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TWA explosion named top national story

NEW YORK (AP) - Fire ignites Olympics. Rumors, theories and tears

And the year ends with haunting questions about two of the biggest mysteries of 1996: the explosion of a Paris-bound TWA jet over Long Island, and the bombing at Atlanta's Centennial Park during the summer Olympic Games.

The TWA explosion was the biggest story of the year, according to the annual Associated Press poll of newspaper editors and broadcast news directors; the Olympic bombing placed third, after the elections.

Theodore Kaczynski, the ValuJet crash in the Florida Everglades, the overhaul of the nation's welfare system, the Olympic Games, the shutdown of the government, the booming economy and the wrath of last winter's great blizzard filled out

For the first time in years, no international stories secured a spot, perhaps because there was such a wealth of national news from which to choose. This is the AP's 60th survey; last year's top story was the Oklahoma City bombing.

The top 10 are as follows: 1. TWA EXPLOSION. The sad, lingering saga of TWA's Flight 800 was overwhelmingly voted the year's top story. The jet mysteriously exploded moments after taking off

from John F. Kennedy International Airport on July 17, killing all 230 people on board.

The images were heart-wrenching; Sixteen members of a high school French Club from Montoursville, Pa., wiped out on their first trip to France; Charred bodies and fuselage scattered over the Atlantic, dredged up with sickening slowness over the next lethal packages killed three people several months: 15 empty coffins for and injured or maimed 23 others. the bodies that couldn't be found.

Ritualistic press'conferences and memorial services did little to ease the pain. The emotions of grieving families were further battered by the ever-changing theories: a bomb, a missile, static electricity in the fuel tank. Still no answers.

Carol Olsen of Macon, Ga., who lost her 20-year-old daughter, Becky.

2. U.S. ELECTION. Bill Clinton expensive - and many said uninspiring - presidential campaign. From the start, the Democratic President's lead in the polls was luxurious. He easily if only temporarily - deflected questions about ethics, Asian money

and Whitewater. Republican challenger Bob Dole fumbled and stumbled and berated the media for his problems, including his

inability to sell a 15 percent tax cut. Presidential politics aside, the The arrest of Unabomber suspect Republicans held onto Congress and re-elected Newt Gingrich speaker.

> 3. OLYMPIC BOMB. He was hailed as a hero, hounded as a 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 Hawthorne of Albany, Ga., and injured more than 100 others; it stained the already besieged games, and further diminished Americans' sense of security.

It also changed Jewell's life forever. For nearly three months, every detail of the 33-year-old security guard's past was aired in the press, until the FBI announced he was not a suspect.

The bomber has yet to be found. 4. UNABOMBER ARREST. A hermit professor, living in a tiny, isolated cabin in Montana, was fingered by his brother, who recognized similarities between Theodore Kaczynski's writings and those of the technology-obsessed "unabomber." Kaczynski's arrest on April 3 apparently ended an 18-year search for the elusive bomber, whose Kaczynski, a former assistant professor of mathematics at the University of California at Berkeley, pleaded innocent.

5. EVERGLADES CRASH. 'We're on fire. We're on fire," a voice cried from the cabin, moments before ValuJet Flight 592 plunged into

the nighttime sky. Death darkens the stops and we can smile again," says 110 people aboard. Recovery proved gruesome and grueling. Divers wore special protective suits as they searched in waist-high swamp muck and sailed into a second term after an razor-sharp sawgrass, while investigation into the safety record of sharpshooters tried to protect them from alligators. The fire that caused the crash

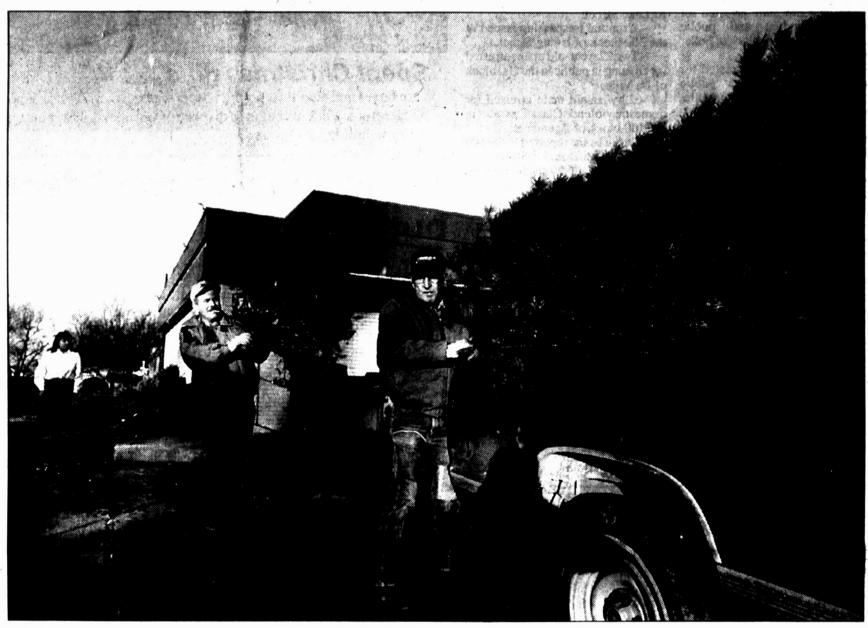
"We just have to wait till the pain the Everglades on May 11, killing all was eventually blamed on improperly boxed oxygen canisters and the quirky little airline with the happy face logo and the super cheap rates was grounded for 15 weeks. One result: a continuing discount airlines and the ability of the Federal Aviation Administration to

6. WELFARE ENDS. Acknowledging that the new law was "seriously flawed," President Clinton signed it anyway, ending welfare as we know

At its heart, the legislation dismantled Aid to Families With

Dependent Children, a 6-decade-old program that guaranteed the nation's needy a federal safety net. Now they must rely on their states for help. The law comes with strict new rules, including a lifetime limit of five years,

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Waste not

Kenney Ruland of Hereford, center, and Bob Vaughn of Dawn, right, 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 their pickup. The duo, both avid fishermen, have made a tradition of recycling post-holiday trees for use in their fishing hole at Conchas Lake. They felt fortunate to find so many trees all in one location and not have to cruise the allies as in years past.

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"

The clinic will begin with a welcome ceremony by the mayor, who also will present Davis with a "Key to the City" and a lifetime membership

At 7: 20 p.m., Davis will hold a discussion on his philosophy on competitive and recreational benefits of swimming. He will conduct a training session

Davis won three gold medals at the Summer Olympics in Atlanta as a member of three USA men's relay teams -- the 400-meter freestyle, 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.

Drought tops state headlines

Associated Press Writer

sensational when the year in Texas tapped or reservoirs replenished. is reviewed.

wallop of the seemingly endless outlets and newspapers chronicled the drought, which punched a hole in the top stories of the year. state's agrarian economy and rippled through other sectors.

Whether it was Rio Grande rafting companies that watched their business slow to a trickle or Christmas tree farms offering stunted specimens, the drought left a profound impression on Texas and many of its inhabitants.

The final damage estimates

But state officials have projected that the drought will cost Texas farmers and ranchers \$2 billion in lost production. The loss to the state economy overall is pegged at \$4.9 billion - making the drought one of the worst natural disasters to hit Texas this century.

"When you look at losses incurred by the farmers and ranchers of this state, you're looking at something that hit them dramatically and had a devastating impact on them this year," said Texas Department of Agriculture spokesman Gene Acuna.

This year's wheat harvest was the smallest since 1989. While cotton fields around Lubbock have bounced back, cotton patches elsewhere suffered. Cow-calf producers also took it on the chin, many liquidating huge herds because of skyrocketing grain prices.

much of the state in recent months, arrested last September in the killing the book can't be closed on this of 16-year-old Adrianne Jones of drought.

"People ask when the drought is

For communities with

By MICHELLE MITTELSTADT Christi key among them, the crisis heart effortlessly," Graham allegedly won't really be over until new Other headlines may prove more sources of drinking water have been

Beyond the weather, crime marked But no event in 1996 packed the a steady drumbeat as Texas broadcast

In two high-profile criminal cases. prosecutors in the Dallas-Fort Worth area fingered an unlikely set of wrote in a statement to police that his attorney contends was coerced. Graham and Miss Zamora remain jailed on murder charges, awaiting trial next year.

As 1997 dawns, Darlie Routier of Rowlett goes to trial on charges she stabbed to death her 6-year-old and 5-year-old sons. If convicted, she could face the death penalty.

to unusually stringent parole conditions 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 in Mexico and spirited into the United States. Accused of moving tons of drugs through the Rio Grande Valley, Garcia

Public furor was provoked when

McQuay was paroled in April under

mandatory release rules after serving

six years for the 1989 assault of a

7-year-old San Antonio boy. In the

ensuing hullabaloo, McQuay agreed

Abrego was convicted last October of trafficking nearly 15 tons of cocaine. Some of the state's biggest sports

stars weren't immune from legal 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 controversies. Wide receiver Michael Irvin was embroiled in a messy tale of drugs and topless dancers, eventually pleading no contest to felony cocaine possession. The saga drew him probation and a five-game suspension.

Irvin wasn't the only Cowboy to tangle with the NFL. Shante Carver was suspended for six games for an alcohol-related substance abuse problem. And in December, defensive tackle Leon Lett was suspended for a year after testing positive for cocaine.

The year also generated sad memories, as several notable Texans

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

In the world of politics, 1996 proved

(See DROUGHT, Page 2)

Houston Boy Scouts find Mastodon tooth

members of a Boy Scout troop on a the tooth a mastodon's back molar hiking trip stumbled across a dating to more than 15,000 years ago. mastodon tooth and arrowhead - both The mastodon differed from thousands of years old, officials say. elephants and mammoths by being

Scout hike and hoping to earn a badge of molars. both for safe hiking and for geology, was about an hour into his search in the dirt for fossils when he dug up something he found interesting.

"Hey, Dad, look at this neat rock," the 10-year-old said.

Boy Scout Troop 1223 sponsored by Friendswood. a church in Friendswood, told the Houston Chronicle he noticed little peaks sticking out of the "rock" as Brandon approached him.

"I thought 'That's a little bit more than a rock.' I wasn't sure what it was. As we were cleaning it off we

all got more excited," he said. The scoutmaster said he soon realized his son's find - 8-1/2 inches

 was some kind of tooth. George Wolf with the Houston it was a Scout outing.'

FRIENDSWOOD (AP) - Eight Gem and Mineral Society confirmed Brandon Keiffer, on his first Boy larger and having a different structure

> The Scout outing was earlier this month, Keiffer said.

The find was on McFaddin Beach, between Sabine Pass and High Island, along the coast about 30 miles northeast of Galveston and about 70 Clay Keiffer, the scoutmaster of miles east of the Scouts' home in

> 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 enamel. Many fossil finds on the beach have some sort of erosion, he said.

"There are not that many," he long and weighing about five pounds said of the intact tooth. "I think what makes this even more exciting is that

suspects - two seemingly 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 Academy midshipman Diane Zamora and her boyfriend, Air Force Academy cadet David Graham, landed on the cover Even though rains swept through of People magazine after being Mansfield.

Police contend the pair killed Miss going to be over," Acuna said. Jones to exact revenge for a Farmers and ranchers tell you the short-lived tryst Graham had with the drought will be over when the stock victim. Graham reportedly told police tanks are full again and the creeks are that his fiancee's "womanly vengeance" required appeasing.

"Well, Diane's beautiful eyes drought-depleted reservoirs, Corpus have always played the strings of my

Nrs. Routier, whose trial has been moved to Kerrville because of pre-trial publicity, has passionately professed her innocence, claiming an intruder broke into her home. Police contend the evidence doesn't square with her story that an intruder stabbed died. the boys and inflicted serious injuries on her during a struggle.

Beyond the unlikely crime defendants, a pair of more traditional suspects made banner news.

Convicted child molester Larry Don McQuay brought new heat to long-running controversies over mandatory prison release rules and 92 criminal recidivism. The self-described "child-molesting to be an interesting, sometimes demon" touched off a public debate unpredictable year. with his proposal that he be surgically castrated.

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 morning. The forecast for Thursday night calls for partly cloudy skies with a low in the teens. Friday will be cloudy, breezy and warmer with a high in the 50s.

Emergency Services

Activities reported by law enforcement agencies Thursday:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

-- 22-year-old male arrested for driving while intoxicated in the 100 block of Jowell Street.

-- 24-year-old male arrested for public intoxication in the 100 block of Jowell Street.

- 17-year-old male arrested for minor in possession in the 100 block of Jowell Street.

-- 17-year-old male arrested for disorderly conduct and public intoxication in the 100 block of Fuller

-- 18-year-old male arrested for disorderly conduct and public intoxication in the 100 block of Fuller -- 19-year-old male arrested for

disturbing the peace in the 100 block of Fuller Street - 27-year-old male arrested for

aggravated assault, domestic violence and resisting arrest in the 800 block of Blevins Street.

-- 17-year-old male arrested for driving a stolen car.

- Phone harassment reported in the 200 block of Lake Street.

Attempted break-in reported in the 200 block of Western Street. Burglary of a residence reported in the 600 block of Avenue H.

-- 13-year-old female reported as a runaway in the 200 block of Avenue

Domestic disturbance reported in the 800 block of South McKinley

- Disturbance reported in the 900 block of LaFayette.

-- Domestic disturbance reported in the 900 block of Cherokee.

An autopsy was scheduled Thursday.

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in the area at the time of the shooting, Morris said.

conclude an agreement shortly thereafter," he said.

Negotiations were to resume today.

Arrangements are by Gililland-

Kan., formerly of Hereford, died

Friday at the Duggan Avenue Church of Christ in Littlefield with Larry

Cash officiating. Burial will be in

Littlefield Memorial Park by

She was born in 1912 in Gail. She

married Vernon "Mutt" Houk in

1946, in Clovis, N.M. He died in

Hammons Funeral Home.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m.

Michigan in 1993. He married grandchildren.

Watson Funeral Home.

Sunday.

elected in May.

of an 18-year-old who was found slumped over dead in a gray Cadillac.

a large-caliber weapon late Tuesday, Police Chief Charles Morris said.

Richard Lamont Proctor was shot once in the back of the head with

Officers were looking for a red pickup reported by witnesses to be

Proctor was accompanies by two juvenile males when the shooting

HEBRON. West Bank (AP) - Israeli soldiers are struggling to maintain

U.S. envoy Dennis Ross, whose efforts helped Palestinian and Israeli negotiators make progress this week, was leaving for Washington with

plans to return to the region by Monday. "I hope and expect that we will

talks between Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian

leader Yasser Arafat provided momentum but fell short of an agreement.

be the first major development in the peace process since Netanyahu was

Obituaries

PHILLIP M. CARROLL

Dec. 23, 1996

Phillip M. Carroll, 63, of Hereford Pauline Anderson in 1953 in Flint,

Services will be at a later date. a journeyman for General Motors.

Mr. Carroll was born in Lapper, a daughter, Monna Maldonado of

Mich. He came to Texas from Hereford; three sisters; and four

SYDNEY HOUK

Dec. 22, 1996

Sydney Houk, 84, of Garden City, 1979. She lived in Littlefield from

Christ.

Mich. He served in the Navy and was

Phillip W. Carroll of Maybe, Mich.;

1916 to 1969, and then moved to

Hereford. In 1978, she moved to

Garden City. She was a bookkeeper

and a member of the Church of

Houk of Edmond, Okla.; a brother,

D.D. Yantis of Amherst; two sisters,

Beth Ramsey of Phoenix, Ariz, and

Jessie Ramsey of Lewisville; and

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three grandchildren.

Survivors include a son, Gary

Survivors include his wife; a son,

The negotiators met all day Wednesday in Jerusalem after Tuesday's

A deal on Hebron - the last West Bank city under Israeli control - would

calm in volatile Hebron, an increasingly difficult task as negotiators close in on a deal to withdraw the troops and cede most of the city to Palestinian

occurred. They were uninjured and released after being interviewed by

No suspects had been identified as of Wednesday afternoon.

REGIONAL

-- Theft of beer reported at a convenience store.

- Attempted suicide reported in the 900 block of Sampson Street. - Domestic disturbance reported

in the 100 block of North Texas. - Domestic disturbance reported in the 900 block of Sioux Street.

-- 28-year-old female arrested for public intoxication in the 500 block

38-year-old male arrested for public intoxication in the 200 block of Lake Street.

-- Criminal trespassing issued in the 300 block of Irving Street.

-- Two 22-year-old males arrested for fighting in public in the 100 block of La Villa.

-- 22-year-old male arrested for domestic violence Class C assault in the 100 block of Avenue H.

 Disturbance reported in the 100 block of South Douglas Street.

-- Domestic disturbance reported in the 100 block of Avenue B. - Domestic disturbance reported

in the 400 block of West 2nd. -- Theft of gasoline reported at a

convenience store. -- 28-year-old male arrested for public intoxication in the 500 block of Myrtle Street.

-- Two curfew violations issued.

-- 19 traffic citations issued. -- Two motor vehicle accident reported.

FIRE DEPARTMENT -- Dispatched to Avenue I and

Union Street in reference to a motor vehicle accident.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT -- 36-year-old male arrested for

violation of probation. -- Theft reported. -- Public intoxication reported.

In all, there's about \$7 million in cash in the prison bank - an average of about \$52 in the 135,220 non-in-News Digest terest bearing accounts, Texas Department of Criminal Justice

prison officials say.

reported today.

On death row, 12 inmates each have more than \$1,000 in their accounts, with the wealthiest ondemned killer amassing \$8,470.

Spent Christmas gifts

with the holiday leftovers.

the inmates in the Texas state prison

system are considered indigent, with

less than \$5 in their accounts on any

given day in the "prison bank," state

each had more than \$50,000 in their

accounts, and 26 had more than

\$10,000, the Houston Chronicle

whose purchases often is limited to

food, toilet items, stationery and the

like from the commissary.

That's a hefty balance for someone

But on a recent day, two prisoners

Prison spokesman Glen Castlebury said a prisoner once exceeded the \$99,999 limit that prison rules place on inmate trust accounts.

None of the longtime administrators can recall when or how that fortune was amassed, Castlebury said. Privacy rules prohibit the disclosure of individual inmates' bank balances.

Convicts do not get paid for the prison jobs they hold, although some earn funds through the sale of crafts they make in prison.

Officials say some inmates deposit

AUSTIN (AP) - More than half of funds sent in by family and friends, some collect divorce or other and outgoing mail is monitored, financial settlements and some earn except that to and from lawyers and funds through the sales of crafts they make in prison "piddling shops."

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

Texas inmates considered indigent,

but many have large bank accounts

Savvy condemned killers know that "overseas thinking is quite a bit more liberal than ours in the United 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 money for their causes.

In 1993, for example, a French woman who had befriended condemned prisoner Samuel Christopher Hawkins begrudgingly confirmed that she had given Hawkins \$15,000 some of it her own money and the rest collected from fellow countrymen who also oppose capital punishment.

"Some of the correspondence that they send out is, from a con's aspect, astonishing," Thaler added. "They can manage to build a person's confidence, talk about their cause, they'll discuss so many different things about why they need this money to fight their case, to help pay for their lawyer, to buy typewriters, or the amount of postage they need sending things out. It's amazing."

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

reporters.

Under prison rules, all incoming

'Anything that is direct solicita-

condemned killers comes from don't allow that to go out," the warden said. But convicts being cons, Thaler said, they learn to "sugar coat" their pleas to try to get around the mail

censors, complaining about conditions, poor food, lack of money to fight their sentences, and the like. But the underlying message is there: Send

Money in prison means power the same as it does on the outside.

"It doesn't take as much, naturally, in prison for you to be somebody or to look at it as a means of control," Thaler said.

Some inmates share their wealth with those less fortunate; others use it for gambling or control leverage, Thaler said.

When a felon doesn't have the cash in the bank to shop from the company store, he often must turn to fellow convicts operating stores out of their cells.

A cash-poor prisoner who needs a tube of toothpaste might have to agree to pay back the seller with two tubes of toothpaste when his money comes in.

Retailers open early, offer discounts with hopes of boosting post-Christmas sales

By RACHEL BECK **AP Business Writer**

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

"I came for the discounts," said Margaret Monaco, who was checking out the sweaters at Benetton on New York's Fifth Avenue. "There are some things that you can wait for if they're cheaper.'

Major retailers and small independent stores alike opened early and offered deep discounts to get shoppers into the buying mood again after a 24-hour respite.

"It's a big day," said John Costello, senior executive vice president at Sears, Roebuck & Co., which was discounting everything from Craftsman tools to cordless telephones during its traditional 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.

"Was it great? No," said Robert Burton, director of investor relations at Kmart Corp. "We saw a modest improvement this Christmas and retailers in general had to work hard to get the gains they had.'

Now, storeowners are betting on a surge of buying to help their bottom lines. For shoppers, that could mean good deals on things they didn't get for Christmas.

Newspapers that published on Christmas were filled with store ads announcing big discounts.

"It doesn't pay to buy it before Christmas if you can get 50 percent off," said Melissa Williams, who arrived at a Target discount store in Bismarck, N.D., a little after 7 a.m. today. "You take a chance of not getting it, but most of the time you can get it if you really want."

Some of the best prices were found at electronics and computer stores, which suffered through one of their toughest holiday seasons because of 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 to make room for new goods. These markdowns come despite a successful season for clothing stores.

Some shoppers also headed to stores to return gifts, another tradition 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

Other big winners this Christmas included jewelry stores and upscale retailers, with many shoppers willing to spend a little more on gifts. Toy 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 racks and end tables.

"It's the Martha Stewart syndrome," said Clark Johnson, chief executive of Pier 1 Imports. "People interested in their homes again.'

DROUGHT-

School teacher Victor Morales rode his white pickup truck to fame and the Democratic U.S. Senate nomination. But the political neophyte found himself unable to drive over well-funded Republican incumbent Phil Gramm, who was eager to redeem his early washout in the presidential primaries.

After trudging through the snows of New Hampshire and the stockyards of Iowa, Gramm refocused his sights on Texas and a third Senate term. Outspending his rival more than six-to-one, Gramm prevailed. As went Morales' fortunes, so did

those of the Democratic Party. Democrats couldn't beat back a

Republican tide that has handed the

century, Republicans control a Democrats with a 17-13 edge.

chamber of the Texas Legislature. They also boast control of the Governor's Mansion, both U.S. Senate seats, the Texas Railroad Commission, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, the Texas Supreme Court and the State Board of Education.

While Republicans made gains, Ross Perot found his own appeal waning dramatically. The cranky independent took only 8 percent of the popular vote this year - down from his 19 percent showing in 1992.

A trio of federal judges in Houston injected a pinch of turmoil into the election season by redrawing nearly half of the state's 30 congressional districts. Republicans initially viewed GOP strength not seen in Texas since redistricting as a boon. But when all was said and done, the GOP managed For the first time in more than a a net gain of only one seat, leaving

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stringent work requirements, and cuts in food stamps and aid to immigrants and disabled children. Supporters said the new law would get people on their feet, but criticism came from many quarters: from states that said they couldn't meet the deadlines, from social workers who said the new system will plunge more people into poverty, from three top federal officials who resigned in protest.

'I think a lot of people will start starving," said Shawn Cornett, a 22-year-old welfare recipient in Kentucky.

7. CENTENNIAL GAMES. A bomb explodes, buses break down, and a feisty little gymnast flips on an injured ankle and wins the nation's heart. The 1996 Olympic Games in 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 flame, Kerri Strug being carried to the podium to collect her gold medal, Carl Lewis winning his ninth gold medal, Michael Johnson triumphing on gold-shod feet.

8. GOVERNMENT SHUTS DOWN. Thousands of federal workers began the year with partial paychecks or no pay at all, while tourists at 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 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 compromise for which both parties claimed victory.

9. THE BOOM CONTINUES. The stock market soared, the deficit was down and unemployment neared 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 Jan. 8 blizzard, which dumped 20.1 inches on New York City, grounded cars, buses, trains, planes and just about anything else that moved. At least 50 deaths were blamed on the blizzard. Nine months later a bumper crop of births was blamed on the same thing. played every board game we had. There was nothing else to do," said Amy Lauriat of New York, who delivered her so-called "blizzard baby" in late September.



AUSTIN (AP) - Results of the Cash :

rawing Monday night: Winning numbers drawn: 3-6-12-25-36. Estimated jackpot: \$82,286. Number matching five of five: two. Matching four of five: 470. Prize: \$525. Matching three of five: 16,398. Prize: \$25.

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Cash Five mbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 umbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

officials said.

By The Associated Press One ticket in Houston correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery

The ticket was worth an estimated \$12

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from field of 50 were: 2-10-19-20-29-30. Saturday night's drawing will be worth ar estimated \$4 million.

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Lifestyles

recognized

The Hereford Learning Lab recognized students on Dec. 19 for

Eleven students passed all parts of

their GED's and ten students passed

Rose Vasquez was honored for "Outstanding Achievement" and Casimiro (Jimmy) Moreno was

recognized for "Best Attendance." The Learning Center is a joint project of the Panhandle Regional

Planning Commission, Deaf Smith County, Texas Workforce Commission/JOBS, Hereford I.S.D., and Region XVI Education Service

Anyone wishing to enroll may come by the lab Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the basement of the Deaf Smith County

Library, or call 1-800-477-4562.

THE TRADITION

CONTINUES

their academic achievements.

one or more parts of the test.

Center.



GED recipients

Pictured are recipients of their GED, as well 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

longtime reader but have never felt the need to write to you until now. Your answer to the woman who signed herself "Childless and Happy in Pa." sent me through the roof. You told her she might change her mind. What makes you think so?

I am 41 years old, have been married for 17 years and am childless by choice. I knew when I was 16 that I did not want to have children. I have 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" and a lesbian.

I sincerely hope the woman who wrote to you will not be swayed by outside pressure. People who don't want children shouldn't have them, and nobody has the right to make them feel guilty. Not even you, Ann Landers. Sign me -- Sympathetic in New England

Dear New England: That letter from "Childless and Happy" certainly hit a hot button with thousands of readers. Please put on some asbestos gloves, and keep

From Oak Harbor, Wash.: I just read about the 21-year-old who does not want children. Well, I'm 35, and my husband and I don't want children 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 have a baby for three years. He has

Dear Ann Landers: I am a a very low sperm count, but I am not counseling to resolve the impasse. about to announce it to the world. Why would this private matter be of interest to outsiders? I wouldn't dream of asking such a question.

Harvey, La.: When I was in my 20s, I had no desire to have children. My husband was well aware of this before we married. We discussed it at length, and he said it was fine with had been using an IUD and it took three years of trying before I could conceive. After two miscarriages, I had a beautiful baby girl. The next year, I was blessed with an adorable has up-to-the-minute information on little boy. The message from here is 'never'say never.'

Newark, N.J.: Four years ago, when I was 35, I was a happy, first-time bride. My husband, who was 11 years older with two grown children, said if I wanted children it was OK with him. Well, after having told him I wasn't sure, I decided I did want a child. My husband's response -- "No. I'm too old." I now feel betrayed and angry. Do I love him? Absolutely. And at 39, the prospect of going through a divorce is frightening and the chances of finding someone else to marry are pretty slim. So what do I do now?

Dear N.J.: So now you get joint Rivera.

And I warn you, it won't be easy. Your marriage may be at stake, so waste no time. Get going.

My thanks to all who wrote such excellent letters to express their views on this volatile subject.

Gem of the Day (Credit the Prairie Rambler): The only graceful way to accept an insult is to ignore it. If you him. When I turned 30, for some are unable to ignore it, top it. If you mysterious reason, I became obsessed can't top it, laugh at it. If you can't with the desire to have a child, but I laugh at it, it was probably deserved,

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Sports

Chicago Bulls clobber Detroit 95-83

By MIKE NADEL

AP Sports Writer CHICAGO (AP) - No matter how impressive their record seems, the Detroit Pistons simply aren't good enough to seriously challenge Chicago. The Bulls know it, and Pistons coach Doug Collins admits

"You try to instill in your team the "You try to instill in your team the feeling that you can get this done. But the look in our eyes, I didn't think we believed that," Collins said Wednesday night after his team lost 95-83 to the defending NBA champions.

It was Chicago's 18th consecutive victory over the Pistons. The Bulls have won their two matchups this season by 30 points.

"I always compare if to a

"I always compare it to a championship fight," Collins said. "The first punch a guy gets in the nose, it's like, 'Do I want any part of this?' I felt like both times when we played the Bulls, we were tentative. was never in doubt."

Neither was the identity of the

the league's second-best record, but

left it tied with Utah for third-best.
And the Bulls think even that might be deceptive. They don't consider Detroit their main Eastern Conference challenger.

"This team has a good record, but we don't put too much emphasis on beating Detroit," said Michael Jordan, who had 23 points and 10 rebounds. "We haven't faced New York yet. We haven't faced Cleveland yet. And Miami beat us here. So we don't know where Detroit stacks

Scottie Pippen knows only that Detroit doesn't stack up well with his Bulls, who have an eight-game winning streak.

"They feel like one day they're going to get over the hill, but it's great for us to keep them down," said Pippen, who had 27 points, eight rebounds and eight assists. "I like to The Bulls were in control. This game keep that doubt in their minds. Right now, they don't have the weapons to overcome our club.'

NBA's top team. Chicago is 25-3. Besides, he said, "We have a lot the hustle plays, loose balls and Detroit (20-6) entered the game with of pride and don't want to embarrass rebounds. We didn't," said Grant

ourselves on national TV and on Christmas."

In the only other NBA game Wednesday, the Los Angeles Lakers whipped Phoenix 108-87.

In the late-1980s and early-90s, the Pistons stood between the Bulls and greatness. With Isiah Thomas, Bill Laimbeer, Rick Mahorn and Dennis Rodman, the Pistons used to regularly frustrate the Bulls.

But now, Chicago is in control, with four NBA titles in six years and 15 straight home wins over Detroit.

We just want to maintain the dominance," Jordan said. "Detroit was a nemesis to myself and Scottie early in our careers, and we have no trouble getting focused to play against

Rodman, now with the Bulls, had 22 rebounds, 11 points and seven assists as his current club outrebounded his former team 51-37 and had 30 second-chance points to the Pistons' 14.

'You've got to come up with all

Hill, who had 27 points in an entertaining battle with Pippen. "If we're to beat them, we're going to have to attack them.'

The Pistons were undone by their offensive strong suit - 3-point shooting. They came in at 45 percent, by far the league's best mark, but went only 3-for-18 Wednesday.

"We didn't want to leave their shooters open," Jordan said. "Scottie did a great job on Hill and gave us each an opportunity to stay with the men we were guarding."

After Detroit pulled to 83-74 with 8:25 to go, Pippen hit a 3-pointer and 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 them," Jackson said. Lakers 108, Suns 87

Shaquille O'Neal had 26 points

and 16 rebounds to lead the visiting Lakers to their sixth straight victory over Phoenix and their third this

O'Neal wasn't working the baseline edge. 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 Suns, but his 3-of-8 shooting typified State Farm Insura

the Suns' cold night. Phoenix was 26-of-74 (35 percent).

Rex Chapman and Danny Manning scored 15 each for the Suns, while Elden Campbell had 13 points and 12 Eddie Jones took up the slack when rebounds, helping the Lakers to a 53-39



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Rusher to announce decision at Alamo Bowl

Will Hanspard remain at Texas Tech?

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - out there and be the best I can be." Everyone's been asking Texas Tech running back Byron Hanspard - all season long - whether he'll stay around for his final season of

The NFL beckons, after all.

And Hanspard says after a long time in prayer and talk with the Lord, he's decided. But he's waiting until after the Alamo Bowl before he makes the decision known, he said

Tuesday. "Now is not the time to say what I'm going to do. 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 became the sixth person in NCAA history to rush for 2,000 yards in a this year. He was named winner of the Doak Walker award, presented to the player judged the nation's best collegiate running back.

"A lot of people already have put me in the pros. But I'm leaving it to the Lord. He has revealed to me the things I have to accomplish and p.m. (NBC) achieve. I'm going to treat this game just like any other. I'm going to go p.m. (FOX)

Texas Tech coach Spike Dykes says he isn't sure what Hanspard will

"I haven't even asked him what he's going to do. To me, it sounds like he is going to go, because if he wasn't going to go, he would already say so. It wouldn't be a distraction either way, but if he decides to stry,

that's great," Dykes said. Hanspard is certain to be an early-round draft pick if he comes out this year, but could improve his position if he gains more weight and improves his strength.

Hanspard, 6 feet and 193 pounds, never redshirted, so he didn't have a

year to work in the weight room. "Nobody knows the future," Hanspard said. "The Lord knows what I don't know, and he lets 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 to attend college after a great high school career at DeSoto, a Dallas

Hanspard said he was showering one day when it became clear the Lord wanted him to attend Texas Tech, rather than Nebraska, Notre Dame or other schools that sought his

preaches at a Lubbock church, NFL playoffs at a glance

By The Associated Press **Wild Cards** Saturday, Dec. 28

Jacksonville at Buffalo, 12:30 p.m. (ABC) Minnesota at Dallas, 4 p.m. (ABC)

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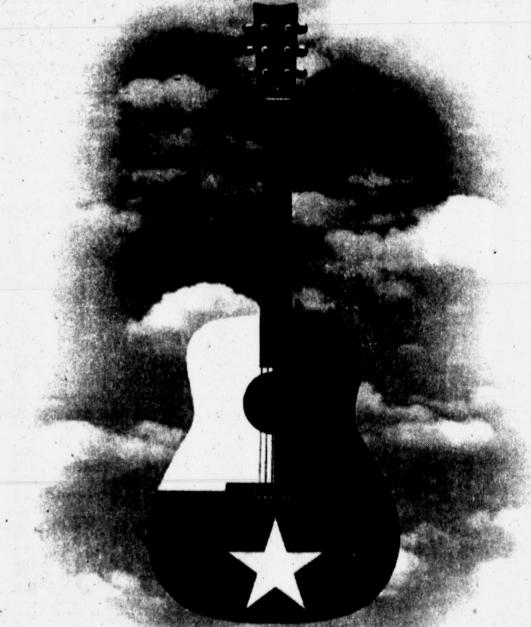
game, Hanspard knows he'll continue to be asked about his plans. "People who know me don't ask me because they know I'm a man of prayer and they know I'm not going to change," Hanspard said.

In the days leading up to Sunday's

"It's the people who don't know me that ask all the time. They ask how I'm doing, and then they ask what I'm going to do."



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Houston player grabs offensive title

George named NFL 'Rookie of the Year'

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ

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 was named The Associated Press NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year.

The Houston Oilers' young star is eager to chase more of his goals. 'I want someday to be up there with the best of them, players like Emmitt Smith, Barry Sanders,

Michael Irvin, Brett Favre and all of them," George said.

In his first season out of Ohio State, George gained 1,368 yards on 335 carries, a 4.1 average, and scored eight touchdowns.

Those numbers earned George received 74 of 93 votes from a nationwide panel of sports writers, easily outpacing New England receiver Terry Glenn, who had eight. George and Glenn were teammates at Ohio State.

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

receiver-kick returner Eddie Kennison of St. Louis (three) and guard Jonathan Ogden of Baltimore (two).

"Honors like that are everything a kid sees now," George said. "The Heisman, Rookie of the Year, Super Bowl MVP, I think everyone shoots for those things, naturally."

George came into the NFL with all the lofty expectations of being the Heisman Trophy winner, and it was clear early that he would meet those expectations.

"From the first day of practice, it

was obvious that he was going to be all that he should be," offensive coordinator Jerry Rhome said. "He's big and strong like a John Riggins, but he's more shifty."

George became an instant starter with the Oilers and finished the season sixth in the NFL. His total also was fifth-best in team history.

"It's highly unusual for a rookie to display the leadership qualities that Eddie has," coach Jeff Fisher said. He believes that he can single-handedly win games for us. That's been a big thing about Eddie. and I hope it rubs off on some of the other players."

George admits he exceeded his own expectations.

"I didn't really think about it." he said. "And I wouldn't say this has been a dream season. We're not in the playoffs and we're not unbeaten or anything.

"But it has been an interesting season. I've learned a lot. I've experienced a lot. I'm looking

George had four 100-yard performances during the year.
George's cool under pressure will

extend into next season.

"I know the importance of consistency," he said. "I know in this league, one year you can rush for 1,300 yards and the next year you might get 200. I want to keep everything in the proper perspective I just want to keep trying to get better That's the only thing I focus on."

Navy beats California 42-38

Blue topples Gray in 58th matchup

By GORDON SAKAMOTO **Associated Press Writer**

HONOLULU (AP) - Ben Fay put what he learned about military tactics at the Naval Academy to good use in the Aloha Bowl.

Confuse the enemy and conquer. That's what the backup quarterback did Wednesday, bringing Navy back for a 42-38 victory over California in the Aloha Bowl.

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 out

the victory after they trailed 38-28. The biggest play was a 52-yard pass to Cory Schemm with the Middles down 38-35 and two minutes left. The play put the ball on the California 15 and set the stage for

By EDDIE PELLS

Associated Press Writer

like the other 79 players at the

Blue-Gray Classic, Nathaniel Jacquet

came in hoping to make a name for

accomplished that goal, breaking

Jerry Rice's record for the longest

touchdown reception in the all-star

game with an acrobatic 70-yard

scoring catch Wednesday in the

catch, but the 70-yarder was probably

enough to grab the attention of the

200 NFL scouts who came for the

58th edition of the Christmas Day

The 6-foot-1 senior made a big-time play, adjusting his sideline route and jumping over his defender to snag the ball at the 30, then outrunning the Gray defense to the

"That was just a matter of seeing where it was and wanting it a little more," he said. "I got a little aggressive, jumped up, grabbed it and took it to the house. ... I think a catch

The pass from Fresno 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

offense as the teams combined for

772 yards and set the record for most

combined points in the history of the

Adding to the offensive fireworks

Branch finished with 77 yards and

was the solid effort of Colorado

State's Calvin Branch, who was

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two touchdowns. He broke one run of 25 yards, but the rest were like his

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) - Just

Fay's game-winning TD.

The Middies co-captain completed five of eight passes for 118 yards.

'It's nothing fancy," Fay said of the triple stack offense, which has three receivers lined up in an I formation. "We run our basic plays off it. It's a different look.

"If we confuse them a little, that's good. That's what we wanted to do." Weatherbie said the team needed

"We were bogged down. Ben's been in that situation before, so it wasn't anything new to him," the coach said. "There were many ups and downs, but we picked ourselves by the bootstraps and found a way."

California coach Steve Mariucci was prophetic.

The kids on both sides played their hearts out," he said. "But like I've been telling you all week, it would come down to who had the ball

"In the fourth quarter, they came at us with the weird offense, and they made a couple of big plays off it and got a couple of scores.

It appeared the Bears (6-6) were in control with a 10-point lead.

"People needed to step up,"

"It's fun to get a chance to play

again before the season ends," said

Branch, who transferred from Iowa

State in 1995 to avoid playing in the

shadow of 2,000-yard rusher Troy

Davis. "I couldn't ask for a better

Oregon quarterback Tony Graziani

also had a good day. After a slow

start, he completed nine of 18 passes

for 145 yards. His biggest throw was

a 63-yard touchdown to Ducks

teammate Josh Wilcox that gave the

Blue a 37-21 lead early in the fourth

Mariucci said. "We needed to do that and we didn't do that."

The high-scoring game was a contrast in halves.

The two teams combined for 63 points in the first half, with California holding a 35-28 lead. But the Bears managed only three more points after

The Midshipmen had 646 yards in

total offense, including 395 passing. Schemm caught five passes for 194

Cal totalled 434 yards of offense, with QB Pat Barnes completing 27 of 37 passes for 313 yards and three touchdowns.

But it was Barnes' fumble inside the Navy 20 with three minutes left that led to the game-winning score.

Defense carries Dallas Cowboys into playoffs

Cowboys got into the playoffs again despite an offense that finished 24th overall in the NFL

The defense, which finished third, carried the Cowboys to a 10-6 record and the NFC East division title.

"We took the year off," was the way wide receiver Michael Irvin explained the Cowboys' lack of firepower.

The NFL statistics don't lie. Dallas was 18th rushing the ball and 20th passing it.

On the defensive side, Dallas was

missed five games early in the season

with an injured knee. "I hope I

helped myself and did some good

things. But no matter what, that

touchdown pass is something I'll

80-yard drive to close the first half.

Branch capped the drive with a 2-yard

TD run to give his team a 24-14 lead.

It closed a sloppy first half that

included five turnovers, a dropped

snap on a punt and a missed field

Graziani led Blue on a 10-play,

remember for the rest of my life."

IRVING, Texas (AP) - The Dallas second against the pass and 10th against the rush.

The Cowboys managed to post a 10-6 record and win their fifth consecutive NFC East title despite the offensive problems that were obvious from the start.

Training camp was disjointed and unproductive because of scrimmages and trips.

allows the team losing by nine or

more points to get the ball back after

scoring in the last two minutes of the

nothing to lose," Funderburk said. "I

got a chance to pass the ball a lot at

The senior from Division II

the end. I think they should put that

Valdosta State hit Georgia's Juan

Daniels for touchdown passes of 13

and 14 yards in the last two minutes

as Gray cut a 44-21 deficit to 44-34

rule in for the NCAA.'

"It was fun going out there with

game.

at the end.

"We never got a chance to get the repetitions we needed going into the **1996 Mercury Tracer** season," said quarterback Troy



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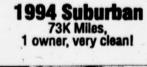
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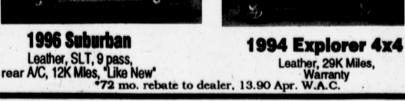


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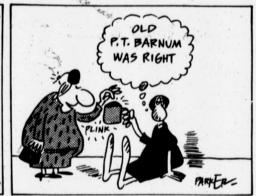




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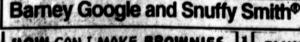
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'Tell us a Christmas story': two granddads go one better

By LESLIE BARKER

The Dallas Morning News DALLAS - A long, long time ago, before most of you kids were even born, there lived a boy named Bob who put out a neighborhood newspaper. One December, as he did every year, Bob wrote Santa Claus a letter. This time, he didn't just ask for an electric train and baseball glove. Instead, he wanted information about North Pole goings-on.

Christmas Eve, Santa Claus woke Bob and took him to the North Pole. There, Capt. Horatio Oldsalt, Santa's peg-legged right-hand man, showed Bob around and told him stories. An excited Bob came home and decided to change the name of his newspaper to "The North Pole Chronicles."

Six decades passed. Bob became known as Mr. Thompson. He ran a family insurance company and raised five daughters. He edited his Rotary Club bulletin and wrote little "Bobitorials" on any subject that compelled him.

But Mr. Thompson never forgot his North Pole adventures. When he had time, he'd record a few in his computer. Then he retired and decided to finally put his memories into books.

'The first was too long," he says. "I was reading it to my grandchildren and they got fidgety. I had description in the books at first, too, but you don't need it because of the pictures.'

He knew from the beginning whom he wanted to illustrate the books: artist Rod Keitz, whom Thompson often saw doodling on napkins while listening to speakers at Rotary Club meetings.

Now, the two put together an annual Christmas book. This year marks the fourth in the series, self-published under the name "The

North Pole Chronicles." They make a great team, Keitz

says: "He can't draw; I can't spell." After four years, the two are just now breaking even. No wonder. Getting the book into bookstores has been hard, they say. Besides, they keep giving books away to grandchildren, children and children's friends. They donate profits of others to such groups as the Salesmanship Club.

'It's a hobby that's almost as expensive as playing golf," Thompson says.

After he writes each manuscript, he gives it to Keitz to develop visual ideas. Keitz in turn draws a rough sketch, which he and Thompson discuss. The next sketch is more comprehensive and includes such details as elves in shades of purple, pink, yellow and green. Each illustration takes about a week.

"It's a lot of work, but it's fun," says Keitz, a retired animator. And worth the trouble to a couple of Christmas lovers.

"I can break down into tears just watching Christmas commercials," Keitz says. "We all seem to moan about the trouble it takes to prepare for Christmas. Yet when it all comes together, it's part of the family fabric we couldn't possibly live without. I'm always amazed when I get so frustrated in the hustle and bustle, yet how much I still love the experi-

Says Thompson: "I love Christmas. My grandmother loved Christmas, my mother loved Christmas. I grew up loving Christmas.'

His own family's traditions inspired him to write The Christmas Eve Tradition. It's the story of Stumble, a reindeer whose huge antlers keep him from pulling Santa's sleigh. But Stumble finds a more satisfying role - that of a makeshift Christmas tree, upon whose antlers the elves hang colored balls and

On the back of each book, Thompson has written a wish for the child who reads it.

We hope something happens at your house that will become a Christmas tradition," he writes on "The 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 that you will want to repeat year after year. All traditions are great, but traditions that belong to just your family, and no one else's, are one of the things that make Christmas so very, very special."

Those back-of-the-book messages make the books special, the grandfathers say. So do sly little phrases and

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Another occurs in this year's "The Star on the Pole." It involves Pout, an elf with two left feet. He wants to relabel the directional markers on the tall, candy-striped North Pole. Each says "South." But Capt. Oldsalt, the books' narrator, discourages him: "You'd better not, Pout, I'm telling you why."

He goes on to give Pout (and readers)

pictures Thompson and Keitz sneak in. For instance, "I Got to Go to the North Pole!" features Santa's sewing an astronomy lesson or two. Namely, that any direction from the geographic North Pole is south. And later, that story into her "Customs of Christmas" the stars at the end of he Big Dipper point to the North Star, which is at the

tip of the Little Dipper. "Being able to rely on the North Star means a lot to Santa," Capt. Oldsalt tells Pout. "He knows it will always be there to help him find his way home after his long Christmas Eve trip. ... It's his way of saying, 'Thank you, old, reliable friend. I can always count on you."

At Highland Park High School,

show.

"The book helps open their eyes into going out and reading the sky." says Ms. Pierce, who also happens to be Thompson's cousin.

Wilgus Burton, planetarium director at The Science Place, likes the books. He likes them even more because they're "fairly close to accurate," he

"They didn't sacrifice scientific accuracy for the good of the book,"

he says. "Sometimes people take artistic license. The movies talk about the Big and Little Dippers being next

to Orion, and that's wrong."
They did take a little license with the candy-striped Pole. Thompson, admittedly no artist, says he knew what the North Pole looked like because he saw it those many years ago. He told Keitz, and voila! He drew the Pole exactly how Thompson described it. Now, they carry a 6-foot Styrofoam replica of it to book

signings. "It's an authentic copy of the

official North Pole," Thompson says.
"And we ain't about to say that ain't

Because after all, "These are true stories," he says.
"Nobody believes us," adds

Keitz. "They can't believe these are

Maybe they are, maybe they aren't. Who's to say? Certainly not two grandfathers who want to keep the magic of Christmas alive.

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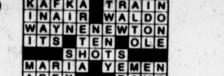
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Entertainment

Clark celebrates 25 years of New Year toasts

NEW YORK (AP) - New Year's crashed the party 25 years ago.

Eve was the television property of "New Year's Rockin' Eve" brushed aside the Big Band era with performances by Three Dog Night,

Matthau remains not so grumpy with films

By BOB THOMAS **Associated Press Writer** LOS ANGELES (AP) - With four

movies completed, filming or scheduled, Walter Matthau admits he's pretty busy for a 76-year-old. Matthau 76? It seems impossible.

In his 40-year movie career he has always seemed permanently, grouchily middle-aged.

At the moment, the actor's involved in four movies:

"The Grass Harp," directed by son Charles Matthau, based on the Truman Capote story, featuring a stellar cast that includes Sissy Spacek and Jack Lemmon. It is currently in

"I'm Not Rappaport," written, directed and produced by Herb Gardner, based on his successful Broadway play. Matthau and Ossie Davis star as Central Park benchwarmers trying to cope with urban living. The film opened Dec. 26 in New York and Los Angeles and will be released in other cities Jan. 24. Both Matthau and Davis have been touted as Oscar hopefuls.

"Out at Sea," with Matthau and Lemmon as a couple of guys reduced to working as dance hosts on a cruise liner. ("It's a comedy, or at least we think it's a comedy; if people don't laugh at it, then it's not a comedy.") to actors' needs - also to their ego Now filming.

"Grumpiest Old Men," to be filmed in Rome next year. ("Sophia reason or other she will take me back him work with other actors. to Italy.") Jack Lemmon and Ann-Margret will tag along, of

age of 11, when he did bit parts in down laughing." New York's Yiddish theater at 50 cents a performance.

people want me, and they pay me," filled) at the end of "Grumpy Old he remarked. "I'm not as particular Men." His health now? about the content.'

proud of his two most recent films, sounding like George Burns. "I had in part because of the writing of a colon tumor removed last Decem-Gardner and Capote. Gardner had ber; it was 'nonbelligerent.' I've had sent the "Rappaport" play to other little things like polyps and Matthau, hoping he would play the diverticulitis and hemorrhoids. I

The actor's response: "Are you crazy? I'm not going to learn all those

bleeping lines. You got me talking for

10-15 minutes without a stop. You do

it as a movie, I'll do it." Matthau said "The Glass Harp" was "one of the most beautiful films I've ever seen, taking into account that I'm the father of the boy who directed it. I still think it's one of the most tasteful, beautiful, penetrating, perceptive, delicious pieces of work that I've seen on the screen for a long

Did he know early on that his son would turn into a director?

"Charlie had been in eight or nine of my pictures," Matthau said. "In all the still photographs that I have, he's always behind the camera. So it didn't come as a surprise to me when he said he wanted to be a director. That was when he was ready to go to

"We got a hold of a small airplane, and over a weekend we went around to Harvard, Brown, Vassar and other colleges to look 'em over. Charlie finally said, 'I'd rather go to USC (University of Southern California), mainly because they have the best film program. Also I'll be near my parents.

'He's very sensitive, very attuned problems. He whispers a lot, never embarrasses anybody, always probing, always questioning. I reap Loren and I are married, and for some a lot of pleasure from just watching

"The first time he whispered to me, I made sure everyone was watching. I pulled back and said, '... Matthau has been acting since the I'm not doing that!' Everyone fell

Matthau has had physical setbacks: a heart bypass in 1976, bilateral "Mainly, I work now because infiltrate pneumonia (both lungs

"I'm hanging in there, because I He quickly added that he was got two more pictures to go," he said, guess it's from eating what I want to.

Helen Reddy, Al Green, Billy Preston and Blood, Sweat and Tears - and a nervous Clark counting down the final seconds of 1972 at Times

It was soon "Auld Lang Syne" for the last time for Lombardo. The rock-'n'-roll generation had taken

Now it's Clark who's the institution, providing the yearly soundtrack for people who would prefer to party in their living rooms.

The transition wasn't necessarily smooth a quarter-century ago. Clark remembers watching the ball fall standing next to Ben Grauer, who was broadcasting the event on radio and of anything." was angry that he had been pushed aside for TV.

can Bandstand."

"Younger people had no United States of America.

alternative," Clark recalls now. "That's what we offered and they flocked to it. It was a hit immediately. I'm not proud of knocking down a tradition, but apparently it was a moment in time for a change.'

Until production meetings for next week's show, he didn't realize it was an anniversary year. So they set aside time for some film clips.

"I'm always an optimist," he said. "I always hope that whatever we do will have repeat value. I always knew after the first one that it would go on for a couple of years. I don't think anybody in his right mind in television thinks you get 25 years out

This year's program on ABC features the costumed rockers of Kiss, Clark was programming on New just off an enormously successful Year's Eve to the same audience that reunion tour. Also performing are had grown up with him on "Ameri- Jann Arden, Tony Rich, "Weird Al" Yankovic and The Presidents of the

Now 67, Clark may not necessarily keep Pearl Jam or No Doubt in his compact disc player at home.

But he prides himself on keeping current. He had to convince people it was a good idea to book Hootie and the Blowfish a couple of year ago, he

Hootie's joining the competition this year, planning to perform on Sinbad's New Year's Eve special from Las Vegas on Fox. There are more challengers for Clark now, simply because there are more television networks to turn to.

American Movie Classics is holding its own live concert from The Rainbow Room in New York City, featuring a reunion of Dionne Warwick and Burt Bacharach performing with a 29-piece orchestra.

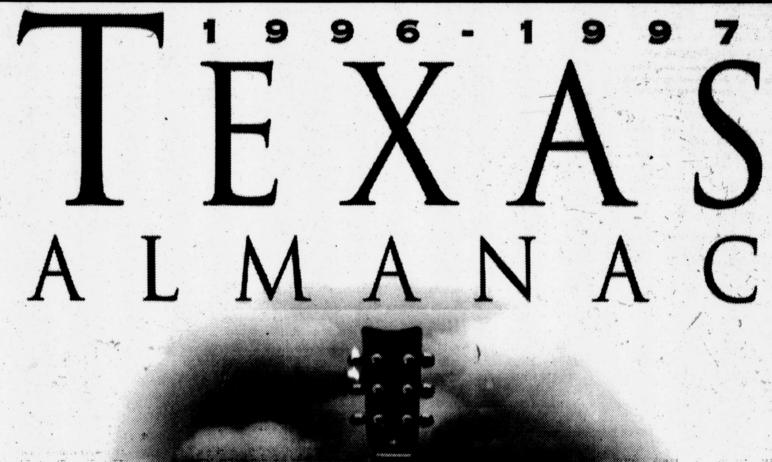
AMC wants to restore the elegance and glamour associated with the holiday, said network president Kate

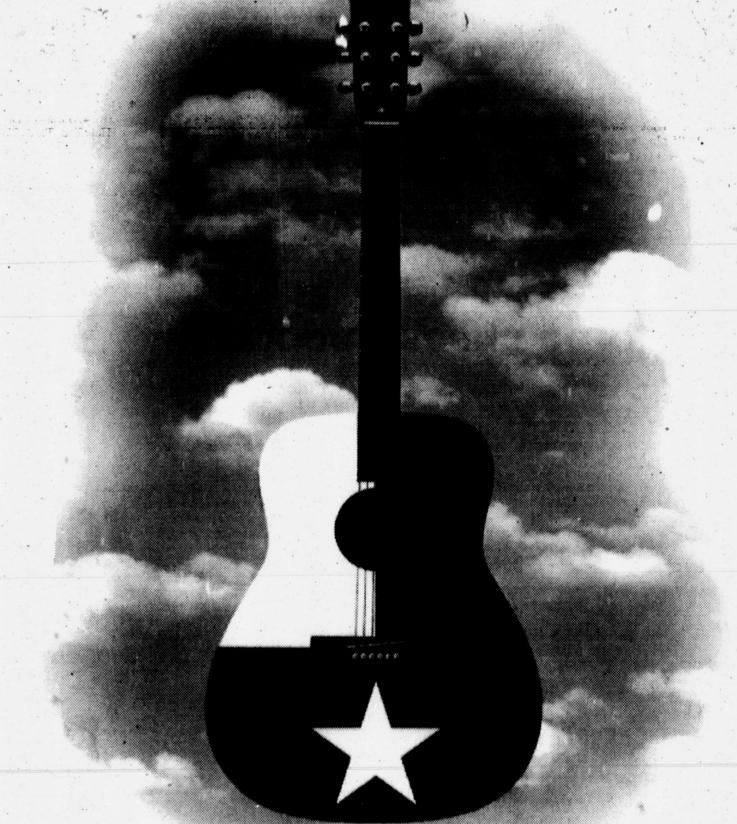
"Ever since the passing of Guy Lombardo, television celebrations on New Year's Eve have degenerated," she said.

McEnroe's shot aside, there's 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 David Letterman isn't bothering with any special that night. MTV, which used to host a blowout concert, will present a taped countdown of the year's top music with a few live cutaways to Times

VH1, by the way, has a marathon session of taped "American Bandstand" shows scheduled for New Year's Day. Which means you can nurse your hangover with Dick

Clark said he takes seriously the responsibility of coming into homes



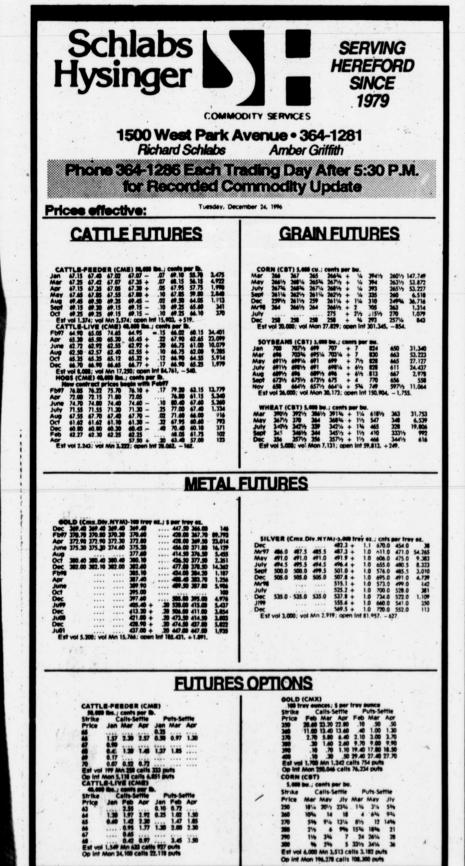


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Medical Savings Accounts

y a resounding margin, Texans say they support an innovative plan to provide small business employees a new way to cover health care expenses.

My questionnaire, which this newspaper graciously published this summer, invited Texans to consider Medical Savings Accounts (MSA). The question asked: "Do you 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 'medical IRAs') to cover your health care 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.

"The tax-free savings plan sounds like a very good 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.

"How could anyone think that's a fair plan?" she said. 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 Budget Act approved by the 104th 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 Pittsburg wrote that he thought it best if MSAs were first tested before being "set in concrete."

In the final analysis, so did Congress. When Congress approved the Kassebaum-Kennedy Health Care Reform bill this year, we included just such a test.

From January 1997 to 2000, the Department of Treasury 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 the money to pay for medical expenses or health

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 "rollover" into an IRA or pension plan, or a fund left in the individual's

Let me answer a concern from a small business owner in Grapeland. He wrote: "As a small business owner, what will this cost me? The small business owner is getting hit from too many sides."

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 government besieges small business owners with "inane stupid ... outright nutty" regulations and mandates from, 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 hard to try to curtail the intrusion of the federal government in your everyday lives.

Medical savings accounts provide more options and greater security to Americans in the most important area of their lives — keeping their families safe and healthy.

Abernathy residents already planning for next Christmas

By MACK HARRISON Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

ABERNATHY, Texas - As the December night deepens, the glow from a quiet residential street reaches out to the nearby interstate.

At the end of the 500 block of Third Street, two residences shine from the thousands of Christmas lights adorning trees in their front yards. In front of the two houses, lighted display boxes show motorized holiday dioramas varying from a 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 windows.

"It seemed kind of simple at first lights around trees," said Wayne Lamb, who dons a Santa costume on sled in front of his house. "It's kind of grown from there.'

years ago when the Lamb family went to view Christmas lights in Southeast 1,500 visitors view the display each year?" Phyllis Lamb said.

Lubbock. The sights gave the two Lamb children, who were in grade school at the time, ideas of their own.

"They said, 'Why can't we do that?' "the children" the children's mother, sleigh. Phyllis Lamb, said. "It grew from

The project has expanded into a 365-day-a-year endeavor for the family members. They constantly are on the lookout for items to add to their display, which takes about a month to set up.

'We do Christmas year-round," she said. "We don't go anywhere that Christmas is not on our minds."

The decorations fill the front yard of the Lamb residence and that of Joe and Verneta Gordon, Phyllis Lamb's parents, who live next door. Angels, sheep and the Star of Bethlehem occupy the front of the Gordon house. holiday weekend nights and sits in a Across the driveway the homes share, the secular displays begin.

"We've always tried to keep our The decorating spree began 11 yard biblical," Verneta Gordon said. Wayne Lamb said from 1,200 to

season and that more than 100 children come to see him on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights he dresses as Santa and sits in the

The Lambs said they don't mind if sightseers get out of their vehicles to get an up-close look at the displays.

A guest book the family began keeping this year shows visitors from across the South Plains, the Texas Panhandle and as far away as England.

"Some people make three or four trips a year," Phyllis Lamb said. "They come from all over. It just amazes me.

They said their neighbors don't seem to mind the massive display and the traffic it brings. In fact, they look

forward to it. "If we don't start decorating as soon as they think we should, they ask, 'Aren't you going to do it this

Microsoft CEO's favorite topic seems to be cheese popcorn

By TED ANTHONY **AP National Writer**

World's future is gassing up. The fuel of choice this day is a bowl of cheese popcorn - perfect computer-guy sustenance in all its processed, preserved, spoil-your-dinner glory.

Bill Gates, however, doesn't just consume cheese popcorn; he surrounds himself with it. There's cheese popcorn on the table, cheese popcorn between his spiffy shoes, a crumb of cheese popcorn at the corner of his mouth. And with each pronouncement about the future of the Internet - his favorite topic nowadays - more cheese popcorn is enthusiastically inhaled and, occasionally, exhaled.

Pass it on: Microsoft CEO and co-founder William H. Gates III, one of the world's richest men and arguably, in terms of impact, its most powerful, is refreshingly normal - just the kind of guy you'd sit around and eat bagged snacks with while playing the latest version of Doom.

It's easy to forget this human being is said to be worth \$19 billion. 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 hints at something personal.

These days, he's excited about helping to shepherd the Internet through its dynamic toddler era. Sure, he can talk the technobabble - ISDN, TCP/IP, multimedia - but his gung-ho efforts to get people online are far more likely to employ three other words: "wow," "cool" and "stuff."

"It's a phenomenon. It's a gold rush. It's a mania. It's beyond anything I've experienced," says Gates, sitting in a darkened bar called (at)cafe, a "cyber cafe" in Greenwich Village.

Gates, conventional wisdom goes, dislikes interviews. But he has been doing them in recent weeks to plug the paperback version of his 1995

bully pulpit book "The Road Ahead." The text, complete with NEW YORK (AP) - Midafternoon, CD-ROM, contains updated and and the mind that's mapping the Free expanded portions about Gates' vision of the Internet that dovetail with Microsoft's new Net-oriented philosophy. If the hardcover was Gates 3.1, this is Gates 95.

Interview ground rules came early.

One hour, no more. No questions like "What's it like to be that rich?" He'd get up and leave, handlers said. Oh - and make it a cultural piece, not 95. a technology story. "That's what he's interested in," said a PR guy.

What would an Internet user be interested in? I turned to America Online, to a "chat room" of people discussing the World Wide Web. I asked them: "I'm interviewing Bill Gates. Do you have any questions for

Answers came fast. "Just rude comments." "Don't get me started." When's he going to start coming up with his own ideas?" typed a third.
And from a fourth: "Why is it that
every new release of Windows looks more and more like the Mac?"

This sort of pish-posh is common not only across the Internet but in many trade magazines and the popular press. Understandably, people fear Gates and his 21-year-old company for their power and influence; they denounce him as a greedy corporate demon who's trying to dominate 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 London wrote recently, an assessment I found untrue.

Initially, Gates' handlers 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.
"Can't," comes the response. "They're Macs."

Though Apple and its Macintosh still maintain a large presence, especially in academia, the company has faltered financially, and Microsoft is perceived as the leader in system software, the programming that makes computers easier to use.

There are bigger companies in the computer industry than Gates' - IBM and Hewlett-Packard among them but few are more influential. Almost every home computer and most office computers in the country that aren't Apple Macintoshes are running at least one of three Microsoft products -MS-DOS, Windows 3.1 or Windows

Gates, though, prefers to discuss vision rather than market share, and his vision is infectious. He talks of a future 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 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.

Who's leading the Internet revolution abroad? "Sweden, Denmark and Singapore." What's the key to increasing Internet usage? "Ease of use." What's the biggest boon to the Internet right now? "It's a fad."

"Kids go home and say to their dad, 'Dad, why don't you have a Web site?' or 'Dad, get me a 28.8 modern,' "Gates 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 whether he's predicting or creating the future. When talk turns to him, even in the context of Microsoft, the rocking motions become more pronounced. He often avoids the first-person pronoun.

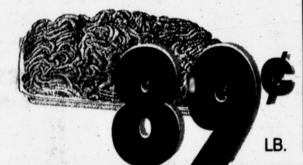
"There's sort of an overfocus on what I do for the company," he says.



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