passing day, sinking more deeply into a morass that will intensify extremism and diminish its own standing in the world," Clinton said Monday.

Putin repeated that Russia would not seek a political solution with the Chechens, as the West has been urging, unless Chechnya turns over militant leaders who invaded Russia and have been taking hostages for years.

"If some representatives of foreign states are indeed so much

concerned about the situation in the North Caucasus, let them use their influence not only for putting pressure on the Russian leadership, but also to force the terrorists to release their hostages," Putin said.

"Our mistake is that we have insufficiently informed the international public," he said.

Putin played down worries about the ultimatum, saying the offer was meant to "rule out casualties among the population."

Russia's Interior Minister Vladimir Rushailo said Tuesday that checkpoints for residents fleeing Grozny would remain open beyond Saturday. He gave no indication, however, that Russia was backing down from the deadline.

Most of the estimated 15,000-40,000 civilians in Grozny are believed to be too old, too scared or physically unable to flee, and there was little evidence they would heed the warning to get out.

Some civilians who fled Grozny asked the Russians to postpone the Saturday deadline, saying that many people in the city hadn't seen the leaflets because they were blown away in bad weather, ITAR-Tass reported.

Puerto Rican fugitive warns against renewed Navy bombing

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — A fugitive Puerto Rican guerrilla leader warned Tuesday that his group would take action if the U.S. Navy renews its military training exercises on Vieques Island.

Filiberto Ojeda Rios, head of the Macheteros, or Cane Cutters, refused to say what the group might do. But it has been blamed for a series of attacks on civilian and U.S. military targets in Puerto Rico, including a 1979 shooting at a Navy bus that killed two people and wounded nine others.

"They know that we speak seriously," Ojeda Rios said in an interview broadcast on radio station WJAC.

Protesters have occupied a Navy bombing range on Vieques since a civilian guard was killed on April 19 in an accidental bombing. U.S. Navy operations

on the island have been the target of protests and legal actions since the 1960s.

On Friday, President Clinton announced that limited exercises would resume next spring but that the range will close in five years. Puerto Rican officials want an immediate closure.

In his interview, Ojeda Rios said the Macheteros "will be paying very close attention to Vieques."

Ojeda Rios was sentenced in absentia to 55 years in prison for the 1983 robbery of \$7.2 million from a Wells Fargo armored truck in West Hartford, Conn. He was arrested in 1985 but disappeared while on bail in 1990. In January, the FBI increased its reward for his capture from \$150,000 to \$500,000.



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Pearl Harbor survivors pass memories to younger generation



AP Photo
A Navy color guard stands at attention after the raising of the American flag above the USS Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on Tuesday, the 58th anniversary of the Japanese attack.

HONOLULU (AP) — With survivors turning out in smaller numbers each year, young faces filled the crowds at ceremonies Tuesday marking the 58th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

A dozen survivors of the Dec. 7, 1941, attack stood, some with assistance, to be recognized at an invitation-only ceremony aboard the USS Arizona Memorial. Later Tuesday, the ashes of a USS Nevada veteran were to be spread in the harbor.

The surprise attack by 350 Japanese war planes began at 7:55 a.m. and lasted about two hours. When it was over, 2,436 Americans were killed and the United States was involved in World War II.

About 9,000 survivors of the attack are still living, but they are dying at a faster rate each year, said Don Howell, 79, state chairman of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association.

"We're an almost extinct species — endangered now," Howell said.

That's why Ed Borucki, 79, of Southampton, Mass., brought his two grandsons to the ceremony on the gleaming white memorial above the Arizona, which sank with 1,177 of its crew nine minutes into the attack.

Borucki was a Navy Yeoman 2nd Class aboard the USS Helena, a light cruiser in the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, during the attack.

He lost 33 shipmates that day. Ethan Borucki, 9, and Aaron Borucki, 13, of Holyoke, Mass., said they've heard their grandfather's stories about the attack many

times and have learned more about World War II as a result.

Aaron said being at Pearl Harbor for the first time made him appreciate his grandfather's sacrifice more.

"It's like, you have to remember people that died saving the country," he said.

The boys joined their grandfather and uncle, Stephen, in throwing flowers in the well of the memorial, at the foot of the stone wall etched with the names of the entombed Arizona crewmen.

Forty wreaths in all were

dropped, creating a stream of red hibiscus and carnations that drifted in the rainbow-colored, oil-slickened waters around the submerged Arizona.

The experience was punctuated by the roar of Hawaii Air National Guard F-15s that flew overhead in a missing-man formation after a minute of silence was observed at 7:55 a.m.

Eventually, children and grandchildren of Pearl Harbor survivors will have to carry on the tradition of observing the attack's anniversary, said Warner Sutton, 47, who

heads the Hawaii chapter of the Sons and Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors. The association's motto is, "Lest we forget."

Adm. Thomas Fargo, 51, commander in chief of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, acknowledged that most of his impressions of World War II came from his mother, a Navy nurse in the Pacific during the war.

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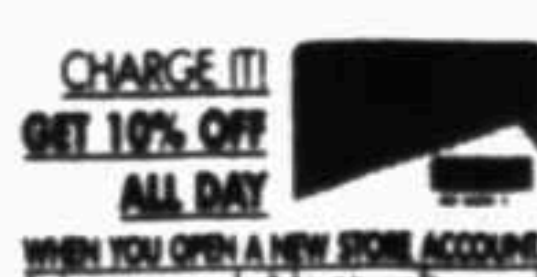
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Cheer Fund calls for gifts for city's needy

Christmas is in the air in Midland, shoppers are crowding local stores and everything — well, everything with the possible exception of the unseasonably mild Texas weather — points toward the arrival of that jolly old elf, Santa Claus, on Dec. 25th!

There's excitement in the air — and not only for the young people of Midland. The young at heart tend to get just as much enjoyment out of the Christmas season as the kids.

At this most joyous season of the year, however, it is particularly important to think of those among us who are not so fortunate and may face a bleak holiday season, and give so that they also may enjoy the Christmas holiday.

The Cheer Fund, started years ago by the Reporter-Telegram as a means of collecting holiday foodstuffs for needy families in the community, has grown and developed into an outstanding charitable avenue for Midlanders to use to help those in our community who may need a helping hand this Christmas season. This year donations to the Cheer Fund will go to benefit:

- Casa de Amigos;
- Safe Place;
- Freewill Foster Home;
- West Texas Food Bank.

Each of those organizations annually helps thousands of Midlanders and will be there during this Christmas season to help all those who need a bit of assistance.

Financial contributions to the Cheer Fund should be made to Cheer Fund, 201 E. Illinois, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, 79701.

Those contributions will ensure that the spirit of this holy and joyous season may be spread to numerous other residents of this community.

ANOTHER VIEW

Child labor treaty salvaged disastrous WTO meeting

Amid the smoke-filled cacophony of the circus known as the World Trade Organization meeting in Seattle last week was the signing of a treaty that may save millions of children around the world from cruel, back-breaking, life-threatening work.

On Thursday, President Clinton signed the International Labor Organization convention that bans the most egregious forms of child labor, such as slavery, debt bondage, mining and the use of children in prostitution, pornography and drug trafficking.

While it allows the voluntary military recruitment of those under the age of 18, it condemns the forced or compulsory conscription for children in war.

The 174-nation ILO is an arm of the United Nations, and it estimates that 250 million children around the world toil and are exploited in dangerous jobs. Under the treaty, governments can impose criminal penalties and help children recover through such remedies as free education.

For all the criticism, labor leaders and human rights activists heaped on the president last week, the Clinton administration deserves credit for being in the forefront in the treaty's negotiation.

Whatever one thinks of the World Trade Organization or the protesters of its policies, the signing of this important treaty salvaged an otherwise ugly week.

— San Antonio Express-News

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 8, the 342nd day of 1999. There are 23 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On Dec. 8, 1941, the United States entered World War II as Congress declared war against Japan, a day after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

On this date:

In 1776, George Washington's retreating army in the American Revolution crossed the Delaware River from New Jersey to Pennsylvania.

In 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception.

In 1863, President Lincoln announced his plan for the Reconstruction of the South.

In 1886, the American Federation of Labor was founded in Columbus, Ohio.

In 1914, "Watch Your Step," the first musical revue to feature a score composed entirely by Irving Berlin, opened in New York.

In 1978, former Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir died in Jerusalem at age 80.

In 1980, rock star John Lennon was shot to death outside his New York City apartment building by an apparently deranged fan.

In 1987, President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev signed a treaty calling for destruction of intermediate-range nuclear missiles.

In 1993, President Clinton signed into U.S. law the North American Free Trade Agreement.

JACK ANDERSON & DOUGLAS COHN

Mr. Lott's ship stirs up rough budgetary seas

WASHINGTON — The power Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., wields when it comes to slicing the budget pie is respected even by the other side of the aisle. Representative John Murtha, D-Penn., was asked after the budget passed why Lott kept his budget pork while other programs were trimmed. He responded, "We try to take care of leadership whenever we can."



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The government money Lott secures for Mississippi is a point of pride for the senator. He feels his track record of securing military contracts benefits the entire state as well as the country.

But his most recent prize has stirred up some controversy. Lott secured \$375 million in funding for a helicopter carrier called the Landing Helicopter Decks LHD-8, that was not requested and which isn't needed until 2005. The Navy wanted to conserve finite ship-building funds. This year's budget payment is only a small down payment for a vessel that will cost taxpayers \$1.5 billion before it is completed.

In a fax to Navy brass, Lott's national security adviser, Eric Womble, who is also a retired naval officer, requested a ballpark figure to begin

construction, which he could work with in budget negotiations. The Navy responded with \$295 million.

Womble reportedly sent the fax back with a handwritten note stating that the request was the "wrong answer." According to our sources, Womble wrote, "We have worked too hard to give up the \$500 million now," the figure Lott was requesting for this year. The right figure "the Navy needs to support is \$375 to \$500 million," Womble instructed.

Elizabeth Heeter, a senior budget analyst with the Washington-based Center for Strategic Budgetary Assessments, explained a little of the back-room pool involved in this carrier allocation.

The Navy has been vacillating on how to cheaply build the LHD, an amphibious assault vessel. One idea was to upgrade old carriers and the other was to simply build new ships. Of course, renovation would have been hundreds of millions of dollars less expensive.

Should the Navy have decided to go for the renovation idea, the project would have been open for bid by any of the six large national shipbuilders. Due to pressure from Lott's office, however, the renovation idea was scrapped and extra money was produced to get the ship built now, and to bring the jobs and money to Mississippi. "The government will have to find the money to build this ship, and that might affect the building of other

ships," Heeter told us. The LHD-8 was awarded to Ingalls Shipyard in Lott's hometown of Pascagoula, Miss.

"This is not a new thing," Andrew Krepinevich, the director at the Strategic Budgetary Center, told us. "The Department of Defense submits a budget and every year ends with us buying things it didn't request and doesn't need, things not terribly beneficial in terms of national security. The services are having a hard enough time buying what is in the budget, much less paying for the things that are added."

The United States used the carriers in the last two conflicts, the bombing of Kosovo and Iraq, but in the long term, the Navy would like to move away from carriers and have more international agreements with foreign air forces.

In addition to the carrier, \$1.5 billion worth of aircraft (that the Air Force does not want until 2006), plus a \$5.1-million electronic targeting system will be constructed in Mississippi. \$1.6 million is headed for technology infrastructure at Rust College in Mississippi, and \$9 million will be split between research projects at Lott's alma mater, the University of Mississippi, and Mississippi State.

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ART BUCHWALD

Hillary Clinton: First lady or else

Hillary Clinton's announcement that she is running for office has caused some difficulty at the White House. She is now wearing two hats — that of first lady and also senatorial candidate for New York.

This is probably what is going on at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. right now. Mrs. Clinton stops by the Oval Office to say goodbye to the president.

The president says, "Where are you going?"

"Brooklyn. They're having the Feast of Coney Island Day, and I have to have my picture taken eating a Nathan's hot dog."

"You can't do that. We're entertaining the president of Zanzibar tonight."

"There are no New York votes in Zanzibar."

"You have to stop thinking of your election, Hillary. After all, you are still the first lady of the land."

"I'm doing as much as I can. I took the Boy Scout oath with Troop 42 of Schenectady in the Rose Garden last Wednesday."

"Hillary, people are starting to talk. The Daughters of the American Revolution have complained to me that whenever they want to see you in the East Room you're in Yonkers."

"My campaign staff says I have to take Yonkers if I ever hope to win Scarsdale. You made me launch a new aircraft carrier last month, and I had to cancel a photo op in Southampton."

"But, Hillary, what hurts is that the newspapers



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don't print your picture unless you're campaigning in New York State. Let's make a deal. For every day you run for office in New York, you give me one day in Washington."

"That would cost me Buffalo."

"Look, Hillary. I'm still president of the United States, and people expect you stand by your man."

"So what else is new?"

"You know the president of Estonia is coming next week. He especially asked to meet you at the state dinner we're giving for him."

"I'll come for coffee."

"People will notice that you didn't eat the entire dinner."

"I am only human, and I can do just so much."

"What is more important than Estonia?"

"Staten Island."

"Did you know, Hillary, that at my last press conference they asked me if the country still has a first lady? I told them, as far as I was concerned, that's all you are interested in as long as I am in office."

"My campaign people were very unhappy when you said that. Your answer should have been, 'She's my first lady now, but she will be your first lady next November.' Goodbye. I have to catch the Metroliner."

"When will you be back?"

"Sometime after the Sons of Naples spaghetti dinner in Syracuse."

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WHOM TO WRITE

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WILLIAM SAFIRE

Clinton scores negative victory amid WTO chaos

WASHINGTON — In the opening minute in the global trade arena he wanted to call "The Clinton Round," President Clinton took a huge swing and KO'd himself.

But cheer up: even as he permitted U.S. policy to be determined by organized anarchists joined by organized labor in the street battle of Seattle, the U.S. president ultimately scored a kind of negative victory.

Flat on his back, dumped on by dumping nations and object of catcalls of the undeveloped world, a frustrated Clinton did not abandon our interests. In aligning himself with street people and bowing to AFL-CIO pressure, Clinton became a trade realist: He allowed the talks to collapse and made Seattle his Reykjavik.

A trade realist is a multilateralist who has been mugged by the underdeveloped world and had his pockets picked by subsidized European farmers. That's Clinton after the World Trade Organization fiasco in Seattle. His "legacy" is his willingness to take the embarrassing count without giving up our most cherished principles.

Forget the outdated rhetoric about "free trade vs. protectionism" or "rules vs. walls" or "globalization vs. nationalism." That simplistic spin belongs to previous eras.

Here's today's debate: Do information-age democracies use their economic muscle to bring others up to their standards of human rights? Or do the world's poor nations, allied with dictatorial giants, regional cartels and multinationals, use their political majorities in international organizations to vitiate our leverage of trade?

The WTO is a kind of U.N. General Assembly, with the U.S. having only one voice in the cacophony. Our power to encourage democratic capitalism worldwide is now constrained by our statist competitors. That was Clinton's doing five years ago as part of his obeisance to multilateralism.

But a strange bedfellowship is denying the Lilliputians the bonds to tie down Gulliver. As is disdainfully pointed out, this includes protectionist labor leaders; Naderite consumer gadflies; environmentalists ranging from reasonable greens to anti-worker ecological nuts; and a lunatic fringe of anarchists and hatemongers.

A few other groups, however, give more meaning to this odd amalgam. Human rights advocates who believe that American markets should not support the product of slave labor or child labor are being heard. And so are people who feel threatened by the growing power of global cartels that thrive on the anti-democratic secrecy of the WTO — while these merchant-disingenuous monopolists invade the privacy of individuals everywhere.

Using e-mail and the Internet, this "strangebedfellows.com" has globalized the resistance to mindless globalization. In Seattle, it organized effectively to stop the handover of America's power to demand human rights and labor standards from nations dependent on our rich market.

In the midst of the melee last week, Clinton made what his panicked aides told reporters was a terrible blunder: He dared suggest that the WTO should someday apply sanctions to economies that abuse child labor. This roused the ire of third-world exploiters and contributed to the breakdown of the talks.

International trade that does not use its leverage to encourage personal freedom does not deserve the name of "free trade." We accept the burden of importing many of the world's problems; our trading partners should note that America's most rewarding export is individual liberty.

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Seattle police chief resigns after violence

SEATTLE (AP) — Seattle's police chief announced his resignation Tuesday, becoming the first political casualty of the violent protests that disrupted the World Trade Organization conference.

Police Chief Norm Stamper had been harshly criticized by civic leaders, police officers and others for his handling of the demonstrations last week that cost downtown merchants nearly \$20 million in lost sales and property damage. The protests got so out of hand that the National Guard was called in and a curfew was imposed.

Stamper, 54, said he had planned to announce his retirement in January but did so now in hopes of removing politics from the examination of what went wrong.

Mayor Paul Schell has also come under fire. But at a news conference with Stamper at his side, he repeated that he will not

resign.

Stamper said he will cooperate in any investigation of the police department's role in dealing with the demonstrations. However, he declined to answer several questions Tuesday about the rioting.

He did say some accounts putting blame on him were inaccurate. "I don't accept the label of either victim or martyr," he said.

The mayor praised Stamper for his "sense of duty and sense of responsibility," and said he had tried to talk Stamper out of leaving when he was told of the chief's decision Sunday.

Stamper's resignation, which takes effect in March, also follows nearly nine months of turmoil over the integrity of the police internal investigations section. Relations between Stamper and Seattle's 1,200 uniformed officers have often been strained during his nearly six-year tenure.

"He has not been in touch with the rank-and-file," police union president Mike Edwards said. "His style is to not have a hands-on approach, and I think that has been a mistake."

Edwards said police officers lacked crowd-control equipment such as smoke grenades and tear gas last week, and found themselves on the streets for days with little food or rest.

Police critics have also said that tear gas and rubber bullets were fired indiscriminately and that innocent workers, shoppers and residents were swept up in the arrests of more than 500 people Nov. 30 and Dec. 1.

No serious injuries, but downtown merchants have reported more than \$2 million in property damage and \$17 million in lost sales.

However, the police also had many supporters.

Hubert Locke, a criminal jus-

tice expert at the University of Washington, said police "had an impossible situation to begin with" during the WTO meeting. "The judgment of most people is that the police maintained, with some exceptions, a fairly professional stance," he said.

City Councilman Richard Conlin said he was on the streets last week and found that officers were acting responsibly. Conlin praised Stamper as a community-oriented chief who had improved relations with minorities.

Stamper also revealed in his letter of resignation to the mayor that because of the disorder, President Clinton nearly canceled his visit after months of calling the conference vital to U.S. free-trade interests.

"We all had a very serious conversation about whether all the venues the president would visit were secure," he said.

Hemophilia treated successfully with gene therapy, company says

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A form of hemophilia that affects about 5,000 Americans has been treated successfully in three patients by injecting them with a gene producing a protein to help blood clot, researchers reported.

So far, there have been no adverse side effects.

The results, said a bioethicist, could help quiet criticism of gene therapy, which came under fire again after it was reported last week that a young man died in September from treatment for a rare genetic ailment.

The research by Avigen Inc. is focused on hemophilia B. Sufferers lack a protein called Factor IX, which is needed for blood to clot.

The gene producing Factor IX was delivered to patients in the study via a virus that can't reproduce and causes no known illness. Avigen is planning tests of a similar treatment for hemophilia A, the more common form of the disease affecting 20,000 people in the United States.

Patients in the study began pro-

ducing Factor IX on their own about eight weeks after being injected last summer and have continued to produce the clotting factor for six months, said John Monahan, who heads Avigen.

Results of the first phase of the study were reported Monday in New Orleans at the annual meeting of the American Society of Hematology.

Hemophilia is treated by transfusions or by injecting blood concentrates into patients, which can cost \$200,000 or more a year. Without therapy, small blood vessels constantly rupture during something as simple as walking, flooding the patient's joints with leaking blood.

B. the age of 30, said Monahan, "most of them are on crutches." Avigen's treatment could be done as infrequently as once a year at substantially lower cost, with an annual booster shot, he said.

Normally, the scientific community would scoff at reports of success such as Avigen's, based on just a few patients. But with hemophilia, it's easy to see

results, he said.

"Hemophilia is unusual in that there's no room for mistakes," Monahan said. "You don't need a large number of patients to see it working. Either the blood clots or it doesn't."

"Certainly, to have a therapy for this condition, with either no

known side effects or a minimal risk of side effects ... seems like great progress," said Lisa S. Parker, a faculty member at the Center for Bioethics and Health Law at the University of Pittsburgh.

"It certainly needs to be studied further, but it seems very promising," she said.

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Researchers report link with drinking, drug abuse and promiscuity

WASHINGTON (AP) — Teen-agers who drink or use drugs are much more likely than others to be sexually active, starting sexual intercourse as early as middle school and with a greater likelihood of multiple partners, a research group said Tuesday.

With condom use among teens being erratic at best, there is a fear that the combination of substance abuse and sex could increase the 12 million new annual cases of sexually transmitted disease.

"In America, drinking and drug abuse are bundled with high-risk sex," said Susan Foster, who directed the report "Dangerous Liaisons: Substance Abuse and Sex" for the Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University. "Yet despite the high

coincidence of substance abuse and sexual activity, remarkably few public or private prevention, treatment and counseling programs deal with this connection."

In its report, gleaned from a variety of data on 34,000 teenagers in grades 7-12, the research center admits it's not sure what comes first — the drinking and drug-taking or the promiscuity. In its analysis, the group factored out other reasons — such as socioeconomic status or race — that are associated with either drinking or having sex but not necessarily both and could have made the connection look weaker or stronger than it actually is.

But the report suggests there could be some lessons from adults: adult heavy drinkers —

defined as about seven drinks a day over two weeks — are five times more likely than those who don't drink at all to have at least 10 sexual partners a year.

Ben Smilowitz, a University of Connecticut freshman who often finds little social life on campus beyond drinking parties, said his peers are not only turning to drink because of stress, they also are imitating adults.

"People see drinking as way of relaxing because that's what adults do," the 18-year-old said. "You go to a football game or hockey and see adults getting trashed."

He says more kids are drinking and therefore engaging in riskier behavior all around.

The report said drug-using teens are five times as likely to

have sex than nonusers, and three times as likely to have it with four or more partners, according to the two-year analysis of data.

A generation ago, the report said, fewer teens were having sex. In 1970, 5 percent of 15-year-old girls had sex; in 1972, 20 percent of 15-year-old boys said they had sex. In 1997, 45 percent of boys and 38 percent of girls said they have had intercourse in their

teen years.

The group urges middle and high schools to create comprehensive education programs that address the link between substance abuse and sex.

But students have a different view.

"When society tells kids don't have sex, don't drink, don't use drugs, it's just creating forbidden fruit," Smilowitz said. "Society

needs to re-examine its way of dealing with kids."

The report was funded by the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation of New York. Besides data from the teens, the report also relied on articles, expert interviews and examination of dozens of prevention and treatment programs for substance abuse, sex and sexual violence.

Friends, neighbors look for answers in shooting

FORT GIBSON, Okla. (AP) — A day after a 13-year-old was accused of shooting four schoolmates, friends and neighbors in this small rural town were baffled as to why a popular, churchgoing, honor-roll student would do such a thing.

He liked video games, touch football and his mom's cookies. He had a birthday party every year.

And yet, on Monday, the seventh-grader allegedly opened fire outside the Fort Gibson Middle School with the gun his father had bought a few years ago at a Wal-Mart. Four students were wounded, though none of their injuries was considered life-threatening.

"He was always nice to everybody. He was real popular. You would never have known him to do anything like this," said Deana Pruitt, an eighth-grade cheerleader.

Authorities and the boy's lawyer have refused to release his name because of his age and because charges have not been filed, but schoolmates who witnessed the shooting identified the boy as Seth Trickey.

"He was a 'no sir, yes sir' kid," said Tina Mayo, who lives across the street with her 13-year-old son, Michael.

"We played football, Nintendo and hide and seek," Michael Mayo said of Seth's birthday par-

ty Friday night.

Most young witnesses said the boy didn't say anything during the shooting. But Justin Barnes told Tulsa TV station KOTV that the boy started yelling: "I'm crazy, I'm crazy." Sheriff's Lt. Tim Brown said, "To our knowledge the boy never said a word."

Police Chief Richard Slader said the boy fired at least 15 times outside the school before a science teacher pinned him against a wall, and had more ammunition available.

Authorities said they weren't aware of any previous trouble involving the teen, who attended church regularly. He didn't leave any notes, and his parents have refused to let him talk with police. Because of his age, police need permission to question Seth. Officers searched his home and several school lockers.

Shaila Benjamin said she rode the school bus with the boy. "He lived in a very nice, very pretty home. Lots of people liked him," she said.

Prosecution as a juvenile could lead to a sentence as harsh as incarceration until age 21 or as lenient as being returned to the custody of his parents with instructions to undergo treatment.

Students returning to school Tuesday were met with metal detectors, more than 50 coun-

selors and uniformed officers.

"They're going to be all right," said Ronnie Darden as he waited to drop off his 10-year-old daughter, Kayleigh, and 12-year-old son, Drew. "We have more than adequate faith in the administration and the school."



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Clinton: Moral obligation to correct medical mistakes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Doctors and the government have a moral obligation to report and correct medical mistakes that kill or injure thousands each year, President Clinton said Tuesday. He announced new steps to confront the problem — and promised more money to improve accountability.

Clinton said he doubts that better reporting of medical errors will leave doctors and hospitals vulnerable to more lawsuits. But even if he's wrong, he said, they must feel free to reveal mistakes — or what press secretary Joe Lockhart called "near misses," situations when medical professionals erred but did not kill the patient.

"Once you know about a problem, you're under a moral obligation to deal with it," Clinton said. "Whatever the consequences are, we have to go forward."

For starters, each of the more than 300 private health plans that sell insurance to federal employees will be required to institute quality improvement and patient safety initiatives, Clinton said during a Rose Garden appearance. The White House said the requirement will cover roughly 9 million federal workers, retirees and their dependents.

He also directed federal agencies that administer health plans to evaluate and, when feasible, begin using the latest techniques to reduce mistakes. That includes plans covering veterans, the military, the elderly, children and the poor.

The plans follow last week's release of an independent report

that estimated medical mistakes kill between 44,000 and 98,000 Americans each year. The Institute of Medicine said it found flaws in the way hospitals, clinics and pharmacies operate.

While lauding American medicine as the finest in the world, Clinton said the report startled a lot of people, including him.

He said he plans to propose the most money to date for medical accountability programs in his upcoming budget package. He did not give specifics, but a White House statement said Clinton

plans a "multimillion-dollar investment in research programs to improve health care quality."

He was joined by Richard J. Davidson, president of the American Hospital Association, who said doctors and nurses already are making headway in reducing errors.

However, Davidson said, "We can and we must do better."

Clinton's action is part of a coordinated attack against medical mistakes. On Capitol Hill, Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., is working on legislation with a similar goal.

"I believe we can have a strong bipartisan bill in the next session," Kennedy, senior Democrat on the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pension Committee, told reporters Monday. He said Republican senators, including the committee's chairman, Sen. James Jeffords, R-Vt., and Sen. Bill Frist, a heart surgeon from Tennessee, were interested in holding hearings.

Dr. Nancy Dickey, immediate past president of the American Medical Association, said the doctors' organization will work with the administration in studying the causes of physician errors and working to prevent them. However, she said the number of fatal mistakes is relatively low considering the complexity of modern medicine and the fact that there are more than 1 million doctor-patient interactions in the United States each day.

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The initiative launched Monday is "part of the president's continued commitment to the progress and the growth of the Internet," White House press secretary Joe Lockhart said in a statement.

Already, several other sites — representing interests as varied as the Japanese Embassy and the Nigerian press corps — have started making plans to provide the service to their users, officials said.

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Gene therapy yields bigger pigs, but will they fly with the public?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Here come the super pigs. Medical researchers using gene therapy have figured out a way to make young hogs grow 40 percent larger and faster.

Scientists say the technique, which stimulates production of the pigs' growth hormones, would be a boon for livestock farmers — and eventually could even be used to treat children with growth problems and to prevent muscle deterioration in AIDS and cancer patients.

"We think that over the long term this is going to be a defining technology that will change the face of how agriculture is done," said the lead scientist, Robert J. Schwartz, a professor of molecular and cellular biology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

The prospect of biotech hogs also is likely to raise new questions in a growing worldwide controversy over genetically engineered food. The United States already is locked in a trade war with the European Union over the EU's ban on beef from cattle injected with hormones.

"I don't think most consumers are very interested in eating hormone-treated meats," Rebecca Goldberg, senior scientist for the Environmental Defense Fund, said Tuesday.

Livestock and poultry have been getting steadily bigger, leaner and faster-growing for years because of improvements in genetics, nutrition and housing and the use of hormones in cattle.

But the results reported by Schwartz's team, which are published in the December issue of

Nature Biotechnology, are especially dramatic. All the improvements made in hog production over the past two decades have pigs maturing only 10 percent faster than they used to.

The key to the new technology is a synthetic chemical that's inserted into a biodegradable piece of DNA, then injected into the leg of a 2-week-old pig. The chemical in turn causes the pig's pituitary gland to secrete higher than normal levels of growth hormone.

Two months after the injection, treated pigs weighed 92 pounds, compared with 65 pounds for an untreated hog. The treated pigs eat 25 percent less feed, which would amount to huge savings for the farmer, and they are ready for slaughter two weeks earlier, Schwartz said in an interview Tuesday. The price of feed alone accounts for half the cost of raising a hog.

The pigs also are expected to produce less manure, he said. Hog waste is a growing environmental concern in many states.

Additional research will have to be done to show that the meat is safe for human consumption, and the treatment has no negative long-term impact on animals. The treatment would have to be approved by the Food and Drug Administration before it could be used commercially.

The technology could be used in humans as a less-expensive, more natural alternative to injecting AIDS patients with growth hormones, a treatment that costs as much as \$20,000 a year, Schwartz said. A drug could be

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The study was financed by the Baylor College of Medicine, the Agriculture Department's Children's Nutrition Research Center, the National Space Biomedical Research Institute and private sources.

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Midland girl proves to be a real GEM



Ashly Andrews

By George Torres
Staff Writer

It has been said that "big things come in small packages." And Ashly Andrews, a 12-year-old Midland girl, has proven that expression to be true by creating something that has grown much bigger than she ever dreamed possible.

It started right before the Thanksgiving holiday season when Patricia Mourer, principal at Carver Cultural Center, challenged the children of her school to get involved in the community.

Ashly took that challenge to heart. Then she sprung into action.

Ashly in involved in a program called Gifted Educated in Midland (GEM) at Carver. While filling out her application to be a GEM Scholar over the Thanksgiving holidays, questions on the application got her to thinking ... questions along the line of, how do you affect your community, school, family and friends?

Then her father, Eddie Andrews, further explained to her what the application was asking. Again, it got Ashly to thinking.

She remembered hearing something about a program

called Toys for Tots, where gifts are given to the less fortunate at Christmas time.

In was then that Ashly decided to challenge her classmates to bring one toy. Out of the 20 or so members in her class, she figured, perhaps they could come up with 20 toys for Toys for Tots. So Ashly went back to the school and told her teacher and classmates all about her idea to help the needy.

Then later that day she told her father her idea had grown, that she had created a competition between three classes. Instead of just 20 toys, her goal now was to acquire 60 toys.

"She has always been loving and caring," her dad said. "But this is the first time she has done something like this by herself. It really makes me proud."

Andrews volunteers his services at the soup kitchen and other charities and Ashly often helps him.

So the next day Ashly and her father went back to Carver to seek permission to conduct the competition between the classes.

Then three more classes were added in the competition.

Ashly's idea now had six classes involved, increasing the estimated toy collection from 120 toys to as

high as 200.

"She's a wonderful young lady who presented her idea very elegantly," said Mary Wood, ssistant principal.

Even the teachers are getting involved, requesting that the traditional gift to the teacher on Christmas go toward the toy donation.

"It makes me feel really good that I can help people who were not going to have a good Christmas, have a good Christmas," Ashly said.

She has even volunteered to use her birthday money to buy her donated gift. So far, she has donated gifts like Beanie Babies and some Star Wars toys.

What began as a little girl trying to do her share in helping the community has turned into a class activity, snowballing into numerous classes helping the less fortunate.

"This is what Ms. Maurer's wish was," Ms. Wood said. "To have kids not think about themselves but to think about the community and beyond."

A representative from Toys for Tots will pick up the donated toys on Thursday morning from Carver.

City ponders possibility of adult-oriented businesses

By Ian Heald
Staff Writer

At its last meeting, the Midland City Council passed a resolution calling for a study into the potential impact adult entertainment businesses could have on Midland.

The council views the action as a "being prepared" act.

Midland has never had an adult-themed business within the city limits but the issue was brought forth by Councilman Berry Simpson who said he felt there was a vulnerability in Midland at the present time. He said that if an adult entertainment store were to pop up within the city, there could be some disparity as to where in town it could or could not be allowed. With the council's approval the city will now conduct a study into the effects of adult entertainment on the community.

Mayor Bobby Burns has suggested that those interested in that type of entertainment could drive to Ector County, where such businesses do exist.

Ector County Attorney Tracey Bright said Ector County has eight or nine adult entertainment establishments, including bars, video stores and book stores.

Ms. Bright said there has been "that element" in Ector County for many years, "since I was born."

"Midland has a reputation for consistent law enforcement," she said, adding that the general philosophy was that prostitution, drugs and lewdness were connected to those types of establishments and that Midland law enforcement's reputation helped keep those businesses out of town.

Today, in Odessa there remains only one strip bar, located on Eighth Street, said Marwan Khoury, director of Planning for Odessa.

"We used to have four, but they were shut down (or went out of business)," said Khoury.

Khoury added that there had been more adult businesses in the past but most had shut down because of bad business or other reasons.

Councilman Lee Wood said he believes an adult-oriented business might have a tough go in Midland, as it would likely not receive a warm welcome. At least historically, that has been the case.

In the early part of the 1990s, the mayor said he'd received a phone call from Hooters Restaurants inquiring into the possibility of opening a restaurant along Loop 250.

"It didn't seem to fit the personality of Midland and after our discussion they didn't think they could be profitable in our city," Burns said. "Midland just has the reputation that this is something the

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Debbie Ellinger, of Happy Paws Pet Motel and Grooming, puts the finishing touches on Hercules, a client.

Pet motel pampers pets in rooms with a view, bed, TV

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

The old phrase "going to the dogs" may lose some of its tainted connotation and take on an upscale flair at a motel designed exclusively for dogs and cats, perhaps a parrot, a ferret or an iguana, or just about any critter called a pet.

"You'd be surprised how people spoil their pets nowadays," said Homer Ellinger who, like his wife, Debbie, is most accommodating.

The couple have opened a 15-room pet motel

south of Midland that includes a luxury suite, upstairs and downstairs suites, and most have a view of the outside world.

"It's a full-time job, I promise," the 41-year-old Ellinger said of taking care of the rooms and, most important, their precious occupants.

"It's unique," he said of the couple's Happy Paws Pet Motel & Grooming, which has been in operation since November and had its grand opening Dec. 4.

"We are already full up for Christmas," he said, and had a full house during the Thanksgiving sea-

son. They had to turn away people looking for room and board for their pets.

Doing his own carpentry and remodeling work, Ellinger spent \$65,000 on materials and such in expanding a 1950s 1,000-square-foot pier-and-beam house to a 2,600-square-foot, two-story, blue-toned pet motel with living quarters for the Ellinger couple.

"We've put \$65,000 in this so far," noted Ellinger. "But, it will turn around and pay for

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Larry Lusby announces retirement from MISD

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

It's likely that after Dec. 31, MISD officials will never look at information quite the same again. After all, that date will mark the first time in 18 years, Executive Director of Computer Services Larry Lusby won't be the brain behind the myriad bits and bytes produced by the computer services division.

"I'm really sad to see Larry and his wife Judy retiring," said Superintendent Joseph Baressi Jr. "They have both contributed immensely to our district over the last 20 years."

Lusby, along with his wife Judy — a fifth-grade teacher at Scharbauer — have announced their retirement effective Dec. 30.

The San Angelo native began his teaching career in 1969 in the Rio Grande Valley. He taught mar-



Lusby

keting education at the Pharr-San Juan-Alamo school district for two years and served as a counselor there for two years.

The eventual MISD executive director then went to work for the Region 1 Educational Service Center in Edinburg for 18 months. He also spent an 18-month stint at the Region 15 service center in San Angelo before a five-year stay at the Region 17 service center in Lubbock. Lusby coordinated guidance and counseling services at Region 15 and was the head data processor at Region 17.

In 1980, about the same time that Baressi came to MISD, Lusby moved to Midland as a director of data processing. It was about 1986 — Lusby said he could-

n't remember exactly — that he was promoted to executive director of computer and special services. A reorganization in 1992 changed his title to executive director of computer and pupil services. Since that time, Lusby has directed the district's instructional technology, guidance and counseling and health services. In all, he has been in education for 32 years — 18 of them at MISD.

At the ripe old age of 53, Lusby said he's not actually retiring.

"I'd rather say I'm changing career objectives for a period of time," Lusby said. "We're going to be working with peach trees, pecan trees and paint horses."

The Lusbys, who have three grown children, have a tree farm and horse ranch in Ballinger, where they will spend their retirement years harvesting peach-

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TEEN BEAT

Words of advice, no matter how confusing, are very important

By James Hershberger

Last year, after the traditional New Year's Eve party, my two best pals and I went to spend the night at one of their houses out in Green Tree. After we settled down to sleep, we had one of those infamous late night chats.

The conversation went from cute girls, to music, to movies, and finally — my favorite topic to discuss (cute girls taking a close second) — philosophy. I shared with my friends what a wise man once said: there are three P's to success — planning, persistence, and prayer.

But then Jon replied with the words I'll always remember. "You know what a really wise man once said? Nothing at all. He



Hershberger

watched people, learned from what they did and said, and from their mistakes."

I was shocked by the depth of my friend's comment. I looked to my other comrade to see what he thought of the intelligent reflection. He, in turn, released a loud snore.

Words of advice have always confused me. Whenever an elder gives a piece of advice, it is delivered with confidence, and I always think it's something worthy of putting on a plaque to hang on the wall when I take over the oval office.

In truth, words of advice often times contradict each. One feels confidence in the verse, "Good things come to he who waits," until he hears the words, "Don't wait for your ship to come in, swim out to it."

Or the value of risk, supported by the words, "A boat is safe in the harbor, but that's not what boats were made for." Then the classic "safety first" rings in the ears.

Or the all too popular "be yourself," but people are also encouraged to "make a difference." What if you're not the type of person who makes a difference? Should you still be yourself?

I have come to the conclusion there is only one universal piece of advice. "The wise hear all advice and apply to their life what fits." That was said by the intelligent, good-looking, and charming James S. Hershberger.

These words are true. To make sure you're getting the most out of life, you should listen to all advice. No matter how confident your fifth-grade math teacher seems in what she says, always remember that the world is made up of very diverse people, and what worked for her just might not apply to you.

As we approach the new millennium, words of advice are more important than ever. Why? Because it's a time for change. A friend of mine once had a particularly bad month. His grades were

poor, his pals were mad at him, and he couldn't get a girl to look at him sideways.

So he bought some new clothes, had his hair cut, and organized himself. He declared himself a new man. He changed his life from what it was to what he wanted it to be.

As 2000 approaches, we can transform as a society. We can take words of advice, and change from being people that make us unhappy, into what we want to be. All we need is to be willing.

Singer Fiona Apple once encouraged music fans to "be themselves." I disagree. Be who you want, just make sure that you're consistent, and that you do what is right.

On Jan. 1, 2000, the world will change forever. Society has the opportunity to do the same.

James Hershberger is a sophomore at Lee High School.

Area briefs

Nativity scenes

Two local churches are presenting live Nativity scenes this Christmas season:

■ **Christian Church of Midland**, 2608 Neely Ave., 7-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

For more information call 684-7681.

■ **First Baptist Church**, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

For more information call 683-0600.

Meet and greet

The Midland County Democratic Party will host a holiday party 7 p.m. Saturday at Super Pollo USA, 800 S. Terrell St. Several local candidates will be on hand to meet and greet voters.

Today's Agenda

Permian Basin Small Business Association, 7 a.m., 405 N. Marientfeld, third floor conference room.

Arco Articulators, 11:30 a.m., ARCO Building, 688-5760.

Uptown Chapter of Business and Professional Women, luncheon program, Petroleum Club, Lynne Clark, 682-0291.

Al-Anon, Wednesday night Step Study, 8 p.m., 2103 W. Louisiana.

Tall City Toastmasters Club, 11:30 a.m., Permian Basin Graduate Center, 688-3193 (Bob Clohessey).

Company D, 403rd MP BN, Company D, Texas State Guard, 7:30 p.m., Texas National Guard Armory.

Midland Apartment Association, board of directors, noon, Clusters Club room.

Overeaters Anonymous, noon, 408 South G St., 694-4166; 580-7545; 684-8726; or 699-5563.

Seniors Over 50 Dance.

7:30 p.m. American Legion, 501 Air Park Road, 682-5511.

Midland Health and Welfare Association, noon, Westwood Medical Center.

Downtown Lions Club, noon, club activity building, 200 Plaza St.

Midland Country Club Women's Golf Association, 9 a.m.

Eagles Permian Aerie No. 2982, 8 p.m., Brinson Lane.

Midland Genealogical Society Volunteers, available 1-4 p.m., Midland County Library.

Daybreak Rotary Club, 7 a.m., Ranchland Hills Country Club, 683-3000.

Sex Addicts Anonymous-Reflections, 550-1173. The meetings are closed.

Duplicate Bridge, 7 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 682-4461.

Tall City VFW 7208 Auxiliary, 8 p.m., 1406 E. Taylor St.

OBITUARIES



Gladys Terrill

Gladys H. Terrill was born September 19, 1919 in Alice, Texas to Albert and Martha Harris. She was reared in Hamlin, where she met and married Nathan Webb. He passed away in 1958. In 1959 she moved to Midland. In 1965 she married John Terrill. He preceded her in death in 1967. Mrs. Terrill was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Terrill died at a local hospital Sunday, December 6, 1999.

She is also preceded in death by a daughter, Martha May Vinson in 1997 and two brothers, Charlie and Frank Harris. She is survived by her sons, Nathan "Buddy" Webb, Jr. of Kiowa, Texas and Sam Webb of Honolulu, Hawaii; 10 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 1:00 p.m. today, Dec. 8, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Sam Webb officiating. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.



Lloyd Johns

Lloyd Johns loved to make people laugh. When he was a young father, he would come home from work in the evening and bellow, "EAT". His children, Kay and George, always got a kick out of that and remembered it for years after they were grown. One of his favorite ways of saying goodbye was, "I'm glad you got to see me". He will be missed.

Lloyd Johns was born on July 17, 1908 on a farm in Travis County, Texas, to George W. and Claudia Johns. He grew up on the farm and moved with the family to Georgetown, Texas. He graduated from Southwestern University in Georgetown in 1931.

He loved sports, especially football which he played in high school and college. After college, he coached football for a few years at a high school in central Texas where he met and married his wife, Cleo. An athlete to the end, he began playing golf at the age of 80 and was a regular at Hogan Park in the early morning

Obituary & Death Notice policy

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

Free death notices include date and place of death, service and burial information, funeral home handling arrangements, date and place of birth, brief biography, survivors and memorials. A longer, more detailed obituary is available for a charge. It may include tributes, expanded biography, organizational associations, notes of appreciation, pallbearers, honorary pallbearers and a photo.

Deadline for both free death notices and paid obituaries is 3:30 p.m. and information must be either received from or verified by a funeral home.

hours for several years. While his golf swing was unique, he managed to hit his first hole-in-one at the age of 86 and the second at the age of 87.

He began working with Gulf Oil Corporation as a landman in 1945, and he moved his family to Midland to work at the Gulf downtown office in 1956. He became Unit Supervisor of Leasing and retired from Gulf in 1973. Following his retirement from Gulf, he became an independent landman, retiring again in the 1980s.

Lloyd died in Midland on Sunday, December 5, 1999. He was preceded in death by his wife, Cleo Johns, in 1993. He is survived by his son, George W. Johns of Midland; his daughter, Kay Johns of Camp Wood, Texas; his sister, Lois Fowler of Odessa; his grandson, Shawn Smith of Austin; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation was from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 7, 1999, at Ellis Funeral Home. Funeral services have been scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 8, at First Christian

Church with the Rev. Dr. Tommy Potter officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Guy Jamieson, Clarence Sloan, Frank Singleton, and Robert Birth.

Jose Zuniga

Jose Maria Zuniga was born in Donna, TX on July 22, 1916 to Enrique Zuniga and Maria Rodriguez.

He died on December 3, 1999. Joe was a Veteran of the United States Army and he retired from the VA Hospital with 25 years of service.

He is survived by a brother, Tony Zaragoza from Philadelphia, PA. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews in Donna, Midland and Odessa, TX.

Graveside Service and Interment will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8, 1999 at Calvary Hill Cemetery under the direction of Calvario Funeral Home of Dallas, 214/946-8165.

POLICE REPORTS

Fatality

A 24-year-old Midland man died Nov. 24 near Parker, Ariz., in an automobile-pedestrian collision, according to an Arizona Department of Public Safety spokesman.

Travis Tolson was on Interstate 10 about 12 miles from Quartzite when the vehicle he was in left the highway and rolled, ejecting Tolson, the source said.

Tolson was not seriously injured at first and was in the process of picking up his things from the highway when he was struck and killed by another vehicle, the spokesman said.

Midland Police Department

Thursday

Burglary of a vehicle: Theft of tools from the bed of a pickup was reported at 9:30 p.m. on Air Park Road.

Monday

Burglary: Burglary of a business was reported at three suites of a business complex at 4214 Andrews Highway at 8 a.m.

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

DEATH NOTICES

Anita Reyes

Anita Reyes died Monday, Dec. 6, at a local hospital.

Funeral services will be at noon today at the Thomas Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

She was born July 11, 1908 in Guahajato, Mexico.

She moved to Midland in 1950.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jose, in 1986; and by three sons and two daughters.

Survivors include two sons, Victoriano Reyes of Dallas and Jesse Reyes of Midland; three daughters, Lenor Hernandez, Juanita Rodriguez and Sylvia Reyes, all of Midland; nine grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

Morris of Midland; two stepsons, Dondi Duran of Midland and Dexter Duran of Houston; her mother and stepfather, Bessie and Russell Parnell of Odessa; three sisters, Wanda Penton of Folsom, La., Brenda Kerr of Odessa and Linda Gongora of Destrehan, La.; two stepgrandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Special Olympics, 401 W. Texas, Suite 507, Midland, 79701.

Marion Gibson

STANTON — Marion Milroy Gibson, 89, died Tuesday, Dec. 7, at a Stanton nursing home.

Graveside services will be 3 p.m. today, Dec. 8, at Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

He was born Nov. 26, 1910 in Okmulgee, Okla.

He was plant manager for American Glycerin Division of DuPont in Stanton until 1955, when he transferred to Baxter Springs, Kan. He retired to Big Spring in 1977 and returned to Stanton in 1993.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Bernice Towery Gibson on Nov. 13, 1996.

Survivors include two daughters, Jeanene Wheeler of Stanton and Sandra Shepherd of Stephenville; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Pat Henderson

Pat L. Henderson, 48, died Tuesday, December 7, at a local hospital.

Cindy Duran

Cindy Marie Thornhill Duran, 38, died Sunday, Dec. 5, at a Midland hospital.

Funeral services will be 11:30 a.m. today, Dec. 8, at the Reyes-Garcia Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Weeks DuBose officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

She was born Jan. 19, 1961 in New Orleans.

She moved to Odessa in 1978. She co-owned Calico located in The Spot Restaurant in Midland. She was a member of Westwood Baptist Church in Odessa.

She was preceded in death by her father, William J. Thornhill; and two grandmothers, Emma Vandever and Mary Thornhill.

Survivors include her husband, Abel F. Duran of Midland; a daughter, Tamra Duran of Odessa; a stepdaughter, Julie

MISD: Lusby says district once paid teachers above state base

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es and pecans and raising and training horses.

Lusby said he is looking forward to his new career but that he also will miss Midland, his coworkers and friends.

"Certainly we're going to miss it. We've developed a lot of good friendships in Midland. Midland is full of good people. It's a good place to have a family and raise children and MISD has provided a good education for our children," Lusby said.

He added, however, that the district has some challenges ahead.

"If I have a concern in Midland it's that we need to be able to continue to improve education here. We need to improve our facilities and the amount of money we pay our teachers," Lusby said.

According to Lusby, when he came to Midland in 1980, MISD paid teachers 30 percent above the state base.

"Now our teacher salaries are just at the state average. If we don't make some improvement toward that, the education of the kids in Midland will suffer because we won't be able to

attract the type of quality teachers we've had," Lusby said.

Lusby also had kind words to say about his employer.

"I've enjoyed the experiences and opportunities my family has had in Midland. I've worked for the best superintendent in the state of Texas for almost 18 years."

Lusby is being replaced by Milton Evitt, who was hired in August. Evitt, who worked at Ector County ISD for 17 years, will assume the title and responsibilities of executive director of computer and pupil services.

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Services will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9 at Pipkin Chapel with David Cook of Alpine and Gary Painter officiating. Burial will be Friday, Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. at Comyn, Texas with Don Martin of Marathon officiating. Funeral services are under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home.

He was born in Marathon to Ted L. Henderson and Erlene McKinney Dec. 20, 1950 and married Ernestine Ortega Sept. 17, 1983. He worked for the Brewster County Sheriff's Office, Alpine Police Department and West Texas Drug Task Force until his recent retirement.

Survivors include his wife, of Midland; a son, Michael Henderson, of Midland; his mother, Erlene Gooche, of Robert Lee; and father, Ted Henderson of Marathon.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Ronnie Wayne Henderson, Ted Clayton Henderson and Tommy James Henderson.

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Travis Tolson

BIG SPRING — Travis Tolson, 24, died Nov. 24 near Parker, Ariz.

Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Corina Villa

STANTON — Corina Villa, 60, of Stanton, died Tuesday, Dec. 7 at a local hospital.

Services are pending with Stanton Memorial Funeral Home.

Charles Babcock

Charles Babcock, 57, died Tuesday, Dec. 7, at a Midland hospital.

Services are pending with Reyes-Garcia Funeral Home.

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"My wife has had this dream for years," said Ellinger. "We've been planning it for about the past five years."

Ramona Machacek brings her family pets, Foxy, a Pomeranian, and Chloe, a collie, to the motel for grooming and overnight visits when she and her husband, Kenneth, are out of town.

"We are particular about where we go," said Mrs. Machacek. "The girls (Foxy and Chloe) have been coming here to get their baths and haircuts. They come here to the baby-sitter."

And if Mrs. Machacek and her husband plan a trip and there's no room in the inn for "the girls, we don't go," she said.

Even before opening Hotel Paws, Mrs. Ellinger baby-sat pets.

But when they do leave town, the Machaceks may call

a toll-free Happy Paws number (1-888-TAIL WAG) to check on their pets.

The room rates, which including chow, freshwater, entertainment, attention, and an enclosed exercise space in the outdoors, range from \$10 to \$22 per day.

"This luxury suite is 10-by-10 (feet) and costs 22 bucks a night," Ellinger said.

"People will pay it — \$22 a day for one dog," he said, and 25 percent more for every additional dog in the same room. The percentage applies to the smaller rooms priced at \$18, \$15, \$12 and \$10.

The carpeted 6-by-10-foot \$12 suite No. 1 is replete with a 6-foot multi-tiered cat condominium.

"It's either for a cat or a well-behaved dog," Ellinger said. Other rooms have tile floors.

Mrs. Machacek likened the Happy Paws suites for pets to the "high-dollar" Westin-Galleria and the Wyndham-Anatole hotels in Dallas for humans.

The pet motel is "so marvelous," she said. "It is just beautiful."

"Isn't this a great place?" said Mrs. Machacek, who had brought Foxy in for grooming. "She won't go anywhere else."

Chloe is "like a bull in a china closet," she's so excited when she comes to stay at

Happy Paws, Mrs. Machacek said.

"She is so happy. This is the only place the girls come to get haircuts, baths, to be baby-sat," Mrs. Machacek said. "They do not want to go anywhere else. This is their second home."

The pets prefer a room "with a view" of the outside world.

"Foxy and Chloe ... are given the very best treatment," she said. "And they love coming here. When come to pick Foxy up, she will not quit jumping on me until I pick her up and notice that she is so beautiful. She has gotten her bath, and she feels so good, and Debbie treats her good."

Mrs. Machacek said that she and her husband are "just so proud for them (the Ellinger couple). Homer has worked so hard" on Happy Paws. "And they are so caring, and Debbie is so good at what she does and is so passionate."

Mrs. Ellinger, who grew up with a fondness for pets, said that her "daddy (Mike Watling-

ton) used to always call me 'Elly May' because I just love animals" like s the Elly May Clampett character in the "The Beverly Hillbillies" television series.

"I just love animals so much," said Mrs. Ellinger, who has been grooming animals for eight years.

"The animals that get treated well, the people are more likely to take care of themselves also," she said. "You can tell the ones that actually really love the animals because they just really care for them."

Mrs. Ellinger said that a dog may "come in with mats and really bad-looking and holds its head down. And once it gets all groomed up, it just prances around, holds its head up."

"They give you lots of love," she said of pets, particularly dogs and cats. "They make you really happy."

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COUNCIL: Adult-oriented business wouldn't survive here, Cuevas said

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community won't support. It can't be profitable; it's not a natural fit. There's always a chance there (could be an adult entertainment business in Midland). Studies show property values decrease significantly if they're anywhere near adult entertainment businesses. That's why we need to be prepared."

Midland Councilman Jose Cuevas predicted that trend will

continue.

"(An entertainment business) definitely wouldn't survive," said Cuevas. "The community has set a benchmark of wholesome entertainment. The community and churches would protest and picket to ensure that kind of entertainment is not provided here in Midland. By not having any rules and regulations on the books it would be very hard to control and keep out. This is an important first step."

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Bush defends experience after presidential readiness questioned

PHOENIX (AP) — A day after a debate in which his presidential readiness again was questioned, Texas Gov. George W. Bush said Tuesday he is most qualified to lead the country because he's been an entrepreneur and runs the nation's second-largest state.

"That's what people have to decide in this campaign. Who's been in the position to make decisions?" Bush told reporters the morning after his second presidential debate.

"The other two elected officials have spent a lot of time in Washington," he said, referring to two of his rivals, Sen. John McCain of Arizona and Orrin Hatch of Utah. "If you listened very carefully, everybody was attacking Washington last night."

The reassertion of his credentials highlighted a continuing dynamic in the campaign among the six candidates for the Republican presidential nomination.

Although Bush, the front-runner, didn't make any major missteps in the debates, his scripted and sometimes vague answers have failed to silence questions about his political heft and readiness to lead the country.

At the same time, his rivals have been unable to dislodge him from the front of the pack despite subtle and not-so-subtle attacks. They will have



AP Photo
Republican presidential candidate Gov. George W. Bush, talks to supporters during a joint Arizona Hispanic Chamber-Chamber of Commerce breakfast in Phoenix Tuesday.

their final chance of the year next Monday, when the group is scheduled to debate again in Des Moines, Iowa.

Hatch raised the issue in Monday's debate here, saying Bush should consider being his running mate because nearly five years as governor don't qualify him to be president.

"You should have eight years with

me and boy, you'll make a heck of a president after eight years," Hatch said, only half in jest.

McCain pounced after Bush failed to answer directly a question about the foreign policy of Dean Acheson, President Truman's secretary of state and the subject of a biography that Bush previously said he is read-

ing. After answering a question on another subject, McCain returned to Acheson and spoke about the secretary briefing Truman on North Korea invading South Korea.

A jocular McCain poked at Bush again Tuesday from New Hampshire where he was campaigning, telling reporters: "I thought (Hatch's) line about vice president was one that we all wanted to use, but he's used it first."

Publisher Steve Forbes, who asked Bush during the debate about how he would lower oil prices, was back on the offensive Tuesday.

In an interview with The Associated Press from Arizona, where he launched a two-day bus tour, Forbes said: "What surprised me last night was how off guard he was on energy. Here he has spent his entire life in the oil business and is from the nation's largest oil-producing state and clearly he has no energy policy. ... I was going to say, 'Open up the (strategic) oil reserve.'"

Bush defended his debate response, in which he said he favored expanded use of natural gas. He also said opening the nation's massive oil stockpile was "an option."

Turning the question back on Forbes, Bush asked: "Surely he's not arguing for price controls?"

Bush has fueled some of the skepticism about him by skipping earlier debates and committing such errors as confusing the names of foreign leaders and countries.

He counters by noting that he was in the oil business and was managing partner of the Texas Rangers baseball team before being twice elected governor, most recently in 1998 with 69 percent of vote.

During his stump speech, Bush also makes veiled reference to an experience his rivals can't match: His father, George Bush, the former president.

"I've had some great training," the governor said Tuesday in a speech to the Arizona Chamber of Commerce.

Asked afterward how he would answer questions about his experience, Bush said: "I would say, 'Here's my credentials. I've been in the business world. I've been an entrepreneur. I've been in a decision-making position.'"

He also defended his response to the Acheson question with a bit of levity.

"In a minute's time, it was hard for me to give a full book review," Bush said.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Associated Press Writer Ron Fournier contributed to this report.

Seven surviving Houston octuplets turn 1 year old this month

LEAGUE CITY, Texas (AP) — Ebuka Louis turns 1 on Wednesday, but she will have to wait 12 more days for a birthday party.

After all, majority rules. Ebuka is one of the seven surviving Houston octuplets. She was delivered vaginally, a week and a half before her five sisters and two brothers came into the world via Caesarean section last Dec. 20.

Odera, the tiniest at 10.3 ounces, died of heart and lung failure a week later. But the youngsters' pediatrician said the others are healthy and developing normally despite being born no larger than 26 ounces. The babies now range between 17 and 22 pounds.

"We thank God and we thank the doctors for the job they did," said the babies' father, lyke Louis Udobi.

Nkem Chukwu, who this time

last year was suspended almost upside-down in bed to relieve the pressure of her babies' weight, remains a bit awestruck by it all.

"It's a miracle. That's how we think of it, a miracle," said Ms. Chukwu, 29.

The seven children — products of fertility treatment — share three of the six bedrooms in their new suburban Houston house, donated earlier this year by the Federal National Home Mortgage Association.

The house, set at the end of a cul-de-sac in a gated community, is a cauldron of activity, filled with laughter and crying from girls Ebuka, Chidi, Echerem, Chima and Gorom and boys Ikem and Jioke. Sometimes a tune by Ms. Chukwu, sung in the couple's Nigerian tribal tongue, wafts over the din.

Because of all the babies underfoot, no one is allowed to wear shoes upstairs. And visitors

are strictly prohibited from taking pictures because of a contract the family has with a photo agency.

They get help with the babies from about 50 volunteers from the Little Lambs Ministry, organized by Tammy Zwart in conjunction with the Galveston Baptist Association.

"My son's favorite is Jioke," Ms. Zwart said as her 5-year-old boy played with the babies, each perched astride a toy pony. "But he has trouble with his name. He calls him Chuckie."

The family also received a van and an undisclosed amount in donations to a trust fund set up for the children. On a recent autumn day, Internet retailer toymart.com sent a cache of educational toys.

However, some of the generosity bestowed upon the family last holiday season, such as a year's supply of groceries and

baby formula, is about to dry up, according to the children's father. The 42-year-old father said he is scrambling to support his brood as a respiratory therapist.

"I'm having to work two jobs," he said. "I work all the time. I have no time to bond with my kids. We need scholarships for the kids, and endorsements."

The babies, who arrived more than three months early, should catch up in size to their peers by age 2, their pediatrician said.

"Things have been remarkably smooth for these babies," said Dr. Patti Savrick, who has looked after the children since their birth. "It's very fair to say they beat the odds."

Convicted burglar flees prison work detail

SAN ANGELO (AP) — Authorities around San Angelo were hunting for a prison inmate believed to have stolen a pickup truck and fled from a work crew at the San Angelo State School.

Andrew King Shaw, 28, a trusty at the Wallace Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, was noticed missing about 10 a.m. Tuesday, prison spokesman Larry Fitzgerald said from Huntsville.

Shaw, described only as a white male, had been imprisoned since July 8, 1994, and was serving 15 years for burglary of a building in Johnson County, just south of Fort Worth. He would have been eligible for parole in about 16 months.

Fitzgerald said the white Chevrolet C-10 pickup truck, Texas exempt license plate No. 684203, belonged to the school and apparently was parked with the keys left inside. The gas tank reportedly was full.

Shaw was probably part of a

cleaning detail at the school, prison spokesman Larry Todd said.

The Wallace City is located about 75 miles north of San Angelo, near Colorado City.

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Prosecutors to focus on gun crimes in seven Texas cities

DALLAS (AP) — Eight new federal prosecutors will go to work next month in seven urban cities as part of an initiative to reduce gun crime in Texas by seeking tougher prison sentences.

The attorneys will concentrate solely on gun charges, using a federal statute to seek additional jail time for crimes where a weapon is used or possessed.

State Attorney General John Cornyn said at a news conference Monday that the initiative dubbed "Texas Exile" represents a change in focus and effort.

"Gun crimes are going to be treated with a sort of seriousness that is unprecedented in the past," he said.

Two special prosecutors will be assigned to each of the four U.S. Attorney's district in Texas, Cornyn said.

The Houston area will get two, and one each will be assigned to Dallas, Fort Worth, Tyler, Beau-

mont, San Antonio and El Paso. A public awareness campaign also will target those cities, along with Corpus Christi and Brownsville.

The new prosecutors are being hired under the \$1.6 million initiative introduced in September by Cornyn and Gov. George W. Bush, whose office is funding the program.

The effort calls for coordination among local, state and federal prosecutors to make certain criminals face the stiffest prison sentences possible under state or federal law.

"We have put aside the turf battles for the common good," said Paul Coggins, U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Texas.

Defendants convicted of gun crimes in federal court will face at least five years behind bars without probation or parole, he said.

Cornyn said that although federal gun laws are not new, law enforcement agencies often do not have the resources to seek gun charges against those accused of other crimes.

"Too often there's more attention to the underlying crimes and it's not treated separately and distinctly," he said.

Texas Exile will target anyone in possession of a gun who has a felony conviction, or is charged with domestic abuse, drug trafficking or armed robbery.

Michael McCaul, special assistant attorney general for Texas, said each prosecutor is expected to bring forth about 200 additional gun cases each year.

He dismissed concerns about the additional cases creating a backlog for federal judges.

"It'll put more cases into the federal system," McCaul said, "but there will be a focused general effort to get them through."

An education campaign includes ominous radio and television advertisements warning "gun crime means hard time."

Texas Exile is patterned after a program in Richmond, Va., which in 1994 had the second-highest murder rate in the nation. Since the program's inception, Richmond's murder rate has dropped by 33 percent and the rate of violent crime has decreased by almost 50 percent, according to Cornyn's office.

The city of Fort Worth announced its own get-tough-on-gun-crime public awareness initiative in September, two weeks after gunman Larry Gene Ashbrook killed seven people and himself at Wedgwood Baptist Church.

The city plans to spend up to \$750,000 on its Safe City USA campaign.

After budget cuts, Pentagon studies alternatives to F-22 stealth fighter

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon is studying alternatives to the Air Force's prized F-22 stealth fighter after Congress delayed production plans and scaled back finances for the \$62 billion program.

George Schneider, the Defense Department's director of strategic and tactical systems, told a House panel Tuesday the study was ordered last summer after the surprise House Appropriations Committee vote to cut all \$1.8 billion the Air Force wanted to build the first six planes.

"It was asked for as part of a 'What if?' drill, which we do quite often in the department," he said. "We have great hope the F-

22 program will be carried out within the cost estimates. But one has to look at eventualities if that should not come about."

A House-Senate conference committee eventually restored all but \$500 million of the money cut by the House. But production was prohibited until certain performance tests are met, and \$300 million was set aside for "termination liability" to Lockheed Martin, the prime contractor, should Congress decide next year not to proceed.

Schneider said the study of F-22 alternatives will be reviewed next week by the Defense Department's top acquisition official. But he said preliminary results

suggest that the F-22's unique capabilities cannot be replaced if the program is canceled.

The House appropriations panel that initially cut off the F-22's funds suggested using the money instead to build more F-15 and F-16 fighters, the planes the Air Force wants to replace with the

F-22. Schneider said improvements to the F-15 and other aircraft are among alternatives under consideration.

Air Force officials insisted the plane will be developed within spending limits imposed by Congress in 1998.

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Federal regulators pronounce Union Pacific service crisis over

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three years into the federal government's five-year oversight of the Union Pacific-Southern Pacific merger, regulators say the railroad has emerged from a catastrophic service meltdown that began in Texas in 1997 and clogged its entire 36,000-mile network.

The service crisis "is over," the Surface Transportation Board pronounced in its annual post-merger assessment.

"It appears that the merger is continuing to produce competitive benefits and improved service," the board's three commissioners said in a decision issued last week.

Critics who had complained bitterly about the service disruptions that caused widespread difficulties from the Gulf Coast to the Pacific Northwest, idling plants and leaving piles of grain on the ground, agree the service problems are over.

Some, however, appear less sure than the federal regulators about the benefits of the merger, which created the nation's largest railroad.

"Things are better. You don't hear as many complaints," Texas Railroad Commissioner Charles Matthews conceded in an inter-

view Tuesday.

But Matthews, who strongly criticized the STB for not moving more swiftly to address the service meltdown that began in Houston's rail yards, remains worried that not enough competition exists — particularly in Texas, which has more miles of track than any other state.

"The manufacturers that I've talked to say they desperately want other alternatives. They don't want to be caught into a situation they were caught in before, that is if a management team of a large, out-of-state corporation makes a mistake in judgment, they pay a penalty," Matthews added, in a swipe at Union Pacific managers who have acknowledged they should have implemented the merger differently.

Matthews remains convinced that Texas must develop a rail policy that will enhance competition, particularly among smaller railroads that haul over short routes.

"I believe any time a shipper is captive, that's not a good situation," he said.

The Chemical Manufacturers Association, which in a recent study found that more than 60 percent of its members are served by a single railroad, agrees.

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— Texas Railroad Commissioner Charles Matthews

"The number of railroads has shrunk dramatically. The competition is so much less than it was before," said CMA official Mike Heimowitz. "The deck is basically stacked against the customers and in favor of the railroads."

The president of the National Industrial Transportation League, which also complained loudly about Union Pacific's service woes, agrees that shippers are voicing few complaints these days.

But they remain concerned about the reliability of Union Pacific and other railroads in delivering cargos by specified dates, said NITL head Ed Emmett. "Railroads still cannot produce service that's as timely and predictable as trucks," he said.

Union Pacific's leadership

deserves "an awful lot of credit" for solving the service meltdown, Emmett acknowledged.

The crisis now a memory of the past, Union Pacific officials say they not only have restored service to the 1996 pre-merger levels, but have improved it to new highs.

"We are now setting new records in terms of our service parameters that didn't exist prior to the merger," railroad spokesman John Bromley said Tuesday, citing train speeds and size of cargos hauled chief among them.

Union Pacific, like the STB, contends that competition has been enhanced post-merger.

Instead of the moribund Southern Pacific as chief competitor, Union Pacific now must deal with Burlington Northern Santa Fe — which gained the right to operate over some Union Pacific track under merger terms imposed by the STB.

BNSF, however, in a filing to the STB, complained that Union

Pacific isn't living by all the regulators' conditions — a dispute the board said the competitors should resolve by themselves.

As for shippers' complaints that the railroad has a near-monopoly, Bromley cited the pressure of competition from the trucking industry and others. While U.S. railroads carry 40 percent of the nation's tonnage, they only account for 7 percent of freight revenues, he said.

Environmental group offers help to landowners

AUSTIN (AP) — Landowners who help protect endangered species could get financial and technical assistance from a private group that pushes for economical solutions to environmental problems.

Officials from the Environmental Defense Fund on Tuesday announced two initiatives in Texas.

The Stewardship Fund was recently formed to give assistance to ranchers who help protect two endangered songbirds — the golden-cheeked warbler and the black-capped vireo.

The program, which has already signed up more than a dozen owners of 22,000 acres, helps ranchers enhance the habitats of endangered species. For example, the group will help ranchers control cowbirds, a non-endangered bird that drives out two endangered species by invading their nests.

"They're working with landowners in Central Texas to give them advice, technical support and even funds to help them manage for those species," said Kirby Brown, program director for the private lands and habitat division at Texas Parks and Wildlife. "We think anyone working in this regard, we're supportive of."

The Environmental Defense Fund also plans to file an application with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to establish a safe harbor program in the Texas Hill Country that will allow landowners to avoid incurring new regulatory restrictions on their property, officials said.

"One of the biggest challenges of conserving endangered species is how best to protect those species on private land," said Michael Bean, chairman of the group's wildlife program. "Without the support of private landowners many species would not have a chance of survival."

According to the group, most species on the endangered list have much of their habitat on private land. Many of the species are not improving partially because getting landowners to cooperate with conservation efforts has been difficult because of the expense and restrictions.

"If these rare species are ever to recover, more of their habitats will need to be restored and properly managed," said Melinda Taylor, an attorney with the organization based in New York.

Dengue outbreak reaches 45 cases, officials report

HARLINGEN, Texas (AP) — State health officials have confirmed 45 cases of dengue fever since July, marking the largest outbreak of dengue fever in Texas this decade.

Sixteen of the 45 cases are believed to have been contracted in the state.

The latest figures from the Texas Department of Health said that Webb County, which includes Laredo, still has the most with 27 cases, eight of them believed to have been acquired in the county.

Hidalgo County had four cases and Cameron had three. Travis, Willacy and Dallas counties each had two. Galveston, Nueces, Starr, Tarrant and Bexar counties reported one case each.

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Prosecutors to focus on gun crimes in seven Texas cities

DALLAS (AP) — Eight new federal prosecutors will go to work next month in seven urban cities as part of an initiative to reduce gun crime in Texas by seeking tougher prison sentences.

The attorneys will concentrate solely on gun charges, using a federal statute to seek additional jail time for crimes where a weapon is used or possessed.

State Attorney General John Cornyn said at a news conference Monday that the initiative dubbed "Texas Exile" represents a change in focus and effort.

"Gun crimes are going to be treated with a sort of seriousness that is unprecedented in the past," he said.

Two special prosecutors will be assigned to each of the four U.S. Attorney's district in Texas, Cornyn said.

The Houston area will get two, and one each will be assigned to Dallas, Fort Worth, Tyler, Beau-

mont, San Antonio and El Paso. A public awareness campaign also will target those cities, along with Corpus Christi and Brownsville.

The new prosecutors are being hired under the \$1.6 million initiative introduced in September by Cornyn and Gov. George W. Bush, whose office is funding the program.

The effort calls for coordination among local, state and federal prosecutors to make certain criminals face the stiffest prison sentences possible under state or federal law.

"We have put aside the turf battles for the common good," said Paul Coggins, U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Texas.

Defendants convicted of gun crimes in federal court will face at least five years behind bars without probation or parole, he said.

Cornyn said that although federal gun laws are not new, law enforcement agencies often do not have the resources to seek gun charges against those accused of other crimes.

"Too often there's more attention to the underlying crimes and it's not treated separately and distinctly," he said.

Texas Exile will target anyone in possession of a gun who has a felony conviction, or is charged with domestic abuse, drug trafficking or armed robbery.

Michael McCaul, special assistant attorney general for Texas, said each prosecutor is expected to bring forth about 200 additional gun cases each year.

He dismissed concerns about the additional cases creating a backlog for federal judges.

"It'll put more cases into the federal system," McCaul said, "but there will be a focused general effort to get them through."

An education campaign includes ominous radio and television advertisements warning "gun crime means hard time."

Texas Exile is patterned after a program in Richmond, Va., which in 1994 had the second-highest murder rate in the nation. Since the program's inception, Richmond's murder rate has dropped by 33 percent and the rate of violent crime has decreased by almost 50 percent, according to Cornyn's office.

The city of Fort Worth announced its own get-tough-on-gun-crime public awareness initiative in September, two weeks after gunman Larry Gene Ashbrook killed seven people and himself at Wedgwood Baptist Church.

The city plans to spend up to \$750,000 on its Safe City USA campaign.

After budget cuts, Pentagon studies alternatives to F-22 stealth fighter

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon is studying alternatives to the Air Force's prized F-22 stealth fighter after Congress delayed production plans and scaled back finances for the \$62 billion program.

George Schneider, the Defense Department's director of strategic and tactical systems, told a House panel Tuesday the study was ordered last summer after the surprise House Appropriations Committee vote to cut all \$1.8 billion the Air Force wanted to build the first six planes.

"It was asked for as part of a 'What if?' drill, which we do quite often in the department," he said. "We have great hope the F-

22 program will be carried out within the cost estimates. But one has to look at eventualities if that should not come about."

A House-Senate conference committee eventually restored all but \$500 million of the money cut by the House. But production was prohibited until certain performance tests are met, and \$300 million was set aside for "termination liability" to Lockheed Martin, the prime contractor, should Congress decide next year not to proceed.

Schneider said the study of F-22 alternatives will be reviewed next week by the Defense Department's top acquisition official. But he said preliminary results

suggest that the F-22's unique capabilities cannot be replaced if the program is canceled.

The House appropriations panel that initially cut off the F-22's funds suggested using the money instead to build more F-15 and F-16 fighters, the planes the Air Force wants to replace with the

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Schneider said improvements to the F-15 and other aircraft are among alternatives under consideration.

Air Force officials insisted the plane will be developed within spending limits imposed by Congress in 1998.

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WASHINGTON — Three years after the Union Pacific merger, the road has not yet begun to clear its clogged tracks.

The service the Surface Transportation Board announced last week for the merger is

"It appears that the board is continuing to benefit the public," said a spokesman in a decision.

Critics who bitterly oppose the merger say that the board's decision to approve the deal will hurt the public and the environment.

Some, however, are sure that the deal will create jobs and improve the railroad.

"Things are going to get worse," said a spokesman for the American Railroad Union, which represents 160,000 workers.

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Federal regulators pronounce Union Pacific service crisis over

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three years into the federal government's five-year oversight of the Union Pacific-Southern Pacific merger, regulators say the railroad has emerged from a catastrophic service meltdown that began in Texas in 1997 and clogged its entire 36,000-mile network.

The service crisis "is over," the Surface Transportation Board pronounced in its annual post-merger assessment.

"It appears that the merger is continuing to produce competitive benefits and improved service," the board's three commissioners said in a decision issued last week.

Critics who had complained bitterly about the service disruptions that caused widespread difficulties from the Gulf Coast to the Pacific Northwest, idling plants and leaving piles of grain on the ground, agree the service problems are over.

Some, however, appear less sure than the federal regulators about the benefits of the merger, which created the nation's largest railroad.

"Things are better. You don't hear as many complaints," Texas Railroad Commissioner Charles Matthews conceded in an inter-

view Tuesday.

But Matthews, who strongly criticized the STB for not moving more swiftly to address the service meltdown that began in Houston's rail yards, remains worried that not enough competition exists — particularly in Texas, which has more miles of track than any other state.

"The manufacturers that I've talked to say they desperately want other alternatives. They don't want to be caught into a situation they were caught in before, that is if a management team of a large, out-of-state corporation makes a mistake in judgment, they pay a penalty," Matthews added, in a swipe at Union Pacific managers who have acknowledged they should have implemented the merger differently.

Matthews remains convinced that Texas must develop a rail policy that will enhance competition, particularly among smaller railroads that haul over short routes.

"I believe any time a shipper is captive, that's not a good situation," he said.

The Chemical Manufacturers Association, which in a recent study found that more than 60 percent of its members are served by a single railroad, agrees.

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"The number of railroads has shrunk dramatically. The competition is so much less than it was before," said CMA official Mike Heimowitz. "The deck is basically stacked against the customers and in favor of the railroads."

The president of the National Industrial Transportation League, which also complained loudly about Union Pacific's service woes, agrees that shippers are voicing few complaints these days.

But they remain concerned about the reliability of Union Pacific and other railroads in delivering cargos by specified dates, said NITL head Ed Emmett. "Railroads still cannot produce service that's as timely and predictable as trucks," he said.

Union Pacific's leadership

deserves "an awful lot of credit" for solving the service meltdown, Emmett acknowledged.

The crisis now a memory of the past, Union Pacific officials say they not only have restored service to the 1996 pre-merger levels, but have improved it to new highs.

"We are now setting new records in terms of our service parameters that didn't exist prior to the merger," railroad spokesman John Bromley said Tuesday, citing train speeds and size of cargos hauled chief among them.

Union Pacific, like the STB, contends that competition has been enhanced post-merger.

Instead of the moribund Southern Pacific as chief competitor, Union Pacific now must deal with Burlington Northern Santa Fe — which gained the right to operate over some Union Pacific track under merger terms imposed by the STB.

BNSF, however, in a filing to the STB, complained that Union

Pacific isn't living by all the regulators' conditions — a dispute the board said the competitors should resolve by themselves.

As for shippers' complaints that the railroad has a near-monopoly, Bromley cited the pressure of competition from the trucking industry and others. While U.S. railroads carry 40 percent of the nation's tonnage, they only account for 7 percent of freight revenues, he said.

Environmental group offers help to landowners

AUSTIN (AP) — Landowners who help protect endangered species could get financial and technical assistance from a private group that pushes for economical solutions to environmental problems.

Officials from the Environmental Defense Fund on Tuesday announced two initiatives in Texas.

The Stewardship Fund was recently formed to give assistance to ranchers who help protect two endangered songbirds — the golden-cheeked warbler and the black-capped vireo.

The program, which has already signed up more than a dozen owners of 22,000 acres, helps ranchers enhance the habitats of endangered species. For example, the group will help ranchers control cowbirds, a non-endangered bird that drives out two endangered species by invading their nests.

"They're working with landowners in Central Texas to give them advice, technical support and even funds to help them manage for those species," said Kirby Brown, program director for the private lands and habitat division at Texas Parks and Wildlife. "We think anyone working in this regard, we're supportive of."

The Environmental Defense Fund also plans to file an application with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to establish a safe harbor program in the Texas Hill Country that will allow landowners to avoid incurring new regulatory restrictions on their property, officials said.

"One of the biggest challenges of conserving endangered species is how best to protect those species on private land," said Michael Bean, chairman of the group's wildlife program. "Without the support of private landowners many species would not have a chance of survival."

According to the group, most species on the endangered list have much of their habitat on private land. Many of the species are not improving partially because getting landowners to cooperate with conservation efforts has been difficult because of the expense and restrictions.

"If these rare species are ever to recover, more of their habitats will need to be restored and properly managed," said Melinda Taylor, an attorney with the organization based in New York.

Dengue outbreak reaches 45 cases, officials report

HARLINGEN, Texas (AP) — State health officials have confirmed 45 cases of dengue fever since July, marking the largest outbreak of dengue fever in Texas this decade.

Sixteen of the 45 cases are believed to have been contracted in the state.

The latest figures from the Texas Department of Health said that Webb County, which includes Laredo, still has the most with 27 cases, eight of them believed to have been acquired in the county.

Hidalgo County had four cases and Cameron had three. Travis, Willacy and Dallas counties each had two. Galveston, Nueces, Starr, Tarrant and Bexar counties reported one case each.

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Border Patrol: Smuggling operation could be difficult to piece together

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — The U.S. Border Patrol is piecing together the events leading up to the fatal crash of a van smuggling illegal Mexican immigrants to determine how large and sophisticated the smuggling operation is — and how to combat it.

"We have a huge interest in finding out how this occurred in an effort to try and curb some of this," Garth Rogers, patrol agent in charge of Albuquerque Border Patrol office, said Monday. "This clearly looks like a major case of alien smuggling."

Thirteen of the 17 people aboard the van, including the driver, died in Saturday's crash on Interstate 40 east of Albuquerque. Police said the van slid on the icy highway and plowed into a tractor-trailer that had stopped because of an earlier accident.

The van's undocumented workers were from the southern Mexican states of Oaxaca and Chiapas.

Authorities were interviewing the four survivors Monday at University Hospital. But Santa Fe County Undersheriff Benjie Montano said they likely would not reveal much about the smuggling outfit.

"We interviewed the survivors and they didn't know where they were going," he said. "They only knew they were going to work."

The hospital identified three of the patients as Antonio Romero Hernandez, Raquel Sanchez and Domingo Sanchez. The name of the fourth, a female, had not been confirmed. All four were listed in satisfactory condition. Rogers said one survivor is 15, another 16 and two are in their 20s.

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The patients declined to talk to reporters.

Agents were bringing in fingerprint records to help identify victims, Rogers said. The Mexican Consulate said no names would be released until relatives were notified.

Sheriff's deputies were working with the National Transportation Safety Board and the Border Patrol to determine the cause of the crash. But Montano said investigators may never find

out why it happened.

Investigators are most interested in learning where the smugglers entered the United States, their destination and whether the Mexicans had employers waiting.

"Basically, we want to see how this situation came about," Rogers said. "How they proceeded from Mexico to the point where they had the crash, and what were their intentions if they had not been involved in the crash."

Rogers said the immigrants came through Douglas, Ariz., a thoroughfare known as a gateway into the country for many Mexican smugglers.

One of the survivors told deputies that they were headed to Kentucky. But Rogers noted that most immigrants smuggled from Oaxaca and Chiapas are transported to orchards in Florida, Georgia or North Carolina. The van's driver had a Florida driver's license.

Tobacco farmers in Kentucky also doubted that the workers were headed to their state. They say the tobacco season is over.

Rogers said the U.S. Department of Labor also has sent an investigator to determine if any

U.S. employers were involved in bringing the workers into the country.

"If an employer was responsible, they could be held culpable," for the crash, Rogers said. But he said there was no evidence an employer was conducting the smuggling.

The smugglers have little concern for their passengers, Rogers said. Sometimes they assist workers in finding employment, but the smugglers expect to get paid when the workers find jobs, he said.

"Their main concern is to move as many as possible to where they want to go," he said.

University unveils plans for border think tank

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — The University of Texas at Brownsville-Texas Southmost University is officially opening its first research institute on Wednesday, combining the efforts of institutions on both sides of the border.

The Cross Border Institute for Regional Development, known as CBIRD, is supposed to "create and shape the Texas-Mexico Border region of the 21st century," according to school officials. It will concentrate on economic development, technology and education.

Described as a combination think tank and "do" tank, the institute will create and support partnerships among academic, business, philanthropic and government sectors.

UT-Brownsville's Mexican partner in the venture is the Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores in Monterrey, Mexico, known as Monterrey Tech. Its Texas partners are the IC2 think tank at the University of Texas at Austin, and the Houston Advanced Research Center. CBIRD will have offices in both Brownsville and Monterrey, Mexico.

On Wednesday, UT-Brownsville officials will give tours of CBIRD's Brownsville office, located in the historic Young Home, built in 1912 for John J. Young, whose father was a business partner of Brownsville founder Charles Stillman. The home underwent a year-long restoration with much of the work done by students from the university's building trades program.

CBIRD is already up and run-

ning. Its board of directors met on Tuesday and Zavaleta has already submitted two grant proposals. One of those proposals is for a program that would teach Brownsville and Matamoros, Mexico school kids about proper disposal of solid waste.

Explaining the role CBIRD would take in such projects, Zavaleta said the institute would find environmental and curriculum development experts to develop the material that could be distributed to the targeted children.

CBIRD will initially concentrate on the region stretching from Corpus Christi and Laredo in Texas to Monterrey and Matamoros in Mexico. A joint advisory board that will include representatives from the four institutions will govern CBIRD.

Zavaleta said he has been wanting to create a program like CBIRD ever since 1975, but the

project really took shape after UT-Brownsville, which is only one block from the Texas-Mexico border, hosted the Border Governor's Conference in 1998.

"I think it's incredibly significant," he said of CBIRD's creation. "I've been here 25 years and it's always been my dream and my dream is going to be realized."

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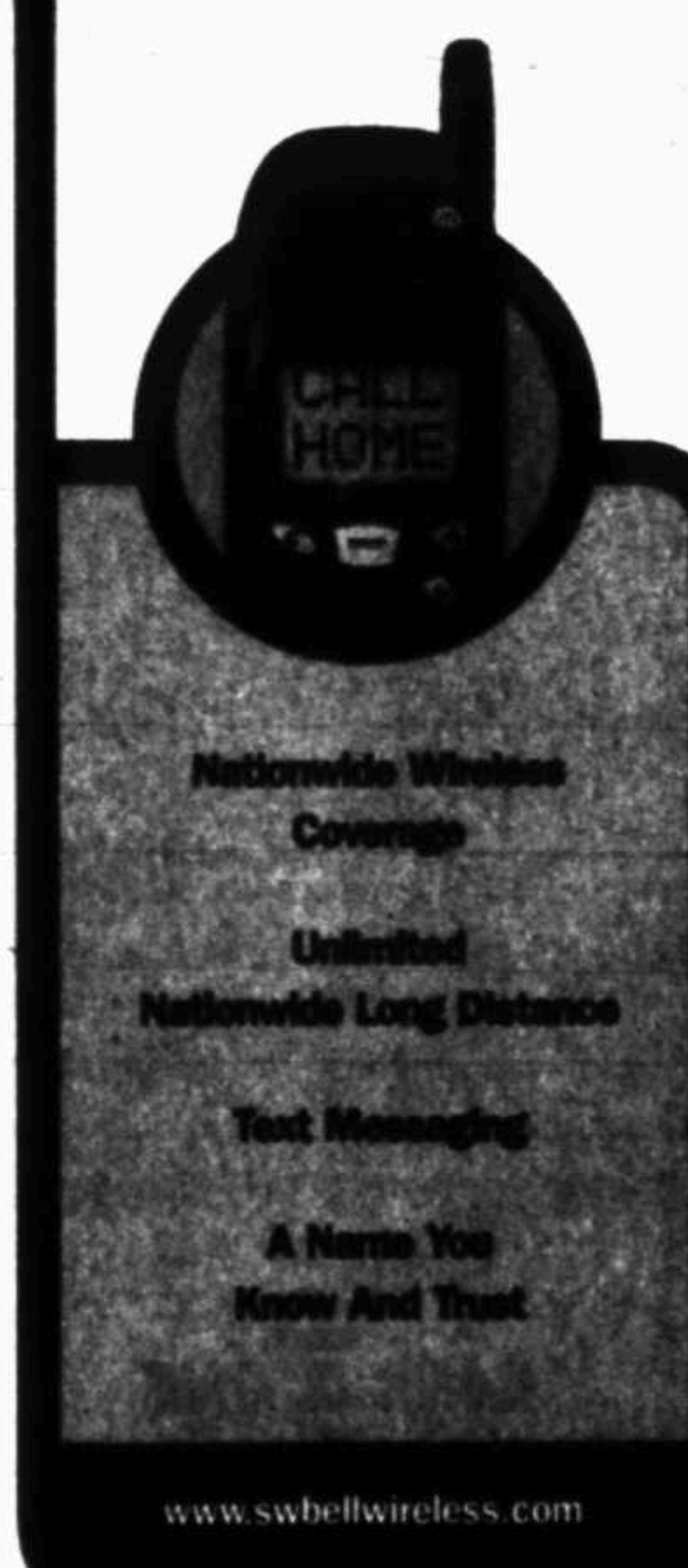
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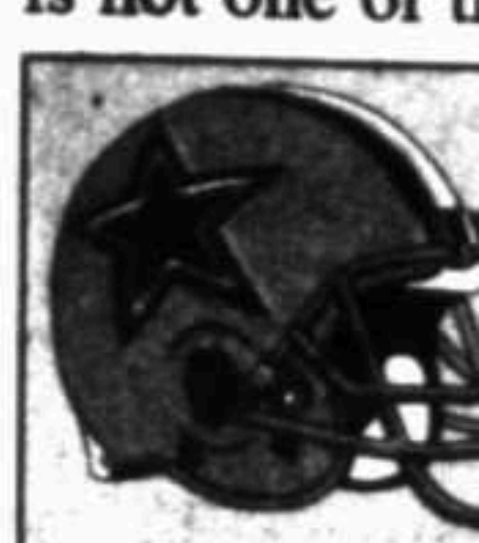
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Cowboys locker room continues to be unified

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Of all the problems the Dallas Cowboys are having this season, a divided locker room is not one of them.



While it would be easy for the defense to blame the offense for Dallas being 6-6 considering they've played at better than a .500 level, no fingers are being pointed.

Instead, defensive leaders are talking about trying to score more themselves. Cornerback Deion Sanders may go so far as to join the offense this week as a part-time receiver. "We've got to fire up the offense," said linebacker Randall Godfrey, the team's leading tack-

ler. "We know the offense is going to pick it up. We've got too many valuable players on offense. We know we can get it done."

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The Cowboys have lost four games in which the defense has held opponents to 13 points. They've allowed one touchdown or less in eight of 12 games.

The offense has scored one touchdown in the last 11 quarters. They failed to reach the end zone for the first time in 16 games this past Sunday against New England.

"I don't think there's anything worse than losing a football game, then walking in here and feeling like you're part of the team that didn't get their job done," quarterback Troy Aikman said.

In the six games Dallas has won, the defense has scored a touchdown in four of them and Sanders returned a punt for a touchdown in another. That means only one victory — the opener, way back on Sept. 12 — featured points strictly from the offense.

"They are frustrated themselves, they are not happy," safety George Teague said. "We are all trying to get the job done."

The team-first attitude is one of the earliest lessons in sports. Yet internal bickering has become such a fact of life that it's newsworthy when peace reigns among teams with reason to squabble.

Coach Chan Gailey has been so impressed by his team's harmony that he's gone out of his way to thank specific players for their supportive statements.

"I think they deserve to be complimented for the way they have handled the situation," Gailey said.

"They realize we will get through this and get to where we want to be together."

Despite their mediocrity, the Cowboys are only a game out of first place in the NFC East.

The Cowboys could be tied with St. Louis for the best record in the NFC had they mustered just 14 points in four games: consecutive 13-10 losses to the Eagles and Giants in October, a 13-9 loss to Arizona three weeks ago and a 13-6 loss to New England this past Sunday.

Defensive players are talking about the need to do even more.

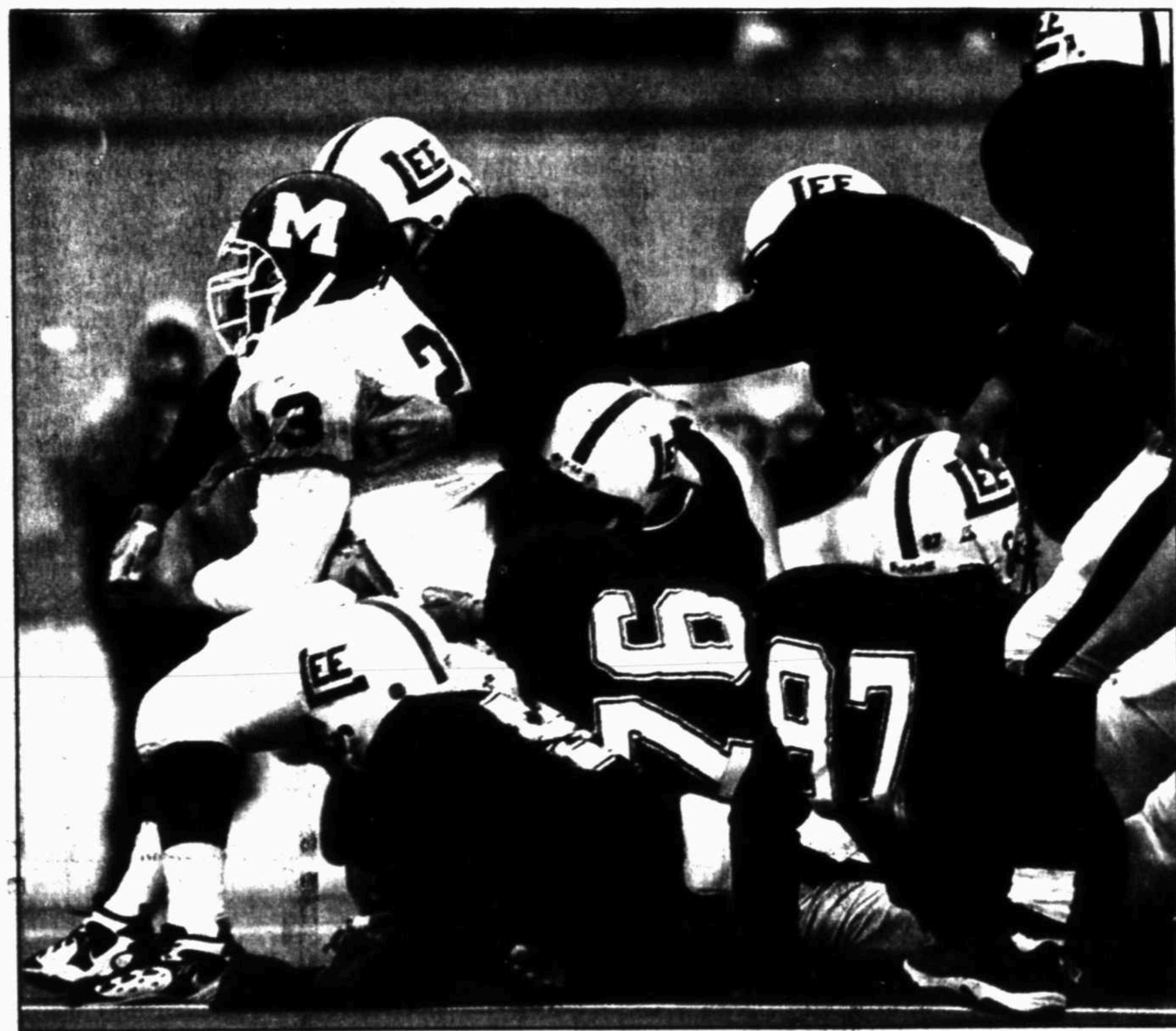
"I think some of the offensive players would say,

"Thanks, but we've got to get ourselves going and play to the level of our defense," Gailey said.

"That's when we'll have a team that has got a chance to take it all the way."

REBELS GO FOR THE REPEAT

Rebels' Final Exam



The Midland Lee Rebels, seen above in their state semifinal game versus Mesquite, will take on a tough Aldine Eisenhower team for the Class 5A Big School championship at 12:05 p.m. this Saturday in Austin.

Eisenhower's Eagles pose big threat to Midland Lee's bid for another title

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

Any Midland Lee Rebel fans hoping for a title game drubbing similar to last year's 54-0 victory over San Antonio MacArthur might be a little disappointed in the opponent this time.

First, Aldine Eisenhower is expected to practice during the week of the Class 5A Big School Texas Bowl, which will be held at 12:05 p.m. Saturday.

More importantly, Eisenhower is every bit as good as its 13-1 record and top-10 ranking at the end of the regular season would indicate.

"They are athletic enough that they can put points on the board in many different ways," Midland Lee head

coach John Parchman said. "They are better offensively than Waco (High) and have the same kind of athletes on defense that Waco did."

Offensively, these Eagles are, for the most part, a grounded team. Eisenhower has rushed the football for 4,253 yards this season (a 304-yard average per game).

Leading the way is a super fullback — Ladedrick Smith.

"The fullback is good," Midland Lee head coach John Parchman said. "He can beat you all by himself."

Smith has 1,376 yards and 18 touch-

downs this season. Last week, he totaled 141 yards and two scores. He is option No. 1 in Eisenhower's option running attack.

Option No. 2 is quarterback Joe Henderson. He has rushed for 999 yards and 17 touchdowns. Last week, Henderson torched the Edinburg defense for 145 yards and two scores.

Behind a big offensive line (Eisenhower averages 253 pounds from tackle to tackle), the I-formation attack can create some problems.

"The offense will remind you of Lake Highlands, but they (Eisenhower) are two-back, not three-back. They are real big up front and they are talented."

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Dayne wins Player of the Year



Wisconsin RB wins AP honor

On Tuesday, he won The Associated Press' College Player of the Year Award in balloting by AP member newspapers, TV and radio stations.

Heisman Watch

Chad Pennington likes talking about the big catch — as long as the subject is fishing.

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OU assistant inherits top-contender status for Tech coaching job

By Pam Easton
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech's Chancellor John T. Montford traveled to Dallas on Tuesday to interview Oklahoma

offensive coordinator Mike Leach for the school's top football coaching job.

Montford said Tuesday night that the meeting went well, but there are still a lot of "details that need to be worked out."

The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reported Tuesday that Leach is the leading candidate after Clemson offensive coordinator Rich Rodriguez announced Monday he would no longer pursue the job. Montford said there are many "applicants" when asked whether Leach is the only remaining candidate.

Texas Tech is looking to replace Spike Dykes, the 13-year head coach who announced his retirement Nov. 20.

Officials at the University of Oklahoma were unaware of Leach's plans, said Mike Prusinski, director of athletic media relations.

"He is expected back tomorrow and that is the only thing I know," Prusinski said. "All of our coaches are on the

road recruiting and they don't share with me who is where. As far as I know, he could be on the road looking at another quarterback."

Prusinski said Oklahoma officials are aware that Tech officials have talked with Leach, who is in his first year with the Sooners.

"While we were playing at Tech, I know that he stayed over on a Sunday and spoke with some people there," he said.

Leach, 38, is expected back on campus Wednesday, when the Sooners will begin preparations for the 7-4 team's New Year's Eve Independence Bowl appearance against Mississippi.

Leach started his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo. He then moved the following year to a full-time job coaching linebackers at College of the Desert in Palm Desert, Calif.

A year later, Leach was offered a chance to coach a team in Finland in the European Football League. In spring 1989, Leach took an assistant coaching job at Iowa Wesleyan, where he spent three years working on the team's passing game and setting school records. He then went on to Valdosta State in Georgia, where he spent five years. From there, Leach headed to Kentucky, where

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Hobbs Eagles sweep Midland High squads

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

It's rare that a school can come to Chaparral Center from out of town and pull off a sweep of both Midland High basketball teams.

Then again, most other towns aren't like Hobbs, N.M., the small-town hoops mecca located in the southeast corner of the Land of Enchantment which brought both its boys and girls teams to the Tall City and went back home with wins from the Texas-New Mexico Shootout. The Hobbs boys beat Midland High 84-74, a game following the Hobbs girls defeating MHS 78-71.

Both contests were emotional, hard-fought games which were in doubt until the final few minutes, and fans had to enjoy their entertainment value, even if the hometown team didn't win and both teams from Hobbs stayed unbeaten on the young season.

The boys game in particular was draining and physical, with a total of 55 personal fouls, one technical foul and four

players fouling out among the numbers which stood out. Not even a career-high 40 points from Blake Johnston could save the Bulldogs (7-2).

"I thought our kids played really hard," said MHS boys assistant coach Craig Raughton.

"It's hard for us to lose this one."

The game was close throughout, with the final margin being the biggest held by either team. Midland High always seemed close, but never quite in position to take the lead. However, when Ronnie Brewster rebounded his own missed free throw and scored in the final seconds of the third quarter, the Bulldogs led 55-54.

That was the only lead of the second half for Midland High. Allen Haynes of Hobbs hit a 3-pointer to give his team the lead at the start of the quarter, and the Eagles were soaring. That sparked some hot Hobbs shooting in the fourth period, as the Eagles made 11-of-15 from the floor.

The Bulldogs, meanwhile, got a little out of rhythm offensively in the fourth quarter, as they made only two shots

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TERRY WILLIAMSON

Championship week wouldn't be the same without problems

Midland Lee couldn't win a state football championship without a little excitement before the game. In that regard, Lee is right on target for state title No. 2.

Of course, by now, you are well aware that Aldine Eisenhower and Lee will meet in the Big School Texas Bowl game at 12:05 p.m. in Austin's Royal-Memorial Stadium Saturday.

Yeah, we know it was supposed to be in Texas Stadium. And, yes, we know that some of you had airline tickets sealed and you can't get your money back. But you also must know that to make reservations seven days in advance, you had to predict an Eisenhower win over Edinburg.

Well, that seemed safe enough, Edinburg may be the worst team in 5A playoff history to make it to the semi-

finals. Eisenhower belted Edinburg, 55-14. But then you had to guess that everything on state championship week would go as planned. That's where you lost your bet — and your money.

Lee line coach Randy Smith said, "Last year we didn't know who we would play and this year we didn't know where we would play. Sounds like business as usual to me."

But if you had reservation problems, what about the Rebels? Well, that was no sweat here. Lee trainer Hondo Schneider has the joy of making out trip itineraries for Lee when they travel and is responsible for getting the team meals on such trips. But it seems that Hondo isn't a betting man. He made reservations for the team in both Dallas and Austin. He already has team meals planned.

"I don't take any chances," Hondo said. "Too many things can happen. I've seen it before. I don't think people understand all the things that have to be put together

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PAIRINGS

Class 5A

DIVISION I

SEMIFINALS

Midland Lee 40, Mesquite 13

Aldine Eisenhower 55, Edinburg 14

CHAMPIONSHIP

Midland Lee (14-0) vs. Aldine Eisenhower (13-1), 12:05 p.m. Saturday, Memorial Stadium, Austin.

DIVISION II

QUARTERFINALS

Region I

South Grand Prairie 45, Abilene 37

Region II

Garland 24, Plano East 14

Region III

Katy 24, Gavilston Ball 10

Region IV

San Antonio Holmes 27, San Antonio Marshall 21

SEMIFINALS

South Grand Prairie (13-1) vs. Garland (13-1), 4 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving.

Katy (13-1) vs. SA Holmes (13-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Tully Stadium, Houston.

Class 4A

DIVISION I

SEMIFINALS

Hereford 13, Waco Midway 7

Texas City 45, Alice 0

CHAMPIONSHIP

Hereford (13-1) vs. Texas City (13-0), 7 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving.

DIVISION II

QUARTERFINALS

Region I

Stephenville 30, Canyon 10

Region II

Ennis 31, Greenville 8

Region III

Port Neches Groves 22, LaMarque 6

Region IV

Schertz Clemens 21, San Marcos 13

SEMIFINALS

Stephenville (14-0) vs. Ennis (13-1), 1 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving.

Port Neches Groves vs. Schertz Clemens (14-0), 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Kyle Field, College Station.

Class 3A

DIVISION I

SEMIFINALS

Texarkana Liberty Eylau 46, Lamesa 16

Mathis 19, Gatesville 14

CHAMPIONSHIP

Liberty Eylau (13-1) vs. Mathis (12-2), 3:30 p.m. Saturday, AstroDome, Houston.

DIVISION II

QUARTERFINALS

Region I

Crane 14, Childress 9

Region II

Commerce 42, Alvarado 20

Region III

Robinson 13, Marlin 7

Region IV

Refugio 42, Mason 6

SEMIFINALS

Stratford (12-2) vs. Celina (14-0), 6 p.m. Saturday, Vernon.



Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Clint McNutt, seen here in the game versus Mesquite, will be on the field this weekend with the rest of the Rebel football team which plays Aldine Eisenhower.

Sealy 34, Hondo 13

Crane (14-0) vs. Commerce (14-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene.

Robinson (11-3) vs. Sealy (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Kyle Field, College Station.

Elysian Fields (13-1) vs. Refugio (13-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, AstroDome, Houston.

Wheeler, 21, Rankin 7

Aspermont 33, Paducah 0

Detroit 33, Celeste 6

Bartlett 48, Charlotte 8

Wheeler (13-0) vs. Aspermont (13-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Wylie Stadium, Abilene.

Detroit (13-0) vs. Bartlett (13-1), 7 p.m. Saturday, Pennington Field, Bedford.

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Laver, Graf head AP's list of century's best tennis players

By Steve Wilestein

AP Tennis Writer

Rod Laver beat out the player who grew up idolizing him, Pete Sampras, as The Associated Press men's tennis player of the century, and Steffi Graf edged Martina Navratilova as the top women's player.



Laver received three first-place votes and a total of 47 points from a six-member panel of experts assembled by The AP, while Sampras received no first-place votes and 39 points.

Bill Tilden, who dominated men's play in the 1920s, finished third with the help of one first-place vote.

Dubbed the "Rocket," Laver is the only double Grand Slammer in history. He won the Australian, French, Wimbledon and U.S. titles in 1962 as an amateur, then repeated the feat in 1969 as a pro.

He attacked the net relentlessly, yet possessed a potent all-around game from the baseline. Though only 5-foot-8 1/2 he had a massive left arm that allowed him to plow the ball with tremendous topspin.

Laver won the Australian singles title three times, the French twice, Wimbledon four times, and the U.S. twice.

He probably would have won many more majors but was banned from the Grand Slam events in his prime after he turned pro in 1963. He did not return to the majors until the open era in 1968, then he promptly won Wimbledon for the third time.

Sampras always listed Laver as his favorite player, admiring the completeness of his game, his aggressive style on court, and his gentlemanly demeanor off court.

Although Sampras owns 12 major singles titles, including six at Wimbledon, he has never gone beyond the semifinals in 10 appearances at the French Open. That failure on clay led one voter to omit him from the top 10 list, while another rated

him only No. 5.

Bjorn Borg, winner of five straight Wimbledon titles from 1976 to 1980, finished fourth, followed by Don Budge, the first player to complete a Grand Slam in 1938.

John McEnroe and Lew Hoad tied for sixth place, Roy Emerson and Ken Rosewall tied for eighth, and Jack Kramer finished 10th.

Hoad and Pancho Gonzales, scintillating players in the 1950s who limited their play in majors by turning pro in their prime, each garnered one first-place vote.

In the women's poll, Graf and Navratilova were separated by a point, 52-51, and were followed by Margaret Smith Court, Billie Jean King, Chris Evert, Suzanne Lenglen, Helen Wills Moody, Maureen Connolly, Monica Seles, and a tie for No. 10 between Evonne Goolagong and Martina Hingis.

Graf retired at 30 in 1999 after her emotional victory at the French Open, her sixth at Roland Garros, and a runner-up finish at Wimbledon, where she had won seven times. She is the only player to complete a Golden Slam — winning the four majors and the Olympics in 1988.

Four voters ranked Graf No. 1, one listed Navratilova as the best, and another put King at the top, in part because of her influence on the game as the founder of the WTA Tour.

The AP panel included six players whose careers spanned six decades: Ted Schroeder, Fred Stolle, Barry MacKay, Pam Shriver, Wendy Turnbull and Virginia Wade.

Among the surprises in the voting were the low regard the panelists had for Ivan Lendl, who dominated the 1980s with eight major singles titles at the Australian, French and U.S. Open, and two runner-up finishes at Wimbledon. One panelist ranked him No. seven, another No. 9, and the others left him off their lists entirely.

Andre Agassi, the only man to complete a career Golden Slam by winning the four majors and the Olympic gold, also failed to make the top 10 as he totaled 10 points, with no votes higher than No. 7.

Others receiving votes were Jimmy Connors, Fred Perry, John Newcombe, Jean Borotra, Rene Lacoste and Arthur Ashe.

MHS: Johnston pours in 40

(From 1C)

shots from the floor, both by sophomore Luciente White. That makes it all the more impressive that MHS was able to stay in the game.

"It wasn't so much that we turned the ball over against their press as it was (Hobbs) shot the ball real well in transition," said Raughton. "They finish the break very well."

Midland High trailed 75-70 with 1 minute, 47 seconds left in the game when it could have taken momentum. Haynes was called for a technical for arguing a foul call, and Johnston (who made 20 of 23 free throws) made 3-of-4 from the line to cut the lead to 75-73. The Bulldogs took possession and Johnston hoisted up a 3-point attempt which missed, and Brewster, who had 15 points, missed on the follow.

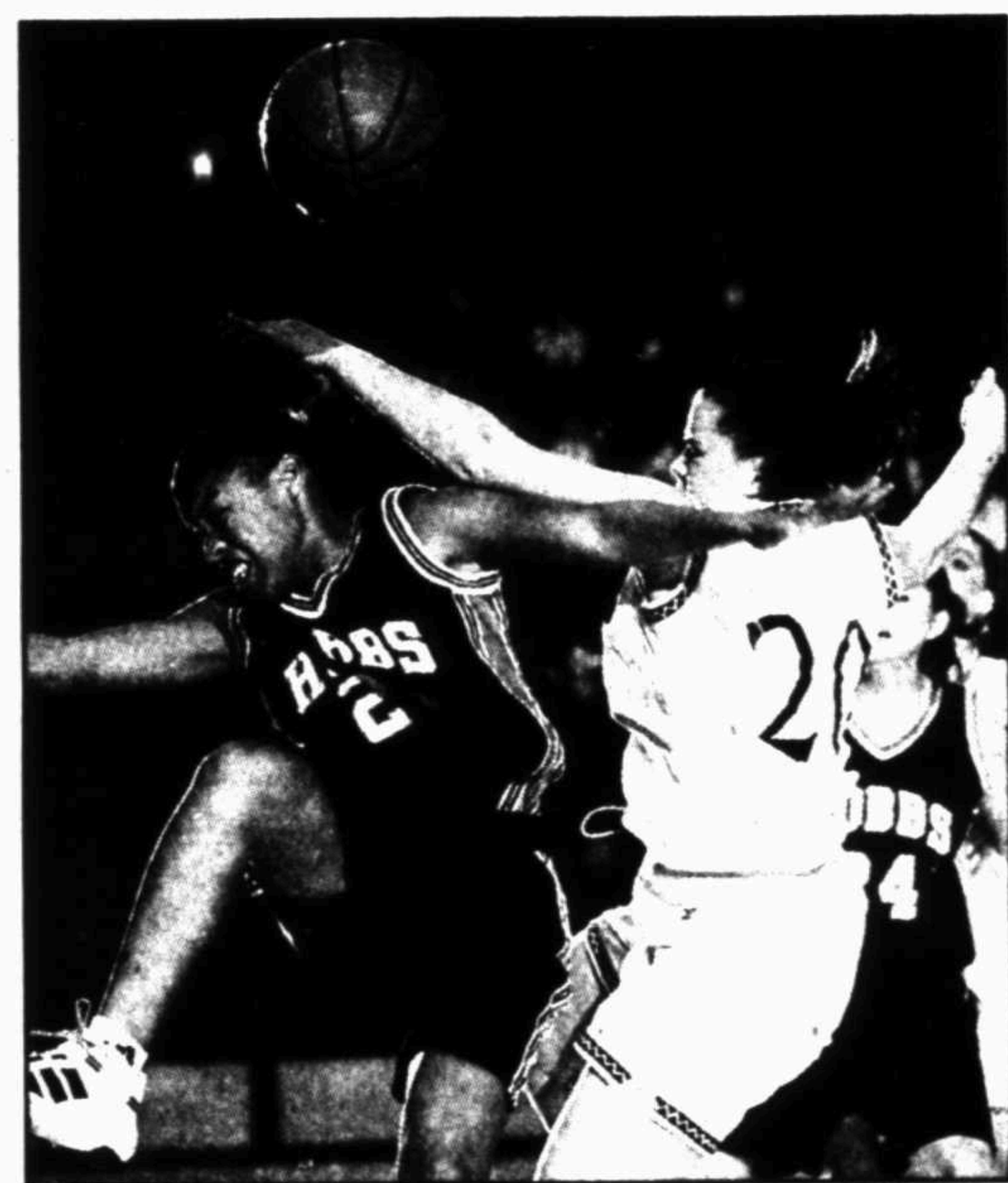
After that, Hobbs made five of its last six free throws to seal the win. Ronald Ross led the Eagles with 23 points while Bret Ward had 16 and Haynes added 14.

The girls game was just as competitive, and perhaps even more of a roller coaster ride. Hobbs led for most of the first half, but the Lady Dawgs (9-4) closed out the half with a 12-0 run to take a 35-29 lead into the locker room.

For a young team looking to establish an identity under first-year coach Terry Gray, Midland High didn't shy away from the challenge of playing the No. 1 team in New Mexico. In fact, the Lady Dawgs could have been more pumped.

"They're the No. 1 ranked team in the state of New Mexico with eight seniors back so there were several reasons to get up for this game," said Gray. "The girls stepped up to the challenge and played hard. We just didn't take care of some little things."

The game went back and forth in the second half, with Hobbs reclaiming the lead by as much as nine points, but the Lady



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Midland High's Rebecca Nobles (right) battles with Shayla Lucy of Hobbs for a loose ball during Tuesday night's action at the Chap. Dawgs clawed back. When Edrea Rogers scored on a bank shot, Midland High led 64-61, but Hobbs then went on a 10-0 run to reclaim the lead, the momentum and ultimately, the game.

Junior Jenny Jones had a career high 24 points for the Lady Dawgs while Rogers added 19 and Laura Koch had 11. Melissa Forest, a 6-foot-2 center who has signed to play for the University of New Mexico, led Hobbs with a game high 32 points. Cassidy Francis added 13 while Paula Guzman had 10.

Hobbs, N.M. 84, Midland High 74
Hobbs (40): David Dean 4-1-1-9, Ronald Ross 7-11-23, Todd Webber 4-0-0-8, Allen Haynes 6-1-3-14, Ty Smith 0-0-0-0, Chris Dun 0-1-2-1, Guy Baber 1-0-0-2, Willie Henry 1-3-5-5, Bret Ward 2-4-16, Coby Baker 1-2-2-4, Jeremy Soria 1-0-0-2, Joe Cotton 0-0-0-0. Totals: 32-17-29-84.
Midland High (7-2): Chris Oldham 2-1-2-8, Blake Johnston 9-20-23-40, Kalyin Poor 1-0-0-2.

Girls
Hobbs, N.M. 78, Midland High 71
Hobbs (6-0): Amy Rosalez 3-0-1-6, Paula Guzman 3-3-6-10, Cassidy Francis 5-3-6-13, Melissa Forest 13-6-9-32, Katie Smith 2-0-0-5, Requel Blackwell 1-2-2-4, Leandra Mackey 1-0-2-2, Stephanie Mendola 1-0-0-2, Shayla Lucy 2-0-0-4. Totals: 31-17-29-84.
Midland High (9-4): LaQuon Harris 2-3-4-7, Jenny Jones 6-9-12-24, Laura Koch 4-3-4-11, Edrea Rogers 9-0-1-19, Becky Valdez 1-0-0-2, Rebecca Nobles 1-1-2-3, Catherine Wade 2-0-2-4, Paige Price 0-1-4-1, Jill Krottek 0-0-0-0, Trace Jones 0-0-0-0. Totals: 25-17-29-71.

Three-point goals: H: 3 (Ross 2, Haynes 1), MHS 4 (Oldham 1, Johnston 2, White 1).
Rebounds: H 34 (Dean 6, Ross 6), MHS 30 (Brewster 10, Turnovers: H 21, MHS 21). Total Fouls: H 31, MHS 24. Fouled Out: Smith, Ward, Baker, Gardner. Technical Fouls: Haynes.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Stanton rips Borden County

STANTON — The Stanton Buffaloes prepared for its own tournament here Tuesday night with a 52-33 romp over Borden County.

The Buffs, 3-1 on the year, got 10 points each from Blaine Smith and Jeremy Hull, but 10 players scored.

Stanton will open its weekend tournament on Thursday with a 7:30 p.m. game against Grape Creek.

Stanton 52, Borden County 33
Borden County (3-3): T.J. Sharp 5 0-4 11; Trent Pepper 3 2-2; Justin Lawrence 3 0-6; Dale Grant 3 0-0; Tom Griffin 1 0-2. Totals 15 2-23.
Stanton (3-1): Blaine Smith 5 0-0 10; Jeremy Hull 5 0-0 10; Will Harris 3 2-2; David Butler 3 0-0; Dustin Rogers 2 0-0 5; Ace Keele 2 1-2 5; Clay White 2 0-0 4; Keith Cook 1 0-0 2; Brett Swihart 1 0-0 2. Totals: 24 3-54.
Borden County 2 8 9 14 —33
Stanton 5 16 19 12 —52
3-Point Goals: BC 1 (Sharp); Stanton 1 (Rogers). Total Fouls: BC 10, Stanton 15. Fouled Out: None.

Lamesa nips Steers by five

BIG SPRING — The Lamesa Golden Tornadoes won a close road game here Tuesday night, producing a narrow 54-49 win over the Big Spring Steers.

Jordan Roberts led Lamesa with 13 points while Big Spring got 10 each from John Purcell and Jason Woodruff.

The 4-6 Steers will play in their own Spring City Crossroads Classic tournament at Howard College on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. against Brownfield in a first round game.

Lamesa 54, Big Spring 49
Lamesa: Hiner 1-2-3; Hernandez 1 0-0 3; Brown 4 2-3 12; Roberts 6 0-0 13; Wade 1 0-0 2; Castro 1 0-0 2; Dimas 1 0-0 3; Rickman 2 1-2 6; Morales 0 2-2 2; Marmolejo 4 0-0 8. Totals: 20 6-10 54.
Big Spring (4-6): Dille 1 0-0 2; Choate 1 0-0 2; Walker 2 0-0 6; Williams 2 0-0 6; Belvin 3 1-2 7; Purcell 5 0-0 10; Woodruff 5 0-2 10; Brock 1 0-0 2; Nutting 2 0-0 4. Totals: 22 1-6 49.
Lamesa 12 19 11 16 —54
Big Spring 12 9 16 12 —49
3-Point Goals: Lamesa 6 (Brown 2, Hernandez, Roberts, Dimas, Rickman); BS 4 (Walker, 2 Williams). Total Fouls: Lamesa 10, BS 15. Fouled Out: None.

Mustangs beat Coahoma

The Midland Christian Mustangs kept the pressure on Coahoma throughout the game and the result was a 51-42 win on Tuesday.

The Mustangs (4-5) had as much as a 14-point lead with a minute-and-a-half to go in the contest.

Ben White led the Mustangs with 15 points, Stephen Koss had 11 and Jamie Beeghly added 10 in the victory.

Midland Christian starts district play at 8 p.m. Friday against Dallas Lutheran.

Midland Christian 51, Coahoma 42
Coahoma: Garcia 2 0-0 4; Crews 1 0-0 2; Marshall 1 3-4 5; Harding 5 0-1 11; Bennett 3 0-0 9; Ward 3 0-0 6; Teeler 1 0-0 2; Howard 1 1-4 3. Totals 17 4-8 42.
Midland Christian (4-5): Ben Fietz 1 0-0 2; Bryan Nevins 1 0-0 2; Ben White 6 2-2 15; Jamie Beeghly 2 2-2 10; Shawn Rieckey 3 0-0 6; Garrett Hellums 0 1-2 1; Paul Beizque 2 0-0 4; Stephen Koss 5 1-2 11. Totals 23 6-51.
Coahoma 7 11 4 20 —42
Midland Christian 11 17 8 15 —51
3-Point Goals: C 4 (Bennett 3, Harding 1); MC 3 (Beeghly 2, White 1). Total Fouls: C 12, MC 10. Fouled Out: None.

Andrews wins Mustang battle

ANDREWS — The Andrews boys beat Denver City in a battle of Mustangs Tuesday night, 54-48.

After taking a tight 23-22 lead at the half, Andrews opened its lead with a 14-6 run in the third quarter.

Drew Fields led a balanced scoring attack for Andrews (3-6) with 13 points.

Andrews next heads to the Seminole tournament where it'll start action Thursday against the host team.

Andrews 54, Denver City 48
Denver City: Huckabee 5 4-4 15; Folmar 2 2-2 6; Gonzalez 3 0-0 6; Diaz 2 1-5 5; Bayer 2 0-1 4; Rocha 2 0-1 4; Chambliss 1 2-2 4; Espinoza 1 0-2 3; Gonzalez 0 1-3 1. Totals 17 10-16 48.
Andrews (3-6): Drew Fields 2 8-10 13; Jason

Connecticut beats Arizona

CHICAGO (AP) — Khalid El-Amin and Albert Mouring, the elder of the game's starting backcourts, led No. 6 Connecticut to a 78-69 victory over No. 2 Arizona on Tuesday night in the Great Eight.

The juniors, two years older than Arizona's starting tandem of freshman guards, didn't have very impressive shooting games but came up big enough to lead the defending national champions to their sixth straight win since a season-opening loss to Iowa.

El-Amin finished with 23 points on 9-of-24 shooting, but was 4-for-8 from 3-point range — mostly against Arizona's 2-3 zone — and helped keep the Huskies in front for the game's final 30 minutes.

Mouring, who has struggled this season as he tries to replace Big East player of the year Richard Hamilton as the shooting guard, finished with nine points, but five came at the start of a critical 11-0 run.

Glasson 3 0-2 9; Matt Sears 3 0-0 8; Jayme Jackson 2 3-8 7; Kyle Humphries 2 1-3 5; Justin Van Zant 1 0-0 2; Greg Leach 0 2-2 2; Jeremy Tharp 1 0-2 2. Totals 16 16-31 54.
Denver City 7 14 8 20 —48
Andrews 7 16 14 17 —48
3-Point Goals: DC 1 (Espinoza); A 6 (Glasson 3, Sears 2, Fields 1). Total Fouls: DC 27, A 21. Fouled Out: Bayer, Diaz.

Chargers bite Yellowjackets

The Trinity Chargers used an electrified home crowd atmosphere to defeat Coahoma, 60-55, Tuesday night.

The Chargers and Yellowjackets were tied at 43-43 going into the final period before Trinity (4-1) pulled out the victory.

Taberick Ephraim led the Chargers with a game-high 34 points, which Nick Whitley added 18.

The Chargers next head to Stanton's Hooptown Tournament, where they play Coahoma at 4:30 p.m. Thursday.

Trinity 60, Kermit 55
Kermit: Alvarado 10 3-6 25; Myers 2 2-6 8; Wright 2 0-1 5; B. Leeson 4 2-4 10; Muniz 3 1-2 9. Totals 21 8-15 55.
Trinity (4-1): Layne Rouse 1 0-0 2; Taberick Ephraim 11 7-9 34; Evan McLaughlin 3 0-2 6; Nick Whitley 6 2-3 18; Dan Attanucci 0 0-0 0. Totals 21 9-16 60.
Kermit 14 8 21 12 —55
Trinity 20 16 7 17 —60
3-Point Goals: K 5 (Alvarado 2, Wright 1, Muniz 2); T 9 (Ephraim 5, Whitley 4). Total Fouls: K 19, T 16. Fouled Out: None.

Lady Buffs fall

STANTON — Borden County, the top-ranked team in Class A, defeated the Stanton Lady Buffaloes, 78-38, Tuesday night.

The Lady Coyotes (8-0) raced out to a 40-22 lead at the half and then held the Lady Buffs to a combined 16 points in the second half.

Senior Stephanie Washington was the only Lady Buff to score in double figures with 14 points on the night.

The Lady Buffs (6-4) next host the Hooptown Classic Thursday when they face Grape Creek at 6 p.m.

Borden County 78, Stanton 38
Borden County (8-0): Isaac 3 1-1 7; Henry 2 0-4 4; Mayes 9 2-2 21; Smith 4 0-1 10; Basza 2 1-3 5; Watts 1 0-0 2; Adcock 1 0-0 2; Wootan 11 5-5 27. Totals 33 9-12 78.
Stanton (6-4): Rachel Madison 3 0-1 6; Jessica Thompson 1 0-0 2; Kenzie Williams 1 0-0 2; Stephanie Washington 7 0-3 14; Jessica DeLeon 2 1-5 5; Kaci Moore 2 1-2 7; Christy Salgado 1 0-0 2. Totals 17 2-8 38.
Borden County 20 20 18 20 —78
Stanton 10 12 8 8 —38
3-Point Goals: BC 3 (Mayes 1, Smith 2, S-2 (Moore)); S 16 (Isaac 11, S-16 Fouled Out: None). JV Borden County 57, Stanton 36.

Rankin drops first game

FORT STOCKTON — The Rankin Red Devils dropped their first game of the year with a 56-51 overtime decision against Fort Davis on Tuesday.

The Red Devils (0-1) were just coming out of the football season and had only one practice before Tuesday night's game.

Ruben De La Paz led the Red Devils with 16, and Chris Mendez added 12.

The Red Devils next head to the Buena Vista Tournament, which starts Thursday.

Fort Davis 56, Rankin 51, OT
Fort Davis: Sanchez 1 0-1 2; Prude 4 2-4 10; Martinez 1 0-0 3; J. Hernandez 3 8-9 15; Liddell 5 4-5 15; Cotton 0 0-0 0; Turnbough 3 5-8 11. Totals 17 19-29 56.
Rankin (0-1): Jesse Armendarez 1 0-0 3; Bryan Hart 2 2-4 7; Chris Mendez 5 1-2 12; Ruben De La Paz 5 4-7 16; Alex De La Paz 0 0-0 0; Carlos Gura 1 0-0 2; Carlos Sutton 3 0-0 6; Jeremy Armendarez 2 0-1 5. Totals 19 7-16 51.
Fort Davis 14 13 6 10 13 —56
Rankin 10 10 15 8 8 —51
3-Point Goals: FD 3 (Martinez 1, G. Hernandez 1, Liddell 1); R 6 (Jes. Armendarez 1, Hill 1, Mendez 1, R. De La Paz 2, Jer. Armendarez 1). Total Fouls: R 28, FD 15. Fouled Out: Sanchez.

Rangerettes beat Coahoma

GREENWOOD — The Greenwood Rangerettes used a 21-point second quarter effort to jump-start a 58-48 win over Coahoma on Tuesday.

Greenwood (4-4) took a 27-26 lead at the break and continued its momentum in the second half by

outsourcing the Lady Bulldogs 31-22.

Mikah Lewter led a balanced scoring attack for the Rangerettes with 14 points, while Lindsey Dickerson added 12 in the winning effort.

Greenwood next plays against Robert Lee at 3 p.m. Thursday in Stanton's Hooptown Tournament.

Greenwood 58, Coahoma 48
Coahoma: Atkinson 6 1-4 13; Buchanan 1 0-1 3; Marshall 0 0-0 0; Hart 1 0-0 2; Kamper 1 1-2 3; Roberts 8 3-3 19; Smith 0 0-0 0; Woods 3 2-2 8. Totals 20 7-12 48.
Greenwood (4-4): Lindsey Dickerson 4 4-5 12; Emily Stewart 0 1-2 1; Mikah Lewter 5 1-1 14; Kiki Smith 0 0-0 0; Sally Smith 1 4-6 6; Megan Hatley 3 0-0 6; Brenna Bellow 0 0-0 0; Shanna Zachry 1 1-2 3; Jessica Brooks 3 1-2 7; Gillian Stanley 0 0-0 0; Elizabeth Havak 4 1-3 9. Totals 21 13-21 58.
Coahoma 11 15 9 13 —48
Greenwood 16 21 13 18 —58
3-Point Goals: C 1 (Buchanan); G 3 (Lewter); T 3 (Total Fouls: C 20, G 18. Fouled Out: Roberts, Atkinson).

Lady Bearkats win big

GARDEN CITY — The Garden City Lady Bearkats had no trouble dispensing of San Angelo Cornerstone, 71-25, Tuesday night.

Of the 15 Lady Bearkats who suited up, 13 of them scored and was led by M'Lynn Niehuus with 11 points, and Lori Hoelscher with 10. In comparison, only two of Cornerstone's players scored.

The Lady Bearkats (7-1) next head to the Miles Tournament where they'll face Christoval at 3 p.m. Thursday.

Garden City 71, San Angelo Cornerstone 25
Cornerstone: Woodson 0 0-0 0; Stone 0 0-0 0; Lankford 2 2-5 8; Price 7 0-2 17; Lewis 0 0-0 0. Totals 9 2-5 25.
Garden City (7-1): Michelle Fuchs 0 2-2 2; Lara Braden 1 0-0 2; Dedra Hirt 0 0-0 0; Summer Eoff 0 0-0 0; Dendra Maxie 3 0-0 6; Colene Cox 0 0-0 0; M'Lynn Niehuus 5 1-2 11; Lindsey Chude 4 0-0 8; Sara Crowley 1 4-4 6; Kyndra Batta 1 0-0 2; Lisa Hoelscher 1 0-0 2; Lori Hoelscher 5 0-2 10; Tracey Machick 1 0-0 2; Jill Hoelscher 4 0-0 8; Ashley Hirt 2 0-0 4. Totals 32 10-17 71.
S.A. Cornerstone 6 8 6 5 —25
Garden City 23 16 12 20 —71
3-Point Goals: C 5 (Ankord 2, Price 3); G 6 (Fuchs 2, Hirt 2, S-2 (Price 3)). Total Fouls: C 6, GC 5. Fouled Out: None.

Lady Chargers fall to Kermit

The Trinity Lady Chargers were held to just two points in the third quarter and sent Kermit to the free-throw line 30 times in a tough 46-43 loss Tuesday night.

Despite being held to just two points in the third, the Lady Chargers had a good fourth quarter effort to make the contest relatively close.

Catherine Durbin led the Lady Chargers (2-4) with 21 points and five steals in a losing effort.

Trinity next plays Thursday in Stanton's Hooptown Tournament against Ira at 3 p.m.

Kermit 46, Trinity 43
Kermit (4-5): Johnson 5 2-3 12; Madison 2 0-2 4; Lopez 4 3-9 12; Walker 3 3-8 9; Ferro 1 4-6 7; Bell 0 1-2 1. Totals 15 13-30 46.
Trinity (2-4): Jessica Clay 0 0-0 0; Valerie Power 0 2-2 2; Susan Stasney 3 0-1 6; Catherine Durbin 9 2-2 1; Katherine Collier 1 0-1 2; Kelly Griffin 0 2-2 2; Renee Rougeaux 2 0-2 4; Jana Floyd 3 0-0 6; Kristen Stoltz 0 0-0 0. Totals 18 6-12 43.
Kermit 9 12 12 13 —46
Trinity 6 8 2 17 —43
3-Point Goals: K 4 (Lopez 1, Ferro 1, T 1 (Durbin 1). Total Fouls: K 17, T 26. Fouled Out: Stoltz, Rougeaux, Floyd.

Stroman leads Aggies

COLLEGE STATION — The Texas A&M women's swim team beat 13th ranked Texas, 172-128, for the first time since 1994 as Midland's Monica Stroman had a good evening.

The senior took first in the 200 breast (2:34.72), second in the 100 breast (1:12.99) and second in the 400 IM (4:54.52). All times are short course meters because of it being an Olympic year.

The Texas A&M women's swim team also participated in the Texas Invitational. Stroman swam an NCAA consideration time of 4:53.64 in the 400-indi-

vidual medley to give here a ninth-place finish. Stroman was also a member of the 800-free relay team that took sixth place (8:23.45).

The Aggies competed against eight top 25 teams including: No. 2 Arizona, No. 8 Michigan, No. 9 SMU, No. 12 Texas, No. 13 Wisconsin, No. 14 UCLA, No. 15 Minnesota and No. 20 Arizona State.

Also participating at the Texas Invite was Midland High graduate Michael McKeller, who is a freshman at TCU. McKeller finished in the 200 breast with a time of 2:20.70.

Mihecoby aces at RHCC

Kelly Mihecoby had a hole-in-one at Ranchland Hill Country Club's No. 3 hole Sunday. The shot was 160 yards using a 7-iron. Witnesses were Chris Dominguez, Skeet Mitchell and Scott Mitchell.

Britten wins Winter Singles

Tracy Britten defeated Ryan May, 6-4, 6-0, to win the men's open bracket of the Winter Singles Open held over the weekend.

Men's Open Bracket — 1st place: Tracy Britten def. Ryan May, 6-4, 6-0. **Consolation:** Ben Richmond def. Harold Moss, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4.

Men's A Bracket — 1st place: Greg Stephen def. Richard Danner, 6-4, 7-5. **Consolation:** Joe Rodriguez def. Robert Barron, 6-1, 6-1.

Blast '88 boys win first

The Blast '88 boys won the U-12 Boys Arlington Classic League — Division I for the fall season. Blast outscored its opponents, 24-14. This was the first season Blast played in the Arlington League. Every player on the team scored at least one goal for the season.

Team members: Tyler Allen, J.D. Benton, Kirby Castle, Kyle Corne, Devin Flores, Charlie Gibbs, Christopher Hawkins, Zachary Klunck, Scott Morgan, Brandon O'Connor, Estevan Rubalcaba, Anthony Sam, Reed Stevens, Nolan Walker, Price Williams. Coach is Shane Barden.

Lady Rebels prepare for 4-5A with victory

Staff Report

SNYDER — Midland Lee's Lady Rebels tuned up for the start of the District 4-5A basketball race here Tuesday night with a sound 61-46 win over Snyder's Lady Tigers.

Freshman Adrienne Ross led the way for Lee with 17 points while Shamara Bryson added 16 points. Nine Lady Rebels scored in the game.

"We had a better overall game than we had against Lubbock Coronado last week," said Lee coach Elise Kail. "We played both offense and defense. We open district play Friday and this was a good chance to look at a lot of people. It was really good for us in that respect."

Big Temple boys team pounds Lee hoopsters

Staff Report

ABILENE — The Midland Lee Rebels ran into a bigger and better shooting team in Temple and the result was an 82-53 loss Tuesday in a game played at McMurry University.

The Rebels (5-4) shot just 32 percent from the floor, while Temple (8-2) shot 60 percent.

"They hit their shots and we didn't," said Lee coach Jon House. "Plus, they killed us on the boards, outrebounding us 42-27. They were quite a bit bigger than we were."

"But, we needed to play against good teams like this one to prepare for our tournament coming up."

Chris Packer led the Rebels

The Lady Rebels open 4-5A play Friday at 6 p.m. against Odessa High at Chaparral Center.

"I think Abilene Cooper, Odessa High and us look to be the top three teams going in," Kail said. "Of course, that's my opinion, but we face one of the top teams Friday. It will be a tough opener for us, so we have to come out and play hard and smart."

Against Snyder, Lee rolled to a 19-7 lead in the first quarter and never looked back. Lee also had a 17-9 advantage in the third quarter. Those two periods spelled doom for Snyder.

Midland Lee 61, Snyder 46
Lee (5-4): Michelle Byrd 10-22; Andrea Long 20-40; Shamara Bryson 5-13 16; Rochelle Warren 4 0-0 8; Shandi Netherlin 0 2-2 2; Adrienne Ross 5 5-7 17; Julie Jay 0 1-1 1; Danielle Dickey 4 0-0 8; Jade Jones 0 0-0 0; Michelle Kennerly 1 2-3 3. Totals: 22 15-29 61.
Snyder: Bane 0 2-2 2; Geiger 2 0-0 4; Eicke 10-13; Decker 8 1-7 17; Kallmeyer 2 9-11; Beard 3 1-2 7; Voss 0 2-4 2. Totals: 16 13-25 46.
Lee 19 14 11 17 —61
Snyder 7 12 9 18 —46
3-Point Goals: Lee 2 (Ross 2, Sny 1 (Eicke). Total Fouls: Lee 22, Sny 19. Fouled Out: None.

with a game-high 20 points, while Wendell Smith added 19 and Cory Simmons chipped in with 10.

The Rebels return home to host the Tall City Oilman's Classic, which starts Thursday at Chaparral Center.

Temple 82, Midland Lee 53
Lee (5-4): Wendell Smith 7 3-4 19; Chris Packer 7 4-6 20; Kevin Trout 0 0-0 0; Cory Simmons 4 0-0 10; Kyle Shatzer 0 2-2 2; Justin Simpson 0 0-0 0; Paul Logan 1 0-0 2; Cornell Hunt 0 0-0 0; Ryan Vinton 0 0-0 0. Totals 19 9-12 53.

Temple (8-2): Lewis 3 2-5 9; Lavey 1 0-0 3; Reece 1 0-0 2; Bannister 7 0-0 15; Williams 5 3-6 13; Durham 1 0-0 2; Davis 1 1-2 4; President 5 0-0 11; Enns 0 3-4 3; Brandon 4 1-4 9; Darden 2 4-5 8; Junot 1 0-0 3; Kuel 0 0-0 0. Totals 31 14-26 82.

Midland Lee 20, 23 11 11 —53
Temple 26 23 21 18 —82
3-Point Goals: 16 (Smith 2, Packer 2, Simmons 2, T 6 (Lewis 1, Bannister 1, Davis 1, Lavey 1, President 1, Junot 1). Total Fouls: L 20, T 14. Fouled Out: Trout. Technical Fouls: None.

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Cowboys release kicker Cunningham

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — The Dallas Cowboys finally got tired of waiting for kicker Richie Cunningham to pull out of his slump.

Cunningham, who went from one of the NFL's most accurate the last two seasons to one of the most errant this year, was released Tuesday along with little-used receiver Alvin Harper.

Dallas (6-6) filled one roster spot with linebacker Quentin Coryatt, who came out of retirement in April then retired again in September, and saved another spot for Cunningham's replacement.

With an offense that's struggling to score touchdowns, the Cowboys have needed an accurate kicker more than ever. Instead, Cunningham hit just 12 of 22 field goals. He was just 3 of 10 on kicks of 40 yards or more.

Cunningham maintained he's done nothing differently from his first two seasons, when he was 63 of 72. For his career, he was perfect on 95 extra points.

In his final game, Cunningham scored all of Dallas' points in a 13-6 loss to New England. He made field goals of 20 and 34 yards and missed from 43.

Harper, a star on Dallas' Super Bowl teams in 1992 and '93, was pulled out of retirement after Michael Irvin suffered a neck injury. He joined the active roster a week later when rookie Wane McGarity was injured.

But Harper never got completely in shape and suffered an injury himself. He was active for just two of eight games for which he was on the roster and did not catch a pass.

Coryatt originally signed with Dallas, thinking he had recovered from various injuries that derailed

his career in Indianapolis, where he was the No. 2 overall pick in the 1992 draft. The Colts released him during training camp last year and he sat out the 1998 season.

The aches and pains in his shoulder and Achilles tendon returned after several training camp practices and he decided he'd rather not play than be at less than full strength.

Coryatt will receive a pro-rated share of his previous three-year contract, including part of a signing bonus that he had returned after walking away.

"As I understand it, he is guy that expects perfection and when

he can't play to that level, he gets frustrated," coach Chan Gailey said. "And he didn't want to play like that. And that's the way I understood it after talking to people that really know him."

Gailey said Coryatt, a fierce hitter who starred at Texas A&M, could see action as soon as Sunday against Philadelphia. Coryatt will split time with Darren Hambrick at strong side linebacker.

"It's a plus for us," said middle linebacker Randall Godfrey. "He's a proven veteran in the league. He gives us a lot of depth at linebacker. I'm sure he will help us."

Wisconsin upsets UT

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Jon Bryant scored 16 points and Wisconsin's aggressive defense stymied Texas' high-powered offense as the Badgers upset the No. 10 Longhorns 61-45 Tuesday night.

Wisconsin guard Mike Kelley set a Big Ten record with 10 steals, but he was only one of many Badgers with sterling defensive efforts. Texas' 45 points were the school's fewest since Jan. 26, 1985, when the Longhorns lost 53-45 to Texas Christian.

Texas (4-2) has lost two straight games since winning the Puerto Rico Shootout in late November. Chris Mihm had 13 points and nine rebounds for the Longhorns, who turned in a lackluster effort marked by poor

shooting and turnovers.

The Badgers (5-2) ran away with the victory thanks to the marksmanship of Bryant, who hit three 3-pointers, and the inside play of 6-foot-9 Mark Vershaw, who scored 11 points and outplayed the 7-foot Mihm in the post.

Texas briefly led early in the second half, but Wisconsin went on an 18-5 run behind big baskets from Vershaw and Andy Kowske, who finished with 11 points to put the game away.

Wisconsin is ranked eighth in the nation in total defense, allowing just 55.3 points per game. A game after holding Rhode Island to 25.5 percent shooting in a 66-43 win, the Badgers held the Longhorns to just 39 percent from the field, including 1-for-10 on 3-pointers.

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TEXAS RANGERS REPORT

Rangers offer arbitration to Aaron Sele, Todd Zeile

ARLINGTON — Allowing negotiations to go on, the Texas Rangers offered salary arbitration Tuesday to right-hander Aaron Sele and Todd Zeile.

Texas also agreed to a one-year contract with pitcher Mike Munoz, a deal that contains a team option for 2001.

In addition, the Rangers said they weren't offering arbitrations to John Burkett and Mike Morgan, Jeff Fassero and outfielders Roberto Kelly and Tom Goodwin.

Texas was attempting to re-sign infielder Luis Alicea before the midnight EST deadline.

Players offered arbitration have until Dec. 19 to accept to reject the offers and may negotiate with their former teams through Jan. 8.

Players who aren't offered arbitration can't re-sign until May 1. In addition, the Rangers won't get any draft picks as compensation if they sign with other teams. Munoz was 2-1 with a 3.93 ERA with the Rangers this season.

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Fantasy Football Standings

MEDIA STANDINGS			
			
Jeff Kush KMID-TV BIG 2	Melissa Hendrix NEWSWEST 9	Tom Glasman KOSA CBS 7	
41 372 POINTS TOTAL	83 435 POINTS TOTAL	35 373 POINTS TOTAL	
			
John Moesch KNFM	Terry Williamson MIDLAND REPORTER-TELEGRAM		
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Rank	Name	Points	Total
1	John Sanders	72	564
2	Howard Sanders	75	540
3	Arturo J. Romero	83	534
4	Brent Daugherty	89	526
5	Mike White	79	504
6	Andrea Morris	46	495
7	Max Connell	67	488
8	David Daugherty	54	486
9	Ray Pierson	43	485
10	Shonie W. Bean	56	479
11	Greg King	52	468
12	Jay Morris	56	468
13	Brent Watson	77	466
14	Gary Turner	68	465
15	Gary Peckham	84	463
16	Dub Dietrich	76	461
17	Joe McLaughlin	93	460
18	Mary L. Bishop	48	455
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20	Danny Hernandez	55	446
21	Rayfus McLaughlin	40	442
22	Mary Alice Romero	61	441
23	Steve Deer	61	439
24	Noreen Connell	67	438
25	Buddy Harry	38	437
26	Phil White	55	430
27	Connie Wilkerson	63	428
28	Wyatt Chandler	67	427
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Previous	\$23.75

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Gold rebounds

Gold futures prices were higher in trading Tuesday on the New York Mercantile Exchange as the market rebounded from losses prompted by a planned gold sale announced by the Netherlands.

The Dutch central bank announced it intends to sell 100 metric tons of its gold reserves next year and 300 metric tons in total over the next five years. The unexpected announcement sent February gold futures prices tumbling \$3.90 to \$278.20 a troy ounce on Monday.

Gold futures recovered all those losses and added more, with the market having had a day to reflect on the announcement by the Nederlandse Bank, said analyst James Steel of Refco Inc.

The announcement should not have been a surprise to the market because the European Central Bank, the 13 European Union banks and the Swiss National Bank announced earlier this year that they would limit their gold sales to 2,000 metric tons over the next five years, Steel said. The announcement also stated total annual sales would not exceed approximately 400 metric tons.

The banks also said they would tighten their gold-lending levels.

Gold prices received a boost from the weakness of the U.S. dollar and a sagging stock market, Steel said.

Gold for February delivery settled \$7.20 higher at \$285.40 a troy ounce.

Crude oil down

Profit-taking sent crude oil futures prices tumbling Tuesday. Contributing to the sell-off were remarks by Energy Secretary Bill Richardson that Mexico is offering to increase its oil production if Iraq's shutdown of its exports continues for an extended period. Iraq shut down oil exports in a dispute with the United Nations over its fuel-for-oil program.

Iraq on Monday said it can accept a six-month extension of the program, but it desires improvements to its terms. The program was imposed on Iraq as part of the sanctions instituted following the Persian Gulf War, which was touched off by Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.

A return of chilly weather in the northern sections of the country helped lift natural gas futures prices.

January light sweet crude was 44 cents lower at \$26.22 a barrel; January heating oil was 1.53 cents lower at \$5.70 cents a gallon; January unleaded gasoline was .28 cent higher at 72.82 cents a gallon; January natural gas was 4.7 cents higher at \$2.271 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Wall Street

NEW YORK — Stocks closed mixed Tuesday as investors again collected profits from last week's rally. A strong report on workers' productivity and selected strength in technology stocks enticed some buyers but failed to lift the broad market.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 118.36 to close at 11,106.65. The decline was the Dow's steepest since Oct. 25.

Broader stock indicators were mixed. The Nasdaq composite index rose 40.91 to 3,586.92, its 20th new record close since Oct. 29, largely due to a 23 percent gain by Internet search company Yahoo!

The Standard & Poor's 500 fell 14.17 to 1,409.17.

Most analysts expected investors to cash in some of the gains that have come from the market's big rally. The Nasdaq has risen 63 percent this year, the S&P 500 set a new closing high last Friday and the Dow has come within 40 points of its closing record of 11,326.04, reached Aug. 25.

Report: Productivity up, labor costs down

By Alice Ann Love
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Workers' productivity, a key to national economic vitality, grew at the fastest rate in seven years in the third quarter. At the same time, companies' labor costs actually declined — a recipe for keeping inflation at bay.

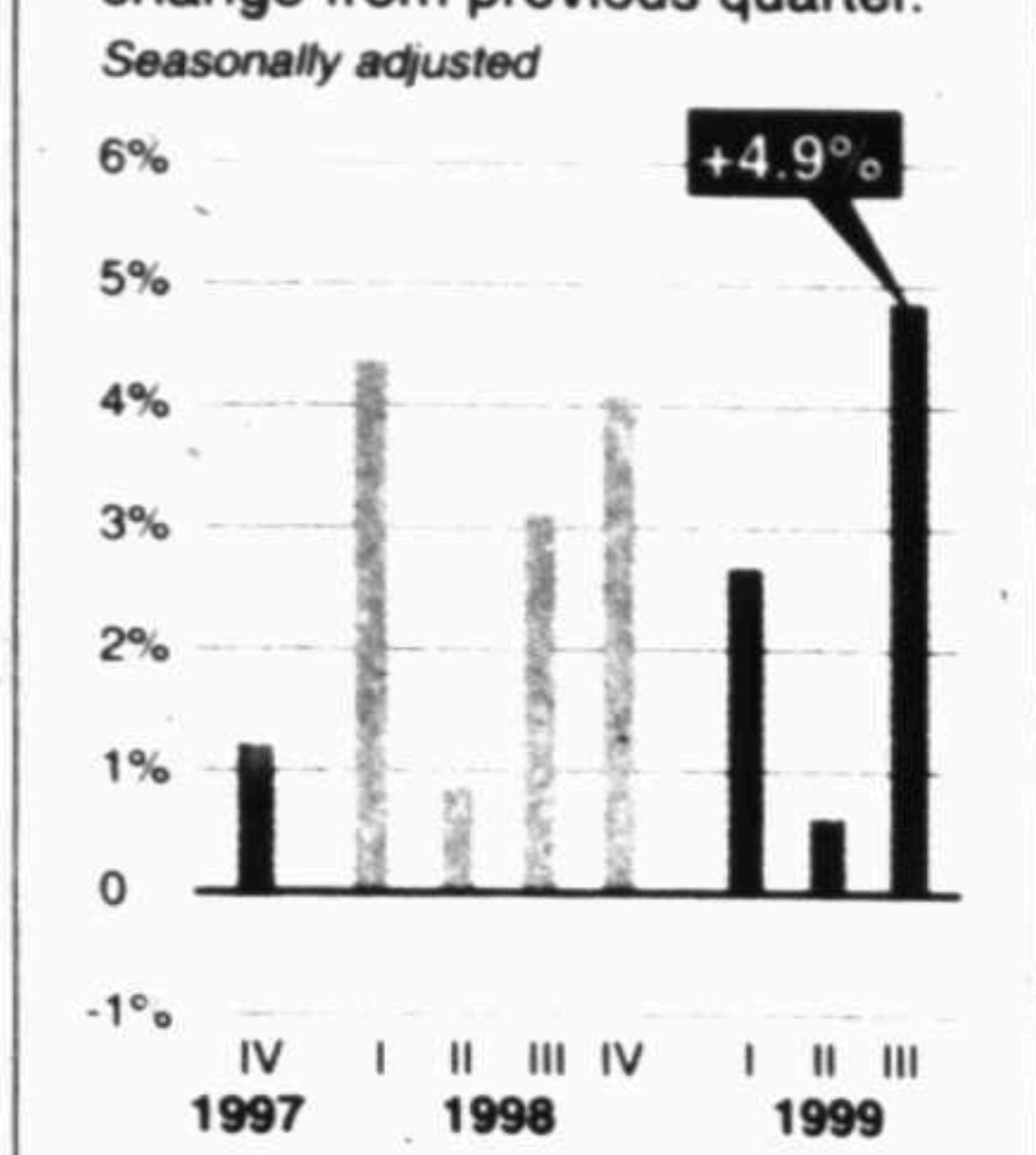
Tuesday's report was good news for investors wary of signs of inflation that could trigger another interest rate increase from the Federal Reserve.

"It is hard to see where inflation is supposed to come from," said Gerald Cohen, an economist with Merrill Lynch in New York.

The Dow Jones average of industrial stocks rose immediately after release of the government report but closed down 118 points Tuesday, at 11,106.65. Analysts attributed the drop to investor jitters about the outlook for some big companies, such as Coca-Cola.

"To get the strong productivity growth at this point in an expansion is really an extraordinary achievement," said Martin Baily, chairman of President Clinton's Council of Economic Advisers. The U.S. economy's continuing upswing is at a

Productivity up
Here is a look at non-farm business productivity, percent change from previous quarter.
Seasonally adjusted



Source: Department of Labor

peacetime record of eight years and counting.

Productivity, defined as the amount of output for each hour of work, rose at a 4.9 percent annual rate from July through

September, the Labor Department said.

At the same time, unit labor costs, considered a good measure of inflation pressures, fell at a 0.2 percent annual rate — the biggest drop since spring 1997.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and other economists have linked the recent years' upturn in American productivity to massive investments that businesses have made in computers and other technology.

As long as workers are increasingly productive, employers can afford to pay them more because of increased output without needing to raise prices.

If productivity falters, however, pressures for higher wages can result in price increases. The Fed already has raised interest rates three times this year, trying to prevent inflation, and Greenspan has said the nation's central bankers are staying alert for any slowdown in productivity.

The Fed policy-makers' next meeting is Dec. 21. Few analysts now expect them to touch interest rates again this year.

However, many wonder for how long workers' productivity gains can continue to offset the affects of very low unemployment, which is compelling employ-

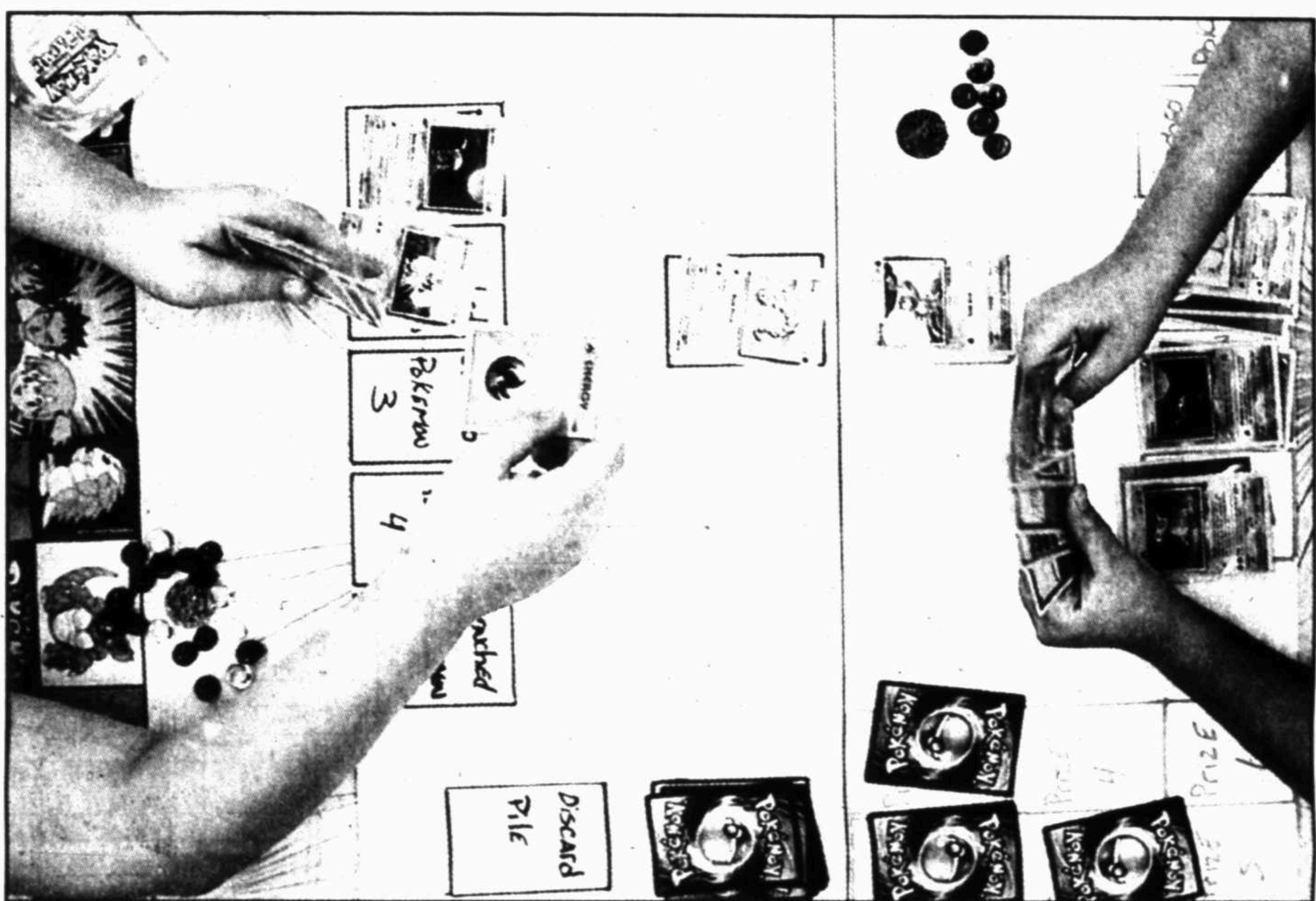
ers to offer wage and benefit incentives to attract and keep workers.

"You just need a slight slowdown in productivity for the unit labor costs to trend upward," said Kathleen Stephansen, senior economist with Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities in New York.

In a separate report Tuesday, the Fed said Americans' borrowing has slowed this fall compared with heavy summer-time loans and credit card use. Revolving credit, primarily credit cards, fell at a 0.6 percent annual rate in October — the first decline in a year. Total consumer credit, excluding mortgage debt, rose by 3.7 percent.

The Mortgage Bankers Association, in yet another report, said the percentage of homeowners behind on mortgage payments fell to 4.1 percent from July through September, the lowest delinquency rate in almost four years.

The 4.9 percent third-quarter gain in productivity was revised upward in Tuesday's report from a previous estimate of 4.2 percent, making it the fastest growth since the last three months of 1992, when productivity rose at a 7.4 percent annual rate.



Derek Ottaviano, 11, of Fairlawn, N.J., left, plays with Nicholas Cliffe, 10, of Teaneck, N.J. during a Pokemon match at the Toys R Us store in Paramus, N.J. This holiday season, two things topping many kids' wish lists — Pokemon trading cards and Harry Potter books — aren't technologically savvy but are selling like wildfire.

No-tech toys still please high-tech kids

By Rachel Beck
Associated Press

PARAMUS, N.J. — When 10-year-old Nicholas Cliffe talks about what he likes to do best in his free time, he puts playing with his Pokemon trading cards at the top of his list.

So on Saturday mornings, when he used to sit at home playing video games, he goes to a nearby Toys R Us store to play in a Pokemon card game.

"I love the game," said the fifth grader from Teaneck, N.J. "I have to think. I have to come up with a strategy. It's not like anything else I play with."

So much for techno-toys taking over the toy world — the buzz last Christmas, when sluggish sales of dolls, action figures and board games led many adults to believe that kids only wanted interactive toys. This holiday season, two things topping many kids' wish lists — Pokemon trading cards and Harry Potter books — aren't technologically savvy but are selling like wildfire.

"We live in a world where even the microwave talks, so it is perfectly natural that we'd see technology find its way into many kids' playthings," said Chris Bryne, a New York-based toy industry consultant. "But the reality is that kids don't want to play just with toys with all the bells and whistles built in. They want to be imaginative during playtime and use their minds."

In recent years, toymakers have

stepped up their high-tech offerings to make playtime more entertaining and challenging for today's computer-literate kids. Store shelves are crammed with everything from talking dolls to toys that connect to personal computers.

But many kids say they want more than high-tech in their toy chests.

"A lot of games you just plug in, and it tells you what to do," said 12-year-old Derek Ottaviano, of Fair Lawn, N.J. "But sometimes I like playing with stuff that puts me in control and lets me decide what my next move will be."

Like millions of kids nationwide, Derek is hooked on Pokemon, a phenomenon that originated in Japan three years ago as a Nintendo Game Boy video game and has evolved into a popular cartoon, a movie and toys.

Much of the Pokemon hype is focused on trading cards. There are 150 in all, each representing a different "pocket monster" that players are challenged to collect, trade and nurture in hopes of becoming the greatest Pokemon trainer in the world.

Many children simply buy the cards and trade them like they would baseball cards. There are some hard-to-find cards that sell to collectors for more than \$50, but a starter set with 61 cards has a suggested retail price of an affordable \$7.99.

The game has become so popular that chains like Toys R Us and Burger King hold weekly competitions at their stores. Many children also form their own

leagues on school playgrounds.

While some parents complain that their children are obsessed with the cards, others say they have helped improve their children's skills in organization and sportsmanship.

Many of the two dozen children gathered at a Pokemon league one recent Saturday at a Toys R Us in Paramus, N.J., spent time teaching each other how to play and sharing strategy. Every game ended with a handshake between opponents.

"They would never learn so much just playing a video game or with a doll like Furby," said Marie Lunau, whose son and two nephews are Pokemon fans.

While the Pokemon trading cards are the must-have toys of the year, the Harry Potter books are outselling the rest of the publishing world. The first three books in the series — four more are due out in the coming years — have topped best-sellers lists for months.

The stories, written by British author J.K. Rowling, outline the education of Harry, a young English wizard at the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

Kids can't seem to put the books down — some even have given up playtime to read.

"I couldn't stop reading it once I got it," said Brandon Cobb, 9, of Hackensack, N.J., who read the first in the series "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone." "It was a long book, but it was worth it."

Austin Internet company urges shopping during working hours

AUSTIN (AP) — At many companies, employees can be punished — even fired — for conducting personal business at work.

Not so at one Austin company, which encourages online shopping on the job.

Rx.com is an Austin company that fills prescriptions and sells health-care products over the Internet. Laxman Gani, the company's Web site manager, said he's bought digital video disks and electronics online and knows other employees who do the same thing. He said employees are urged to shop online — even while at work — so they can see what their customers go through.

"We encourage it because we want our employees to be immersed in the Internet shopping experience. Plus it saves us on shipping costs," Gani told the Austin American-Statesman.

According to Forrester Research Inc. of Cambridge, Mass., about 8.6 million households will spend \$4-billion shopping online this holiday season, and 17 percent of buyers shop at work.

The researchers said many people prefer shopping at work because they have faster Internet connections than at home. Bill Bass, vice president of marketing at catalogue and online merchant Land's End, said the busiest time for online sales is between noon and 2 p.m. — when most office workers are on their lunch break.

Mark Strama, co-founder and chief executive of Austin's newsvoter.com, said he likes his employees to spend time on the Internet so they can see what others are doing online.

Strama said a little shopping at work is far better than the alternative. "If it's the choice between that and having them call in sick to go to the mall, I'd rather they do their shopping here and get more work done," he said.

Not all companies share that attitude. At Round Rock-based Dell Computer Corp., where a growing percentage of the company's sales are conducted online, employee Internet use is not monitored and workers are expected to limit their personal Internet use.

"We do encourage employees to be familiar with the Internet," said Neisha Frank, a spokeswoman. "We are obviously great advocates of purchasing over the Internet. But of course, we would prefer for our employees to be working during work hours."

Phillips 66 service station under new management

By Mella McEwen

Under new ownership is MIDLAND DRIVE 66, a Phillips 66 service station at Midland Drive and Illinois.

New owner Jimmy Davis said he will be renting U-Hauls out of the location and adding state inspection service.

Manager Eddie Grant said he employs a full-time mechanic from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday. Station employees will also make courtesy calls to replace flat tires or jump dead batteries or other services.

At present, the station accepts only the

Phillips credit card but expects to have machinery in place this week to accept all major credit cards, Grant said.

The station has both self-service and full-service gasoline islands.

Hours are 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.

MIDLAND PARK MALL officials expect to be moved into their new offices in the former Blockbuster Music location next to J.C. Penney by the end of the week. New public restrooms are already open next to the new offices.

Hospice of Midland has erected a Memory Tree for Stop DWI Inc. in the Sears Court, where anyone can place an ornament bearing the name of a loved one on the tree.

Now open is CRYSTAL IMPRESSIONS, which sells glass figurines, found in front of Journeys.

Coming will be TO DI FOR, carrying junior clothing — skirts, pants, located in front of The Shoe Dept.

Midland Park Mall will host a crafts show from Alamo Friday through December 24 in the J.C. Penney Court.

Starting Friday, CHILI'S will be selling gift certificates until December 24. Midland Opera Guild will be operating the train from December 13-19 in the Sears Court.

Santa Claus will be making a last pre-Christmas visit to PETSMAST, 4206 W. Loop 250 North, this Saturday and Sunday.

Pet owners can bring their pets to the store and have pictures taken with Santa from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

Cost is \$9.95 for two Polaroids, one in a gift card and the other in a Christmas ornament. Proceeds from the pic-

tures with Santa go to benefit Petsmart's charity for homeless animals, Love-A-Pet Shelters.

THE RENDEZVOUS hair salon in Fairmont Shopping Center, 3323 N. Midland Drive, will hold a grand opening celebration through Saturday to celebrate its operation under new ownership. There will be daily drawings for gifts, products, services and a special trunk showing by Imagemaker Silver Jewelry Co.

The Rendezvous is a full service salon offering haircuts, styles, colors, color correction, extensions, manicures, pedicures, acrylic nails and massage therapy.

Appointments are available and walk-ins are welcome.

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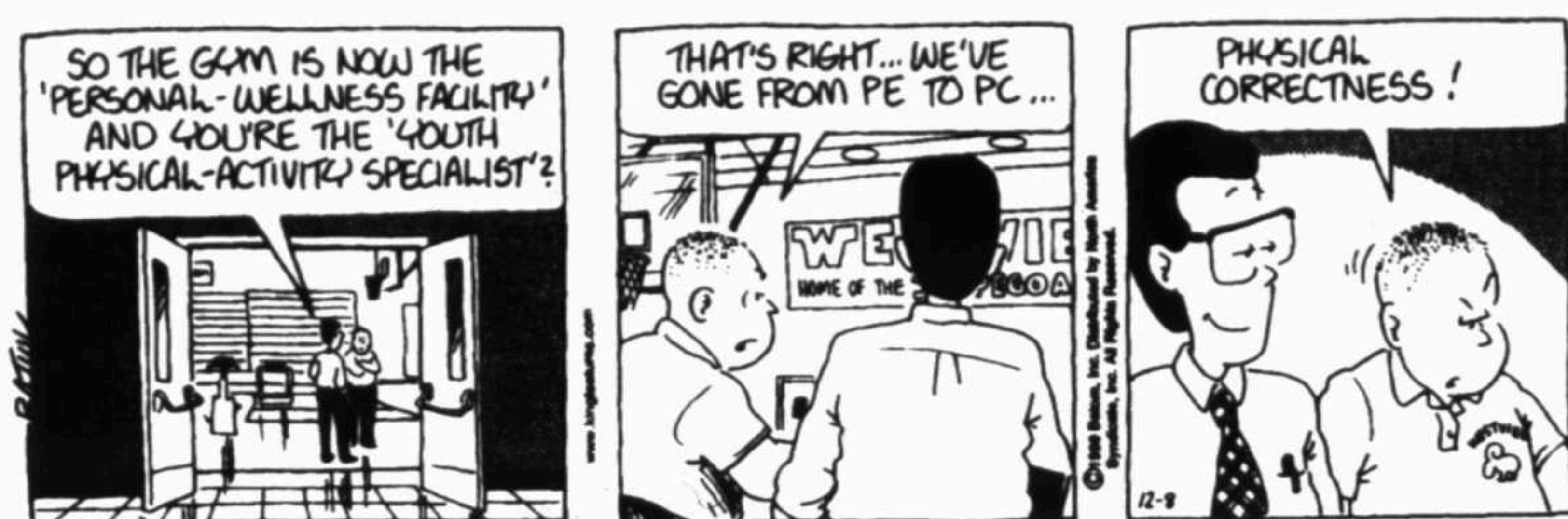
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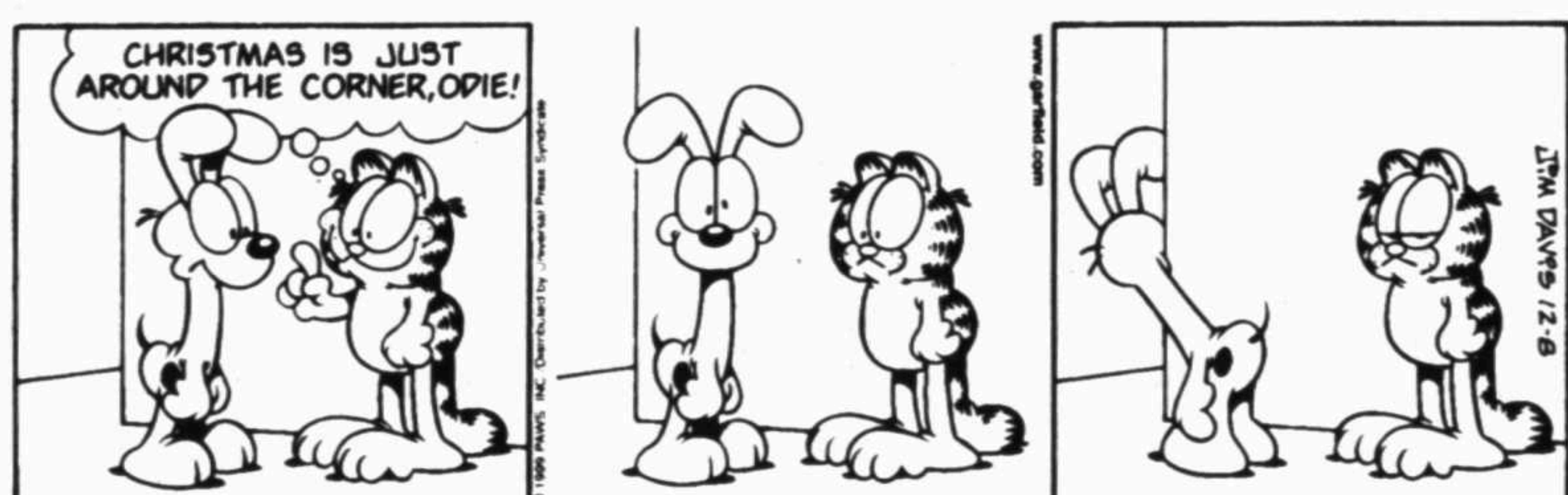
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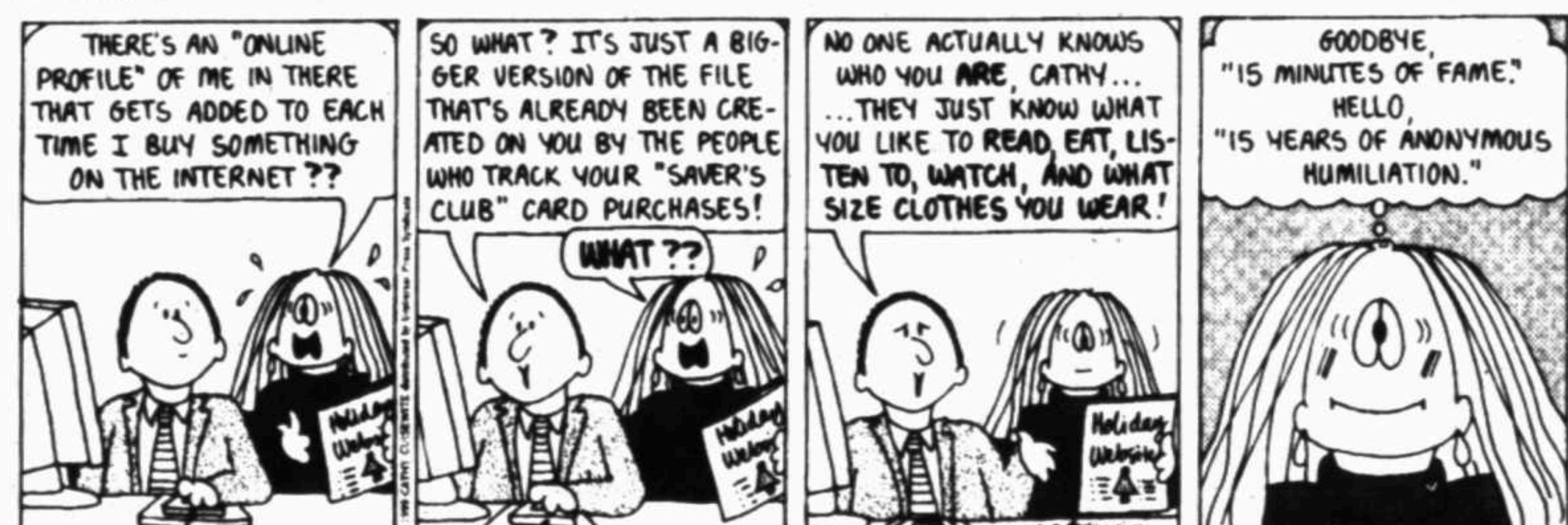
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Dec. 8, 1999: You are unusually successful and talented this year. It isn't a question of thought or planning — Lady Luck descends on you, big time. Provided that you have set up the groundwork, you gain in many different areas of your life. Your personality charms others. Creativity encourages you to take risks. Your philosophical insights help you understand and detach. If you are single, you might discover that your dance card is filled! Just make your choice. If attached, your relationship prospers. You'll get what you want. **SAGITTARIUS** is lucky for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ You are feeling good, and you have a strong sense of what works and what doesn't. Follow your impulses, and you'll land on your feet. Your personality and energy allow you to break away where others can't. Put your feelings in the driver's seat. Tonight: Opt for something exotic.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★ What goes through your mind is worth working with. A dream or off-the-wall idea is worth trying out on a key associate or partner. You find that you are unbeatable as a team. Confront snafus, and success will follow. Tonight: Let the good vibes flow.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Others simply can't do enough for you. Consider what you want; timing is such that you need to ask for exactly what is on your mind. A loved one or friend really does care. Don't push. Remain sure of yourself. Tonight: A midweek break!

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Others look to you for decisions and direction. Understand what motivates others. Use your leadership skills; before you know it, you are on a roll. Think through a boss's offer — it might not happen again. Go for it if you want it. Tonight: Burning the midnight oil.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You are all fire and energy. Count on impulse to lead you in the right direction. Your naturally instinctive mind helps you see through a child or loved one's actions. Your responsiveness and understanding make all the difference. Tonight: Frolic.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★ Build better relationships with family members. Others, specifically a key partner, appreciate your willingness. Take time together to do some Christmas shopping. Perhaps get tickets to a concert or go caroling! Tonight: Put up some mistletoe.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Others take the actions you have wished for. Don't play games or hedge. This could be a one-time shot. Know what is in your heart of hearts and follow through now. Good news surrounds friendship. A talk brings the results you want. Tonight: A little celebration over dinner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You have the energy to put in overtime or to decide on another course to increase your financial status. You want this holiday to have a special quality and those around you to remember the day with special fondness. Go for what you want; make it happen. Tonight: Work as late as you can.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ The key to unlocking problems lies in your imagination. Indulge in several flights of fantasy, and you'll come up with many good ideas. Brainstorming with those you enjoy can make a big difference in the outcome of situations. Tonight: Pretend there is no tomorrow.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★ You don't always need to be the assertive one. Stand back and see what happens! If nothing else, others will appreciate your leadership qualities more. Carefully check out a piece of real estate or an investment. Tonight: Make wise decisions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ What you want beams in from left field. You might wonder what is going on with a friend. Don't speculate — just ask. What doesn't seem right takes a major twist: Keep communication flowing; don't cut another off in mid-sentence. You gain important information about a partner. Tonight: Hanging out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Follow through on money matters that are all interconnected. Listen to feedback from a co-worker. A boss also has great suggestions. You work well as part of a team and finally see the results you have wanted. Tonight: Do some Christmas shopping.

BORN TODAY
Actress Kim Basinger (1953), actress Teri Hatcher (1964), singer Sinead O'Connor (1966)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Man vs. Machine

Both vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
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♥ A86
♦ Q43
♣ AK43

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♠ K765
♥ Q975
♦ J1092
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♥ 1042
♦ AK876
♣ 10986

SOUTH
♠ AQ1098
♥ KJ3
♦ 5
♣ QJ52

The bidding:
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1♣ Pass 1♠ Pass
1NT Pass 3♣ Pass
3♣ Pass 4♣ Pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♠

Did you try to make 11 tricks at your contract of four spades? If so, your technique leaves something to be desired.

With the equivalent of an opening bid and a good fit for partner's suit, it was simply a matter of finding the right spot. Once a 5-3 major-suit fit was located, game in that suit was the logical choice.

West led the jack of diamonds and continued with the 10 when declarer played low from dummy and the jack won the trick. Declarer ruffed the second trick, crossed to the ace of hearts and ran the jack of spades. West took the king

and reverted to diamonds. Declarer ruffed and cashed the ace of spades, but the 4-1 split and losing heart finesse proved to be declarer's undoing.

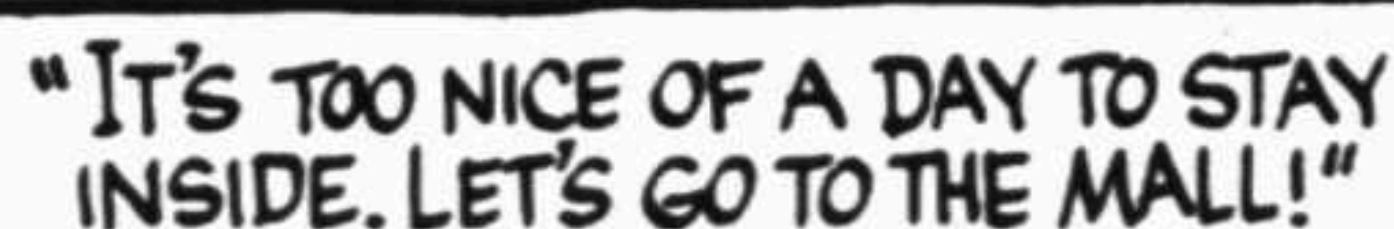
Yes, the combination that destroyed the contract was considerably against the odds. Still, do not commiserate with declarer about the bad luck. The contract should have been made despite the evil distribu-

tion!

Instead of ruffing the third diamond, declarer should have discarded a heart from hand — a trick that might have to be lost anyway. Now, if the defenders persevere with diamonds, declarer can ruff in dummy, draw trumps and claim the rest of the tricks. No shift is any better. Four spades bid and made.



BABY BLUES



"I can spell 'hill': h-i-eleven."

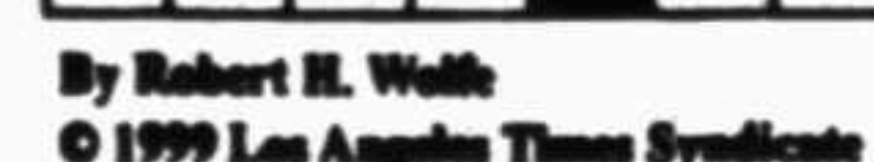
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PEOPLE TODAY

Clapton, Raitt among class of 2000

"I have such a great respect for Mr. Sinatra," Piscopo said. "He was so great about me doing him on 'Saturday Night Live.' He really enjoyed it. When I met him, he was so gracious. So I said to him, 'Can I call you Frank?' And he said, 'No.' True story."

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Food

from the

heart

Simple kitchen offerings delight both recipient and giver

By Joyce Rosencrans
Scripps Howard News Service

Gifts in good taste are the essence of holiday generosity. Whip up something homemade in your kitchen and you'll find an appreciative audience every time.

It doesn't have to be gourmet; it doesn't have to be chic or trendy. It just has to be something from the heart — a treat you took the time and trouble to prepare for a fellow human during this busy time of the year.

If you don't have a favorite food gift, a tidbit for which you're famous, then explore the many possibilities. Whatever food gift you choose, though, it must be versatile enough to wrap easily and keep well.

Don't try home-canned pickles, jellies or relishes if you're not willing to follow USDA instructions to the letter. Improperly canned foods are not safe; and, even if they are, food quality can suffer if proper heat-processing wasn't done.

Too many food-gift cookbooks and holiday guides toss off easy directions for simply sealing the hot jar or pouring on a paraffin disc. Neither is a recommended method for keeping out harmful food-spoilage bacteria. Freezer jam or refrigerator pickles, then, are better choices for the un-canny. Include a note with your food gift that it must be kept refrigerated.

Many gift-givers choose to give dry snack mixes, precisely because they are so handy for serving holiday guests. The snacks are well appreciated and soon devoured.

Half the fun of devising food gifts is gathering containers for an eye-popping presentation full of holiday cheer. You can gather your own bottles, carafes, baskets or boxes to wrap and beribbon. Glass outlets are a good place to gather imported Italian or Spanish decorative bottles for presenting flavored vinegars, liqueurs or salad dressings.

Or choose a gift and pick the perfect container from a commercial source. There's never been as many gift tins to choose from.

One expert in Cincinnati at making and presenting food gifts is Carol Tabone, director of Lazarus Creative Kitchen. She's taught a food-gift cooking class for the last seven years, and each class has been a sellout.

"It's a challenge every year to select recipes for homemade food gifts, but the classes have seemed receptive to our picks. Even after the classes have sold out, they'll offer to buy the recipes wholesale," said Tabone.

The infamous cheese ball has become a standing joke between Tabone and her students. A cheese ball from the first year of her food-gift classes was saved, tucked away in the freezer for display in subsequent years. The ghost of Christmas cheese balls past, it now reappears in unexpected places during the gift-class sessions. Students watch for it.

Tabone managed to come up with a different cheese ball for six years:

"I did a goat-cheese ball one year, a blue-cheese ball the next, a smoked-almond cheese ball. Last year I shaped the cheese ball like an apple, putting in a bay leaf at the top and a cinnamon stick for the stem. But what could I do for this year?"

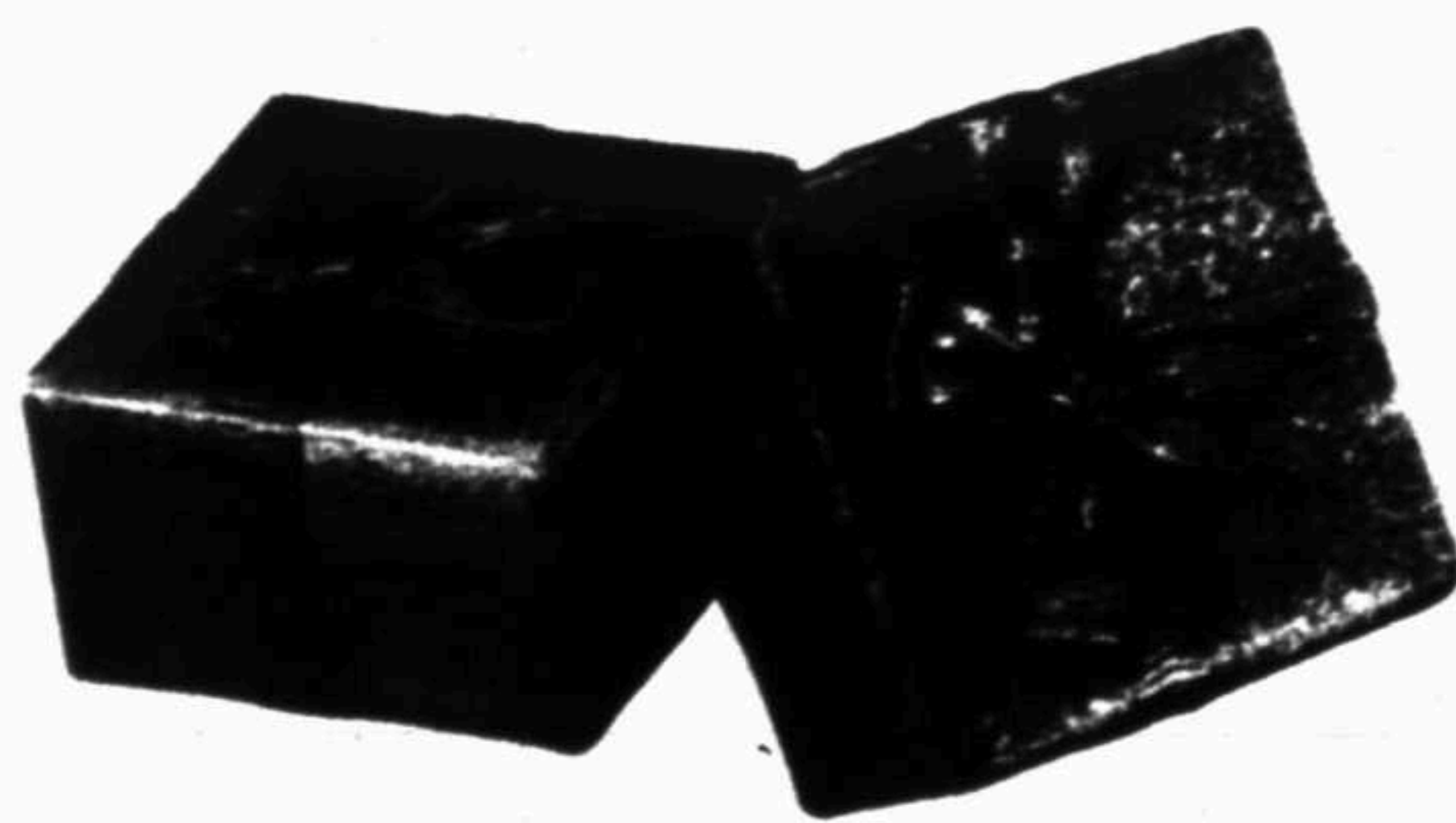
"I gave up and tried a completely new approach — cheese en croute — little bundles of bread dough baked with either a sweet or savory cream-cheese filling. The class liked those, too."



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Home-baked gifts

- Enlist the help of children and family when making these gifts — then it truly becomes a gift from the whole family.
- Start early! The last thing you want is an oven crowded with gift baking while you are trying to make your holiday meal!
- Save money by stocking up on gift tins and cards between Christmas and New Year's when seasonal items are discounted.
- Make a booklet of your favorite recipes for friends and family.
- Make sure that any potential food gift is not easily perishable. Also, use sterilization techniques for any containers used.



Packaging food gifts

- Use foil and waxed food-safe papers.
- Check party and craft stores for holiday bags, boxes and tins.
- Collect colorful cellophane overwraps and ribbons.
- Make the package part of the gift — cookie sheets, bread boards, trays, bowls, jars and crocks.
- Customize the packaging with fabric jar tops or a few sparkling sequins on boxes.
- When arranging the food inside, line boxes and baskets with colored plastic wraps, foil, festive napkins or kitchen towels.

CONSUMING INTERESTS

Café Latte passes taste test, but too pricey for testers

By Linda Anderson

OK, so I'm cruising down the aisles of my favorite supermarket, doing my usual weekend shopping thing — kind of letting my mind wander — when I see this woman standing at the end of one of the aisles with a bunch of paper cups on a table beside her. I don't know about you, but I always stop for the samples — sometimes the store is giving out enough samples of various new products that you can actually have lunch while you shop.



Anderson

This particular woman was giving out samples of Folger's new Café Latte, which is a new coffee product. I didn't want to sample any, thank you anyway, but I did buy a box to take home to the coffee lovers at my house. (I am not a coffee drinker. Not even close.)

After pondering the choices — Café Latte comes in flavors: Vanilla Vibe, Mocha Fusion, Jazzberry Mocha, Classic Latte, Mocha Almond Jive and Caramel Groove — I bought a box of Vanilla Vibe (my coffee drinkers are fond of French vanilla-flavored creamers, so it seemed to be the safest choice) and took it home to be sampled.

I must have been psychic or something, because a day or two later the company sent boxes of samples to some of us in the newsroom, so I ended up with a bunch of the new product for the coffee lovers to try.

My 10.75-ounce canister, which the company's press release said was "expected to sell for \$3.99," cost \$4.39 at my favorite supermarket. You know, that's kind of expensive for coffee, even if it is flavored.

The press release goes on to say: "New Folgers Café Latte puts a twist on 'the best part of waking up' by offering a delicious-tasting, frothy, coffeehouse style beverage that allows you to jump start your morning with great taste and aroma right at home. The new electrifying beverage offers six varieties of flavors made from mountain grown beans. Folgers, which has been around for nearly 150 years, now brings its experience in blending and roasting to coffeehouse style beverages."

I suppose that sounds wonderful if you like coffee, but what it turned out to be is glorified instant coffee. My daughter, who likes French vanilla coffee but other than that isn't a true coffee drinker, said, "It tastes like thick, sweet coffee — not that that's bad..."

Another tester said "It's good; I like it." Two other testers agreed and echoed each other: "It's good!"

But before I buy it again, the price needs to come down. Those kids may have to buy their own.

Prices listed are from a local supermarket and from company information. Prices at other locations may vary.

Linda Anderson is Lifestyle editor for the Reporter-Telegram.

Two quick and easy gift recipes

Freezer Kiwifruit Jam

4-1/2 cups pared and well-mashed kiwifruit (up to 4 pounds fruit)
1/4 cup fresh lime juice
1 (2-ounce) package fruit pectin
1 cup light corn syrup
4-1/2 cups sugar
Yield: 8 half-pints
Prep time: 1 hour

Combine kiwifruit and lime juice in a large nonreactive pot. Sprinkle pectin into mixture, stirring vigorously. Set aside 30 minutes. Add corn syrup and mix well. Gradually stir in sugar; stir until completely dissolved. Heat mixture to 100 degrees to hasten dissolving of sugar, if desired.

Do not allow temperature to rise above 100 degrees F. Ladle into freezerproof containers and cover tightly. Refrigerate up to 3 weeks before freezing, or once thawed.

Recipe from the California Kiwifruit Commission.

Firecracker Almonds

2 teaspoons chili powder
1 teaspoon curry powder
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1 tablespoon olive or almond oil
2 cups toasted whole natural almonds
1/2 teaspoon hot-pepper sauce, or to taste

1 teaspoon ground red pepper (cayenne), or to taste
Yield: 2 cups, 8 servings
Prep time: 10 minutes

Combine chili powder, curry powder, garlic powder and oil in a medium-sized skillet over medium heat. Heat until hot and bubbly. Stir in almonds, tossing until almonds are evenly coated and heated through, 3 to 4 minutes. Remove from heat and cool slightly. Stir in pepper sauce and red pepper. Allow to cool fully before serving or packaging for gifting.

Recipe from the California Almond Board

AROUND TOWN

Midland College will host the 12th annual Hilda Simmons Levitt Poetry Contest Awards Night 5:30 p.m. Dec. 9 at Davidson Lecture Hall, Health Sciences Building on Midland College's main campus. The public is invited to attend. Poet Jan Seale of McAllen will judge the contest and read her work.

At 12:30 p.m. Dec. 9, Ms. Seal will present a writing workshop in LBJ Room 202 in the Murray Frasken Learning Resources Center. The public is invited.

Ms. Seal is the author of "Airlife," a book of fiction, and "The Nuts-&-Bolts Guide to Writing Your Life Story." Two books of her poetry are scheduled to be published next year. She is a former co-editor of the journal, "RiverSedge" from the University of Texas Pan American.

...ARCO ARTICULATORS Toastmasters will meet 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. today in Suite 584 of the Arco Building, 600 N. Marienfeld. For more information call 697-8354, 688-1564 or 688-5819.

...MIDLAND WOMAN'S Club will meet Dec. 16 at the clubhouse in Hogan Park. Social time will be 11:30 a.m. with lunch to follow at noon. Villa Walter will present a program on "The Christmas Story."

Mrs. Walters is worship director of Our Savior's Lutheran Church where her husband, Robert, is pastor. A native of Chicago, she has lived in Midland for 20 years. She earned a bachelor of music degree and a master of music degree in cello performance. She is a member of Midland/Odessa Symphony, West Texas American Guild of Organists and Friends of the Library.

...MIDLAND PI Beta Phi Alumnae Club will have its Christmas "Gathering of Angels" 4-6 p.m. Dec. 17 at 1706 W. Storey St. All Pi Phi alums and current members are invited to attend, along with their mothers, daughters and grandmothers. For more information call 682-9636.

...CHRISTMAS PARTY, hosted by Survivors of Homicide support group, will be 6:30 p.m. Dec. 9 at Midland Police Station, 601 N. Lorraine. Persons attending are asked to bring covered dishes and salads or desserts. Special guest will be Santa Claus. Call 570-4621.

...PERMIAN BASIN Poetry Society will have a Christmas party 2-4 p.m. Dec. 18 at the Anne Hathaway Cottage, 2308 Shakespeare Road in Odessa. Persons attending are asked to bring gifts for exchange and food items for the refreshment table. Call 520-4679.

...DELTA DELTA Delta will host its annual Mother/Daughter Collegiate/Alumnae Christmas tea 3-5 p.m. Dec. 22 at 2009 Winfield. All area Tri Deltas and their mothers and daughters are invited.

...TEXAS AGRICULTURAL Extension Service will present Master Gardener Orientation Program at 10 a.m. Jan. 5, 2000, at Ector County Courthouse Administration Building, 1010 E. 8th St. in Odessa. This program trains volunteers in horticulture to work with the extension service in educational activities and projects. Call 498-4071.

...UNITED OSTOMY Association, Midland-Odessa chapter #590, will meet for a Christmas party 1 p.m. Dec. 12 at Midland Senior Center in Kingsway Mall.

...CHI OMEGA Alumnae will meet for Christmas gift exchange 11:30 a.m. Dec. 11 at 2517 Goddard.

...NEW FRIENDS will meet for coffee 10 a.m. Dec. 14. Anyone interested in making new friends is invited to attend. For more information and location call 697-6263.

...NEWCOMERS CLUB will meet for luncheon 10 a.m. Dec. 16. Program will be presented by Occasions Jewelry. Cost is \$14 per person. For reservations and location call 683-3260 or 522-1478.

DEAR ABBY

Daughter thinks drinking mom unfit to be kids' guardian

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My mother and stepfather would love to be the guardians of my children. My children adore both of them. The problem is my mother has a drinking problem. She never drinks during the day, or even every day. However, she entertains a lot, and when she does, she often drinks too much and becomes loud and slurry. I consider her to be a binge alcoholic and can recall incidents of her being drunk since I was 7.

I overcame my own alcohol and tobacco addictions because I wanted to do it for myself. I felt it was important to set a good example for my children. I knew I couldn't expect them to listen to me tell them not to drink and smoke when I indulged in both nasty habits.

Now that I am free of these substances, I don't know if I should approach my mother about this issue. Should I tell her that I wouldn't want my children growing up in a household where alcohol is used irresponsibly, and give her a chance to clean up her act and quit? Or should I just not mention that I have selected someone else in my will to be my children's guardian and let it be a surprise should the occasion arise?

Mother would become incredibly hostile and defensive if I bring up her drinking habits. I want to stack all of the odds against my children becoming alcoholics, as it does run in the family. My husband agreed that you would know how to handle this in the best way.

— STACKING THE ODDS IN OREGON



Van Buren

DEAR STACKING: Your children must come first. Arrange for someone other than your mother to be your children's guardian. Then contact Al-Anon and inquire about an intervention program for her. With the help of an intervention team, talk to your mother about her binge drinking and the effect it had on you while you were growing up.

If she gets a handle on her problem, you can change your will at a later date. Perhaps it will be an incentive for her to quit.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I decided to host a small but formal New Year's Eve party. I called my neighbor to tell her, and to invite her and her family. She graciously offered lots of help and proceeded to give me her guest list.

I politely told her that my husband and I were hosting the party. (I thought perhaps she had misunderstood — that she thought I had asked her to host the party jointly.) I explained that we wanted to keep it small and limited to our close family and friends; therefore I could extend the invitation only to her, her husband and their children. She replied that she didn't think it was out of line to invite her own guests — and that they probably wouldn't show up anyway.

It has caused a lot of friction between us, and I have since canceled the party, which I really didn't want to do. Can I still have the party but not invite them? They live right up the street. — A. DILEMMA, PACIFICA, CALIF.

DEAR A. DILEMMA: Just when I think I've heard everything, I receive a letter about a neighbor like yours. To invite people to a party and assume they "probably won't show up anyway" is foolish. What if they DO show up and you're not prepared for them?

Give the party, and allow me to be the first to wish you a happy, healthy new year. Make one of your resolutions to have little to do with your nifty neighbor. It doesn't take a crystal ball to predict she'll be angry when she learns she wasn't included.

P.S. Don't be surprised if they show up anyway.

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Eat your way through Y2K

By John Owen
Hearst News Service

SEATTLE — Let's see if I have everything: 110 pounds of granola, 32 cases of canned milk, 80 large packages of Turkey Jerky, 14 cases of canned vegetables (hold the okra), 25 pounds of Rye Krisp, 70 pounds of instant mashed potatoes, 250 units of bottled water, 1,234 Hostess Ding Dongs.

OK, I'm ready for New Year's Day 2000. Or at least I will be, after I lay in 224 flashlight batteries, 1,000 pounds of barbecue briquettes, 43 Zippo lighters, 2,000 gold coins, a large chest of barter beads and a sawed-off shotgun.

That's your basic emergency kit for Y2K survivalists.

But a lot of them seem to be overlooking one possibility.

Say that the Northwest power grid goes up in one big puff of smoke and shower of sparks at exactly 12:01 a.m. on New Year's Day.

At that exact moment the contents of your home freezer will begin to melt. The thawing ice cream will soon begin to drip down on the packages of steaks, roasts, hamburger and chicken thighs. The veggies will all be thawed on the same day and will quickly begin to deteriorate.

You are going to end up with a few washtubs full of salmonella, representing your generous donation to the nearest landfill.

Get the idea? It is not time to stock up on emergency foodstuffs. This is the time to start eating your way through the family freezer, one shelf after another.

Don't take your advice from members of the computer generation. They got us in this mess in the first place.

Take a hint from your fine, furred friends. Do you think the black bears in Olympic National Park are losing any sleep over Y2K? Not likely. Like the bears, all we have to do is fatten up during the waning days of this millennium on the contents of our refrigerators and freezers.

Once we have all developed a nice cushion of blubber — on or about midnight of Dec. 31 — we can happily hop into bed, pull up a whole lot of quilts and blankets, and then sleep through the crisis.

If it turns out there is no crisis, we can all hop out of bed New Year's Day and snack our way through the televised bowl games. Then on Monday morning we can all line up in front of the nearest Jenny Craig Weight Loss Centre.

Unless we decide to retain our well-earned bulk in anticipation of extended sestas during unscheduled windstorms, earthquakes or tidal waves.

Well, don't just sit there. Start eating. You say you have some chicken thighs and halibut steaks staring at you from a freezer shelf? You have the foundation for a couple of Y2K feasts.

MILLENNIUM HALIBUT
4 halibut steaks (8 to 10 ounces each)

1/4 cup dry white wine
1/4 cup plus two tablespoons olive oil
1/2 cup dry bread crumbs
Grated zest from one lemon
2 cloves garlic, minced
3 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
Salt, pepper

Season the fish steaks on both sides with salt and pepper. Lay them out in a single layer in an oven-proof dish. Mix the wine and a quarter cup of oil, pour around the fish, then shove the dish into a preheated, 400-degree oven until done, about 15 minutes.

While the fish is cooking, heat the bread crumbs in a medium-hot skillet about 5 minutes until lightly toasted.

Add to the crumbs the lemon zest, garlic and parsley, and stir-cook 1 minute. Remove from heat and add salt and pepper to taste. Stir in the final 2 tablespoons of olive oil.

Remove the fish to warm plates, pour the pan juices around the steaks and scatter the crumbs over the top.

Y2K CHICKEN

8 chicken thighs, skinned
3 tablespoons olive oil
2 cloves garlic
4 medium potatoes
1 sweet red pepper
1 green pepper
1 head cauliflower
Powdered sage
Salt, pepper
Cayenne pepper

You need a large oven pan for this dish. In a skillet heat the oil. Cut the garlic cloves in half and toss into the oil. When the garlic begins to brown, remove and discard it. Brown the chicken in the oil, in two batches.

While the chicken is cooking, peel the potatoes and cut each into 6 pieces. Cut the peppers in half, remove seeds, then cut the peppers into strips. Cut the stem of the cauliflower to separate the florets.

Remove chicken to the oven pan. Dump the potatoes and peppers into the same pan and toss to coat with oil, as you heat it.

Place the pepper strips in the middle of the pan and top with chicken thighs. Surround the chicken with the potato hunks.

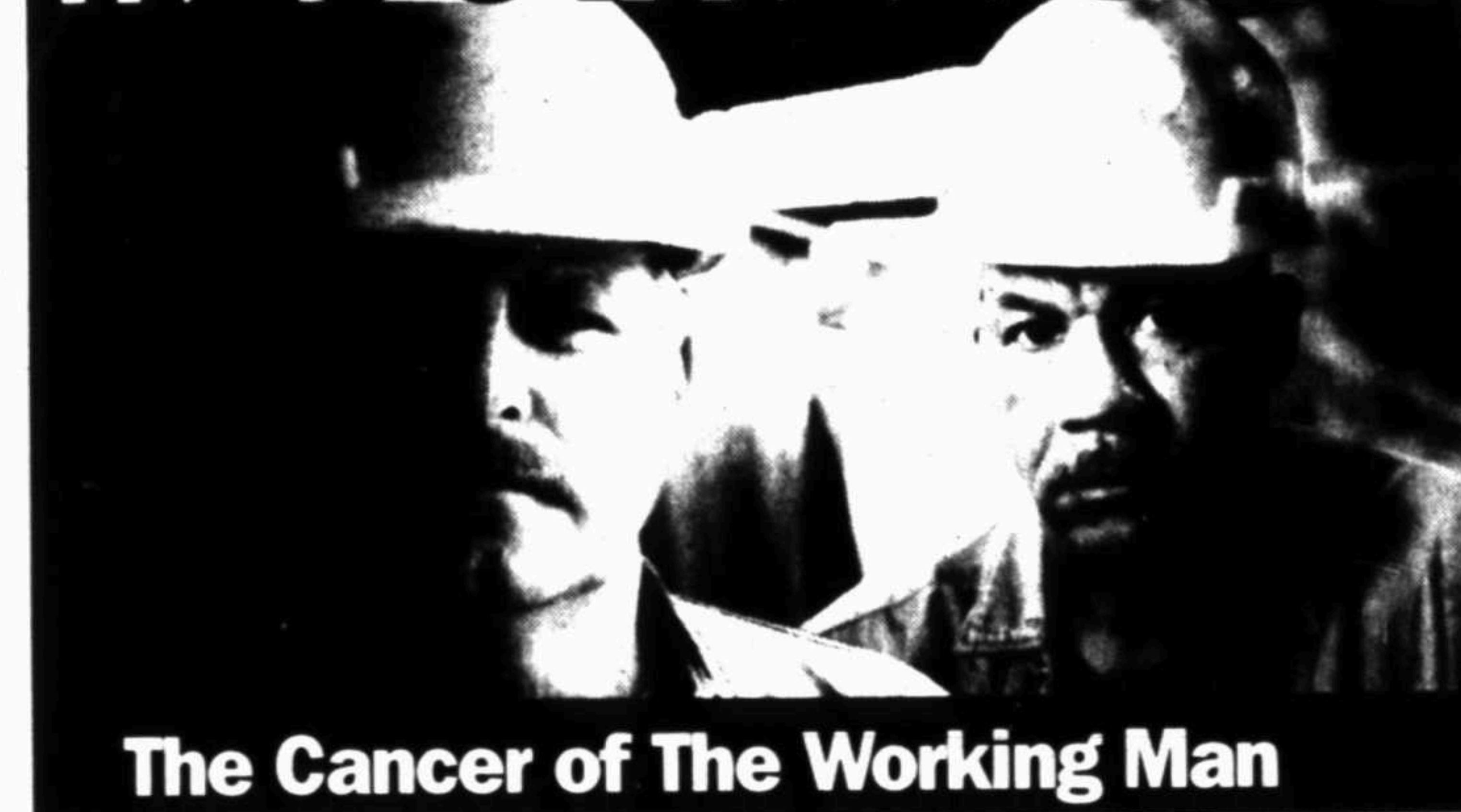
Toss the cauliflower pieces into the browning skillet and stir-cook 1 minute, adding more oil if needed. Remove cauliflower to the oven pan and pile it around the potatoes. Sprinkle everything with powdered sage.

Shove the pan into the middle shelf of a preheated 450-degree oven and cook on the lowest shelf in the oven for 50 to 60 minutes, removing the pan halfway through the cooking process to turn the potato hunks and cauliflower.

When the veggies are tender, sprinkle everything with salt and pepper, and (lightly) with the cayenne. This should serve four.

John Owen writes for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

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LEGAL NOTICE
The Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (TPDRS) is currently soliciting proposals for Family Based Safety Services, for Child Protective Services (CPS) clients. All interested individuals, government agencies, non-profit agencies, for profit, and partnerships are invited to respond.

FAMILY BASED SAFETY SERVICES is defined as services to families who have been referred to CPS with allegations that child abuse/neglect is occurring. These allegations have been investigated by CPS and a determination made that abuse/neglect exists. Family Based Safety Services are protective services provided to a family whose children have not been removed from the home. CPS may provide Family Based Safety Services to any family that needs CPS assistance to reduce the likelihood that a child in the family will be abused or neglected in the foreseeable future. This includes families whose children are not in immediate danger of removal.

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Bubbly single Hispanic female, 23, 5'7", 120 lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys reading, shopping and dancing, is looking for a single white male, 21-24, for friendship. Ad# 3089

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This talkative single white female, 21, 5'7", 120 lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and music, is looking for a single white male, 21-24, for friendship. Ad# 5021

MINUTES AWAY

Honest, caring single white female, 18, 5'1", 105 lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and music, is looking for a single white male, 21-24, for friendship. Ad# 5021

CRAZY & FUNNY

Outgoing single Hispanic female, 20, 5'2", 105 lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys socializing and watching television, is looking for a single white male, 21-24, for friendship. Ad# 5021

NOT JUST BAR SCENES

Active single white female, 31, 5'6", 120 lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and music, is looking for a single white male, 30-38, for friendship. Ad# 5021

INCREDIBLY CUTE

I'm a fun-loving, caring single white female, 20, 5'1", 105 lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and music, is looking for a single white male, 21-24, for friendship. Ad# 5021

UNTIL NOW

Single Hispanic female, 23, 5'4", 145 lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and music, is looking for a single white male, 21-24, for friendship. Ad# 5021

THE CHOSEN ONE

This sweet, disabled, full-time single black female, 20, 5'5", 105 lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and music, is looking for a single white male, 21-24, for friendship. Ad# 5021

LOVE IN FULL BLOOM

Single white female, 29, 5'0", 105 lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and music, is looking for a single white male, 21-24, for friendship. Ad# 5021

BORIED WITH TRAGEDY

Attractive single black professional female, 26, 5'5", 105 lbs., who enjoys the outdoors, movies and music, is looking for a single white male, 21-24, for friendship. Ad# 5021

PROFESSIONAL

Fun-loving single white female, 40, 5'7", 120 lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and music, is looking for a single white male, 21-24, for friendship. Ad# 5021

IT'S IN THE STARS

Sweet, fun single white female, 20, 5'5", 105 lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and music, is looking for a single white male, 21-24, for friendship. Ad# 5021

THE RIGHT ONE

You'll find it easy with this pleasant, outgoing single white female, 33, 5'5", 105 lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and music, is looking for a single white male, 21-24, for friendship. Ad# 5021

TOUCHED BY AN ANGEL

Caring, fun single white female, 24, 5'4", 125 lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and music, is looking for a single white male, 21-24, for friendship. Ad# 5021

IT'S NOT TOO LATE FOR ROMANCE

It's not too late for romance because this fun-loving single white female, 33, 5'5", 105 lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and music, is looking for a single white male, 21-24, for friendship. Ad# 5021

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HERE SHE IS

Check out this professional, single white female, 25, 5'8", 125 lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and music, is looking for a single white male, 21-24, for friendship. Ad# 5180

YOUR ASPIRATIONS?

Enthusiastic, outgoing single white female, 19, 5'4", 105 lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and music, is looking for a single white male, 21-24, for friendship. Ad# 5180

THE JOYS OF LIFE

Fun-loving, humorous single white female, 19, 5'10", with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and music, is looking for a single white male, 21-24, for friendship. Ad# 5180

YOU NEVER KNOW

Quiet, single white female, 36, 5'4", with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and music, is looking for a single white male, 21-24, for friendship. Ad# 5180

CALL FOR MORE INFO!

Single white female, 38, 5'2", with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and music, is looking for a single white male, 21-24, for friendship. Ad# 5180

ON THE RIGHT TRACK

Congratulatory, employed single white female, 20, 5'3", with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and music, is looking for a single white male, 21-24, for friendship. Ad# 5180

YOU'LL WANT TO MEET...

This outgoing single black female, 31, 5'8", 130 lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and music, is looking for a single white male, 21-24, for friendship. Ad# 5180

HELLO IT'S ME

This caring, understanding single white female, 28, 5'5", 105 lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and music, is looking for a single white male, 21-24, for friendship. Ad# 5180

NEW HORIZONS

Have a great time with this fun, outgoing single white female, 18, 5'5", with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and music, is looking for a single white male, 21-24, for friendship. Ad# 5180

LET'S TALK

Very outgoing single white female, 61, 5'5", 105 lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and music, is looking for a single white male, 21-24, for friendship. Ad# 5180

TOGETHERNESS

This charming, single white female, 28, 5'4", 105 lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and music, is looking for a single white male, 21-24, for friendship. Ad# 5180

IN THE SAME BOAT?

Outgoing single white female, 31, 5'11", with blue eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and music, is looking for a single white male, 21-24, for friendship. Ad# 5180

ONE CALL

Intelligent single white female, 49, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and music, is looking for a single white male, 21-24, for friendship. Ad# 5180

THE SAME OLD

Outgoing single white female, 20, 5'3", with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and music, is looking for a single white male, 21-24, for friendship. Ad# 5180

ONE CALL

Intelligent single white female, 49, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and music, is looking for a single white male, 21-24, for friendship. Ad# 5180

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CHARISMATIC

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FOREVER TRUE

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LEAVE YOUR NAME

This intelligent, kind-hearted single white female, 28, 5'4", 105 lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and music, is looking for a single white male, 21-24, for friendship. Ad# 5180

HEART OF GOLD

This intelligent, kind-hearted single white female, 28, 5'4", 105 lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and music, is looking for a single white male, 21-24, for friendship. Ad# 5180

ONE ON ONE

Fun-loving single white female, 23, 5'7", 120 lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and music, is looking for a single white male, 21-24, for friendship. Ad# 5180

SOUL MATES

Serious, dedicated single Hispanic professional female, 20, 5'3", with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and music, is looking for a single white male, 21-24, for friendship. Ad# 5180

NONE BETTER

Single white male, 25, 5'10", 180 lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and music, is looking for a single white female, 21-24, for friendship. Ad# 5180

GAMBLE ON ME

Single white male, 20, 5'5", 105 lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and music, is looking for a single white female, 21-24, for friendship. Ad# 5180

DECEITFUL

Single white male, 32, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and music, is looking for a single white female, 21-24, for friendship. Ad# 5180

HEART TO HEART

Single white male, 52, 6'2", 175 lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and music, is looking for a single white female, 21-24, for friendship. Ad# 5180

HEAL MY HEART

Honest, caring single white male, 41, 6'1", 190 lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and music, is looking for a single white female, 21-24, for friendship. Ad# 5180

TAKE A LOOK

You'll enjoy spending time with this fun-loving, outgoing single white male, 32, 6'2", 175 lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and music, is looking for a single white female, 21-24, for friendship. Ad# 5180

THE HEARTBREAK

Single white male, 19, 5'10", 165 lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and music, is looking for a single white female, 21-24, for friendship. Ad# 5180

FALL IN LOVE

This open-minded, honest single white male, 42, 6'1", 190 lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and music, is looking for a single white female, 21-24, for friendship. Ad# 5180

SPARKS WILL FLIT

Single white male, 42, 6'1", 190 lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and music, is looking for a single white female, 21-24, for friendship. Ad# 5180

EXTRA NICE

Open, honest, sincere, humorous single white male, 41, 6'1", 190 lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and music, is looking for a single white female, 21-24, for friendship. Ad# 5180

LONG TALKS & WALKS

Husky, tall single white male, 41, who is humorous, outgoing, and looking for a single white female, 21-24, for friendship. Ad# 5180

NATURE LOVER

Nice-looking, single white male, 30, 5'5", 145 lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and music, is looking for a single white female, 21-24, for friendship. Ad# 5180

HEART & SOUL

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WHIRLPOOL side by side refrigerator, gold, runs good. \$75. Please call xxx-xxx-xxxx for more information.

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25/CUBIC FOOT. G.E. side by side refrigerator, ice/water dispenser. \$200. Phone 683-8847 after 7 p.m.

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AT&T NOTEBOOK- DX4/75. 8 megabyte/Ram. 540 MHD, 10.4 color screen with modem for internet with case. \$675 for both. Call 682-2643.

SERVICE AFTER THE SALE. Computers- New and used, upgrade and repair. Night Owl Computers, 10am-6pm, 1015-B N Midkiff. 520-5917, 686-8635.

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FEMALE white with black

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DISCUS FISH- GORGEOUS pair, mated, spawning Pigeon bloods. Large and beautiful color. Call Denise 682-0951.

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Exercise bike like new!
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Attitudes (Birds-
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3/4" glass for pedestal
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Way round trip anywhere
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EXCELLENT CHRISTMAS
Gift! Mans Rolex
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Power wheels, Pink lam-
porghino, good condition,
brand new battery. 699-
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694-0585.

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Sewing machine with case
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price- \$100, like new, con-
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portable with weighted
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Ermst cut diamond sol-
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Steel Submariner, 54 year
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Everything must go, 30%
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Experience a must! Needs to be familiar with Sabre software. Salary \$1,500/month Term to Perm. Pils call Jo @ 682-0033

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2 Years with a national call center. 5 years with a Fortune 500 company.
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Career opportunity in interior design and sales opportunities exist now to represent the nation's finest home furnishing gallery in this area. Great salary plus benefits.
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Schwans Ice Cream
Seeking friendly motivated sales person willing to work extended hours. Starting pay \$500 weekly with opportunity to earn additional commission. Excellent benefits. Must be 21 & have good work & driving record. For an interview call 580-0059.

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TRUCK PARTS SALES
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Attention Readers
Occasionally, ads found in this section come from distant points & 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 or giving out your credit card or bank information.

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Please be sure to call **682-6222, before noon**, to ensure your ad will be in Saturday's paper.

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