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Hustlin＇Hereford，home of Steve Purcella

Hereford Brand

# TWA explosion named top national story 

NEW YORK（AP）－Fire ignites
he nightime sky．Death darkens the Olympics．Rumors，theories and tear ound．
questions about two of the bigges mysteries of 1996：the explosion of Paris－bound TWA jet over Long Iland，and the bombing at Atlanta＇s Olympic Games．
The TWA explosion was the to the annual Associated Press poll of newspaper editors and broadcast news directors；the Olympic bombing
placed third，after the elections． The arrest of Unabomber suspect Theodore Kaczynski，the ValuJet crash in the Florida Everglades，the ystem，the Olympic Games，the booming economy and the wrath of ast winter＇s great blizzard filled ou
the first time in years， perhaps because there was such wealth of national news from which
o choose．This is the AP＇s 60 th rvey；last year＇s top story was th The top 10 are as follow
1．TWA EXPLOSION．The sad ingering saga of TWA＇s Flight 800 p story．The gly voted the year xploded moments after taking off Jom John F．Kennedy Internation Airport on July 17，killing all 230

The images were heart－wrenching： Sixteen members of a high school
French Club from Montoursville， Pa wiped out on their first trip to France ver the Atlantic，dredged up with sickening slowness over the next e bodies that couldn＇t be found Ritualistic press＇conferences and emorial services did little to ease the pain．The emotions of grieving
families were further battered by the issile，static electricity in the fue tank．Sill no ans

Olympic gold medalist to speak here tonight

Olympic gold medalist Josh Davis of Austin will hold a swimming clinic at 7 p．m．Thursday at the Hereford Aquatic Center．

Mayor Bob Josserand has proclaimed Thursday as＂Josh Davis Day＂ in Hereford．
The clinic will begin with a welcome ceremony by the mayor，who
also will present Davis witha＂Key to the City＂and a lifetime membership to the center．
At $7: 20 \mathrm{pm}$ ．Davis will hold a discussion on his philosophy on competitive and recr
at 8 p．m．
a member of three gold medals at the Summer Olympics in Atlanta as a member of three USA men＇s relay teams－－
the 800 －meter freestyle and the 400 medley． He has close ties to Hereford．He is the husband of Shantel（Cornelius） Davis，a former Hereford resident and HHS volleyball player

## Houston Boy Scouts find Mastodon tooth

FRIENDSWOOD（AP）－Eight Gem and Mineral Society confirme members of a Boy Scout troop on a

hiking trip stumbled across a mastodon tooth and arrowhead－both
thousands of years old，officicials say． cout hike and hoping to carn a badg both for safe hiking and for geology we dirt for fossils when he dirch in omething he found interesting
＂Hey，Dad，look at thi
ock，＂the 10 －year－old
clay Keiffer，the scoutmaster of
Scout Troop 1223 sponsored by church in Friendswood，told the peaks sticking out of the＂rock＂ Brandon approached him．
＂I thought＇That＇s a little bit more
han a rock．＇I wasn＇t sure what it
was．As we were cleaning it off we The scoutmatter＂haid he soid． realized his son＇s find $-8-1 / 2$ inches
long and weighing about five pounds was some kind of tooth．
George Wolf with the Houston
dating to more than 15，000 years ago The mastodon differed from larger and having a different structurg
of molars． The Scou month，Keiffer said． between Sabine Pass and High Island along the coast about 30 mil
northeast of Galveston and about 7 miles east of the Scouts＇home in
Friendswood． Wolf said it is not unusual for
fossil hunters to find mastodon teeth along the Gulf Coast．
But the Scouts＇molar discovery
was special because the tooth was whole and still had some ename Many fossil finds on the beach h
some sort of erosion，he said． said of the intact tooth．＂I think what it was a Scout outing．＂
＂We just have to wait till the pain
tops and we can smile again，＂，says Carol Olsen of Macon，Ga．，who lo sailed into a second term after an expensive－and many said uninspir－ ing－presidential campaign．From the
start，the Democratic President＇s lead in the polls was luxurious．He easily if only temporarily－deflecte questions about ethics，Asian mone and Whitewater．
Republican challenger Bob Doter Republican challenger Bob Dole media for his problems，including his ability to sell a 15 percent tax cut． Presidential politics aside，the
Republicans held onto Congress and e－elected Newt Gingrich speaker． re－elected Newt Gingrich speaker．
3．OLYMPIC BOMB．He was hailed as a hero，hounded as suspect，and finally cleared by the
FBI．Richard Jewell said he was＂just doing his job＂when he spotted a suspicious satchel in Centennial Olympic Park and notified police
The July 27 explosion killed Alice The July 27 explosion killed Alice
Hawthome of Albany，Ga．，and Hawthorne of Albany，Ga．，and
injured more than 100 others；it stained the already besieged games，
and further diminished Americans ense of security． It also changed Jewell＇s life
 ecurity guard＇s past was aired in the ot a suspect．
The bomber has yet to be found． 4．UNADOMBER ARREST． solated cabin in Montana， fingered by his brother，who
ecognized similarities between Theodore Kaczynski＇s writings and unabomber＂Kaczyogki＇s absesse pril 3 apparently ended an 18 －ye thal packecs killed mer，whose nd injured or maimed 23 others． professor of mathematics at University of California at Berkeley 5．EVERGLADES CRASH 5e＇EVERGLADES CRASH
＇We＇re on fire．We＇re on fire，＂a We＇re on fire．We＇re on fire，
vice cried from the cabin，moment fore Valuet Flight 592 plunged in
the Everglades on May 11，killing all
110 people aboard．Recoventually blamed on improperly
gruesome and grueling．Divers wore
boxed oxygen canisters and the quirky
little airline with the happy face logo
 monitor them．
6．WEL PARE ENDS．Acknowledg－
ing that the new law was＂seriously
flawed，＂President Clinton signedit
anyway，ending welfare as we know
it． At its heart，the legislation
dismantled Aid to Families With Dependent Children，6 6－decade－old
program that guaranteed the nation＇t needy a federal safety net．Now the must rely on their states or help．Th law comes with strict new rules，
including a lifetime limit of five years


## Waste not

Kenney Ruland of Hereford，center，and Bob Vaughn of Dawn， Kight，took early advantage of soft Christmas tree sales at Allsup＇s convenience store located on South 25 Mile Avenue Thursday
and piled as many of the leftover trees as they could get into
heir pickup．The duo，both avid fishermen，have made a tradition of recycling post－holiday trees for use in their fishing hole at
 in one location and not have to cruise the allies as in years past．

## Drought tops state headlines

By MICHELLE MITTELSTADT Associated Press Writer Other headlines may prove more
sensational when the year in Texas sensational
is reviewed But no event in 1996 packed the
wallop of the drought，which punched a hole in the state＇s agrarian economy and rippled through other sectors．
Whether it was Rio Grande rafting companies that watched business slow to a trickke or
Christmas tree farms offering stunted specimens，the drought left a profound impression on Texas and
many of its inhabitants． the final damage But state officials have projected
that the drought will cost Texas farmers and ranchers $\$ 2$ billion in lost production．The loss to the state billion－making the drought one of Texas this century
＂When you look at losses incurred state，you＇re looking at something state，you＇re looking all something
that hit them dramatically and had a devastating impact on them this
year，＂said Texas Department of Agriculture spokesman Gene Acuna． smallest since 1989．While cotton fields around Lubbock have bounced
back，cotton patches elsewhere back，cotton patches elsewhere
suffered．Cow－calf producers also suffered．Cow－calf producers also
took it on the chin，many liquidating huge herds because of skyrocketing
Even though rains swept through much of the state in recent months， drought． ＂People ask when the drought is ＂Farmers and ranchers tell you the
drought will be over when the stock drought will be over when the stock
tanks are full again and the creeks are full again．＂ drought－depleted reservoirs，Corpus

## Christi key among them，the crisis won＇t really beffortlessly，＂Graham allegedly we over until new wrote in a statement to police that his

 won＇t really be over until newsources of drinking water have been sources of drinking water have been
tapped or reservoirs replenished． Beyond the weather，crime marked a steady drumbeat as Texas broadcast outlets and newspapers chronicled the top stories of the year． In two high－profile criminal cases， prosecutors in the Dallas－Fort Worth
area fingered an unlikely set of

## Top News stories ，

 attorney contends was coerced．Graham and Miss Zamora remain jailed on murder Zamora remain trial next year． As 1997 dawns，Darlie Routier Rowlett goes to trial on charties sh stabbed to death her 6 －year－old and 5 －year－old sons．If convicted，
could face the death penalty．
uspects straight－arrow teen－agers on the cusp of fast－track military careers；and a
young suburban mom accused of knifing her two young sons． Fresh－faced Naval Acade midshipman Diane Zamora and her David Graham，landed on the cover of People magazine after being arrested last September in the killing
of 16 －year－old Adrianne Jones of of 16 －year－
Mansfield．
Police contend the pair killed Miss ones to exact revenge for a vort－lived tryst Graham had with the victim．Graham reportedly told police
that his fiancee＇s＂womanly vengeance＂required appeasing． Well，Diane＇s beautiful eyes
have always played the strings of my

Nrs．Routier，whose trial has bee
moved to Kerrville because
pre－trial publicity，has passionately professed her innocence，claiming a
intruder broke into her home．Polic contend the evidence doesn＇t square with her story that an intruder stabbed
the boys and inflicted serious injuries on her during a struggle． Beyond the unlikely crim
defendants，a pair of more traditiona suspects made banner news．
Convicted child molester Larr Don McQuay brought new heat to long－running controversies over
mandatory prison release rules and criminal recidivism．The demon＂touched off a public debate with his proposal that he be surgically
castrated． her during a struggle．
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 McQuay was paroled in April undemandatory release rules after servin mix yacory release tules after serving
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7 7－year－old San Antonio boy．In the
ensuing hullabaloo McQuay ensuing hullabaloo，McQuay agreed ou unusually stringent parole condition and remained behind bars after being
indicted on new charges stemming from incidents in 1989 with another child In a Houston courtroom，Mexican drug kingpin Juan Garcia Abrego was
brought to justice after being arrested brought to justice after being arrested
in Mexico and spirited into the United
States．Accused of moving tons of drugs States．Accused of moving tons of duygs
through the Ric Grande Valley，Garcia Abrego was convicted last Octobe
of trafficking nearly 15 tons of cocaine Some of the state＇s biggest sport
stars weren＇t immune from lega stars weren＇t immune from legal
entanglements of their own． entanglements of their own．
The Dallas Cowboys may have repeated as Super Bowl champs in January，but their star was tarnished
by a series of off－field contreversies by a series of off－field controversies
Wide receiver Michael Irvin wa Wide receiver Michael Irvin wa
embroiled in a messy tale of drugs and topless dancers，eventually pleading no contest to felony cocaine possession The saga drew him probation and
five－game suspension． Irvin wasn＇t thio
tangle with the NFL．Shante Carver was suspended for six games for an alcohol－related substance abuse problem．And in December，defensive a year after testing positive for cocaine． The year also generated sad
memories，as several notable Texan memorict．
died．

## died

Former U．S．Rep．Barbara Jordan whose eloquent defense of the Constutution inspired the nation during the Watergate hearings，died in January at age 59．Ralph Webster Yarborough， during his nearly 14 years in the U．S． Senate，died just weeks later at age

In the world of politics， 1996 proved be an interesting，sometime
（See DROUGHT，Page 2）

## Local Roundup

It's going to be breezy
Hereford recorded a high temperature of 47 degrees on Christmas Day and a low temperature of 12 degrees Thursday moming. The forecast for Thursday night calls for party cloud and warmer with a high in the 50s.

## Emergency Services

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of Myrte
Strect 19 traffic citations issued. Two motor vehicle accident PIRE DEPARTMENT -Dispathed to Avenue $I$ and vehicle accident -36 -year-old male arrested for Theft reported. -- Public in inoxication reported.


## News Digest

## REGIONAL

PAMPA (APP)- Pollice were purssing leads Wednesday in the shooting of an 18 -year-old who was found slumped over dead in a gray Cadillac.
Richard Lamont Proctor was sho 0 once in the back of the head lith a large-caliber weapon late Tuessay, Police Chief Charles Moris said. An autopsy was scheduled Thursday.
An affiterys warer schockinge for ar arred dipckup reported by witnesses to be
in the area at the time of the shooting, Morris said.
occurred. They were uninjured and relecesed after being interviewed by investigntors.

## NATION/WORLD

HEBRON. West Bank (AP) - Israeli soldiers are struggling to maintain calm in volatiic Hebron, an increasingly difficullt task as negotiators close
in on a deal to withdraw the troops and cede most of the city to Palestinian
U.S.envoy Dennis Ross, whose efforts helped Palestinian and Israeli negotiators make progress this week, was leaving for Washington with conclude an agreement shortly thereafter," he said

The negotiators met all day Wednesday in Jesusalem after Tuesday's leader Yasser Arafat provided momentum but fell short of an agreement Negotiations were to resume today.
Adeal on Hebron - Hee last West Bank city under Israeli control - would be the first major development in the peace process since Netanyahu was
elected in May. celed in May.

## Obituaries

PHILLIP M. CARROLL
Dec. 23, 1996
Phillip M. Carroll, $\wp 3$, of Hereford $\begin{aligned} & \text { Pauline Anderson in } 1953 \text { in Flint, } \\ & \text { Mich. He served in the Navy and was }\end{aligned}$
died Monday. Services will be at a later date. a journeyman for General Motors. Arrangements are by Gililland- $\begin{gathered}\text { Survivors include his wife; a son, } \\ \text { Watson Funeral Home. }\end{gathered}$ Mr Chillip W. Carroll of Maybe, Mich.; Mich. He came to Texas from Hereford; three sisters; and four Michigan in 1993. He married grandchildren.


TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION


Spent Christmas gifts
Torn boxes and tattered wrapping paper were all that was left of holiday packages on Thursday. As Hereford residents begin to dispose of Christmas wrappings, local dumpsters were loaded with the holiday leftovers.

## Texas inmates considered indigent, but many have large bank accounts

AUSTIN (AP) - More than half of
the inmates in the Texas state prison system are considered indigent, with
less than $\$ 5$ in their less than 5 in their accounts on any prison officials say. But on a recent day, $t$ woprisoners
each had more than $\$ 50,000$ in their accounts, and 26 had more than
sco, reported today.
That sa hefly
That sa hefty balance for someone
whose purchases often is limited to whose purchases often is limited to
food, toilet items, stationery and the like from the commissary.
In all, there's about $\$ 7$ million in cash in the prison bank- an average of about 5 terin
terest bearing Lerest bearing accounls, Texas
Department of
repords show. On death row, 12 inmates each have more than $\$ 1,000$ in their
accounts, with the weal hiest accounts, with the wealthiest
condemned killer amassing $\$ 8,470$.
Prisan Prison spokesman Glen Castebury
said a said a prisoner once exceeded the
$\$ 99,999$ limit that prison rules place on inmate trust accounts.
None of the
None of the longtime administra-
tors can recall when tors can recall when or how that
fortune was amassed, Castlebury said. Privacy wales prohibit the disclosure
of individual of individual inmates' bank balances. Convicts do not get paid for the
prison jobs they hold, although some prison jubs they
earn funds through the sale of crafts they make in prison.
funds sent in by family and friends, Under prison rules, all incoming
some collect divorce or other and outgoing mail is monitored, financial settlements and somecearn and outgoing mail is monitored,
funds through the sales of crafts they to and from lawyers and
reporters. funds through the sales of crafts they
make in prison "piddling shops." make in prison "piddling shops." "Anything that is direct solicita-
Bruce Thaler, warden at the Ellis tion where (prisoners) just blatantly Unit in Huntsville, where death row come out and say, 'I need you to send is housed, said a lot of the money for me $\$ 100, \$ 50$, what have you', we
condemned killers comes from don't allow that to go out," condemned killers comes from
overseas.
Savey condemned killers know that overseas thinking is quite a bit
more liberal than ours in the United
States, especially States, especially as far as capital
punishment goes." Thaler said, and thus they often search for pen pals
overseas who are more apt to send

## In 1993, for example a French

 woman who, had befriended a condemned prisoner Samuel ChristopherHawkins begrudgingly confirmed that she had given Hawkins $\$ 15,000$ -
some of it her own money and the rest collected from fellow countrymen "Some of the correspondence that
"Some of the correspondence that
they send out is, from a con's aspect,
astonishing," Thaler added. "They astonishing," Thaler added. "They
can manage to build a person's can manage to build a person's
confidence, talk about their cause, they'Il discuss so many different things about why they need this
money to fight their case, to help pay money to fight their case, to helppay
for their lawyer, to buy typewriters or the amount of postage they need
sending things out. It's amazing."
Retailers open early, offer discounts with
hopes of boosting post-Christmas sales
By RACHEL BECK
AP Business Writer
$\qquad$ Shoppers found lots of bargains
today as stores slashed prices in hopes of offsetting a ho-hum holiday
season with a burst of post-Christmas buying.
"I came for the discounts," said
Margaret Monaco, who waschecking Margaret Monaco, who was checking
out the sweaters at Benetton on New
York's Fifth Avenue. "There are York's Fifth Avenue. "There are
some things that you can wait for if
they're cheaper." Mom're cheaper.'.
Major retailers and small
independent stores alike opened early Major retailers and smarl
independent tsores alike openede early
and offered deep discounts to get and offered deep discounts to get
shoppers into the buying mood again
after a after a 24-hour respite.
"It's a big day, said
Costello, senior executive vice Costello, senior executive vice
president at Sears, Roebuck \& Co., which was discounting everything
from Craftsman tools to cordless trom Craftsman tools to cordless
telephones during its traditional
after-holiday sale. after-holiday sale.
Despite reports of brisk buying in
the first weeks of the season, many retailers failed to maintain that pace through Christmas Eve. Maxed-out
credit cards, foul weather and five fewer shopping days between Thanksgiving and Christmas
contributed to the slowdown. contributed to the slowdown.
"Was it great? No," said Robert
Burton, director of investor relations Burton, director of investor relations
at Kmart Corp. "We saw a modest at Kmart Corp. "We saw a modest
improvement this Christmas and to get the gains they had."
Now, storeowners are betting on
a surge of buying to a surge of buying to help their boutom
lines. For shoppers that could good deals on things they didn't get for Christmas.
Newspapers that published on
Christmas were filled with stere Christmas were filled with st
announcing big discounts.

Christmasn if you tan buy it before 50 percent
off," said Melissa Willians off," said Melissa Williams, who
arrived at a Target discount store in arrived at a Target discount store in
Bismarck, N.D., little after 7 a.m. today. "You take a chance of not
getting it, but most of the time you Some of the best prices were found Some of the best prices were found
at elect $\mathbf{t o n i c s ~ a n d ~ c o m p u t e r ~ s t o r e s , ~}$
which suffered through one of their toughest holiday seasons because of
weak demand. The Staples offic weak demand. The Staples office supply store chain in New York
chopped $\$ 500$ off a Hewlett-Packard color copier-printer, which ordinarily
sells for $\$ 1.500$. Clothing, too, was on sale, as
stores try to move out merchandise stores try to move out merchandise
to make room for new goods. These markdowns come despite asuccessful
season for clothing stores. DROUGHT

## \section*{School teacher Victor Morales rode} <br> his whoo teacher Victor Morales rode

 his white pickup truck to fame and theDemocratic
Bu. S Senate nomination. But the political neophyte found himsen. unable to drive over well-funded
Republican incumbent Phil Gramm, Republican incumbent Phil Gramm,
who was eager to redeem his early who was eager to redeem his early
washout in the presidential primaries. After trudging through the snows of New Hampshire and the stockkyards
of Iowa, Gramm refocuesed his sigts of lowa, Gramm refocused his sights
on Texas and a third Senate term. Outspending his rival more than
six-to-one, Gramm prevailed Outspending his rival more than
six-to-one, Gramm prevailed.
Aswent Morales fortunes. As went Morales' fortunes, so did
those of the Democratic Party. Demo Democrats couldn't beat back a
Repubblican tide that has handed the Republican tide that has handed the
GOP strength not seen in Texas since
the 1870s. For the first time in more than a
century, Republicans control a

Some shoppers also headed to
stores to return gifts, another tradition stores tor return gifts, anothert tradition
of the Christmas shopping season.
"Do of the Christmas shopping season.
"Don't like, don't fit," said Maura Sheridan, who came to Saks Fifth Avenue early this morning to
return a handbag, silk pajamas and pants.
Other big winniers this Christmas included jewelry stores and upscale retailers, wiut many shoppers willing
to spend a little more on gifts. Toy
stores had a strong year, benefiting stores had a strong year, benefiting
from the frenzy over Tickle Me Elmo and Holiday Barbie dolls and Nintendo 64 video games.
Home furnishings also sold well,
especially smaller pieces like wine especially smaller pieces like wine
racks and end tables. racks and end tables.
It's the Martha Stewart
syndrome," said Clark Johnson, chief executive of Pier 1 Imports. "People
interested in their homes interested in their homes again." chamber of the Texas Legislature.
They also boast control of the
Governor's Mansion, both U.S.
Senate seats, They also boast control of the
Governor's Mansion, both U.S.
Senate seats, the Texas Railroad
Commission, the Texas C Commission, the Texas Railroad
Criminal Appeals, the Texas Surt of Criminal Appeals, the Texas Supreme
Court and the State Board of Education.
While Re Ross Perot found his own gains,
waning waning dramatically. The cranky the popular vote this year - down
from his 19 percent showing from his 19 percent showing in 10wn
A trio of federal judges in Houston A trio of federal judges in Houston
injected a pinch of turmoil into the
election season election season by redrawing nearly half of the state's 30 congressional
districts. Republicans initialy vien districts. Republicans initially viewed
redistricting as a boon. But when all was said and done, the GOP managed a net gain of only one seat, , eaving
Democrats with a $17-13$ edg.

## TWA

stringent work requirements, and cuts in food stamps and didd to immigrants
and disabled childrei. Supporters soid and disabied cuidren. Suppone
thenew law would get peopleon their
feet, but criticism came from many feet, bet criticism came from many quarters: from states that said they
couldn't meet hedeadlines, from social couldn't tmeet the dead ines, from social
workers who said the new system will plunge more people intopoverty, from plunge more peopple into poverty, from
three top federal officials who resignod
in in protest. I think a lot of people will start It think a ot of peopie will star
starving," said Shawn Comet, a
22-year-old welfare recipient in 22-year-old
Kentucky. 7. CENTENNIAL GAMES. A
bomb explodes, buses break and afeisty little gymnast flips on an injured ankle and wins the nation's heart. The 1996 Olympic Games in
Atlanta will be remembered for the Atlanta will be remembered for the
bombing, for rampant commercialism for transportation problems and "warm and fuzzy" television images designed to appeal to women. And for sports
heroes: Muhammad Ali lighting the heroes: Muhammad Aliighting the
flame, Kerri Strug being carried to the podium to collect her gold medal, Carl Lewis winning his ninth gold medal,
Michael Johnson triumphing on Michael
gold-shod feet.
GOVERMENT SHUTS DOWN. Thousands of federal workers began the year with partial
paychecks or no pay at all, while paychecks or no pay at all, while
touristsat the Capitol could view only the outside of darkened museums and monuments. Republicans blamed Clinton for the partial government
shutdown- the second in as many shutdown - the secon in as many
months - because he vetoed several spending bills that would have financed federal agencies for the year.
Democrats blamed Republicans for insisting on unacceptable spending cuts. The stop-and-go government
chugged on until April, ending with
a $\$ 159$ billion budget a $\$ 159$ billion budget compromise for
which both parties claimed victory.
9. THE BOOM CONTNUES The stock market soared, the deficit was down and unemployment neared
a seven-year low. The economy is a seven-year low. The economy is
undoubtedly healthy - too healthy, some think. Witness the nervous reaction to Federal Reserve Chairman
Alan Greenspan's December speech cautioning against "irrational exuberance" in financial markets, which sent stock markets tumbling from Tokyo to New York. But soon, they resumed their upward climb.
10. BIG BLIZZARD. A monster storm paralyzed the Northeast and Midwest, breaking all kinds of records and capping a never-ending
winter. The J Jan. 8 blizzard, which dumped 20.1 inches on New York
City City, grounded cars, buses, trains,
planes and just about anything planes and just about anysthing else
that moved. At least 50 deaths were that moved. At least 50 deaths wets later a bumper crop of births was later a bumper crope of thing.
blamed every saard game played every board game we had.
There was nothing else to do." said Amere was nouning else to do, said
delivered her so socalled "oblizzard delivered her so-called
baby" in late September.


## Lifestyles



GED recipients
Pictured are recipients of their GED, as vell as GED Lab staff. Left to right in the top row are Kim Fowler, Panhandle Regional Planning Commission; Oralia Reyes, Teacher's Aide; Tina Perez, Texas Workforce Commission/JOBS; Brenda Sabo, Instructor. Middle row, left to right, are GED recipients Linda Guerrero, Juanita Garza, Olga Aguillon; front row, left to right, Rose Vasquez, Irma Aranda, Veronica Grado. Not pictured but receiving GED's were Martina Balli, Olivia Gallegos, Rebecca Ozuna, Annabelle Alamos, Tony Medina, Dianna Ruiz, and Irma Galindo.

## Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I am a a very low sperm count, but I am not counseling to resolve the impasse.
longtime reader but have never felt about to announce it to the world. And I warn you, it won't be easy. longtime reader but have never felt about to announce it to the world. And I warn you, it won't be easy
the need to write to you until now. Why would this private matter be of Your marriage may be at stake, so
 signed herself "Childdess and Happy dream of asking such a question. My thanks. to all who wrote such in Pa." sent me through the roof. You Harves, La.. When I was in my excellent letters to express their views
told her she might change her mind.
 $\begin{array}{cl}\begin{array}{c}\text { What makes you think } \\ \text { I am } 41\end{array} \text { years old, have been } & \text { My husband was well aware of this we married. We discussed it } \\ \text { befor of the Day (Credit the Prairie }\end{array}$ married for 17 years and am childesss
at leng wh, and he said it was fine with
baccept an insult is to ignore it If you by choice. Iknew when I was 16 that him . When I turned 30 , for some are unable to ignore it, top it. If you Idid not want to have children. I have
changed my mind about many things mith the desire to have a child, but I laugh at it, it was probably deserved, changed my mind about many things
but not about that. Ann, you would not believe the insulting remarks people have made to me. I have been
accused of being "selfish." "lazy" accused of being "selfish," "lazy" I sincerely hope the woman who wrote to you will not be swayed by outside pressure. People who don't and nobody has the right to make them feel guilty. Not even you, Ann Landers. Sign me -- Sympathetic in Dear New England: That letter from "Childless and Happy" certainly hit a hot button with
thousands of readers. Please pwith thousands of readers. Please put on
some asbestos gloves, and keep some asbestos gloves, and keep
reading: From Oak Harbor, Wash.: 1 just read about the 21 -year-old who does not want children. Well, I'm 35, and either. When people ask why we haven't started a family, I tell them,
"MYOB." (I learned this response from you, Ann.)
Chicago: When my nosy Aunt Ida asked me when my husband and I were going to start a family (we were married last year), I said, 'It's a personal matter, and since we're on
the subject of having children, how come you had only one?" That shut her up in a hurry. Saskatoon, Saskatchewan: My
husband and I have been trying to had been using an IUD and it took so keep quiet. three years of trying before I could What's the truth about pot,
conceive. After two miscarriages, I conceive. After two miscarriages, I cocaine, LSD, PCP, crack, speed and
had a beautiful baby girl. The next had a beautiful baby girl. The next downers? "The Lowdown on Dope"
year, I was blessed with an adorable
has up-to-the-minute information on little boy. The message from here is has up-to-the-minute information on
drugs. Send a self-addressed, long,
"never say never." "never say never." Newark, N.J.: Four years ago, or money order for $\$ 3.75$ (this
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includes postage and handling) to when I was 35 , Iy was a happy, includes postage and handling) to:

first-time bride. My husband, who Lowdown, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. | was 11 years older with two grown |  |
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was OK with him. Well, after having (In Canada, send \$4.55.) was OK with him. Well, after having
told him I wasn't sure, Idecided Idid Lord him wasn' t wure, Idecided I did
want a child. My husband's response

Hospital Notes betrayed and angry. Do I love him?
Absolutely. And Absolutely. And at 39, the prospect Report from Hereford Regional
of going through of going through a divorce is
frightening and the chances of finding $\begin{gathered}\text { Medical Center on Dec. 26: } \\ \text { Admissions: Robert Bridwell }\end{gathered}$ someone else to marry are pretty slim. Justin Thomas. So what do I do now?
Dear N.J.: So now you get joint $\quad$ Divera.

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## Sports

## Chicago Bulls clobber Detroit 95-83


#### Abstract

By NIKE NADBE CHICAGO (AP)-Nomauer how impressive their record seems, the Detroit Pistons simply areanst good Cnough to seriously challenge Chicago. The Bulls know it, and Pistons coach Doug Collins admits it. "Youtry to instill in your teem the the look in our cyes, I didn't thinink we believed that," Collins suid Wednesday nightefter his team lost $95-83$ to It wns $\mathrm{C}^{\text {ti }}$ NBA ${ }^{2}$ champions. victory over the Pistions. The Bulls have won their two matchups this season by 30 points. "I always compare it to a "The first punch a guy gets in the nose, it's sile, Do I want any part of this?' If felt like both timies when we The Bulls were in control. This game was never in doubt." Neither was the identity of the NBA's top team. Chicago is 25-3.




Rusher to announce decision at Alamo Bowl

## Will Hanspard remain at Texas Tech?

SAN ANTONIO (AP) Everyone's been asking Texas T
running back Byron Hanspard season long - whether he'll stay around for his final season
eligibility.
The NFL beckons, after all eligibility,
The NFL beckons, after all.
And And Hanspard says after a long
time in prayer and talk with he Lord. ume in prayer and talk with the Lord,
he's decided. But he's waiting until after the Alamo Bowl before he Tuesday.
"Now is not the time to say what Pm going to odo. But everyone will be
surprised," Hanspard said. Texas Tech (7-4) plays Iowa (8-3) in the Alamo Bowl on Sunday night.
Hanspard, a licensed minister who Heanspard, a a iicensed minister who history to rush for 2,000 yards in a history to rush for 2,000 yards in a
season when he totaled 2,084 yards season when he totaled 2,084 yards
this year. He was named winner of the Doak. Walker award, presented to the player judged the nation's best
collegiate running back.
"Á lot of people already have put me in the pros. But $I^{\prime} m$ leaving it to the Lord. He has revealed to me the things I have to accomplish and
year to work in the weight room. "Nobody knows the future," what I don't know, and he lets me
know what is best for me." know what is best for me." Dykes benefited from Hanspard's talk with the Lord when the player was trying to decide in 1992 where was trying to decide in 1992 where
to attend college after a great high to attend coliege after a great high
school career at DeSoto, a Dallas suburb.
Hanspard said he was showering
one day when it became clear the one day when it became clear the
Lord wanted him to attend Texas Lord wanted him to attend Texas
Tech, rather than Nebraska, Notre Tech, rather than Nebraska, Notre
Dame or other schools that sought his skills.
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In the days leading up to Sunday's
ame, Hanspard knows he'll continue game, Hanspard knows he'll co
to be asked about his plans. "People who know me don" "People who know me don't ask
me because they know I'm a man of prayer and they know I'm not going to change," Hanspard said.
"It's the people who don't know
me that ask all the time. They ast me that ask all the time. They ask
how I'm doing, and then they ask how I'm doing, and then they ask
what I'm going to do."
and 16 rebounds to lead the visiting the Suns' cold nigh
Lakers to their sixth straight victory
26 -of-74 (35 percent

Hill, who had 27 points in an we're to beat them, we're going to have to attack them.
The Pistons were undone by their offensive strong suit - 3 -point by far the league's best mark, b went only 3 -for-18 Wednessay,
"We didn't want to leave the "We didn't want to leave their shootersopen, "Jordan said. "Scotic each an opportunity to stay with the men we were guarding After Detroit pulled to 83 3-74 with Jordan converted a three-point play to make it a 15 -point game. The Bulls held double-digit leads the rest of the
Though Bulls coach Phil Jackson said it would be hard to judge the Pistons until they survive a western swing, he showed respect by playing
Jordan, Pippen, Rodman and Toni Kukoc almost the entire game. "We want to keep the pressure on hem," Jackson said. Lakers 108, Suns 87 (haquille O'Neal had 26 point over Phoenix and their third this season.
Eddie Jones took up the slack when
O'Neal woasn't work up the slack whe basen for turnaround jumpers or driving for
dunks. Jones scored 12 of his 24 points in an eight-minute stretch of the third quarter. He also had five steals to increase his NBA lead.
Sam Cassell had 17 points for the


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## Houston player grabs offensive title

By MICHAEL A
AP Sports W. LUT AP Sports Writer
HOUSTON (AP)-Eddie George wants to be the best, and he's getting there fast.
One season after being named the Heisman Trophy winner as college
football's best player, George on Wednesday wayer, named The Associated Press NFL Offensive The Houston Oilers' young star is eager to chase more of his goals. with the best of the to be up there with the best of them, players like
Emmitt Smith, Barry Sanders,

## Tampa Bay fullback Mike Alsou was third with six, followed by wide

Michael Irvin, Breut Pavre and all of
them," George said. them," George said. State, George gained 1,368 yards on Stace, George gained 1,368 yards on
335 carries, a4.1 average, and scored eight touchdowns. Those numbers earned George
received 74 of 93 . received 74 of 93 vortes from a
nationwide panel of sports writers nationwide panel of sports writers,
easily outpacing New England easily outpacing New England
receiver Terry Glenn, who had eight. George and Glenn were teammates at Ohio State.
receiver-kick returner Eddie was obvious that he was going to be and I hope it rubs off on some of the forward to learning a lot more ner Kennison of St. Louis (three) and was obvious that he was going to be
guard Jonathan Ogden of Baltimore should be," offensive (two). "Honors like that are everything but he's more shifty."
a kid sees now," that are everything a kid sees now," George said. "The
Heisman, Rookie of the Year, Super Bowl MVP, Ithink everyane shoots
for those things, naturally." for those things, naturally."
George came into the NFL with all
the lofty expectations of being the the lofty expectations of being the
Heisman Trophy winner, and it was Heisman Trophy winner, and it was
clear aerly that he would meet those clear eariy that
expectations.
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## Navy beats California 42-38

By GORDON SAKAMOTO Fay's game-winning TD.

Associated Press Writer HONOLULU (AP)- Ben Fay put what he leamed about military tactics the Aloha Bowl. Confuse the enemy and conquer. That's what the backup quarterback did Wednes day, bringing Navy back for a 42 -38 victory over California in With the Midshipmen (9-3) trailing by 10 points heading into the fourth quarter, coach Charlie Weatherbie switched from Navy's spread option
attack led by quarterback Chris McCoy to Fay's more conventional drop-back passing.
Fay made the move pay off.
Although he scored two touchdowns on runs, including the go-ahead
10-yard scamper with $1: 41$ left, it was his passing that set the stage for the wild finish.
He guided the Midshipmen on
drives of 80 and 84 yards to pull drives of 80 and 84 yards to pull out The biggest play was a 52 -yard
pass to Cory Schemm with the pass to Cory Schemm with the
Middies down $38-35$ and two minutes Midf. The play put the ball on the
California 15 and set the stage for

By EDDIE PELLS
Associated Press Writer Associated Press Writer
MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP)lite the other 79 players at the
Blue-Gray Classic Blue-Gray Classic, Nathaniel Jacque himself.
The
The San Diego State receiver
accomplished that accomplished that goal, breaking
Jerry Rice's record for the langes Jerry Rice's record for the longest
touchdown reception in the all-star game with an acrobatic 70 -yard
scoring catch Wednesday scoring catch Wednesday in the
Blue's $44-34$ win He finished with just one other
catch, but the 70 -yarder was probably catch, but the 70 -yarder was spobably
enough to grab the attention of the enough to grab the attention of the
200 NFL scouts who came for the 58 th edition of the Christmas Day game.
The 6 -foot- senior made a
big-time play, adjusting his sideline route and jumping over his defender to snag the ball at the 30 , then end zone. where it was and a wanting it seeing more," he was and wanting it a little aggressive, jumped up, grabbed it and look it to the house...I Ithink a catch like that helps me a lot."'
The pass from Fresno State's Jim The pass from Fresso State's Jim
Arellanes broke a 12 -year-old record set when Alabama running back Paul Carruth threw a 60 -yard touchdown pass to Rice, who played for
Mississippi Valley State, on a Blue piled up 419 yards in total offense as the teams combined for 772 yards and set the record for most
combined points in the history of the game.

Adding to the offensive firework was the solid effort of Colorado State's Calvin Branch, who was Blue. Most valuable Player for th Blue.
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Branch finished with 77 yards and two touchdowns. He broke one run
of 25 yards, but the rest were like his touchdown runs of 2 and 5 yards modest, hard-running drives up the middle.
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The Middies co-captain completed 'It's nothing fancy," Fay said 18 . the triple stack offense, which has three receivers lined up in an 1
formation. "We run our basic plays off ititits a different look.
"If we confure them "If we confuse them a little, that's
Good. That's what we wanted to do." good. That's what we wanted to do."
Weatherbie said the team needed spark. been in where bogged down. Ben's wasn't anything new to him,"' the
coach said. "There were mans coach said. There were many ups
and downs, but we picked ourselves by the bootstraps and found a way."
California coach Steve Mariuc California coach Steve Mariucc "The kids on both sides played
their hearts out," he said. "But like their hearts out," he said. "But like
I've been telling you all week, it I've been telling you all week, it
would come downto who had the ball wouldc
last.
"In ti
"In the fourth quarter, they came at us with the weird offense, and they got a couple of scores." It appeared the Bears (6-6) were It appeared the Bears ( $6-6$ ) were
control with a 10 -point lead.

## Blue topples Gray in 58th matchup

"It's fun to get a chance to play
again before the season ends," said again before the season ends," said
Branch, who transferred from Iowa State in 1995 to avoid playing in the
shadow of 2,000 shadow of 2,000 -yard rusher Troy
Davis. "I couldn't ask for a better Christmas."

## Oregon quarterback Tony Graziani

 also had a good day. After a slow start, he completed nine of 18 passesfor 145 yards. His biggest a 63 -yard teammate Josh Wilcown that guve the Blue a $37-21$ lead early in the fourth quarter.
"Josh is my teammate and a good
friend of mine," said Graziani, who $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Mariucci said. "We needed to do that } & \begin{array}{l}\text { total offense, including } 395 \text { passing. } \\ \text { and we didn't }\end{array} \\ \text { Schemm caught five passes for } 194\end{array}$ The high-scoring game was a yards. Cal totalled 434 yards of offense,
The two teams combined for 63 wath OB Pat Barnes $\begin{array}{ll}\text { points in the first half with Califormia } & 37 \text { passes for } 313 \text { yards and three }\end{array}$ holding a 35-28 lead. But the Bears touchdowns.
managed only three more points after But it was Barnes' fumble inside halftime.
The Midshipmen had 646 yards in the Navy 20 with three minutes lef
Defense carries Dallas Cowboys into playoffs IRVING, Texas (AP) - The Dallas
second against the
Cowboys got into the playoffs again
against the rush. despite an offense that finished 24 th Therall in the NFL.
The dense, which finished third carried dhe Cowboys to t in 10-6 record and the NFC East division title. "We took the year off," was the way wide receiver Michael Irvin
explained the Con explained the Cowboys' lack of
firepower.
The NFL statistics don lie Dallas was 18 th sushing the ball and 20th passing it.
On the defensiv. The Cowboys managed to post a 10-6 record and win their fifth consecutive NFCC East title despite the
offensive problems that were obvious from the start.
Training camp was disjointed and unproductive because of scrimmages unproductiva
and trips.
"We never got a chance to get the
repetitions we needed repetitions we needed going into the
season," said



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'Tell us a Christmas story': two granddads go one better

By LESLIE BARKER
The Dallas Morning Ne The Dallas Morning News
DALLAS-Along, long time ago DALLAS - A long. long time ago,
before most of you kids were even
born, there lived a boy named born, there lived a boy named Bob
who put out a neighborhood who put out a neighborhood
newspaper. One December, as he did every year., Bob wrote Santa Claus a
letter. This time hedidn letter. This time, he didn't just ask for n electric train and baseball glove. North Pole goings-on. Christmas Eve, Santa Claus woke Bob and took him to the North Pole. eg-legged right-hand man, showe obaround and told him stories. An
 ochange the name of his newspape Six decades passed. Bob became nown as Mr. Thompson. He ran a mily insurance company and raise Cle daughters. He edited his Rotary "Bobitorials" on any subject that Buthelled him.
But Mr. Thompson never forgo
is North Pole adventures. When had time, he'd record a few in his computer. Then he retired and ecided to finally put his memoris into books.
he first was too long," he says. Was reading it to my grandchildren they got nidgety. I had description on't need it because of the pic

He knew from the beginnin whom he wanted to illustrate the ooks: artist Rod Keitz, whom napkins while listening to speaker at Rotary Club meetings.
noal Che two put together an nnual Christmas book. This yea self-published under the name "Th orth Pole Chronicles.
They make a great team, Keitz After four years, the two are jus now breaking even. No wonder eep giving books away to grandchil ren, children and children's friends. y donate profits of others to such "It's a hobby expensive as playing golf," After he writes each manuscrip he gives it to Keitz to develop visua ketch, which he and Thompson scuss. The next sketch is more mprenensive and includes such ink, yellow and green. Each lustration takes about a week. "ts s lot of work, but it's fun, And worth the trouble to a of Christmas lovers.
II can break down into tears just "atching Christmas commercials," bout the trouble it takes to prepare Christmas. Yet when it all comes together, it's part of the family fabric m always possibly live without. ustrated in the hustle and bustle, yet how much I still love the experiSays Thompson: "I love Christ Christmas, my mother love Christmas., I grew up loving Christmas."
His own family's tradition ve Tradivio it's Stumble, a reindeer whose huge anters keep him from pulling Santa's sleigh. But Stumble finds a mor Christmas tree, upon whose antler he elves hang colored balls and ligh.s. the back of each book, child who reads it.
e hope something happens a Christmas tradition", he write on "T Christmas Eve Tradition." "It doesn't have to be something as big as what happened at the North Pole, but, hopefully, it will be something thal All traditions are great, but traditions that belong to just your family, and no one else s, are one of he uings that make Chrismas so very, very special.
Those back-of-the-book messages make the books special the grandfathers say. So do sly little phrases and Why Advertising Works! Maybe you figure other retailers in
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 an astronomy lesson or two. Namely, dirction from the geographic
North Pole is south. And later, that the stars at the end of he Big Dipper point to the North Star; which is at the
tip of the Eittle Dipper. tip of the Eittile Dipper. Star means a lot to Santa," Capt. Oldsalt tells Pout. "He knows it will
always be there to always be there to help him find his
way home after his long Christmas way home after his long Christmas
Eve trip. ... It's his way of saying,
 always count on you."'
At Highland Park High School,
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 "Aficial Nort Pole," Thompron meys show. "The ther to Orion, and that's wronge" into going out and reading the sky," the candy-striped Pole. Thompson seys Ms. Pierce, who also happens to admittedly no aritist, says ho know. Wilgusson Butron, pousinin. He likes them even more becakse drew He told Keitz, and voilat He th e ilkes them even more because drew the Poleexactly how Thompson
they're "fairly close to accurate," he describedit. Now, they carry a6-foot says. They didn't sacrifice scientific Styrofoam replica of it to book "They didn't sacrifice scientific styrofoangs.


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--Use key words to describe what you're selling. The key words for a car are make, model, year, body style, color, of construction, number of bedrooms and baths, and condi tion. and save money if ads are billed by the line. Brand ads are billed by the words, so spell them out so readers won't be confused trying to figure out abbreviations.
- Don't be misleading. Think accurate and factual when you write. Be sure to include a phone number and the
best times to reach you. best times to reach you.

\section*{Entertainment}

\section*{Clark celebrates 25 years of New Year toasts}

NEW YORK (AP) - New Year's crashed the party 25 years ago.
Evo was the television property of "New Year's Rockin' Eve" Guy Lombardo and property Roy "New Year's Rockin' Eve" Matthau remainmone
Matthau remains not so grumpy with films

By BOB THOMAS LOS ANGELES (AP)- With four breayping linet Yoing to learn all those movies completed, filming or \(10-15\) minutes without a stop. You do scheduled, Walter Matthau admits it as a movie, I'll do it." "
he's pretty busy for a 76 -year-old. Matthau said "The Glass Harp"
Matthau 76? It seems impossible. was "one of the most beautiful film In his 40 -year movie career he has I've ever seen, taking into accoun always seemed permanently, that I'm the father of the boy who
grouchily middle-aged. grouchily middle-aged.
At the moment, the actor's directed it. I still think it's one of the involved in four movies: perceptive, delicious pieces of work "The Grass Harp," directed by perceptive, delicious pieces of work son Charles Matthau, based on the Truman Capote story, featuring a Did he know early on that his son and Jack Lemmon. It is currently in
release release. Not Rappaport," written, directed and produced by Herb Broadway play. Mathau and Ossie Davis star as Central Park bench-
warmers trying to warmers trying to cope with urban
living. The film opened Dec. 26 in living. The film opened Dec. 26 in
New York and Los Angeles and will New York and Los Angeles and will
be released in other cities Jan. 24 . Both Matthau and Davis have been touted as Oscar hopefurs. Lemmon as a couple of guys reduced to working asdance hosts on a cruise liner. ("It's a comedy, or at least we laugh at it, then it's not a comedy.")
Now filming. "Grumpiest Old Men," to be filmed in Romest next year. ("Sophia Loren and I are married, and for some reason or other she will take me back
to Italy.") Jack Lemmon and Ann-Margret will tag along, of Matthau has been acting since the age of 11 ; when he did bit parts in
New York's Yiddish theater at 50 cents a performance. Mainly, I work now because
peple want me and people want me, and they pay me,"
he remarked. "I'm not as particular about the content."
He quickly added that her'm hanging in there, because I proud of his two most recent films got two more pictures to go," he said, in part because of the writing of a colon tumor removed last Decem-
Gardner and Capote. Gardner had ber; it was 'nonbelligerent.' I'vehad sent the "Rappaport" play to other little things like polyps and Matthau, hoping he would play the diverticulitis and hemorrhoids. I
title role.
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Helen Reddy, A1 Green, Billy Preston alternative," Clark recalls now, Now 67, Clark may not necessarily
and Blood, Sweat and Tears - and a "That's what we offered and they and Blood, Sweat and Tears - and a That's what we offered and they keep Pearl Jam or No Doubt in his It was soon "Auld Lang Syne" for
the last time for Lombardo. The the last time for Lombardo. The over.
Now it's Clark who's the
institution, providing the yearly institution, providing the yearly
soundtrack for people who would sounduack porty in theirl living rooms.
The transition wasn'tnecessarily The transition wasn'tnecessarily remembers watching the ball fall standing next to Ben Grauer, who was
broadcasting the event on radio and was angry that he had been pushed
aside for TV. Clark was programming on New
Car'sEve to the same audience that Year's Eve to the same audience that
had grown up with him on "Ameri-
can Bandstand."

"Ever since the passing of Guy compact disc player at home. Lombardo, television pelebrations on But te prides himselfo on keeping New Year' 's Eve have degenerated,"
current. He had to convince people she said. current. He had to convince people it was a good idea to book Hootie and
the Blowfish a couple of year ago, he the Blow.
said.
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said.
Hootie's joining the competition
this year, planning to this year, planning to perform on
Sinbad's New Year's Eve special from Las Vegas on Fox. There are from Las Vegas on rox. There are simply because there are more
television networks to television networks to turn to.
American Movie Classics is holding its own live concern from The Rainbow Room in New York City, featuring a reunion of Dionne Warwick and Burt Bacharach
performing with a 29 -piece orchestra.

AMC want torstor and glamour associated with the
holiday, said network president Kate

McEnroe's shot aside, there's evidence by some lackluster evidence by some lackluster
competition that Clark is the acknowledged New Year's king, Jay Leno is sending Miss Piggy to Times Square on NBC, and DavidL Leterman isn't bothering with any special that night. MTV, which used to host a blowout concert, will present a ataped
countdown of the year's top music countdown of the year's top music
with a few live cutaways to Times \(\mathbf{S q u a r e} \mathbf{V H i , ~ b}\)
VHi, by the way, has a marathon
Session of session of taped "American Bandstand" shows scheduled for
New Year's Day. Which means you can nurse your hangover with Dick Clark, too.

Clark said he takes seriously the

\section*{Younger people had no United States of America. \\ }


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Medical Savings Accounts
y a resounding margin, Texans say they support an
innovative plan to provide small business employees a new way to cover bealth care expenses. My questionnaire, which this newspaper graciously
published this summer, invited Texans toconsider Medical published this summer, invied Texans toconsider Medical support implementation of tax-deferred medical savings accounts (accounts that allow employees of small companies to establish a tax-free savings account reserved exclusively to pay medical expenses and purchase insurance,
similar to \({ }^{\text {m }}\) medical IRAs') tocover your healthcare needs? Eighty seven percent of the respondents said they favored the idea. Texans repeatedly said health care reform should expand options, not add to the long list of intrusive federal regulations already in place. plan for medical care," said one constituent from Perryton The program now in place penalizes people who want to save for medical emergencies by taking anything you put in and haven't used by year end.

Couldn't have said it better myself. Contrary to the limited options employees have today, MSAs offer the flexibility and security lacking from many of today's
managed health care agreements.

Let me offer some background. MSAs were included as a provision of the Balanced Budgget Act approved by the
104 Republican Congress in 1995 and represented TRUE health care reform. Unfortunately, the President vetoed this bill, and we went back to the drawing board
One man in Piusburg wrote that he thourther MSAs were first tested before being "set in concrete" in the final analysis, so did Congress. When Congress appoved the Kassebaum-Kennedy Health Care Reform bill this year, we included just such a test sury will set up MSAs in a pilot study of employers of 50 of fewer and the self-employed.
Individuals and small business employers will have the option of making tax-free deposits to MSAs, which remain the properties of the employees. Participants can
also use insurance premiums.

One aspect I really like is that any money not spent for those purposes accrues interest and can be used in other
ways - for medical expenses after retirement a ways - - or medical expenses after retirement, a "rollover
into an \(\operatorname{RA}\) or pension plan, or a fund left in the individual's into an
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Let me answer a concern from a small business owner
in Grapeland. He wrote: "As a small business owner, whe in Grapeland. He wrote: "As a small business owner, what
will this cost me? The small business owner is getion hat will this cost me? The small business owner is getting hit He spoke for millions of Texans. The good news is that MSAs cost nothing for a small business owner. Over and over. Texans said that the federal govern-
ment besieges small business owners with "inane ment besieges small business owners with "inane as one respondent said, "the center of confusion known as Washington. D.C."

No one knows that better than I, sir.
I can promise him and all Texans that \(I\) am working in your everyday lives. greater secur savings accounts provide more options and greater security to Americans in the most important area of
their lives
keeping their families safe and healthy.

\section*{Abernathy residents already planning for next Christmas}

By MACK HARRISON Lubbock. The sights gave the two season and that more than 100 Lubbock Avalanche-Journal Lamb children, who were in grade children come to see him on the December night deepens, the glow "They said, 'Why can't we do he dresses as Santa and sits in the from a quiet residential streetreaches that?' "the children's mother, sleigh. out to the nearby interstate. Phyllis Lamb, said. "It grew from At the end of the 500 block of Third Street, two residences shine from the thousands of Christmas yards. In front of the two houses, yards. In fron of the two houses,
lighted display boxes show motorized holiday dioramas varying from a
Nativity scene to Bugs Bunny Nativity scene to Bugs Bunny
watching Santa Claus play golf. Christmas music fills the air as parents drive slowly by, their children's noses pressed to the car
"It seemed kind of simple at first amb, who dons a Santa costume on holiday weekend nights and sits in a
sled in front of his house "It's kind of grown from there.
The decorating spree began 11 years ago when the Lamb family went
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The project has expanded into a if sightseers get out they don't mind 65-day-a-year endeavor for the if sightseers get out of their vehicles lamily members. They constantly are neir lookout for items to add to
dial month to set up.
"We lo "We do Christmas year-round,"
he said. "We Christmas is not on our minds.
The deccorations fill the fronts yard of the Lamb residence and that of Joe
and Verneta Gordon, Phyllis Lamb's parents, who live next door. Angels, parents, who ilive next door. Angels,
sheep and the Star of Bethlehem occupy the front of the Gordon house. Across the driveway the homes share, the secular displays begin.
"We've always tried to keep our ard biblical," Verneta Gordon said. Wayne Lamb said from 1 naid. yard biblical," Verneta Gordon said.
Wayne Lamb said from 1,200 to
1,500 visitors view the display each as they think we should, they
ask, 'Aren
year?' y you going to do it this

\section*{Microsoft CEO's favorite topic} seems to be cheese popcorn
\(\qquad\) and them World's future is gassing up. The fuel of choice this day is a bow of checse popcomn - periect computer-guy preserved, spoil-your-dinoer glocry, Bill Gates, however, doesn't tjust consume cheese popcorn; he surrounds himself with it. There's
chesese popcorm popcom between his spiffy shoes crumb of cheese popcorn at the comer of his mouth. And with each
pronouncement about the future of the Internet - his favorite toop nowadays - more chese popcop is enthusiastically chese inhepoporn is
and. occasionally, exhaled.
Pass it on Microsft CEO and of the world's richest men and arguably, in terms of impact, its most powerful, is refreshingly normal - just cat bagged snacks with whilendaying the latest version of Doom. It's easy to forget this human Even at 41, he's got an adolescent aura, what with the moppy hairstyle, the spontaneous grins and a tendency to rock to and fro in a quasi-fetal motion when the conversation even These days, he's excited about helping to shepherd the Internet through its dynamic toddler era. Sure, he can talk the technobabble - - SDN, TCPIP, multimedia - but his gung-ho more likely to employ three other
bully pulpit book "The Road has faltered financially, and Ahead." The text, complete with Microsoft is perceived as the leader expanded contains updated and in system software, the programming vision of the Internet that dovetail hilosophyoft's new Net-oriented philosophy. If the hardcover was
Gates 3.1, this is Gates 95 . Gates 3.1, this is Gates 95 .
Interview ground rules
One hour, no more. No question like "What's it like to be that rich?" Oh - and make it a cultural piece, no technology story. "That's what he's What would an Internet user be interested in? I turned to America Online, to a "chat room"" of people
discussing the World Wide Web asked them: ' 'I'm interviewing Bill Gates. Do you have any questions for Answers came fast. "Just rude Answers "ame 'ast. Just rud."
"Whments. "De going to to tart starited. When's he going to start coming up with his own ideas?" "typed a thirc. every new release of Windows looks more and more like the Mac?""
This sort ons This sort of pish-posh is common
not only across the Internet but in not only across the Internet but in popular press. Unagazines and tandably people fear Gates and his 21-year-old company for their power and
influence; they denounce \(h\) influence; they denounce him as a gredy corporate demon who's trying
odominate the Internet or define him by his decidedly uncorporate mien. "A personality with all the warmth of a tray of ice cubes," the Times of I found untrue.
Initially, Gates' handiers planned to have him sit in front of a computer and surf the Internet. But the cafe's
Windows 95 machine was pokey, and a Net connection failed.
"What about the other two?" I ask, pointing to terminals nearby. "They're Macs." comes the response
still maintain a large presence hat makes computers easier to use. computer industry than Gates' IBM and Hewlett-Packard among them but few are more influential. Almost every home computer and most office Apple Macintoshes are running at least ne of three Microsoft products. MS-DOS, Windows 3.1 or Windows
Gates, though, prefers to discuss ision rather than market share, and his vision is infectious. He talks of a uture replete with wallet PCs, computer-controlled homes and
interlinked computers that bring your world to you far more dramatically than the Internet does today.
Communities, he says, will change Communities, he says, will change
intrinsically as the structural nature of information delivery continues to evolve and techniques are synthesized. He rattles Internet facts off the top
of his head in staccato rapid-fire blending opinions with facts in a formidable manner.
Wh's leading the Intermet revolution abroad? "Sweden, Denmark and Singapore." What's the key to
iucreasing Intemet usage? "Ease of use." What's the biggest boon to the
Internet right now? "It's fal" Internet right now? "It's a fad."
"Kids go home and say to their dad; or 'Dad, wet den't you have a Web site?'' says. "A fad is a very helpful thing. If you use the word 'fad,' it sometimes
implies that there's nothing really there. This is a fad that will never stop.... Have you ever known somebody who had a PC and used it for several years and then gave it up?"
Gates seems uncomfortable when pressed about whe ther he's predicting
or creating the future. When talk tums to him, even in the context of Microsoft, the rocking motions become more
pronounced. He often avoids the pronounce. He of
first-person pronoun.
"There's sort of an overfocus on That I do for the company," he says.
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"It's a phenomenon. It's a gold
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anything I've experienced," says rush. In's a mana.ience," says
anything 1 ve experien Gates, sitting in a darkened bar calied ich Village. dislikes interviews. But he has been doing them in recent weeks to plug
the paperback version of his 1995 especially in academia, thecompany

rips a year," Phyllis three or four rips a year," Phyllis Lamb said.
They come from all over. It just They said their neighbors don't sem to mind the massive display and he traffic it brings. In fact, they look "If we don't start decorating as soon as they think we should, they
A guest book the family began A guest book the family began cross the Sourd shows visitors from across the South Plains, the Texas anhandle and as far away as

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