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Dick Weekley, president of Texans for Lawsuit Reform, spoke at the Petroleum Club Wednesday evening.

Founder discusses group's efforts for lawsuit reform

By Ian Heald
Staff Writer

Lawsuit defendants are no longer always on the losing end, according to the president and co-founder of Texans for Lawsuit Reform.

Dick Weekley addressed a gathering Wednesday night at the Petroleum Club about the efforts of the TLR, its accomplishments and its lawsuit reform visions for the future.

Weekley said that in 1994 Texas was the lawsuit capital of the world.

In previous lawsuits it was just unfair, said Weekley, that venue of court proceedings had been unlimited. If the plaintiff's complaint was in Midland he could move the case to another Texas city for any reason. Defendants who were found to be 1 percent responsible could pay 100

percent of the damages if other defendants filed bankruptcy.

"The defendant could be totally in the right and have to settle," said Weekley. "Well, it's a different universe today."

TLR presented eight lawsuit reform bills to the Texas Legislature in 1995. They had no chance of passing, but they all passed, said Weekley, who called it the most massive lawsuit reform in U.S. history.

The following year, he said, the eight bills created \$2.9 billion in insurance savings.

"We talked about it a lot and we complained about it. We wanted to see if we could make something happen. If we were going to have an impact we needed to have a single group."

So, they started from scratch and determined the best way to fix the problem. "So, we estab-

lished an agenda."

TLR hired legal scholars and academic scholars. The group conducted scientific polls in Houston and was amazed to find out that those wanting reform outnumbered those who did not by an overwhelming 15-1.

"The support has been broad-based and overwhelming," said Weekley.

Weekley said that in 1994, Mobil Oil was considering leaving Beaumont because continuing litigation from lawsuits made doing business there too costly. After the eight new laws were passed, Mobil was freed up from many of the earlier lawsuits. It eventually added a \$186 million addition to its Beaumont facility.

"Most of our effort thus far has been spent on

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MISD trustees to redo vote for appraisal district board

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

The Midland Independent School District Board of Trustees at its Nov. 30 meeting will reconsider its election of nominees to the Midland Central Appraisal District board.

On Nov. 8, the board voted 3-1 to elect four of its own representatives to the appraisal district board. In so doing, the MISD board voted out the Midland County nominee, David Hurta.

Initial response to the move by County Judge Bill Morrow was disappointment. But after a few days to think about it, Morrow said he is willing to believe that it was all a big mistake.

"It could have been inadvertent. It was probably more because they could not come to a consensus on which three should be appointed," Morrow said.

The board had some difficulty appointing members because there were only four trustees present at the Nov. 8, meeting. Further, the board had initially nominated four members for three seats. Before the meeting, however, Superintendent Joseph Baressi Jr. instructed the board that they had enough votes to appoint all four nominees.

MISD is allowed 3,192 votes to cast in favor of candidates for the appraisal district board. MISD can use those votes all for one candidate or divide the votes among any

nominated candidates. The city of Midland has 1,073 votes, which it cast for Fred Poe. Midland County has 563 votes and Greenwood ISD has 172 votes. The county and GISD historically have voted together for one candidate, in this case, Hurta.

In the past, MISD has divided its votes among three candidates nominated by the board.

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— Bill Morrow, county judge

Lara has asked that the issue be revisited.

"Frankly, for two main reasons. I was uncomfortable electing four," Lara said. "Secondly, we had a number of board members absent who also should have been there to cast their vote."

The issue of the absent members was raised at the first meeting in November, but the ballots were due by Nov. 30 at the latest. The board of trustees decided to vote because they felt the time constraint would be too restrictive if the vote was postponed until the Nov. 30 meeting.

That problem has been over-

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Ed Todd

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Study: 'Media use' is full-time 'job' for many kids

■ Many children live in homes with more than one TV; many kids have TVs and computers in their bedrooms.

By Vicki Haddock
Hearst News Service

SAN FRANCISCO — Children spend so many hours watching television, playing video games and the like that media use could qualify as their full-time job, a study released Wednesday shows.

The study by the Kaiser Family Foundation finds that the typical American child spends more than 38 hours a week as a "media consumer" in a home that averages three televisions, three tape

players, three radios, two VCRs, two CD players, a video game player and a computer, as well as newspapers, magazines and comic books.

Children are less likely to live in a home with just one television than in a house with five or more. Forty-two percent of the children surveyed reported that a television is on at home "most of the time."

The study showed that a third of young children and two-thirds of older children have televisions in their bedrooms. More than a third of all children have their own VCRs and/or video game players, and about one in six has a bedroom computer.

"It's hard to look at this research and not be hit square in the face by the sheer amount of media that all kids use," said

Drew Altman, president of the Kaiser Family Foundation.

The study is based on a representative sampling of 3,155 children ages 2-18 and was compiled based on school questionnaires, in-home interviews and weeklong media-use diaries. It is the first extensive study that takes into account not just television but the full spectrum of media. It did not analyze or judge content — just exposure.

Kaiser officials indicated, however, that the amount of time the children spent with the various media is not cumulative, in that the children sometimes did two things at the same time, such as reading while listening to the radio.

Researchers found that the typical child spends 5 1/2 hours per day using media, and that television still overshadows all the

other options. Despite widespread access to computers, fewer than half of children use a computer each day, and they spend very little time doing so.

Television viewing accounted for two hours and 46 minutes per day, followed by listening to CDs or tapes (45 minutes); reading magazines, books, comics and newspapers (44 minutes); listening to the radio (39 minutes); using the computer for fun (21 minutes); playing video games (20 minutes); and using the Internet (eight minutes).

Supervision is often minimal or nonexistent. Half of the children surveyed do not have any parental rules limiting their time in front of the television or the kinds of programs they may watch. For chil-

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Relatives recall EgyptAir co-pilot as devoted father, husband

By Donna Abu-Nasr
Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — What Mohammed remembers about his father, Capt. Gamel el-Batouty, is his generosity — aboard doomed Flight 990, the EgyptAir co-pilot was bringing home a sweater and spare tires his 22-year-old son asked him to buy in the United States.

The image of el-Batouty that emerges from interviews with family and friends is that of a financially secure and indulgent father, a devoted husband, and a devout Muslim who did not smoke or drink.

He was also an experienced pilot who was looking forward to retirement in March and they are devastated by suggestions that he could have played a role in the Oct. 31 EgyptAir crash that killed 217 people.

"He didn't have anything to push him to (do) this," said another son, Karim, 20, speaking at an apartment in the Cairo suburb of Heliopolis, one of the family's three homes.

The elder el-Batouty had no life insurance and his sons denied

media reports that their father had sent home his life savings before the crash because he planned to commit suicide.

Egyptian airline officials have tentatively identified the person in the co-pilot's seat at the time of the crash as el-Batouty, 59, who was scheduled to take over much later in the flight, a source close to the investigation said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The officials in the United States identified el-Batouty's voice after listening to the cockpit voice recorder at the headquarters of the National Transportation Safety Board.

Another source close to the investigation, also speaking on condition of anonymity, said the tape showed that el-Batouty apparently came in at some point, "said he wanted to fly" and his request was accepted.

A U.S. federal law enforcement official said Wednesday that someone in the co-pilot's seat said in Arabic, "I made my decision now. I put my faith in God's hands," moments before the jet's autopilot was turned off and the plane began a steep plunge from 33,000 feet. The official said the

crew member, whom he did not name, was believed to be alone in the cockpit at the time.

At the el-Batouty apartment on Wednesday, family members were surrounded by souvenirs the co-pilot accumulated during his 35-year flying career.

A framed photograph of the stocky, dark-haired el-Batouty was on one wall of the small living room, opposite a picture of his youngest daughter, 10-year-old Aya, who suffers from lupus, an immune disorder.

El-Batouty's wife Umaima, their 27-year-old daughter Sally and Aya were sequestered in a Cairo suburb at one of the family's two villas. Karim said his mother broke down following reports about el-Batouty's possible connection to the plane crash.

Sharif el-Batouty, the co-pilot's cousin, said el-Batouty was looking forward to retirement so he could devote himself to helping Aya deal with her condition, enjoy the easy life of a wealthy man who employed two maids and run the nursery he co-owns with a childhood friend. He denied reports the co-pilot was depressed.

"This guy belongs to a very old and strong family. He's very well off. He has all the success of ... life and he has no motivation whatsoever but to continue and continue success," said Sharif, who heads a construction company.

Mohammed said he had asked his father before he left Cairo for the United States on Oct. 22 to buy him a sweater and tires for his car. Two days before the crash, his father phoned home.

"He called up and said he didn't find the sweater in black and

should he buy it in dark green?" recalled Mohammed. "He told me to wait for him at the airport so I could pick up the stuff."

Mohammed also said that two days before the crash, he received \$300 that his father sent to him with a colleague.



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Survivor pulled from Turkish quake rubble after 105 hours

DUZCE, Turkey (AP) — Four days after being buried in rubble by a devastating earthquake, a woman was pulled barely conscious from the remains of her apartment house Wednesday, even as rescuers prepared to end their search for survivors.

Sefa Cebeci, 42, was buried 105 hours in a mountain of crumbled concrete that was once a six-story building. Discovered by Israeli rescuers and ferried by helicopter to Istanbul, 130 miles to the west, she faced amputation of her crushed right arm and was fighting for her life.

"Her condition is still critical due to kidney malfunction. We are doing our best," Dr. Emre Gorgun said by telephone from Istanbul's Cerrahpasa Hospital.

Despite the miraculous rescue, search teams continued packing up, saying no one else is likely to have survived amid the rain and winter cold.

Some 550 people were killed in the Nov. 12 quake.

"The estimation is now that they can't find any more survivors," said Gilad Cohen, spokesman for the Israeli Embassy in Ankara. "The work now is to take out bodies." He said an Israeli army medical team would stay.

The last time shouts of "survivor" went up was on Saturday.

Cebeci was the 22nd person pulled alive from the rubble. Twenty-one people in the complex perished, including her husband, whose body was found near hers only an hour before her rescue.

"We knew we would find people under there. We didn't know if they would be alive or dead. It was just chance," said Hasan Aksu, a Turkish translator working with the Israeli team.

Hungarians, Turks and Americans were among the volunteers digging through the ruins of Duzce, the town hardest hit when the 7.2 magnitude quake struck northwestern Turkey, killing 200 people in this town of 70,000 alone.

In August, a 7.4-magnitude quake that rocked the same region killed an estimated 17,000 people and weakened structures that went down with the latest temblor.

Late morning Wednesday, another aftershock struck the area. Mud 8 inches deep quivered like gelatin on the sidewalks when the 5.0-magnitude temblor rolled through Duzce. Vendors selling sesame-coated pretzels struggled to keep the snacks stacked on their heads.

Mark Lucas, a member of the U.S. team working in Duzce, said the Americans were considering wrapping up operations shortly.

Gary Ott

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Pakistan government arrests wealthy

By Kathy Gannon
Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — The military government rounded up hundreds of Pakistan's most powerful and wealthy people Wednesday, making good on its promise to try and rid the country's political ranks of rampant corruption.

The raids — which brought in landowners, industrialists, athletes and politicians from all parties — began hours after a deadline expired for debtors to repay loans or face criminal charges.

According to Pakistan television, \$138 million had been recovered when the deadline expired — just 3 percent of the estimated \$4 billion outstanding.

Soldiers in green army jeeps roared up to the palatial home of Nawaz Kokhar, a member of former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's party, on the outskirts of Islamabad to arrest him.

"We hope we will get justice. We are not going to run," said Kokhar, who reportedly owes about \$2 million.

He was just one of hundreds taken in during army chief Gen. Pervez Musharraf's crackdown on corruption, which he promised to carry out last month after seizing power in a bloodless coup.

There were conflicting reports on the exact number of arrests, but police and intelligence officials said the nationwide raids brought in as many as 450 people. An official statement named 21 people who were arrested.

Deposed Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and his brother, Shahbaz Sharif, were among those charged, though the family reportedly repaid nearly \$6 million in loans by the Tuesday deadline.

The former prime minister, who has been in army custody since his Oct. 12 ouster, had earlier been accused of treason and hijacking. He was handed over to police late Wednesday, and within 24 hours was due in court to be formally charged. If convicted of either charge, he would face the death penalty or life in prison.

The charges stems from an incident in which an aircraft returning Musharraf to Pakistan was refused permission to land in Karachi on Oct. 12. The army seized control of the country, allowed the plane to land, and took Sharif into custody.

On Wednesday, the army interrupted television programming to name some of those arrested, including Manzoor Wattoo, a former chief minister of Punjab; Akhtar Rasool, former captain of Pakistan's national field hockey team; retired Air Marshal Waqar Azim; and Anwar Saifullah, a leading politician and industrialist.

"They have committed crimes against this nation," Interior Minister Moinuddin Haider said on state television. "We have to be tough."

The TV report also called Bhutto a "proclaimed offender," and said she was still wanted for arrest on corruption charges.

Bhutto, who lives in Britain, earlier was found guilty of corruption and sentenced to five years in jail. But she refused to return to Pakistan, saying the tri-

als had been unfair and she was innocent. She has appealed her conviction.

The television report also said Bhutto's jailed husband, Asif Ali Zardari, faces new charges.

Wednesday's arrests followed the enactment of a law, promulgated by President Rafiq Tarar, barring politicians from holding office for 21 years if they were found guilty of corruption or of defaulting on loans.

The law makes corruption a crime punishable by up to 14 years in prison, whereas a corruption conviction previously carried a maximum five-year prison term and kept politicians from office for seven years.

Banks, which were nationalized and taken over by the government in the 1970s, had been coerced

into giving the loans to the powerful regardless of whether they could provide sufficient collateral, officials said.

Aside from increasing the punishments for corruption and loan defaulting, the new law establishes special courts to conduct trials within 30 days, and allows for just one appeal.

The law also gives the army-established National Accountability Bureau sweeping powers of investigation and the authority to seek help from police and intelligence agencies.

And it allows the state to confiscate property owned by loan defaulters, and bars anyone found guilty of corruption from taking out another loan for 10 years, according to Pakistan's state-run news agency.



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Records of Hitler master race project opened for children

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A television report said the archives held files of some 1,000 children born from Adolf Hitler's quest for a race of blond, blue-eyed and tall Germans. The files could help some identify the parents of those children who did not meet the Nazi racist criteria and were sent to orphanages, ARD public television said.

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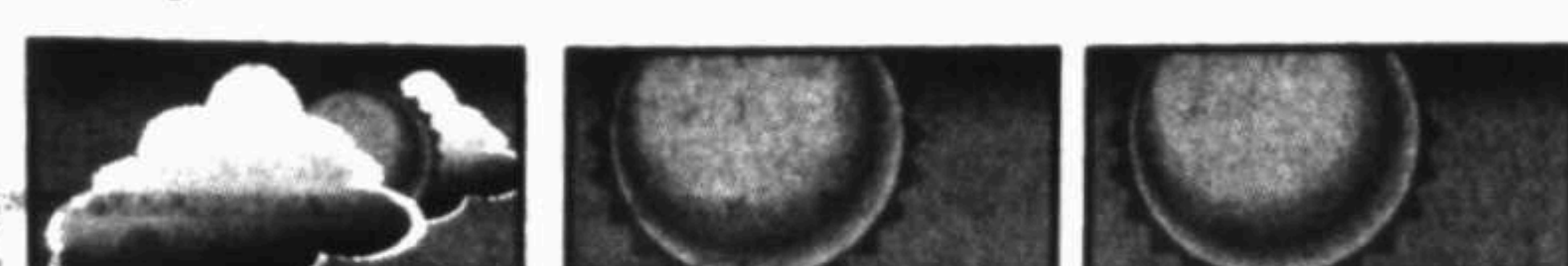
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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today
Partly cloudy
High mid-70s
Low low 40s

Friday
Sunny
High 70s
Low 40s

Saturday
Sunny
High 70s
Low 40s

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy and breezy with a high in the mid-70s. Wind is expected to be from the southwest to west at 15-25 mph and gusty.

Tonight is expected to be partly cloudy with lows in the lower 40s. Friday through Monday is expected to be mostly sunny during the days and fair at nights through the period. Lows will be in the 40s. Highs will be from the lower to mid-70s.

After an overnight low of 46, Wednesday's high reached 79, compared to the record high for that date of 84 set in 1981. The record low of 18 was set in 1959.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Wednesday 0.00 in.
Rainfall Tuesday 0.00 in.
Total for month 0.00 in.
Total for year 7.6 in.
Normal total (year to date) 14.12 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High 79
Low 46
Normal high 65
Normal low 38

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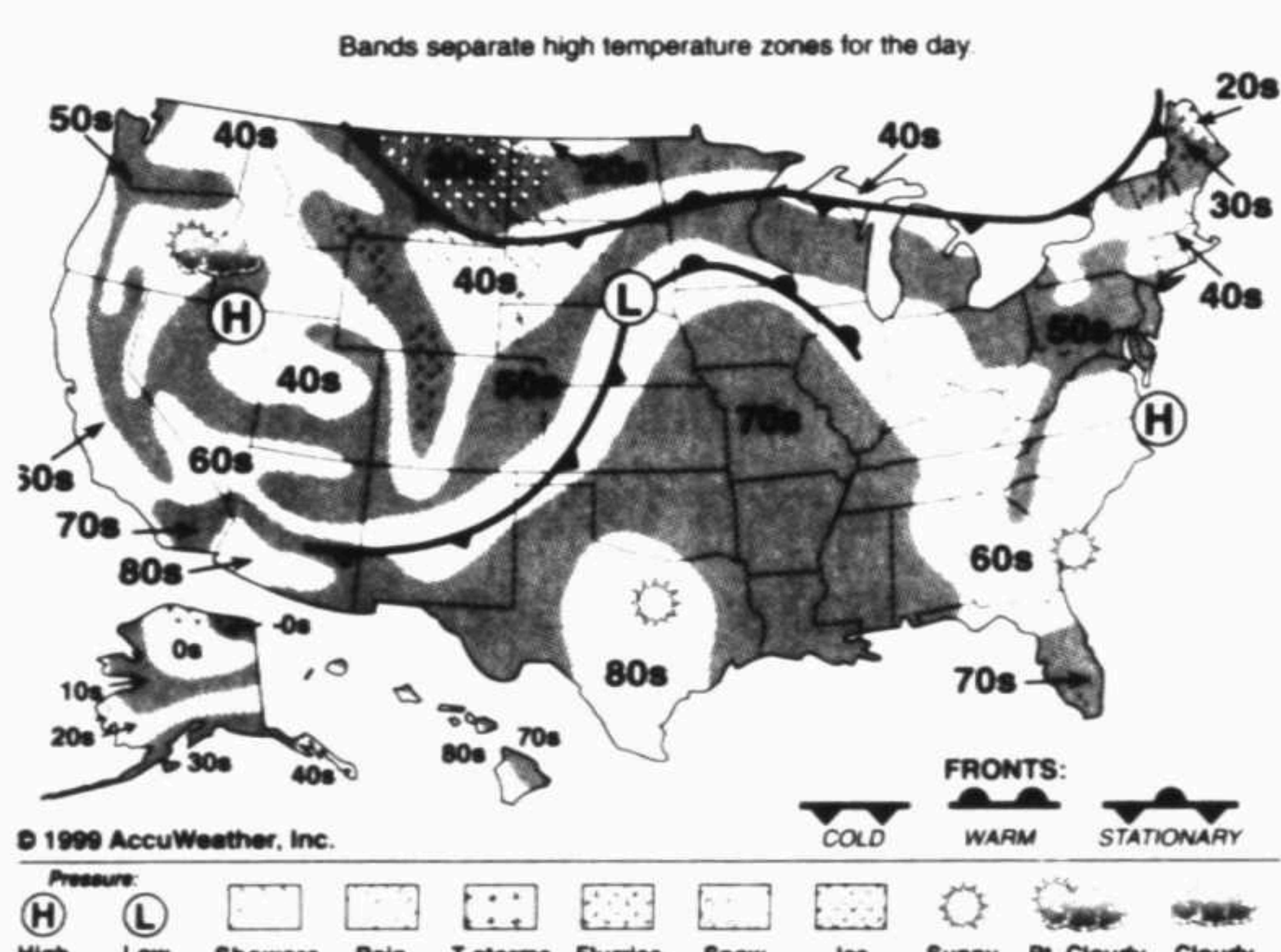
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Grass: Absent Molds: Low
Dust: Moderate
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National weather

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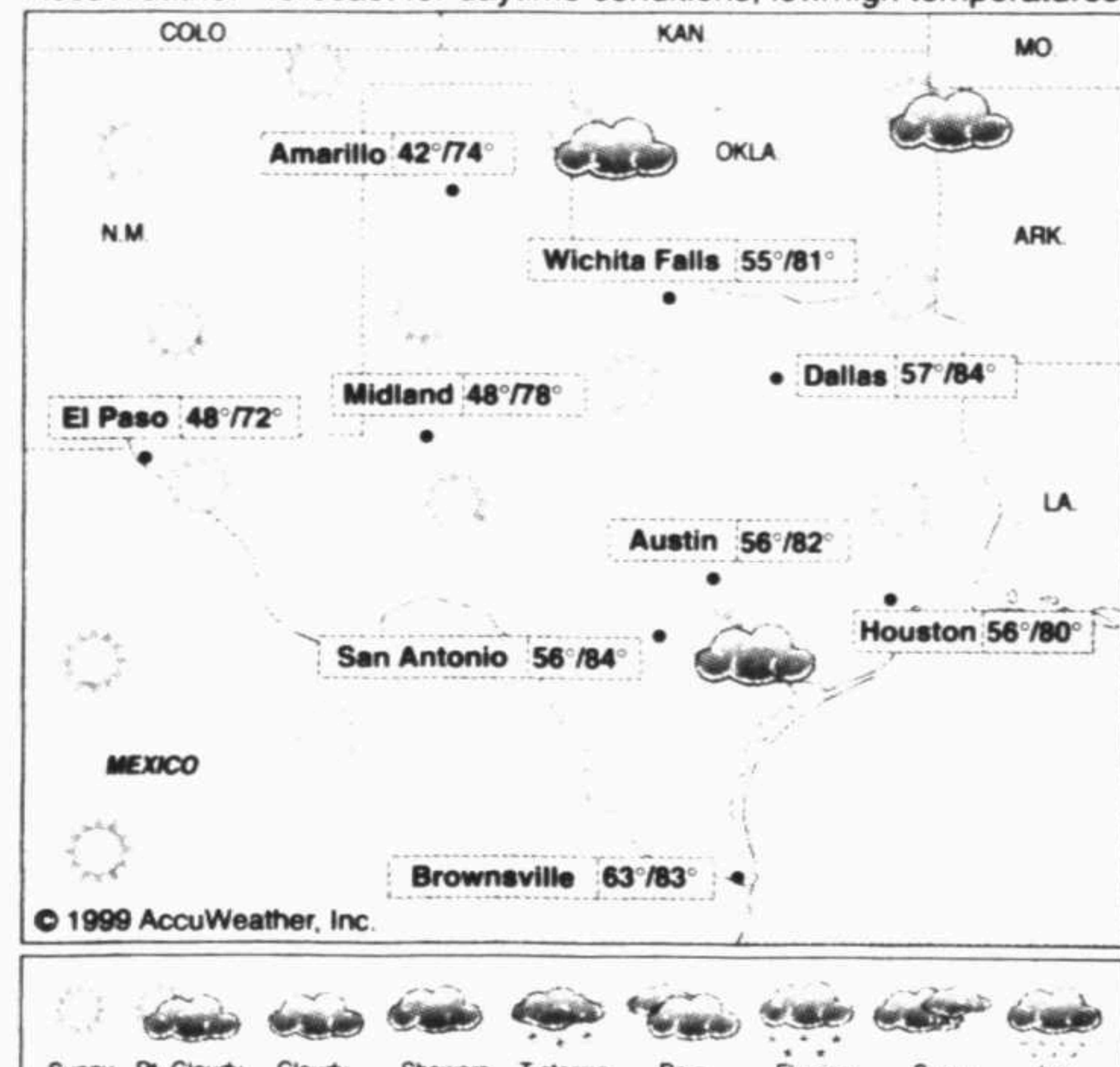
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Asheville	57	31	cl		Hartford	45	31 cdy
Atlanta	58	34	cl		Hartford Spfld.	41	29 cdy
Atlantic City	45	27	cl		Helena	50	26 cdy
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Cleveland	41	33	cl		Mobile	68	39 cdy
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Columbus, Ga.	63	42	cl		New Orleans	69	51 cdy
Columbus, Ohio	43	23	cl		New York City	44	35 cdy
Concord, N.H.	37	29	cdy		Newark	44	34 cdy
Dayton	43	25	cl		Norfolk, Va.	48	40 cdy
Daytona Beach	72	49	cdy		North Platte	71	23 cdy
Denver	76	41	cl		Oklahoma City	79	48 cdy
Des Moines	61	38	cdy		Omaha	62	40 cdy
Detroit	42	25	cdy		Orlando	75	54 cdy
Duluth	48	26	cdy		Philadelphia	44	29 cdy
Eugene	55	41	15	cdy	Phoenix	84	62 cdy
Evansville	60	48	cdy		Pittsburgh	62	40 cdy
Fairbanks	14	13	01	cdy	Portland, Ore.	55	48 62 cdy
Fargo	50	34	cdy		Providence	43	30 cdy
Flagstaff	60	28	cl		Rapid City	66	30 cdy
Flint	42	17	cdy		Richmond	49	36 cdy
Fresno	62	51	12	cl	Richmond	51	29 cdy

State forecast

Texas weather

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Alice	79	56		Hartington	82	53
Amarillo	78	56		Hondo	78	45
Arlington	80	53		Houston Hobby	77	49
Austin-Bergstrom	80	53		Huntsville	77	50
Beaumont	75	45		Junction	77	39
Brownsville	80	57		Kingville	81	58
Childress	80	48		Laredo	83	61
College Station	80	48		Longview	78	41
Conroe	80	41		Lubbock	77	43
Corpus Christi	79	52		Lufkin	82	51
Corsicana	80	54		Marfa	73	34
Dalhousie	77	33		McAllen	85	56
Dallas Love Field	80	56		McKinney	80	47
Del Rio	81	52		Mineral Wells	80	46
Denton	82	50		New Braunfels	80	46
DFW Airport	81	52		Palacios	78	51
El Paso	77	37		Paris	77	45
Fort Stockton	82	51		Rockport	84	57
Fort Worth Alliance	81	56		San Angelo	79	45
Galveston	75	58		San Antonio	77	49
Georgetown	77	48		San Marcos	81	46
				Tyler	80	52

METEORS: Midlanders hope to see Leonid shower

(From 1A)

stars while growing up in rural Midland County in the 1930s and 1940s.

"We watched quite a number of falling stars," said Martin Meissner.

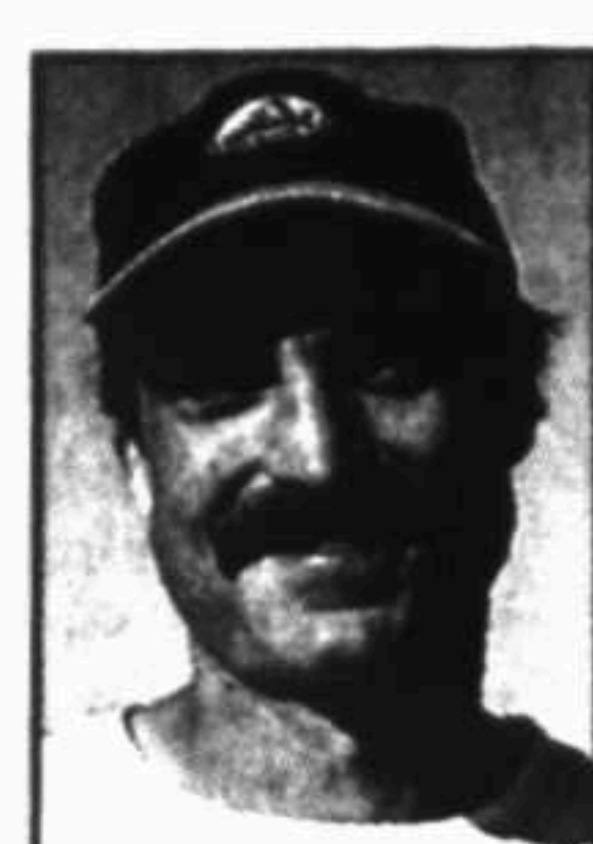
Fred Meissner said the Nov. 13, 1833, Leonid Meteor Shower that was so brilliant that people then "thought the end of the world was coming about."

"If the Earth went through the tail of a comet, it would generate all kinds of electrostatic interference and create all sorts of havoc," said Fred Meissner, a retired NASA test

engineer.

Scott Hodgkinson, Midland High School astronomy teacher and soccer coach, noted that "every little speck of rock that enters the atmosphere will leave a streak as it falls through the atmosphere."

Scientists believe that comets originate in the Oort clouds light-years away and that Plu-



Hodgkinson

to's gravity pulls them into orbit around the sun and, occasionally, into Earth's yearly trek around the sun.

"I like to watch them," MHS senior McKi Southern, 17, said of the shooting stars. "They are really pretty. And the atmosphere intrigues me. I've always been interested in it." As a child, "I



Southern

always did" make a wish on a falling star.

MHS astronomy student Jessica Salgado, 17, said that she was setting her alarm clock early so that she could see the swarm of shooting stars called the Leonid Meteor Shower.

"It's just exciting to me," she said. "I like the stars and learning about the universe."



Salgado

Transplanted Texan is attacked on streets of New York

NEW YORK (AP) — After a year in New York, transplanted Texan Nicole Barrett was finally starting to feel at home.

After struggling as a temp worker, she landed a full-time job. She adjusted to the city's pace and its people, her roommate said. And then, in a few brutal seconds, she fell victim to a New York nightmare.

Ms. Barrett was fighting for her life Wednesday, one day after an attacker bashed in her head with an 8-inch brick in a random, unprovoked attack as she waited at a traffic light near Grand Central Terminal.

"He just came out of the blue and assaulted her," Police Commissioner Howard Safir said Wednesday, while the victim's parents kept a grim vigil for their critically injured daughter at Bellevue Hospital.

The parents arrived at the Manhattan hospital from Dallas at around noon, and met briefly with Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

"We're praying that she makes it," the mayor said.

Ms. Barrett, 27, underwent emergency brain surgery following the inexplicable attack at 3:10 p.m. on Tuesday. She was in critical condition Wednesday.

Ms. Barrett, on her last day of work at the Taylor Grey temp agency, was returning to her Madison Avenue office after getting a haircut when her attacker struck in front of several horrified witnesses, police said.

The assailant slammed the 6-pound gray paving stone into the back of Ms. Barrett's head, muttering something and fled west into the crowd on 42nd Street, witnesses said. Safir said the attacker may be a homeless man known

to frequent the area around Grand Central.

As Ms. Barrett collapsed in a pool of blood, several bystanders unsuccessfully tried to chase the attacker.

The suspect was described by police as a 5-foot-6 black man, about 150 pounds with a medium build, clean shaven and with short hair.

The attack was the latest of several random violent incidents this year in the city.

In January, a Manhattan woman was pushed to her death in front of a subway train by a released mental patient. Three months later, a Bronx man lost both his legs in a similar incident. And in June, a 76-year-old Brooklyn man was fatally stabbed outside his home by a mentally ill woman.

Ms. Barrett had come to New

York from Dallas a year ago, accompanying a friend who had landed a job in the city. The friend, Stacy McGlaun, said they had only recently felt their move was the right one.

"The ironic thing is we were just starting to feel comfortable here," Ms. McGlaun said. "We were just starting to think New York wasn't as bad as people think."

The pair took an apartment in the quiet Maspeth section of Queens, with Ms. Barrett commuting each day to her temp job in Manhattan. She had just landed a full-time position as an office manager in Queens.

Police have asked anyone with information about the attacker to call 1-800-577-TIPS.

Contributions sought for victim of multi-vehicle accident

By Rick McLaughlin

Staff Writer

ODESSA — A bank account has been opened in Odessa for the 18-year-old victim of a multi-vehicle accident Friday night at the intersection of 42nd Street and Andrews Highway in Odessa.

Allen D. Hulsey of Odessa was critically injured when his 1988 Jeep Wrangler was struck by a

pickup driven by Robert Eugene Smith, 18, of Crane about 11 p.m.

Two Odessa officers were at the intersection on an unrelated matter when the pickup attempted to make a left turn and failed to yield the right-of-way to the Jeep, according to Sgt. Bob Forbus of the Odessa Police Department.

The pickup struck the Jeep's driver's door, and four other

vehicles, which were westbound and waiting at the red light, were struck by the pickup and the Jeep, Forbus said.

Hulsey was taken to Medical Center Hospital by ambulance and is listed in critical condition with head injuries and a broken neck. The drivers and passengers of the other vehicles were not injured.

Smith was charged with intox-

ication assault and taken to Ector County Detention Center. He was released Saturday on \$2,500 bond.

The accident is still under investigation.

Contributions to the expense account fund can be made at Western National Bank in Odessa to be deposited to the "Lisa Hulsey for Alan Hulsey" account.

Remains of WWII and Vietnam servicemen recovered, returned to families

WASHINGTON (AP) — The remains of 15 U.S. servicemen missing from World War II and the Vietnam War have been identified and are being returned to their families for burial, the Pentagon said Wednesday.

Members of the World War II crew were identified as Lt. Maurice S. Smith of Lodi, Calif.; Ensign Edward W. Riepl of Herndon, Kan.; Petty Officers 1st

Class Clifford M. Pindell of Washington, D.C.; James W. Pearson of Alliance, Neb.; and William H. Osborne of Martinsville, Va.; and Petty Officers 2nd Class William R. Pipes of Chickasha, Okla.; Merlin J. Rich of Wheeler Township, Mich.; and Vernon H. Stolz of Saginaw, Mich.

The U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii

recovered the remains of the men in 1994 after the U.S. Embassy in Papua New Guinea reported relic hunters had discovered the crash site of an American aircraft on Espiritu Santo, now part of the Republic of Vanuatu.

In a separate statement Wednesday, the Pentagon said the seven newly identified from Vietnam are Air Force Maj. Thomas

H. Amos of Springfield, Mo.; Air Force Capt. Mason I. Burnham of Portland, Ore.; and Army Sgt. 1st Class William S. Stinson of Georgiana, Ala., as well as four whose names were withheld at the families' request.

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POLICE REPORTS

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Wednesday

Assault: An assault was reported at 12:06 a.m. on North County Road 1128 by a 14-year-old juvenile who said that a male acquaintance of his mother assaulted her.

Traffic accident: A traffic accident with injuries occurred at 7:59 a.m. at West County Road 1115 and County Road 1196.

Theft: Theft of cutting torch equipment was reported at 7201 E. County Road 120 at 11:45 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.

TLR: Group wants juries to have more information

Airborne astronomers await celestial meteor storm

By Joseph B. Verrongia
Associated Press

ABOARD THE ARIA (AP) — Two thousand years ago, the Bible says, three wise men followed a shooting star that rose in the east and led them across the desert to a manger in Bethlehem.

Now, 60 astronomers are waiting for a similarly awesome celestial sign. Packed inside a pair of U.S. jets, they hope to chase thousands of shooting stars per hour streaking across the Holy Land and North Africa on Thursday, the peak of the annual Leonids meteor shower.

Ironically, the scientists were able to see little through the aircraft's windows during a preliminary flight Wednesday — they were so heavily scratched that looking through them was virtually useless.

Instead, the scientists remained glued to TV monitors flashing different views of the meteor storm as the jets sped from England to Israel cloaked in darkness.

The high-definition TV cameras produced such crisp, near 3-D images that the tops of clouds appeared spiked like a forest rather than flat and puffy. Distant Jupiter looked like a fat, luminescent pearl against the black velvet of space, and globs of star constellations glittered like

gaudy costume jewelry.

To count the meteors streaking past, one team from California wore custom goggles that project the image of the night sky on tiny screens in front of their eyes like a virtual reality game. Every time a meteor streaks into view, an astronomer clicks a computer mouse and another Leonid is recorded.

They also judged each meteor's brilliance. At 3 a.m. off the coast of Greece, team members whooped and hollered when an exceptionally bright meteor left a persistent glowing train across the constellation Eridanus.

It was one of several streaks of light and fireballs that researchers recorded by time and astronomical location Wednesday on a blizzard of post-it notes stuck to the aircraft's walls.

On Thursday, scientists will use a variety of instruments to measure the Leonids' vigor, from the speed of incoming particles to whether they carry organic compounds.

Although the Leonids occur every November after Earth sweeps through the orbit of Comet Tempel-Tuttle, astronomers are predicting a spectacular "storm" on Thursday of as many as thousands per

hour. That's because Earth is passing through the comet's refreshed wake soon after it looped around the sun during its 33-year orbit. And because of Jupiter's gravitational tug, the comet may not swing quite so near Earth's path again for a century.

On Wednesday, scientists counted dozens of Leonids a full day before the anticipated peak, suggesting that Thursday might bring a meteor storm of an intensity that millennia ago made people cower in fear that the world was ending.

"The peak storm will be a separate spike in this broad curve of increased activity a little more than halfway through this second night of observations," said meteor expert Peter Jenniskens of the SETI Institute and NASA's Ames Research Center.

The aircraft being used for the mission contain a variety of instruments and cameras to study the meteors. The FISTA, an NKC-135 aircraft, has been modified with 20 upward-facing viewing ports. The ARIA, an EC-18 airplane, has telemetry equipment that allow researchers to send images and data regarding comet counts to labs around the world.

Research objectives for the mission include many measure-

ments never before taken in airborne astronomy, including real-time meteor counts and producing stereoscopic images of the meteors using high-definition television cameras.

Such a stereoscopic view, obtained when instruments on both aircraft image a meteor, will provide the first-ever three-dimensional model of meteor trajectories.

Over Corsica and Italy early Wednesday, scientists in both aircraft simultaneously took unprecedented readings of the same faint meteors sputtering nearly 100 miles high in the atmosphere.

"Our guess is that very

volatile materials were boiling off, or it was losing heavy metals," Jenniskens said.

"That was a real thrill," said Jane Houston of the California

Meteor Society, who practiced for a month prior to the mission by watching videos of last year's Leonids. "We don't ever want to take a break."

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Hurricane Lenny bears down on U.S. Virgin Islands

CHRISTIANSTED, U.S. Virgin Islands (AP) — Hurricane Lenny's winds climbed to 150 mph Wednesday after its leading gusts and rains ripped off roofs, hurled boats onto shore and flooded homes in Caribbean islands as it roared toward the Virgin Islands.

St. Croix and the Virgin Islands were expected to bear the brunt of the storm's fury. Officials warned that the storm could spawn tornadoes and drench the islands with up to 15 inches of rain.

"My yard is completely flooded out, the telephone lines are whistling and the rain is beating against the house," said Anthony Lewis of Frederiksted, St. Croix's second-largest town. He said he spent the morning bailing water out of his house.

Hundreds of tourists in the region were stranded as airlines canceled flights and airports closed.

Feeding off the warm Caribbean waters, Lenny's winds strengthened to 150 mph Wednesday, making it a Category 4 hurricane capable of extreme damage. That is 5 mph short of a Category 5 — the highest.

The storm was about 35 miles southeast of St. Croix late Wednesday afternoon, heading northeast at 9 mph. Hurricane winds extended 70 miles from its center and tropical storm-force winds another 205 miles.

Lenny's lateness in the season and easterly path left even experienced observers agape. "It's unheard of," said veteran meteorologist John Toohey on San Juan's WOSO-AM radio. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime event."

The storm's first winds cut power and telephone service to many St. Croix homes. It ripped up trees and debris that blocked roads, kicked up dangerous waves that battered the shore and carried a steady rain that flooded extensive areas hours before the main impact was expected.

"All through the night the police were busy helping evacuate a number of individuals who sought assistance after their mobile homes and homes in low-lying areas became threatened by flood waters," said police chief Novell Francis.

Battering waves smashed over the 8-foot sea wall at Frederiksted, tore away the wooden fishermen's pier and a small part of the concrete Ann Abramson Pier where cruise

ships dock.

A curious tourist who went out to experience the force of the storm was trapped by battering waves and clung to a rock outside a beach resort for more than an hour before divers rescued him, authorities said.

A half dozen people suffered fractures and other injuries when they were hit by waves on St. Kitts' concrete pier. Storm surges in Grenada swept away four houses, washed away asphalt roads, damaged runway lights at the airport and flooded roads and the business district.

U.S. Virgin Islands Gov. Charles Turnbull declared a state of emergency Tuesday night, installed a curfew to prevent looting and deployed the National Guard. He also asked President Clinton to

declare St. Croix a disaster area, making it eligible for federal emergency funds.

In San Juan, the Puerto Rican capital, a few motorists sped down highways usually choked with traffic and tooted their horns in delight after the storm passed.



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Investigators focus on relief co-pilot's words before plunge

WASHINGTON (AP) — A relief co-pilot alone in the EgyptAir cockpit said "I made my decision now; I put my faith in God's hands" just before the jetliner began its fatal plunge, officials close to the investigation said Wednesday. Moments after the plane began to dive, the pilot returned to struggle — futilely — to pull out.

As Egyptian officials won time to send their own experts to review the cockpit voice recorder tape, a federal law enforcement official and other sources close to the investigation described the evidence on Wednesday that led the United States to the verge of putting the FBI in charge of the inquiry as a potential criminal matter.

The current theory of the fate of EgyptAir 990, the Boeing 767 that plunged into the Atlantic Ocean off Massachusetts killing 217 people, is both tentative and incomplete, the law enforcement official stressed. Further electronic enhancement of the tape recording and input from the Egyptian experts could alter the sketchy understanding of what went on.

With no sign of any mechanical malfunction or explosion, investigators have been drawn to actions of the crew as captured on the cockpit voice recorder and synchronized with the plane's movements preserved in the flight data recorder.

The law enforcement official, commenting only on condition of anonymity, and other sources close to the case gave this account what those recorders show:

Relief co-pilot Capt. Ganeel el-Batouty, scheduled to take over much later in the 11-hour New York-to-Cairo flight, enters the cockpit and asks to fly. His request is accepted.

The cockpit door is opened later, after which there is no conversation, leading investigators to conclude el-Batouty is alone.

He says in Arabic: "I made my decision now. I put my faith in God's hands."

Shortly thereafter, the autopilot is turned off and the jet begins to descend steeply from 33,000 feet.

The cockpit door opens again.

Investigators believe the pilot, Capt. Ahmed Mahmoud el-Habashy, has returned because he is heard to ask what's going on. They believe he tries to regain control because he is heard to say, "Pull with me. Help me. Pull with me." There is no sound of struggle, but some investigators believe that phrase is said in an argumentative tone.

The National Transportation Safety Board reported Wednesday that 35 seconds after the autopilot was turned off at 33,000 feet there was an unusual split in the plane's elevators: The pilot's side elevator moved up, which would push the nose up, but the co-pilot's side elevator was in the nose-down position. These flaps on either side of the tail usually move up or down in unison to lower or raise the plane's nose.

Boeing has told investigators crew members must apply 50 pounds of pressure in opposite directions on the pilot's and co-pilot's control yokes to achieve this split outcome. Investigators surmise this may be evidence of a struggle between two crew members over how to respond to the steep dive.

Also 35 seconds after the autopilot was turned off, the jet's two engines were turned off, the NTSB said Wednesday. And, in the last few seconds of flight data, the aircraft's speed brake was deployed. The plane then regains some altitude, stalls and drops into the sea 50 seconds after the autopilot was turned off.

In Egypt, relatives angrily rejected any notion el-Batouty planned to commit suicide, described him as a loving father of five and denied the family had financial problems. Family members said el-Batouty had just bought two automobile tires in the United States for his son's car and they believed the tires were on Flight 990.

Married for 27 years, el-Batouty joined EgyptAir in 1987 after training pilots at Egypt's Civil Aviation Authority and the air force. The 59-year-old aviator had more than 5,000 flight hours in a Boeing 767 and was to have retired in March.

His 10-year-old daughter, Aya, suffers from the immune disorder

lupus erythematosus, and had been treated in the United States.

"She was everything to him," his

brother-in-law Essam Dahi said. Dahi said el-Batouty was "a

man of experience, honor and,

most importantly, faith." He was Muslim, and it is strictly against

his faith to commit suicide, some-

thing relatives referred to amid suggestions el-Batouty might be responsible for the crash.

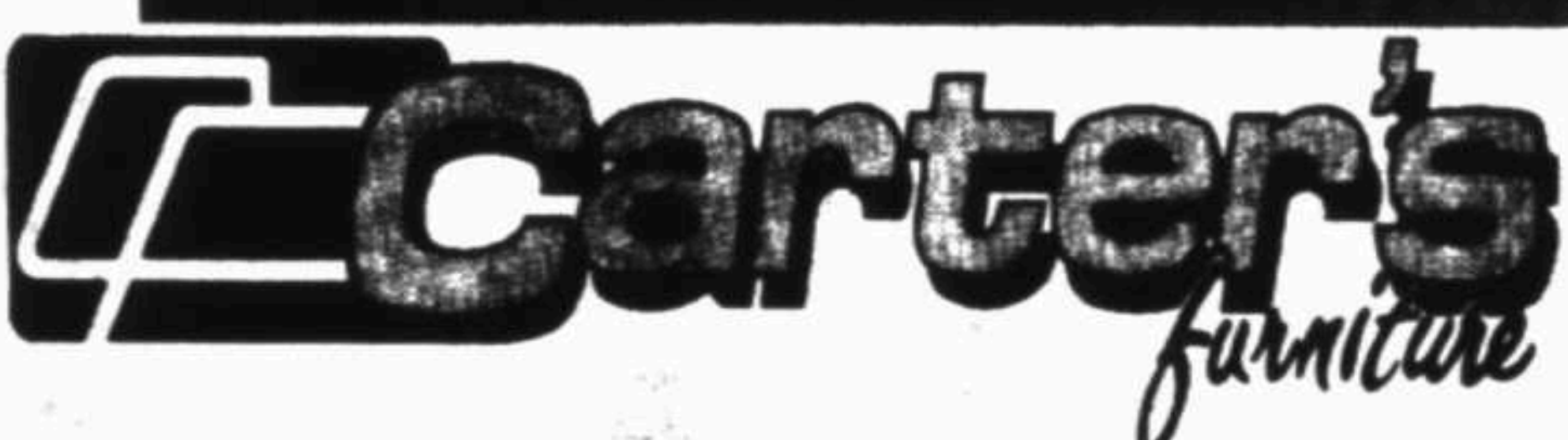


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WASHINGTON — Bill Bradley stood against a daily assault on Medicaid, vowing to eliminate Medicaid vice president Weingarten's politics with that stigmatizes minorities. "He's said."

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Bradley stands by plan to eliminate Medicaid

WASHINGTON (AP) — Up against a daily assault by Al Gore, Bill Bradley stood by his plan to eliminate Medicaid and accused the vice president Wednesday of playing politics with a broken system that stigmatizes the poor and minorities. "He's wrong," Bradley said.

In sober tones, the former basketball star described his presidential race as "the ultimate game" and issued his sharpest and most detailed defense of his \$65 billion health care plan.

Bradley, in an interview with The Associated Press, also eyed corporate tax loopholes as ripe for closing — "There are quite a lot there," he noted — and said politicians must start evaluating them each year "like any other spending program."

He also said he opposes sports betting "because I don't think athletes should be roulette chips." But Bradley, who represented New Jersey and its Atlantic City casinos during 18 years in the Senate, declined to condemn all gambling.

"I buy a lottery ticket every now and then," he chuckled. His reading glasses propped low on his nose, Bradley responded to Gore's escalating charges that Latinos, blacks and AIDS patients would be devastated by the loss of Medicaid.

"He's wrong. He's defending something that needs to be improved," said Bradley, who would give low-income Americans subsidies to buy health insurance in the private market or from the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program.

This week alone, Gore gave an interview on Spanish-language radio, conducted an Internet chat

with women and placed ads on black radio stations to spread the word that minorities and other groups who disproportionately rely on Medicaid might not be able to buy insurance with the capped amount of subsidy in Bradley's plan.

"What you're seeing is constituency politics on the other side," Bradley said.

"I mean you know, just go down this group, that group, that group, that group — try to get that group against this group and this group against that — not looking at the whole. And the whole is that people would be better off if those who were uninsured had a chance to be a part of the federal system."

Bradley spoke to AP reporters and editors from his aides' typed page of "talking points," on which he had jammed the margins with his own tight scrawl. He reeled off policy minutiae with mastery.

"Medicaid stigmatizes and says, if you're poor, you just got that. You can't join this other system. You've got to have this separate thing," Bradley said. Medicaid covers a small fraction of the poor and patients often don't have primary care physicians, but are forced to rely on hospital emergency rooms, he noted.

Bradley suggested that his rival's critique hurt most because it denigrated Bradley's "deep and long-standing commitment" to helping minorities and the poor.

"It's sad that (Gore) would not respect that," Bradley said.

In reply, Gore spokesman Chris Lehane ticked down a list: minorities, the poor, the disabled, senior citizens and those who are HIV-positive.

"Each one of those groups would be disproportionately

impacted and left out in the cold if Senator Bradley's health care plan was ever enacted," Lehane said.

Before racing to Atlanta's predominantly black Morehouse Medical School for a discussion of his health and poverty initiatives, Bradley also made these points:

■ His use of corporate jets is "completely legal, acceptable and fully reported" and not incompatible with his call to eliminate the political influence of big-money special interests.

■ He gave a tentative thumbs-up to the Clinton administration's deal to support China's membership in the World Trade Organization, despite fierce opposition from organized labor. "From what I read in the newspaper, it sounds like something I would support."

■ He "stays in touch" with the Teamsters and United Auto Workers, two unions who opted out of the AFL-CIO's endorsement of Gore last month, to "encourage them to remain neutral" in the Democratic primaries.

■ Defense spending should be restructured, rather than increased, to get rid of Cold War relics, such as heavy tanks.

■ After years of playing down his basketball feats, Bradley recruited fellow NBA stars for a \$1.5 million campaign fund-raiser last weekend because, "When you're in the ultimate game, the ultimate competition, you want your friends with you."

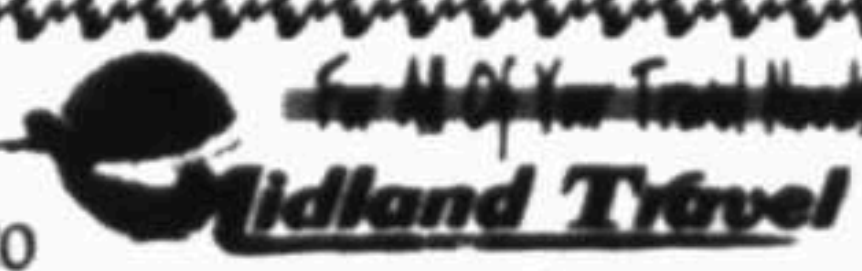
■ Asked about potential Reform Party candidate Donald Trump and his criticism of Bradley's record on tax reform, Bradley said the casino magnate's "animus" might be motivated by the pair's differences on legalized sports betting.

At the prospect of debating

Trump during next year's general election, Bradley folded his hands as if in prayer and aimed a smiling glance skyward.



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Teachers end strike after boss' raise rescinded

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Birmingham teachers ended a two-day strike and returned to their classrooms Wednesday after the school board rescinded a \$30,000 pay raise for the superintendent.

Superintendent Johnny Brown — who will continue receiving \$151,000 a year in salary and expenses — promised no retaliation.

About 1,300 of the district's 2,100 teachers and 30,000 of its 39,000 students missed classes while teachers picketed Monday and Tuesday after the board approved Brown's 20 percent raise

and raises of up to \$20,000 for some top aides.

The teachers and other school employees received raises of only 1 percent to 1.5 percent. The state's average teacher salary is \$35,800, compared to \$38,000 nationally, according to the Alabama Education Association.

The walkout was the first large teacher strike since 1979 in Alabama, where educators lack collective bargaining rights. A state attorney general's opinion in 1958 declared teacher strikes illegal.

No legal action was taken against the strikers, but Ethel Hall, vice

president of the State Board of Education, said the state might have intervened had the strike lasted much longer.

"If we felt the children had been out so long they couldn't prepare for the SAT, they would have been violating laws put in by the Legislature," Hall said.

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Sports complex board has hit ground running

The 4b Corporation formed to oversee operation of the Midland Sports Complex held its first meeting Tuesday morning and from all indications, the corporation's board hit the ground running.

That's good. This sports complex is no small element in the plans for Midland's future, and it is clear that the individuals appointed to the board of directors are giving that facility ample attention.

At the Tuesday meeting, Mayor Bobby Burns was elected president of the board, Midland City Councilman Berry Simpson was elected vice president, and 16 ex-officio officers were elected to the board.

Those 16 individuals, who include representatives of the City of Midland, the board of Midland Independent School District, local schools' athletic departments, the general manager of the Midland Rock-Hounds, local chamber of commerce officials, representatives of sports associations, restaurant and hotel associations, and private citizens, will "bring expertise and guidance" to the operation of the sports complex, according to Burns.

Getting Midlanders from a wide spectrum involved in the guidance and operation of the facility is important so that the interests of numerous Midlanders will be represented in the activities that occur there.

Shortly after Midland voters approved a one-quarter cent increase in the city sales tax to fund construction of the sports complex, Burns noted that the facility will be "a great responsibility for the board and a great opportunity for Midland." The concept for such a sports complex was viewed that way in the Vision 2000 discussions held earlier this year.

Now it is clear that thousands of Midlanders agree that the Midland Sports Complex can play a major role in the city's future. It truly represents a great opportunity for Midland and all of this area!

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Nov. 18, the 322nd day of 1999. There are 43 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On Nov. 18, 1949, Jackie Robinson of the Brooklyn Dodgers was named the National League's Most Valuable Player.

On this date:
 In 1820, U.S. Navy Capt. Nathaniel B. Palmer discovered the frozen continent of Antarctica.

In 1883, the United States and Canada adopted a system of Standard Time zones.

In 1886, the 21st president of the United States, Chester A. Arthur, died in New York at age 56.

In 1899, music conductor Eugene Ormandy was born in Budapest, Hungary.

In 1928, the first successful sound-synchronized animated cartoon, Walt Disney's "Steamboat Willie," starring Mickey Mouse, premiered in New York.

In 1936, Germany and Italy recognized the Spanish government of Francisco Franco.

In 1959, "Ben-Hur," the Biblical-era movie spectacle starring Charlton Heston, had its world premiere in New York.

In 1969, financier-diplomat Joseph P. Kennedy died in Hyannis Port, Mass., at age 81.

In 1978, California Congressman Leo J. Ryan and four other people were killed in Jonestown, Guyana, by members of the Peoples Temple; the killings were followed by a night of mass murder and suicide among 912 cult members.

In 1987, the congressional Iran-Contra committees issued their final report, saying President Reagan bore "ultimate responsibility" for wrongdoing by his aides. Ten years ago: Longshoreman Buck Helm died at a hospital in Oakland, almost a month after he was pulled from a section of the Nimitz Freeway flattened by the northern California earthquake.

Five years ago: Fifteen people were killed and more than 150 wounded when Palestinian police opened fire on rioting worshippers outside a mosque in the Gaza Strip.

GEORGE WILL

Gore's eco-pessimism ideas aren't accurate

WASHINGTON—Referring to "Earth in the Balance," his 1992 compendium of environmental alarms, Al Gore recently said, "There's not a statement in that book that I don't endorse. Not one. The evidence has firmed up the positions I sketched there." Positions such as:

"The climate changes that we are now bringing about by modifying the global atmosphere are likely to dwarf completely the ones that caused the great subsistence crisis of 1816-19, for example, or those that set the stage for the Black Death," and "are likely to be five times larger than the fluctuations that produced the Little Ice Age, for example, or the global climate change that led to the Great Famine of 1315-17."

Gore's eco-pessimism helped produce the 1997 Kyoto Protocol, which assigns to nations vastly different duties to reduce carbon emissions responsible for global warming. America's duty under this agreement (which the Senate is not about to ratify) would be to reduce carbon use by 550 million tons per year in 2010. That might mean reducing by 40 percent the use of coal and oil.

Before policy-makers undertake trillions of dollars in abatement costs, they should consider evidence that does not "firm up" Gore's thesis. Consider a booklet published by American Enterprise Institute, "The Greening of Global Warming" by Robert Mendelsohn of the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies.



Will

He says that in the last decade our understanding of climate-change impacts has undergone a "near revolution" because the natural science and economic analysis underlying predictions have "altered dramatically." Science foresees milder climate scenarios. Ecologists are shifting from predictions of "ecosystem collapse" to long-term predictions that include benefits:

"These changes are so dramatic that it is not clear whether the net economic effects from climate change over the next century will be harmful or helpful. The new research further suggests that ... many countries will benefit from warming—the very countries, ironically, that have contributed the most to historic emissions."

The predicted (by the EPA) doubling of greenhouse gases was projected to produce temperature increases between 3 and 6 degrees Celsius. Sea levels would rise one meter, many tree species would disappear (e.g., maples would die off in southern New England), and all animal species, and especially endangered ones, would be stressed. Sharp reductions of precipitation during growing seasons would be one reason why many crops would suffer 30 percent to 40 percent reductions in yields. Beneficiaries of warming would be pests that would ravage crops and trees, and diseases born by insects. Timber scarcities, increased water pollution due to insufficient dilution by runoffs, huge costs for sea walls and for energy for cooling—the litany of woes was long.

Now improved analysis—of the interaction of oceans and atmosphere, of the cooling effect of sulfates found in the atmospheres of Northern industrial countries, and much else—supports the conclusion that warming will be only 1 to 3.5 degrees Celsius. Precipitation will increase, as will

many plants: The average crop would be 30 percent more productive with projected increases in carbon dioxide.

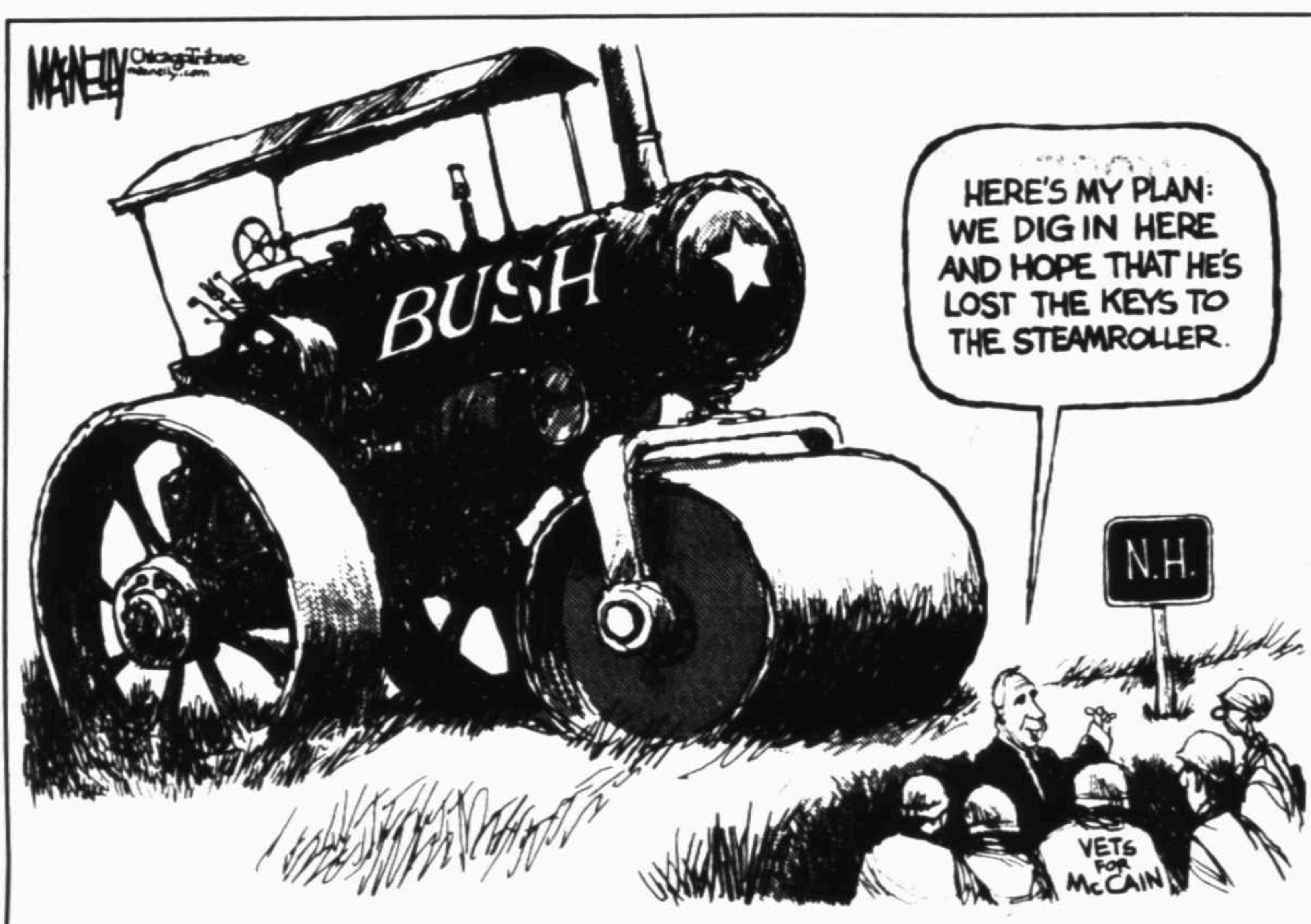
"There is," Mendelsohn writes, "an unstated myth in ecology that natural conditions must be optimal. That is, we must be at the top of the hill now." The myth is sometimes sustained by discounting the potential of societal adaptation, such as that which controlled the malaria that used to afflict travelers along the Ohio River.

People with Gore's turn of mind—people who seem to relish environmental threats as reasons for expanding government's supervision of all behavior—have not really been happy since the putative "energy crisis" of the 1970s. Of course predictions of the coming exhaustion of oil reserves have been hardly perennials.

Alex Taylor III, writing in Fortune, notes that in 1874, just 15 years after Colonel Drake drilled the first well in Pennsylvania, the state's chief geologist said that the use of kerosene for lighting would drain U.S. petroleum reserves by 1878. "In 1939, and again in 1951, the Department of the Interior added up all the reserves in the world and reported, both times, that 13 years of oil remained." One reason more oil has been found this year than in any other year this decade is that offshore drilling, which was done in only 300 feet of water in 1965, will soon be done in 10,000 feet.

Never in recorded history have birth rates been as low, or per capita food production as high, as at the moment. Gore must pray for relief from the accumulating evidence that Earth is not really hanging in precarious balance.

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LETTERS

Students lead protest over freedom of prayer, religion

Inspiration, initiated by the Fifth Court of Civil Appeals decision to ban prayer from sporting events, was shown when the young people across the Permian Basin and elsewhere found such denial of personal freedom unacceptable. Most young people have formed a common bond as they lead the adults by kneeling in reverence to their God prior to the starting of sporting events. The sincerity and dedication is so infectious that large crowds bow their heads in humble silence.

Could it be that the appeals court, through reverse psychology, made us all aware of how precious our spiritual freedom needs defending in this sober fashion? The scriptures state we shall be led by children. I believe Henry Bonilla and other congressmen have been inspired by the young peoples' peaceful protest to introduce a hearing by the Supreme Court on this serious concern.

The future is in good hands when our young people build a spiritual foundation for their values to mature upon. We salute this quality of leadership.

Tiny & Mimi Earp
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Thank you to wonderful woman for return of wallet

There are such good people in Midland. Last Friday afternoon I lost my billfold. It had several hundred dollars, about 10 credit cards, and precious pictures of deceased loved ones and of my grandchildren.

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Believe it or not, this is the second time in three months that I have lost this same billfold and it has been returned to me intact.

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CAL THOMAS

Israel's betrayal is sealed with kiss from Hillary

One is tempted to compare the kiss offered by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton to Palestinian Authority

President Yasser Arafat's wife to the kiss Judas gave Jesus when he betrayed Him in the Garden of Gethsemane -- but the analogy breaks down because both Mrs. Clinton and Suha Arafat are betraying Israel.

In a statement nearly as outrageous as those made by Holocaust deniers, Suha Arafat claimed: "Our people (the Palestinians) have been submitted to the daily and intensive use of poisonous gas by the Israeli forces which have led to an increase in cancer cases among women and children." She also asserted that Israel has contaminated water sources with "chemical materials." Those Israelis are so clever. They can poison air and water in ways that affect only Palestinians, while Jews escape harm. Following an outcry by Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and some Jewish leaders in the United States, Mrs. Clinton belatedly issued an objection to Mrs. Arafat's remarks. Too little, too late.

At this point in the so-called "peace process," it wouldn't matter if Yasser Arafat were captured on videotape acknowledging he has no intention of living up to any agreement and that his ultimate objective is to use the negotiations to weaken Israel to the point where it won't be able to withstand a final assault from armed Palestinians and Israel's Arab neighbors.

Facts no longer matter. Newsweek reported last week that the National Security Agency learned it was Yasser Arafat who supplied the weapons for the 1983 bombing of the American Embassy in Beirut in which 241 U.S. Marines died. No matter. President Clinton lobbies for \$400 million in aid to the PLO on top of an initial \$500 million that has never been properly accounted for, amid reports that it was misspent.

Clergy appointed by Arafat at Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem regularly preach sermons calling for the "liberation" of all the land, pre-1967 Israel included, in a Jihad that is "the responsibility of all Muslims." Various media controlled by the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) accuse Israel and the West of employing Nazi tactics against them, which is ironic given the Nazi-like rhetoric of many PLO leaders and Arab states against Jews and the West.

Terrorists responsible for the deaths of innocent Israelis and visiting Jewish civilians are praised on PLO TV as saints and heroes. This year's Palestine Prize for Culture will go to Abu Daoud, mastermind of the 1972 Olympic bombing in Munich that killed 11 Israeli athletes.

This is not the behavior or language of people who want to make peace with their neighbors. This is the behavior and language of war, the objective of which is the complete annihilation of the Jews and eradication of the state of Israel. The only way "peace" negotiators can continue with this sham is by ignoring the words and actions of those negotiating in bad faith. The PLO negotiators think they are carrying out Allah's will and that it is legitimate to lie about their intentions to the pagan and secular infidels on the Israeli and American side.

As for kissing the target for destruction, Judas wasn't the only one to employ the tactic. The Mafia has long done the same, kissing the one selected for death. With Mrs. Clinton and Mrs. Arafat smooching each other, we have a new scenario. The one who is about to die is not present. Her name is Israel.

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Study: As little as a drink a week can cut the risk of stroke

By Brigitte Greenberg
Associated Press

As little as a single glass of wine or beer per week can significantly reduce a man's risk of a stroke, according to the biggest study ever to examine the link.

The study found that light to moderate drinkers can lower their risk by about 20 percent compared with teetotalers. It involved more than 22,000 men, but one of the researchers said the results could also apply to women.

Numerous studies have shown that modest drinking reduces the risk of heart disease. But until now, the evidence of an effect on strokes has been less convincing.

The American Heart Association estimates that 600,000 people in the United States suffer a stroke each year. It is the third leading cause of death in this country, and the leading cause of serious, long-term disability.

Earlier studies were criticized because they simply compared drinkers to nondrinkers. This latest study, published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine, examined varying levels of alcohol intake.

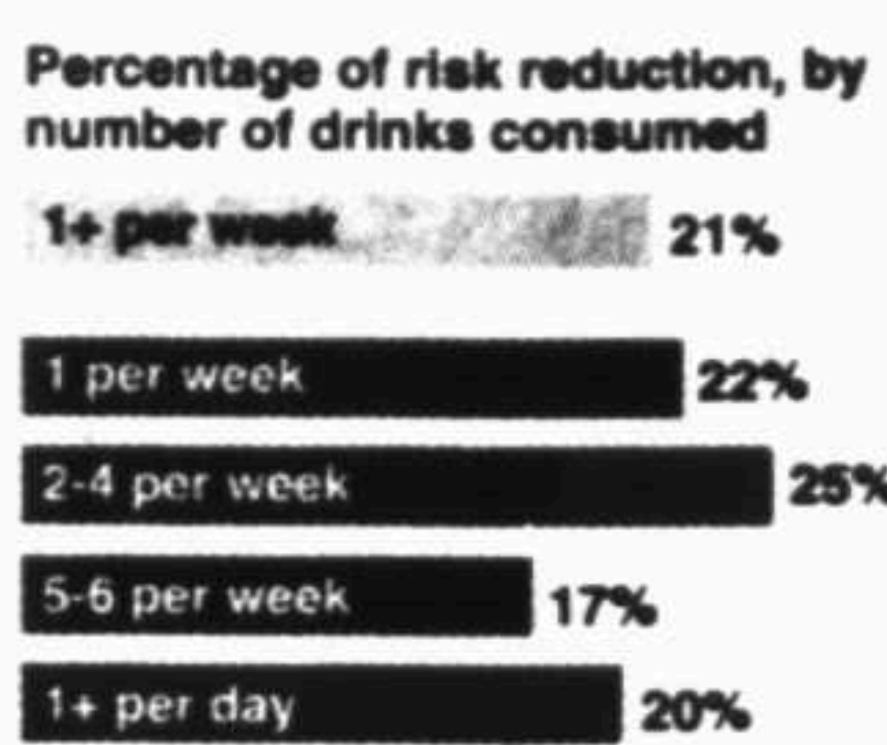
It found that between one drink a week and one a day reduces the risk, and the lesser amount was about as good as the higher one.

There were not enough heavy drinkers in the study to look at the effects of more than one a day, but the heart association warns that drinking to excess can raise blood pressure and, in fact, lead to a stroke.

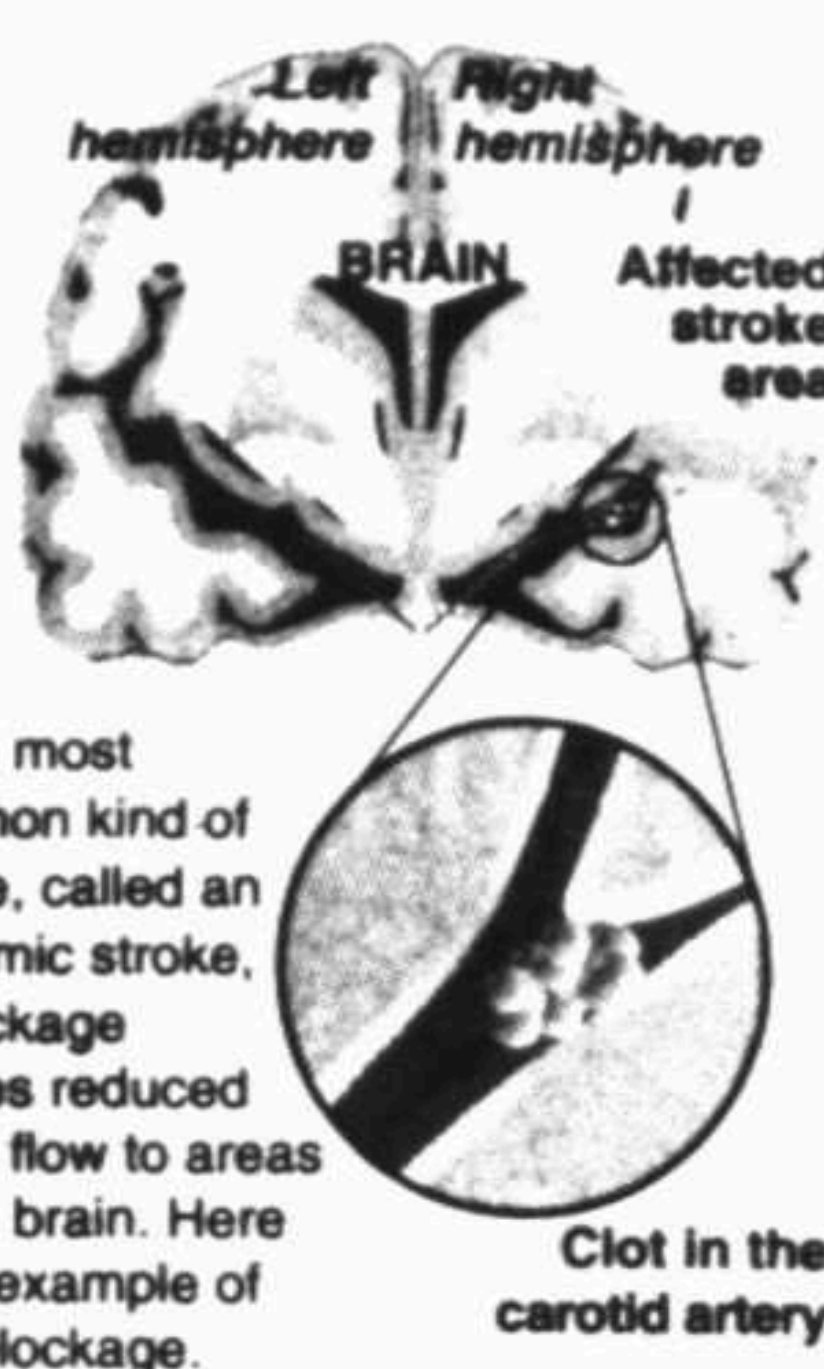
The study's authors stressed that it would be unwise for doctors to advise patients who don't drink to suddenly start or for those

Lowering stroke risk

Light-to-moderate alcohol consumption can reduce a man's risk of having a stroke, according to a study released Wednesday. But the study's authors warn that risks, such as liver damage, should be considered before a man changes his drinking habits.



Source: New England Journal of Medicine



In the most common kind of stroke, called an ischemic stroke, a blockage causes reduced blood flow to areas of the brain. Here is an example of one blockage.

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who drink small amounts to begin consuming more heavily. The study found no added protection from stroke by drinking more than light to moderately.

"Absolutely it has benefits, but it also has harm," said study co-author Julie E. Buring, an epidemiologist at Harvard-affiliated Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

She and other researchers warned of liver damage, the dangers of driving while drunk and the risks to fetuses of drinking while pregnant. What's more, there are other ways to reduce stroke risk, such as quitting smoking or lowering blood pressure.

Researchers attribute alcohol's benefits to its ability to increase the amount of HDL, or good cholesterol, in the bloodstream. HDL cholesterol helps keep arteries clean. Researchers also said that alcohol can break up blood clots.

The men studied were all doc-

tors between the ages of 40 to 84 who took part in the Physicians' Health Study, which began in 1982. They were tracked for about 12 years. In all, the study subjects reported 679 strokes.

Small amounts of alcohol were shown to decrease the risk of ischemic stroke, which is the most common type and is caused by clots that reduce blood flow to the brain. Drinking had no effect on the risk of a rare hemorrhagic stroke, which is caused by sudden bleeding in the brain.

While Buring said the findings may apply to women as well, she stressed that light to moderate

alcohol intake for a woman is defined as about one drink per day vs. approximately two drinks per day for a man. Also, research has

suggested that drinking may raise the risk of breast cancer in women. "For any individual, the use of

alcohol to reduce risk of stroke should be discussed with one's physician in order to make the healthiest decision," Buring said.

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'Peanuts' creator has surgery

SANTA ROSA, Calif. (AP) — "Peanuts" cartoonist Charles M. Schulz was stable and resting comfortably in intensive care Wednesday, a day after emergency surgery to clear a blocked abdominal artery.

The 76-year-old artist was in intensive care, and was expected to remain in the hospital for a week. He was taken to Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital, about 45 miles north of San Francisco, after telling staff at his office he did not feel well.

There was good news for his many fans: Schulz's illness is unlikely to cause a break in the flow of comic strips to newspapers around the world.

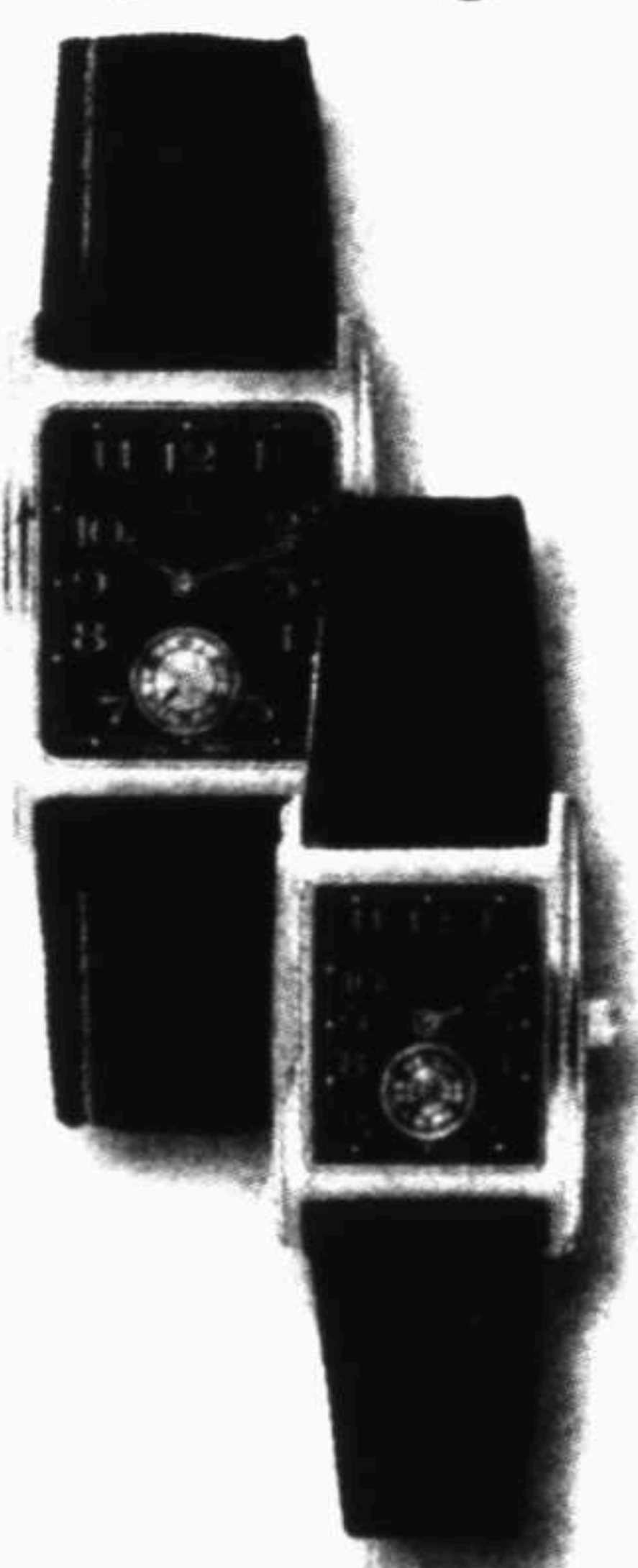
Schulz draws the cartoon in advance and his hospitalization was unlikely to cause any interruption, said Edna Poehner, his secretary. "He should be back at the drawing board in plenty of time, I should think," she said.

Schulz underwent quadruple coronary bypass surgery in 1981. "Peanuts" appears in 2,600 newspapers and is the basis of a

franchise that collects \$1 billion per year.

Schulz keeps a low profile and is known as a workaholic around Sonoma County, where he moved from his native Minnesota 40 years ago.

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Clinton, GOP to include small across-board savings in budget deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — White House and congressional bargainers moved closer Wednesday to clinching a nearly \$390 billion spending deal after President Clinton bowed to Republican demands to include small but symbolic across-the-board budget savings.

Disputes over details still raged, with Democrats insisting they would only go along if Clinton had the discretion to decide where the cuts were imposed.

Nonetheless, the cut's inclusion would be a major political victory for Republicans. Though minuscule by federal budget standards — it would save no more than \$1.3 billion — it assures votes from some conservatives eager to paint the GOP as trimming government waste.

"It's time to shut this down," House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., told reporters of the long-running effort to clinch a budget agreement and let Congress adjourn for the year.

Meanwhile, in a surprise, House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., said he expected to vote for the spending measure, assuming some problems were worked out. His support probably would ensure that a majority of House Democrats would also vote "yes," all but guaranteeing the huge bill's passage there.

"I think in balance there is more favorable than unfavorable" in the package, Gephardt told reporters, claiming Democratic wins in hiring teachers and police officers and protecting the environment.

Many in Washington had expected Gephardt to vote against the bill and accuse Republicans of falsely claiming it would not spend Social Security surpluses.

GOP leaders hoped the House would vote on a final agreement Thursday. Procedural delays threatened by several senators had GOP Senate leaders hoping for a vote by Saturday, or later.

"We'll either finish Saturday or I'll see you the week after Thanksgiving," said Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss.

One proposal Gephardt opposes is an effort by Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., to let mountaintop coal mines continue dumping rubble into valleys and streams. The White House also opposes Byrd on environmental grounds and is seeking a compromise.

In an overnight telephone call to Clinton in Turkey, Hastert and the president tentatively agreed to a 0.38 percent reduction in the growth of agency budgets. Clinton vetoed a 1 percent cut two weeks ago, claiming it was mindless and excessive.

The 0.38 percent reduction would still leave federal agencies spending roughly \$32 billion more in fiscal 2000 than last year, thanks to spending demands by members of both parties and the White House.

The cut's size could still change. Even so, it would help firm up GOP support for the bill. Republicans say other victories include making federal school aid more flexible, thwarting Clinton tax increase plans, and avoiding spending Social Security surpluses — which Democrats and the Congressional Budget Office deny.

"Even if it's .001 percent, it sets a precedent we need here," said Rep. Tom Coburn, R-Okla. "It recognizes there is fat in government."

Another conservative, Rep. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said he would vote against the package and was upset that a 1 percent reduction proved to be "a bridge too far."

The two sides have agreed to about \$6 billion in other savings from two accounting gimmicks. One would delay a payday for the military and some civilian federal workers by a day into fiscal 2001. The other would speed the transfer of money from private accounts held by the Federal Reserve into the government's books.

Republicans were resisting a

As bargaining continued, Congress sent Clinton a measure keeping agencies open through Thursday, a one-day extension designed to keep lawmakers in town so they can wrap up the year's work.

Democratic demand that in exchange for the across-the-board reduction, billions of dollars the government might win from a lawsuit against the tobacco industry be deposited in the Social Security and Medicare trust funds.

But as a tradeoff, Republicans agreed to add \$100 million to extend federal benefits for patients of AIDS and other diseases who are returning to the work force. The two sides also seemed like-

ly to agree to exempt military personnel from the across-the-board savings, said participants from both parties.

In another loose end, a dispute between lawmakers from the Midwest and the Northeast continued over federal milk-pricing rules. Republicans want to place language in the spending package continuing minimum milk prices in the Northeast, which is opposed by the Midwesterners.

As bargaining continued, Congress sent Clinton a measure keeping agencies open through Thursday, a one-day extension designed to keep lawmakers in town so they can wrap up the year's work. It was the sixth temporary measure since fiscal 2000 began Oct. 1. Clinton

is certain to sign it.

The budget package covers five of the annual spending bills, financing the departments of Interior, Health and Human Services, foreign aid and scores of other programs, agencies and departments. Clinton has signed eight other bills

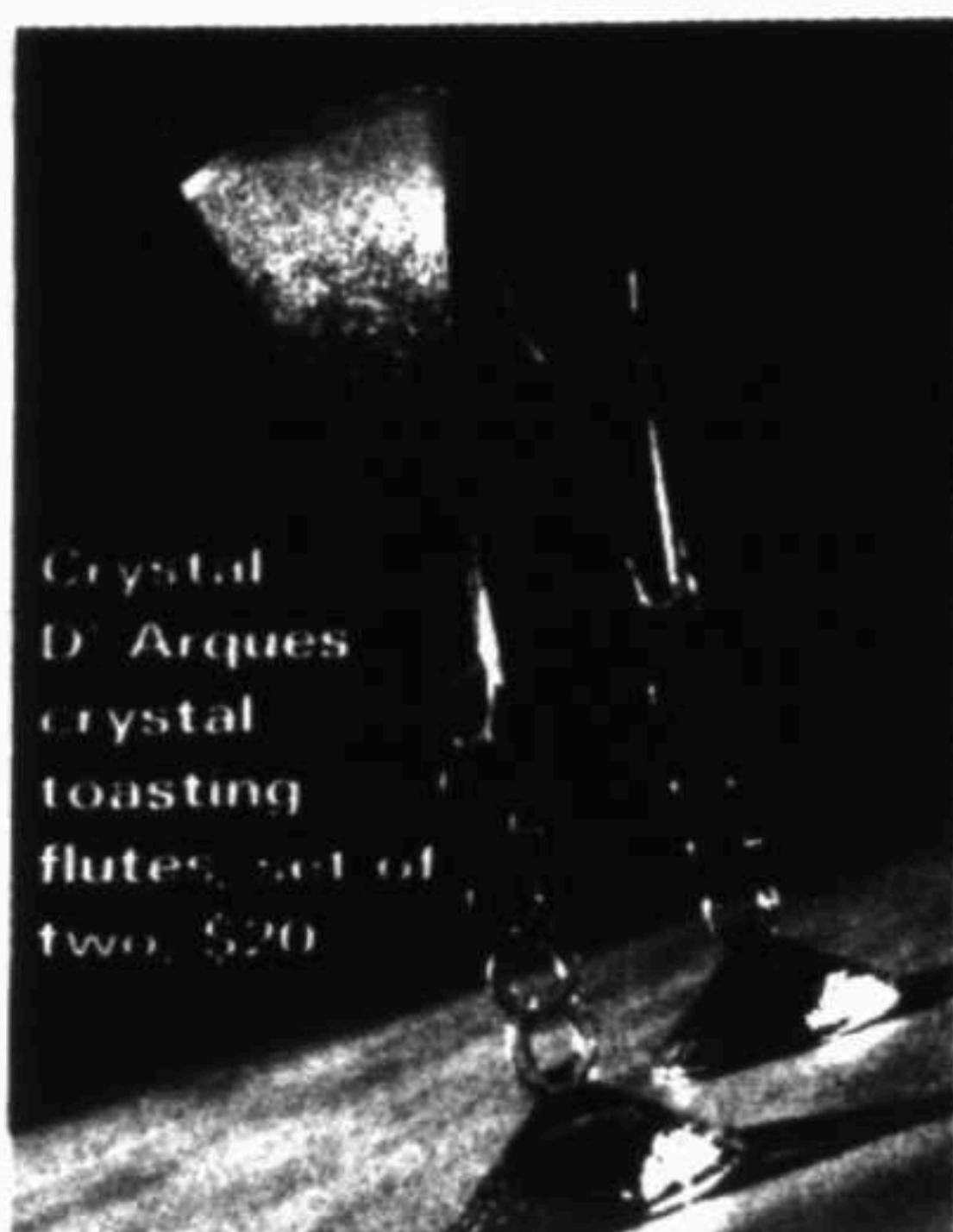
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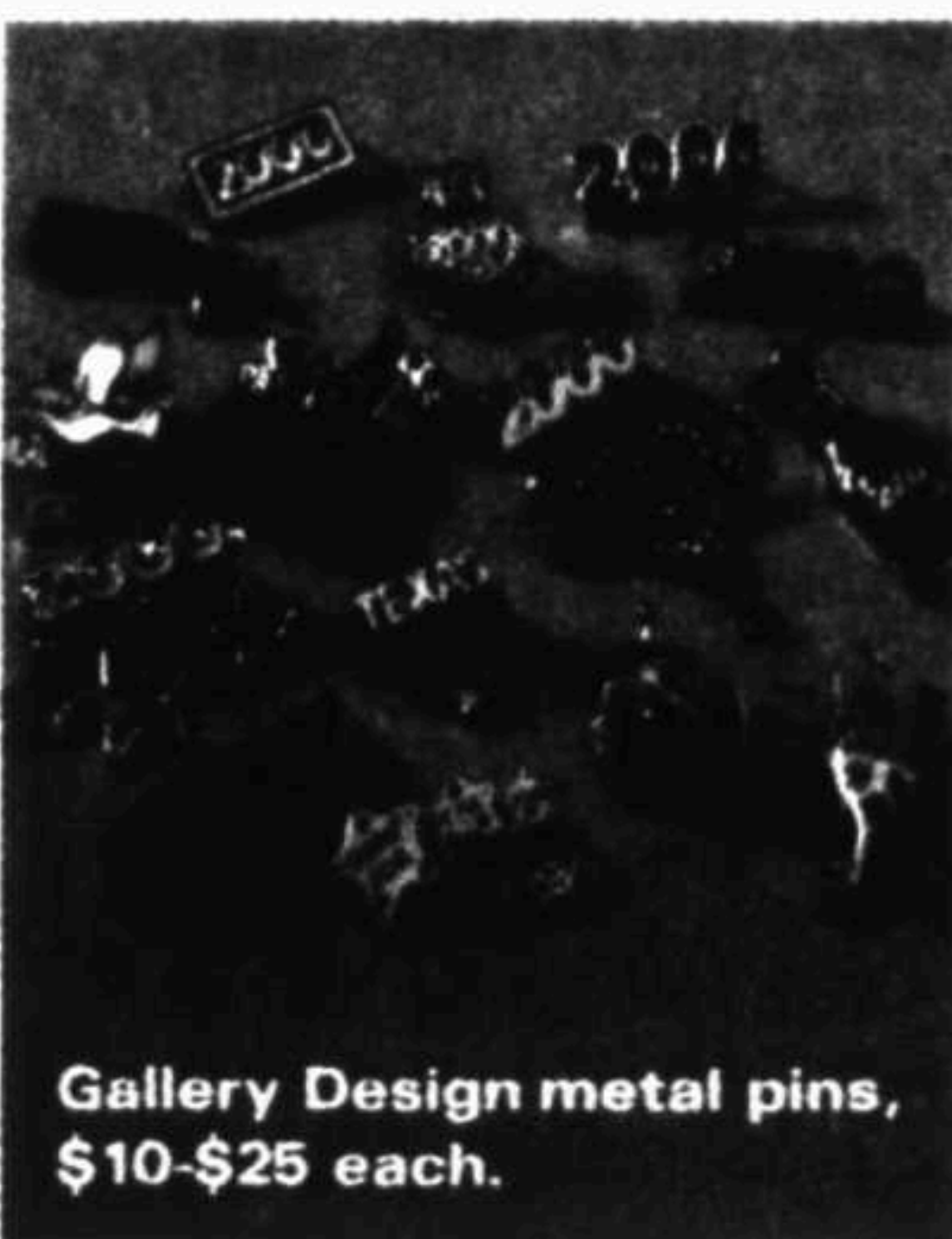
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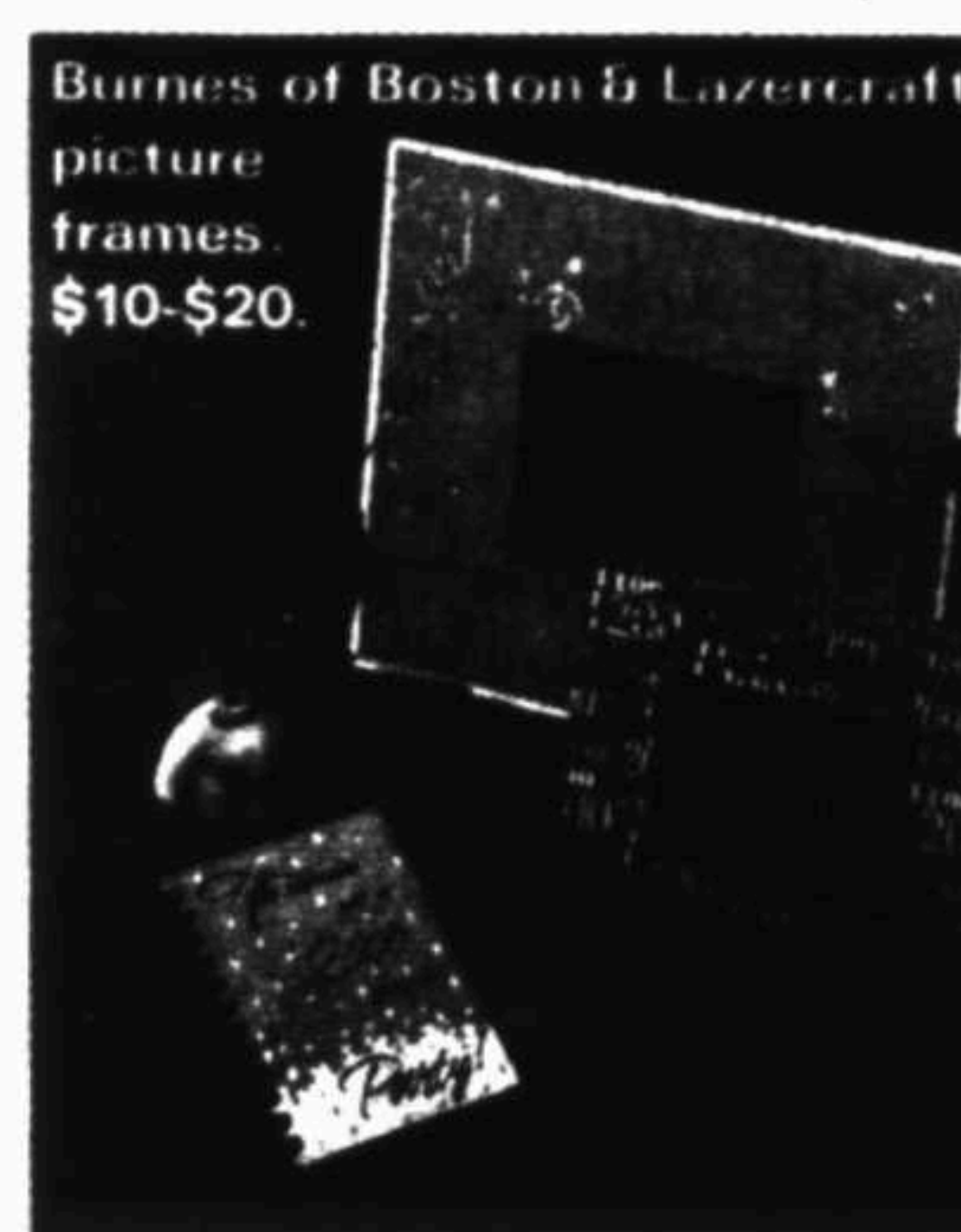
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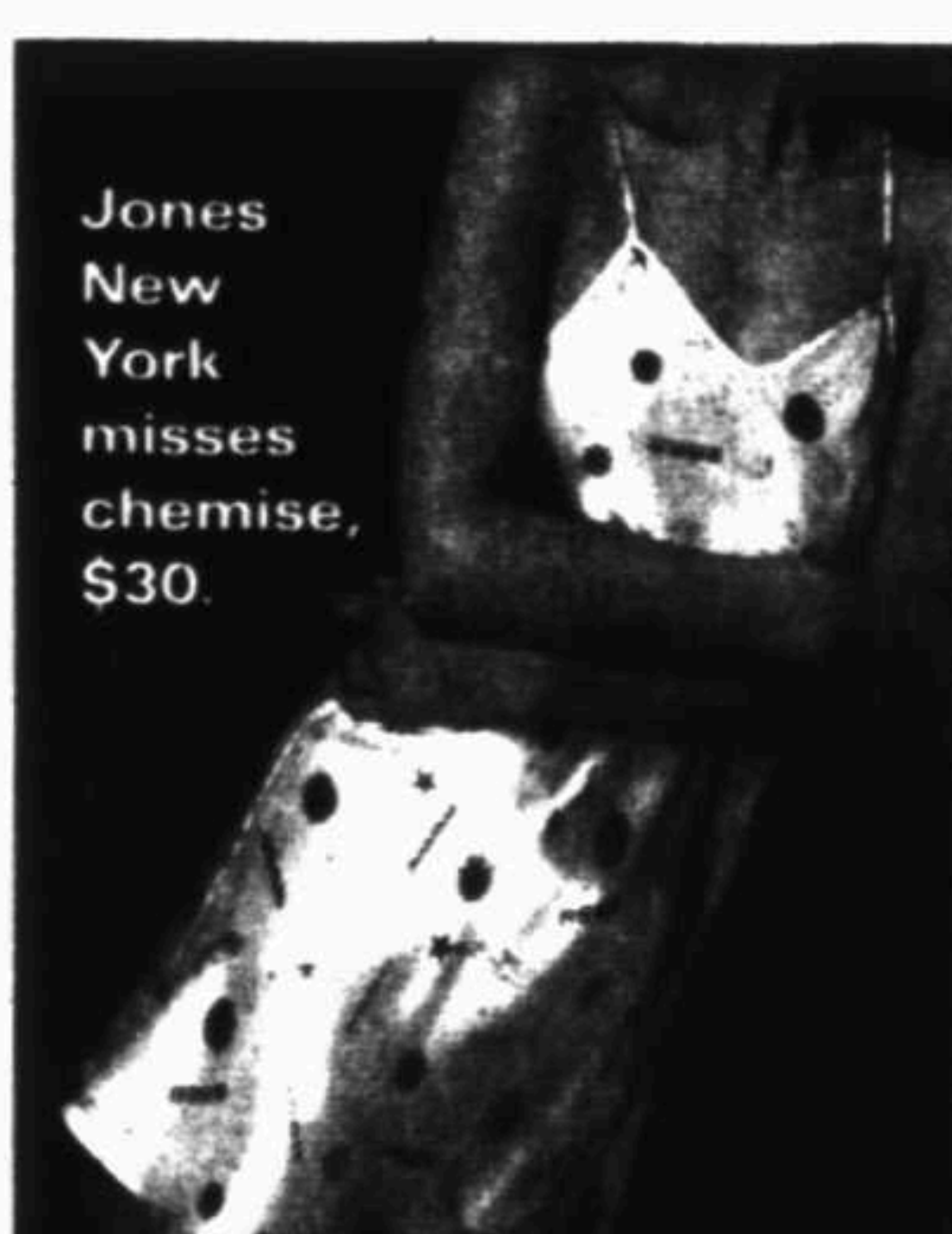
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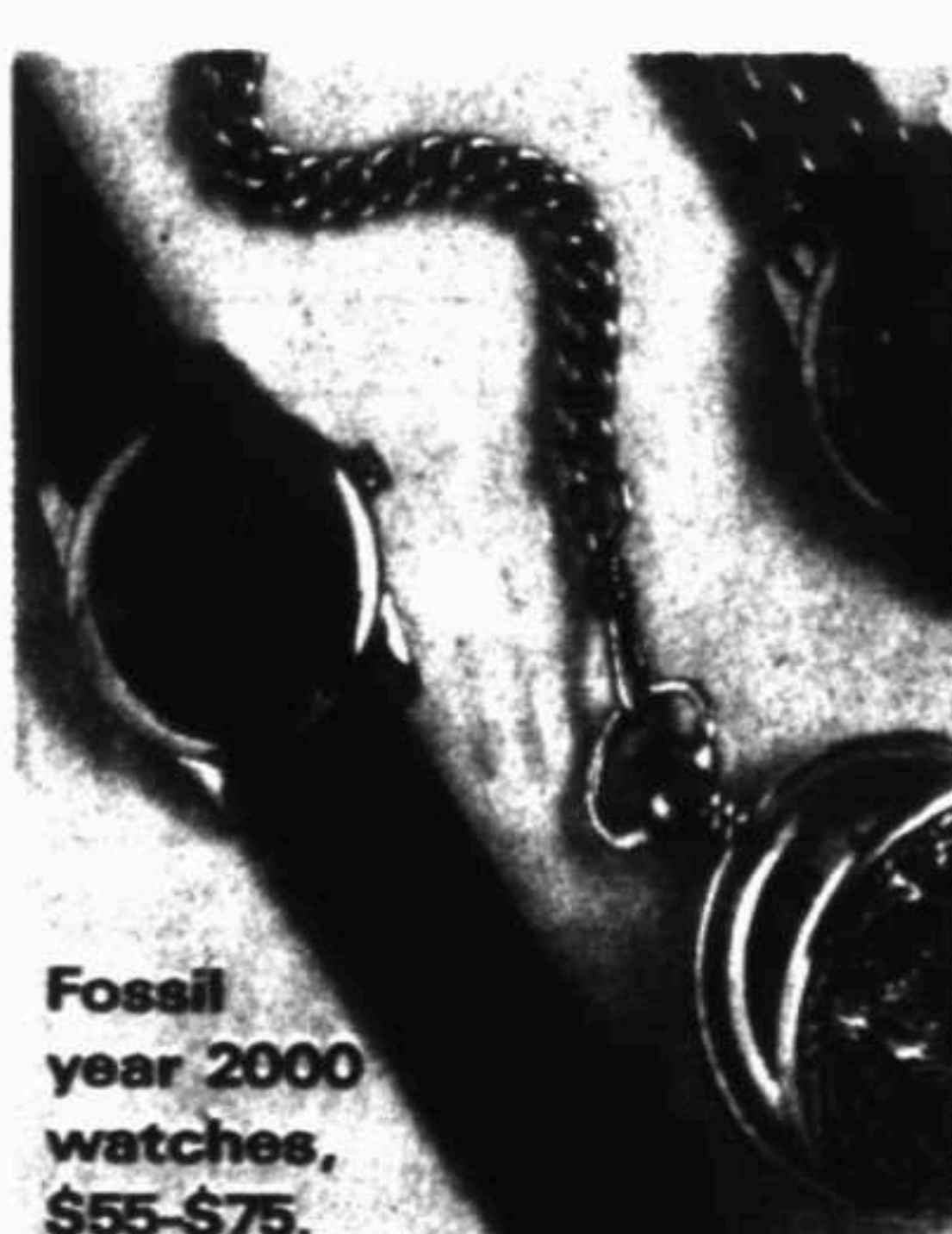
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Texas cities study efficiency in different ways

By Ian Heald
Staff Writer

Assistant City Manager Tommy Hudson is conducting an organizational efficiency study to determine what it costs per city employee to conduct city business as compared to those costs in the cities of Odessa, Wichita Falls, Abilene, Lubbock and Tyler.

But just how common are these governmental efficiency studies and are they always done the same way?

It depends on who you ask. Various city managers throughout the state praised Midland for doing an in-

depth organizational efficiency study, but indicated that their cities either didn't conduct such studies or analyzed city expenses through different means.

City Councilman Dale Brown came up with the idea back in April at the City Council's annual retreat. He said he thought it would be appropriate to ensure that city government isn't "fat."

Wichita Falls City Manager Mack Daniel said the city department there is continually doing efficiency studies, particularly through the annual budgetary process.

"That's the way we've done it," he said. "Department heads bring me their

budgets and justify them and I sign off on them." But, he added, the city has never considered going through an entire study examining its efficiency.

Paige Graves, Austin's assistant city auditor, said the state capital has never gone through a complete efficiency study, either. Because Austin is a larger town, the city will audit specific departments one at a time to analyze cost efficiency. The difficulty with a complete study, she noted, is analyzing the work of the city's 14,000 employees.

"We're a lot larger (than Midland). It's like running 26 different entities." Other times, she said, the city has hired out-

side consulting firms to analyze particular departments, but never the entire city. Although hiring outside consultants may cost more, Graves said the bonus would be that they are recognizing problems that someone working for the city would never notice.

Ms. Graves also said many cities that do conduct efficiency studies won't publish them most of the time because no government body wants to admit how inefficient it is.

"It's a bureaucracy and I don't know how you challenge bureaucracy to promote efficiency," she said.

Jerome Davis, public information

manager for the city of Dallas, said the city had hired the consulting firm Arthur Anderson to do an analysis of six city departments. Once those six departments are updated, Davis said the city trainees will move into other departments to train other city personnel, thus slowly expanding efficiency.

Lubbock City Manager Richard Burdine said the city has not conducted an efficiency study of late. Instead, the city has joined the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) which continuously conducts a cost of

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Hospital census up, exceeds '98's figures

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

As Midland Memorial Hospital began its new fiscal year, hospital admissions were not only higher than expected, but exceeded figures from a year ago.

Still, "the hospital did an awful lot of work for \$118," said Bob Dimit, president of the Midland County Hospital District Board of Directors at their monthly meeting Wednesday. "We had 300 more patient days than we budgeted and still only made \$118. What happens if we're at budget or below budget?"

According to the revenue and expense statement for the month of October, the hospital posted total operating revenues of \$10,788,626 — up from the budgeted amount and last year's amount — and total operating expenses of \$10,788,508, leaving an excess of \$118.

Larry Sanz, vice president for finance, pointed out that when investment and other income were added, the hospital posted an excess of \$197,127.

Dimit attributed the miniscule excess to the continued impact of the 1997 Balanced Budget Act, whose changes to Medicare rules have financially hurt hospitals across the country.

In the last few weeks, Congress passed legislation to revamp the portions of the act that affect the health care industry.

"The legislation would stop us from hurting further," Dimit said. "It stops some provisions from going forward. If we can repeal certain segments regarding the health care industry, it would be OK."

He said he remains concerned about the contractual deductions — deductions the hospital is obligated to give insurers under health maintenance plans and the government for Medicare/Medicaid assistance — mainly because those are deductions over which the hospital has little control.

In October, contractual allowances were \$4.76 million, up from the \$4.58 million budgeted and well above the \$4.088 million taken last year.

Despite his concerns, Dimit said, the hospital remains a well-oiled machine that is becoming more efficient.

"The hospital district is still pretty healthy," Dimit said. "The hospital is still healthy — we just put in a \$6.5 million heart institute that's in the top 25 percent of the nation's hospitals, so that's something. I'm not fearful of where we're at. I'm fearful for the future, one or two years from now."

In other business:

■ Margaret Robinson, director of patient services, reported that the new Wound Care Center that opened Nov. 1 in the Abell-Hanger Pavilion saw 34 patients in its first week, some of whom were referred to other areas of the hospital, and 44 patients its second week. She pointed out that patients came from 13 different cities.

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The 12th annual Ranch Rodeo starts Friday at the Midland County Exhibit Building and runs through Sunday. Below, rodeo-goers will be able to check out items for sale at the BH, Spur and Collectibles show.

Rodeo plans to celebrate city's heritage

By Ed Todd

The Midland area ranching heritage will be celebrated this weekend with an array of activities ranging from rodeo to chuck-wagon cooking to cowboy poetry singing and poetry reading and Western swing dancing in the 12th anniversary of the Midland Ranch Rodeo and Western Heritage Days.

"Ranching is what built ... West Texas," said Ed Todd, a Midland Ranch Rodeo director who has a background in ranching.

The rodeo will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday on the grounds of the Midland County Exhibit Building and Association of town, off U.S. Highway 80.

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Airplane's emergency landing ruled an accident

By Rick McLaughlin
Staff Writer

The emergency, wheels-up belly landing of a twin engine Beechcraft Queen Air at Midland International Airport Monday night has been ruled "accidental with substantial damage" by a Federal Aviation Agency inspector with the Flight Standards Districts Office of the FAA, according to Andi Ramaker, air traffic manager of the Midland air traffic control tower.

The ruling means the Flight Standards office will be conducting a "thorough investigation of the accident that may

take six months to a year to conclude," said Ms. Ramaker.

Jim Nyerges, operator of an air cargo service based at the airport, walked away from the accident without injury after he was forced to perform the risky landing. The veteran pilot lost his right main landing gear after striking a deer on take-off from Alpine early Monday evening.

The ruling of accidental by the Flight Standards office does not mean the case is closed, said Ramaker. Had the landing been damage-free, the accident may have been ruled as "an aircraft incident" without further investigation.

She said that it is possible the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) could become involved with an investigation, but that is not likely. The Flight Standards office has the authority to investigate some accidents, she added, and the NTSB was more likely to become involved if a death occurred.

"We know that an investigation will be conducted by Flight Standards. The ruling (of accidental) is not the last step but the first step. The long second step is gathering data; from the Alpine airport, from radar, from voice tapes and statements" of people involved, said Ramaker.

Researchers see hope in latest trials of vaccine for Alzheimer's

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

As Alzheimer's Awareness Month unfolds, researchers have given family members of Alzheimer's patients — and 19 million Americans say they have family members with the disease — reason for hope.

Researchers reported in a July issue of Nature magazine that a possible vaccine has been successfully tested in laboratory mice.

Maryjane Allen, program services coordinator with the Greater West Texas chapter, Alzheimer's Association, cautioned, however, a cure won't be available immediately.

"A vaccine could be available in about four years if tests go smoothly and results are favorable," she said. "But that won't affect Mrs. Jones who is now caring for her husband. It will help down the road, but the needs today are why Mrs. Jones should call us."

There are an estimated 12,651 Alzheimer's patients in the Permian Basin. "We are getting at the biology of the disease," said Dr. Roger Rosenberg of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, one of two Alzheimer's Disease Research Centers in the state. Both centers — the other is at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston — receive research funding from the National Institute of Health.

The funding, Rosenberg said, allows the center to do research and treat patients. Research in San Francisco, he said, "opens up the possibility Alzheimer's could be treated with a vaccine."

Dale Schenk, vice president of discovery research with Elan Pharmaceuticals in southern San Francisco, described the research that could lead to a vaccine.

"In Alzheimer's disease, the primary problem in the patients is that they develop a plaque that builds up in the brain, affects how the neurons function and eventually begins to kill the neurons. The plaque is made of beta amyloids, which is a piece of a protein. Why it builds up, we don't know."

The vaccine is similar to the vaccines developed against polio and other diseases, he said.

Testing began on laboratory mice genetically engineered to have a defective human gene that causes a condition similar to Alzheimer's in the mice.

"The mice get plaque build-up, neural dysfunction and overall brain inflammation," Schenk said.

Two studies were conducted, the first was a classical vaccine prevention study in which very young mice were vaccinated until they were 13 months old.

"They had essentially no plaque build-up. In fact, some showed no build-up," he said. "Also there was no neural dysfunction or brain inflammation. The results were very exciting."

In the second study, researchers waited until the mice were a year old and had

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The sweetness of growing up is sunshine in the heart

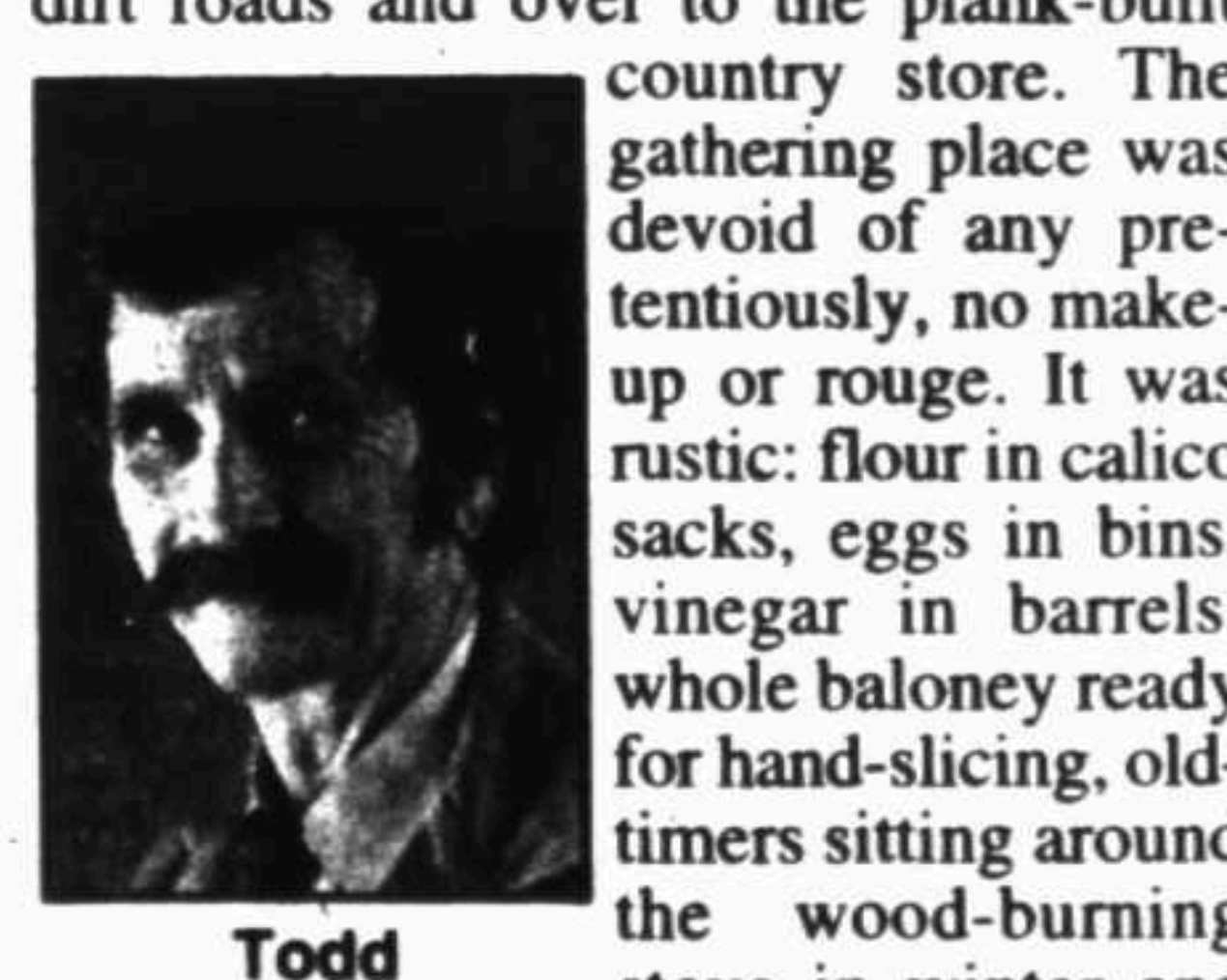
Things happen. Well, on reflection, perhaps not. They don't just happen. There are forces at work.

For example, who among us remembers being nurtured in the womb, cuddled in those early days in our mother's bosom, suckling the sweetness of life, and being studied by our father who wondered what he had brought forth, of course, in partnership with another and through the grace of God?

Can't remember crawling or taking those first tottering steps or shedding those cotton diapers. Can't recall uttering those first sounds imaginatively interpreted by our parents and theirs. Don't remember puking, laughing or bawling in those early months and first years.

But I do remember tales of my early

wanderings and breaking free from home and running over those blackland dirt roads and over to the plank-built country store. The



Todd

on the porch in summer when the cotton fields weren't beckoning them to toil. Most fondly, I remember those early

mornings when Daddy was at school. Mother would embrace me and sing that sentimental Jimmie Davis song, "You Are My Sunshine." "You are my sunshine, my only sunshine. You make me happy when skies are gray. You'll never know, dear, how much I love you. Please don't take my sunshine away."

It is forever, at least as long as I last, in my heart. Always.

Things don't just happen. All of a sudden, I remember falling down over and over and getting up again and again and finally riding that wobbling blue bicycle with a bit of trepidation. Soon, riding became what we call "natural," sort of like throwing the Yoyo, spinning the top, playing mumblety-peg, or shifting gears while working the clutch.

So soon, here I was driving grandfather's old two-row Farmall tractor up and down rows of cotton, careful not to uproot stalks of his toil and livelihood.

In another instance, I was driving his old, rattling pickup truck, made for work, never for show, hauling baled hay to the barn to feed his Jersey milk cows.

That beat the heck out of hoeing or picking cotton or hand-milking the cows especially when their tails, like flyswatters, flapped like summertime revival fans.

At holidays, the grandparents, parents, and aunts and uncles in the evening after supper would play dominoes and forty-two while the children, who would follow suit in the years to come, watched.

Granddaddy, chewing tobacco or smoking his King Edward cigar, would

astound us all. Time and time again, he, in his rainbow optimism, would "go for broke" and bid eighty-four or more when he, it seemed to us children, hadn't a prayer to make pay dirt.

Sometimes he and his partner won; sometimes they, never disheartened, didn't. Granddaddy was an adventure-some soul.

If something were a sure thing, why bother?

Anyway, risking-taking is part of life, especially in farmer's or a rancher's world.

It's part of life's happenings that really don't just happen.

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

OBITUARIES



Joe Denton

Joe Ben Denton, 85, of Eastland, passed away Monday, November 15, 1999 at an Abilene hospital. He was cremated and services will be held at a later date in Ina, Illinois. Local arrangements were handled by Edwards Funeral Home of Eastland.

Mr. Denton was born on April 9, 1914 in Paris, Texas to Joseph Lafayette and Catherine (Kate) Hope Denton, where he grew up and attended school. After graduating from Paris High School in 1932, he attended Paris Commercial College. In 1938 he went to

work in the Land Department of the Texaco Company, in Mattoon, Illinois. He married Mae Blackwell on September 6, 1940 in Ina, Illinois. He continued to work for the Texaco Company in various locations until 1950. He was a staff sergeant in the Army Air Corps.

In 1947 Joe and his brothers, Charlie and Jack Denton, formed the Hemden Corporation. He went to work for Amerada Oil Company in 1950 in Denver, Colorado, as District Land Manager. After two years in Denver, he moved to Midland, Texas and returned to work for Amerada. In February of 1970 he went into the independent land acquisition business with a partner, Mr. O. E. Phelps. He moved to Eastland after his wife, Mae, died in 1987.

Besides being preceded in death by his wife, Mr. Denton was preceded by brothers, Sam, Jack, Charlie and Tom Denton; and his sisters, Lavada Denton Evans and Mable Denton Yeargan.

Survivors include his sister, Martha Lou Wharton Simon of McKinney, Texas; and several nieces and nephews.

Mayme Martin

Mayme Martin was born March

22, 1909 in St. Louis, Missouri to George and Emma Castle. She moved with her family to Trinidad, Albuquerque, and Carlsbad, where she graduated from high school. She then attended Chicago Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing. In 1934 she married George Kroenlein, an independent geologist living in Carlsbad. They had two daughters, Virginia (1935) and Sylvia (1937). In 1939 they moved to Midland. Mr. Kroenlein died January 16, 1940. To support her family, she started Kroenlein's Geological Record Service. Mrs. Kroenlein married Clyde A. Martin in 1955. He died in a car accident in 1962. The next year, she sold Kroenlein's Record Service and retired from the business. She then started the nonprofit Free Tape Lending Library, for the visually impaired and handicapped, which grew from a small one-person operation in her home to an organization serving over 1,000 people annually. With the support of the First Presbyterian Church, in 1972, a building was erected on church property to house the interdenominational Tape Library where it continues to operate. That same year the Visual Aids News-Mobile, VAN, was created to offer more personal service to the visually handicapped in the community.

This also initially operated from Mayme's home. Again with the help of the church and the community, a building to house VAN was purchased on Ohio Street, where it continues to operate.

From 1934, when Mayme and George Kroenlein first came to Midland as "pioneers" in the oil business, Mayme worked with many community groups and organizations, including serving as first secretary of the First Presbyterian Church; superintendent of the Sunday School Children's Department; co-founder of the Geological Center, which helped to develop the color microfilming of oil well sample logs; Midland Girl Scouts; the Midland Town Hall; and the Knife and Fork Club. She also helped found and support the Midland High School Youth Center; member and supporter of the Midland Community Theater; and, most recently, a member of the Holy Rollers, a service group. Through loans and anonymous gifts, she made it possible for several Midland students to attend college.

Mayme received the Midland's Business Woman of the Year Award in 1945; tallest in the Tall City Commendation in 1969; honorable mention in Tops 'N Texas in 1971; Golden Deeds Award in

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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.

1981; Centennial Citizen on June 17, 1985; and runner-up for State Woman of the Year in 1971.

Mayme never failed to offer her talents, time, and money to any worthwhile organization or "person in need". She never asked for nor accepted any recompense. Mayme personified Albert Schieffelin's dictum, which she often quoted: "It is not enough merely to exist. It's not enough to say, I'm earning enough to live and support my family. I do my work well. I am a good mother. I'm a churchgoer. That's all well, but you must do something more."

Mayme became a world traveler, but her heart remained true to her home in the Land of the Big

Sky and to the many friends who loved her and offered their support to her through all these years.

Mrs. Martin died Monday, November 15, 1999. Memorial services have been scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Thursday, November 18, at the First Presbyterian Church with The Rev. Dr. Jerry Hilton officiating. Ellis Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

The family requests memorials be directed to V.A.N., 2908 W. Ohio, Midland, Texas 79704; Recording Library of the Blind, 202 North "C" Street, Midland, Texas 79701-6143; or Vision 2000, c/o First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas, Midland, Texas 79701.

DEATH NOTICES

Katie Clark

Kathryn Clark died Wednesday, Nov. 17, at a local hospital.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, in Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Ty Morris officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery. Visitation will be 7-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

She was born Oct. 25, 1960 in Midland.

She worked for Midland ISD eight years. She was co-chairperson for West Texas Lupus and Arthritis Support Group. She was a member of Crestview Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Loretta Faye Webb Clark.

Survivors include her father and stepmother, Jesse Calvin and Sybil Clark of Midland; two brothers, Calvin Clark of Odessa and Brett Clark of Greenwood; a sister, Becky Hazlett of Greenwood; two stepbrothers, Doyce Perkins of Odessa and Danny Perkins of Springtown; two step-sisters, Laneita Bingham and Sharon Walker, both of Midland; numerous nieces and a nephew and great-nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Lupus Foundation of America, 1717 Ave. K, Suite 127, Lubbock, TX 79401; or the American Cancer Society, 2304 Wadley, Midland, Texas 79705.

Ilah Cooks

Ilah Ruth Cooks died Sunday, Nov. 14, at a local hospital.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Saturday at Faith Temple COGIC with the Rev. W. C. Kenan officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

She was born in Kosse.

She was preceded in death by a son, Henry Cooks in May 1999.

Survivors include her husband, O.D. Cooks of Midland; two sons, O.D. Cooks Jr. and Milton Cooks, both of Midland; three daughters, Carolyn Grismore, Lillie Cooks and Sheila Thompson, all of Midland; four brothers, Henry L. Taylor, Willie J. Taylor and Leonard Taylor, all of Midland, and Milton Taylor of Kosse; a sister, Doris Ronson of Midland; 16 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

Joel Manriquez

GAUTIER, Miss. — Former

Midlander Joel Enrique Manriquez, 25, died Saturday, Nov. 13, in Mobile, Ala.

Funeral Mass will be 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, at San Juan Catholic Church in Midland with the Rev. Art Flores officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Reyes-Garcia Funeral Home.

He was born July 13, 1974 in Guadalajara Jalisco, Mexico.

He moved to Midland at an early age. He worked construction in various cities.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Lorenzo Magallon, Sebastian Manriquez and Leocadia Barboza.

Survivors include his parents, Ricardo and Maria Manriquez of Midland; five brothers, Jose C. Manriquez of Corpus Christi, and Roberto Manriquez, Ricardo Manriquez Jr., Ramon E. Manriquez and Antonio Manriquez, all of Midland; two sisters, Maria M. Carrasco of Gautier and Maria Segura of Sonora; a grandmother, Anna C. Curiel of La Palma, Michuacan; and numerous nieces and nephews.

George Walters

CEDAR HILL, Calif. — Former Midlander George W. Walters, 87, died Wednesday, Nov. 17.

Graveside services will be 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born Feb. 22, 1912.

He moved to Cedar Hill 30 years ago, and served as mayor from 1979 to 1983. He worked for Mid-Continent Oil Company until 1965, when he moved to Dallas. He owned and operated George Walters Construction Company until retiring in 1986.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Jo Walters; and a son, George Ryan.

Survivors include three sons, Charles Walters of Rancho Mirage, Calif., and Jerry Walters

and Jon Walters, both of Cedar Hill; 10 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

John Seay Sr.

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. — John Gray Seay Sr., 79, father of Midlander John G. Seay Jr., died Tuesday, Nov. 16, at a local hospital.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 19, at Fort & Sons Funeral Home at 1001 N. Mt. Auburn Road in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Dr. Larry Gallamore officiating. Visitation will begin at 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18 at the funeral home.

He was born Wednesday, Nov. 26, 1919 in Schoolfield, Va.

He was a flight service specialist for the Federal Aviation Administration for 36 years. He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church. He was a Powder Puff Derby weather briefer, Regional President for National Assoc. of Retired Federal Employees Local 0626, past commander of VFW Post 3838, active officer for Cape Senior Center, volunteered for United Way and was a member of Silver-Haired Legislature for six years.

He was preceded in death by three brothers and a sister.

Other survivors include his wife, Anna Jean Ruhl Seay of Cape Girardeau; two daughters, Mary J. Freymuth of Troy, Mo. and Mindy E. Hamlett of Egypt Mills, Mo.; six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to Cape (Girardeau) Senior Center.

Jacob Maldonado

MINEOLA — Jacob Douglas Maldonado, infant grandson of former Midlanders Doug and Deannie Walden of Grand Saline, died Tuesday, Nov. 16, at Quitman.

Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, at Jamestown Cemetery with the

Rev. Kyle Poole officiating. Burial will follow at Jamestown Cemetery. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Bartley Funeral Home in Grand Saline.

He was born Nov. 16 in Mineola.

Other survivors include his parents, Kimberly Anderson and George Maldonado of Mineola; two brothers, Justin W. Maldonado and Jonathan T. Maldonado, both of Mineola; grandparents, Bill

and Margie Davis of Gladewater; and great-grandparents Sallie Walker of Grand Saline and Wade Kimbro of Bowling Green, Ky.

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EFFICIENCY: 'You have to be careful to compare apples to apples'

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service study.

"It's hard to ever make an apples-to-apples comparison and because of that we're participating in the ICMA performance program," Burdine said, adding that Lubbock officials are trying to discover the true costs of delivering a service or what the fees and charges are in recovering certain costs.

In some areas it's just not feasible to cover costs, he said.

"You have to be careful to compare apples to apples," he said. "If Midland had curbside bag collection it wouldn't be fair to compare it to Lubbock's alley collection."

Anna Mosqueda, director of management services for Lubbock, has been directly involved with the ICMA program.

"ICMA is a nationwide consortium of city governments," Mosqueda said. It was put together to help cities compare performances in other areas. They develop things to grade themselves on. We just started. Cities can compare themselves so cities know how to calculate info. The

comparability is very difficult."

Assistant Director of ICMA Louise Snyder said ICMA was originated in 1914 but the center for performance measurement started in 1994. Originally, she said, it started with 40-45 large cities and counties, but now has grown to 120, including many smaller cities such as Odessa and Lubbock. Midland is not currently a member.

Initiation and educational fees for joining the program run between \$2,800 and \$3,900 in addition to a \$5,000 annual fee. Through ICMA, the cities compile detailed information on various programs such as parks and recreation, waste management and police departments. Information is compiled and compared in an "apples-to-apples" manner whereby cities of similar size can compare their expenses for programs relevant to their city.

Assistant City Manager Richard Morton said Odessa was entering its third year under the ICMA program. "The ultimate goal is to develop a performance measurement system that can be measured

city to city or county to county."

For example, said Morton, they send out a template every year for parks and recreation: how many acres it has, how many undeveloped acres, the recreation programs involved — the goal is to be comparable, city to city.

"For parks they'd do a comparison per acre," he said. "That gives us a measure of our performance," said Morton. There are various templates for various projects.

"It's a young program, we're working out the bugs," he added.

"I wouldn't say that we'd never do an efficiency study," Morton said. "What Midland's doing is a good idea. We're just doing it a different way. (ICMA) still needs more city participation. If that happens, we may never have a targeted study (like Midland)."

City Manager Mike McGregor said local officials weren't knowledgeable about the ICMA performance measurement program, but that they would look into its effectiveness to see whether that's something Midland could benefit from.

VACCINE: Safety tests are close at hand

(From 1B)

begin developing the symptoms to vaccinate them.

"Not only did it stop the plaque progression, but it reduced some of the build-up. We blocked neural damage and brain inflammation."

Researchers are very close, Schenk said, to starting Phase I safety tests in Alzheimer's patients themselves.

"We'll study very small numbers, for safety reasons. We need to test, for example, how often to give the vaccines. The study, or actually several studies, all Phase I safety studies, could extend over a 12- to 16-month period."

From now until the availabil-

ity of a vaccine, which Schenk said could primarily benefit people at high risk of developing Alzheimer's, could be as little as four to seven years.

"There are no guarantees, obviously, but the effects of the vaccine have been astounding."

The research itself, he said, was a leap of faith.

"It took me a long time to convince anyone to try this," he recalled, explaining that "the antibodies made from the vaccine actually bind to and target the plaque and scavenger cells in the brain destroy the plaque. The leap of faith on my part was that antibodies would get into the brain. Antibodies don't normally get into the brain."

Schenk's researchers and three other teams are also making progress on a second front, he said, which is preventing the formation of the plaque in the first place.

"The material that accumulates and forms the plaque comes from a larger enzyme. The idea is to inhibit that enzyme and thus inhibit the plaque. We and three other teams have reported cloning that enzyme, which requires much further research because we have to develop an inhibitor."

While he says it would be a far reach to say Alzheimer's could soon be under control, he conceded "it's absolutely conceivable to say that in 10 years we could have it under control. And we couldn't say that too long ago."

Area briefs

Dance class

St. Paul CME Church, 409 S. Lee Street, will present Angel Norris Johnson in a Liturgical Dance Workshop from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Young people between the ages of 10 and 20 are needed to participate.

For additional information,

call Robbyne Hocker Fuller at 682-2864 or St. Paul's CME Church at 682-0010.

Santa's lock-up

Santa will be picking up Midlanders and hauling them to "jail" for the Muscular Dystrophy Association's Jingle Bells Lock-up Tuesday, Dec. 7,

beginning at 10 a.m. at Outback Steakhouse, 2314 W. Loop 250 N. Friends, coworkers and family members can make an MDA donation toward their "bail" ... or towards keeping them locked up for good. All donations benefit MDA and "Jerry's Kids." Call MDA-Midland at 570-4970 for more information.

Today's Agenda

Permian Basin Hotel/Motel Association, noon, 561-8000.
Project ADAM (Alternatives to Domestic Assault for Men), 570-0467.

Parents Anonymous, 7 p.m., 570-1084.

Compulsive Eaters Anonymous, noon, First United Methodist Church, 694-2860.

Stroke Club, 6:30 p.m., HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hos-

pital, 520-1600.

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

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

Flatlanders Toastmasters Club, Chevron Building, 15 Smith Road, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 987-7286.

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

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) No. Tx139, 7 p.m., 1007 Austin St., 694-8643.

HOSPITAL: Board accepts a new medical waste disposal bid

(From 1B)

Ms. Robinson also reported that concrete is being poured for the addition to the Surgi-Care Center addition and in about a month renovations will begin to add a third operating room to the center, where doctors perform outpatient surgery.

Directors accepted the bid of Positive Impact Waste for disposal of medical waste from the

hospital. Sanz explained that the company agreed to chemically treat the waste on-site and the hospital would save \$50,000 over its present method, which involves employees taking the waste to an incinerator. The savings result not only from freeing the employees for other tasks but relieves the hospital from having to spend \$100,000 to \$200,000 to repair and upgrade the incinerator, he said.

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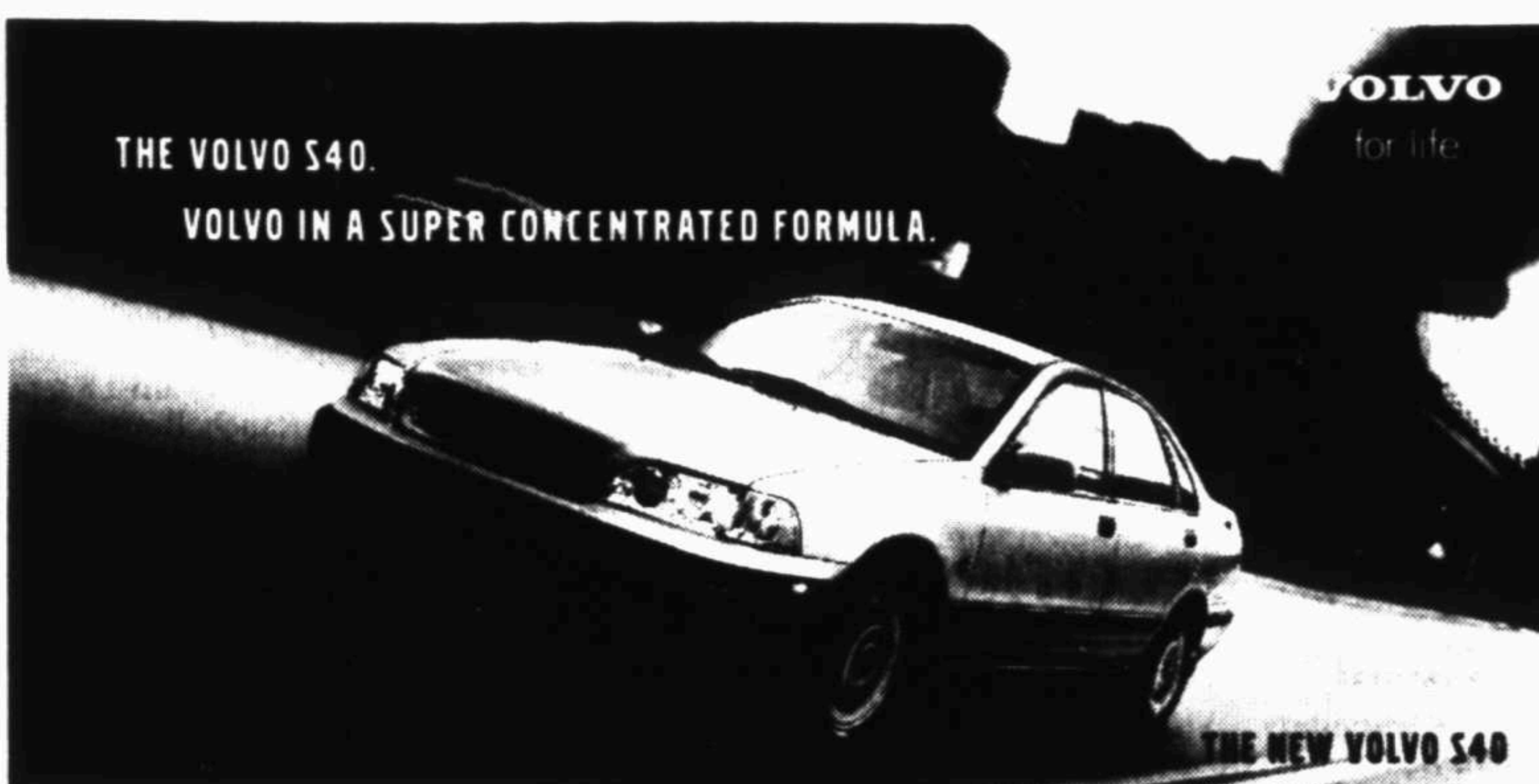
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RODEO: Events include the open cowboy rodeo at 6 p.m. on Friday

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"Oh, I'm convinced that the ranching industry will always exist in some form or fashion," McDaniel said, "and we would hope that it would be in a family atmosphere of the traditions that are passed down from generation to generation."

That concept is what launched the first annual Midland Ranch Rodeo in 1988. And that was to "honor the ranching heritage of the community," noted the late rancher Charlie Welch, who was instrumental in founding the event.

Rodeo events include the open cowboy rodeo beginning at 6 p.m. Friday and the Invitational Ranch Rodeo at 4 p.m. Saturday in the Midland County Arena.

The Saturday-night dance, after the day's work is done at the chuck wagons and in the arena, will feature the Western swing music of the Bob Wills' Texas Playboys, headed up by Leon Rausch and Tommy Allsup.

Rausch, a vocalist who plays the guitar and bass fiddle, performed with the original Bob Wills' band from 1958 to 1965. Allsup joined Buddy Holly and The Crickets in 1958 and started producing Bob Wills' records in the early 1960s until Wills' death in 1975.

The legendary Wills, the acclaimed king of Western swing, and his Texas Playboys had popularized such songs as "Faded Love," "San Antonio Rose" and "Maiden Prayer" long prior to his death at age 69 in 1975.

Midland rancher John Mabae, who is the rodeo chairman, said the event will give people an opportunity to watch "working cowboys" re-enact their daily ranching chores in the company of horses and cattle.

The 4 p.m. Saturday Ranch Rodeo event will include wild cow milking, steering doctoring, team sorting, calf branding and double mugging.

Ranch teams entered in Saturday's Ranch Rodeo include the Rocker B Ranch of Barnhart, Dean Ranch of Sheffield, Long X Cattle Company of Kent, Munsell Ranch of Andrews, NT Ranch of Stanton, and the Cedar

Mountain Ranch, YT Ranch and the K Bar Ranch, all of Odessa. Midland rancher Tommy Conner, who is a Ranch Rodeo supporter, noted that "Midland started out as a cowtown" in the 1880s and that "the oil business didn't come in here" well into the 1900s.

"I grew up with ranching people in Midland County," Mrs. Conner said.

Though the recent downturn in the economy "has really hit everybody," the ranching families and their hands "still got it in us" to survive and to persevere, Mrs. Conner said. "We are not quitters. We've always come out of the drought."

"We are celebrating the Western heritage" at the weekend event, Mrs. Conner said.

Admission to Friday's events is \$2 per person plus one can of food for the West Texas Food Bank.

Admission on Saturday is \$5 per person.

McDaniel noted that the Midland Ranch Rodeo seeks to "portray the family traditions that existed in the development of the ranching industry of West Texas to today's families."

He cited the "cohesiveness that it took to keep these traditions alive."

"The ranching industry is one that has served West Texas since its inception and still continues to today, usually to the second fiddle, so to speak, of the petroleum industry."

McDaniel, who is director of the Haley Library and History Center in Midland, said that the romanticism associated with ranching "comes from the ability to determine one's fate for the day."

Working cowboys and cowgirls and the ranchers "get up every morning, and they know what they have got to do, but they don't have anybody making them do it," he said. "I think that's the romantic part of it. They get out there and stay on those ranches day in and day out. They know how much work it is."

"The freedom to make one's choices during the day is what the

romantic side of ranching is, plus being out of doors," McDaniel said. "If they are out of doors when it is 15 degrees, it's sleeting, and the wind is blowing 40 miles an hour, trying to feed cattle and break ice for water, it may not be so romantic."

The events, day-by-day, include:

Friday: 9 a.m., set up of the Bit, Spur & Collectible Show and arrival of chuck wagons; 6 p.m., opening of the Bit, Spur & Collectible Show; 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., open cowboy rodeo.

Saturday: 8 a.m., Gates open for Bit, Spur & Collectible Show; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., cowboy-cowgirl musical entertainment in the Midland County Exhibit Building; noon - 2 p.m., authentic chuckwagon feed (for meal tickets at \$8 each, please telephone 687-1351); 1 p.m., re-enactment of United States Mounted Cavalry; 3 p.m., kids' rodeo; 4 p.m., 12th Anniversary Ranch Rodeo performance; 6:15 p.m., chuckwagon cooking awards; 8 p.m. - midnight, Ranch Rodeo dance featuring the Bob Wills' Texas Playboys. Admission on Saturday is \$5 per person. Admission to the dance is \$10 per person at the door or \$8 in advance.

Saturday's entertainment includes musicians Trudy Fair, a cowgirl-singer who won the 1998 Western Swing Vocalist of the Year Award and whose extensive credits include writing for Pawnee Bill's Wild West Show; the Texas Sand, which plays the music of Texas; Dan Roberts, Western singer-guitarist, and Jeff Gore, Texas singer.

Sunday: 9 a.m., gates open to the Bit, Spur and Collectible Show; 9 a.m. - 10:15 a.m., 4-H Club omelet breakfast at \$5 per plate; 10:30 a.m., cowboy church service featuring a Country Chapel worship team and minister Leonard Cotten; 1 p.m., Play Day.

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AUSTIN (AP) — A nation last year released into the air from coal-burning power plants but has the mercury reduce the toxic federal and state environmental groups.

In 1998, Texas power plants released mercury into the atmosphere, 5.5 tons in was directly into the air to a report released by the Sierra Club.

"This is another outdated power plant modernize and clean up," Ken Kramer, director of the Center for Economic Development of coal and utilities looking at total misleading.

"Texas, of course," Kramer said, "it does not miles or population."

DEATH N (From 2B)

Jonathan

BIG SPRING — Ray Letz, 6-day-old and Becky Letz, Nov. 16, at a Lutheran Church of God.

Lance Baker of the will follow at the Park. Visitation p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

He was born in Spring. Other survivors include grandparents, Thomas Letz of and Mary Letz of Big Spring; sons, C. T. and H. of Abilene; and grandmother, Aspermont.

Walter S

BIG SPRING — Speaker, 72, died Nov. 16, in Comanche County.

Services will be held Nov. 19, at the Rev. Ben J. Burial will follow at Memorial Park.

He was born in Indian Gap. He moved to 1946. He worked Lines 19 years. He was a member of the Church.

Survivors include Rosemarie Sloan Spring; two sons of Big Spring; daughter of Anna; and Kelly Overton.

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Environmental groups: Texas leads nation in mercury pollution

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas led the nation last year in mercury released into the environment from coal-burning power plants, but has the most potential to reduce the toxic emissions with federal and state legislation, environmental groups said Wednesday.

In 1998, Texas coal-burning power plants released 10 tons of mercury into the environment — 5.5 tons in waste and 4.5 tons directly into the air — according to a report released by Clean Water Action, Public Citizen and the Sierra Club.

"This is another reason why our outdated power industry needs to modernize and clean up its act," said Ken Kramer, director of the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club.

Randy Eminger, vice president for the Center for Energy and Economic Development, a group of coal and utility interests, said looking at total emissions was misleading.

"Texas, of course, is a large state," Eminger said. "When you look at Texas as the No. 1 emitter, it does not consider square miles or population."

Eminger said the report did not analyze the impact of the emissions.

In 1998, two Texas utilities companies were among the top ten mercury polluters, the report said. Texas Utilities Corp., now known as TXU, was fourth in the nation, releasing 4.4 tons in 1998, and Houston Industries, Inc. was 10th, releasing two tons of mercury.

In addition, six Texas power plants were among the 50 most polluting in the nation. The Monticello plant released the most mercury into the environment nationwide — two tons.

"Electric power companies can no longer argue that we don't have enough data to support the need for national mercury controls," Kramer said.

Mercury is a natural element and is released as a byproduct of some human activity, such as the burning of coal in power plants.

The heavy metal can pose a health risk to some people when consumed, mainly in the form of fish that have been exposed to it.

The groups said coal-burning power plants are in a regulatory loophole that allows them to con-

tinue polluting the environment because there are no state or federal regulations on mercury emissions.

Data on mercury pollution had also been previously unavailable, they said.

While Texas has the greatest problem in reducing mercury emissions from coal-burning power plants, the groups said the state was in a unique position to fight the problem.

Tom Smith, director of Public Citizen in Austin, said the state's electric utilities deregulation law allows the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission and the Public Utilities Commission to add mercury to pollution reduction goals.

The utilities commission can decide whether to fit old power plants with mercury-reducing equipment or shut them down, he said.

"We believe it's clear that mercury should be considered as one of those contaminants when making those decisions," Smith said.

Smith also said Gov. George W. Bush and the Legislature should ask the TNRCC to set standards for mercury emissions.



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DEATH NOTICES

(From 2B)

Jonathan Letz

BIG SPRING — Jonathan Ray Letz, 6-day-old son of Bryan and Becky Letz, died Tuesday, Nov. 16, at a Lubbock hospital.

Services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, at College Park Church of God with the Rev. Lance Baker officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. Visitation will be 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born Nov. 10 in Big Spring.

Other survivors include his grandparents, Donna and Thomas Letz of Fredericksburg and Mary and Johnnie Rodgers of Big Spring; great-grandparents, C. T. and Rosemary Pierce of Abilene; and a great-great-grandmother, Audrey Conrod of Aspermont.

Walter Speaker

BIG SPRING — Walter O. Speaker, 72, died Tuesday, Nov. 16, in Comanche.

Services will be 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Ben Neel officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Feb. 9, 1927 in Indian Gap.

He moved to Big Spring in 1946. He worked for Allied Van Lines 19 years, before retiring. He was a member of Salem Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Rosemarie Sloan Speaker of Big Spring; two sons, Robert Speaker of Big Spring and Rory Speaker of Anna; three step-daughters, Kelly Overton and Patty Ditto,

both of Coahoma, and Christina McCarver of Midland; a brother, Willie Speaker of Big Spring; two sisters, Edna Grisham of Moody and Clara Smith of Salina, and 14 grandchildren.

Tyler Strickland

Tyler Strickland died Wednesday, Nov. 17, at his home.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Thelma Hinkley

LEAGUE CITY — Thelma Hinkley, formerly of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Nov. 16, in League City.

Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 19, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Denis Owen officiating. Visitation will be 7-9 p.m. Thursday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Survivors include her husband, James Hinkley; two sons, Buzz Barr and Chris Hinkley; a daughter, Linda Mann; and a sister, Ida Grimsley.

Nathaniel Beaty

Nathaniel Beaty died Wednesday, Nov. 17, at a local hospital.

Services are pending with Thomas Funeral Home.

Hubbard Heard

BIG SPRING — Hubbard Heard, 85, died Wednesday, Nov. 17, at his home.

Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Regino Escontrias

Regino Escontrias, 70, died Wednesday, Nov. 17, at his home.

Services are pending with Reyes-Garcia Funeral Home.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Nov. 18, 1999:
Your insight and verbal abilities set you apart from the majority of people. You're most persuasive, but be aware of a tendency to be a little sharp at times. Efficiency is important to you, but sometimes you simply speak your mind without forethought. You needn't stand on ceremony, but take responsibility for your actions and their results. If you are single, you are very attractive to the opposite sex. Spring/summer 2000 brings a dynamic new personality into your life. If attached, your relationship takes a positive turn during the spring months. Your willingness to talk about problems helps clear them up. **PISCES** adores you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Ideas often pop up in your dreams; write down brainstorming upon waking. You might want to investigate the possibility of making your ideas happen. You have unusual insight and vitality at work. You are in sync with a partner and see eye to eye with him. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Act on your words, and the universe will listen. Another responds to your inquiries as you ask excellent questions. Emphasis is on making a long-term dream happen. Make plans for a visit or trip in the near future. You naturally delight a partner. Tonight: Hang out with friends, but call it an early night.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might not exactly be sure what a partner wants, but you'll find out. Sometimes he has a harsh way of expressing his interests and

needs. Work flows because of your mental flexibility and your ability to enlist others' help. Tonight: Clear your desk at home.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Be sensitive to a partner who might really be contrary. Work on understanding what is bothering him. Read the meaning behind his words. Your creativity and sensitivity bring positive results. Another really does want your help. Tonight: Take in a movie and relax.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Listen to a co-worker or someone who plays a role in your day-to-day life. You might not have a choice; you get an earful! Breeze through work; you're a bundle of energy. Take time with an associate. As always, that personal touch makes a difference. Tonight: Pay bills.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Examine another's ideas more carefully. You naturally ask the right questions at the right time. Using your ingenuity attracts answers — and others, as well. Popularity soars; others seek you out. Tonight: Start the weekend early.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You accomplish a lot once you swim through some personal matters. A family member has a gripe and lets you know! Help him talk. Take one thing at a time at work; you are on cruise control. Put in overtime if you must. Tonight: Get errands done on the way home.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Your positive energy brings others toward you. Do not minimize the importance of a loved one. Make calls; return messages. Another could be a bit hostile, but don't take his irritation personally.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

Your good mood proves to be contagious. Tonight: Be your charming self.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Again, you make the right decision about money. Others want a lot from you, but you intuitively know what to do. Deal with what is on your mind first; otherwise, you might have a difficult time accomplishing what you want. Listen to your instincts. Tonight: Spruce up the house.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Listen to a co-worker or someone who plays a role in your day-to-day life. You might not have a choice; you get an earful! Breeze through work; you're a bundle of energy. Take time with an associate. As always, that personal touch makes a difference. Tonight: Pay bills.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Expenses are high; you might be spending in order to avoid dealing with a problem. Be open to discussion. Clear the air when possible. A boss makes inquiries; be ready to go and find the right answers. Be aware of how much you offer. Tonight: Get an important item you need.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Your smile wins you support. You understand a friend much better after he expresses his anger. You need to hear what is happening in order to get the total picture. Take action. Get done what you want. Tonight: Use that personality of yours.

BORN TODAY
Actress Linda Evans (1942), actress Elizabeth Perkins (1960), comic Kevin Nealon (1953)

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With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Proponent Of The 4-3 Fit

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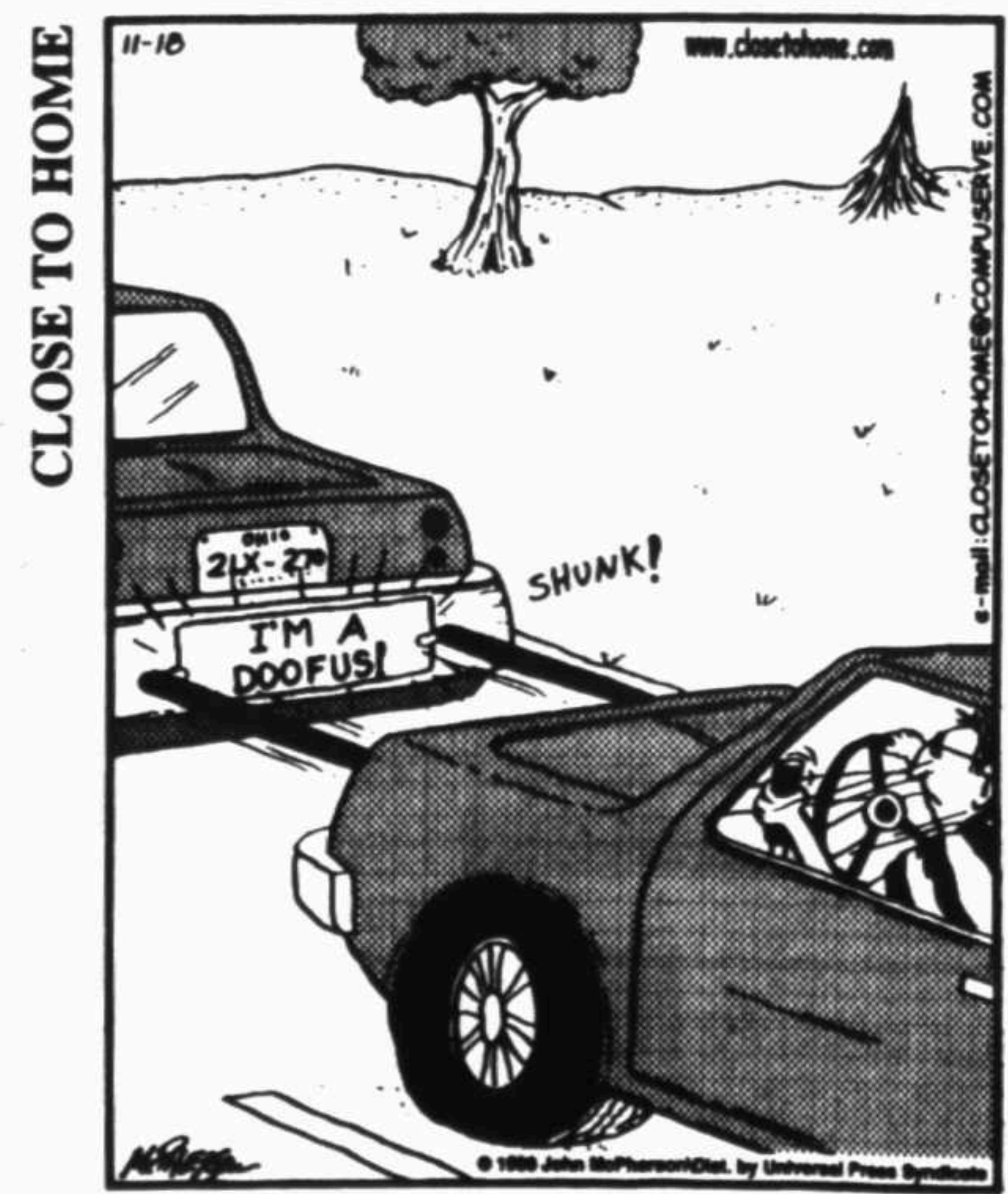
The bidding:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
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60 Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Eight of ♠

A reader writes: "Who was the Moyses who espoused the 4-3 fit in a major suit? I know he was editor of 'The Bridge World,' but was he a top-class player?"
Alphonse "Sonny" Moyses was a man of decided opinions, a player of considerable talent and an accomplished writer with a great sense of humor. He was a regular at New York's Cavendish Club in its heyday, and this deal is from a rubber-bridge game at the club.
Moyes sat South, and, as can be seen from the bidding, he was not the sort to hold back — most players would have been satisfied

with a rebid of five hearts considering the shortness in partner's suit.
Against six hearts West led a club, and declarer had problems. Looking at all four hands, can you spot the winning line that Moyses found at the table?
The only hope was that the club lead was a singleton. Moyses grabbed the ace and drew three rounds of trumps, discarding clubs from the table. After crossing to dummy with the king of dia-

monds, declarer cashed the ace of diamonds, discarding the ace of spades from hand! South returned to hand with a diamond ruff, setting up the suit in the process, and led a spade toward the queen. West could do no better than win the king of spades, but then he had to resuscitate dummy by leading a spade to the queen, giving declarer access to all those lovely diamonds on the board.



Angered by yet another slow driver, Andy activates his remote bumper-sticker applicator.

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3 KMD	2	3	News 125	Wheel of Fortune	Whose Line Is It?	Who Wants to be a Millionaire	Whose Line Is It?	20/20 Downtown 1505	News 8452963	Nightline (10:35)	Politically Incorrect (10:35)
5 KPEJ	24	5	Home Improvement	Judge Judy 50079	Busted on the Job! 414296	Greed: The Multi-Million Dollar Challenge	Mad About You	The Nanny 25963	Jerry Springer	News 5945692	Late Show With David Letterman (10:35)
7 KOSA	7	7	News 1383	Entertain Tonight	Diagnosis Murder 83708	Chicago Hope 89128 (TVPG-L)	48 Hours 72692	ER: Humphrey Dumpty 96296	News 4230963	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (10:35)	Late Night Conan
9 KWES	9	9	News 9963	Seinfeld 2465	Friends 6760	Jesse 6499	Fraser 2708	Star Trek: Voyager	Richard Roberts 12876	News 71682	Faith: Pleasea God Church 72470
13 KMLM	42	12	News 47586	John Hedges Today	The Light of the Southwest 83586	Small Business	New York: A Documentary Film	Cosmopolis (1914-1931)	Telecourse 681857		
15 KOCV	36	13	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer 614447	West Texas Journal	Small Business	New York: A Documentary Film	Cosmopolis (1914-1931)	Telecourse 681857			
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8 CNBC	8	8	Business Center	Upright Comedy	Hardball With Chris Matthews 3921296	Rivers Live 350944	The News With Brian Williams 3950708	News 173321	Hardball With Chris Matthews 3953895	MacGyver: Strictly Business (TVPG-V)	In the Heat of the Night 406286
10 WGN	10	10	Caroline in the City	Caroline in the City	The Nanny 25963	Jerry Lewis, Stella Stevens 409912	WCW Thunder 581383 (TVPG-DLV)	WCW Thunder 590031 (TVPG-DLV)	The Chimp Channel	WCW Thunder 234586 (TVPG-DLV)	WCW Thunder 205234 (TVPG-DLV)
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20 DISC	20	20	The Big Wet 884078 (TVG)	Wings Over Yugoslavia 965321	Wings Over Yugoslavia 965321	Lance Burton, Magician	Beyond Bizarre 861505	700 Club 483789	The Boos? Comedy	Roswell 372857 (TVG)	Roswell 372857 (TVG)
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28 CNN	28	28	Moneyline	Crossfire	The World Today	Larry King Live 503505	CNN NewsStand	Sports	Moneyline	Larry King Live 503741	50 O'Neil
29 ESPN	29	29	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter
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32 A&E	32	32	Law & Order: Old Friends 679147 (TVPG)	Law & Order: Old Friends 679147 (TVPG)	Law & Order: Old Friends 679147 (TVPG)	Law & Order: Old Friends 679147 (TVPG)	Law & Order: Old Friends 679147 (TVPG)	Law & Order: Old Friends 679147 (TVPG)	Law & Order: Old Friends 679147 (TVPG)	Law & Order: Old Friends 679147 (TVPG)	Law & Order: Old Friends 679147 (TVPG)
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35 NICK	35	35	Hey Arnold!	Hey Arnold!	Hey Arnold!	Hey Arnold!	Hey Arnold!	Hey Arnold!	Hey Arnold!	Hey Arnold!	Hey Arnold!
36 LIFE	36	36	Intimate Portrait: Pam Grier 848215 (TVPG)	Intimate Portrait: Pam Grier 848215 (TVPG)	Intimate Portrait: Pam Grier 848215 (TVPG)	Intimate Portrait: Pam Grier 848215 (TVPG)	Intimate Portrait: Pam Grier 848215 (TVPG)	Intimate Portrait: Pam Grier 848215 (TVPG)	Intimate Portrait: Pam Grier 848215 (TVPG)	Intimate Portrait: Pam Grier 848215 (TVPG)	Intimate Portrait: Pam Grier 848215 (TVPG)
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43 FSN	43	43	Sports Tonight: NHL Hockey: Dallas Stars at Philadelphia Flyers 264944	Sports Tonight: NHL Hockey: Dallas Stars at Philadelphia Flyers 264944	Sports Tonight: NHL Hockey: Dallas Stars at Philadelphia Flyers 264944	Sports Tonight: NHL Hockey: Dallas Stars at Philadelphia Flyers 264944	Sports Tonight: NHL Hockey: Dallas Stars at Philadelphia Flyers 264944	Sports Tonight: NHL Hockey: Dallas Stars at Philadelphia Flyers 264944	Sports Tonight: NHL Hockey: Dallas Stars at Philadelphia Flyers 264944	Sports Tonight: NHL Hockey: Dallas Stars at Philadelphia Flyers 264944	Sports Tonight: NHL Hockey: Dallas Stars at Philadelphia Flyers 264944
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62 HIST	62	62	20th Century	Forgotten Wars	Forgotten Wars	Forgotten Wars	Forgotten Wars	Forgotten Wars	Forgotten Wars	Forgotten Wars	Forgotten Wars
63 ESPN2	63	63	NFL 21night	NHL Hockey: Dallas Stars at Philadelphia Flyers 264944	NHL Hockey: Dallas Stars at Philadelphia Flyers 264944	NHL Hockey: Dallas Stars at Philadelphia Flyers 264944	NHL Hockey: Dallas Stars at Philadelphia Flyers 264944	NHL Hockey: Dallas Stars at Philadelphia Flyers 264944	NHL Hockey: Dallas Stars at Philadelphia Flyers 264944	NHL Hockey: Dallas Stars at Philadelphia Flyers 264944	NHL Hockey: Dallas Stars at Philadelphia Flyers 264944
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PEOPLE TODAY

'J.R. Ewing' helps sell Russian oil

BUCHAREST, Romania — "Dallas" is long gone, but J.R. Ewing is still selling oil.

The Romanian market has been inundated with posters and TV commercials showing Larry Hagman posing as his old Texas oil baron character from the TV series, complete with Stetson hat. The ads show Ewing telling consumers that if they use Russian Lukoil products, they will be "well ahead."

The month-old campaign has been successful, said Lukoil representative Ionut Visan: "People are coming in here and asking for J.R. Oil."

"Dallas" was one of the few American TV series that Romanians were allowed to watch during the communist regime of dictator Nicolae Ceausescu.

PARIS — Supermodel Adriana Karembeu kicked off a campaign Wednesday in which she models skin-tight T-shirts for the French Red Cross' crusade against land mines.

Forty percent of the proceeds from the shirts, which carry the slogan "Love Emergency," will go toward the campaign.

"It's a very seductive T-shirt, which is important and attractive for a younger public. It's very sexy and even sexy in a way," Ms. Karembeu said.

Red Cross official Jean-Pierre Cabouat noted with regret that the T-shirts don't carry any reference to land mines. "I understand — after all, they are a fashion accessory," he said.

The Red Cross says 2,000 people are killed or maimed every month by land mines.

NEW YORK — Be afraid. But how afraid? Stephen King and Peter Straub, co-authors of the million-selling fantasy novel "The Talisman," are planning a sequel they warn could get a little scary.

"Our intention is to make the story a little harder and

darker than the first book, more horror than fantasy," Straub said in a statement Wednesday.

Straub and King have signed a multimillion-dollar deal for the still-untitled novel, which will be published by Random House and is expected to come out in 2001.

"The Talisman," published in 1984, tells the story of 13-year-old Jack Sawyer's quest for a talisman that will save his mother's life. The new book is expected to portray Jack as an adult.

LONDON — Madonna is buying a house in a fashionable London neighborhood for \$8 million, and getting in a shot at the city's real estate agents in the process, The Times reported Wednesday.

The pop star bought the five-bedroom, four-story mansion in South Kensington directly from the unidentified seller, The Times said.

The direct sale deprives real estate agents of their standard 2 percent commission, and that was sweet revenge for Madonna, because they had made her life "a misery" during the 18 months she had been shopping, the newspaper said.

"It's a very ordinary house," said real estate agent David Forbes. "It's got a very nice garden."

ANAHEIM, Calif. — He may be slowing down, but Bob Hope can still light up Christmas.

The 96-year-old entertainer and his wife, Dolores, will be guests of honor at Disneyland on Monday to turn on all of the park lights for the Christmas season.

"We figured if we could kick off Christmas with somebody of that stature, why not?" Disneyland spokesman Tom Brocato said.

NEW YORK — Casper Van Dien didn't tell anyone he had broken a finger while filming a fight scene for the movie "Sleepy Hollow."

He reset the bone himself, and "then I kept fighting and riding horses for the next eight days," he said in the Nov. 19-21 issue of USA Weekend magazine.

Van Dien, who plays a rival of Johnny Depp's character Ichabod Crane, said he had good reason for not complaining: "I was having fun. I was in a Tim Burton film. I was in a scene with Johnny Depp."

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By Terry Will
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Wide receiver Courtney Scurlark and his Stanton teammates will face No. 4-ranked Iraan at 7:30 p.m. Friday night at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa.

Stanton collides with old district foe Iraan in Class 2A showdown

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

ODESSA — The last time Stanton and Iraan met on the football field was back on Halloween of 1997.

Back then, both teams were in the same district. Iraan was coming off the 1996 Class 2A state championship, while Stanton was in the middle of its run for the state crown. Stanton went on to win that Halloween game 27-12 and the district title.

Last season both teams avoided each other in the playoffs as Iraan got eliminated in the area round, while the Buffaloes reached the state semifinals.

This year there is no avoiding each other as No. 4 Iraan (11-0) and Stanton (11-0)

clash in the Class 2A area round of the playoffs at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa. This has been such an anticipated matchup that it may become known as the "Rumble at Ratliff."

"I think people have been waiting for this for two years," said Stanton coach Mark Cotton. "Everybody thought we'd meet last year but we didn't win district and they did."

"I think it's going to be a bloodbath, very hard hitting and physical."

Iraan's third-year head coach, Randy Doege, remembers the battles his team has had with Stanton.

"We've had some big games in the past against Stanton," Doege said. "It seems like there's something that is always on the line when we play them. It's a lot of fun to play

them and if you come out with a win, you feel very fortunate that you do."

Although none of the current Buffaloes were on that 1997 team, the Braves have seven players who were on the team that last clashed with the Buffs including stud senior fullback Clint Smithson.

"They knew they were going to be a dominant football team coming in," said Cotton about the Braves. "They resemble the '96 team which won state. They have a great defense, are very solid offensively and they don't make mistakes."

Smithson has been with Iraan's varsity since he was a freshman and has been a three-year starter. This year, he has rushed for 1,575 yards and scored 25 touchdowns.

Please see STANTON/4C



LEE REBELS FOOTBALL

Balancing Act

Rogers' air attack lends diversity to Lee offense

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

Following a 5-5 season and a quick bi-district exit at the hands of Amarillo High in 1997, Midland Lee coach John Parchman added a new word to the Rebel football play book — "Diversity."

"In 1997, we had a great running back in Josh Norman, but we saw what could happen with Josh left and Josh right," Parchman said. "Even when Josh was healthy, it was a tough go for us, and when he was hurt, we didn't have much of an offense at all. I knew then that we needed more diversity, more balance in our offense."

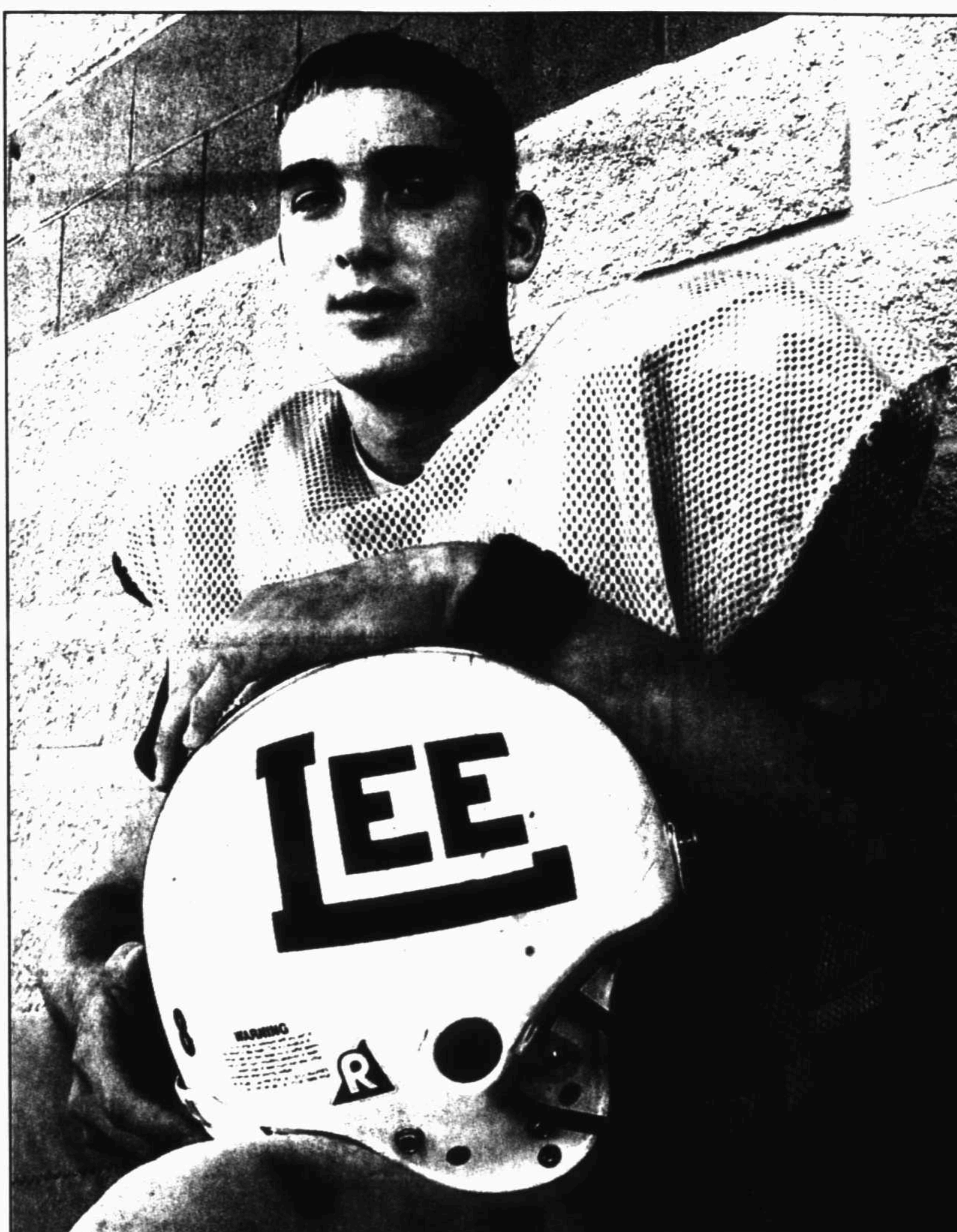
Then along came Jon, quarterback Jon Rogers that is.

"I know one thing, Jon Rogers changed us from a running team to enough balance to win a state championship," Parchman said. "There is probably not a more pure throwing quarterback to come through Lee than Jon."

Rogers has the numbers to back up the claim, and, oh yes, there is that 1998 state championship to prove the point. In two years, Rogers has become Lee's all-time leading passer with 2,767 yards, passing the previous record of 2,681 by Gregg Frazier in 1966-67. He also is Lee's career leader in touchdown passes with 36, crushing Frazier's old mark of 15. He had 21 TD tosses in Lee's state title run alone last year.

Against San Angelo Central Friday, he broke Lee's single game playoff passing record with 208 yards, breaking his own record of 194 yards set against El Paso Andres last year in El Paso. He has completed 60 passes this season and 25 percent of those completions have gone for TDs.

"Midland Lee has always had a great running back or two, like Cedric Benson and Clint McNutt



Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram
Midland Lee quarterback Jon Rogers owns many school passing records, but more importantly, he owns a 26-1 record as a starter over the past two years.

this year," said Odessa Permian coach Randy Mayes. "But what makes this team different, and much more explosive, is Jon Rogers. With his ability to throw, he is the difference in what they do."

Rogers had humble beginnings

with the Lee Rebels, waiting his turn to drive the Lee offensive machine.

"When I was a sophomore, I played three games on the sophomore team and one on the JV before I was moved to the varsity as the backup to Jeremy Deramus,"

Rogers said. "After being on the varsity that year (1997), I knew what to expect on Friday nights when it was my time to step up."

But he was the starter from day one in Lee's 15-1 state championship

Please see LEE/4C

Jones runs away in NL MVP voting

By Ronald Blum
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Four swings changed Chipper Jones' season into an MVP year — four home runs in a three-game September series against the New York Mets.

"I think those four home runs were huge. I'd like to think my name was already on the map before that, but that kind of jump-started everything," Jones said Wednesday after winning the National League Most Valuable Player Award in a landslide.

Jones, who hit 45 homers and carried Atlanta to an eighth straight division title, received 29 of 32 first-place votes and finished with 432 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. He also got two second-place votes and one third.

"It's awfully hard to believe," Jones said. "To have this in your corner, to always be able to say you won an MVP, is a tremendous honor."

Houston first baseman Jeff Bagwell was second

Please see MVP/6C



Jones

Lady Chaps host Classic

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

When it comes to this time of year, the goal of the No. 6 Midland College Lady Chaparrals is to continue to improve by the time Western Junior College Athletic Conference play rolls around in January.

For MC's sixth-year coach Ron Jones, all he wants to do is keep on winning from now until the new year, especially this week when his team hosts the Lady Chap Classic which starts today.

South Plains College kicks off the tourney against Blinn College at 5:15 p.m. The Lady Chaps tip-off against Rose State at 7:30 p.m. On Friday, only one game is scheduled as Blinn takes on Rose State at 3 p.m. The Lady Chap Classic concludes on Saturday as Rose State faces South Plains at 3:45 p.m. and then Midland College closes it out at 6 p.m. against Blinn.

One of the main areas Jones likes to see his improvement is holding onto the ball.

"We're still turning the ball over a lot," Jones said about his Lady Chaps, who are 4-1 on the young season. "I think we're averaging close to 25 turnovers

Please see MC/2C

OSCAR LEROY

'Rumble at Ratliff' provides long-awaited matchup

Finally, finally, finally we get the matchup that we've been waiting for so patiently.

This Friday Stanton faces No. 4 Iraan in a battle of two of the past three Class 2A state champions at 7:30 p.m. at Odessa's Ratliff Stadium in what I'm affectionately referring to as "Rumble at Ratliff." Although I should say, this is the battle of the last two unified Class 2A state champions since the UIL went to the wacky format of dividing small schools and big schools last year, so technically we have two of the past four champions over the last three years. Well, whatever you want to call it, it's still going to be a great game.

Talking about a clash of the titans. Over the past four years, there are very few people that can dispute that Stanton and Iraan have been two of the elite teams of Region 1-2A. The teams have combined to post a record of 95-9 during that time span. Only twice during the past four years has either team failed to win at least 10 games — the 1996 Stanton team which finished 8-3 and the 1997 Iraan squad which finished at 9-3. This season, both come into Friday's games as district champions with identical 11-0 records.

It's really a shame that these two teams have to meet so early but that's the way the playoffs go. Whichever team wins on Friday, it'll certainly have a good shot to advance to at least the

regional finals. Other than Iraan or Stanton, the toughest competition in Region 1-2A may lie in either Sonora (11-0) or Seagraves (9-2), both of whom meet Friday in Sweetwater. The Iraan-Stanton winner meets either Stratford (9-2) or Abertamy (8-3) in the state quarterfinals.

Iraan, which returned eight starters on each side of the ball, is a team which expected to have a shot at the Region 1-2A crown. Stanton... well, not very many people expected the Buffaloes to be in contention with just one starter returning on each side of the football.

"They're the team that was supposed to be here and we're kind of the surprise," said Stanton coach Mark Cotton.

Stanton may be the story of 1999 as the most successful team nobody thought of at the beginning of the year. I have to say with the job Coach Cotton has done at Stanton, I'm already pushing him to take over at Texas Tech. I know, it's a far-fetched wish but at least let me wish.

Who knows? We all wished for a Iraan-Stanton matchup and we got it.

Let the "bloodbath" commence.

CHARGERS ON A ROLL: Can we just hand the Trinity Chargers the TCAL state championship trophy?

With Trinity avenging last year's loss to Galveston Heritage by a score of 59-13, the Chargers are on a definite mission.

The Chargers (7-4) face Amarillo Trinity (6-4) in a rematch of their district game two weeks ago which the Chargers won 52-6. Although the Chargers put a pounding on the boys from Amarillo,

the Chargers caution that the score was not indicative of how good Amarillo Trinity is. The Chargers said they are confident but not overconfident.

All they have to do is be reminded of last year's TCAL semifinals when the Chargers faced the same El Paso Faith Christian team they pummeled just two weeks earlier. It took a solid second half effort for the Chargers to pull away from Faith Christian and win 81-58.

It's going to take another good effort to beat a team that's out for revenge and a good win helps with the confidence going into the TCAL title game on Saturday, Nov. 27 in Arlington against either San Antonio Sunnybrook or San Antonio Town East.

UNEXPLORED TERRITORY: The Greenwood Rangers (8-3) have a chance to finally get out of the area round when they face Dalhart (6-5) at 5 p.m. Saturday. The Rangers are healthy and have a large group of seniors, which is different from last year when the Rangers were overcome with injuries and failed to make the playoffs.

Here's another wish: Hope to see a Greenwood-Crane rematch in the regional finals. But as Greenwood coach Bob Purser pointed out, his team would still have to face Childress, a state semifinalist from a year ago. No. 4 Crane (11-0) has to get by Friona (10-1) and then face either Ballinger or Iowa Park in the next round.

Hopefully most of our wishes will come true this week.

Oscar LeRoy is a sports writer for the Reporter Telegram



LeRoy

Hornets hold off Dallas

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Eddie Jones had 24 points, nine assists and six rebounds, and the Charlotte Hornets held off a late Dallas rally for a 104-99 victory over the Mavericks on Wednesday night.

Jones, who came in averaging an NBA-best 2.8 steals, added four more as the Hornets, winless in four games on the road this season, improved to 5-0 at home.

Charlotte grabbed a season-high 60 rebounds and had a 47-27 edge in bench scoring, led by 21 points and 18 rebounds from Derrick Coleman and 13 points and 12 boards from Brad Miller. The 30 rebounds from Miller and Coleman were 11 more than the total for the Mavericks' entire starting lineup.

The Mavericks, who one night earlier shot a season-high 52 percent in a 19-point victory over Houston, were held to 42-percent shooting by Charlotte, including just 17 percent in the second quarter.

Robert Pack had 27 points and 14 assists for the Mavericks, who dropped to 1-4 on the road. Dallas fell behind by 16 midway through the third quarter before rallying, cutting it to three points four times in the fourth quarter, the last at 90-87 on Dirk Nowitzki's 21-footer with 1:41 left. But Jones got his lone block of the night, swatting away a jumper by Pack on the Mavericks' next possession.

Jones hit two foul shots to push the Hornets' lead back to five, and Charlotte added 12 more free throws in the last 47 seconds.

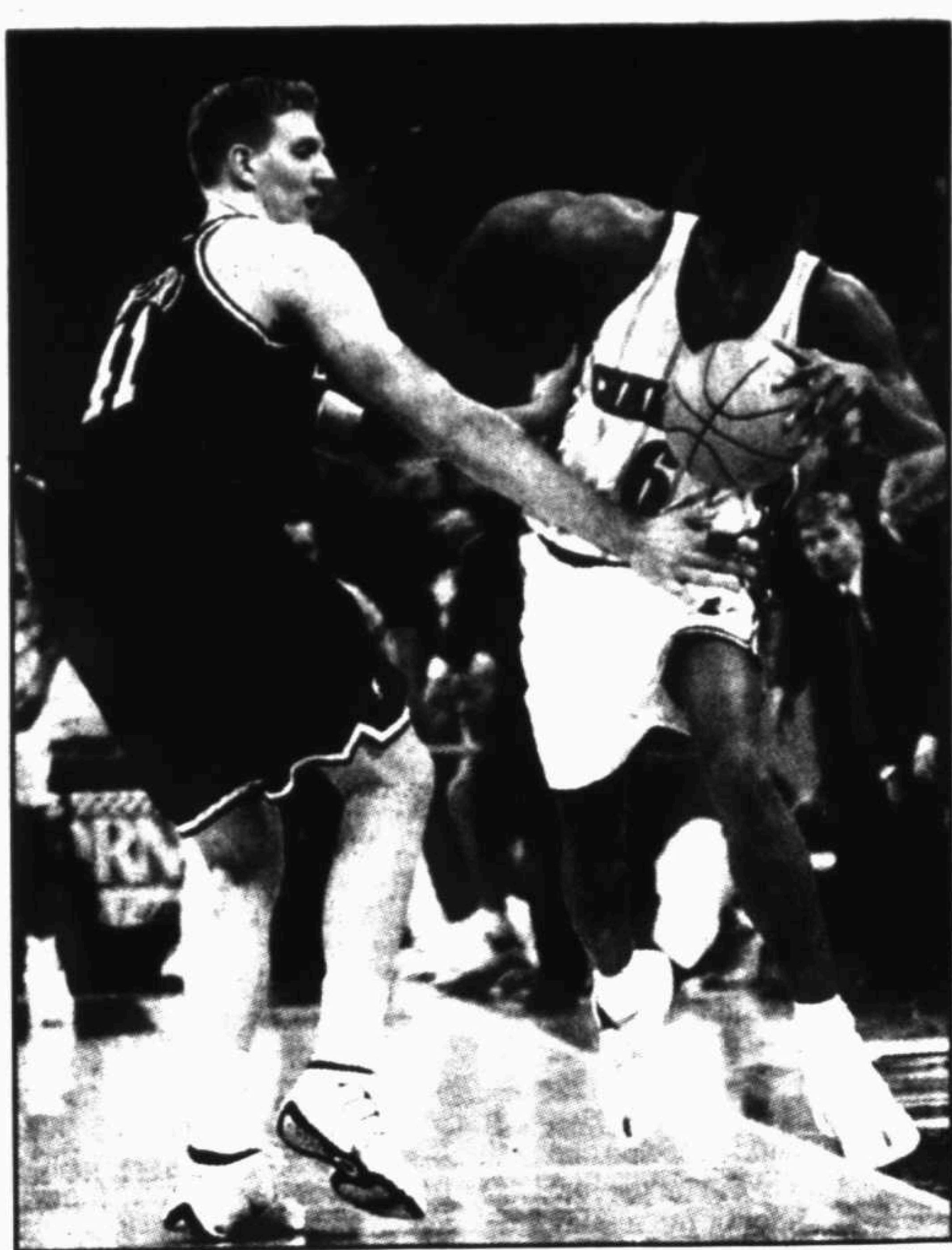
The Mavericks couldn't sustain a start in which they forced six turnovers and converted them into 12 points, helping them race to a 19-5 lead.

Charlotte broke it open by scoring 16 consecutive points early in the second quarter, including six by Miller. It started a run in which the Hornets scored 29 of the final 36 points in the quarter to go up 56-41 at halftime.

The Mavericks, who missed 19 of their 23 field-goal attempts in the second quarter, were unable to cut their deficit below seven points until Pack's driving layup made it 82-76 with 8:49 left in the game.

Jazz 98, Knicks 90

SALT LAKE CITY — Karl Malone scored a season-high 33 points and John Stockton, fighting a respiratory illness, scored 17 as the fast-starting Utah Jazz beat the New York Knicks.



The only way the Dallas Mavericks could stop Charlotte's Eddie Jones, right, was to grab him — a strategy Dallas' Dirk Nowitzki tries here. Jones had 24 points, nine assists and four steals in the Hornets' 104-99 win Wednesday at the Charlotte Coliseum.

The Jazz made their first 10 shots and 15 of their first 16, building a 34-14 lead after almost nine minutes. Utah cooled off in the second and third quarters but it was enough of a cushion to outlast the Knicks.

Stockton, who had 11 assists, was listed as questionable until tipoff but he showed no signs of the infection, playing 30 minutes. Latrell Sprewell scored 24 points for New York.

Celtics 114, Cavaliers 103
BOSTON — Paul Pierce scored 30 points, including 23 in the second half, as the Boston Celtics rallied to beat the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Pierce also had 11 rebounds and four assists for the Celtics, who trailed by 15 points in the first half and seven at the end of the third quarter before outscoring the Cavaliers 38-20 in the fourth period.

Adrian Griffin had 23 points and 11 rebounds for the Celtics. Shawn Kemp scored 27 points for Cleveland.

Heat 98, 76ers 93
PHILADELPHIA — Alonzo Mourning had 27 points and 14 rebounds despite foul trouble to lead Miami over Philadelphia.

The Heat recovered from Tuesday night's loss to Portland and improved to 7-2, the best nine-game start in franchise history.

Allen Iverson failed to score 30 points for the first time in six games for Philadelphia, finishing with 24 on 8-for-27 shooting. The 76ers shot 39 percent and had their three-game winning streak snapped.

Trail Blazers 81, Magic 79
ORLANDO, Fla. — Rasheed

Wallace hit a turnaround jumper with 1.3 seconds left, then stole an inbound pass on Orlando's final possession.

Wallace had 13 points and 11 rebounds, and 7-foot-3 center Arvydas Sabonis hit a crucial 3-pointer down the stretch to help the Blazers win at Orlando Arena for the first time since January 1992 and improve the NBA's best record to 8-1.

Sabonis finished with 11 points and 10 rebounds. Steve Smith and Damon Stoudamire also scored 11 for Portland, which is off to its best start since the 1992-93 season. Chris Gatling led Orlando with 21 points.

Pistons 109, Nets 107
AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Grant Hill scored 32 points, and Christian Laettner had 20 and 10 rebounds as the Detroit Pistons won the matchup of struggling teams.

The Pistons improved to 3-6, while the Nets lost their fourth straight to fall to 1-7. Stephon Marbury led the Nets with 35 points, and Keith Van Horn had 30.

Clippers 89, Timberwolves 85
MINNEAPOLIS — Lamar Odom scored 12 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter as the Los Angeles Clippers rallied to beat the Minnesota Timberwolves.

Odom, who played all 48 minutes, sealed the game with a running hook shot with 16 seconds left. The basket capped a game-ending 23-8 run by the Clippers, who snapped a four-game losing streak.

Tyrone Nesby scored 20 points for the Clippers. Kevin Garnett scored 23 points and tied a franchise record with 20 rebounds for the Timberwolves.

the tournament, to be played Friday at Rupp Arena. The winner travels to Madison Square Garden in New York for next week's semifinals.

Coming off the bench, freshman big man Marvin Stone enjoyed a sensational debut for the Wildcats, leading the team with 12 points and grabbed six rebounds. His rim-rattling dunk with 5:56 remaining gave Kentucky a 61-44 lead and brought the fans out of their seats to punctuate the win.

Though their attack frequently sputtered, the Wildcats got balanced scoring and rebounding from up and down their lineup. Jamaal Magloire had 11 points and a team-high nine rebounds. Tayshaun Prince had nine points

and eight rebounds and Desmond Allison had 11 points and seven boards.

A swarming Wildcats defense, which mixed in liberal doses of a full- and half-court press, limited Penn to just 31.6 percent shooting from the field, 26.9 percent from 3-point range. For the game, the Wildcats outrebounded the Quakers 43-37.

Matt Langel and Ugonna Onyekwe each had 14 points for the Penn, with Onyekwe grabbing eight rebounds. Guard Michael Jordan, who averaged 15.3 points per game last season for the Ivy League champions, was held scoreless in the first half and finished with just five points on 2-of-14 shooting.

Lewis wants to fight Tyson

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Lennox Lewis is eager to defend his undisputed heavyweight title against Mike Tyson because "it is the most exciting fight out there."

"He has that drawing ability," Lewis said Wednesday.

A Lewis-Tyson fight is far from imminent, though, according to Lou DiBella, who heads boxing for HBO. "The end of next year at the earliest," he said.

Would Lewis be willing to wait 18 months to fight the former heavyweight champion, even if it meant Tyson's skills would be further diminished?

"Yes, and they will be," the British fighter said. Lewis said he respected Tyson and was sympathetic toward the troubled fighter because of what Tyson has been through, including three years in prison on a rape conviction and jail time for assaulting two motorists after a minor accident.

"He is a man who used to be great trying to get his life in order," said Lewis. "He's gone through some bad times, but he's married now, and he has gotten away from people like Don King."

Sociology aside, Lewis said a fight with Tyson

would sell because it presented questions the champion believed fight fans would pay to see answered. "Is he the man he used to be? How would he cope with Lewis? How would Lewis cope with him?" Lewis said. "He had the right moves before his trials and tribulations."

Tyson's camp seemed delighted when told of Lewis' comments.

"At the right time, the fight will happen," said Shelly Finkel, Tyson's manager.

Lewis is under contract to HBO and Tyson to Showtime, but that cable TV conflict would present no problem that couldn't be solved, according to Seth Abraham of HBO.

"Right," agreed Finkel.

Lewis' 12-round victory over Evander Holyfield on Nov. 13 will be shown on HBO Saturday night before the heavyweight fight between Michael Grant and Andrew Golota.

Lewis will do commentary for his unanimous decision over Holyfield, and then join the announcing team for the Grant-Golota fight.

Lewis may have more than just a passing interest in that fight. A victory by Grant (30-0) might put him in line for a title shot at Lewis.

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No. 14 Kentucky cruises past Penn

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LEXINGTON, Ky. — No. 14 Kentucky took control with an 18-4 run midway through the second half and cruised to a 67-50 victory over Pennsylvania on Wednesday night in the first round of the Preseason NIT.

With the season-opening win, the Wildcats advanced to face No. 16 Utah in the second round of

MC: Lady Chaps play Rose State

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a game, which is way to high. We're concentrating on that and we're trying to get better defensively. I think we've got a lot of room for improvement and there's a lot things we can do better.

"We're just trying to win basketball games and trying to improve."

The Lady Chaps are coming off a 2-1 showing at the Trinity Valley Classic over the weekend where the only defeat (a 78-65 loss) came against the defending national champion Lady Cardinals of Trinity Valley.

"I think went it about as I expected," said Jones about the recent road trip. "Trinity Valley was about what I expected. We turned the ball over 29 times against Trinity Valley. We had our chances to win the game but we just couldn't get it done. But that's what November is all about is learning things about yourself and trying to get better."

"I think we can learn a lot from it. What we do with that information is yet to be seen. We learned some things about our team. Probably in some ways we got some confidence, in other ways we understand we've got a long way to go."

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Boston	5
New York	5
Orlando	4
Philadelphia	4
New Jersey	1
Washington	1

Central Division	
Toronto	5
Indiana	5
Milwaukee	5
Cleveland	4
Charlotte	5
Detroit	3
Atlanta	3
Chicago	1

WESTERN CONFERENCE	
Midwest Division	
San Antonio	7
Utah	5
Minnesota	5
Dallas	3
Vancouver	3
Denver	2
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Pacific Division	
Portland	8
Sacramento	4
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8-10-26, Owens 4-1	
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Miami 29, Philadelphia 11	
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Dallas	3	5	.400	2 1/2
Vancouver	3	4	.429	3
Denver	2	5	.286	4
Houston	2	5	.286	4

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Sacramento	4	1	.800	2
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Dallas' Smith expects to play Sunday against Cardinals despite broken hand

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — The grayish scar on Emmitt Smith's right hand starts just below the knuckle of his ring finger and stretches about 3 inches, almost reaching his wrist.

There's enough swelling that he can't completely make a fist. He often wears a soft cast, even when he showers. Wrapping his hand in plastic makes it difficult to scrub his left side. But Smith discovered that by putting a washrag over the plastic he could stay clean and keep the cast dry. And, he figures, if he can solve that problem then there's got to be a way for him to be in the backfield Sunday when the Dallas Cowboys play the Arizona Cardinals.

"I'm going to be there," a defiant Smith said Wednesday before practicing for the first time since the injury. "I'm taking the trip and I expect to dress. And if I'm in uniform, I expect to play."

Wearing a protective glove, he took hand-offs and caught the ball with ease and without pain.

"I thought he did real well today," Cowboys coach Chan Gailey said. "I don't know if he got banged or not. But it looks like it's a real positive for him to be in the game Sunday."

Smith suffered the first broken bone of his life on Nov. 8 when his hand got caught in the facemask of a Minnesota defender he was stiff-arming during one of the longest touchdown runs of his career.

His hand began throbbing when he returned to the bench, but a quick turnover by the Vikings forced him back onto the field. He scored again on the next play, then went to the locker room for X-rays.

A plate and six screws were inserted the next day. Doctors said he'd be out 3-6 weeks. He's determined to play 12 days after the operation.

"I'm going to see what happens this week," said Smith, whose 748 yards this season are fifth-best in the NFL and have moved him into No. 3 on the career rushing list, behind only Walter Payton and Barry Sanders.

"I'm going to go through practice and see what I can do with my hand, whether I can catch, whether I'll feel some pain and how much. From that standpoint the question becomes whether I can deal with the pain without it interfering with the way I play."

"But if it's bothering me to the point I don't want to deal with it no more, then I may not fool with it. It's just that simple."

Smith is testing a padded glove similar to the one used by Tampa Bay's Warren Sapp. Comfort is his primary concern.

"It seems to be a good glove, like it can work for me," Smith said.

Smith has two things working in his favor: he's always worn gloves, so that won't be an adjustment, and he carries the ball in his left hand.

But there are some obstacles.

"There are certain things I do with my right hand that has allowed me to be the back that I am, like breaking tackles, utilizing my right hand as a shield," Smith said. "Now when I stick it out there, it's injured and if it gets hit it can be different."

Hockey teams often diagnose broken right hands as sprained left ankles to prevent oppo-

nents from going after the damaged area. That's not the case in football, where teams are fined for not fully divulging practically every nick and bruise.

So Smith knows that whatever protection the glove provides, it also will serve as a target for the Cardinals.

"Hey, that's part of the game," he said. "They'd be foolish not to go after it. But we'll see — and we will see."

Smith was in agony this past Sunday because he wasn't playing against Green Bay. It was only the fifth game he'd missed in his 10-year career; it ended up being the first time Dallas won without him.

"It made me sick, it really did," he said. "For the first series of the game, it was like I wasn't supportive. I was too busy sucking and licking my own wounds because I couldn't be out on the football field."

Smith's desire to return has helped him be a good patient. Knowing he had to keep the swelling down, he's devoutly kept his hand raised, even while sleeping. The stitches came out Tuesday and he's beginning to take off the soft cast at times, such as for Wednesday's practice.

"If we can continue to push the swelling out, I'm sure the flexibility and mobility will come back," Smith said. "Then, once they come back, it's a matter of strengthening the weak areas."

Smith held up his hand to demonstrate how close he can come to making a fist and how much he can twiddle his fingers.

Then he clasped both hands into a textbook interlocking golf grip.

"I can still do this," Smith said, smiling. "I'm thrilled about that."

LEE: Quarterback just keeps winning

(From 1C)

run last season. He never even thought about records.

"I never even knew what the (passing) records were," Rogers said. "I just knew that Lee had a good team that had a chance to go far in the playoffs. Winning games was the first thing for me. And we won some games."

And Rogers didn't fully realize the impact he was making on the "diversity" scale until midway through his junior year.

"About half way through my junior year, I began to realize that the passing game helped spread the defense and created huge holes for Cedric and Clint. It helped the whole offense and you could see it on the field."

After his flashy junior year with a single season passing record of 1,715 yards, Rogers set some goals for 1999.

"This year, I had a goal to have 1,000 yards in the regular season. I didn't get that, so there are things I can still improve on," Rogers said. "I also wanted to

ROGERS' LEGACY

Quarterback Jon Rogers is rewriting the Midland Lee record book with every pass completed. Here is a look at Rogers place in Lee football history:

Player	Year	Yards
Jon Rogers	1998	1715
Gregg Frazier	1966-67	2681

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Jon Rogers	1998	16	1715
Jody Turner	1968	10	1615
Gregg Frazier	1966	10	1425

Player	Year	TDs
Jon Rogers	1998	36
Gregg Frazier	1966-67	15

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Jon Rogers	1998	12
Mark Cappadona	1972	12
Pat Lyons	1972	11
Gregg Frazier	1967	11

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Shea Morez	Central	1989-91	57
Zac Allen	Cooper	1993-94	47
Jon Rogers	Lee	1998	36

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Villainous Martino has New Mexico squad back on top

By Ted Battles
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New Mexico's Scorpions return to the Ector County Coliseum at 7:11 p.m. Thursday night and the memory of a 4-1 victory over the Odessa Jackalopes in the Jack Shack a week ago remains vivid in the imagination.

With two goals, Pete Ambroziak emerged as the night's No. 1 star, but more compelling was a guy unpopularly known as a villain.

This guy comes from a long line of "unsavory," if you're referring to the hockey category that embraces Tough Guys, Enforcers, Thugs and just plain Nasties. They include such players as Eric Lindros, Bobby Clark, John Ferguson, Maurice Richard, Eddie Shore, Ching Johnson — legends of stitches and turmoil with whom most Johnnie-born-latelys are unfamiliar.

At least they had an excuse for asocial behavior.

The massive person who monitors post-game entry to the dressing quarters of WPHL visitors was asked to "Take me to your leader." He departed and soon returned. "Follow me," he ordered.

I was surprised when we descended the ramp and passed the players dressing room, turned, climbed some steps and then made a U-turn.

My guide said, "His office is right down here." Another surprise. I didn't know that visiting coaches had "offices" in the Jack Shack.

My guide opened the door. There was the WPHL's long-time trouble-maker. His office was spacious. It also was the lavatory.

Traditional tough guys have an excuse. They are defensemen or equally quick-triggered. With the sudden, violent contact of the game, have arguably legitimate cause.

But this villain, he played goalie, for crying out loud. Toni Martino didn't rely on crease rules to protect his territory, but took matters into his own hands when rivals tried to infringe. Combative? He even got into fights with opposing goalies.

But that's the past. As a first year coach, he has revived the fortunes of the Albuquerque team and has the Scorpions in first place in the WPHL's Western Division.

Martino gave the Scorpions All-Star goaltending in 1996-97,

the year the team had the best regular season record, and the following year when New Mexico enjoyed another outstanding year.

Last season, he signed on with the expansion Abilene Aviators as a goalie and assistant coach while Scorpion fortunes took a nose dive, missing the playoffs for the first time.

Now the Scorpions apparently are back. Martino's formula for instant success?

"I recruited players, that's my strong point. Having been around this league and this level, I knew what it would take to win," Martino began. "It's who you know, but get good people and positive things happen."

Martino went on, "One of the smartest things I did was hire good assistants, Mark Ciaccio, Pete Ambroziak and Joe Ferras."

Ambroziak, whose two goals beat Odessa last week, and Ferras, the league's leading scorer who contributed a goal and an assist that night, are playing coaches.

"I'm 35 and I could have played two or three more years, but I wasn't going to make the NHL. Then this opportunity to go home opened up, and I jumped at it."

Albuquerque is home now, but Martino originally hails from Montreal and played college hockey at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in Troy, N.Y., and then attended Plattsburg State. RPI enjoys a rich hockey tradition. The late John Redfern, a Midland oil man and father of Junior Baseball in Midland, provided substantial booster encouragement to the Engineers' 1984 national championship.

Before coming to the WPHL, Martino also was a two-time all-star goalie for Tulsa in the CHL.

After the short chat, the visitor suggested, "You know, you don't look like a villain."

Martino grinned, "I'm not, until I put on the goalie equipment."

The Scorpions game marks the end of a four-game homestand for a Jackalopes team that is trying to dig itself out of the WPHL's West dungeon and hope looms on the horizon. And it is a long season, witness Abilene's sensational start at the beginning of last season and the slowpizz finish.

Goalie Michael Tornquist's 3-0 shutout against San Angelo's Outlaws is one area for encouragement. Not only is the shutout testimony to Tornquist's ability in the nets, but reflects a defense that thoroughly frustrated the Outlaws.

As Tornquist pointed out, "The way they played defense made it easy."

The Jacks had been playing with three D's and against San Angelo had a full six-man crew.

What's more, the Jacks outshot the opposition, something that hasn't happened in a while.

Another indication of a brighter future is the return of forward Paul Vincent from Hershey of the AHL, although the way he had been scoring for the Bears, one has to wonder why they let him get away.

Vincent says, as in baseball, "It's a numbers game. I wanted to play the highest level and I did that. I'm glad to be back in West Texas. I love it here."

Last year after joining the Jackalopes late in the season and providing a much need scoring wallop, the IHL beckoned Vincent to help out a short-handed team. When the emergency ended, Vincent was back in Odessa. Don't bet that the same scenario won't happen again this season.

Born in Utica, N.Y., raised in Boston, he emerged from the junior ranks and has been playing pro for five years. "I was under contract to the Toronto Maple Leafs for three years."

At 6-5, 235, Vincent exerts a John LeClair influence around the nets. He's there and offers a "budge me if you can" challenge.

Vincent had an immediate impact on Odessa's sluggish offense, scoring four points in his first three games.

Want more? Sami Laine is still listed on the roster and will be coming off the disabled list one of these days, which promises another offensive gun.

Thursday's game marks the last home game for the Jacks until next month. Odessa plays five road games before returning home against Tupelo and Lubbock Dec. 3 and 4.

Analysis



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Nieuwendyk scores 2 times in tie game

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two players in need of a jump-start, Richard Zednik and Joe Nieuwendyk, both got a pair of goals.

Washington's Zednik scored first and last, while Dallas' Nieuwendyk had two quick ones in between as the Capitals and Stars played to a 2-2 tie Wednesday night.

"I feel hungry to get pucks to the net, get shots off and create offense," said Nieuwendyk, who had just two goals in the Stars first 17 games.

Zednik had just one goal before Wednesday, but he got credit for a fluke ricochet in the first period before tying the game by putting in his own rebound with 9:11 remaining.

"It finally went through for him," said Jan Bulis, who plays on Zednik's line and assisted on the tying goal with a perfectly threaded pass from the right wing. "He needs goals."

Both teams seemed content with the tie, especially the Stars, who had lost five of their previous seven and were winded by the end of their first game in a week.

"I didn't have great legs tonight with that week off, funny how that works," Nieuwendyk said. "We'll take the point and run with it."

The draw came in the 1,000th home game in the history of the Capitals franchise. Washington is 479-394-127 at home in its 25-plus seasons of existence, including a 39-35-8 mark at the MCI Center.

Ironically, had Dallas won, it would have been the 1,000th vic-

tory in the history of the Stars franchise.

The Capitals successfully killed four power plays, extending their streak to 45 penalty-kills without allowing a goal. Washington hasn't allowed a power play goal since Oct. 23 at Phoenix.

Manny Fernandez, getting the start while Ed Belfour nurses a sore groin, made 36 saves for the Stars, including two big ones in the final minute of overtime. He stopped Bulis with a kick save and got a knee in front of Peter Bondra's close-range shot on a power play. Washington had seven shots on goal in overtime.

"Personally for me, it's a great tie," said Fernandez, who had lost his last three games. "I'm fighting to get a win. We'll go step-by-step. At least I got one point tonight."

Zednik's first goal came 7:54 into the game, when his blast from the left circle turned into a pinball shot that caromed off Stars defenseman Brad Lukowich's stick and Dallas right wing Chris Murray's leg and into the net.

Nieuwendyk's goals came 2:08 apart late in the second period, after coach Ken Hitchcock put Nieuwendyk and Mike Modano on separate lines. At 16:44, Nieuwendyk skated with the puck from his own blue line down the right wing and beat goaltender Olaf Kolzig from the right circle.

Then, at 18:62, Nieuwendyk scored from the slot on an assist from Mike Keane on the left wing.

"With the exception of three minutes, we controlled the game," Washington coach Ron Wilson said. "It's hard to play perfect hockey for 60 minutes."

Cournall expected to retire

ST. LOUIS (AP) — St. Louis Blues forward Geoff Cournall, who has missed most of the last two seasons due to concussions, is expected to announce his retirement.

The Blues called a Thursday afternoon news conference to "discuss the career of Geoff Cournall." Cournall has played six games this season, in which he scored twice and added two

assists.

The 37-year-old left wing sustained a concussion Oct. 16 when Toronto Maple Leafs defenseman Bryan Berard elbowed him on the chin. A few days after the hit, Cournall said he was considering retirement.

Last season, Cournall was out 4 1-2 months with post-concussion syndrome and missed 58 games.

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LOCAL SPORTS

If Lee wins

If Midland Lee defeats El Paso Franklin this weekend at the Sun Bowl in El Paso, the Rebels will advance to the Class 5A Region round against the winner of Saturday's Lewisville-Waco game, which is being played at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Waco.

The region game will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday in Abilene, regardless of the Saturday winner between Lewisville and Waco.

Tickets for that game can be purchased from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Wednesday only at the Memorial Stadium ticket office. The office will be closed Thursday and Friday. Tickets will be \$7 for adults and \$4 for students.

Tickets can also be purchased at the Shotwell Stadium gate in Abilene on game day, but all tickets that day will be \$8 at the gate.

Of course, Lee must win Friday.

Time changed

Memorial Stadium will host Abilene High and El Paso Andrews in a Class 5A Small School area playoff football game at 1 p.m. Saturday, instead of the 2 p.m. time previously announced.

Abilene High, the second place team of District 4-5A, is in the playoffs for the first time since 1959 and defeated Lubbock Monterey, 40-9, last week in bi-district play.

Tickets will be available for this game at the gate for \$6.

Dishman cards ace at RHCC

Charley Dishman nailed a hole-in-one Wednesday at Ranchland Hills Country Club. The ace came on the 150-yard No. 3 hole, and it was witnessed

by Laura Dishman, Ken Burns and Leon Thomas. Dishman had hit three holes-in-one previously in his life.

MHS exes honored

Five members of the men's soccer team at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin were selected for the Red River Athletic Conference's all-conference team, including two Midland products.

Shane Orr and Jason Paredes, both Midland High graduates, made the first team. Orr is a senior defender, and Paredes is a sophomore forward.

UTPB's Pat Salgado, of Odessa, was also among the 14 players on the first team. Odessan Buddy Haas and Gilbert Rivera of Roswell, N.M., were the two Falcons on the second team.

Midland Mixed Open bowling

Following are the results from the Midland Mixed Open bowling tournament:

Team: 1. Rodgers Safety, 2,653. 2. Bits-N-Pieces, 2,547. Doubles: 1. Pat Brown/Arthur Brown, 1,333. 2. Edward Mackey/Laura Reyna, 1,325. 3. Betty Rodgers/Mark Thomas, 1,321. 4. Hazel Harper/Trey Harper, 1,312. Women's singles: 1. Pam Sanchez, 693. 2. Hazel Harper, 666. 3. Lisa Foster, 666. 4. Dottie Knebel, 663. Men's singles: 1. Roger Lindsey, 691. 2. James Holmes, 674. 3. Manuel Alvarado, 669. 4. Mark Thomas, 657. Women's All-Events: 1. Lisa Foster, 1,963. 2. Laura Reyna, 1,952. 3. Pat Lindsey, 1,918. 4. Alice Archuleta, 1,871. Men's All-Events: 1. Mark Thomas, 2,090. 2. (tie) Trey Harper and Mike Reed, 1,976. 4. Arthur Brown, 1,951.

Fall Mixed Doubles tennis

Following are the results of the Armstrong's Fall Mixed Doubles tournament held over the weekend at Midland College Tennis Center:

Mixed Doubles A-1
Finals: Hunt-Marlar def. Kelly-Rose, 6-2, 7-6 (3).
Semifinals: Kelly-Rose def. Moss-Moss, 6-

3, 6-4, and Hunt-Marlar def. Armet-Maxey, 6-3, 6-1.
Consolation Finals: Larance-Moss def. Gallagher-Shorles, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2.
Mixed Doubles A (Round Robin)
First place: Ken and Peg Woody. Second place: Andy and DuAnne Melt.

Flash U-13 takes second

Midland's Flash under-13 select soccer team finished second in the Midland Turkey Shootout Tournament this past weekend.

The Flash won their bracket, defeating Odessa Force 3-1, Carlsbad Arsenal 4-0 and San Angelo Cactus Heat 4-0. In the semifinals, the Flash defeated the Force again 4-1 before losing to San Angelo Xtreme 2-1 in the championship game.

Greg George, Greg Hughes and Evan Sewell all scored three goals apiece for the Flash while Chase Dunagan, Matt Edwards, Nathan Holder, Jordan Ingram and Gabe Sustaita all scored as well. Paul Pinter had an assist in the championship game.

Basketball

Boys
Junior Varsity
Midland High junior varsity 94, Greenwood varsity 48. MHS-John Alcala, 15 points, Jason South, 12 points, Ryan Hightower, 11 points.

Freshman
Midland Freshman Purple 77, Lee Maroon 43. Purple: Anthony Jackson 20 points, 10 rebounds; Herb City 13 points; A.J. Lawrence 10 points, 10 rebounds; Ole Fitts 10 points, 10 rebounds; Lee Maroon: Kory Adams 11 points, 10 rebounds; Lee White 71, Midland White 56. Midland: Cedric Johnson 17 points, 10 rebounds; Chad Elliott 10 points; Lee White: Hartley 27 points; Gutierrez 13, Lester Young 12.

Girls
Freshman
Midland White 41, Midland Purple 29. For White: Brandy Parker, 17 points; For Purple: Candy Morris, 10 points.

Omission

KODM (97.9 FM) radio was not mentioned in Wednesday's edition as carrying the Midland Lee-El Paso Franklin playoff football game.

KODM and KCRS (550 AM) both carry the Lee playoff games. The Reporter-Telegram regrets the omission.

Angels hire ex-Dodger catcher Scioscia as their new manager

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Former Los Angeles Dodgers catcher Mike Scioscia was hired Wednesday as the new manager of the Anaheim Angels.

Angels spokesman Tim Mead said Scioscia will be introduced at a news conference Thursday at Edison International Field.

KFWB radio had reported earlier in the day that Scioscia, who turns 41 later this month, would be hired to succeed Terry Collins.

Scioscia managed the Albuquerque Dukes of the Pacific Coast League, a Dodgers farm team, to a 65-74 record last season. He resigned that position Sept. 20 — after the PCL season had finished — "to pursue options with other major league organizations."

The Angels were the final big-league team without a manager before hiring Scioscia to his first major league managerial job.

Scioscia was the Dodgers' minor league catching coordinator in 1995-96, and the team's bench coach in 1997-98.

Scioscia, who played in 1,441 games with the Dodgers and is the team's career leader with 1,395 games caught, retired as a player following the 1994 season.

He played with the Dodgers from 1980-92, and was on the San Diego roster in 1993 and the Texas roster in 1994, but didn't play in a major league game after 1992, when he hit .221 in 117 games with Los Angeles.

Scioscia hit .257 with three homers and 35 RBIs in 130 games in 1988, when the Dodgers won their most recent World Series championship.

Rockies deal Leskanic for Brewers' Myers

DENVER — In another rebuilding move, the Colorado Rockies swapped pitchers with Milwaukee on Wednesday, sending right-hander Curtis Leskanic to the Brewers for left-hander Mike Myers.

It was the Rockies' third offseason trade and second in as many days. Since the World Series, the Rockies have acquired seven players.

Only 14 of the 25 players remain from Colorado's 1999 opening-day roster. Third baseman Vinny Castilla, who is being shipped to Los Angeles and Tampa Bay among others, is the only remaining member of the inaugural 1993 team.

Myers, 30, fills one of Colorado's major needs: a left-handed reliever. He has established himself as one of the league's top lefty setup relievers. In 1999, he allowed just 15.4 percent of his inherited runners to score — the second-best figure in the NL.

Orioles sign reliever Trombly

BALTIMORE — The Baltimore Orioles began the process of revamping their dreadful bullpen Wednesday by signing right-hander Mike Trombly to a \$7.75 million, three-year contract.

Trombly, 32, took over as closer for the Twins after Minnesota traded Rick Aguilera to the Chicago Cubs on May 21. The first free agent to sign with another team this offseason, Trombly converted 24 of 30 save chances in 1999 but will likely serve as a setup man for Mike Timlin.

"I'm looking at it as a setup situation, but whenever they need me to pitch, I'll pitch," Trombly said. "I'll do what they say."

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MVP: Bagwell is distant second

(From 1C)

with one first and 276 points, followed by Arizona third baseman Matt Williams, who had two firsts and 269 points. They were the only players picked on every ballot.

Cincinnati's Greg Vaughn was fourth with 121 points and St. Louis' Mark McGwire was fifth with 115, followed by the New York Mets' Robin Ventura (113), Mike Piazza (109) and Edgardo Alfonzo (88). Chicago's Sammy Sosa was ninth at 87.

"Matt Williams is one of the guys I try to be like. Just to be in the hunt with him is an honor in itself," Jones said. "I didn't have a real good first half. Baggy put together a full year."

Jones, a 27-year-old third baseman, earned a \$100,000 bonus and became the fifth Brave to win the award, joining Bob Elliott (1947), Hank Aaron (1957), Dale Murphy (1982 and '83) and Terry Pendleton (1991).

Jones hit .319 with 110 RBIs, 116 runs, 25 steals and 126 walks. He finished third in homers behind Mark McGwire

(65) and Sammy Sosa (63) and third in walks; fourth in slugging percentage (.633), on-base percentage (.441) and total bases (359); seventh in runs; and 10th in batting.

After June 15, he hit 30 homers and drove in 79 runs.

"Most people who watched our team play know what a significant role he played in our success, especially when the season wore down and the pressure got great," Braves general manager John Schuerholz said. "He showed he was a leader of this team and he had what it takes to be recognized as the MVP of the league."

Jones gained momentum when he homered four times Sept. 21-23 as Atlanta swept three games from the Mets, who began the series just one game back.

"Any time I read anything over the last couple of months pertaining to the MVP race, they point directly back to that Mets' series," Jones said.

With Andres Galarraga out the entire year and Javy Lopez missing the last two months of the

regular season and the postseason, Jones at times seemed like Atlanta's only offense.

"I didn't put any pressure on myself," Jones said. "I knew that teams were going to pitch me carefully and, in certain situations weren't going to let me beat them. You can't put any extra pressure on yourself and try to hit a three-run homer every time you walk to the plate. That's how slumps get started."

Jones, who will make \$4.75 million next year, is eligible for free agency after next season but hopes to stay with the Braves — if the price is right.

"My outlook on it is John and I will continue to talk," Jones said. "If he and I come to some sort of agreement, great. If we don't, we can start talking about it when it becomes an issue next offseason."

Next up is the final baseball award for the season: Voting for the American League MVP will be announced Thursday.



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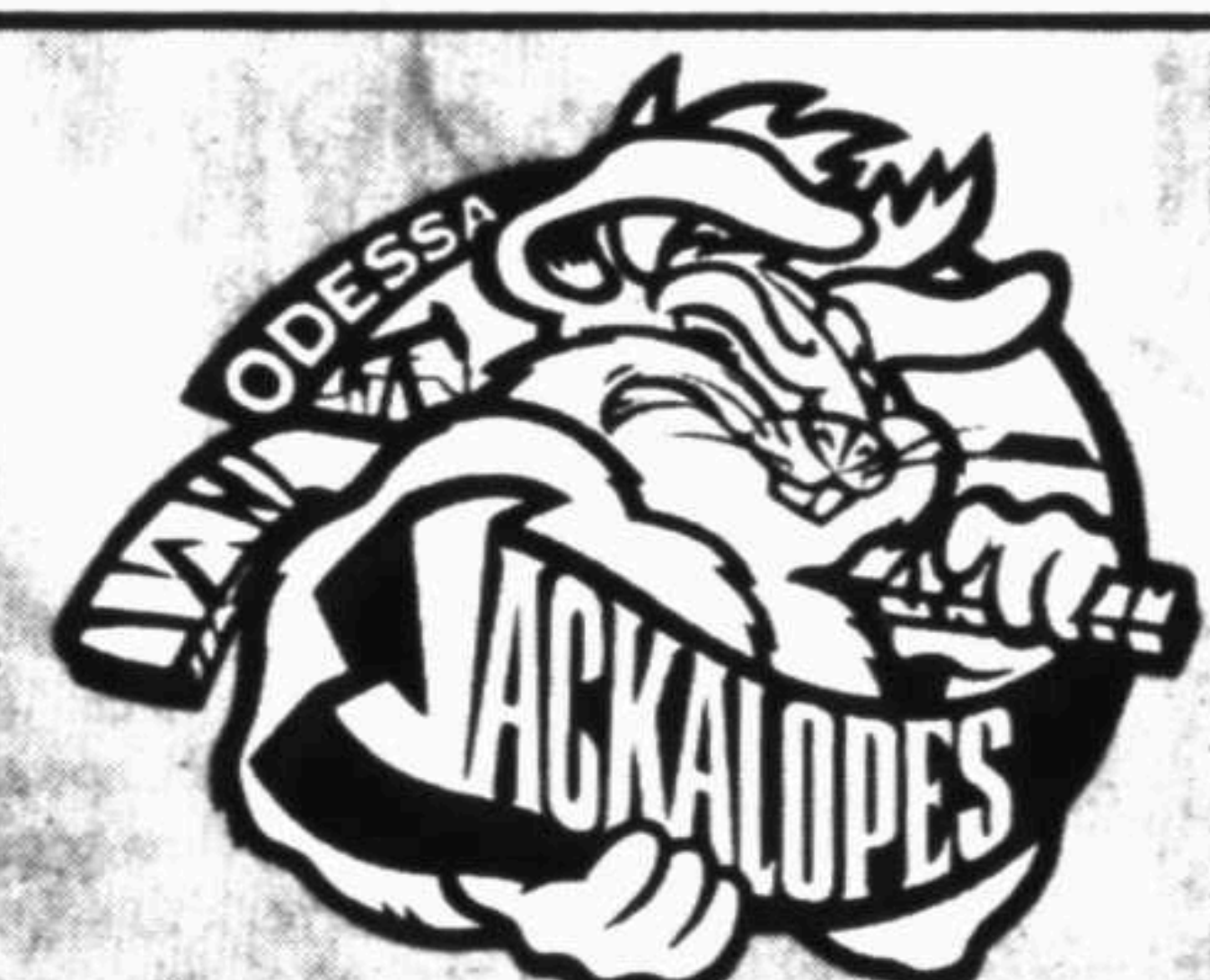
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Stocks slip

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks fell Wednesday as investors locked in profits from Tuesday's rally while clinging to fears that the Federal Reserve's latest interest rate increase won't slow the nation's rapid economic growth.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 49.24 to close at 10,883.09.

Broader stock indicators also ended lower. The Standard & Poor's 500 slipped 9.36 to 1,410.71, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 26.57 to 3,268.95.

Dollar falls

NEW YORK (AP) — The dollar fell Wednesday against most major currencies as investor confidence dimmed for long-term economic growth prospects in the United States.

In late New York trading, the dollar fell to 105.38 against the Japanese yen from 105.88 yen late Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the euro climbed to \$1.0413 against the dollar from \$1.0328 late Tuesday, while the pound rose to \$1.6252 from \$1.6189.

The dollar was also quoted at 1.5396 Swiss francs, down from 1.5517, and 1.4695 Canadian dollars, up from 1.4645.

Futures surge

Crude oil futures surged as much as \$1 a barrel higher Wednesday on the New York Mercantile Exchange, poised after a nearly year-long rally to break through to their highest levels since the Gulf War.

Gasoline futures also rose sky high.

In other markets, sugar prices sank to a 2 1/2-month low and wheat fell sharply.

Oil prices, which dipped below \$12 last February, soared past the \$26 mark as a combination of factors made a bull market even more bullish: weekly inventory data, worries of the potential for hurricane damage to a refinery in St. Croix and Shell Oil's latest declaration of a force majeure, a legal move taken to prevent lawsuits for breach of contract in cases oil cannot be delivered to meet obligations.

Most important was the report by the American Petroleum Institute which showed that dwindling U.S. oil stocks were down 5 million barrels last week — even more than the 4-million-barrel decrease reported a day earlier by the U.S. Department of Energy.

Bullish sentiments are likely to drive prices higher "until we at least see a tapering off in the decline of inventories," said Tim Evans, senior energy analyst for the Pegasus Econometrics Group in New York.

Intermediate crude for December delivery rose \$1 cents to \$26.70 a barrel, the highest since January 1997, before settling at \$26.60. If it touches \$26.75, that will be the highest since late 1991, although no one is forecasting it will even approach the all-time high of \$41.15 a barrel of Aug. 12, 1990, just after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.

The latest data also showed gasoline inventories at their lowest level since August 1997, with no real relief in sight. Amid soaring demand for gas, December gasoline rose 2.48 cents to 73.40 cents a gallon.

In other energy commodities, December heating oil was up 1.52 cents to 68.73 cents a gallon and December natural gas settled up 0.5 cents at \$2.456 per 1,000 cubic feet.

In London, North Sea Brent crude for January delivery rose 38 cents to \$24.92 a barrel on the International Petroleum Exchange.

First National breaks new ground

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Officials of First National Bank of Midland celebrated the bank's first anniversary by breaking ground on a new branch Thursday.

"We're excited to be opening this branch," said Chief Executive Officer Ken Burgess. "This is another phase in our product development."

The new branch, located at the corner of Big Spring and Corporate Drive, will feature four drive-through lanes, an ATM station, night depository and walk-in lobby with teller stations, loan and customer service areas. Completion is expected by early May.

"We opened last year without drive-in facilities, an ATM center or night drop, and it's important to have these facilities," Burgess said. "This will allow us to develop those facilities. It will also allow us to expand our business hours, probably from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and add Saturday hours."

Burgess and Steve Harper, First



An architectural rendering of the new First National bank branch.

National presidents, said that the year-old bank's development was on track.

"We weren't concerned, but other people were concerned for us that we opened at a time of low oil prices," Burgess said.

Harper pointed out that "We've had a good pick-up in business in the last month to six weeks."

He credits the decision to open slowly to having good customer response.

"That first 90 days we were open, we made sure our systems were operating correctly and our people were trained

and things were working as we wanted," he said.

According to Burgess, "our primary goal was to grow in a managed way in order to maintain customer service. That is our main concern, customer service, so we intentionally tried to grow in a managed way so we wouldn't lose the personal touch."

Burgess said the location was chosen because "our primary focus and our niche is commercial business. That doesn't mean we don't want everything else, but commercial is our niche. This

location, we feel, is conducive to that niche. It's convenient to downtown and to this business sector," he said, indicating the offices in ClayDesta Plaza. "It's also conducive to the people who reside in the northern part of town. It's also at a major intersection with a traffic light, offering easier access to and from the bank."

Right now, he said, he and Harper are focusing on getting the new branch built and open, but other plans are to be discussed.

Harper said one of those plans is to begin offering online banking after the first of the year.

He said officials are also looking to expand its oil and gas lending and business with small and medium-sized businesses.

The bank currently has deposits of \$18 million and total assets just under \$24 million.

The new branch was designed by the Midland firm Vandergriff Group Architects/Planners.



Genny Bynum stands in front of the mural she painted at the new Garlic Press restaurant.

New mural graces Oak Ridge Square restaurant

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

A new restaurant set to open next week in Oak Ridge Square wants diners to feast not only on the entrees but art.

Genny Bynum has just completed a mural on the back wall of The Garlic Press, a scene depicting an impressionistic version of an Italian countryside.

The owners, Cindy Stangby and Mike Hyatt, "contacted me," said Ms. Bynum, founder of the Midland Fine Arts Center. "They knew they wanted to depict an Italian countryside, so we got books and magazines, and photographs they'd taken and I'd taken, we determined the color scheme."

Said Ms. Stangby, "we're good friends with Genny, plus I knew her work and I knew she'd incorporate our ideas with some of her own."

Hyatt said that "I think the mural is wonderful. I think it sets us apart — other things will set us apart, but the mural will help set the mood."

He and Ms. Stangby plan to showcase not only Ms. Bynum's work but that of other local artists.

The three of them devised a depiction of the Italian countryside built around a drawing of Hyatt's uncle's house in Tuscany. The remainder of the mural, Ms. Bynum said, was compiled from various photographs "and some imagination."

Completing the mural took 23 hours, estimated Ms. Bynum, who has painted other murals for businesses, non-profit agencies and homeowners. Her center also offers art therapy, including work with children from High Sky Children's Ranch and helps oversee their Christmas card designs each year.

She sees the restaurant mural as part of a national decorating trend.

"Everyone is doing faux painting," she explained. "It used to be white walls or wallpaper, but it's not while walls and wallpaper anymore. Walls are becoming artwork — murals or faux painting."

The restaurant, including the bar whose countertop will be beveled glass covering wine corks, is expected to open just before Thanksgiving and feature what the two partners call "global cuisine."

Ms. Stangby said it will emphasize Italian dishes, but feature "cuban, Asian, African dishes and possibly even good old German food. The menu will change frequently."

She was in the restaurant business in Minnesota before coming to Midland 14 years ago and Hyatt has extensive experience in the restaurant business. He managed his uncle's restaurant in Las Palmas, Canary Islands, in the late 1980s, Midland's Venezia restaurant twice and working for a master chef from Florence in Corpus Christi from 1992 to 1994. He returns to the restaurant industry from selling cars for Britt Imports.

His partner said "We've put our heart and souls into this restaurant. We've built the tables and chairs, textured the walls. About all we haven't done is the wiring, and that's because we're not licensed."

The two have been together four years and Ms. Stangby said they began talking about opening a restaurant like Garlic Press from the beginning, getting serious a year ago.

"We both have skills that compliment each other," she said. Hyatt will be general manager and oversee the front of the house — the bar and dining areas, while she will oversee the kitchen and preparation areas, though the two expect to trade responsibilities as business requires.

THE ECONOMIST

Information Age brings new choices, but goals should be set

By M. Ray Perryman

Information technology (IT to industry folks) has created and fueled the growth of the global economy. The personal computer revolution of the 1980s and the explosion of the Internet in the 1990s set the stage for today's emerging "electronic ecology."

When you close your eyes and dream about the global economy of the future, do you see microelectronics, biotechnology, new material science, robotic manufacturing, exploding telecommunications, and, of course, computers? If not, you may want to rethink your vision of life and business in the New Economy of the 21st Century.

Not so long ago — about 125 years — many involved in business believed the telephone had too many shortcomings to ever serve as an effective communication tool. Today, over 90 percent of all homes nationwide have telephones. The story of the nineties, however, is neither the invention of the telephone nor the computer; it is the advent of the Internet. Over 150 million people worldwide are surfing the "Net" for one reason or another. The effects of Web technology are already apparent in all aspects of the economy from mining to manufacturing. Even politics reached a new electronic milestone earlier this week. President Clinton created his own version of Roosevelt's "fireside chats" by conducting an electronic 1990s town hall chat via the Internet. Now in its 11th year of enormous growth, doubling online participants every year, the Internet is predicted to exceed the size of the global telephone network by 2006.

Notwithstanding the prophecy of Nostradamus or the most recent astrological forecast, what does the future hold? More precisely, how will technology revolutionize our lives and thus change the economies of the new Millennium?

Remnants of economies as we know them today will remain, but the Information Age is taking over, transforming and dominating the future. Innovations that are beyond our wildest imaginings will increase exponentially.

Just around the Millennium corner, we can expect the computer revolution to continue with great strides in highly customized mobile computers, cars that can run on multiple kinds of fuel, genetically-engineered drugs, and home health monitors for the aging baby boomers (like me) to name a few. We already trade stocks online; within the next ten years we should have the option of online voting and receiving personalized newspapers culled from the Internet.

In 1959, a single transistor sold for about \$5. Today, the same \$5 will buy you sixteen million transistors. Despite producing 100 quadrillion transistors annually, the semiconductor industry can barely meet increasing demand. Or consider the cost of the microchip. Some believe that the price of the microchip will drop to 2 cents by 2010, and microprocessors will be as cheap and plentiful as scrap paper, allowing all of us to place intelligent systems everywhere.

Further into the next century, around 2020, a new kind of healthcare will be the norm. The biomolecular revolution will take center stage by decoding the human genome. Once the genetic code of humanity is unlocked, the medical industry as we know it today will have completely changed. Today's deadly genetic disease will be a thing of the past. New treatments will reduce the signs of aging, providing better medical treatment and an improved quality of life. There will be no need for medical history records because individuals will carry DNA chips containing their genetic make-up and health history.

Who's to say exactly what the future

holds? Undoubtedly, many factors — including demographic changes, changes in supply and demand, a shift to customer-oriented businesses, radical alterations in policy (public, fiscal, and monetary), and untold directions in research/development — will all shape the economic future of the world.

Despite the uncertainty of what goods and services will be available in the future, or for whom and how they will be produced, we can count on human nature to remain the same. A survey at Harvard University revealed that of the graduating seniors, only 3 percent had set goals. The follow up 20 years later showed those who had set goals (the 3 percent) were more successful financially than the other 97 percent combined. Thus, don't be mesmerized by the cornucopia of opportunities in the future. To succeed in the New Millennium requires setting goals and incorporating the innovation that furthers your own vision. Be flexible, and make the future work for you.

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Three major airlines join Priceline.com

By Dave Carpenter
Associated Press

CHICAGO — United, American and US Airways have gotten on board with Priceline.com, the name-your-own-price Internet ticket service.

That means that nearly all major U.S. airlines now sell seats through Priceline. The move also doubles the number of seats Priceline can sell.

The agreement announced Wednesday gives travelers more reason to buy tickets online and provides airlines with a proven way to peddle unsold seats at the last minute.

It also deals another blow to travel agents, which are seeing their airline commissions cut and getting stiff competition from travel Web sites. Most airlines now sell tickets on their own sites, and last week United, Delta, Continental and Northwest announced plans for a joint site.

Priceline's three new airlines — Nos. 1, 2 and 6 in the country — join Delta, Continental, Northwest, TWA and America West on Priceline. Among major airlines, Southwest is still not participating.

At Priceline.com, buyers can choose their own price for hotel rooms, cars, home mortgages and equity loans. The deal is sealed when the seller accepts the buyer's bid.

Priceline's new partners had previously been reluctant to sell tickets there, particularly American, which was afraid to compete with Travelocity.com, the travel Web site controlled by American's parent, AMR Corp. All three airlines also sell tickets at their own Web sites.

But results apparently persuaded the three airlines. Priceline said its weekly sales of airline tickets have increased to more than 50,000 a week, up 1,000 percent from January.

An American Airlines spokesman said the partnership is an acknowledgment that Priceline "is growing up."

"It comes down to the fact that Priceline has shown itself to be a viable distribution channel that makes sense as one of many distribution channels at this point," spokesman Tim Smith said.

Priceline lost \$112.2 million last year on just \$35.2 million in revenue — typical of fledgling Internet companies. On Wall Street on Wednesday, stock in Stamford, Conn.-based Priceline soared \$8.25 to \$77 a share, a 12 percent rise, by midafternoon on the Nasdaq Stock Market.

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TITLE VII: UTPB offers grant to Bilingual/ESL candidates

(From 1D)

"You need to pass this in order to teach," Ms. Chapa said. "You have to pass exams. If not when getting into college, then in getting out of college."

"And the only way (future teachers) can start their lives is by getting their education."

Not only will Ms. Chapa become a teacher, but have bilingual/ESL certification which she said translates to

more money and better job opportunities.

Ms. Hopkins said she thinks students at the career center can relate to the presenters because they are students, too.

"I could stand up in the classroom and give this information to my students, but it would be outdated and it means more coming from someone who is involved in the process right now," Ms. Hopkins said. "Actually, getting them on campus

and getting those catalogs and books into their hands is what gives them a good feel of what it's like going to college."

Along with UTPB, Sul Ross State University and Region 18 Education Service Center (ESC) will also have a taste of the \$378,715 state grant.

According to information provided by UTPB, mentor teachers will receive \$250 per semester for performing the duties of a mentor teacher.

The funds will also pay substitute teachers for mentor teachers and beginning teachers when they are absent from the classroom to attend training, meetings, workshops or conferences.

G. Pete Ienatsch, dean of the UTPB School of Education, thinks the most critical thing we need to deal with in preparing teachers to teach in the public schools is to help new teachers

through the first few years in the classroom.

"Beginning teachers are most vulnerable," Ienatsch said. "We need to provide them with the with some support and mentoring. This grant will allow us to have somebody readily available to assist new teachers."

Ms. Lara said student teachers have to report to a working classroom monthly, which in

turn makes the undergraduate student a better prepared teacher.

It teaches them skills that they wouldn't know otherwise and gives them somebody to call if they have a question.

"They can all that mentor and rely on them," Ms. Lara said. "The mentors take it seriously. They are interested in getting those people ready for the classroom."

GARCIA: New chairwoman named

(From 1D)

decision made." As far as special projects, Ms. Garcia said she plans on focusing her efforts on a micro lending program for small busi-

nesses. "The program is meant to focus on the small businessman that banks won't look at," Ms. Garcia said. "We will get that program going some time this year. This is for everyone that has

had an idea but not the income to do anything with it."

For more information about the Hispanic Chamber or programs it offers call 682-2960.

ELECTION: Rosello rejects Clinton's offer

(From 1D)

cratic Party, wracked by a power struggle between Calderon and former Gov. Rafael Hernandez Colon.

Hernandez Colon wanted his son, Hernandez Mayoral, to win the Congressional seat. Calderon supports Vila, who helped lead a successful campaign against Rosello in a December 1998 referendum on statehood.

The Bhatia-Machado race is key in part because the San Juan mayor's job is seen as a stepping stone to the governor's mansion. All of the city's last five mayors ran for governor, although only one won.

National primaries in which

Puerto Ricans will choose Republican and Democratic party candidates for president will be held in March.

Also on Sunday, Rosello said he rejected a new offer by Clinton that would allow Navy exercises to resume on Vieques.

Rosello told reporters he spoke with Clinton by telephone twice on Saturday and rejected Clinton's proposal to allow non-explosive, "dummy" bombs during training on the outlying island of Vieques.

He said he also proposed that the island's 9,400 residents be consulted on any possible compromise between the Puerto Rican and U.S. governments.

RESULTS: Primaries predict Popular party to win 2000 election

(From 1D)

candidates and 103 legislative candidates.

Calderon is Popular Democrat candidate for governor. The party is desperately trying to unseat Gov. Pedro Rosello's New Progressive Party in November 2000, when voters will fill every elected office.

Rosello's party has controlled the government since 1992, leading a failed pro-statehood crusade. The anti-statehood Popular party now leads in the polls, and a victory in 2000 could put the statehood movement in deep freeze.

DEAR ABBY

Smoker's reluctance to quit frustrates concerned family

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My husband's mother has been diagnosed with emphysema and deteriorating lungs. Last April, the doctor's prognosis was that she would die within the year. We decided to move to her hometown to be with her and the family during this time of crisis.



Van Buren

We have discovered that she still smokes cigarettes and doesn't use her oxygen as often as she should. Her doctor ordered her to quit working, so now she is home all day, and all she does is complain and talk about dying. Abby, if she's so worried about dying, why won't she quit smoking and try to make herself better? She is not that old.

She has four wonderful grandchildren to watch grow up, and my husband and I would like her to be around when WE have children. I feel like I'm hitting my head against a brick wall whenever I try to talk to her and give her words of encouragement. She refuses to go to another doctor for a second opinion, which I feel she needs to do.

Abby, what can the family and I do to help her see the light? I'm hopeful that if she sees this letter in the paper, she'll understand what we are going through. — CONCERNED DAUGHTER-IN-LAW

DEAR CONCERNED: Your mother-in-law probably has not stopped smoking because she is hopelessly addicted to cigarettes and feels that because she is terminal, it's useless to fight a battle she has been told she will lose anyway.

Your suggestion that she seek a second medical opinion was excellent. No one should accept a death sentence without seeking a second opinion — or even a third. Your husband and the other members of the family should schedule an appointment for Mom and see that she keeps it. Where there is life, there is hope.

Your letter is a timely one, because today marks the 23rd annual Great American Smokeout. For those who may not know about it, the Smokeout is an upbeat, good-humored, one-day campaign to encourage smokers to quit smoking for 24 hours — just to prove to themselves they can do it.

In 1998, 19 percent of smokers (approximately 8,930,000 people) participated in the Great American Smokeout. Of those participating, 10 percent — more than 89,000 adults — reported

that they were smoking less or not at all one to five days later. That's more than 89,000 people who are well on their way to healthier, smoke-free lives — thanks to the American Cancer Society.

While "cold turkey" is the most difficult way to quit, I'm told it is also the most effective way to rid oneself of the habit. Those who need help or want more information about the effects of tobacco may call their local chapter of the American Cancer Society or (800) ACS-2345.

And so, Dear Readers, if you're hooked on tobacco and have been saying, "One of these days I've got to quit," why not join the Great American Smokeout and quit today? It won't be easy, but it will be the best holiday present you can give yourself and those who love you.

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Abigail Van Buren's column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

ñFACE: Egg timer a treasure to some

(From 1D)

"Believe us caller, and you at home, don't miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime ..."

I was awestruck by what I was hearing. I even wanted a gold egg timer for six easy payments of \$19.95. A simple story transformed a silly little egg timer into a sentimental item.

Was the story true? Does it

matter? It was an entertaining little piece of television and bottom line — that is what television should be about.

So maybe infomercials aren't so bad after all. They offer you the same human drama as a soap opera and you get a souvenir to boot.

Have a great idea for a story? Well, tell us about it. Contact us via e-mail at

nf@quepasa.com, or by snail mail at Midland Reporter-Telegram c/o ñFace, Richard Acosta at, 201 E. Illinois Avenue, Midland TX. 79701, or give us a call, 915-687-8856. Check us out on line at www.mrt.com/Quepasa. The "Q" must be upper case.



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Infomercials: pain or pleasure for only \$19.95

By Richard Acosta
Staff Writer

My journalism professor at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin (Go Falcons,) used to complain about two things.

One: Shoes.
"Who in the world would want to pay \$300 for a sneaker that looks like it stepped out of an acid-induced hallucination?"

Two: Cable television.
"They give you all these channels and you think, 'Oh, I have so many channels to choose from,'" he would say. "Then you find out that about 20 of them are trying to sell you something."

"So they're charging me \$50 a month for air — it's only air. And on top of that I'm paying them to bring a salesman into my house."

Then he would wave his ruler at us and rant about how if we all just stopped paying for it the price would go down. He would go on and on until he worked himself up to the point of handing out pitchforks and torches and leading on an angry mob to the cable office.

I thought about what he said and it started to make sense.

Why should we pay for all these channels just so they can sell us stuff?

On channel after channel it's infomercials, shopping channels, jamming to the oldies. I mean, if I hear, "For the low price of only \$19.99," one more time, I'm going to go crazy.

This has got to stop. I must tell the world!!!

That is, until I found out I would be working to end one of my baby sister's favorite things. She came home from college one day and overheard me telling someone about my new feelings toward television and later asked me to explain it to her.

She sat and listened to my side of the story before asking me, "Have you ever watched any of those shows?"

"No, why would I want to do that?"

"Because they are the coolest shows on television," she exclaimed. "I love watching them, they have the coolest stuff I've ever seen. You really don't know what you're missing."

As she continued on about her infomercial infatuation, I found out that she watches all the infomercials she can and knows most of the hosts by name. She adores any program that runs a disclaimer before it starts saying that it doesn't represent on the channel which it's showing.

Her relentless viewing has filled her head with useless information about pots and pans, toasters, sandwich makers, knives and roasters. In fact, just by watching one of those psychic network infomercials a couple of times, she can now tell you stuff about a person just by getting his or her name and birthday ... it's spooky.

My worst fears were realized when she told me that if there are two infomercials she wants to see showing at the same time, she actually records one to watch later.

So that night I agreed to watch some kind of "sell-me-something," program with my sister.

(I'm changing the actual item and price as not to identify the actual channel.)

That night's selection was the home shopping channel.

"As time runs out on the Super Mug, we will move on to item number 1234 of our special 24-karat gold show. I'm sure this is something every one of you will want to get in on. It is our one-of-a-kind, solid gold egg timer."

"This egg timer, which is a hand crafted item, retails at \$500"

I couldn't believe it at first. Who would want to buy an egg timer off the television and why would anyone need a gold one?

The man comes back on, "Caller you're on the air."

An old woman's voice asks, "Am I on the air?"

"Yes, caller, why are trying to get in on this great deal?"

"Well, when I was a child, my mother had one. Oh, how I remember playing with it all day long, watching the sand fall through the little space while watching my reflection in the gold. But mother had to sell it to send us off to college, so I'm buying this one to show her our thanks."

While she's telling the story the number of sales of this "exquisite" item is rolling over like the price on a gas pump.

"Thank you caller. Let me ask you something. How much did you think your mother paid for her classic hand-crafted egg timer?"

"Oh," she said. "I guess about \$800, but that was back in 1935."

"Well, what would your mom think about us dropping the price from our already low \$500 to six easy payments of \$19.95?" or \$119.95.

"Goodness," she said through tears. "I can't believe it. You are making my dream come true."

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Federally-funded mentor program gives UTPB students hands-on experience

By Erica Garibay
Staff Writer

Students at the University of Texas in the Permian Basin pursuing a career in teaching with a certification in bilingual and English as a Second Language (ESL) can now keep extra cash in their pockets, thanks to the \$2.5 million grant awarded to UTPB (a portion of the state grant totaling \$378,715).

Main targets for the federal-funded Title VII grant are recent high school graduates, as well as teacher aides. Current teachers seeking a master's degree are also recruited in exchange for tuition and book scholarships, as long as they serve as mentors for the new students.

"I feel it's a very good opportunity for people who are interested in pursuing a career in teaching. I also feel it's helping a lot to train teachers in this area (West Texas)," said Susan Lara, UTPB associate professor and coordinator of bilingual education.

"We have about 40 undergraduate students and 23

graduate students who are benefiting from the program. We have openings for summer and fall of 2000, but deadlines for this fall and spring have already passed."

All undergraduate students pursuing a teaching career with certification in bilingual/ESL will have a mentor who is in the graduate program hoping to gain the same certification, Ms. Lara said.

The mentor and student talk about teaching tips and the student's progress, as well as

tion has to be a collaborative process," said Ms. Lara.

Sylvia Chapa, a senior at UTPB and one of many beneficiaries of the grant project, spoke to high school seniors at the Ector County Independent School District's Career Center in Odessa.

Her audience was made up of possible future teachers in high school who are active in the Educators for Tomorrow program. Students of the program serve as tutors to elementary school students.

This program's focus is to train high school students to become active tutors, said Karen Hopkins, teacher at the Career Center.

In addition Ms. Hopkins said the students will have a chance to earn six college hours at Odessa College by the time they graduate.

Those who later graduate from UTPB with a teaching degree are automatically guaranteed a job teaching with ECISD.

Ms. Chapa said the students' biggest goal right now is to "find out the deadlines for all of your college exams." As a major in humanities, she is taking nine hours of course work at UTPB while keeping busy as a student teacher at South Elementary School in Midland.

She recently took the Examination for the Certification of Educators in Texas (ExCET), a Texas requirement for teacher certification.

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Gilbert Sanchez, Title VII project coordinator for UTPB, speaks to students at ECISD's Career Center about becoming bilingual/ESL teachers.



Sylvia Chapa, senior at UTPB, student teaches at a local school.

Hispanic Chamber names new chairwoman



Garcia

From growing up a poor girl in Abilene to becoming Chairwoman of the Midland Hispanic Chamber, Madeline Garcia's path to success was not a walk in the park. The Abilene Cooper High

FACT BOX:

► Madeline Garcia, 34

► Born in Abilene, 1963 Cooper High School graduate

► 1986 Midland College graduate, general studies

► 1990 University of Texas of the Permian Basin graduate, BBA

► 1993 CPA

► 1999 Controller for Teraco Inc. Manufacturing Company

School graduate said her family was poor and the only way she could continue her education was to move in with family in Midland.

"The schools in Abilene are non-state

funded and I could not afford to attend," Ms. Garcia said. "I have family in Midland so I came down here. My aunt owns a restaurant in town and I worked there while I went to Midland College."

After finishing at MC, Ms. Garcia attended the University of Texas of the Permian Basin where she graduated in 1990, and has stayed in Midland ever since.

While in Midland, Ms. Garcia began getting involved in activities sponsored by the Midland Hispanic Chamber.

"I was volunteering at the cookoff and with other things, but it was my work with tourism that helped get me to where I am," Ms. Garcia said. "It is hard work, but you always get so much more back."

Ms. Garcia said she has a vision for the chamber, which includes doing the things that have made it successful in the past.

"I want the chamber to have a voice in everything that happens in the community," Ms. Garcia said. "To be part of the decision-making process in every major

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Puerto Ricans vote in primaries, latest round in battle over ties to U.S.



AP Photo

Jose Alfredo Hernandez Mayoral prepares to cast his ballot in Puerto Rico's local primaries on Nov. 14. Hernandez Mayoral is accompanied by his wife, Patricia Rivera, his son Pablo, and daughter, Ana Patricia.

By Chris Hawley
Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Waving flags and dressed in the red and blue colors of their parties, Puerto Ricans voted Sunday in local primaries seen as the next round in a battle over their complex relationship with the United States.

The Popular Democratic Party, which opposes making Puerto Rico the 51st state, will desperately try to unseat Gov. Pedro Rossello's New Progressive Party in November 2000,

when voters will fill every elected office. Voting Sunday were members of those two parties.

Gubernatorial candidate Sila Calderon's choice for Congress, party vice president Anibal Acevedo Vila, was leading Jose Hernandez Mayoral 55 percent to 45 percent with 16 percent of ballots counted. For mayor, Calderon backed Sen. Eduardo Bhatia, who was far ahead of physician Richard Machado with a third of the vote counted.

Voters on Sunday also picked 95 mayoral candidates and 103 legislative candidates.

Rossello's party has controlled government since 1992, leading a failed pro-statehood crusade.

"We have to win this (2000) election," said the Popular Democratic Party's Jose Hernandez Mayoral, who is running for the Congressional seat — against his party leader's wishes. "If not, the New Progressive Party will continue to push for statehood referendums and we will fall into the eternal paralysis of the debate over our political status."

Caravans of sound trucks wound through San Juan blaring campaign jingles set to a salsa beat and candidates made their last-minute pitches to voters on Saturday night.

Puerto Rico's residents are U.S. citizens and serve in the military, but cannot vote for president; they also get billions in federal funds while paying no federal taxes.

Relations with the United States have been strained recently by a dispute over a U.S. Navy training ground on the island of Vieques. President Clinton's release of jailed Puerto Rican independence fighters further stirred emotions, and both issues have prompted anti-American rallies in recent months.

Sunday's most hotly contested races were in the Popular Democratic

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Opposition leader's allies win in Puerto Rican primaries

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Allies of opposition leader and statehood opponent Sila Calderon won resounding victories in key primary elections, according to vote results Monday.

Anibal Acevedo Vila, of the Popular Democratic Party, won 54 percent of Sunday's vote to replace Calderon as Puerto Rico's nonvoting representative in the U.S. Congress. About 96 percent of the half-million votes had been counted by Monday evening.

In the race for the party's San Juan mayoral candidacy, Eduardo Bhatia won 85 percent of the vote, setting the stage for a contest against New Progressive Party candidate Jorge Santini.

The San Juan mayor's job is seen as a stepping stone to the governorship. All of the city's last five mayors ran for governor, although only one won.

Voters on Sunday also picked 93 other mayoral

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685 Hunting Leases
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710 Open Houses
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740 Out of Town Prop.
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The City of Midland is requesting bids for the sale of Lot 5, Block 37, Original Town of the City of Midland, Texas. This property is located on 203 North Main Street in the City of Midland, Texas and is otherwise known as the "Ritz Theater".

In order to assure yourself that your bid will be properly submitted and considered, it is important that prospective bidders read, understand and follow the following instructions:

a. A bidder may submit a cash bid, or a bid with alternative terms fully disclosed.

b. All bids must be accompanied by a certified check or bank money order issued by a bank satisfactory to the City in the amount of 10% of the bid price payable without recourse to the City. Bids without the required check or money order will not be considered. All other checks will be returned after the bid is awarded. The purpose of such check or money order is to provide a guarantee that the bidder will accept a conveyance to said property from the City and pay the balance of the amount bid or comply with any and all conditions of this bid.

c. All bids must be sealed in an envelope, and the envelope must be plainly marked "Proposal for Ritz Theater Property". All bids must be submitted to the Director of Facilities & Fleet Management in his office, Room 220 in City Hall, 300 North Lorraine Street, or mailed to P.O. Box 1152, Midland, Texas, 79702, on or before 11:00 a.m. o'clock on the 6th day of December 1999. All bids being received after such time and date shall not be considered.

d. Bids will not be accepted for sale of this property unless proposed usage is in compliance with City of Midland Planning & Zoning ordinances, or may be made compliant.

e. The minimum bid that will be considered for this property by the City of Midland for Lot 5, Block 37, Original Town is \$17,500.00.

f. Bidders are advised that the City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive technicalities, to negotiate with any of the bidders, and to make any investigation deemed necessary as to a bidder's financial status.

g. Bidders are advised that the City of Midland will issue a Special Warranty Deed and the bidder must satisfy himself as to title and acquire all desired abstracts and other title information or insurance solely at his own expense, and all other costs of sale, if any, must be borne solely by the successful bidder.

h. Bidders are advised that the Special Warranty Deed given by the City will be subject to the following conditions and covenants:

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that all the oil, gas and other minerals in and under said land are hereby expressly excepted from this conveyance, and it is also subject to any existing easements of record and/or on the ground for pipelines, utilities or other purposes.

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rooms, fenced yard, water
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all bills paid \$250 monthly
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Hwy.

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garage, fireplace, 3003
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garage, patio home 4710-A
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baths, two living areas,
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bath, over 4,400 feet, ex-
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monthly. 1714 E Oak
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room, 2 bath, \$900 month-
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Appointment, 694-9853.

ONE BEDROOM duplex
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bath, 2 car garage, central
heat/ air, fenced yard,
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deposit. 682-0559.

OLD MIDLAND- very nice,
updated, 3 bedrooms, 2
baths, double garage plus
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monthly. 570-9903.

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your heart is, then at Airline
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home! 694-2534.

MOBILE HOME and/or RV
space. Large shade trees,
laundromat, convenient
location. 332-4976.

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room, \$500, 3108 N. Big
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Vaughan, 686-2008.

811 WEST MISSOURI:
14,000 square feet.
Suitable for retail, manu-
facturing or service busi-
ness. Call 522-1030, 570-
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ple. Executive suites, 4500
W. Illinois, Call Midland,
620-1500.

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LOCATION: Close to hospi-
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physicians and other
Professionals. 2109 W.
Texas. 682-0602.

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close in, air/ heat. Secure
yard. 683-5697, 682-4789.

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3803 THOMASON Drive. 3
bedroom, 2 bath. \$450/
monthly plus utilities. \$200
deposit. 530-2645.

NICE 1 BEDROOM,
duplex, appliances,
garage. \$350/ month.
\$200/ deposit. No pets.
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bath, \$475 monthly.
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or 687-3413.

3403 WEST LOUISIANA:
3 bedroom, 2 bath, \$650
monthly. Call 683-7057.

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bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths,
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places and garages. 697-
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2 & 3 BEDROOMS, 2.5
baths, 1,400 sq. ft. sunken
living room, wet bar, dou-
ble car garage, washer/
dryer connections, ceiling
fans, fireplace. \$585 up.
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2 & 3 bedrooms, 1 & 2
baths. \$41-1,651. F.I.
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place, \$395/ up. 689-
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