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U.S. forces observe hospital shootout

By Matt Kelley
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. troops in Afghanistan watched a shootout between the terrorist fighters and anti-Taliban forces, military officials said.

Eight al-Qaida fighters battled Afghan tribal forces Monday at a hospital in the former Taliban stronghold of Kandahar. American special forces soldiers were watching the action because U.S. officials might want to interrogate some of the al-Qaida members, Pentagon spokesman Lt. Col. Ken McClellan said Monday.

Afghan tribal forces captured one of the al-Qaida fighters at the hospital Saturday and turned him over to soldiers at the U.S. Marine outpost at Kandahar's airport.

That man, a Yemeni with a leg wound, became the 16th

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Bush sends radio message to Sept. 11 victims, troops

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said in a Christmas message Tuesday that Americans were thinking of families who lost loved ones, both in the Sept. 11 attacks and on the battlefield in Afghanistan.

"America grieves with you," Bush said, in a holiday message sent to radio stations across the nation.

"During this time of conflict and challenge, Christmas is a day on which we celebrate hope and joy; when our thoughts turn to justice and compassion, and to a Prince of Peace born long ago," the president said.

"This is a day on which we give thanks for the wonder of God's love, for the blessings we have received, and for the families we love. And this year all of these things seem

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President Bush talks to members of the military during a round of Christmas Eve phone calls from Camp David, Md., Monday. Bush plans to fly Wednesday to Texas so he can spend New Year's Day at his ranch in Crawford. He is expected to return to the White House on Jan. 7.

AP Photo

Christmas in Midland

Photos by Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

ABOVE: Midland firefighter Corbin Powell holds his 12-year-old son, William, while he fills his plate from the food line at the Central Fire Station Christmas day. Powell and fellow on-duty firefighters brought their families to the station to share Christmas with them. BELOW RIGHT: Alice McGuffey helps Spencer Reed, a junior at Lee High School, prepa e food trays at the Salvation Army. FAR RIGHT: Nine-year-old Claire Renaud found boxing gloves and a pogo stick to be a cumbersome combination Christmas morning. The girl and her playmates were trying out their new toys in their yards in central Midland.

Families join Midland's on-duty firefighters for Christmas celebration

By D. Lance Lunsford
Staff Writer

Work comes early for Midland firefighters on any day, but Tuesday's "C-shift" had something to look forward to as its members prepared a Christmas lunch for the on-duty crew and their families.

A turkey in the fryer, mashed potatoes, croissants, and even stuffed jalapenos, the men of the Midland Fire Department know how to eat ... and eat well. As "The Patriot" played on a large television in the lounge area, families began filing in and making themselves comfortable — a Christmas celebration like any other.

"It gives a little bit of a homey atmosphere," said Randy Atchley, a driver on the shift. "It's nice for the kids to come over and

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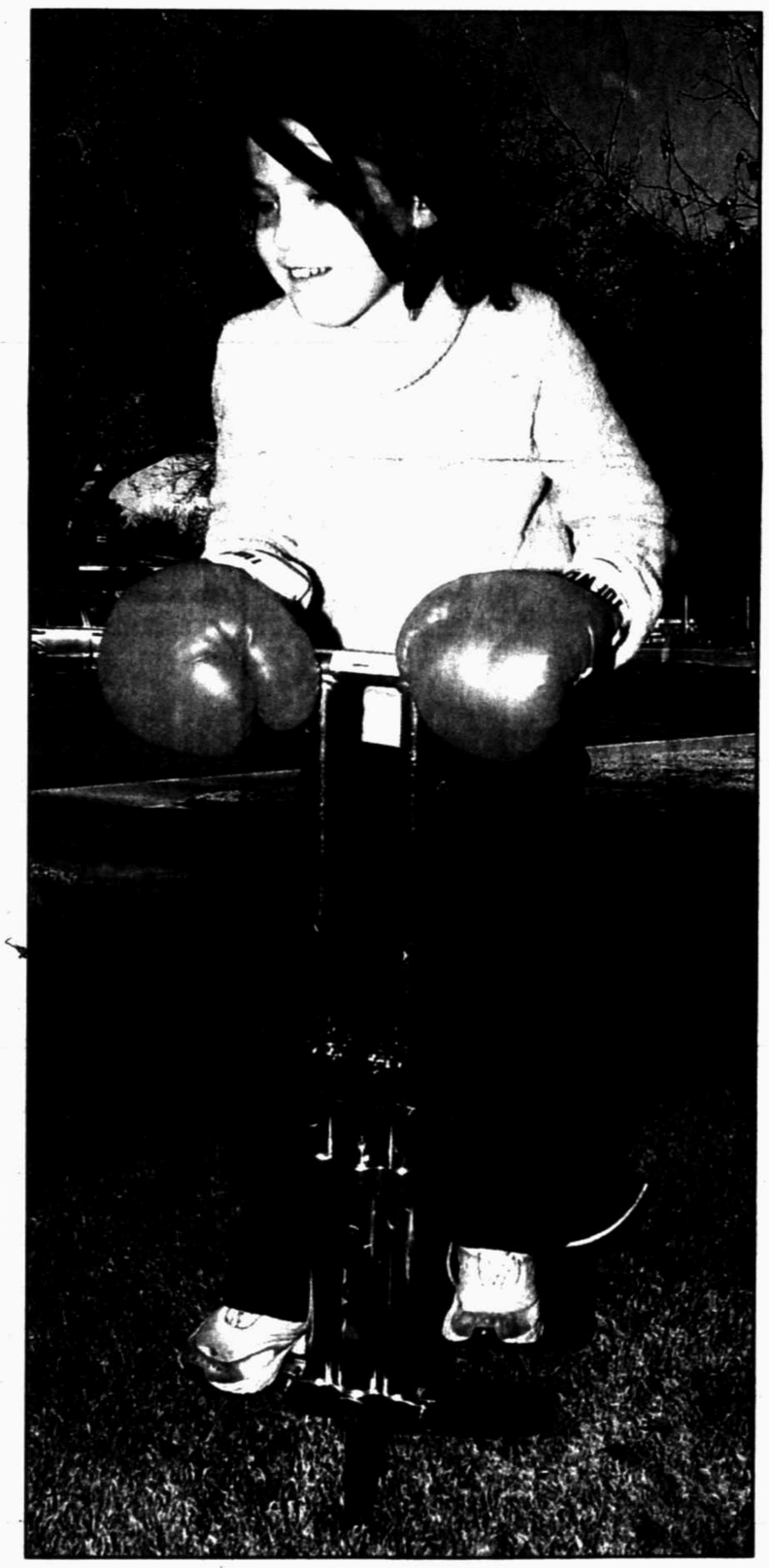

Salvation Army provides food during time of need

By D. Lance Lunsford
Staff Writer

For many of the employees at the Salvation Army, the Christmas holiday is like any other. After all, they are serving food as they have for 358 previous days this year.

However, Salvation Army Cpt. Edward Alonzo said the organization was hosting about 200 people for this year's Christmas Day dinner.

"It's open to the public. Anyone can come," Alonzo said.

Anyone can come all right.

So preparation is required. Approximately 20 volunteers spend their time at the Salvation Army. They cook. They serve food. They serve drinks. And they smile — a welcome feature making the holiday real and heartfelt perhaps more here than anywhere in Midland.

The volunteers combine efforts to accentuate the joyous holiday by passing out to-go trays and small gift bags at the door.

Kathy Maggard volunteered to work with her daughter, parents and grandmother. This is the family's first year to spend as volunteers with the Salvation Army. Asking Ms. Maggard why she volunteered seems a silly question.

"It's just because that's the meaning of Christmas," Ms. Maggard said. "We just wanted to give our time."

Alonzo said helpers like Ms. Maggard are what helps the Salvation Army provide for so many families.

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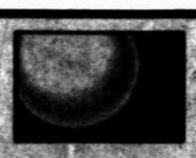

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Midland guns sales 'steady' since Sept. 11

By D. Lance Lunsford
Staff Writer

'I don't see (owning guns) as a problem. As long as they use it in a legal manner ... then law enforcement shouldn't have any problem with it.'
— Sheriff Gary Painter

Although many gun dealers across the country have experienced increased gun sales in the wake of the terrorist attacks, Midland dealers said they are seeing mostly "steady" transactions.

Tommy "Hoss Fly" Atchison, owner of Guns and Trades in Midland, said his business has actually declined very slightly following the Sept. 11 attacks.

"Gun sales: I didn't see an increase," Atchison said. "In fact, I'm in a decrease from what it's been a year before."

While many factors could bring down gun sales in Midland, Atchison said he attributes the slipping figures to one thing.

"It's the economy that has it down," Atchison said.

Although Atchison is not benefiting from high sales now, he said many are foreseeing a rejuvenation.

"All of the gun reports I'm getting are saying it's supposed to pick up in the spring," Atchison said.

Other gun dealers are seeing similar trends, Atchison said.

Workers at Between the Walls Guns and Accessories said their store is seeing a steady stream of sales following the Sept. 11 attacks.

Dave Ross, WalMart's sporting goods manager, said he had experienced a recent spike in sales due to Christmas shopping, but compared to previous holiday sales, figures are about the same.

"The sales are up. We're selling a lot of rifles and shotguns," Ross said. "That's pretty much because of the holidays. The day after Sept. 11, what increased was handgun ammunition sales."

As opposed to other Christmas seasons, however, Ross said, "It's really just about the same."

While many Americans are buying guns for self protection, Atchison said the trend in Midland is different.

"I'm not seeing a big trend on protection," Atchison said this past week in the days leading up to Christmas. "I'm seeing more of the hunting and Christmas presents."

According to statistics from the FBI, surveys by firearms associ-

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One WTC survivor's e-mail touches hundreds worldwide

By Sara Kugler
Associated Press

NEW YORK — After barely escaping from the 87th floor of the World Trade Center's north tower on Sept. 11, Adam Mayblum poured out his heart in an e-mail sent to family and friends.

Less than 24 hours after he wrote his account of fleeing the burning tower and sent it to about 25 people, Mayblum received nearly 100 replies — most from people he had never met.

And it kept building.

Since then, more than 1,000 strangers from around the world have responded to his harrowing story, which was so detailed that it described the smell of the smoke on the 87th floor and the conversations he had with people who never made it out.

"You don't know me," one woman wrote. "My son-in-law forwarded your story to me and I'm not sure who sent it to him but the thing is I felt it necessary to let you know how happy you made me. The fact that you survived ... helped to lift the terrible weight from my heart. We live in L.A. and when you were coming down the stairs we were watching the towers collapse with such a feeling of helplessness and despair."

Mayblum said he spent several hours writing his 2,100 word e-mail entitled "THE PRICE WE PAY" as he sat at his suburban New Rochelle home on Sept. 12, still stunned from the experience. He knew it would help to put his thoughts into words, but he also wanted to let loved ones know he was safe.

"We were moving down very orderly in Staircase A. Very slowly. No panic. At least not overt panic. My legs could not stop shaking. My heart was pounding. Some nervous jokes and laughter," wrote Mayblum, 36, an employee of May Davis Group, a private investment firm.

His cell phone worked, so he spoke with his parents and sister-in-law. He couldn't reach his wife, who had taken their infant for a checkup. He never heard the second plane hit the other tower.

Around the 44th floor, he began to see firefighters, police officers and other rescuers coming up the stairs. Mayblum told them about a friend who had stayed behind on the 87th floor, and a heavyset man who was resting on the 53rd.

"I later felt terrible about this," Mayblum wrote. "They headed up to find those people and met death instead."

The e-mail went out to his family, his wife's family and a few friends — mostly in Florida, California, Connecticut and New Jersey.

"Within 24 hours it was ridiculous. I was getting responses from New Zealand. I got a postcard from Santa Barbara," Mayblum said. "I still get things like that, like the letter from a brokerage firm in Frankfurt."

His e-mail has been posted on several Web sites. Mayblum said the responses still come, several a day. He tried to reply to each one, but stopped after 500.

"I think the ultimate thing that made the e-mail is that it helped a lot of people understand what was going on inside the building at the same time they had seen what was going on outside the building," he said.

Mayblum has received prayers from Texas, praise from Seattle, best wishes from London and, from Paris, an apology that poor English skills didn't allow the writer to express her true feelings.

Some told Mayblum they wept while reading his story. Many thanked him for providing a window into an event that was so hard to imagine.

"Your writing really gave us a feel of the calmness, camaraderie and terror all at the same time," one woman in Baltimore wrote. "Your co-workers and you deserve a medal of honor and your quick thinking probably saved lives."

Mayblum said many respondents have called him a hero — including a group of 16-year-old girls in Los Angeles — but he doesn't agree. He wrote about heroes in his e-mail.

"Those men and women that went up were heroes in the face of it all," he wrote. "They must have known what was going on and they did their jobs. Ordinary people were heroes, too. ... If you want to make us stronger, attack and we unite."

Adam Mayblum, managing director of May Davis Group, looks over the site of the World Trade Center collapse Dec. 19 in New York. Mayblum, who escaped the WTC disaster from his offices on the 87th floor of the north tower, sent a lengthy e-mail describing his harrowing experience to about 25 friends and family. Mayblum's account drew more than 1,000 responses from strangers around the world.

AP Photo

On the Net:
Text of Mayblum's e-mail can be found at http://www.wire.ap.org, under the "In Depth" section of U.S. news.

Police in Chicago search for woman who allegedly abducted toddler

CHICAGO (AP) — A woman tearfully pleaded for the return of her 16-month-old daughter Tuesday as police searched for the toddler and her alleged abductor.

Anderson was at the Greyhound bus station Monday night with her two daughters.

A woman befriended Anderson and offered to give them a ride to Milwaukee, police said. The woman, who had a tattoo on her neck, then persuaded Anderson to leave her daughter Jasmine in her care as Anderson took her 3-year-old daughter to return the bus tickets, according to police.

While Anderson was cashing in her ticket, the woman fled with Jasmine, police said.

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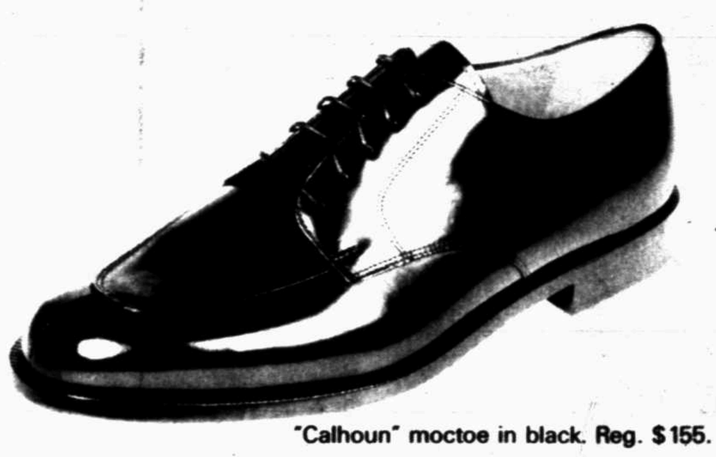

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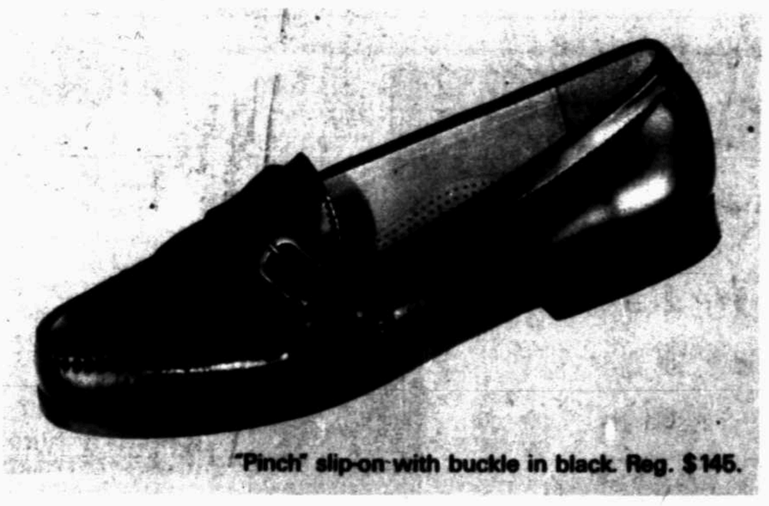

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Dangerous duds land in Afghanistan with thud, but no kaboom

By Deb Riechmann
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In war, there are smart bombs, dumb bombs and duds — ones that land with a thud, then lay silently until picked up by a curious child or disturbed by a farmer's hoe.

The war has been winding down in Afghanistan in recent weeks, but a new generation of unexploded ordnance will be its deadly legacy, killing and maiming civilians in a nation where amputees already are a common sight.

The nearly three months of U.S.-led coalition strikes have only compounded the job of clearing unexploded remnants of two decades of conflict.

The Pentagon has not disclosed the number of bombs raining down on Afghanistan, but experts on unexploded ordnance estimate that besides the array of dumb bombs and bunker-busters, coalition forces have dropped 600 cluster bombs.

About the size of a garbage can, each cluster bomb contains 202 mini bomblets designed to pierce light-armored vehicles, start fires and send shrapnel flying in all directions. Some are duds.

"If you're a child in a country like this where there are no toys around, you're going to throw rocks at one of these to see if it goes BANG!" said Paul Heslop, an expert on unexploded ordnance with The Halo Trust, a nonprofit mine-clearing organization in Afghanistan.

When the bombing ends, several thousand unexploded cluster bomblets alone will be left behind.

Dud rates are hard to pinpoint, but if the experience during NATO's 78-day bombing campaign in Kosovo is any indication, 5 percent of the bomblets will fail to explode when they land. That means the nation will be seeded with 6,000 unexploded cluster bomblets at the end of the war. That doesn't count any other kinds of duds, nor does it include the ordnance still littering the ground from earlier battles.

Before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the U.N. Mine Action Program in Afghanistan estimated that leftover ordnance still contaminated nearly 300 square miles — an area roughly four times the size of the District of Columbia. Last year, 1,114 people were killed or injured by mines or unexploded ordnance, according to the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Making matters worse, the more than 2 million humanitarian food packets dropped in the country are still bright yellow — the same color as unexploded cluster bomblets — despite Defense Department plans to distinguish rations from munitions.

"Children are children. They'll shoot their slingshot at them," said Andrew Wilder, director of Afghanistan and Pakistan for Save the Children. Wilder notes that an estimated 10 million land mines and pieces of unexploded ordnance still need to be cleared from Afghanistan, roughly one for each of the 10 million children who live there.

Some bomblets fail to explode because the arming mechanism malfunctions in flight. A soft landing in the mud, snow or sand also could prevent detonation. Stamping the ground, talking on a walkie-talkie nearby or hitting the bomblet with a rock could be enough to detonate it.

"It depends on what they land on," explained Caleb Rossiter, defense analyst for the Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation. "These bomblets are light like Coke cans and so at the last minute, a stiff wind could blow them sideways. The nose won't hit the ground, and it's the impact of the nose that makes it go off." The foundation and other groups argue that they should be equipped with a backup feature, developed in past few years, that causes boomlets to detonate even if they don't explode on impact.

The backup fuse is being discussed this week at the U.N. Convention on Conventional Weapons in Geneva, and will be addressed at an upcoming congressional hearing requested by Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt.

"In Kosovo, more than 14,000 of our cluster bomblets — about 5 percent — did not detonate," Leahy said. "Those duds have maimed or killed scores of civilians. The Army has developed a reliable self-destruct fuse that would have reduced that number of duds to under 500."

The Air Force has plenty of cluster bombs in its arsenal and has no plans to buy newer ones with more reliable fuses, Leahy said, adding that the biggest obstacle is the $8 extra it costs to make bomblets with backup fuses.

"But we should consider the benefit of innocent lives and limbs saved and the costly and dangerous job of cleaning up tens of thousands of active duds," he said.

Since work began in Afghanistan in the late 1980s, the United States has spent nearly $28 million on cleanup work in Afghanistan. In recent weeks, an additional $7 million was approved, which includes $3 million for Halo Trust, a nonprofit mine-clearing organization that works with the U.N. mine program in Afghanistan.

Wearing body armor and carrying metal detectors and trowels, mine-clearing experts resumed work in northeast Afghanistan two days after Kabul fell to anti-Taliban forces. Inch-by-inch, they use trowels and prodders to locate mines, shrapnel and bombs that never went off.

"De-miners are the ultimate landscape gardeners," Heslop said.

On the Net:
U.N. Mine Action Program: http://www.un.org
International Committee of the Red Cross: http://www.icrc.org
The Halo Trust: http://www.halotrust.org
Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation: http://vvaf.org
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Foreign journalists brought to the Afghan village of Karam Oct.14 by Afghanistan's ruling Taliban, are shown what appears to be unexploded ordnance in this image made from television.

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Midland forecast

3-day forecast

Today
Sunny
High 52
Low 25

Thursday
Partly cloudy
High 57
Low 27

Friday
Partly cloudy
High 53
Low 27

Today's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies and highs in the lower 50s with a light southwesterly wind. For tonight, expect mostly clear skies and lows in the mid-20s.

Thursday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies and highs from 55 to 60.

For Friday, expect partly cloudy skies and lows from 25 to 30 with highs from 50 to 55.

The high on Tuesday reached 52, while the low dropped to 21. The record high for Dec. 25 is 78 set in 1955. The record low is 7 set in 1993.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Monday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Tuesday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.10 in.
Total for year	9.85 in.
Normal total (year to date)	14.88 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High	52
Low	21
Normal high	57
Normal low	29

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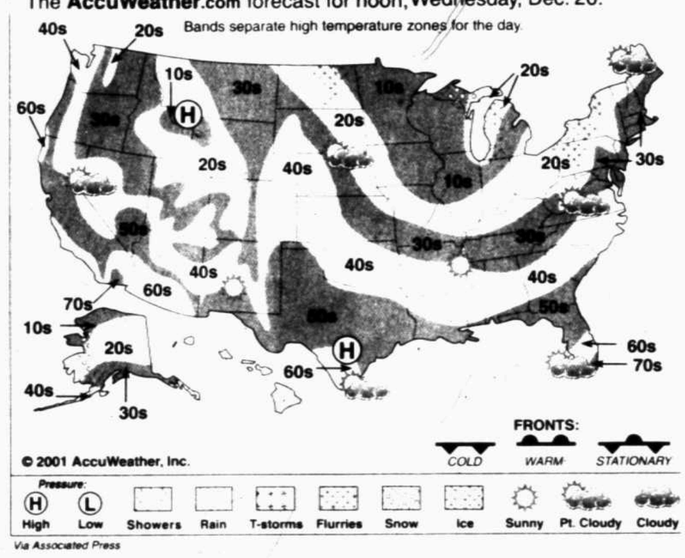
Sunset ... 5:52 p.m.

National forecast

National weather

The **AccuWeather.com** forecast for noon, Wednesday, Dec. 26.



Via Associated Press

United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate Tuesday's high and overnight low to 8 p.m. Eastern Time

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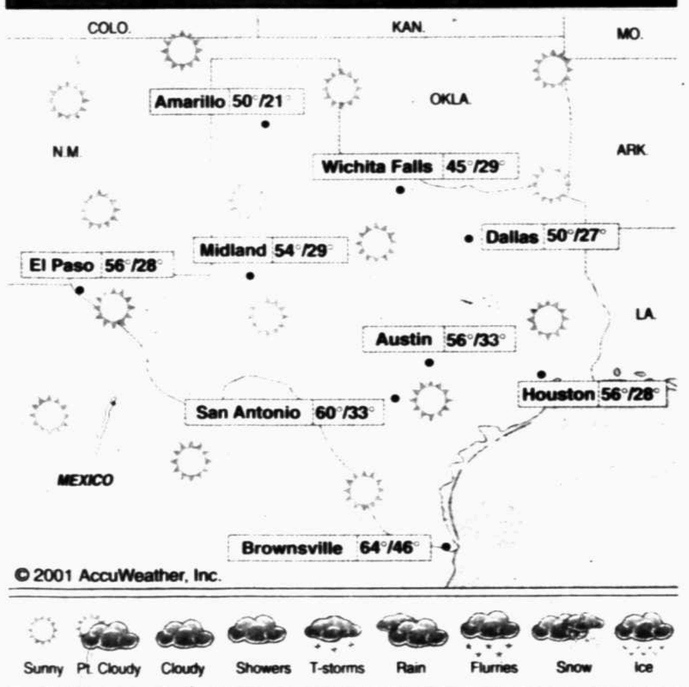
Albuquerque	43	20	clr	
Anchorage	26	2	.01	sno
Atlanta	46	27	cdy	
Atlantic City	40	26	cdy	
Baltimore	40	24	cdy	
Baton Rouge	51	28	clr	
Billings	36	18	cdy	
Birmingham	39	22	cdy	
Bismarck	17	2	cdy	
Boise	26	23	cdy	
Boston	39	32	cdy	
Bridgeport	39	30	cdy	
Brownsville	59	48	.10	clr
Buffalo	27	24	2.11	cdy
Burlington,Vt	32	21	cdy	
Caribou,Maine	32	32	.39	sno
Charleston,S.C.	50	33	clr	
Charleston,W.Va.	33	20	cdy	
Charlotte,N.C.	45	22	cdy	
Chicago	22	12	cdy	
Cincinnati	26	16	sno	
Cleveland	24	18	sno	
Colorado Springs	41	15	clr	
Columbus,Ohio	23	18	.01	cdy
Daytona Beach	55	49	.03	cdy
Denver	38	20	clr	
Des Moines	20	9	sno	
Detroit	25	20	cdy	
Duluth	15	4	sno	
Evansville	30	21	cdy	
Fairbanks	3	-25	cdy	
Fargo	11	-2	.01	cdy
Flint	25	20	.01	sno
Fort Smith	38	23	clr	
Fort Wayne	24	14	cdy	
Goodland	36	18	cdy	
Grand Junction	37	14	clr	
Grand Rapids	25	23	.09	sno
Great Falls	33	15	clr	
Green Bay	22	11	sno	
Greensboro,N.C.	43	27	clr	
Harrisburg	34	27	clr	
Hartford Spgfld	38	23	cdy	
Helena	18	0	cdy	
Indianapolis	26	12	cdy	
Jackson,Miss	44	25	clr	
Jacksonville	48	40	clr	
Kansas City	35	10	cdy	
Key West	77	69	rn	
Knoxville	36	21	cdy	
Las Vegas	54	31	cdy	
Los Angeles	70	48	clr	
Louisville	30	23	.01	cdy
Memphis	37	28	clr	
Miami Beach	79	66	.26	cdy
Milwaukee	22	12	cdy	
Mobile	47	35	clr	
Montgomery	47	26	cdy	
Nashville	33	25	cdy	
New Orleans	49	41	clr	
New York City	38	31	cdy	
Oklahoma City	47	17	clr	
Omaha	21	7	cdy	
Orlando	56	52	.06	cdy
Philadelphia	39	28	cdy	
Phoenix	63	41	cdy	
Pittsburgh	24	19	cdy	
Portland,Maine	39	26	cdy	
Portland,Ore.	45	40	cdy	
Providence	39	27	cdy	
Raleigh-Durham	46	22	clr	
Rapid City	35	18	clr	
Sacramento	51	41	cdy	
St Louis	31	18	cdy	
Salem,Ore.	46	26	cdy	
Salt Lake City	21	9	cdy	
San Diego	67	48	cdy	
San Francisco	54	47	cdy	
Santa Fe	41	10	cdy	
Savannah	46	36	clr	
Seattle	48	34	cdy	
Shreveport	48	33	clr	
South Bend	22	15	sno	
Spokane	28	16	cdy	
Springfield,Ill.	27	13	cdy	
Springfield,Mo.	31	11	cdy	
Syracuse	36	26	cdy	
Tallahassee	47	41	clr	
Toledo	24	19	cdy	
Topeka	39	12	cdy	
Tucson	61	30	clr	
Tulsa	39	18	clr	
Washington,D.C.	41	28	cdy	

State forecast



Via Associated Press

Texas temperatures

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Corsicana	51	30	
Cotulla	59	39	
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Del Rio	58	34	
Denton	53	23	
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Dryden	56	25	
El Paso	48	19	
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Kingsville	57	47	
Laredo	55	41	
Longview	48	33	
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San Angelo	55	24	0.01
San Antonio	57	35	
San Marcos	55	34	
Shreveport, La	48	33	
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Texarkana, Ar	43	31	
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Waco	53	32	
Wichita Falls	54	21	
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DUTY: Celebration doesn't interfere with work

(From 1A)

play."

But the celebration does not mean work comes to a halt.

"We usually are called out when the food is served," Atchley said. "When we get back, (the food) is usually gone."

While to many, working on the holiday may be considered a hassle, these firefighters know it is part of their duty — a duty they knew existed when they took the job.

"The job you have is a service job anyway," said Steve Gillett, another firefighter on the crew. "When everyone else is home, you have to kind of think transcendingly."

Captain Mark Fields carved the turkey while other firefighters on the crew prepared other dishes or set up tables with food brought by families.

This year may mean more to the families as they think of other men in their positions who made the ultimate sacrifice in New York City. Atchley said he thinks about those men not only during this holiday season but also while performing his daily duties.

"You try to block that out so you can do your work," Atchley said. "You don't talk about it as a crew. You just focus on the shift and focus on getting home."

Atchley is a member the Professional Association of Firefighters of Midland. He said its 120 members helped donate $1,000 worth of toys and 16 bicycles to Toys for Tots this year. Giving is obviously a strong part of being a firefighter. As the men sat with their families Tuesday afternoon, they did have much to be thankful for ... especially the opportunity to spend Christmas with the ones they love most.

Corbin Powell, his wife, Buffy, and their 2-year-old son, Will, sat together at lunch.

"If we have to be up here, we might as well be up here with the family, because we are already family up here," Powell said.

Powell asked Will to tell the group what Santa Claus brought as a Christmas present.

"A fire truck bed," Will reluctantly and quietly responded.

Ms. Powell said she was glad her husband worked as a firefighter in Midland, but she knows the sacrifices so many other wives made in New York City.

"All that was really hard to watch. It just really brings home all the friendship," Ms. Powell said.

FORCES: Military denies report of radioactive materials

(From 1A)

prisoner at the Marine camp and the 24th in U.S. custody, McClellan said. Eight other detainees, including American Taliban fighter John Walker Lindh, are being held on the USS Peleliu off the coast of Pakistan.

Meanwhile, B-52 bombers repeatedly hit a Taliban or al-Qaida ammunition storage bunker north of Kandahar, said Cmdr. Dan Keesee, a spokesman for U.S. Central Command headquarters in Tampa, Fla.

A journalistic pool report from Kandahar airport said Marines and other service members were on a heightened state of alert at the airport after officials said they had information about a possible threat during the Christmas holiday.

"There are a number of factors that have driven us to this heightened state of alert, one of which is the holiday season," said Maj. Chris Hughes, a Marine spokesman in Kabul.

American officials also said they could not confirm a report that U.S. forces had captured a top Taliban intelligence official. The Pakistan-based Afghan Islamic Press reported Monday that U.S. helicopters captured Abdul Haq Wasiq, the Taliban's deputy intelligence chief, near Maqaur, southwest of Kabul.

And the military denied a report that radioactive materials had been found in a former Taliban or al-Qaida base near the Marines' Kandahar outpost. USA Today quoted Afghan intelligence official Haji Gulalai as saying his forces discovered radioactive material Dec. 5.

"We have not received any reports that confirm finding any nuclear materials or uranium" in the area, Keesee said in a telephone interview Monday. "So far, we've only detected natural, background radiation at sites surveyed in Kandahar."

Osama bin Laden, the al-Qaida leader whom the U.S. holds responsible for the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, has claimed his group has nuclear weapons. Al-Qaida operatives have tried to buy uranium, according to federal court testimony in the United States.

U.S. forces are searching former al-Qaida sites in Afghanistan for traces of nuclear, chemical or biological weapons but have not reported finding any. Troops and foreign journalists have found documents and other evidence indicating al-Qaida was interested in making such weapons.

At the hospital in Kandahar, fighters from the tribal forces now controlling the city fought with Arab al-Qaida fighters who had been holed up there for weeks recovering from injuries. The eight al-Qaida members had refused to surrender and threatened to detonate explosives if anyone other than medical personnel approached them.

The al-Qaida fighters were in a second-floor jail section of the hospital, and there was sporadic fire inside the facility Monday.

"We have surrounded the place. Whenever we fire, they fire," said Nusrat Ullah, an aide to Gulalai, the intelligence chief in the post-Taliban administration of the southern city.

The fighters were brought to the hospital by their Taliban allies before the former ruling militia abandoned the city last month. Since then, Afghan and U.S. forces have been pursuing the remnants of the Taliban leadership, including supreme leader Mullah Mohammed Omar.

SALES: Some officers find gun proliferation unsettling

(From 1A)

ations and anecdotal evidence from storefront gun shops and distributors from Arizona to Florida to Lower Manhattan, the jump in weapons sales quickly followed the terrorist attacks.

The rise was anywhere from nine percent to nearly 22 percent during September, October and November, according to FBI statistics on background checks for purchases. Total gun sales peaked in October at more than one million.

Those in the gun industry say a range of firearms have been purchased, from high-priced handguns small enough to fit inside a purse to shotguns and assault rifles. They say there has been a steady stream of serious-minded first-time buyers as part of the new trend.

To many in and out of law enforcement, such a proliferation of deadly weapons is unsettling, but Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter said he believes it is the right of Americans to own a weapon. He said the problem is the criminals carrying weapons.

"I don't see (owning guns) as a problem," Painter said. "As long as they use it in a legal manner ... then law enforcement shouldn't have any problems with it."

Some gun manufacturers are aggressively seeking new clients and capitalizing on the Sept. 11 attacks. Ithaca Gun Co. is selling its Homeland Security model for "our current time of national need." The Beretta gun company has its "United We Stand," a 9-millimeter pistol bearing a laser-etched American flag. The company sold 2,000 of them to wholesalers in one day in October, said Jeff Reh, vice general manager of Beretta USA.

Gun control advocates have voiced strong concern about the increased sales in other parts of the nation, citing statistics showing that guns, though purchased by the law-abiding, often end up later in criminals' hands. Some law enforcement officials echo that thought.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

BUSH: President to spend New Years at ranch

(From 1A)

particularly important," the president said.

Bush celebrated Christmas at the Camp David presidential retreat outside Washington. He and his wife, Laura, were joined by several family members, including her mother, Jenna Welch; Bush's parents, former President George Bush and Barbara Bush; and the Bushes' twin daughters, Barbara and Jenna.

"This Christmas finds many facing hurt and loss, especially the families of terror victims and of our young men killed in battle. America grieves with you, and we hope you'll especially find the comfort and hope of Christmas," the president said.

Bush also telephoned nine men and women in the military to pass along his best wishes and to thank them for their service, said White House spokesman Scott Stanzel. Church services were held at a Camp David chapel.

Bush taped the message before departing for Camp David on Saturday.

The family exchanged presents after a Christmas brunch, White House spokesman Taylor Gross said. Laura Bush gave the president several sweaters and a commemorative keepsake marking Russian President Vladimir Putin's visit last month to Bush's ranch in Crawford, Texas.

The Bushes gave books to their daughters: Barbara received a fashion book and Jenna the memoirs of Holocaust survivor Ruth Kluger.

A family dinner was planned for the evening and Bush also was participating in the Camp David staff's Christmas celebration, Gross said.

Bush planned to fly to Texas on Wednesday to vacation at his ranch.

"Laura and I send our good wishes to all the families in America that have come together in celebration. We're especially grateful to all the men and women of our military, many of whom are today separated from their loved ones because they're serving our country," he said in his Christmas message.

"Even in this time of war, we pray for peace on earth and goodwill toward men, and we continue to ask God's blessings on the United States," he said. "Merry Christmas, and happy New Year."

ARMY: Free meals open to anyone wanting to partake

(From 1A)

"It's wonderful, because they call us and ask if we need any volunteers, and we're just blessed because of the people to give of this holiday to others."

Alonzo said the volunteers began working at 8 a.m. Tuesday. They stayed until 2 p.m. cleaning and serving.

"People will come tonight also," Alonzo said.

The load of people benefiting from the Salvation Army's hospitality is a heavy one. Alonzo said they had served 89 people by 12:15 p.m. But many more were coming. For the Thanksgiving holiday, they served approximately 115.

Wanda Shuler handed out glasses of iced tea. Another first-timer, she said volunteering this way was effortless.

"Our family was small, and we decided we'd just take the day and help out."

Bain Ward, a trainer at Lee High School, said he volunteered just to do his part.

"I'll come in to help every couple of holidays," Ward said.

The hospitality is accepted graciously from people at the Salvation Army. Some sit alone. Some sit with friends or family members. Some look off into parts of the room as if they are set adrift with the memory of loved ones or Christmas celebrations passed.

Flight diverted to El Paso due to unruly passengers

EL PASO (AP) — A Continental Airlines flight from Houston to Los Angeles was diverted to El Paso on Tuesday because of two unruly passengers, officials said.

Flight 627 left Houston at 11:50 a.m. and landed in El Paso at 1:43 p.m., said Roland Herwig of the Federal Aviation Administration.

"There were actually two unruly passengers on board the aircraft and as a precautionary measure the plane was diverted to El Paso," Continental spokeswoman Julie King said.

The flight continued on its way about two hours later after FBI agents questioned witnesses and a couple who apparently became involved in what FBI agent Al Cruz described as a "verbal exchange" with a flight attendant.

El Paso police told The El Paso Times that they escorted the couple from the plane.

Cruz said agents concluded that no federal violation occurred. He said they consulted with the U.S. Attorney's Office, which agreed there was nothing to prosecute.

Linda Anderson, the supervisor for Continental Airlines in El Paso, told the newspaper that normal procedure was followed throughout the incident and the plane was not escorted by military aircraft when it landed in El Paso. "It was handled as a normal incident," she said.

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Who killed JonBenet?

Question remains five years after child's murder

By Jon Sarche
Associated Press

BOULDER, Colo. — "Listen carefully! We are a group of individuals that represent a small foreign faction. We respect your business but not the country that it serves. At this time we have your daughter in our possession."

So began the chilling ransom note that demanded $118,000 for the life of JonBenet Ramsey, a 6-year-old child beauty queen whose life came to a brutal end five years ago.

It was early Dec. 26, 1996, when JonBenet's mother, Patsy Ramsey, called 911 and reported finding the ransom note on the back stairs of their upscale Boulder home. Hours later, John Ramsey found his daughter's body in the basement.

After many spinoff criminal cases and lawsuits, infighting among police and prosecutors and a grand jury investigation that ended without an indictment, no one has been arrested for strangling JonBenet.

Police say JonBenet's parents remain under suspicion. The Ramseys repeatedly have professed their innocence and maintain that an intruder killed JonBenet.

This year will be a difficult one for the family, said their attorney, Lin Wood.

"The five-year anniversary carries with it ... the lack of progress in finding the killer of their daughter and the stalemate in their minds of the status of the investigation," he said.

"They survive Christmas the same way they survive every other day of the year and that is through their faith," Wood said.

No break is likely without new forensic technology or new evidence, legal analyst Scott Robinson said.

"Short of something relatively astounding, JonBenet's death will never become the subject of a criminal trial," he said.

Wood said charges probably will never be filed unless experienced new investigators take over.

The Ramseys declined to be interviewed, but told the Rocky Mountain News earlier this month they believe authorities have failed them and their daughter.

"Our strength comes from our innocence," John Ramsey said. "We cannot sit idly by for JonBenet's sake, for the sake of the next child this person will attack, if he's still alive. This is not right. Our government has failed, and our intention is to hold them accountable."

The Ramseys have since moved to Atlanta, but the curious still seek out their former home. Its new owner recently got the address changed and young evergreen trees on the front lawn help block the view.

JonBenet's grave near Atlanta also attracts visitors, many of whom leave remembrances such as small angels or stuffed animals.

Tensions among police officers, the Ramseys and the prosecutor flared almost immediately after JonBenet's body was found. They disagreed on conditions for interviews, and neither parent was formally interviewed by police until four months later.

Former District Attorney Alex Hunter was accused of hindering the police investigation, which he denied.

Hunter, former Police Chief Tom Koby and several of the detectives have resigned or retired.

Today, four police investigators and one commander are still assigned to the case, but no one has worked it full-time for at least a year, said Police Chief Mark Beckner, who inherited the case in 1998 after Koby resigned.

"You can't turn the clock back," Beckner said. "We all wish it never happened, but we have to go forward and move on. You do the best you can."

Police have interviewed at least 650 people, many more than once, and consulted with more than 60 experts and consultants. About 140 people have been investigated, about 1,400 pieces of evidence have been collected, and investigators have traveled to 18 states.

The cost of the investigation stands at about $1.7 million.

Beckner wouldn't speculate on whether the case would be solved, but said 35 percent to 40 percent of homicide cases go unsolved.

This month, the Ramseys gave sworn depositions in a lawsuit by a Boulder journalist who claims they defamed him by naming him in their book as a suspect. It is one of two such lawsuits.

Wood said nothing new was revealed.

Wood plans to file an open-records demand this month for all police records to help defend the Ramseys against the libel lawsuits and clear their name.

And through it all, JonBenet's face, framed with golden curls, still occasionally graces magazines and skips across television screens.

"The cruelest of all ironies ... was that this was a little girl who was being groomed for magazine covers and that's where she managed to end up," Robinson said.

AP Photo
Patsy Ramsey holds a rock someone left at the grave of her daughter, JonBenet Ramsey at St. James Episcopal Church Cemetery in Marietta, Ga., Monday. JonBenet was found murdered in her family home in Boulder, Colo., on Christmas Day 1996. On the rock the writing says "God Bless the Sweet Heart of JonBenet Ramsey. 7/01/01." Patsy Ramsey, along with a sister and friends of her family, were there to plant pansies and hang ornaments around the grave at rear with the items placed on it.

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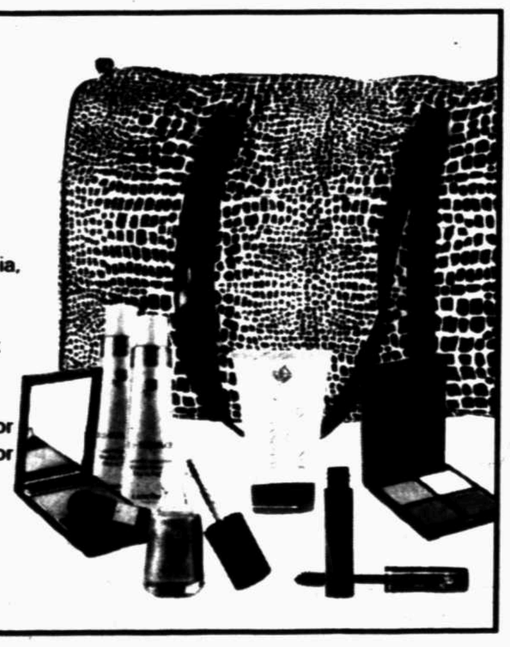

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Recession means cutting back on a Buenos Aires tradition — psychotherapy

By Kevin Gray
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BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — The people of Buenos Aires have long considered this the Latin capital of neurotics, a city where weekly sessions on the shrink's couch were as much a part of middle-class life as summer vacations at the beach or weekend homes on the Pampas.

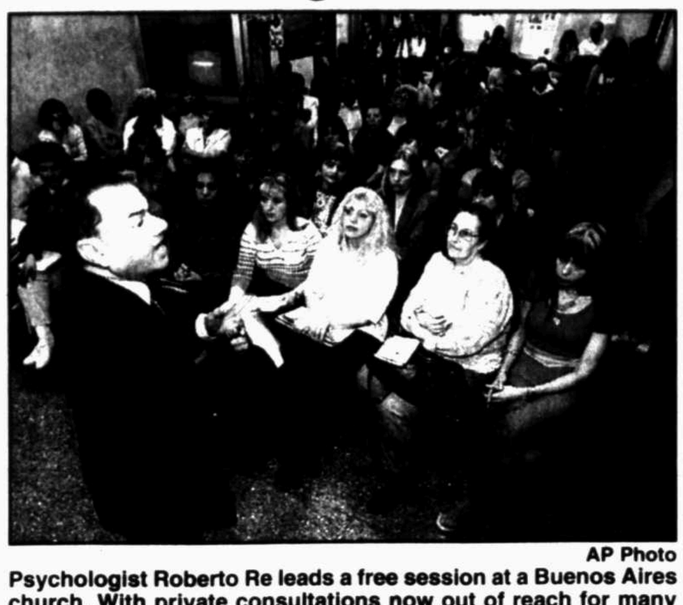
But now, with Argentina teetering on financial collapse, many people can no longer afford therapy — just when they need it the most, some psychiatrists say. The number of patients has dropped so sharply that many therapists are struggling to keep their practices going.

Four years of rising joblessness and poverty have exacted a heavy psychological toll on Argentines, underscored last week by two days of riots and supermarket looting that drove the president from office.

"La bronca" — Argentine Spanish for anger — is back, say many Portenos, as the residents of Buenos Aires are known.

The recession has flayed an already fragile national psyche wounded by years of brutal military dictatorship and economic chaos of the late 1980s. Personal bankruptcies have skyrocketed, bank accounts have been partially frozen and jobs are disappearing in a country that for decades saw itself as a First World enclave in the developing world.

"The average Argentine has always been dark, brooding and pessimistic, but it has been years since the pessimism has been this sharp and widespread," said Ana Kohn, a psychologist who lives and works in the Palermo neighborhood, dubbed "Villa Freud" for its high concentration of analysts.



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Psychologist Roberto Re leads a free session at a Buenos Aires church. With private consultations now out of reach for many Argentines and state hospitals overwhelmed by a growing number of patients, weekly groups attending free sessions have grown in popularity.

On a recent evening, dozens of people showed up for a free therapy session led by psychologists at a suburban church. Many complained that Argentina had taken a turn for the worse after undergoing seismic economic changes in the 1990s, when then-President Carlos Menem launched a privatization plan to please the International Monetary Fund.

The extensive sell-off of government enterprises failed to generate the wider economic benefits that many Argentines like former chemist Silvana Bixio had hoped for.

"I was fired from my job three years ago as part of what they called corporate restructuring," she told the group. "And I haven't been able to find a job since. Can you believe a person with a chemistry degree and years of lab experience can't find a job today? It's depressing, and I'm depressed."

Others expressed frustration with living in a country whose per capita income is just one-third that in the United States, and where they say there are far fewer chances of realizing the rewards of hard work.

"You work hard but they pay you less, go figure," said Pablo Gomes, a high school teacher who works 60-hour weeks and earns $800 a month.

As Argentina's crisis has dragged on, private sector wages have fallen 20 percent over the last year. State workers' salaries have dropped 13 percent.

The therapists leading the discussion suggested people seek outlets for their angst. They encouraged people to exercise, spend time with friends — and, in extreme cases, rely on medication.

Even the experts are suffering, often because cash-strapped clients are turning to less expensive consultations at state-run hospitals or the group sessions at churches.

Psychiatrist Claudia Bergman had to close her practice two years ago and now works as a secretary. "Within months I was in the job lines that so many of my clients had talked to me about," she said.

Kohn, the psychologist, said she has lowered her fee for an hourlong session from $40 to $20 but is still having a hard time keeping clients.

"We now almost need as much counseling as our patients," she said.

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Christmas-day fire destroys 150 cardboard shacks in Mexico City

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A Christmas-day fire destroyed about 150 cardboard shacks at a squatters' camp in a neighborhood on the outskirts of Mexico City. Nobody was seriously injured in the blaze, police reported.

Some residents were treated at the scene for smoke inhalation.

The fire started in the predawn darkness, probably ignited by sparks from a short circuit in the improvised electricity hookups that such settlements often use, the government news agency Notimex reported.

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Christian Palestinians celebrate lonely Christmas in Bethlehem

By Jason Keyser
Associated Press

BETHLEHEM, West Bank — Few foreign pilgrims braved the journey to the town of Jesus' birth this Christmas Day. For those who did, a gauntlet of army checkpoints and battle-scarred buildings were reminders that peace is still a thing of prayers.

The town's Palestinian Christians celebrated mostly alone Tuesday, without even their leader, as Israel prevented Yasser Arafat from making his annual pilgrimage.

"There is something black on our hearts," said Luna Ijha, a 28-year-old local Christian, as she stood in a nearly empty church after morning mass next to the fourth-century, fortress-like stone and wood Church of the Nativity.

In the small grotto beneath the floor, a handful of pilgrims who did arrive gathered to sing hymns and carols, crouching on the ancient stone floor to touch a silver star that marks the spot where Christians believe Jesus was born.

Latin Patriarch Michel Sabbah conducted morning Mass. In the afternoon, priests wearing flowing brown robes led local residents in prayer at nearby Shepherds' Field in the mostly Christian town of Beit Sahour, where biblical tradition says the herders watching their flock were awe-struck by news of the Christ Child's birth.

Most years they march the two miles from Manger Square to the field of grass and olive trees growing around the ruins of a fourth-century Byzantine church. But the trek was scrapped this year for lack of participants.

"The situation is what it is. We try to do our best to ... offer hope to the local population," said Father Aurelio Mulestagno, 40, who is from Malta and studies in a nearby monastery.

There were few Christmas decorations lighting Manger square overnight. Crowds quickly vanished after the midnight Mass, and early the next morning the square turned into a parking lot as local residents, many of them Muslims, milled about, conducting business as usual.

"In spite of the tanks, the closure and the bombardment that your town Bethlehem has faced, I say to you all Merry Christmas and wish you a happy new year," Sabbah told congregants at the morning service, referring to Israeli military actions during the 15 months of violence.

Ijha lingered in the quiet church and struck up a conversation with a group of Christians from Bombay, India.

"Oh, nice faces. Welcome to Bethlehem," she said to them, smiling. One of the women, Rosemary Irutheyanathan, 37 — whose last name in her native Tamil means "Sacred Heart" — wore a blue sari and gave Ijha a traditional tiny colored adornment. known as a bindi, to stick to her forehead.

"It's a dream come true for us. I can't express how happy I am to be in this place," said one of the other women from Bombay, Wilma Lobo.

But for Palestinians here, the holiday brought little cheer.

Relatives in other West Bank towns couldn't travel to Bethlehem because of Israeli-imposed travel restrictions that have lasted throughout most of the 15 months of violence.

On Christmas Eve, only a few thousand people gathered in Manger Square, most of them local Palestinians. Children mobbed a man in a Santa Claus suit. The sound of carols mixed with recordings of dance music pumped out of kiosks.

Posters of Arafat and Palestinian flags outnumbered Christmas decorations in front of the Church of the Nativity. Below a countdown clock leftover from millennium celebrations, an unlit sign from years past read, "Bethlehem municipality welcomes his excellency Yasser Arafat."

But the Palestinian leader was marooned in Ramallah, 12 miles to the north, barred by the Israeli government from making his annual trip to the church. Prime Minister Ariel Sharon insisted that Arafat must first arrest the assassins of an Israeli Cabinet minister gunned down in October.

Israel invaded and for several weeks occupied parts of Bethlehem and five other West Bank towns after the assassination. The still burned-out Paradise Hotel served as a grim reminder of that incursion.

Arafat, a Muslim, has attended all Midnight Mass services in Bethlehem since 1995, when Israel turned the town over to Palestinian control.

Cuban Catholic Church recovers forgotten Christmas traditions

HAVANA (AP) — With readings about Jesus' birth and strains of Handel's "Messiah," Cuba's Catholic Church has begun Christmas observances, five years after day was named an official holiday.

Christmas was never banned outright, but it did lose its official holiday status in the early years of Fidel Castro's regime. Religious observances were not encouraged. And Cuba became officially atheist, a status that was not rescinded until the early 1990s.

Castro declared Christmas a holiday in December 1997 in honor of Pope John Paul II's historic visit to the island the following month.

Diplomats and government officials were among hundreds of people who attended a Christmas concert late Sunday night in Havana's 18th century cathedral. Presiding was Cardinal Jaime Ortega, the island's highest ranking Catholic churchman.

"Things are now taking their course," Orlando Marquez, spokesman for the Cuban Conference of Bishops, said of the slow recovery of Christmas traditions.

"Many people are looking to the church for the things they cannot find," said Marquez. "It is now stabilizing."

With Christmas traditions now again taking hold, the church keeps pressing for a larger opening, including more access to state-controlled media and the right to establish religious schools.

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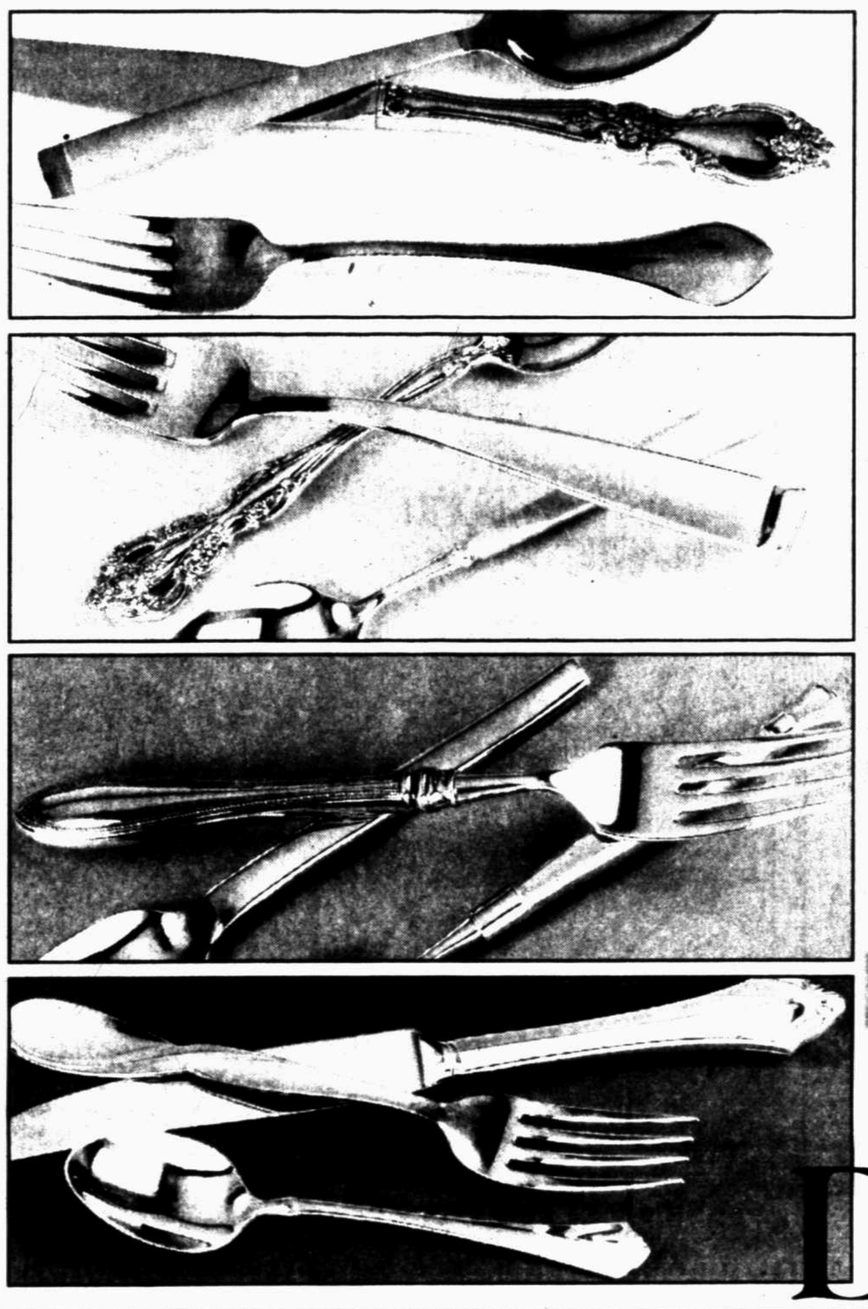

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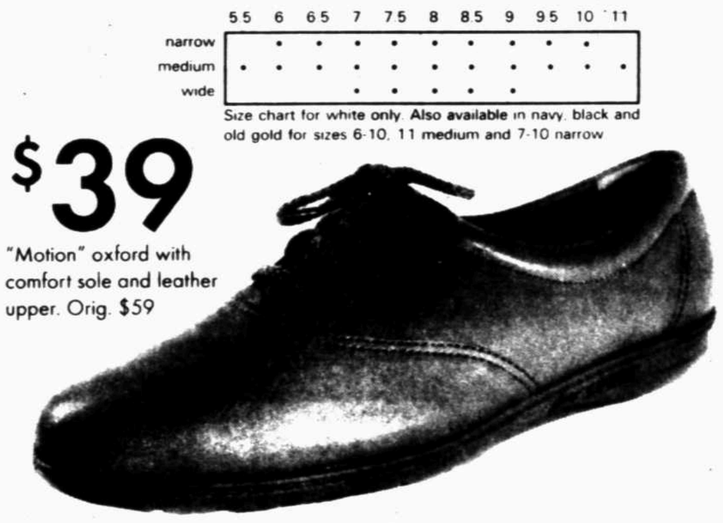

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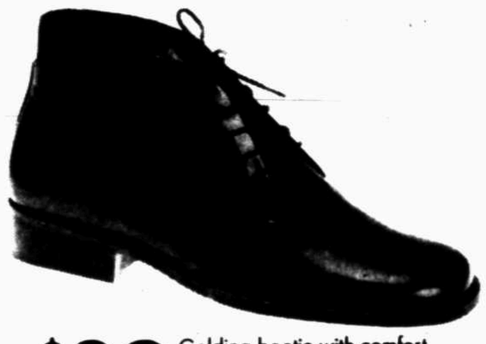

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City Council to begin interviews for 4A positions

While many of us enjoy this lull in activity in the merry days between Christmas and New Year's Day, even with the enjoyment of the holidays, no doubt the members of the Midland City Council haven't been able to totally put out of their minds the important task that lies ahead for them in the early days of January.

In a pivotal meeting earlier this month, the Midland City Council successfully whittled down the list of 70 applicants for the 4A board to a list of 11 finalists. Ultimately, the 4A board — to be known as the Midland Development Corporation — will be made up of five members.

Interviews of the 11 finalists will be conducted Jan. 7 and 8 by members of the City Council.

The 11 finalists to be interviewed are:

- Grant Billingsley;
- Pat Ennis;
- John Foster;
- Jack Harper;
- Stephens Harper;
- Barry L. Horseman;
- John James;
- Jerry Morales;
- Jim Nelson;
- Susan Richardson;
- Don Tomlin.

We were extremely impressed by the list of finalists. It's apparent the mayor and City Council narrowed down the field without adhering to political allegiances or favoring certain personalities. Mayor Mike Canon and City Council members apparently formulated the list of applicants bearing in mind the future of our city and the development of its economy are of utmost importance to Midlanders. The list of 11 finalists offers a varied background of personnel accomplishments and talents.

As we have said before, the work of the 4A board won't be easy. No doubt, the board will be under intense scrutiny and be forced to withstand a certain amount of criticism. It's by no means a political glamour job. The members of the 4A board will have oversight responsibility for the funds raised through the quarter-cent sales tax that will begin to be collected in April.

It took a long time and tremendous effort to win Midland voters over to the notion of an economic development tax. The 4A board will be a major force in our city in the years ahead.

The date for final announcement of the 4A board is set for Jan. 29.

Like the rest of Midland, we're eager to see what final choices the City Council will make. And we're eager to see the 4A board move ahead on the important tasks it will face.

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 26, the 360th day of 2001. There are five days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On Dec. 26, 1776, the British suffered a major defeat in the Battle of Trenton during the Revolutionary War.

On this date:

In 1799, former President George Washington was eulogized by Col. Henry Lee as "first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

In 1893, Chinese leader Mao Tse-tung was born in Hunan province.

In 1917, during World War I, the U.S. government took over operation of the nation's railroads.

In 1931, the Pulitzer Prize-winning musical play "Of Thee I Sing" opened on Broadway.

In 1941, Winston Churchill became the first British prime minister to address a joint meeting of the U.S. Congress.

In 1944, in the World War II Battle of the Bulge, the embattled U.S. 101st Airborne Division was relieved by units of the Fourth Armored Division.

In 1944, Tennessee Williams' play "The Glass Menagerie" was first performed publicly, at the Civic Theatre in Chicago.

In 1972, the 33rd president of the United States, Harry S. Truman, died in Kansas City, Mo.

In 1974, comedian Jack Benny died in Los Angeles at age 80.

In 1975, the Soviet Union inaugurated the world's first supersonic transport service with a flight of its Tupolev-144 airliner from Moscow to Alma-Ata.

Ten years ago: On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average rose to a then-record high of 3082.96. President Bush nominated businesswoman Barbara Franklin to be commerce secretary. Sikh separatists killed about 50 train passengers in Punjab, most of them Hindus.

Five years ago: Six-year-old beauty queen JonBenet Ramsey was found beaten and strangled in the basement of her family's home in Boulder, Colo. (To date, the slaying remains unsolved.)

One year ago: Veteran stage and screen actor Jason Robards died in Bridgeport, Conn., at age 78.

Douglas Cohn

Holidays took on special meaning in Vietnam

WASHINGTON — We had been out for 45 days; 45 days in the jungle; 45 days on the Cambodian border. We had not been alone. Awaiting us were tiny vicious bees; red ants mean enough to attack burning cigarette tips; swarms of sanity-destroying mosquitoes; aggressive, oversized spiders; strangling, slithering snakes of all sorts; and of course, the North Vietnamese Army. It was December 1969, and it was dripping with heat.

We knew that others were suffering more than we; at least we assumed such, though there was no comfort in such thoughts. There was only the knowledge that such ordeals were within the realm of human tolerance. So we turned to gallows humor for comfort, and we laughed often. It was the season to be jolly.

At night we lay on the ground in the open, though not under the stars. The jungle canopy concealed them. We listened to lizards. In croaking sounds resembling expletive English, they seemed to be telling us what to do, but by then the jungle was ours as much as theirs. So, one of my sergeants, adept at animal imitations, answered them in kind. Within minutes, the jungle echoed in a macabre chorus of profanity. Only we knew that man had joined beast in the choir. It was hilarious good cheer.

One morning I was awakened by an army of termites beneath my poncho, but I could see them only with one eye. The other one was swollen shut. It hadn't been a bad dream after all, just another bad reality. During the night my face had been a grazing ground for a spider. Under the circumstances, it was nice to know that we never spent two nights in the same place. On the other hand, it was a dangerous season for traveling. I smiled at my misery and at Robert Frost's words: "The woods are lovely, dark and deep. / But I have promises to keep, / And miles to go before I sleep." Once again, machetes in hand, we cut a new swath in search of those who were in search of us.

The jungle thickened with every step. Vines defended by spike-like thorns twisted and tangled around us until every human action invoked nature's reaction. A "spike" struck deep into my leg. Four years later, my wife would remove it.

We discovered a trail, and whether friends or foes, we knew trails were dangerous — but so were vines. The trail led us through the thick vegetation, down a slight bank, across a narrow stream, and up the opposite side. A rookie was on point. He crossed, climbed, then stopped. I was behind him, but the enemy was before him, frozen and staring at him, as he was at them. I fired. Men followed. The enemy fired and fled for their bunkers. Bullets split the air like high-speed trains. Men scrambled, shoved, charged, raced, and fell.

Civilization was merely a memory. The jungle and its laws were reality. Then, on the 45th day, it ended — even if only momentarily. We were brought in for the holidays.

Tay Ninh, a medium-sized city on the Cambodian border, meant shelter, hot food, recreation, and relative safety, but mostly, it meant a respite. Life was once again precious. And, while there was certainly no peace on that portion of earth, there was an abundance of goodwill even for the foe. It would have been difficult to hate those who endured such similar sufferings, though there was no such difficulty where their leaders were concerned; those men from whom aggression and atrocity emanated.

That December we must have seemed a piratical looking bunch: Tresemer with his shaved head, a 1st Cav. patch on his baldness, and a machine gun on his shoulder; mustachioed Dodge with his turned-up hat was a cavalryman from another age. My own hat, also turned up, bore a lieutenant's bar and the black-and-yellow division patch. The men had meant it as a gift. It later proved to be a target.

Some among us would soon die. Some of us would be maimed. But we understood the meaning of the holidays in 1969. We were soldiers celebrating life. We understood then more than we understand now.

Douglas Cohn, the author of this column, led a recon platoon in Vietnam.

William Safire

Beware: a national ID card could be next

WASHINGTON — A device is now available to help pet owners find lost animals. It's a little chip implanted under the skin in the back of the neck; any animal shelter can quickly scan lost dogs or cats and pick up the address of the worried owner.

That's a good side of identification technology. There's a bad side: Fear of terrorism has placed Americans in danger of trading our "right to be let alone" for the false sense of security of a national identification card.

Safire

All of us are willing to give up some of our personal privacy in return for greater safety. That's why we gladly suffer the pat-downs and "wanding" at airports, and show a local photo ID before boarding. Such precautions contribute to our peace of mind.

However, the fear of terror attack is being exploited by law enforcement sweeping for suspects as well as by commercial marketers seeking prospects. It has emboldened the zealots of intrusion to press for the holy grail of snoopery — a mandatory national ID.

Police unconcerned with the sanctity of an individual's home have already developed heat sensors to let them look inside people's houses. The federal "Carnivore" surveillance system feeds on your meatiest e-mail. Think you can encrypt your way to privacy? The Justice Department is proud of its new "Magic Lantern": All attempts by computer owners to encode their messages can now be overwhelmed by an electronic bug the FBI can plant on your keyboard to read every stroke.

But in the dreams of Big Brother and his cousin, Big Marketing, nothing can compare to forcing every person in the United States — under penalty of law — to carry what the totalitarians used to call "papers."

The plastic card would not merely show a photograph, signature and address, as driver's licenses do. That's only the beginning. In time, and with exquisite refinements, the card would contain not only a fingerprint, description of DNA and the details of your eye's iris, but a host of other information about you.

Hospitals would say: How about a chip providing a complete medical history in case of emergencies? Merchants would add a chip for credit rating, bank accounts and product preferences, while divorced spouses would lobby for a rundown of net assets and yearly expenditures. Politicians would like to know voting records and political affiliation. Cops, of course, would insist on a record of arrests, speeding tickets, E-Z Pass auto movements, and links to suspicious Web sites and associates.

All this information and more is being collected already. With a national ID system, however, it can all be centered in a single dossier, even pressed on a single card — with a copy of that card in a national databank, supposedly confidential but available to any imaginative hacker.

What about us libertarian misfits who take the trouble to try to "opt out"? We will not be able to travel, or buy on credit, or participate in tomorrow's normal life. Soon enough, police as well as employers will consider those who resist full disclosure of their financial, academic, medical, religious, social and political affiliations to be suspect.

The universal use and likely abuse of the national ID — a discredit card — will trigger questions like: When did you begin subscribing to these publications and why were you visiting that spicy or seditious Web site? Why are you afraid to show us your papers on demand? Why are you paying cash? What do you have to hide?

Today's diatribe will be scorned as alarmist by the same security-mongers who shrugged off our attorney general's attempt to abolish habeas corpus (which libertarian protests and the Bush administration's sober second thoughts seem to be aborting). But the lust to take advantage of the public's fear of terrorist penetration by penetrating everyone's private lives — this time including the lives of U.S. citizens protected by the Fourth Amendment — is gaining popularity.

Beware: It is not just an efficient little card to speed you though lines faster or to buy you sure-fire protection from suicide bombers. A national ID card would be a ticket to the loss of much of your personal freedom. Its size could then be reduced for implantation under the skin in the back of your neck.

William Safire's column is distributed by New York Times News Service.

Charley Reese

What happened to idea we could tighten noose?

After weeks of hearing that the "noose is tightening," it seems (as of this writing) that Osama bin Laden decided to get out of Dodge while the getting was good.

Three cliches in one sentence. Not bad, huh? If I work at it, I might become a TV journalist or a military analyst yet. I've never had a desire to visit Pakistan (or India, to be fair about it), but I might decide to go. I'd like to see what a "porous border" looks like. Of course, it would be cheaper just to visit one of our own borders, which are also Swiss cheesy.

I'm sure the Marine who lost his leg or the three Green Berets who were killed by an errant bomb are glad to know that it was after their injuries and deaths that "the really dangerous work" has now begun, according to the TV chorus.

Reese

And while I've never, to my knowledge, met a member of al-Qaida, they must be quite remarkable creatures to shrink and multiply so often. Sometimes there are 3,000 of them, then a few hundred, then maybe 2,000, then a handful. About the only thing we know for sure is that none of the high-ranking al-Qaida leaders we went to get have been got. Nor has Mullah Omar. As of this writing, I must add, since the situation is now officially described as "fluid."

Have you noticed, too, that all the caves we've seen so far look considerably rougher and more primitive than those fancy caves the TV people have been showing us? Naturally, it is a lot easier to draw a cave with a computer graphics program than it is to dig one out of the rocks, but I was looking forward to seeing those squared-off tunnels with tanks at the ends of them.

It is possible that a bomb obliterated Osama. High explosives can create MIAs simply by leaving no pieces large enough to identify. But I expect that the head villain left before the noose got too tight. He is, after all, a man who seems not to put too high a value on anyone's life but his own. "Fight to the death, boys, and if you survive, meet me in ——," he probably said in his farewell address.

The problem with this war, aside from the fact that the whole of Afghanistan is not worth one American leg, much less American lives, is that the press, through no fault its own, has been unable to cover it. The only Americans who will talk to press members are the briefers at the Pentagon. On the ground in Afghanistan, the American forces shoo them away, except for the token coverage allowed of the Marines. The Afghan warlords keep the media well away from the action (and atrocities/goof-ups), so that in the end, all they know and all we know is what they've been told by a "spokesman." To hear the warlords tell it, they've been engaged in "fierce fighting." The fierce fighting, however, seems to produce few casualties on either side.

Furthermore, I detect a disturbing pattern. If we are going to spend $1 billion a month to bomb a country and then billions more to rebuild it, I'm sure we'll go broke before we work through the list of poor countries still left to be bullied and terrorized by the world's last remaining superpower.

Charley Reese's column is distributed by King Features Syndicate.

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New president tries to end crisis in Argentina

By Bill Cormier
Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — Argentina's caretaker president spent Christmas Day working on a plan to create 100,000 jobs before New Year's.

"I will work, work, work," President Adolfo Rodriguez Saa said when asked how he would spend the holiday Tuesday.

Rodriguez Saa, who took office Sunday after escalating political and economic turmoil caused the government of former President Fernando de la Rua to collapse, has made job creation a top priority.

His plan would put people to work for at least 25 hours a week clearing public spaces, parks and roadways and doing other menial labor. The first 30,000 jobs are to be in the provinces of Buenos Aires, Cordoba and Santa Fe, with the remainder split among the other 23 provinces.

He has promised to eventually create a million jobs.

The president said he would order public workers to stop using most official vehicles and sell off much of the government car fleet. Additionally, the government plans to impose a ceiling of $3,000 a month on public worker salaries.

He scheduled a meeting for late Wednesday with Finance Secretary Rodolfo Frigeri, who has confirmed that Argentina is suspending repayment of its $132 billion public debt.

AP Photo

Bernardo and Clara Hilman,left, and their daughter Rossi, right, wait to speak to immigration officials at the Ben Gurion Airport near Tel Aviv on Tuesday. The Hilmans are part of a group of 63 Jewish immigrants who arrived from Argentina after the outbreak of riots due to the country's economic turmoil.

For many Argentines, it was a glum Christmas.

Marta Rietti, 65, attended the midday Mass at the whitewashed Basilica of Our Lady of Pilar as "Silent Night" floated over the gilded altar past dark wooden statues of saints.

She said the Christmas spirit was hard to come by, with festivities muted by street protests last week that resulted in 26 deaths, as well as by crimped family budgets and a prevailing mood of austerity.

"This is a very sad holiday, a very sad Christmas," said Rietti, whose own business importing medical equipment had shriveled up. Referring to last week's supermarket looting and rioting, she added, "This is a year with very little peace in Argentina."

Roman Catholic Archbishop Estanislao Karlic appealed to Argentines not to lose hope despite the four-year recession that has left nearly one of every five workers out of a job. He did not refer directly to the crisis, but said that "sometimes the road is difficult" in keeping the faith.

Argentine Jews arrive in Israel

BEN GURION AIRPORT, Israel (AP) — Sixty-three Argentine immigrants arrived in Israel on Tuesday, choosing Israel's unstable security climate over Argentina's economic insecurity.

Street protests, looting and rioting erupted last week in Argentina, leaving 26 dead and forcing the government of Argentine President Fernando de la Rua to resign.

More than 20,000 Argentine Jews are expected to arrive in the next five years, said Ilan Arkitechter, director of an Immigration Ministry absorption center.

A quarter of Argentina's 200,000 Jews live below the poverty line, said Yehuda Weinraub, a spokesman for the quasi-governmental Jewish Agency, which coordinates immigration to Israel.

"The situation is very hard," said Sara Leibovitch, a former school principal who arrived with her husband and son "There are many people planning to come."

According to the Jewish Agency, approximately 1,700 Jewish families lost their homes because of Argentina's deteriorating economy this decade.

Argentina's Jews may not be headed for greener pastures in the Mideast.

Fifteen months of Palestinian-Israeli violence have taken the lives of 242 people on the Israeli side and 849 on the Palestinian side, frightening away tourists and investors.

The global economic slowdown and violence have plunged Israel's economy into a recession, with unemployment reaching 9.4 percent, high for Israel but only half Argentina's 18 percent jobless rate.

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Secret military tribunals help Peru beat terrorism — at a cost

By Craig Mauro
Associated Press

LIMA, Peru — When critics warn of the dangers of using secret U.S. military tribunals to try terrorism suspects, they could point to Zenaida Huertas.

Peru's secret trials in the early 1990s enjoyed wide public support as a key weapon in the fight against leftist insurgencies bloodying the country, but the success came at a price — the wrongful conviction of hundreds of innocent people like Huertas.

She was a 31-year-old divorced mother of four when a "faceless" military court in Peru convicted her of terrorism charges and sentenced her to 30 years in prison. "It was like a nightmare," she says of the 1993 trial at a naval prison.

Six hooded prosecutors wearing military uniforms questioned her in a windowless, concrete room for two months. Her court-appointed lawyer, whom she never met with outside the sessions, also wore a hood.

"All that time, you feel crushed. You feel unprotected. You can't trust anything or anybody," says Huertas, now 39. "You are alone."

Her offense? She had notified police about a bulging bag that armed men wearing ski masks told her to keep at her home in the working-class Lima district of Comas.

When anti-terrorism agents found several guns in the bag, they took Huertas downtown for what they said would be a half hour of questioning. She didn't return home for seven years, after being freed by a government commission set up to review the secret courts' convictions.

For years the U.S. government criticized Peru's use of the military trials in its crackdown on the Shining Path, a Maoist rebel group that devastated the country during the 1980s and early 1990s with car bombings, sabotage and peasant massacres.

Critics are quick to cite the former U.S. stance when they discuss Bush's Nov. 13 order that authorizes the use of secret military tribunals to try foreign terrorism suspects.

"I believe this opens us to a charge of hypocrisy from the international community," Scott Silliman, a former U.S. Air Force lawyer who now heads Duke University's Center on Law, Ethics and National Security, told the Senate Judiciary Committee late last month.

Still, a majority of Americans support Bush's order, according to opinion polls. U.S. officials have made repeated assurances that the military courts will grant fair trials but say the magnitude of the terrorism threat facing the United States demands extraordinary measures.

In Peru, President Alberto Fujimori used the same argument when he established military anti-terrorism tribunals a few months after he seized dictatorial powers in April 1992 by suspending the constitution and dissolving Congress and the courts.

Terrorized by unchecked guerrilla violence, a majority of Peruvians supported the drastic measures to salvage the country from the brink of chaos.

"In Peru, an underdeveloped country with very weak institutions, military justice can play an important role," said Raul Gonzalez, a sociologist who has studied Peru's war with the Shining Path.

Before Fujimori created the secret tribunals, the lives of Peruvian judges were in constant danger when the government tried to prosecute leftist guerrillas, Gonzalez noted.

The government eventually crushed the Shining Path, reducing it by the late 1990s to a few scattered bands in remote jungle valleys. Many credit the success to Fujimori's iron-fisted tactics, including the secret tribunals.

But Fujimori himself seemed troubled by the tribunals. In 1996 he set up a commission to review cases of people who may have been unjustly convicted. The commission freed Huertas a month after a corruption scandal drove Fujimori from office in November 2000.

"A country at war runs the risk of losing its soul," cautions the Rev. Hubert Lanssiers, a Belgian-born Catholic priest who heads the commission.

Some 3,900 Peruvians were convicted in secret courts.

Six hundred of them — known as "los inocentes" — have been released since 1996, Lanssiers says. While it's impossible to know for sure, he estimates several dozen innocent people could still be imprisoned for terrorism.

AP Photo

As her husband listens, Zenaida Huertas, 38, tells about how Peruvian anti-terrorism police dragged her away eight years ago during an interview at her home in the working-class Lima district of Comas. Former Peruvian President Fujimori set up a commission to review cases of people who may have been unjustly convicted in in 1996.

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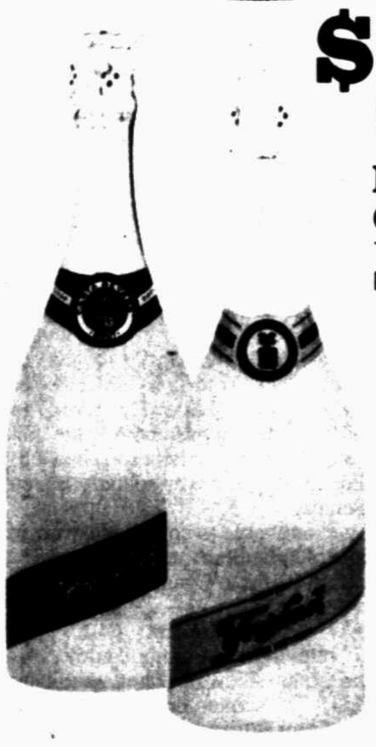

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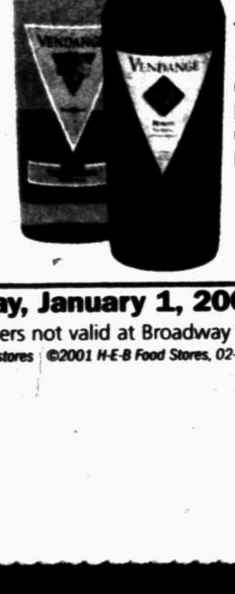

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OBITUARIES

Berneice McCabe

Berneice McCabe was born December 30, 1923 in Poteau to Bryant Blan and Daisy (Shelton) Patterson. She married Albert W. McCabe in Coleman, Texas in 1944.

Mrs. McCabe was the owner of Accent Beauty Salon for 20 years. She was a member of the Salvation Army.

Mrs. McCabe died at a local hospital on Monday, December 24, 2001.

Mrs. McCabe was preceded in death by 4 sons, Albert W. McCabe Jr., Billy Joe McCabe, Danny Ray McCabe and Michael Edward McCabe; and one grandchild, Bonnie Jo McCabe.

She is survived by her daughters, Karen Ewing, Patsy Brown and Sue Rhorer; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services have been scheduled for Thursday, December 27, at 2:00 PM with Reverend Bob Porterfield officiating. Ellis Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

The family requests memorials be directed to the American Heart Association, 3525 Andrews Highway, Suite 111, Midland, Texas 79703.

Jane King Yeckel

Jane King Yeckel passed away peacefully on Friday, December 21, 2001.

She was born August 8, 1912 in Jamestown, New York to Carl B. and Florence E. King. She was raised in Tulsa, Oklahoma and Siloam Springs, Arkansas, graduating from Ward Belmont, Nashville, Tennessee. She attended the University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri were she met her husband. She is preceded in death by her husband, Colonel Phillip J. Yeckel, USMC (Ret.). They lived in Midland, Texas for twenty years where Mr. Yeckel was an independent oil man. In 1954 they moved to Ennis, Montana where they owned and operated the Jumping Horse Stock Ranch. In 1974, they moved to The Hidden Valley Ranch, Big Horn, Wyoming where they continued to raise commercial Hereford Cattle and Registered American Quarter Horses. Both were ardent supporters of the University of Missouri academic and athletic programs.

She is survived by her son Carl L. Yeckel, his wife Susan, of Dallas, Texas; a daughter, Dorothy Jane Yeckel of Colcord, Oklahoma; grandsons, Carl Pierce and Jake Pierce and his wife Edie; granddaughters, Anne Yeckel Johnson, her husband Patrick, Elizabeth K. Yeckel, and Susannah Yeckel, and three great-grandchildren; her sister, Helen King Phillips of Dallas, and nieces and nephews.

Honorary pallbearers: Carl Pierce, Jake Pierce, Michael Phillips, Patrick Johnson, Hardie Herman, John Roach, Larry Roach, Robert McKenzie, Thomas Vett, Lee Wood, Jack Phipps and Michael Ahearn.

A memorial service celebrating her life will be held at Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, 8011 Douglas Street, Dallas, Texas on Friday, December 28, 2001 at 3:00 p.m. The Reverend Donald W. Spafford officiating and Chaplain USN, Chaplain of the Marine Corps (Ret.) assisting. Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

Joyce K. Jezek

Joyce K. Jezek was born June 21, 1934 in Howland, Texas to Calvin Foster and Emma (Randolph) Kirkham. She graduated from Lake View High School in San Angelo. Joyce married David L. Jezek in San Angelo on May 4, 1957. She was an independent Mary Kay Beauty Consultant and Director.

Joyce was a member of the Kelview Heights Baptist Church.

God called her home in on Sunday, December 23, 2001.

Joyce was preceded in death by her father, Calvin Foster Kirkham, and her son, Keith Jezek.

Survivors include her husband, David, L. Jezek; her sons, David Jezek, II and his family, Kevin Jezek and his family; her mother, Emma Kirkham; her sister, Myrlene Bomer and her husband, Archie, Marge Callway, Judy Lange, and Anita Hinson; and her brothers, John Archie Kirkham, Ed Dewayne Kirkham and Calvin Junior Kirkham.

Funeral services have been scheduled for Friday, December 28, 2001 at 3:00 PM in the Kelview Heights Baptist Church with Reverend Jerry Berry officiating. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

DEATH NOTICES

Lucile McCree

Lucile Allen McCree, 93, died Thursday, Dec. 20, at a local hospital.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 29, at Resthaven Memorial Park with the Rev. Jan Redd officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born in Oplin on May 21, 1908 and graduated from Abilene High School and Hardin Simmons University. She married Marvin McCree and moved to Vernon and later to Midland. She taught at DeZavala Elementary, North Elementary and Bowie Elementary.

She is survived by her daughter, Elise McCasland; a son, Allen McCree; and two granddaughters.

John Cansler

John Kirk Cansler, former Midlander, died Sunday, Dec. 23.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 3 at the University Christian Church in Austin. A reception will be held after the service in the Morgan Fellowship Hall. Arrangements under the direction of Cook-Walden-Rockwood Lane Funeral Home.

He was born June 9, 1924 in Fort Worth to Earl and Margaret Cansler. He attended Arlington Heights High School and the University of Texas. Upon his discharge from the U.S. Navy, he moved to Midland where he worked for Atlantic Pipeline. He worked for several years in accounting. He moved to Austin in 1972 and later obtained his real estate broker's license and worked with Austin Landmark Property Services until his death. He was married to Virginia O'Brien Kelly.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Earl Cansler Jr.; a daughter, Linda Moore; and two infant granddaughters.

He is survived by his wife; a daughter, Karen Kelly Ebert; four grandchildren; as well as several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Walter Tanner

WIMBERLY — Walter Edward Tanner, 82, died Friday, Dec. 21.

Visitation will be from 2-5 p.m. today, Dec. 26, at the Thomason Funeral Home. A vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. today, Dec. 26, at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, at St. Mary's Catholic Church with interment following in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Rose-Mary Tanner; children, Walter Tanner Jr. of Truth or Consequences, N.M., Joe Tanner of Boise, Idaho, and Mark Tanner and Myles Tanner, both of Austin; a brother, Earl Tanner of Lafayette, La.; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Thomason Funeral Home.

Hersel Pepper

WICHITA FALLS — Hersel Lea Pepper, 96, died Monday, Dec. 24, at a care center in Wichita Falls. Services will be held at 10 a.m. today, Dec. 26, at Owens & Brumley Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Steven Ray Pepper officiating. Graveside rites will follow at Perrin Memorial Gardens at 1 p.m.

She was born July 22, 1905 to Fred and Callie Whitaker in Gibtown and graduated from Perrin High School. She attended Weatherford Junior College and graduated from Denton Teacher's College in 1927. She taught school and later became a nurse.

She was preceded in death by a brother, J.B. Whitaker and a son, Jerry Dell Pepper.

She is survived by four sons, Fred Pepper and Don Pepper, both of Wichita Falls, Joe Pepper of Amarillo and Mickey Pepper of Midland; one daughter, Jackie Dean of Wichita Falls; six grandchildren; and numerous great- and great-great-grandchildren.

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

R.L. Bridgeman

TOMBALL — Graveside services for R.L. "Punk" Bridgeman, formerly of Midland, will be held at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, at Houston National VA Cemetery.

He died Dec. 17 at his home in Tomball.

He was born July 31, 1925 in Hale Center and grew up in Eldorado. After completion of naval duty, he returned to Eldorado and married Charlene Edmiston in 1948, moving on to Midland where he worked and retired as an oil scout for 20 years with Humble Oil and later with Clayton Williams.

He is survived by his wife, Charlene Bridgeman; two daughters, Jeffie Cappadonna and Jenny Morgan; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be directed to Parks and Wildlife Foundation of Texas, P.O. Box 191207, Dallas, Texas, 75214 ... Memorial Gift for Admiral Nimitiz Museum in honor of R.L. Bridgeman.

Mary Edmondson

BIG SPRING — Mary Edmondson, 86, died Sunday, Dec. 23, in a local hospital.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Arnold Tonn officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born in September of 1915 in Rosebud and married Andy Edmondson in 1935. He preceded her in death in 1984.

She was also preceded in death by two daughters, Peggy Edmondson and Shirley Woodard.

She is survived by four sons, Bobby Edmondson of Colorado City, Levy Edmondson Sr. of Clyde, and Jerry Edmondson and Doyle Edmondson of Coahoma; one daughter, Betty Hamilton of Big Spring; two sisters, Tina Hernandez and Susie Garcia of Temple; 29 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Rene Ortiz

BIG SPRING — Rene Ortiz, 35, died Monday, Dec. 24, in a Big Spring hospital.

Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Estefana Ramirez

BIG SPRING — Estefana Ramirez, 79, died Monday, Dec. 24, in Big Spring.

Sservices are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Texas growers look to 2002 for farm bill

By Suzanne Gamboa
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Texas farming interests disappointed a new farm bill was not passed this year, said they are hopeful that the top item on their Christmas wish list will be passed in 2002.

Many had expected new federal legislation to assist them in times of low market prices, such as they are now seeing.

Instead, the Senate adjourned earlier this month without approving a farm bill.

"It's not the kind of Christmas we would have hoped to have had," said Steve Verett, executive vice president of the Plains Cotton Growers, which represents about 5,000 cotton growers.

Texas agricultural interests are now hoping Congress will work quickly to get a farm bill to President Bush when they reconvene in late January.

The current farm bill, which took effect in 1996, doesn't expire until October. Still, growers said they'd like a new bill by April, when Congress rewrites its budget resolution.

A slumping economy and a focus on antiterrorism and homeland security spending could make passage of the new bill difficult.

"Farmers are extremely nervous at this time, because of the obvious budget tightening and farm prices where they are currently," said Stephen Pringle, legislative director of the Texas Farm Bureau.

"We're concerned about the overall economy and the inability of the federal government to be able to afford to continue to assist producers," he said.

Of the $170 billion budgeted this year for spending on farm programs over the next decade, $73.5 billion was to come from a projected surplus.

Agriculture is Texas' second largest industry with actual receipts to growers totaling about $14 billion, said Beverly Boyd, Texas agriculture department spokeswoman. It ranks No. 2 in the nation for agricultural production.

The agriculture department estimates that their industry has an $80 billion economic impact to the state. Boyd said that one of every five Texans owes his or her job to agriculture.

Between 1996 and this year, about $6 billion in subsidies went to Texas growers, according to Environmental Working Group, which lists subsidy recipients in an Internet database.

The group has pushed for broader distribution of subsidies and more money for conservation.

Despite those totals, Texas' major crops have some ailments, growers say.

"If you look back at Texas agriculture since 1996, what has impacted this industry most has been the drought. Actual loss to farmers and ranchers is estimated at about $5.6 billion. Cotton, Texas' No. 1 crop, is selling at its lowest prices in years," Boyd said.

Lawmakers set out two years ago to rewrite the 1996 "Freedom to Farm" bill, which was intended to wean farmers from government supports. But when grain prices collapsed in 1998, lawmakers responded with a series of multibillion-dollar bailouts that discouraged growers from cutting production.

The 2001 bill approved by the House creates a new subsidy program to protect grain, cotton and soybean growers when prices are low and revives supports for sheep and honey producers that were eliminated in the 1990s. It's cost was pegged at $170 billion over 10 years.

The bill was supported by House Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combest, R-Lubbock, but opposed by President Bush.

It risked exceeding levels set in an international trade agreement and provided too much money to big farms that least need the assistance, the Bush administration said.

Bush also wanted more money for conservation programs that assist farmers in controlling runoff of fertilizer and animal waste.

Rep. Charlie Stenholm, D-Stamford, criticized the administration for not weighing in on the debate early enough.

"I think we would have liked for the administration to have provided more leadership in terms of direction of the farm bill," Stenholm said.

Growers say partisanship took over when the farm bill debate finally made it to the Senate.

Democrats could not muster the 60 votes they needed to get a vote on its farm bill. Sens. Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchison, both Republicans, voted against moving the bill to final vote. The administration backed a Republican bill, but it was soundly rejected in the Senate.

"We were not able to convey the true critical nature of agriculture particularly in Texas and the High Plains to Congress," Verett said.

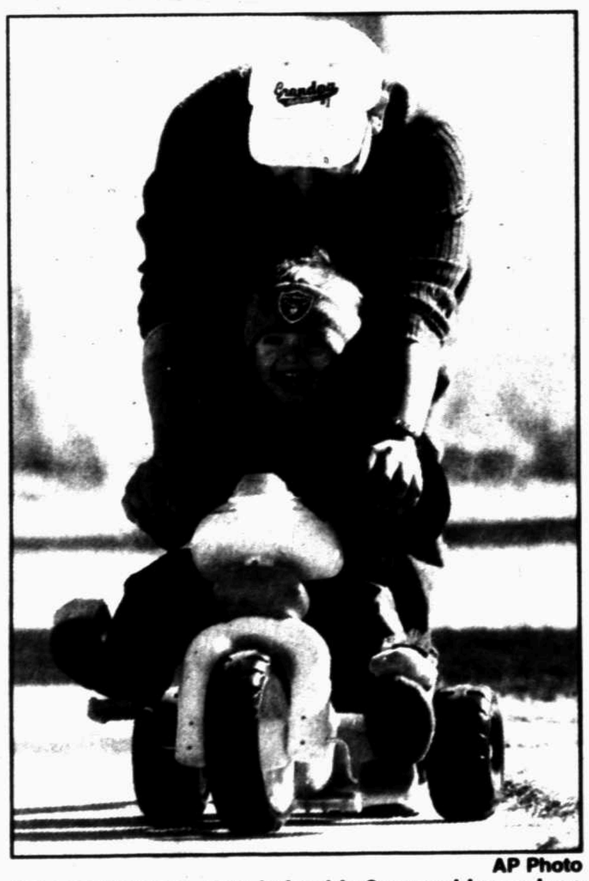
On the Net:
http://agriculture.house.gov
Plains Cotton Growers: http://www.plainscotton.org
Texas Farm Bureau: http://www.txfb.org
Environmental Working Group: http://www.ewg.org

POLICE REPORTS

Compiled from staff reports

Evading arrest, detention: Bernabe Pastert, 22, of Midland was arrested by Midland Police officers at 6:45 p.m. Monday at the corner of Marshall Drive and New Jersey Avenue on a charge of evading arrest and detention. No bond.

CHRISTMAS JOY



AP Photo
Glen Dominguez, rear, helps his 2-year-old grandson Aaron Salazar's ride his Christmas tricycle Tuesday, in El Paso.

Houston writer spends Christmas in jail

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston writer jailed for refusing to give a grand jury her research notes on a local society killing spent Christmas in jail despite efforts to have her freed before the holidays.

Vanessa Leggett, 33, was imprisoned after she refused to hand over notes and recordings to a federal grand jury investigating Robert Angleton, a Houston bookmaker whose wife, Doris, was murdered in 1997.

Leggett has been in a federal detention center since July 20, when a federal judge found her in contempt of court for refusing to turn over the notes.

Disclosing the information would have broken a confidentiality promise she made with those she interviewed, she said.

U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Houston, and Leggett's attorney, Mike DeGeurin, sent letters to U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft seeking to have her released before Christmas. Both failed.

In her Nov. 21 letter to Ashcroft, Jackson Lee said Leggett should be released on bail for humanitarian reasons.

"If ever there was a case in which the crime simply didn't fit the punishment, this most surely is the case," Jackson Lee wrote.

Greg Serres, interim U.S. attorney for South Texas, has said the would continue to oppose bail for Leggett until she complies with the grand jury subpoena. He could not immediately be reached for comment Tuesday.

Robert Angleton was acquitted in 1998 of state charges of hiring his brother Roger Angleton to kill his wife.

DeGeurin said a federal grand jury subpoenaed Leggett's notes and taped interviews for a book she planned to write about the killing.

On April 16, 1997, Doris Angleton was shot a dozen times in the head and chest by an intruder in her River Oaks home. Her body was discovered by her husband, a former millionaire bookie to the city's monied class, when he came home from a daughter's softball game.

Roger Angleton committed suicide in February 1998 before being tried for capital murder. He left behind a suicide note denying that his brother had anything to do with the killing.

Leggett's prison term could end Jan. 4, when the grand jury ends its investigation.

DeGeurin told Tuesday's editions of the Houston Chronicle that he plans to file a request for Leggett's release with the U.S. Supreme Court soon.

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Search teams find shoe of missing boy in lake

CADDO (AP) — A missing 6-year-old boy's tennis shoe was found in a lake Christmas Day by search teams, who are dragging the lake at Possum Kingdom State Park in search of the child.

Ira Clutter of Silsbee has been missing since Saturday, when he disappeared while hiking with his family.

"We haven't found him yet, but we did find a shoe of his in the water," said Kristen Everett, spokeswoman for Texas Parks and Wildlife. "The mother identified it as his."

Rescue workers and hundreds of volunteers have searched the area around the state park for four days, with few clues before the discovery of the shoe.

Everett said the shoe was found in a crevice in some rocks near the shoreline about three-quarters of a mile southwest of a spot where dogs had picked up the boy's scent on Monday.

Everett said nine boats were used to look for the boy Christmas Day, including some operated by civilians who came out to help. Several horseback riders also searched. The search was halted for the night and will resume about daybreak today.

The family said Ira didn't know how to swim. The park consists of a rocky terrain and lake shore about 100 yards from the trail, Texas Forest Service spokeswoman Traci Bowen said.

Bowen said searchers found a few footprints Sunday that they believed were the boy's.

Divers searched a small portion of the 19,800-acre lake Monday. Search teams probed the bottom of the lake near the shoreline where the boy's scent was picked up.

"They're actually going foot by foot of the entire shoreline," Everett said.

The rocky area along the shoreline could be difficult to walk on, Everett said.

Ira's father, Randy Clutter, told park officials that the family had walked only a few hundred yards Saturday before noticing he was gone, Bowen said.

"They think he walked off after some deer tracks," Bowen said. "The brush is so thick he wouldn't have had to go very far and they wouldn't have been able to see him anymore."

Ira was wearing jeans, a short-sleeve shirt and tennis shoes during the hike with his parents and four brothers and sisters.

Bowen said a doctor told officials that a boy of Ira's size wearing his clothing could reasonably be expected to survive in the cold for 36 to 50 hours. He had been missing for more than 72 hours by Tuesday. Temperatures were in the upper 20s all three nights.

Bowen said the family, which had been staying in a campground at the park, remained there Tuesday. Their home is in Silsbee, about 350 miles to the southeast.

The more than 300 rescuers who scaled steep hills and combed through heavy brush Monday were sent home Tuesday, Everett said.

Fewer than 20 searchers continued the ground search, continually expanding the search area near where the boy was reported missing in the 1,500-acre park. The area is rocky and covered with juniper trees.

"Some of the guys have been out there for 24 to 30 hours," Everett said. "Nobody's grumbling that it's Christmas or anything like that. Everybody just really wants to give this family some sort of closure."

On the Net:
Possum Kingdom State Park:
http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/possum

AP Photo

ABOVE: Randy Clutter, left, the father of missing 6-year-old Ira Clutter, is comforted by Rosemary Moninger of the Pecan Plantation Fire Department in Caddo, Monday. The searchers have not been able to locate him since his disappearance Saturday at Possum Kingdom State Park near Caddo. RIGHT: Ira Clutter is shown in an undated family handout photo.

Dallas woman sends meals to those in need on Christmas

By Trey Ditto
Associated Press

DALLAS — Before Mary Rutledge opened gifts and ate her Christmas meal, she spent the morning toiling in the kitchen at Cliff Temple Baptist Church.

She and about 70 other volunteers prepared meals for some 600 shut-ins in Dallas.

Rutledge began making meals for people in need in the mid-1970s. At first, it was just for around 17 people.

"Meals on Wheels didn't make deliveries on Christmas Day, and I kept saying 'That's ridiculous,'" she said.

As the years passed, word spread of the hot Christmas meals, and Rutledge found herself having to move to a larger kitchen to continue the operation.

Now, volunteers come in from all parts of the city to help. Some have been by Rutledge's side since the beginning.

Chad Sneed can't exactly remember when he started helping cook turkeys, but he knows the job.

"We just do whatever Mary says we have to do," Sneed said.

As Sneed and his team of volunteer chefs prepared a main course of turkey and dressing, another group of people formed an assembly line to box desserts, including pies.

There were others in the main hall of the church preparing the bags with the names and addresses of those receiving the Christmas treat.

"Everybody goes where they feel they're needed," said volunteer Dan Rose.

Glen Schmucker, pastor of the Baptist church for more than three years, said he feels for the elderly who don't have families to celebrate Christmas, or who are too old to leave their house.

"These are incredibly lonely people. It's the only human contact for some of these people," he said. "It's not just the food. Watching people do all this work, it's really inspiring."

Parents find that the gift of giving is an important lesson for their children. Some of their kids have grown up and are taking meals to people with their children now.

Valerie Long, 9, opened presents early so she could come with her mother to help put meals into the bags.

"That's what Christmas is about, helping people," she said.

Elderly people's faces lit up as they saw that someone has remembered them on Christmas. While some were surprised by the full course meal, others had been waiting patiently all day for someone to arrive.

"We have this one lady who asks us to sing Christmas carols to her," Lucy Wayman said. "And we have one lady who calls and critiques us afterward."

On the Net:
Cliff Temple Baptist Church:
http://www.clifftemple.org/home.html

AP Photo

Mary Rutledge sits for a photo in her home in Dallas on Monday. Rutledge and about 70 other volunteers prepared meals for some 600 shut-ins in Dallas. Rutledge began making meals for people in need in the mid-1970s.

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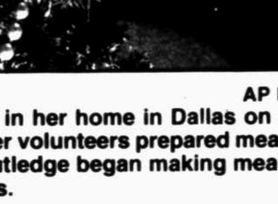
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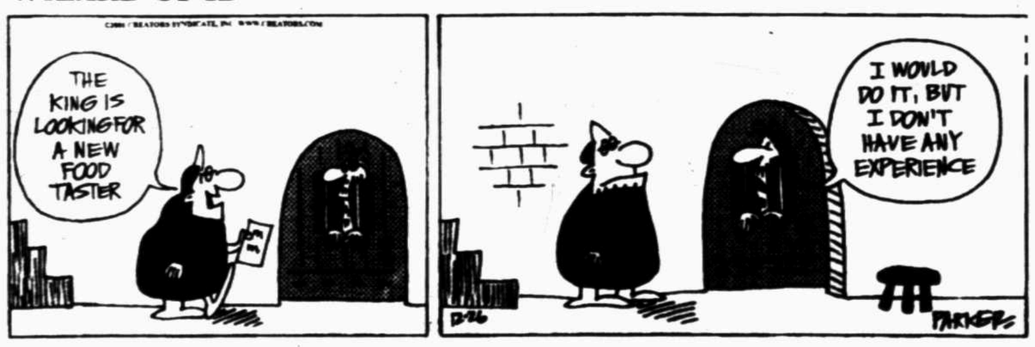

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Costner cooking up a celebration for restaurant's anniversary

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — Oscar-winning actor-director **Kevin Costner** has yet another side to his persona — restaurateur.

Costner, who starred in and directed the Academy Award-winning "Dances With Wolves," celebrated the six-month anniversary of the Epiphany restaurant in Santa Barbara last week. He also co-owns The Clubhouse in Costa Mesa with actor Robert Wagner and golfers Jack Nicklaus and Fred Couples.

"The celebration was filled with our special neighbors and the tone was perfect for this holiday season, warm and fun but not overdone," said Martin Crowly, whose company mixes the drinks at Epiphany.

Costner's next project is the psychological thriller "Dragonfly," with Kathy Bates. Costner plays Dr. Joe Darrow who, in grief over the loss of his wife, believes she is contacting him through his patients' near death episodes.

"Dragonfly," shot in Kauai, Hawaii, is set to be released in February.

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RADNOR, Pa. — When **Elisabeth Rohm** set out to land the role as the new assistant district attorney on "Law & Order," she had an advantage that she didn't know about.

"This sounds weird," says series creator and executive producer Dick Wolf, who chose Rohm for the role, "but it was time to include a blonde."

Rohm says she was a "wild thing" before becoming an actress and still has wild tendencies. She owns a horse named Illustrious and told TV Guide — against her better judgment — that she plans to start jumping.

"If this gets published, I'll probably be told (by the network and producers) I can't do that," she said in the latest issue of TV Guide. "But Arnold Schwarzenegger still skis even though his contract says he can't. They don't have to be worried. If I fall, I'm not going to fall that far."

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NEW YORK — While the guys in "The Lord of the Rings" films were learning how to ride horses and fight with swords, **Liv Tyler** was learning how to speak Elvish.

Tyler appears as the elf Arwen in "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring," now in theaters. The three films in the series, based on J.R.R. Tolkien's trilogy, were shot simultaneously in New Zealand.

"I wound up speaking a lot of Elvish in the film, a lot more than I would be sword fighting or horseback riding, (so) I would spend time with the dialect coach," the 24-year-old actress told reporters recently.

"At first it was difficult because it wasn't familiar to me," she said. "It took some time, and then it became really kind of easy."

Tyler said she didn't mind wearing her elf ears.

"They were comfortable when they were on and they really didn't itch or anything," she said. "The hard part was taking them off actually 'cause the glue was really powerful."

The five-day total for "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring" — which opened last Wednesday — was $73.1 million in the United States and Canada, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The saga of Middle-earth and a quest to destroy a ring of power that threatens all creation also raked in $60 million in its first five days in 15 other countries. The film was released by New Line Cinema.

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BRUSSELS, Belgium — **Bono,** lead singer of the Irish rock band U2, has been named "European of the Year" for his campaign for debt relief in developing nations, in a poll conducted by the weekly European Voice.

Danish film director Lars von Trier was named "Visionary of the Year."

Ten winners were selected by European Voice readers from a list of 50 nominees compiled by journalists and opinion leaders from across the 15 European Union nations. The announcement was made earlier this month.

Each winner received $4,458 to donate to a charity of his or her choice. Bono, 41, said his prize would go to the Irish charity Concern, according to U2's Web site.

"A more prosperous world is a more secure world, a more educated world is a more tolerant world and a healthier world is a more stable world," Bono was quoted on the Web site.

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NEW YORK — **Tina Fey** of "Saturday Night Live" wants to be nicer to famous people.

"My New Year's resolution is to cut back on mean celebrity jokes," Fey tells Entertainment Weekly in its Dec. 21-28 issue. Then she adds: "And like every New Year's resolution, I'll probably break it January third."

Fey, 31, is the first female head writer of NBC's "Saturday Night Live," a post she assumed in 1999. She's also the co-anchor, with Jimmy Fallon, of the show's "Weekend Update" segment.

"Saturday Night Live" launched its new season 18 days after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. "There was a trust we had to build with the audience," said Fey, who joined the "SNL" writing staff in 1997.

Compiled from Associated Press wire reports.

TV TONIGHT

WEDNESDAY EVENING — DECEMBER 26, 2001

For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2001:

This year you are unusually graceful and alluring to others. Your presentation softens, allowing people to get closer to you. Your creativity and intuition team together to make you a winner in nearly any circle. Financially you pull the wild card. Use caution, as money could be the source of many ups and downs. If you are single, a relationship will establish itself this year and could go very far, if you so choose. If you are attached, a loved one will see hearts when he or she look at you. TAURUS can be quite provocative.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Check in with someone who often is in the position to know what he or she wants. Though you might want to take the day off, you find you must respond to a request. Communication accelerates now that Tonight: Your treat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Your personality allows someone to recuperate from recent excess and events. You understand, yet you see the problems that occur. A child or loved one warms the cockles of your heart, saying "thank you" in a most caring way. Tonight: Get what YOU desire!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Step back some. Let others jump to their own conclusions. You need to be less present for now. A loved one has a nice way of expressing his or her caring. You can share and talk easily with this person. Explain a dilemma and how you feel. Tonight: Early to bed.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ If single, a friendship could take an interesting and flirtatious curve. Make sure ultimately that this change conforms to your wants. A friendship can be a wonderful base to a relationship. Tonight: Follow your pals.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Others take the lead, and you might be relieved, considering what's going down. Your sixth sense helps you with people who need extra attention. If you can, avoid responsibilities that involve going to work. Dote on those around you. A partner might be off-kilter. Tonight: Where you love it — in the limelight!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Someone cannot find the right words to let you know how very much he or she cares. Give this person several weeks, and you might be delighted by the words that spill out. Detach from problems. Allow your spirituality to speak. Don't make anything too difficult. Tonight: Off to the movies.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Reach out for a partner. One-on-one relating fits the bill. Review a matter that involves your home more closely, especially if it involves an investment. Establish limits, letting someone know that you cannot do the impossible. Let someone else figure it out. Tonight: A quiet time for two.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Your words melt any resistance in the next few weeks. Be less direct and more passive. Given the needed space and time, someone will reveal much more to you. Demonstrate your caring through a specially nurturing action. Tonight: Go along with plans.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Use your talents to gain financially. You might become more aware of an artistic leaning in the next few weeks. Your sense of humor makes a big difference in how you handle a slew of last-minute chores and errands. You might even decide to return a gift or two. Tonight: Exhaustion hits.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Venus moves into your sign, adding to your desirability. Someone has much to share with you, if you relax. If single, you will respond to someone's interest in you. You might be surprised by what the two of you have in common. If attached, you will reconnect with your partner. Tonight: Naughty and nice.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Your basic attitude takes you a long way. Carefully review a situation that involves security and home. Don't take someone's comments personally. Be open about feelings, but understand where you could be going overboard with your reaction. Tonight: Happy at home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You also might want to clear out any necessary thank-you notes. Your ability to tell people how you feel adds much warmth to your letters and conversations. Over the next few weeks, zero in on what you want. Tonight: Out and about.

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BORN TODAY

Writer Henry Miller (1891), Chinese political leader Mao Tse-Tung (1893), comic actor Steve Allen (1921)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Blemish
5 Navigator's aids
9 Knife handles
14 __ mater
15 Give off
16 Shrek et al.
17 It may start with a whistle
19 "You __ listening"
20 Stirs up
21 Fashion magazine subjects
22 Capture
23 Trig. function
24 Ohio "rubber capital"
28 Wide open
30 "__ Pinafore"
33 Andes denizens
35 Union workplace with non-union workers
37 Bad reviews
38 Its formula is in this puzzle's theme entries
40 Gallup project
41 Fictional rafter
43 Ancient Greek city-state
45 Blonde shade
46 Low female voices
48 Bug
49 Pitches
51 Work on a doily
53 Future ferns
55 Comparative graph
60 Island off Venezuela
61 Optimism
62 Flat-topped hills
63 __ cheese
64 __ fide
65 Didn't save
66 Cutlass, for one
67 Dumpster emanation

5 Conductor Zubin
6 Simple organism
7 Name of 12 popes
8 The Bosporus, e.g.: Abbr.
9 Become raspy
10 Sign the contract
11 Coiled instrument
12 Look after
13 Atl. crossers
18 Barbera's partner in animation
21 Chronic drinkers
23 Peninsular area
24 Omega's opposite
25 German conductor Tennstedt
26 Cowboy's abode
27 Russian city near the Kazakhstan border
29 "I've __ Strings": "Pinocchio" song
31 Very, in music
32 Spread out
34 Guzzles
36 Extend across
39 Picnic invaders
42 Locale of many teahouses
44 Sleeve repair
47 Done for dramatic effect
50 Kind of sprawl
52 Danish seaport
53 Peckinpah and others
54 Get ready for surgery
55 Wallet occupant
56 Tramp
57 Like two peas in __
58 Ashcroft's predecessor
59 Former despot
61 "Sex in the City" network

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2 Outlet insert
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4 Ambassador's asset

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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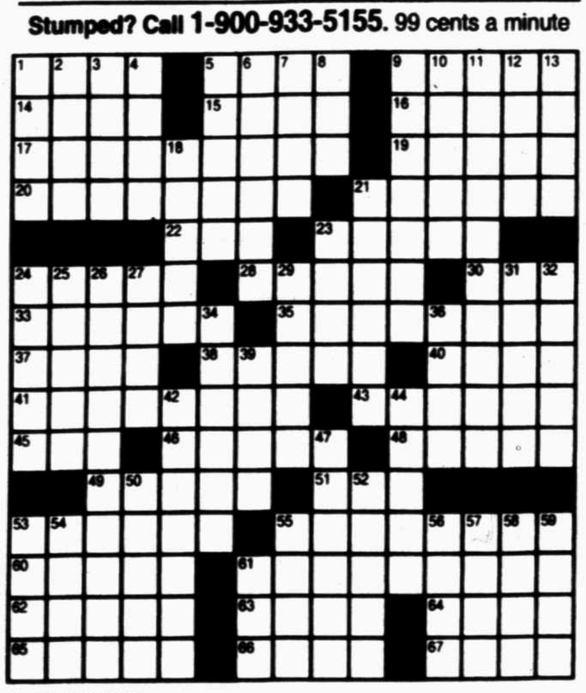

By Marjorie Richter

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GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

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East-West vulnerable. West deals.

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♡ 8
◇ A Q J 10 9 8
♣ A J 7 6 4

WEST
♠ A 10 9 7 5
♡ A Q 6 5 3
◇ Void
♣ 9 5 2

EAST
♠ K 8 4 3
♡ K 4
◇ K 7 6 5 3
♣ K 8

SOUTH
♠ Q J 2
♡ J 10 9 7 2
◇ 4 2
♣ Q 10 3

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♠	2NT	3◇	Pass
3♡	Pass	4♠	5♣
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Five of ♠

If there is a Golden Rule of defensive play, it is never to underlead an ace against a suit contract. But the word "never" should never be used at the bride table. Underleading an ace should be avoided, but once in a while there is a hand that cries out for taking that risk.

The Unusual No-Trump Convention should be used only on one of two types of hands: where you are so weak that you want to take a sacrifice if a fit is located; and where you are so strong that you plan to play the hand at the five-level, or double an opposing contract. North's hand falls between these two standards, and is best described by bidding both suits, starting with an overcall of two diamonds.

East won the first trick with the king of spades, and it was obvious that West wanted to ruff a diamond. East elected to shift to the three of diamonds, indicating an entry in the lower-ranking of the two side suits, in this case hearts. West ruffed and dutifully returned the three of hearts to the king. Back came another diamond for West to ruff, and the defenders still had to collect a trump trick for down three.

This excellent defense deserved to be well-rewarded, and at rubber bridge it probably would have been since East-West were still 3-to-1 favorites to win the rubber. But this was a matchpoint pairs event, and five spades could have been made with careful play, giving East-West 650 points against the 500 penalty. Most East-West pairs bought the hand at four spades, so collecting a mere 500 was a near bottom score for this pair.

Fort Worth Zoo helps endangered turtles confiscated in China

By Angela K. Brown
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — When Rick Hudson helped form the Turtle Survival Alliance last year, he dreamed of saving thousands of the four-legged creatures, many on the brink of extinction in Asia.

He just didn't plan on rescuing so many at once.

But that's what happened after the Fort Worth Zoo conservation biologist heard that nearly 7,500 turtles were confiscated two weeks ago in Hong Kong.

The shipment worth $3.2 million was to be part of China's food trade, but was deemed illegal because about 90 percent of the animals in the crates were ranked as critical, endangered or vulnerable by the World Conservation Union.

This week Hudson and other zoo officials and biologists from around the nation were set to travel to Miami, where the first shipment of turtles was expected to arrive to be evaluated and treated.

"This is our first trial by fire," Hudson said. "For the Turtle Survival Alliance, this is make-it-or-break-it time. ... We've got our work cut out for us."

The organization started early last year to develop and maintain a global network of tortoises and freshwater turtles, in an effort to combat what biologists call the Asian turtle crisis. People and organizations from 11 countries in North America, Europe, Asia and Australia are part of the alliance.

Eating turtles is common in Asia. But the trade is depleting the wild populations as people eat several tons a day, biologists said.

China consumed nearly all of its own turtles years ago but began importing from Vietnam, Bangladesh and other countries in 1989 when the Chinese currency became convertible, according to biologists.

"This issue of the Southeast Asian turtle trade is a very big problem," said Andy Snider, the Detroit Zoo's curator of herpetology and part of the group traveling to Miami. "The Chinese food markets go through tons of turtles. They can't find turtles in China anymore, so they're importing them from everywhere else to fill the need."

The shipment of improperly and inhumanely packed turtles earlier this month was the largest seizure of live turtles in Hong Kong. Hudson said he was not surprised at the number — only that the animals were confiscated.

"This number of turtles goes into China every day, routinely," said Hudson, co-chairman of the alliance. "There are laws to protect these (endangered) animals, but there's no enforcement."

Without the Turtle Survival Alliance's help, the turtles likely would have been destroyed, because they are too sick to be released into the wild and the Hong Kong facility lacks enough long-term space to house them, Hudson said.

It may take several weeks before all 7,500 turtles can be sent to the United States, via free transportation from United Airlines. After the animals are treated and cataloged, the alliance will find them homes in zoos and private turtle facilities.

Hudson said he plans to return several Asian Mountain tortoises to the Fort Worth Zoo, where they will recover in the "tortoise yard" and eventually breed.

"It's a cruel world with a lot of wildlife atrocities," Hudson said. "If we're aware of a bad situation, we try to turn it around and do something positive with it."

On the Net:
Conservation International:
http://www.conservation.org

Conservation biologist Rick Hudson looks at an endangered turtle at the Fort Worth Zoo, Thursday. Hudson, who helped form the Turtle Survival Alliance, will kick into action soon when 7,500 endangered turtles that were confiscated in Hong Kong are sent to Miami for evaluation and treatment by Hudson's organization.

AP Photo

Winter Texans give toys, food to Mexican children

NUEVO PROGRESO, Mexico (AP) — In just 11 years, the Christmas party in this border city has grown from a few hundred to several thousand.

Winter Texans — senior citizens from the northern United States who migrate each year to the balmy Rio Grande Valley — flocked to Nuevo Progreso on Tuesday to play Santa for poor Mexican children.

The event is called "Amigos de los Ninos de Mexico," friends of the children from Mexico.

Gene Knecht and his wife Sammye, of Paola, Kan., joined seven years ago, after learning about it from fellow Winter Texans in their Alamo trailer park.

"I said, 'Well, sure, I ain't got nothing to do on Christmas Day anyway,'" Gene Knecht said. "And that's how most people get started. Their friends tell their friends."

He's now president of the group, which handed out gifts to 2,980 children last year. More than 3,000 children were given presents this year.

The event began with a parade that included Santa and Mrs. Claus riding in a donkey-drawn cart. From there it went to an elementary school, where the children received their gifts.

In addition to several toys, each child got an apple, an orange, a banana, a box of Cracker Jacks, a box of animal crackers, a Hershey bar, a pastry, a pencil, a balloon and a tortilla-wrapped hot dog.

Children at the Ford 45 Elementary School got empty plastic bags, which they then filled with goodies.

Monica Alejandra Rodriguez, 8, said she was excited with her new Teddy bear.

"I like them because I like to play with them," Rodriguez told the Harlingen Valley Morning Star.

Mary Lou and Tom Benson of Tripoli, Iowa, are now in their fourth year with the group. Throughout the summer, Mary Lou said she scouted garage sales for toys to fill her suitcases.

"I don't know if I ever want to spend Christmas any other way," she said. "You see the happiness on these kids' faces. They think a hot dog wrapped in a tortilla is a great Christmas meal."

Refugio Gonzalez, 38, took his seven children, ranging from 3 months to 17 years old, and smiled at the Winter Texans who donned Santa hats.

"The Winter Texans give a lot of presents," Gonzalez said.

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A U.S. special forces soldier adjusts a Christmas tree decoration at the military base in Mazar-e-Sharif, Northern Afghanistan, Tuesday.

Carols, camouflage netting: Troops celebrate Christmas far from home

By Lourdes Navarro
Associated Press

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — From Mazar-e-Sharif in the north to Kandahar in the south and the USS Theodore Roosevelt in the Arabian Sea, American forces celebrated Christmas with carols, touch football and turkey dinners — and missed their faraway loved ones.

Tuesday was a working holiday for Gen. Tommy Franks, commander in chief of the U.S. Central Command, who visited two aircraft carriers. He said the United States was "on course ... to root out this terrorism problem around the world."

Overt and covert U.S. military operations are "going on in a great many places ... that are designed to do away with these pockets of terrorism," Franks told The Associated Press, without giving details.

Despite the intensive bombardment of Taliban and al-Qaida targets since Oct. 7, U.S. forces have not given up the hunt for Osama bin Laden, even if he is buried under rubble in one of the Tora Bora mountain caves, Franks said, adding: "(We will) go through each of these areas until we satisfy ourselves that he is there and dead. We'll find out about it."

Afghanistan's new government also was busy as Cabinet ministers assessed the poor conditions they inherited.

"This is one of the biggest jobs of this new government. The scale of the job is frightening," Rassool Amin, education minister in the 3-day-old interim administration, said while visiting his dilapidated ministry. "We are beginning from nothing, from less than nothing."

American forces did their best to get in the holiday mood so far from home.

"We brought the spirit of Christmas into the camp," Air Force Tech Sgt. Junius Harvey, of Pittsburgh, said at Bagram air base, north of the capital, Kabul.

In a cavernous, chilly hangar, soldiers fashioned a tree from cardboard and camouflage netting, trimming it with flares and empty containers from military rations.

On this day, they got a break from their MREs — Meals Ready to Eat — with a turkey-and-mashed-potatoes dinner with all the trimmings, even pumpkin and pecan pie.

About 100 troops stationed at the airfield, including a handful of British Royal Marines, sang carols that included traditional favorites like "Silent Night" but also a few composed especially for the occasion.

"On the first day of Christmas, my sergeant gave to me ... a ride in a busted Humvee," the men warbled.

Later, they planned to go caroling in nearby Bagram village. Locals gave the troops a Christmas card, written in the local language Dari except for "Merry Christmas" in English.

Franks told sailors on the USS Theodore Roosevelt that their mission was about protecting the future.

"Your country loves you, I love you," Franks said. "This is about you and this is about (protecting) your grandbabies and my grandbabies."

At the U.S. military camp at an abandoned school in the northern city of Mazar-e-Sharif, soldiers also got a break from their rations with a hot meal of ham and turkey flown in for the holiday and cooked in the school kitchen. Following military Christmas tradition, the officers served the troops.

Outside, some soldiers took off their jackets on an unseasonably warm day and played a game of touch football on a muddy school field with some local Afghan soldiers.

At Kandahar Air Base in southern Afghanistan, Santa Claus distributed Christmas cards and gifts from home to the 2,000 Marines who have been stationed there the last two weeks.

Some went out to sing Christmas carols, but had to tote their weapons with them.

The Rev. Lewis Isolo, a U.S. Navy chaplain, called his duties this Christmas "one of the greatest honors of my life."

"To be with them at a special time like this, it's where a chaplain needs to be," Isolo said.

In other developments:

■ More than 500 female refugees, including former judges, doctors and government officials, gathered in Peshawar, Pakistan, to discuss their roles in the new Afghanistan. They approved resolutions to be presented to Prime Minister Hamid Karzai, including calls for equal rights, full participation in drafting a constitution and the rights to education and land ownership.

■ Sources said the United States has asked Yemen to allow U.S. Marines to take part in what has been a deadly hunt for al-Qaida members. A Western diplomat said the United States also has proposed setting up a joint task force in Yemen that would include officials from the CIA and other agencies to coordinate operations. The U.S. Embassy in Yemen was closed Tuesday for Christmas, and a Pentagon duty officer did not immediately return calls seeking comment.

Citizens describe 'cruel, corrupt' punishment by Taliban regime

By Erik Eckholm
N.Y. Times News Service

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — The Kandahar Sport Stadium is serene these days, its dusty brown field used by neighborhood boys for pickup games of soccer. Only the barest traces remain of the gruesome punishments meted out here by the Taliban in their archaic version of Islamic justice.

A metal goalpost is pierced by two bullet holes, a reminder of the dozens of people who were tied to it over the years and then shot to death for crimes of murder, robbery or prostitution.

Two dark patches of earth, visible at midfield, were discolored only last month by gushing blood, according to nervously giggling boys who said they were witnesses. On a November afternoon, two men accused of being highway bandits were brought out before the standing-room-only crowd and pushed to the ground. One man jerked their heads back by the beard and another slit their throats.

"I didn't like watching it," said Wala Muhammad, an 11-year-old boy who was playing in the stadium this week and who said he attended the executions with his father. "These were human beings, and they slaughtered them like sheep."

Some of the spectators fainted or cried as the blood spurted forth, he said, while others were silent.

Wala and his young friends demonstrated how two women, accused of prostitution, were forced to kneel against the goalpost on another November day and were shot in the back of the head at close range.

They showed how men convicted of murder were usually forced to stand with their backs against the goalposts before being shot by a relative of the victim. The boys showed the spot where thieves were forced to lie as their hands, and sometimes their feet, were sliced off by men with scalpels.

The stadium, which had been damaged and filled with land mines in earlier wars, was renovated in 1996 by agencies of the United Nations. It was used for soccer matches and other sporting events, on condition that play stopped by 4 p.m. each day for prayers and that nobody wore shorts.

But at irregular intervals — sometimes three times in a week, sometimes only once in three months, depending on the pace of convictions — the official radio and roaming cars with loudspeakers would summon citizens to the stadium for an execution or amputation.

The penalties did follow rules of a sort. Steal a trifle and go to jail. Steal more than $50 and your right hand would be severed. Steal a bundle and, at the judge's discretion, you could lose both hands, or a hand and a foot.

Murder cases followed ancient law: shoot a man and be shot by his brother, unless the relatives choose to forgive. Kill with a knife, and your own throat would be slit.

Those deemed to be spies or traitors were usually hanged, their bodies sometimes put out for public display. Career robbers might be hanged or shot or their throats slit.

Punishments were not always in the stadium. One resident said that over the last five years, he twice saw adulterous couples being stoned to death, once in the stadium and once in a city square. At least five times during those years, he said, men caught in homosexual acts were propped against any convenient old wall, which was then toppled onto them by a tank.

Apart from the cruelty of the punishments, Taliban justice was rough and sometimes corrupt, many citizens here said.

Muhammad Daoud was just 14 years old in 1995, when he became the first person in Kandahar whose hand was amputated by the Taliban.

He vigorously denied that he stole money when he worked as a cashier in the money-changing bazaar, the crime of which he was accused. He said that his bosses, two men with close ties to the Taliban, took money and blamed him for it, and that he had no chance to defend himself.

"Ask anyone in the bazaar, they all know that I wasn't guilty," he said at his home the other day, stroking the hair of his 3-year-old daughter with his remaining hand.

Two men hauled him in front of the buzzing crowd and restrained him , Daoud said. A former combat medic who called himself Dr. Baloch leaned over with a surgical knife.

"He cut through the skin and I saw blood, and then I passed out," Daoud said.

Daoud says he awoke at the local branch of the International Committee for the Red Cross, which evacuated him to nearby Quetta, Pakistan. There, Red Cross doctors had to redo the botched amputation.

Assdallah, a 10-year-old boy who was present last month when the two women were shot, was not so sure they executions were good for anything.

"I was very scared," he said. "I don't like these things, and I couldn't watch."

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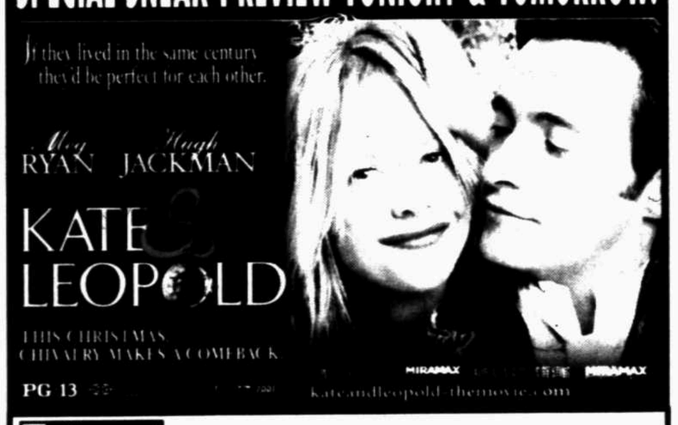

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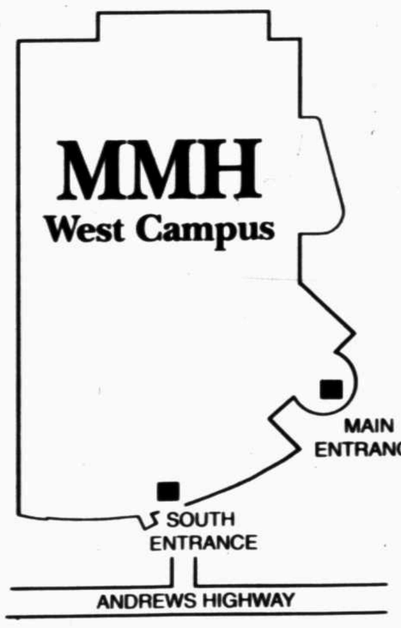

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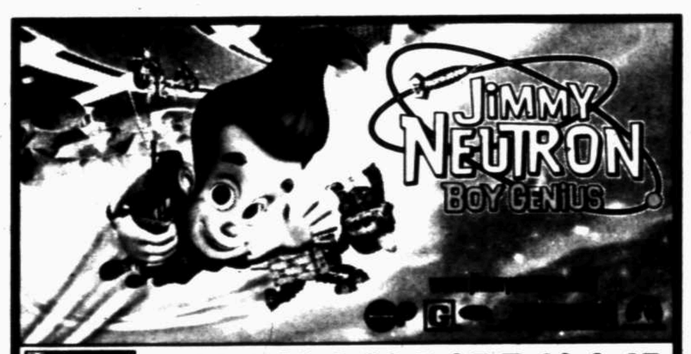

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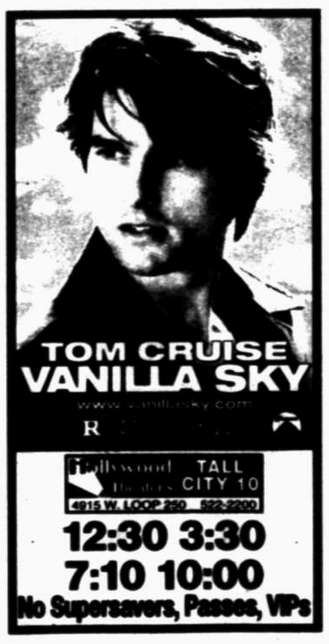

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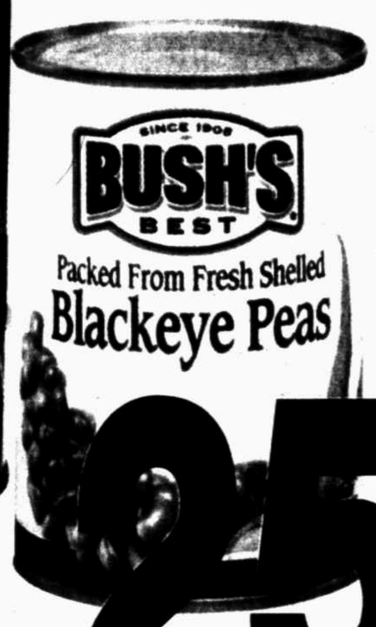

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Emmitt closes in on another 1,000-yard season

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IRVING — Emmitt Smith's season-best performance against the Arizona Cardinals has brought him closer to his quest for an NFL-record 11th 1,000-yard season.

He gained 128 yards in the Dallas Cowboys' 17-10 loss to Arizona, giving him 818 yards for the season with two games to play.

The Cowboys play the San Francisco 49ers in Texas Stadium on Sunday, then close the season a week later on the road against the Detroit Lions.

Smith has missed two games with injury and is averaging just 58.4 yards per game, but head coach Dave Campo said he believes his running back has a good shot at 1,000 yards. He said the Cowboys will do their best to get him there.

"The last two games will be based around our running game. He will have a chance to get the football," Campo said.

The Cowboys aren't doing anything special for Smith, Campo said. It's the same game plan they've used since rookie quarterback Quincy Carter returned to the lineup a month ago.

Campo said the running game has been the focus of the Cowboys' attack, and as long as Carter can convert third downs, Smith will get a chance to run as much as possible.

Campo said rookie fullback Terry Witherspoon, who was signed off the practice squad last Friday, had a part in Smith's success against Arizona. Smith had 95 of his 128 yards after halftime, when the Cowboys started running the ball outside with the 5-11, 250-pound Witherspoon leading the way.

"I was very pleased with Witherspoon. He made a lot of key blocks as we were going to the perimeter in the second half. It was a good game for him. He earned some more playing time," Campo said.

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Knicks avoid five-game home losing streak with 102-94 win over Raptors

By Chris Sheridan
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — They drew charging fouls, came up with steals at crucial moments and forced a key 24-second violation.

The New York Knicks got back to doing what they used to do best — making critical defensive stops — and avoided their first five-game home losing streak since 1986 by holding off the Toronto Raptors 102-94 Tuesday night.

"It's not that we haven't played defense in spurts. If you break it down by quarters we've had some good spurts, but for this game we were pretty consistent for 48 minutes," said Knicks coach Don Chaney, who improved to 3-6 since taking over for Jeff Van Gundy.

Allan Houston scored a season-high 34 points, including a three-point play with 3:05 left that ended Toronto's final rally.

New York, which was without Marcus Camby (sore toe), shot 6-for-8 from 3-point range and opened a 20-point lead in the first quarter, then held off the Raptors after they pulled within one point twice in the fourth.

"We had a nice cushion to play with, and that was the difference in the game," said Latrell Sprewell, who added 21 points and helped hold Vince Carter to two points in the first half and 15 overall — more than 11 below his average.

Travis Knight played a season-high 26 minutes and grabbed 11 rebounds, and Othella Harrington scored 16 points starting in place of Camby.

New York looked lax on defense while losing six of seven games, but the effort on this night was much more intense.

"Every time I drove to the basket there was a man there," Carter said. "They did play defense tremendously and with high intensity. We didn't match it."

The Knicks drew several charges — one of their defensive hallmarks the past few seasons — and came up with steals two times in the fourth when the Raptors

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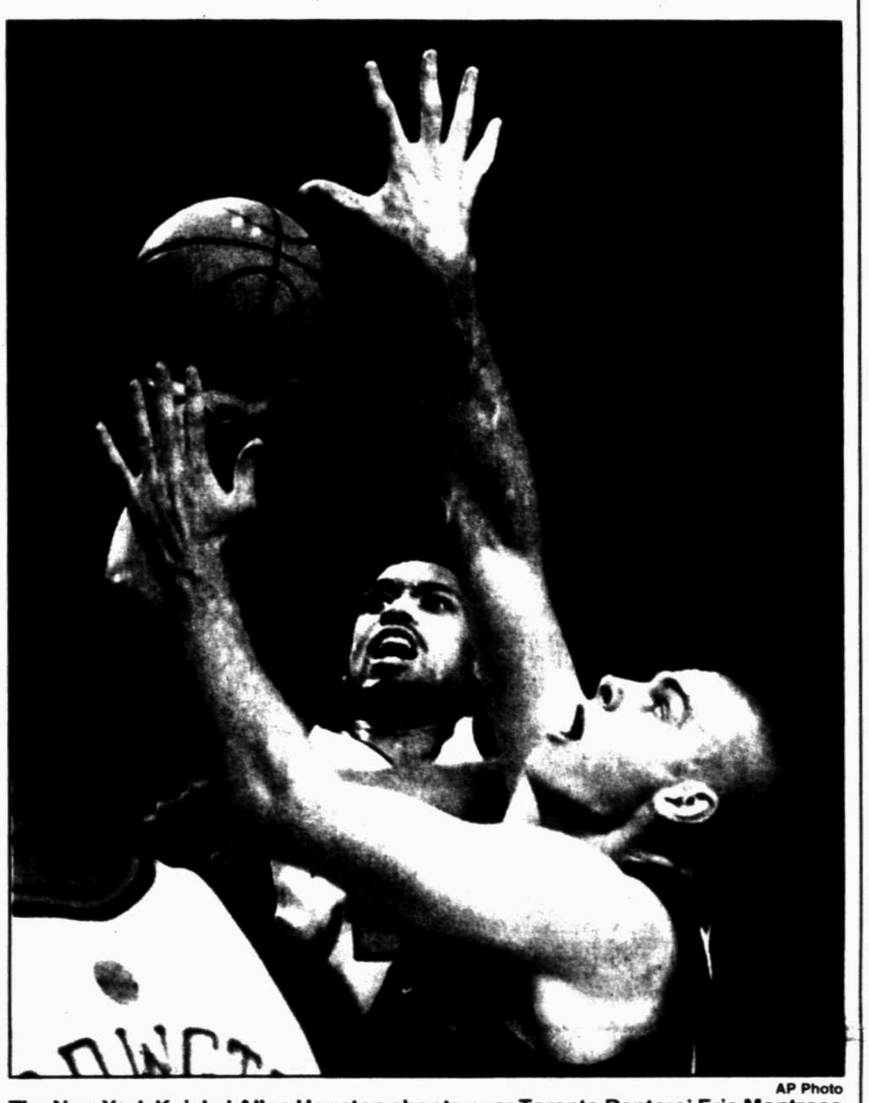

AP Photo
The New York Knicks' Allan Houston shoots over Toronto Raptors' Eric Montross during Tuesday's first quarter action at Madison Square Garden in New York.

O'Neal's substitute scores 18 in Lakers 88-82 victory

By John Nadel
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Even with Shaquille O'Neal watching from the bench and Kobe Bryant often misfiring, the Los Angeles Lakers had enough to overcome the Philadelphia 76ers in a rematch of June's NBA Finals.

Samaki Walker had a season-high 18 points and 10 rebounds, and Bryant scored eight points in the fourth quarter Tuesday night as the Lakers rallied from a 13-point deficit to beat the 76ers 88-82.

Bryant, who made only 2-of-14 shots in the first three quarters, went 4-for-5 in the final period, including a pair of difficult back-to-back jumpers that put the Lakers ahead 83-77 with 31.6 seconds left.

Apparently hampered to some degree by a pulled muscle in his right rib cage, Bryant finished with 12 points on 6-for-19 shooting, 11 rebounds and nine assists.

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AP Photo
The Philadelphia 76ers' Allen Iverson grabs a rebound from the Los Angeles Lakers' Mark Madsen, left, and Robert Horry during the second quarter of Tuesday's game in Los Angeles.

Ex-college athletes hit books again

By Ken Peters
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Herman Benson saunters across the UCLA campus, books in arm. He is 6-foot-2 and 270 pounds, and it's no wonder professors often ask if he's on the football team.

"I tell them, yeah, I played," Benson says. "Twenty-six years ago."

The 46-year-old Benson looks as if he could line up at nose tackle for the Bruins right now. In fact, he is still on an athletic scholarship, albeit it long interrupted.

A former policeman and now a father of six, Benson is a UCLA senior. He is one of the oldest to benefit from a second-chance program by the NCAA that allows athletes to complete their education after they are no longer eligible for regular scholarship funds.

The degree-completion program spans a wide variety of athletes and universities. Nearly 1,500 students have benefited from the program that began in 1988.

Among them is Laura Allen, 25, a former Utah basketball player who used her financial aid to earn a teaching credential. She's now a middle school teacher and coach in Salt Lake City.

Jessica Jenson, 23, has finished her soccer and basketball days at Division II Northern Kentucky. She has used up her regular scholarship but has returned to complete her degree so she can teach high school English.

The program's alumni include 1972 Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Rodgers, star of two national championship teams at Nebraska.

Rogers left school before his senior year to play pro-

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Florida State dynasty may be crumbling

By Brent Kallestad
Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida State is not playing for a national championship. Still hard to believe, isn't it?

The proof is in the bowl lineup, where the once-dominant Seminoles are far removed from the Bowl Championship Series and much closer to home, preparing to play Virginia Tech in the Gator Bowl on Jan. 1.

"Like everything," coach Bobby Bowden said, "nothing lasts forever."

For 14 years, though, Florida State had itself a pretty nice dynasty. The Seminoles played in five national-title-deciding games, won two of them, never finished below fifth in the final poll and produced two Heisman Trophy winners.

Since joining the Atlantic Coast Conference in 1992, the Seminoles won or shared every league crown until finishing 7-4 this season, with ACC losses to North Carolina and North Carolina State. The other losses were against in-state rivals Miami and Florida.

On Jan. 1, the Seminoles play the Hokies for the first time since the teams met on a much bigger stage — in the Sugar Bowl with the '99 national title on the line.

Darrell Mudra, who preceded Bowden at Florida State, said "there is nothing comparable" to what the Seminoles have achieved.

Noting that Bowden wasn't taking over an established program such as Penn State, Ohio State or Notre Dame when he arrived in 1976, Mudra said, "I don't think there has been another situation

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Cougars, Boilermakers prepare for Sun Bowl

By Dan Gelston
Associated Press Writer

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Purdue coach Joe Tiller and Washington State coach Mike Price are friends and former coaching colleagues, so it's no surprise their offensive philosophies are similar.

Both teams run the trap, the draw and like to throw downfield while using the spread offense. The running game is minimized while four or five receivers are often on the line of scrimmage.

Tiller said the 13th-ranked Cougars (9-2) run their offense much like Purdue, which he said will help in scouting the Cougars for the Sun Bowl Dec. 31 in El Paso, Texas.

"The best preparation is going against ourselves," Tiller said. "Washington State plays many of the same alignments we do defensively. Offensively, we're running exactly what Washington State is running. The best look we can get is to work our one's on our one's (first team). Normally, we don't do that."

The offenses may be the same in the playbook, but the Cougars have been much more productive.

Cougars quarterback Jason Gesser threw for 2,729 yards and 25 touchdowns while completing 55 percent of his passes, but the Cougars slumped in the second half of the season.

They scored more than 40 points a game in the first seven games, including 50 twice, but aver-

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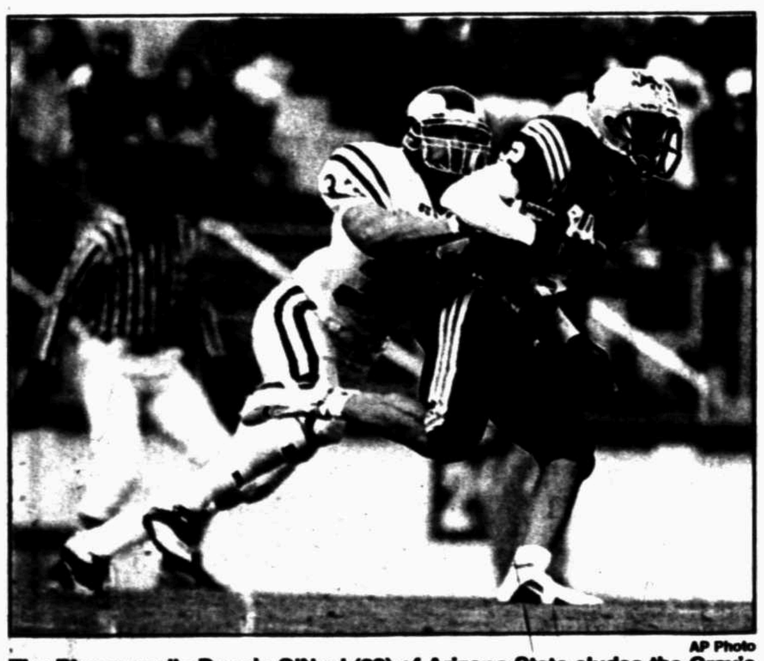

AP Photo
The Blue squad's Donnie O'Neal (82) of Arizona State eludes the Gray's Stephon Kelly (33) of Rice after catching a pass during Tuesday's first half of the Blue-Gray All-Star game at Crampton Bowl in Montgomery, Ala.

Penn State players contribute in Blue win during Blue-Gray All-Star Classic

By John Zenor
AP Sports Writer

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — It took Penn State half a season to come together. Nittany Lions running backs Eddie Drummond and Omar Easy needed just a week to mesh with their all-star team.

Drummond and Easy both had short touchdown runs, lifting the Blue to a 28-10 victory in the Blue-Gray All-Star Classic on Tuesday.

"This is a bowl game for me right here," said Easy, voted the Blue's outstanding offensive player. "It was fun. We meshed as a team from all over the country and came together for a win today."

The Penn State players were relegated to the all-star game after the team lost its first four games before a strong finish came up a win short of bowl eligibility.

It was a long day for the offenses, with the Gray squad committing five turnovers and none of the quarterbacks reaching 100 yards passing.

After Penn State's runners put the Blue in charge, Algie Atkinson of Kansas returned a fumbled punt 11 yards for a touchdown with 4:10 remaining to seal the game. It was an appropriate way to decide a game dominated by the defenses from the outset.

"We jelled as the week went on, almost as if we had been a team for a while here," said Northwestern linebacker Kevin Bentley, the Blue's MVP with 16 tackles and an interception. "We just wanted to get a victory and that's what we got."

The Gray managed just one first down in its first three fourth-quarter possessions before Atkinson's score. The Gray's opening drive of the final quarter ended with Tyree Foreman losing a fumble on a fourth-and-2 run from the Gray 42. The Blue's David Hills then missed a 30-yard field goal.

Mississippi State defensive back Shawn Byrdsong was MVP for the Gray, showing he could make the switch from safety to cornerback. He deflected seven passes and intercepted another.

Of the four quarterbacks, only Alabama State's Darnell Kennedy (99 yards) and Virginia's John Welsh (91) approached 100 yards.

"The offense needs a little bit more time to get clicking than the defense, and I guess the all-star game showed that," said Kennedy, a Montgomery native.

Easy had a 2-yard score in the first quarter and Drummond added a 3-yard score late in the third quarter.

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Former Dallas Cowboys defensive end Martin dies

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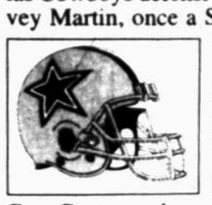
GRAPEVINE — Former Dallas Cowboys defensive end Harvey Martin, once a Super Bowl MVP, has died of pancreatic cancer. He was 51.



Baylor Health Care Center spokeswoman Maureen Porter said Martin died at 8:24 Monday night at Baylor Medical Center in Grapevine.

The four-time Pro Bowler starred for the Cowboys in the 1970s and highlighted his 11-year career by being the co-MVP of the 1978 Super Bowl with teammate Randy White. Martin is the first Super Bowl MVP to die.

Martin underwent major surgery about a year ago and his condition worsened recently. Porter said Martin's family planned to issue a statement by Wednesday.

Martin was one of the Cowboys' most popular players in the 1970s and early '80s, setting team records with 114 career sacks and 20 in 1977. That season he was the Associated Press' NFL defensive player of the year.

In seven seasons, he led the Cowboys in sacks. Former Dallas coach Tom Landry called Martin the team's best-ever pass-rushing defensive end.

"He'll be remembered as one of the great Cowboys of the golden years," former Cowboys president and general manager Tex Schramm told The Associated Press Tuesday night. "He was a great player, one of the first in the group of the first great pass rushers. He accomplished more than was anticipated of him."

Schramm said Martin entered the game at a time when defensive ends weren't expected to make many sacks. Martin and defensive ends such as Deacon Jones of the Los Angeles Rams brought sacks into vogue: their skill in getting to the quarterback helped convince coaches to turn the defensive end into more of a pass-rushing threat than a run-stopper.

"He was a warm and kind-hearted man, who was also a tremendous contributor to this organization," said Cowboys' owner Jerry Jones. "As the first defensive lineman to be named Super Bowl MVP (along with Randy White), his ability as a player spoke for itself."

Teammates always joked with Martin that he never returned a fumble for a touchdown and that he was once even tackled by the quarterback.

"It never happened to me," Martin said in an interview with The Dallas Morning News. "Closest I came was with a fumble. I got tackled by the quarterback, and everybody laughed at me. Both teams.

"I killed many a quarterback. I felt like I scored when I took their head off."

The Dallas native starred at South Oak Cliff High School and East Texas State University (now Texas A&M University at Commerce) before the Cowboys selected him in the third round of the 1973 draft.

Since retiring in 1984, Martin struggled with substance abuse, domestic violence and bankruptcy issues.

In 1996, Martin was jailed on domestic violence and cocaine charges. He received probation on both charges and was sent to the Dallas County Judicial Treatment Center.

He was released after eight months and took a job selling chemical products. Martin also made anti-drug speeches to children.

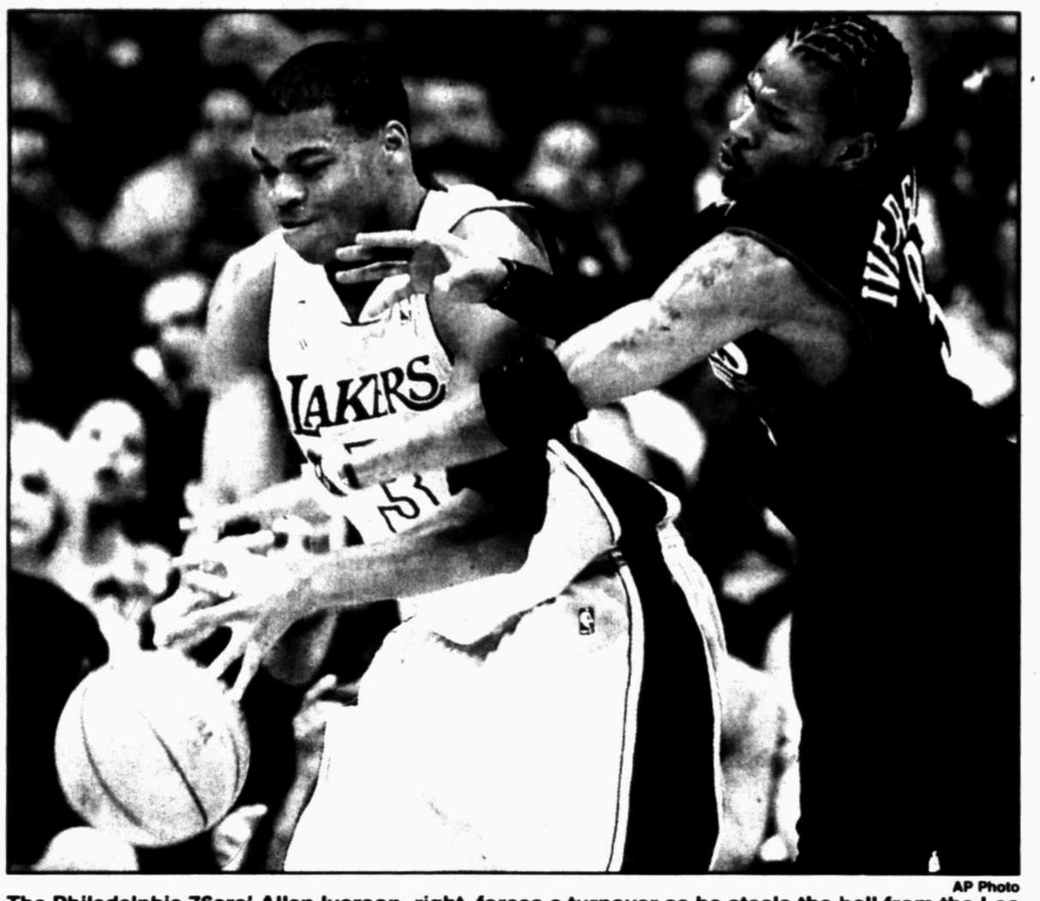
In a July 1998 story in the Morning News, Martin said he had been clean for nearly two years.

"I had such a wonderful life before drugs and alcohol abuse," Martin said. "I've got that life back now and plan to keep it. Maybe I had to go through what I did to get to this point, to appreciate this life more."

"He was someone who would not walk away from a challenge whether it be on the football field or in the game of life," Jones said. "Harvey Martin was a fighter and a competitor, and he carried that spirit with him all the way to the end."

Schramm said he didn't believe Martin's trouble with drugs would tarnish his memory.

"People are accepting of a lot of things today, particularly in that area," Schramm said. "I think that all the people who remember Harvey will remember him as the Harvey that was the football player, and not for the drug thing."



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The Philadelphia 76ers' Allen Iverson, right, forces a turnover as he steals the ball from the Los Angeles Lakers' Devean George during Tuesday's second quarter in Los Angeles.

LAKERS: Shaw scores 13 points

(From 1C)

Reserves played a major role for the Lakers in the fourth quarter, with Robert Horry and Devean George scoring seven points each and Lindsey Hunter making a pair of 3-pointers.

Two free throws by Horry with 27.1 seconds to play extended the Lakers' lead to eight points, but the 76ers closed within three as they got two free throws by Allen Iverson and a 3-pointer by Matt Harpring.

However, George made a free throw with 13.6 seconds left, and two more after a turnover by Iverson.

Iverson had 31 points, eight during a 12-0 run that gave Philadelphia a 73-60 lead with 9 1/2 minutes remaining. But the Lakers outscored the 76ers 28-9 after that.

Iverson also had eight rebounds and four assists.

O'Neal, hampered by soreness in his right big toe for several weeks, was placed on the injured list before the game. The move means the NBA's most dominant big man, averaging 26.0 points and 11.5 rebounds, will miss at least five games.

"He's had arthritis in his big toe for a long time," team physician Dr. Steve Lombardo said. "It just recently flared up, an occupational hazard. With this kind of sport — running, jumping, pushing off — it's more likely to flare up."

O'Neal has also been bothered by soreness in his left foot, and was to undergo an MRI exam Wednesday.

Lombardo didn't guess as to when O'Neal would return. The 29-year-old center, who led the Lakers to back-to-back championships the last two years, is eligible to play again Jan. 4 when the Lakers entertain Phoenix.

Brian Shaw added a season-high 13 points and Slava Medvedenko, starting in O'Neal's place, added 12 for the Lakers, whose 20-4 record is the NBA's best.

Dikembe Mutombo had 12 points and 13 rebounds and Derrick Coleman added 12 points and 11 rebounds for the 76ers (11-16).

KNICKS: Sprewell scores 21 points

(From 1C)

pulled within two.

Toronto got within one point twice after that, but Harrington scored to restore a three-point lead, and Houston converted his three-point play the next time. The Raptors got no closer than four the rest of the way.

Morris Peterson scored 22 points to lead the Raptors, who had their three-game winning streak snapped. Alvin Williams added 18.

The Knicks could hardly miss in the first quarter, putting on a jump shooting exhibition. Sprewell hit three of New York's six 3-pointers in the quarter, and the Knicks took a 20-point lead, 28-8, when Sprewell unintentionally banked in a shot as Carter hit him on the arm.

Toronto had a 7-0 run before the first quarter ended and pulled within 12 at halftime, then began the second half with a 12-4 run to cut their deficit to 58-54. The Raptors never tied it, though, and the Knicks took a 72-64 lead into the fourth.

It was 86-80 after Shandon Anderson hit a 3-pointer with 5:50 left. Toronto scored the next five points to pull within one, then got within one again 2 1/2 minutes later.

After Houston made it 91-87, the Knicks forced Toronto into a 24-second violation on its next possession. Mark Jackson hit two free throws with 2:21 left for a six-point lead, Toronto missed four shots on its next possession, and Houston hit one of two foul shots for a seven-point lead.

Nuggets await word on Issel

Associated Press

DENVER — Interim coach Mike Evans took the Denver Nuggets through a workout Tuesday while the team waited to hear whether head coach Dan Issel would return to his job.

Issel has been on a leave of absence since Saturday, hours before he was to return to coaching after a four-game suspension for making an insensitive ethnic remark to a spectator.

"I haven't seen Dan today and I don't know what is happening," Evans said.

Issel's agent, Warren LeGarrie, has said Issel probably will decide by Wednesday whether he wants to resign or stay with the team either as head coach or in another capacity.

Denver newspapers on Monday reported Issel was ready to resign as coach and president and was discussing a buyout. LeGarrie called the reports speculative.

Evans said he hasn't been told whether he will coach the Nuggets against the Minnesota Timberwolves in Denver on Wednesday.

"All I know right now is what they tell me, and that is to coach the team," Evans said.

The Nuggets have lost eight of their last 10 and three in a row during the turmoil.

"You bet it is a distraction," center Raef LaFrentz said. "It is something you would like settled."

Fire causes $100,000 damage to San Antonio's Alamodome

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — A three-alarm fire at the Alamodome caused an estimated $100,000 in damage and forced the San Antonio Spurs to move their practice Tuesday to Trinity University.

Alamodome officials said the Spurs' game Wednesday night against Dallas, and the Alamo Bowl college football game on Saturday would not be affected by the fire.

Smoke poured from vents on the east side of the dome as fire officials searched for almost an hour for the source.

The fire was traced to a storage room where the old Hemis-Fair Arena basketball court floor was smoldering.

"They suspect this thing was smoldering awhile before it ignited into flame," fire spokesman Tommy Thompson said.

Acting Assistant Fire Chief Paul Villarreal said that little burned.

"The fire fight itself wasn't a big event," he said.

Investigators believe a light bulb broke above the court and heated a plastic tarp covering the disassembled wooden floor, last used for the NCAA Midwest regional in March.

Smoke and water damage were reported inside the storage room with minor damage to nearby meeting rooms.

Operation Manager Jim Mery said it was too early to see what kind of damage was done, "but if there's any damage, it's smoke."

FSU: Team has freshman quarterback

(From 1C)

in the country where anyone had the done the kind of job that Bobby Bowden has done."

From 1987, Bowden's Seminoles won 145 of 164 games, a feat Penn State coach Joe Paterno calls "phenomenal." Paterno said he doubts any school will ever match Florida State's 14-year run of 10 or more wins.

"It seems to me most of the conferences now are starting to level off and are going to be much more competitive," Paterno said. "For a while, Florida State was so far ahead of everybody else in the ACC in a lot of ways."

Tom Osborne's run at Nebraska was pretty impressive, too, with at least nine wins per season from 1973-99. Now a congressman, Osborne marvels at Bowden's accomplishments.

"I can't imagine 14 straight years of 10 wins and then a major bowl every one of those years," said Osborne, who lost four bowl games to the Seminoles between 1987 and 1993. "A couple of those times we had him beat, but he was able to hang on and come from behind in the fourth quarter."

From the start of this season, there was a sense the Seminoles could be down. Chris Weinke, last year's Heisman winner, and another half-dozen players left for the NFL after the 13-2 loss to Oklahoma in last year's national title game.

A series of preseason injuries didn't help, and Bowden was nervous as the season began.

"We went into the season hoping somehow we could maintain a two-loss season," he said. "Then we saw it was going to be three, and now it's four, and it could be more."

Bowden played more freshmen and sophomores than in years, and the inexperience showed. He started Chris Rix at quarterback, the first time in his career he opened with a freshman.

The learning process wasn't pretty, starting with the shocking 41-9 loss to North Carolina in mid-September in which Rix lost two fumbles and threw an interception.

"The big thing now is we know what to expect out of them," Bowden said. "We didn't when the season started."

There were other problems, too. In the late-season 37-13 loss to Florida, Gators coach Steve Spurrier accused Bowden of promoting dirty play. Spurrier said Seminoles tackle Darnell Dockett intentionally tried to hurt his players during the game, adding "that's the way they do things up there."

The accusation brought a harsh reply from Florida State athletic director David Hart.

"It would probably be good if somebody just spanked him and put him to bed and hope he wakes up all grown up," Hart said of Spurrier.

Bowden, 72, is not ready for too many more 7-4 seasons, so he's already working on Dynasty II.

"We can see the capability, the potential of our team," he said. "There is no way this team is maxed out.

"You've got to try to keep it in perspective. This is a one-year thing. We've had a down year this year."

A victory over Virginia Tech would give Bowden 323 wins, moving him into a second-place tie with Alabama's Bear Bryant, and four behind Paterno.

BOOKS: Funds come from private donations

(From 1C)

fessionally. He was a success in the Canadian Football League for a few years but was a bust in the NFL. He returned to Nebraska after a 21-year break and earned degrees in broadcasting and advertising in 1997.

Benson, a history major with a minor in African-American studies, believes it's appropriate for former athletes to receive financial aid to complete their degrees.

"I think it's especially so, looking at how much revenue athletics bring to universities," he said.

Benson dropped out of UCLA in his junior year after coach Dick Vermeil, who recruited him, left and was replaced by Terry Donahue. Hampered by a back injury, Benson felt he got lost in the shuffle.

"I was young," he said. "Obviously, if I knew then what I knew now, I would have finished my education back then, regardless of what was going on with football."

Since the degree-completion program began 13 years ago, the NCAA has awarded nearly $7.5 million in scholarships, said Marion Peavey, NCAA Foundation executive director.

Funds come primarily from private donations, Peavey said. He thinks the 97 percent graduation rate is a testament to the program's success.

"Some of the people have families, have been unable to go back to school because of working full time, or have been working a series of part-time jobs," Peavy said from his Indianapolis office. "The success stories coming out of these people is remarkable."

One of those is Allen, the teacher.

"I would have had a hard time finishing without the help," she said. "It paid for my tuition and provided a little bit of a stipend. And being able to teach now, that's wonderful."

Jenson, on winter break like the rest of the students, said she can enjoy the holidays knowing she doesn't have to worry about scraping up money to return to school.

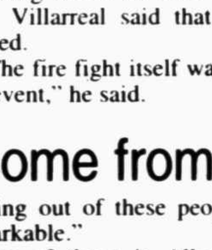
"That's wonderful in itself," she said.

Rodgers, a successful businessman who owns a company in Omaha, Neb., that markets and distributes bedding, has become one of the degree-completion program's biggest boosters.

"I was going around the country speaking to youngsters, telling kids that they can accomplish what they want to, be what they want to, and all the time I had quit school," Rodgers said. "I had to either take that out of my talk or take care of the unfinished business."

Benson, on track to graduate next year, also plans to wrap up some unfinished business when he gets his diploma. He feels he let down Vermeil, who now coaches the Kansas City Chiefs, and Carl Peterson, the Chiefs' general manager who was then a UCLA assistant.

"I want them to know that they did see something in me, after all these years," Benson said.



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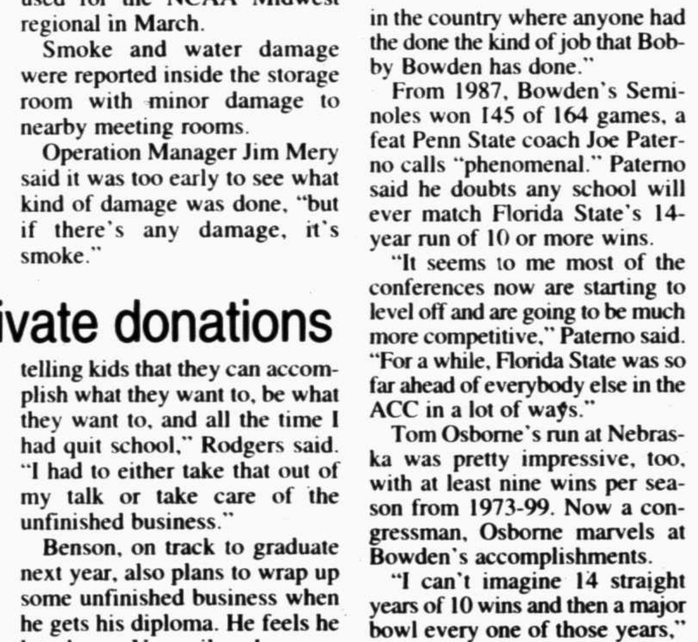

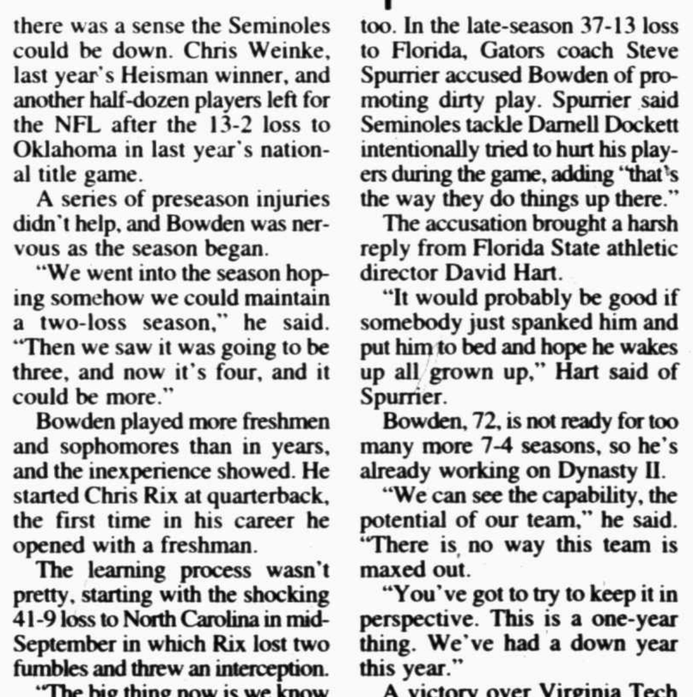

SPORTS SCOREBOARD

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NORTHERN CONFERENCE
Northeast Division

Team	W	L	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
z-Memphis	21	5	1	39	108	70
Fort Worth	13	12	3	29	82	92
Bossier-Shrevprt	13	12	2	28	90	89
Indianapolis	9	14	3	21	84	93

Northwest Division

Team	W	L	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
Oklahoma City	15	7	5	35	99	83
Amarillo	10	14	4	24	75	100
Wichita	10	14	3	23	74	103
Tulsa	11	15	0	22	71	83

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE
Southeast Division

Team	W	L	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
Austin	20	7	1	41	109	76
San Antonio	18	10	1	37	117	89
San Angelo	14	13	0	28	90	97
Corpus Christi	7	18	7	21	74	118

Southwest Division

Team	W	L	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
Odessa	17	7	4	38	80	66
z-New Mexico	16	9	1	31	87	70
El Paso	15	11	1	31	88	92
Lubbock	11	9	7	29	79	87

z-points removed from total for roster violations.

Note: One point for loss in overtime or shootout. Overtime or shootout losses are only denoted in the OTL column, not the loss column.

Tuesday's Games
San Antonio 3, Corpus Christi 2
Wichita 3, Oklahoma City 2, SO

Wednesday's Games
Tulsa at Bossier-Shreveport
Odessa at El Paso
Oklahoma City at Lubbock
Indianapolis at Memphis
Amarillo at New Mexico

On This Date

1908 — Jack Johnson becomes the first black to win the world heavyweight title, with a 14th-round knockout of Tommy Burns in Sydney, Australia.

1917 — Toronto's Harry Cameron becomes the first defenseman to score four goals in a game as the Maple Leafs beat the Montreal Canadiens 7-5.

1943 — Sid Luckman throws five touchdown passes to lead the Chicago Bears to a 41-21 victory over the Washington Redskins for the NFL championship.

1946 — The United States wins the Davis Cup with a 5-0 sweep of Australia, the worst defeat for a defending champion.

1954 — Otto Graham scores three touchdowns and passes for three more to lead the Cleveland Browns to a 56-10 rout of the Detroit Lions for the NFL title.

1955 — The Cleveland Browns intercept six passes, one of which is returned 65 yards for a touchdown by Don Paul, in a 38-14 victory over the Los Angeles Rams for the NFL championship. Otto Graham of the Browns passes for two touchdowns and scores two more.

1960 — The Philadelphia Eagles come from behind twice on a 35-yard pass to Tommy McDonald from Norm Van Brocklin and a 5-yard run by Ted Dean to beat the Green Bay Packers 17-13 for the NFL title.

1964 — Wray Carlton and Jack Kemp each score touchdowns and Pete Gogolak kicks two field goals to give the Buffalo Bills a 20-7 victory over the San Diego Chargers in the AFL championship.

1965 — The Buffalo Bills win their second straight AFL championship with a 27-0 victory over the San Diego Chargers. The Chargers are able to get inside Buffalo's 25-yard line only once.

1986 — Center Doug Jarvis of the Hartford Whalers plays his 915th consecutive game, setting an NHL record.

1999 — Mike Vanderjagt's 21-yard field goal with four seconds left gives the Indianapolis Colts a 29-28 win over the Cleveland Browns. Indianapolis makes NFL history by winning 10 more games than it did the previous season.

CBA

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	W	L	QW	PTS	AVG
Sioux Falls	12	4	35.0	71.0	4.4
Rockford	9	8	43.5	70.5	4.1
Grand Rapids	8	8	31.0	55.0	3.4
Gary	4	12	22.0	34.0	2.1

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	W	L	QW	PTS	AVG
Dakota	6	4	23.0	41.0	4.1
Fargo-Moorhead	5	3	16.5	31.5	3.9
Flint	5	6	21.5	36.5	3.3
Saskatchewan	2	6	11.5	17.5	2.2

Teams receive three points for a win, one point for each quarter won and 1/2 point for any quarter tied.

Tuesday's Games
Fargo-Moorhead 94, Gary 87 (5.5, 1.5)
Dakota 104, Sioux Falls 103 (5, 2)

Wednesday's Game
Grand Rapids at Flint

NBDL

	W	L	Pct.	GB
N. Charleston	14	5	.737	—
Asheville	11	7	.611	2 1/2
Mobile	11	7	.611	2 1/2
Columbus	10	7	.588	3
Greenville	9	11	.450	5 1/2
Roanoke	7	11	.389	6 1/2
Huntsville	5	11	.313	7 1/2
Fayetteville	5	13	.278	8 1/2

Tuesday's Game
Roanoke 94, Greenville 86

NBA Results

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	17	8	.680	—
New Jersey	16	9	.640	1
Washington	14	12	.539	3 1/2
New York	13	15	.464	5 1/2
Orlando	13	16	.448	6
Philadelphia	11	16	.407	7
Miami	5	20	.200	12

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	15	9	.625	—
Detroit	14	11	.560	1 1/2
Indiana	16	13	.552	1 1/2
Toronto	15	13	.536	2
Charlotte	12	15	.444	4 1/2
Cleveland	11	16	.407	5 1/2
Atlanta	10	17	.370	6 1/2
Chicago	4	21	.160	11 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	20	5	.800	—
Minnesota	18	8	.692	2 1/2
Dallas	18	9	.667	3
Utah	13	15	.464	8 1/2
Denver	9	17	.346	11 1/2
Houston	8	20	.286	13 1/2
Memphis	7	20	.259	14

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	20	4	.833	—
Sacramento	20	9	.690	2 1/2
L.A. Clippers	15	11	.577	6
Phoenix	15	13	.536	7
Portland	13	13	.500	8
Seattle	14	15	.483	8 1/2
Golden State	11	17	.393	11

Tuesday's Games
New York 102, Toronto 94
L.A. Lakers 88, Philadelphia 82

Wednesday's Games
New Jersey at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Washington at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Chicago at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Dallas at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Utah, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Denver, 8 p.m.
Portland at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

Knicks 102, Raptors 94

TORONTO (94): A.Davis 3-14 2-2 8, Peterson 7-15 5-5 22, Montross 1-4 0-2 2, Carter 6-20 2-4 15, A.Williams 7-11 2-3 18, Clark 3-7 3-4 9, J.Williams 2-3 4-6 8, Arroyo 1-1 0-0 2, Curry 4-7 0-0 10. Totals 34-82 18-26 94.

NEW YORK (102): Harrington 7-15 2-3 16, Sprewell 8-19 2-2 21, Thomas 2-5 1-2 5, Houston 13-22 6-9 34, Jackson 3-5 6-6 13, Spencer 0-0 0-0 0, Anderson 1-1 0-0 3, Knight 2-9 0-2 4, Ward 1-3 4-4 6. Totals 37-79 21-28 102.

Toronto	**15**	**27**	**22**	**30— 94**
New York	**30**	**24**	**18**	**30—102**

3-Point Goals—Toronto 8-17 (Peterson 3-5, Curry 2-4, A.Williams 2-5, Carter 1-3), New York 7-12 (Sprewell 3-5, Houston 2-4, Anderson 1-1, Jackson 1-2). Fouled out—Thomas. Rebounds—Toronto 53 (A.Davis 11), New York 52 (Knight 11). Assists—Toronto 16 (A.Williams 5), New York 24 (Jackson 11). Total fouls—Toronto 25, New York 21. A—19,763 (19,763).

Lakers 88, 76ers 82

PHILADELPHIA (82): Harpring 5-7 0-1 11, Coleman 4-11 4-6 12, Mutombo 4-12 4-4 12, Iverson 11-28 7-8 31, Snow 2-8 0-0 4, McKie 4-13 0-0 8, Blount 1-2 0-0 2, Bell 1-4 0-0 2, Ruffin 0-0 0-2 0. Totals 32-85 15-21 82.

L.A. LAKERS (88): Fox 1-7 0-0 2, Medvedenko 6-8 0-0 12, Walker 7-9 4-6 18, Bryant 6-19 0-0 12, Fisher 3-10 1-2 9, Horry 2-5 2-2 7, George 2-7 3-6 7, Hunter 2-7 0-0 6, Madsen 1-2 0-0 2, Shaw 4-11 2-2 13. Totals 34-85 12-18 88.

Philadelphia	**21**	**28**	**17**	**16— 82**
L.A. Lakers	**18**	**21**	**21**	**28— 88**

3-Point Goals—Philadelphia 3-8 (Iverson 2-5, Harpring 1-1, McKie 0-1, Coleman 0-1), L.A. Lakers 8-25 (Shaw 3-5, Hunter 2-3, Fisher 2-6, Horry 1-3, George 0-1, Medvedenko 0-1, Bryant 0-2, Fox 0-4). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 59 (Mutombo 13), L.A. Lakers 57 (Horry, Bryant 11). Assists—Philadelphia 18 (Snow 10), L.A. Lakers 20 (Bryant 9). Total fouls—Philadelphia 19, L.A. Lakers 19. Technicals—Harpring, Horry. A—18,997 (18,997).

Players of The Week

Eastern Conference
Nov. 5 — G Ray Allen, Milwaukee
Nov. 12 — G Vince Carter, Toronto
Nov. 19 — G Allen Iverson, Philadelphia
Nov. 26 — F Shareef Abdur-Rahim, Atlanta
Dec. 3 — F Paul Pierce, Boston
Dec. 10 — G Andre Miller, Cleveland
Dec. 17 — G Richard Hamilton, Washington
Dec. 24 — C Jermaine O'Neal, Indiana

Western Conference
Nov. 5 — G Kobe Bryant, L.A. Lakers
Nov. 12 — F Tim Duncan, San Antonio
Nov. 19 — F Kevin Garnett, Minnesota
Nov. 26 — F Tim Duncan, San Antonio
Dec. 3 — G Stephon Marbury, Phoenix
Dec. 10 — F Elton Brand, L.A. Clippers
Dec. 17 — G Steve Nash, Dallas
Dec. 24 — G Gary Payton, Seattle

Players of the Month
Eastern Conference
November — G Jason Kidd, New Jersey

Western Conference
November — G Kobe Bryant, Los Angeles Lakers

Rookie of the Month
Eastern Conference
November — G Jamaal Tinsley, Indiana

Western Conference
November — F Pau Gasol, Memphis

Coaching Changes

Teams that have changed coaches since the start of the 2001-02 season with former coach and replacement:

New York Knicks — Jeff Van Gundy; Don Chaney
Golden State Warriors — Dave Cowens; Brian Winters
Chicago Bulls — Tim Floyd; Bill Berry

NHL Roundup

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	20	14	3	2	45	111	108
N.Y. Islanders	18	10	5	2	43	97	86
Philadelphia	18	10	5	1	42	100	74
New Jersey	14	13	5	2	35	79	85
Pittsburgh	14	15	5	2	35	81	99

Northeast Division

Team	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	21	9	3	3	48	108	85
Boston	18	10	3	4	43	90	81
Ottawa	18	13	4	0	40	111	85
Montreal	16	14	5	1	38	90	92
Buffalo	14	19	3	1	32	101	102

Southeast Division

Team	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	17	13	4	5	43	103	110
Washington	14	16	6	0	34	104	111
Tampa Bay	14	16	3	1	32	70	74
Florida	10	19	2	3	25	70	98
Atlanta	7	22	4	3	21	81	137

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

Team	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	26	8	2	1	55	113	80
Chicago	19	12	8	0	46	113	110
St. Louis	16	10	6	3	41	91	81
Nashville	13	15	6	0	32	92	89
Columbus	9	21	5	1	24	66	99

Northwest Division

Team	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	21	13	4	0	46	94	73
Edmonton	19	12	5	2	45	98	87
Calgary	16	11	7	2	41	90	89
Minnesota	13	14	5	3	34	91	107
Vancouver	14	21	4	0	32	95	107

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	18	8	6	3	45	100	79
Dallas	16	11	6	3	41	104	96
Phoenix	14	14	5	3	36	86	98
Los Angeles	14	15	5	2	35	94	88
Anaheim	12	19	4	3	31	84	97

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.

Tuesday's Games
No games scheduled

Wednesday's Games
Ottawa at Boston, 6 p.m.
Montreal at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Calgary at Edmonton, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Florida at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Anaheim at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

Scoring Leaders

Through Dec. 23

	GP	G	A	PTS
Iginla, Cal	36	24	18	42
Fleury, NYR	39	15	24	39
Lindros, NYR	36	19	19	38
Yashin, NYI	35	17	21	38
York, NYR	39	15	23	38
Zhamnov, Chi	39	14	24	38
Shanahan, Det	37	19	18	37
Sakic, Col	38	14	23	37
Bondra, Was	36	23	13	36
Demitra, StL	35	18	18	36
Kapanen, Car	37	18	18	36
Tkachuk, StL	35	17	19	36

Baseball Free Agents

Signings

NEW YORK (AP) — The 50 free agents who have signed, with name, position, former club if different, and contract. The contract information was obtained by The Associated Press from player and management sources. For players with minor league contracts, letter agreements for major league contracts are in parentheses:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

ANAHEIM (2) — Re-signed Jorge Fabregas, c, to a $500,000, one-year contract; signed Dennis Cook, lhp, Philadelphia, to a $1.25 million, one-year contract.

BALTIMORE (1) — Signed Marty Cordova, of, Cleveland, to a $9.1 million, three-year contract.

BOSTON (2) — Signed John Burkett, rhp, Atlanta, to an $11 million, two-year contract; signed Johnny Damon, of, Oakland, to a $31 million, four-year contract.

CLEVELAND (1) — Signed Ricky Gutierrez, ss, Chicago Cubs, to an $11 million, three-year contract.

DETROIT (1) — Signed Craig Paquette, 8b, St. Louis, to a $5.1 million, two-year contract.

KANSAS CITY (2) — Re-signed Luis Alicea, 2b, to an $800,000, one-year contract; signed Chuck Knoblauch, of, New York Yankees, to a $2 million, one-year contract.

NEW YORK (4) — Signed Steve Karsay, rhp, Atlanta, to a $22.25 million, four-year contract; signed Jason Giambi, 1b Oakland, to a $120 million, seven-year contract; signed Rondell White, of, Chicago Cubs, to a $10 million, two-year contract; re-signed Sterling Hitchcock, lhp, to a $12 million, two-year contract.

SEATTLE (4) — Re-signed Mark McLemore, 2b, to a $6.3 million, two-year contract; re-signed Norm Charlton, lhp, to a $1.25 million, one-year contract; Brett Boone, 2b, accepted salary arbitration; David Bell, 3b, accepted salary arbitration.

TAMPA BAY (1) — Re-signed Chris Gomez, ss, to a $1.25 million, one-year contract.

TEXAS (4) — Signed Todd Van Poppel, rhp, Chicago Cubs, to a $7.5 million, three-year contract; signed Jay Powell, rhp, Colorado, to a $9 million, three-year contract; signed Dave Burba, rhp, Cleveland, to a $2 million, one-year contract; signed Chan Ho Park, rhp, Los Angeles, to a $65 million, five-year contract.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ARIZONA (1) — Re-signed Danny Bautista, of, to a $9 million, three-year contract.

ATLANTA (6) — Re-signed John Smoltz, rhp, to a $30 million, three-year contract; re-signed Javy Lopez, c, to a $6 million, one-year contract; signed Vinny Castilla, 3b, Houston, to an $8 million, two-year contract; re-signed Julio Franco, 1b, to a minor league contract ($600,000); re-signed Eduardo Perez, c, to a minor league contract ($500,000); signed Albie Lopez, rhp, Arizona, to a one-year contract.

CHICAGO (2) — Re-signed Delino DeShields, 2b, to a $1.25 million, one-year contract; signed Moises Alou, of, Houston, to a $27 million, three-year contract.

HOUSTON (7) — Re-signed Jose Vizcaino, ss, to a $1.7 million, one-year contract; signed Brian L. Hunter, of, Philadelphia, to a $2.2 million, two-year contract; re-signed Doug Brocail, rhp, to a $750,000, one-year contract; re-signed Scott Servais, c, to a minor league contract ($400,000); re-signed Orlando Merced, of, to a $1.05 million, one-year contract; signed Gregg Zaun, c, Kansas City, to a $2.35 million, two-year contract; signed T.J. Mathews, rhp, St. Louis, to a $1 million, one-year contract.

LOS ANGELES (2) — Re-signed Jesse Orosco, lhp, to a minor league contract ($800,000); signed Hideo Nomo, rhp, Boston, to a $13.75 million, two-year contract.

MONTREAL (1) — Re-signed Randy Knorr, c, to a minor league contract ($350,000).

NEW YORK (2) — Signed Roger Cedeno, of, Detroit, to an $18 million, four-year contract; signed David Weathers, rhp, Chicago Cubs, to a $9.4 million, three-year contract.

PHILDELPHIA (1) — Re-signed Todd Pratt, c, to a minor league contract ($650,000).

ST. LOUIS (2) — Signed Jason Isringhausen, rhp, Oakland, to a $27 million, four-year contract; signed Tino Martinez, 1b, New York Yankees, to a $21 million, three-year contract.

SAN FRANCISCO (4) — Re-signed Jason Christiansen, lhp, to a $6.8 million, three-year contract; re-signed Benito Santiago, c, to a $3.75 million, two-year contract; re-signed Jason Schmidt, rhp, to a $30 million, four-year contract; Barry Bonds, of, accepted salary arbitration.

Remaining Players

NEW YORK (AP) — The 104 remaining free agents (a-may negotiate with former team through Jan. 8):

AMERICAN LEAGUE

ANAHEIM (3) — Gary DiSarcina, ss; Pat Rapp, rhp; Ismael Valdes, rhp.

BALTIMORE (4) — Jose Mercedes, rhp; Alan Mills, rhp; Tim Raines, of; Cal Ripken, 3b.

BOSTON (10) — Rod Beck, rhp; Dante Bichette, of; David Cone, rhp; Mike Lansing, 2b; Darren Lewis, of; Troy O'Leary, of; Joe Oliver, c; Hipolito Pichardo, rhp; Bret Saberhagen, rhp; John Valentin, 3b.

CHICAGO (6) — Harold Baines, of; Jose Canseco, of; Cal Eldred, rhp; Alan Embree, lhp; Bill Simas, rhp; David Wells, lhp.

CLEVELAND (3) — a-Juan Gonzalez, of; Kenny Lofton, of; Rich Rodriguez, lhp.

MINNESOTA (1) — Todd Jones, rhp.

NEW YORK (6) — Scott Brosius, 3b; Paul O'Neill, of; a-Luis Sojo, 2b; Randy Velarde, 2b; Allen Watson, lhp; a-Mark Wohlers, rhp.

OAKLAND (2) — a-Ron Gant, of; Gil Heredia, rhp.

SEATTLE (6) — Pat Borders, c; a-Jay Buhner, of; Stan Javier, of; Al Martin, of; Aaron Sele, rhp; Ed Sprague, 3b.

TEXAS (4) — Tim Crabtree, rhp; Chad Curtis, of; Pat Mahomes, rhp; Ruben Sierra, of.

TORONTO (2) — Tony Fernandez, 3b; Jeff Frye, 2b.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ARIZONA (5) — a-Mike Morgan, rhp; Mike Mohler, lhp; Reggie Sanders, of; Russ Springer, rhp; Bobby Witt, rhp.

ATLANTA (7) — Kurt Abbott, 2b; Ken Caminiti, 3b; Bernard Gilkey, of; a-Keith Lockhart, 3b; Steve Reed, rhp; Rey Sanchez, ss; Rudy Seanez, rhp.

CHICAGO (4) — a-Ron Coomer, 1b; Matt Stairs, of; Kevin Tapani, rhp; Eric Young, 2b.

CINCINNATI (3) — a-Joey Hamilton, rhp; a-Pete Harnisch, rhp; a-Jose Rijo, rhp.

COLORADO (3) — a-Brian Bohanon, lhp; Jerry Dipoto, rhp; a-Dan Miceli, rhp.

FLORIDA (3) — Ricky Bones, rhp; Alex Fernandez, rhp; John Mabry, of.

HOUSTON (7) — Pedro Astacio, rhp; Kent Bottenfield, rhp; Tony Eusebio, c; Mike Jackson, rhp; Bill Spiers, 3b; Ron Villone, lhp; Mike Williams, rhp.

LOS ANGELES (4) — Terry Adams, rhp; James Baldwin, rhp; Tim Bogar, ss; Jeff Shaw, rhp.

MILWAUKEE (4) — Mark Leiter, rhp; James Mouton, of; Lance Painter, lhp; Devon White, of.

MONTREAL (2) — Rob Ducey, of; Bob Scanlon, rhp.

NEW YORK (0)

PHILADELPHIA (1) — a-Ricky Bottalico, rhp.

PITTSBURGH (4) — Francisco Cordova, rhp; a-Josias Manzanillo, rhp; Ramon J. Martinez, rhp; Omar Olivares, rhp.

ST. LOUIS (3) — Bobby Bonilla, of; Carlos Hernandez, c; Mike James, rhp.

SAN DIEGO (4) — Tony Gwynn, of; Rickey Henderson, of; Dave Magadan, 3b; Chuck McElroy, lhp.

SAN FRANCISCO (3) — Eric Davis, of; Andres Galarraga, 1b; Mark Gardner, rhp.

Calendar

Jan. 5-15 — Salary arbitration filing.

Jan. 8 — Hall of Fame voting announced New York.

Jan. 15-16 — Owners meeting, Phoenix.

Jan. 18 — Salary arbitration figures exchanged.

Feb. 1-21 — Salary arbitration hearings.

Feb. 15 — Voluntary reporting date for pitchers, catchers and injured players.

Feb. 20 — Voluntary reporting date, other players.

Feb. 27 — Mandatory reporting date.

March 2-11 — Period teams may renew contracts of unsigned players.

March 27 — Last day to place players with nonguaranteed contracts on unconditional release waivers without paying their entire 2002 salaries.

April 1 — Opening day.

Fight Schedule

National TV in parentheses

Jan. 5
At Freeman Coliseum, San Antonio (HBO), Jesse James Leija, San Antonio, vs. Micky Ward, Lowell, Mass., 10, junior welterweights; Raul Balbi, Argentina, vs. Leonard Dorin, Romania, 12, for Balbi's WBA lightweight title.

Jan. 11
At Caguas, Puerto Rico (ESPN2), Eric Morel, Madison, Wis., vs. Ali Baba, Ghana, 10, flyweights.

Jan. 12
At Cox Pavilion at UNLV, Las Vegas (SHO), Joel Casamayor, Cuba, vs. Acelino Freitas, Brazil, 12, for Casamayor's WBA super featherweight title and Freitas' WBO junior lightweight title.

Jan. 26
At The Theater at Madison Square Garden (HBO), Sugar Shane Mosley, Lynwood, Calif., vs. Vernon Forrest, Augusta, Ga., for Mosley's WBC welterweight title; Arturo Gatti, Canada, vs. Terron Millett, welterweights.

Feb. 2
At American Airlines Arena, Miami (HBO), Roy Jones, Pensacola, Fla., vs. Glen Kelly, Australia, 12, for Jones' world light heavyweight title.

Feb. 9
At Cardiff, Wales, Joe Calzaghe, Wales, vs. Charles Brewer, Philadelphia, 12, for Calzaghe's WBO super middleweight title.

Feb. 23
At Mandalay Bay, Las Vegas (HBO), Paulie Ayala, Fort Worth, vs. Clarence Adams, Henderson, Ky., 12, super bantamweights; Rafael Marquez, Mexico, vs. Mark Johnson, Washington, 12, for the vacant USBA bantamweight title.

March 2
At MGM Grand, Las Vegas (PPV), Erik Morales, Mexico, vs. Marco Antonio Barrera, Mexico, 12, for Morales' WBC featherweight title.

Ski Report

ROCKIES
Colorado

Ajax (Aspen) — Tue 5:54a packed powder groomed 21 - 22 base 63 of 76 trails, 599 acres, 6 of 8 lifts.

Arapahoe Basin — Tue 5:35a packed powder groomed 18 base 11 of 61 trails, 3 of 5 lifts.

Aspen Highlands — Tue 5:45a packed powder groomed 26 - 31 base 96 of 115 trails 615 acres, 4 of 4 lifts.

Beaver Creek — Tue 5:00a packed powder groomed 22 - 36 base 93 of 146 trails, 1334 acres, 82% open, 13 of 13 lifts, 8:30a-3:30p.

Breckenridge — Tue 5:00a packed powder groomed 26 - 35 base 100 of 139 trails, 1640 acres, 80% open, 22 of 25 lifts, 8:30a-4p.

Buttermilk — Tue 5:45a packed powder groomed 19 - 22 base 40 of 40 trails, 20 miles, 420 acres, 100% open, 7 of 7 lifts.

Copper Mountain — Tue 6:50a packed powder groomed 32 - 72 base 75 of 127 trails 887 acres, 16 of 23 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30-4p.

Crested Butte — Tue 7:20a packed powder groomed 27 - 32 base 48 of 85 trails, 533 acres, 50% open, 11 of 15 lifts, sm 9a-4p.

Durango — Tue 5:00a packed powder groomed 26 - 31 base 75 of 75 trails, 1200 acres 100% open, 11 of 11 lifts, sm 9a-4p.

Eldora — Mon 12:00p packed powder groomed 26 base 22 of 53 trails, 9 of 12 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p.

Keystone — Tue 5:00a packed powder groomed 21 - 24 base 69 of 116 trails, 1126 acres, 60% open, 18 of 22 lifts, sm 8:30a-8p.

Loveland — Tue 5:30a packed powder groomed 29 - 34 base 27 of 70 trails, 244 acres 30% open, 5 of 11 lifts, 8:30a-4p.

Monarch — Mon 4:30a t powder groomed 35 base 41 of 54 trails, 5 of 5 lifts, 9a-4p.

Ski Cooper — Mon 1:18p packed powder groomed 24 - 25 base 26 of 26 trails, 26 miles, 400 acres, 100% open, 3 of 4 lifts, 9a-4p.

Snowmass — Tue 6:50a packed powder groomed 22 - 33 base 63 of 84 trails, 1776 acres, 17 of 22 lifts, 8:30a-4p.

SolVista — Mon 10:12a packed powder groomed 18 base 5 of 33 trails, 3 of 5 lifts.

Steamboat — Mon 8:45a powder groomed 35 - 41 base 140 of 142 trails, 2918 acres, 99% open, 16 of 25 lifts, sm 8:30a-4:30p.

Sunlight — Tue 5:00a packed powder groomed 24 - 25 base 85% open, 3 of 4 lifts.

Telluride — Tue 5:58a powder groomed 31 - 37 base 71 of 81 trails, 1110 acres, 90% open, 15 of 17 lifts, 8:45a-4:10p.

Vail — Tue 5:00a powder groomed 28 - 45 base 193 of 193 trails, 5055 acres 95% open, 32 of 33 lifts, 8:30a-3:30p.

Winter Park — Tue 6:26a packed powder groomed 38 - 43 base 97 of 134 trails, 20 of 22 lifts, 8:30a-4p.

Wolf Creek — Tue 6:30a packed powder groomed 40 - 51 base 55 of 55 trails, 1600 acres, 100% open, 6 of 6 lifts, 9a-4p.

New Mexico

Angel Fire — Mon 5p nmsr packed powder groomed 27 - 30 base 18 of 67 trails, 5 of 5 lifts, sm 9a-4:30p.

Pajarito — Plan to open ASAP. Call 888-662-7669.

Red River — Mon 5p nmsr packed powder groomed 26 - 31 base 9 of 58 trails, 4 of 7 lifts, sm.

Sandia Peak — Tue 6:14a packed powder groomed 15 base 1 of 29 trails, 10% open, 2 of 6 lifts.

Sipapu — Mon 5p nmsr packed powder groomed 29 base 20 of 20 trails, 2 of 3 lifts, sm.

Ski Apache — Mon 4:10p 6 new packed powder groomed 36 base 14 of 55 trails, 7 of 11 lifts, 8:45a-4p.

Ski Santa Fe — Tue 5:52a packed powder groomed 22 base 13 of 43 trails, 4 of 7 lifts, sm.

Taos — Tue 6:30a packed powder groomed 25 - 32 base 24 of 72 trails, 20% open, 8 of 12 lifts, sm 9a-4p.

Playoff Scenarios

For Week 16
AFC EAST

New England has clinched playoff berth.

Miami can clinch playoff berth with:
1) Miami win or tie.
2) Seattle loss or tie.
3) N.Y. Jets win or tie plus Baltimore win or tie.

New York Jets can clinch playoff berth with:
1) N.Y. Jets win or tie.
2) Seattle loss or tie.

AFC CENTRAL

Pittsburgh has clinched AFC Central Division title and a first-round bye.

Pittsburgh can clinch homefield advantage throughout playoffs with:
1) Pittsburgh win or tie.
2) Oakland loss or tie.

Baltimore can clinch playoff berth with:
1) Baltimore win or tie.
2) Seattle loss or tie.

AFC WEST

Oakland has clinched division.

Oakland can clinch first-round bye with:
1) Oakland win and Miami loss or tie plus N.Y. Jets loss or tie.

NFC EAST

Philadelphia can clinch division with:
1) Philadelphia win or tie.

NFC CENTRAL

Chicago has clinched a playoff berth.

Chicago can clinch NFC Central Division title and a first-round bye with:
1) Chicago win plus a Green Bay loss or tie.

Green Bay has clinched playoff berth.

Tampa Bay can clinch playoff berth with:
1) Tampa Bay win plus an Atlanta loss or tie.

NFC WEST

St. Louis has clinched a playoff berth.

St. Louis can clinch NFC Western Division title AND a first round bye with:
1) St. Louis win.
2) San Francisco loss.

St. Louis can clinch homefield advantage throughout playoffs with:
1) St. Louis win plus a Chicago loss or tie.

San Francisco has clinched a playoff berth.

College Basketball

Schedule

Wednesday's Games
SOUTH
E. Kentucky at Louisville, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 27
EAST
Morgan St. at Providence, 6:30 p.m.

SOUTH
Drake at Florida Atlantic, 6 p.m.
Virginia Tech at Florida St., 6 p.m.
N. Carolina A&T at North Carolina, 6:30 p.m.
Notre Dame vs. Alabama at New Orleans Arena, 7 p.m.
William & Mary at Maryland, 7 p.m.
Miami vs. LSU at New Orleans Arena, 9:30 p.m.

MIDWEST
Duquesne at Cleveland St., 6 p.m.
Toledo at Oakland, Mich., 6 p.m.
Wisconsin at Wis.-Milwaukee, 7p.m.

SOUTHWEST
Texas-Pan American at Rice, 7 p.m.

FAR WEST
CS Northridge at BYU, 8 p.m.
New Mexico St. at Denver, 8 p.m.
Morris Brown at Oregon, 9 p.m.
Ind.-Pur.-Ft. Wayne at Oregon St., 9 p.m.
Sacramento St. at UC Riverside, 9 p.m.
Nevada at San Jose St., 9:30 p.m.
Columbia at UCLA, 9:30 p.m.
Southern Cal at Washington, 9:30 p.m.
Fresno St. at Hawaii, 11 p.m.

TOURNAMENTS
ECAC Holiday Festival
At New York
First Round
Manhattan vs. Fordham, 5:30 p.m.
Iona vs. Seton Hall, 7:30 p.m.

FIU Holiday Classic
At Miami
First Round
Ohio vs. Long Island U., 4 p.m.
Vermont at Fla. International, 6 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 28
EAST
Winthrop vs. George Mason at the Halifax Metro Centre, Halifax, Nova Scotia, 5 p.m.
Rhode Island at Brown, 6 p.m.
St. Bonaventure vs. Connecticut at the Hartford Civic Center, 6:30 p.m.
La Salle at Marist, 6:30 p.m.
Belmont at Navy, 6:30 p.m.
Delaware St. at Villanova, 6:30 p.m.
Clemson vs. Hartford at the Mohegan Sun, Uncasville, Conn., 8 p.m.

SOUTH
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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

College Bowls

Tuesday, Dec. 18
New Orleans Bowl
$750,000
Colorado State 45, North Texas 20
Wednesday, Dec. 19
GMAC Bowl
Mobile, Ala.
$750,000
Marshall 64, East Carolina 61, 2OT
Thursday, Dec. 20
Tangerine Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
$750,000
Pittsburgh 34, N.C. State 19
Tuesday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Blue 28, Gray 10
Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas
$800,000
Utah 10, Southern California 6
Thursday, Dec. 27
Seattle Bowl
$750,000
Georgia Tech (7-5) vs. Stanford (9-2), 4 p.m. (ESPN)
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
$1 million
Iowa State (7-4) vs. Alabama (6-5), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Friday, Dec. 28
Galleryfurniture.com Bowl
At Houston
$750,000
Texas A&M (7-4) vs. TCU (6-5), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
$750,000
Boston College (7-4) vs. Georgia (8-3), 5 p.m. (ESPN)
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
$2 million
Texas (10-2) vs. Washington (8-3), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Saturday, Dec. 29
Motor City Bowl
At Pontiac, Mich.
$750,000
Toledo (9-2) vs. Cincinnati (7-4), Noon (ESPN)
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
$1.2 million
Texas Tech (7-4) vs. Iowa (6-5), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Insight.com Bowl
At Phoenix
$750,000
Kansas State (6-5) vs. Syracuse (9-3), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN2)
Monday, Dec. 31
Humanitarian Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
$750,000
Louisiana Tech (7-4) vs. Clemson (6-5), 12:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
$1 million
Washington State (9-2) vs. Purdue (6-5), 2:15 p.m. (CBS)
Silicon Valley Classic
At San Jose, Calif.
$750,000
Fresno State (11-2) vs. Michigan State (6-5), 3 p.m. (FOXSN)
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
$1.3 million
Brigham Young (12-1) vs. Louisville (10-2), 4 p.m. (ESPN)
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
$1.8 million
North Carolina (7-5) vs. Auburn (7-4), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Tuesday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
$2.2 million
Ohio State (7-4) vs. South Carolina (8-3), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
$2 million
Arkansas (7-4) vs. Oklahoma (10-2), 11 a.m. (FOX)
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
$1.4 million
Virginia Tech (8-3) vs. Florida State (7-4), 12:30 p.m. (NBC)
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
$4.25 million
Michigan (8-3) vs. Tennessee (10-2), 1 p.m. (ABC)
Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
$11-13 million
Colorado (10-2) vs. Oregon (10-1), 4:30 p.m. (ABC)
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
$11-13 million
Illinois (10-1) vs. Louisiana State (9-3), 8:30 p.m. (ABC)
Wednesday, Jan. 2
Orange Bowl
At Miami
$11-13 million
Maryland (10-1) vs. Florida (9-2), 8 p.m. (ABC)
Thursday, Jan. 3
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
$11-13 million
Miami (11-0) vs. Nebraska (11-1), 8 p.m. (ABC)
Saturday, Jan. 12
East-West Shrine Classic
At San Francisco
West vs. East, 1:30 p.m. (ESPN2)
Saturday, Jan. 26
Gridiron Classic
At Orlando, Fla.
Team Florida vs. Team USA, 2 p.m. (ESPN)
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
South vs. North, 5 p.m. (ESPN)
Saturday, Feb. 2
Hula Bowl
At Maui, Hawaii
North vs. South, 6 p.m. (ESPN)

Las Vegas Bowl
Utah 10, USC 6

Utah	7	3	0	0	— 10
USC	0	0	6	0	— 6

First Quarter
Utah—Tate 3 run (Kaneshiro kick), 5:26.
Second Quarter
Utah—FG Kaneshiro 26, :29.
Third Quarter
USC—Byrd 1 run (kick failed), 10:03.
A—30,894.

	Utah	USC
First downs	20	12
Rushes-yards	54-222	25-1
Passing	136	150
Comp-Att-Int	12-21-1	15-26-0
Return Yards	8	60
Punts-Avg.	6-38.0	8-37.8
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	10-95	6-47
Time of Possession	38:01	21:59

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Utah, Tate 23-103, Hunter 17-94, Russell 2-15, Ita'Aehau 1-7, Houston 1-3, Rice 6-1, D.Smith 1-1, Fortune 1-1, team 2-(minus 3). USC, Byrd 10-31, Howard 3-14, Poston 3-12, Hale 1-8, team 2-(minus 13), Palmer 6-(minus-51).
PASSING—Utah, Rice 12-21-1-136. USC, Palmer 15-26-0-150.
RECEIVING—Utah, Lyman 4-41, Richardson 3-35, D.Smith 2-24, Russell 2-19, Houston 1-17. USC, Kelly 3-33, Pitts 3-32, Colbert 2-38, Holmes 2-16, Dickerson 2-8, Hale 1-13, Byrd 1-8, Landrigan 1-2.

Blue-Gray Game
Blue 28, Gray 10

Blue	14	0	7	7	— 28
Gray	0	10	0	0	— 10

First Quarter
Blue—Easy 2 run (Hills kick), 9:44
Blue—Flowers 1 run (Hills kick), 7:05
Second Quarter
Gray—Foreman 2 run (White kick), 8:11
Gray—FG White 32, 1:31
Third Quarter
Blue—Drummond 3 run (Hills kick), :15
Fourth Quarter
Blue—Atkinson 11 fumble return (Hills kick), 4:10
A—18,000.

	Blue	Gray
First downs	23	13
Rushes-yards	37-131	48-203
Passing	111	166
Comp-Att-Int	9-29-1	21-50-1
Return Yards	63	76
Punts-Avg.	7-40.3	4-41.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	5-4
Penalties-Yards	5-73	1-10
Time of Possession	25:11	34:49

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Blue, Easy 12-49, Drummond 8-26, Flowers 6-18, Neill 3-16, Wiggins 5-12, Davis 1-9, Welsh 1-6, Bentley 1-(minus 5). Gray, Foreman 13-56, Carter 9-46, Gunn 9-36, Dugger 6-30, Kennedy 7-21, Zolman 3-13, Watson 1-1.
PASSING—Blue, Welsh 8-19-1-91, Neill 1-9-0-20, Givens 0-1-0 0. Gray, Kennedy 9-27-1-99, Zolman 12-23-0-67.
RECEIVING—Blue, Givens 3-42, O'Neal 2-31, Anelli 1-15, Drummond 1-8, Easy 1-8, Blakley 1-7. Gray, Harris 5-43, Stone 3-32, Foreman 3-14, Dugger 3-13, Heinrich 2-40, Taylor 2-15, Carter 2-3, Luzar 1-6.

Utah's defense steps up at Las Vegas Bowl

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Adam Tate rushed for 103 yards and a touchdown, and Utah's defense limited Southern California to 1 yard rushing as the Utes won the Las Vegas Bowl for the second time in three years, beating the Trojans 10-6 Tuesday.

The Utes (8-4) got a surprisingly dominan. performance from their defense, which embarrassed USC's high-powered offense. The Trojans (6-6), who had their four-game winning streak snapped, finished with 151 total yards.

Despite going scoreless in the second half, Utah converted two long third downs in the final 3:30 to run out the clock. When Tate surged for yet another first down with 1:30 left, the Utes doused coach Ron McBride with Gatorade to celebrate Utah's third bowl victory in six trips during his 12 years in charge.

Tate and Dameon Hunter, who rushed for 94 yards, were two of the first players to hug McBride after the final snap.

"Merry Christmas, Utah!" McBride shouted into the television cameras after the game.

Moved to Christmas Day to capitalize on a captive TV audience, the game was expected to draw a tiny crowd to Sam Boyd Stadium. Instead, 30,984 locals and fans of both teams filled the stadium, improbably setting a new attendance record for the 10-year-old bowl.

The fans and the television audience didn't see a telegenic game, however. Utah stayed true to its plan to grind out a victory on the ground, while USC's offense showed almost no signs of life in a poor showing for a team that finished the regular season with four straight victories.

Utah scored its only touchdown on its second possession. Tate, the bigger of the Utes' massive tailback tandem, bulled in on a 3-yard run.

The Trojans played dismally while going scoreless in the first half. Thanks to an amazing series of sacks and tackles behind the line by Sheldon Deckart and the Utes' aggressive linebackers, USC had minus-53 yards rushing in the first half — and just 15 total yards.

Even kicker David Davis had his string of 12 straight field goals snapped when he was left and short on a 47-yard attempt 3:28 before halftime. Utah pulled ahead 10-0 on Ryan Kaneshiro's 26-yard field goal three minutes later.

But USC woke up briefly, driving 80 yards to open the second half and scoring on Sunny Byrd's 1-yard run. Both defenses then began to dominate once again, with the Trojans led by 16 tackles from star safety Troy Polamalu.

On third-and-14 from the Utes' 9 with 3:30 left, quarterback Lance Rice hit Michael Richardson for a 20-yard reception. Facing third-and-5 a minute later, Tate bounced off several defenders for a 10-yard run that essentially sealed it.

Both teams made their impressive defensive stands despite playing without key defenders. Mike Pollard, the Trojans' second-leading tackler, sat out with a twisted knee, while Doug Kaufusi, Utah's all-conference defensive end, remained suspended for his final collegiate game because of an assault charge in February.

GAME: Bentley gets 16 tackles

(From 1C)

tackles, one for a loss.

Foreman, of Virginia, rushed for 56 yards to earn offensive honors for the Gray. Nate Morrow of Vanderbilt (15 tackles) was voted the team's top defensive player.

The Blue's Welsh completed 8 of 19 passes, with one interception. David Neill of Nevada was 1-for-9 for 20 yards.

The Gray's Kennedy, a Montgomery native, was 9-of-27 with an interception. Greg Zolman of Vanderbilt was 12-of-23 for 67 yards.

Defensive players provided the biggest numbers. Bentley's interception set up the game's first touchdown.

Byrdsong also had a punt return for a touchdown negated by penalty before fumbling his final attempt at a return. He was still happy with the MVP trophy.

"That's sweet, man," Byrdsong said. "I haven't had an MVP trophy in a while. It's a good feeling. I don't know how I'm going to get back on the plane with it. I'm going to get it there somehow."

The game, pitting the North against the South, is for seniors whose schools were not playing in bowl games.

The teams combined for just 79 yards in the first quarter, but the Blue didn't need much more. It jumped out 14-0 in the first eight minutes, thanks partly to good field position.

First, the Blue took over at the Gray's 45 on a short punt, setting up Easy's score.

Bentley then returned an interception of Kennedy's pass 20 yards to the Gray 7 and Delvon Flowers of Arizona State vaulted into the end zone.

The Gray squad put together a pair of long second-quarter drives to make it 14-10 at halftime.

Foreman capped a 13-play, 84-yard march with a 2-yard run. A 15-play possession, set up by Byrdsong's interception, ended with a 32-yard field goal by Ryan White.

The loss snapped the Gray's four-game winning streak.

BOWL: Offense similar for both teams

(From 1C)

aged just 24.5 points per game in the last four games. Gesser also injured his shoulder in the regular-season finale and suffered a slight concussion the previous game.

The Boilermakers offense has fizzled this year because of inconsistency at quarterback and an offensive line that never found its rhythm.

Brandon Hance started the first nine games before being benched and replaced by Kyle Orton. Hance has since left the program while Orton lost his first two starts to Indiana and Notre Dame.

The Boilermakers averaged 20.3 points, 204.2 yards passing and 306.1 yards of total offense per game — all lows in the Tiller era. Tiller said he has scaled back the playbook for Orton and will enter the Sun Bowl with about 20 plays.

"We're just trying to figure out those 20 things and just stay on them," he said. "We want to rep 'em and rep 'em until we're in a groove on them."

Tiller said the Cougars are a creative team offensively who like to distribute the ball to different receivers.

"I don't see any glaring weakness that says you can attack them here or attack them there on either side of the ball," he said. "They have great balance on both sides of the ball."

Tiller had two stints as an assistant at Washington State, the first from 1971-73 and again in 1989 and 1990. Tiller said coaching for Price, who hired him the second time, gave him a better understanding of his decision-making process.

"I coached with him one year and each game he went backward," Tiller said. "He wanted to run less and less of the offense and get better and better at running less and less of the offense. I would suspect that now that they've got an experienced quarterback, they'll add to it."

Georgia Tech denies hiring ex-Dallas coach

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Georgia Tech said Tuesday it still is negotiating to hire Miami Dolphins offensive coordinator Chan Gailey as the Yellow Jackets' football coach.

Athletic director Dave Braine said a new coach won't be introduced until after Georgia Tech, under interim coach Mac McWhorter, plays Stanford in the inaugural Seattle Bowl on Thursday.

ESPN said Tuesday that Gailey, the former Dallas Cowboys head coach, already accepted the job.

"We've told the kids we're not going to do anything until after the game," Brain said Tuesday.

Braine declined to say if an announcement was expected then, but said, "We're coming home right after the game."

The Telegraph in Macon cited unidentified sources close to Tech's athletic department in Tuesday's editions that Gailey was close to a deal to succeed George O'Leary.

The Miami Herald said in Tuesday's newspaper that Georgia Tech administrators were impressed with Gailey during a recent interview and decided to offer him the job, even though Gailey insisted on finishing his second season with the Dolphins.

The Dolphins, fighting for an NFL playoff spot, play the Atlanta Falcons on Sunday in Miami.

Gailey, a native of Gainesville, Ga. grew up in Americus. He declined comment on the report Monday and did not immediately return a call Tuesday.

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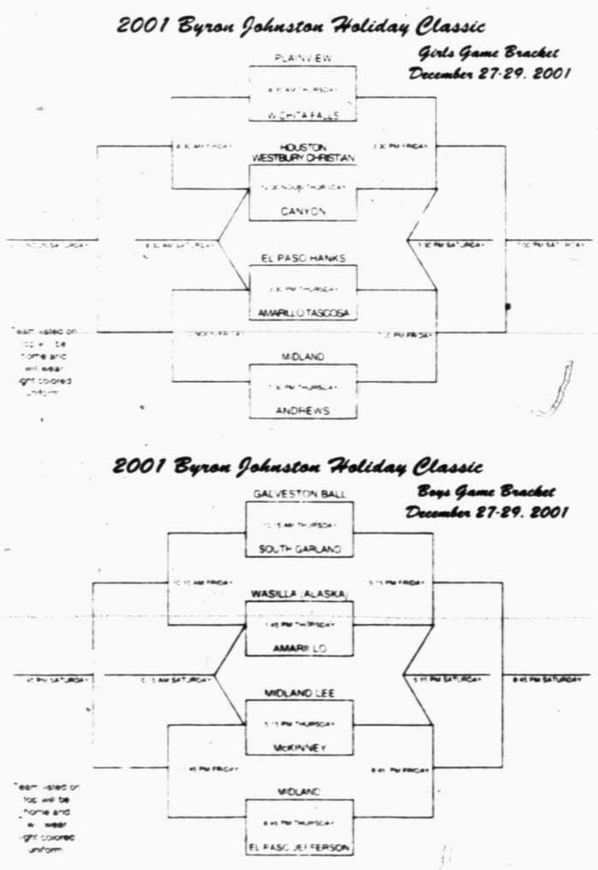

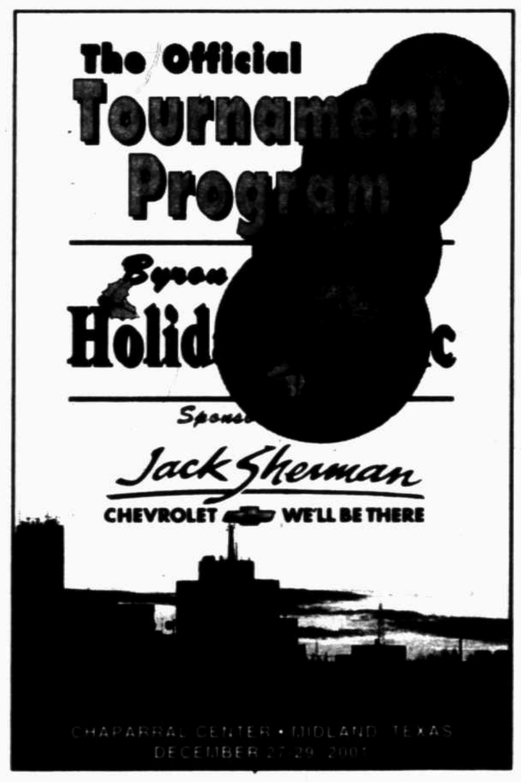

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The **Midland High Baseball Booster Club** meets on the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. in Conference Room 'A' at the high school. For information, call Debbie Elander at 685-3623...

The **Midland Lee Boys Basketball Booster Club** meets on the first Monday of each month. All meetings start at 7 p.m., but scheduling conflicts may displace the site from the library (the first option) to the cafeteria or the locker room. For more information, call 520-2069...

Basketball...

There is a **Men's Basketball League** being started at the Boys and Girls Club of Midland. Cost is $100 per team. The league will play games at the Taylor Park Boys and Girls Club facility. There are 10 games plus a tournament game. For more information call David Jones at 683-0050...

Registration has started for the **YMCA Winter League,** which starts play on Jan. 15. The league is for boys and girls in kindergarten through eighth grade. Fees are $25 for YMCA members and $38 for non-members. Registration ends Dec. 30. For more information, call the YMCA at 682-2551...

The **YMCA** needs basketball referees. If interested, call the YMCA at 682-2551 for more information...

Softball...

XLR8, a girls' 16-under competitive fastpitch softball team, is looking for players for the 2002 season. If interested, please call Don Manuz 520-8595 or 634-5151...

Baseball...

The **University of Texas** will host an advanced specialty camp Dec. 28-30 for ages 14-18. The camp will have three individual sessions, for hitting, defense and pitchers/catchers. Overnight accommodations are available. For more information, call (512) 471-3309 or e-mail howardh@mail.utexas.edu...

Umpires are needed to officiate high school baseball games. For more information, call Danny Garcia at 697-8409...

The **Midland Junior Baseball Association** will hold sign-ups for spring baseball on Jan. 26 and Feb. 2 at the Midland Community Center, located at 2300 Butternut Lane (off Scharbauer Drive by Lee Freshman School). Sign-ups will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Sign-ups can also be made at Stadium Sports. Call Robert Thomas at 688-3422 with any questions...

The Midland Winter Baseball Camp will be Dec. 26-28 at Zachery Field on the east side of Memorial Stadium. Cost is $100 for all three days or $40 a day. The camp is for players ages 7-12. Midland High's state championship coach Barry Russell will instruct ages 7-12 while Danny Jordan the Rocket Baseball Academy will instruct ages 13-18. Players from Southwestern, Rice, UT-Arlington, Oklahoma and Texas Tech will be at the camp. Call Kevin Jordan at 352-2421 for more information...

Tennis...

After-school tennis programs are being conducted by Luis Valdez on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the Kimber Lea Swim and Tennis Club. The times for different ages and skill levels are as follows: third-sixth grade beginners, 4:30-5:30 p.m.; third-sixth grade intermediate and advanced players, 5:30-6:30 p.m.; seventh-ninth grade intermediate and advanced players, 6:30-7:30 p.m. A session for elite players is also planned for Tuesdays. For more information, call 580-8929 or 570-6245...

Pot Luck tennis matches will be held on Saturday mornings for adults of all skill levels at the Midland College Tennis Complex. Pairings will be made at 9:30 a.m., but players can come earlier to sign up or warm up. Cost is $1 for balls, plus $2 court fee for those who are not members of the Midland Tennis Club. Players don't have to call — they can just show up — but to get more information, call the Center at 687-4046 or Betty Lewis at 570-6511...

Midland Tennis Club is accepting membership dues. Members are allowed to participate in MTC tournaments and use the Midland College Tennis Center year round. MTC dues are as follows: adults $50, juniors (18 or younger as of Jan. 1, 2001) $30, family $125...

Soccer...

Midland Soccer Association is having spring sign-ups through Jan. 27 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Midland Soccer Association Office at 4400 N. Big Spring, Suite C-41. Cost is $45 per player for up to two players from the same household. There are family discounts for households which have three or more players registering at the same time. Players must be 4 years old on or by Dec. 31, 2001. First time players or those players who have skipped seasons must provide MSA a copy of their birth certificate at registration. For more information call MSA at 684-KICK (684-5425)...

Running...

The **Permian Basin Road Runners Club** is a non-profit, educational organization for runners living in West Texas and southeastern New Mexico. The club, which promotes distance running as a helpful exercise and a competitive sport, is a member of the Road Runners Club of America and the Athletics Congress. Membership is open to all runners, joggers or walkers, regardless of experience. The club sponsors monthly fun runs, specialized training, group runs and runs for charity. For information, call Penny Wasem at 697-6391. Web site is www.stormpages.com/pbrrc...

Swimming...

Pre-competitive swimming is being offered at the Mabee Aquatic Center. The program will teach elementary age swimmers techniques of competitive swimming while improving their strokes. It is open to swimmers who can swim at least 25 yards of freestyle and backstroke. The cost is $40 per month on a year-round basis. For more information, call 684-7755...

COM Aquatics is offering **water aerobics classes** Monday through Saturday at Mabee Aquatic Center. Morning, afternoon and evening classes are available. Swimming skills are not required. All classes are open to the public. COM provides all equipment. Cost is $47.50 per month for single membership, or $70 for a couple. For more information, call Jeni Wood at 684-7755...

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The **COM Masters Swimming** is Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5-6 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost is $40 per month and includes stroke instruction and cardiovascular training. Call 684-7755 for more information...

COM Diving offers a full range of diving instruction from beginning lessons to elite team training and competition. All ages and ability levels are invited to participate. Lessons are offered at various times. For information, call 684-7755...

The **Midland YMCA** offers year-round 30-minute swim lessons for parents and children and 45-minute lessons for youth. For more information, call Leaf Faller at 682-2551...

Midland YMCA is offering **swimming lessons** for children and adults. Private lessons are available upon request. For more imformation, call Leaf Faller at 682-2551...

The Midland YMCA is offering **water aerobic classes.** Early morning, morning and evening classes are available. No swimming ability is necessary to participate in these classes. For more information please call Leaf Faller at 682-2551...

The Central YMCA is offering **arthritis water exercise classes.** Classes are on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at varying times during the day. For more information call Leaf Faller at 682-2551...

The Midland YMCA, 800 North Big Spring, is offering **swimming lessons** for children and adults. All swimmers are grouped according to ages and ability. Private lessons are available upon request. Safety skills are taught to all swimmers at all levels. For more information, call Leaf Faller at 682-2551...

Cycling...

The **Permian Basin Bicycle Association** meets monthly — at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of each month — at the Knights of Columbus Hall at the intersection of FM 1788 and WCR 602. Rides are held weekly, including Tuesday & Thursday at 6 p.m., fast/hard ride from corner of Loop 338 and State Highway 191 in Odessa; Tuesday at 6:15 p.m. from Peyton's Bikes in Midland (beginner's ride); Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. from Peyton's (medium and fast paced groups); Saturday at 7:30 a.m. from Loop 338 & Highway 191 in Odessa; Sunday at 7:30 a.m., breakfast ride from Golden Corral in Odessa; Sunday at 2 p.m., Flag Ranch Ride Mountain Bike Ride. Membership dues are $25 or $30 for a family. Call Peyton's Bikes at 699-1718 for more information...

Walking...

Midland Walkabout AVA Club is a new club to Midland and meets every fourth Monday of the month at the Midland Public Library in the upstairs meeting room at 7 p.m. AVA is the American Volkssport Association and is a walking club for all ages and levels of walking. The club will have the opportunity to take sanctioned walks all over Texas. Jack Rogers is the president and can be contacted at 570-0869...

Flag Football...

The **Midland YMCA** needs referees for YMCA Youth Flag Football. Call 682-2551 or come by the central YMCA for more information...

Now that Floyd's out, who wants this job?

Associated Press

DEERFIELD, Ill. — On paper, the Chicago Bulls job sounds like a good one.

With six NBA titles in the 1990s, the team has an impressive history few others can match. OK, so things haven't gone so well since that guy named Jordan left, but it's not like taking over, say, the Clippers.

The team is stocked with young talent and the Bulls have one of the best practice facilities in the league. Chicago is a sports town, and Bulls fans are a forgiving bunch willing to wait out the rebuilding process.

It all sounds fine, right? Wrong. While the Bulls' gig might not sound bad on paper, in reality, it's a mess. When Tim Floyd resigned Monday, he walked away from a team that is 49-190 over the last three-plus years and has little hope of getting better any time soon.

"In the case of me stepping away," Floyd said, "I think it's going to provide hope for a lot of people that maybe this next coach could be the guy who can help the Bulls go to where they ultimately need to be, and that's back to the championship level."

But who would want this job? Assistant Bill Berry will be the interim coach, beginning with Wednesday night's game in Memphis, but general manager Jerry Krause made it clear he's looking for someone else to be the permanent replacement.

Sure, there are savvy, veteran coaches out there like Jeff Van Gundy and Mike Dunleavy who might be able to make a difference with this team. But would they want the headache?

The top free agents, the kind who quickly could turn a team around, have already showed they're not coming to the Bulls' rescue. Grant Hill didn't even consider Chicago. Remember Eddie Jones and Tracy McGrady? They flirted with the Bulls and then went where they could win.

Those young players? They're really, really young. General manager Jerry Krause seemed to have a cornerstone in place when he took Elton Brand with the No. 1 pick in 1999. Not only was Brand a good, solid player, but he was an even better person, the kind around which you build a franchise.

But Krause scrapped his first youth movement last summer and got even younger. First he drafted high schooler Eddy Curry. Then he shipped Brand to the Clippers for the rights to Tyson Chandler, another prep star.

Curry and Chandler are immensely talented, and they might be all-stars someday. For now, though, they're teen-agers going through gawky growing pains.

"This organization will go on from here," Krause said. "There is young talent here that's going to get better. They will improve."

It's a good thing the Bulls have that nice practice facility, because the new coach will need it.

"I think people expect these young players to go from A to Z," Floyd said. "These guys simply can't go from A to Z overnight. It takes time."

There's also the Krause issue. Though he's been unfairly given all of the blame for breaking up the Bulls' championship dynasty, Krause doesn't have the greatest track record with his coaches. Just ask Phil Jackson.

Though Krause and Floyd were once fishing buddies, it was clear Monday that relations between the two are now frosty, at best. When Floyd thanked a laundry list of people in the organization, Krause's name was noticeably absent.

"We had disagreements," Floyd said. "You're going to have disagreements in any professional sports organization. For the most part, we were able to work together."

Krause could choose to go with an NBA newcomer, like he did when he hired Floyd out of Iowa State. A college coach might better relate to younger players and have the energy needed for such a massive rebuilding effort.

But the Bulls are having enough trouble finding their way. The last thing they need is a tour guide who doesn't know where he's going.

Which brings the Bulls right back to where they were 3 1/2 years ago — in the middle of a mess.

"I wouldn't have any advice for that guy," Floyd said when asked if he had any suggestions for his replacement. "My God, look at my record. I can't give anybody any advice."

Watkins intends to try to buy Twins

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Alabama businessman Donald Watkins intends to try to purchase the Minnesota Twins.

Watkins, who would become baseball's first black controlling owner, is scheduled to meet with baseball officials on Jan. 10. He previously had talked with baseball officials about a possible bid for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

"On Jan. 10, I will tell the chairman of (baseball's) ownership committee that my No. 1 priority are the Twins," Watkins was quoted as saying in Tuesday's editions of the St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Watkins and the Twins could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

Baseball owners voted Nov. 6 to eliminate two teams before the start of next season, and the Twins and Montreal Expos are the top candidates. But a Minnesota district court judge issued an injunction Nov. 16 that forces the Twins to honor their lease at the Metrodome next season. A hearing on an appeal by the team and commissioner Bud Selig is scheduled for Thursday.

Twins owner Carl Pohlad has not objected to Selig's contraction plan because of frustration over the failure of Minnesota's government to produce a financing plan for a new ballpark.

Watkins said Saturday he received more than 4,000 e-mails since Thanksgiving from supportive fans.

"I'm going to work my butt off to match the level of passion they've shown me in the last four weeks," Watkins was quoted as saying. "You can't let that kind of spirited competitive energy go unrewarded, especially when it makes good business sense."

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Mets, Vaughn trying to complete trade

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York Mets have until Wednesday to complete a tentative trade that would bring them Mo Vaughn from the Anaheim Angels for Kevin Appier.

The teams agreed to the tentative trade last weekend, a person familiar with the negotiations said Tuesday on the condition he not be identified. The commissioner's office then granted the Mets a 72-hour window to talk to Vaughn's agent, Jeff Moorad.

News of the tentative trade was first reported Tuesday by the Los Angeles Times.

"People are aware that we've talked to the Mets on this thing," Angels general manager Bill Stoneman said Tuesday. "I'm not going to comment beyond that."

The Mets, who sent a delegation to see Vaughn last week, took a similar public stance.

Moorad declined comment Tuesday.

New York would like to defer parts of the $50 million Vaughn is owed in the final three seasons of his $80 million, six-year contract with Anaheim.

The source said it was unclear if the Mets' negotiations with Moorad would be successful. Sometimes, teams agree to a tentative trade with little or no intention of completing it, such as the Yankees' tentative trade with Detroit for Juan Gonzalez last year.

New York general manager Steve Phillips said his payroll will remain in the $95 million range and because of his failure to trade Todd Zeile, who will be paid $6 million next season, the tentative deal could be merely an effort to sound out Vaughn on his willingness to defer money.

Vaughn is owed salaries of $10 million next season, $15 million in 2003 and $15 million in 2004. The contract contains a team option for $14 million in 2005 with a $2 million buyout, and Vaughn is owed $8 million of his $13 million signing bonus.

Appier is owed $33 million: $9 million next year, $11 million in 2003, $12 million in 2004 and $1 million of his $2 million signing bonus, which is due next July 1.

Vaughn, the 1995 AL Most Valuable Player, missed all of last season after rupturing a biceps tendon and said after the season he would like to leave the Angels and play for an East Coast team.

The first baseman hit .281 with 33 homers and 108 RBIs in 1999, his first season after leaving Boston. Vaughn severely sprained an ankle when he fell into a dugout on opening day and missed 23 games.

Vaughn hit .272 with 36 homers and 117 RBIs in 2000. New York's chief goal this offseason was to add punch to an offense that batted only .249 with 147 homers, both 15th among the 16 NL teams.

Vaughn would join a new-look Mets lineup bolstered by the acquisition of All-Star second baseman Roberto Alomar from Cleveland and the signing of free agent outfielder Roger Cedeno.

Appier, a 34-year-old right-hander, was 11-10 with a 3.57 ERA in his first season with the Mets.

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Weeknight winners

The workday doesn't end when you shut down your computer or pick up the kids after school. Sometimes the hardest work is facing the day's real challenge: What's for dinner? Quick, reliable dinner ideas are essential for time-starved families, especially on weeknights. Here are some easy solutions from more than 5,000 home cooks who put their cooking skills to the test in the 2001 National Beef Cook-Off.

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'Best of Beef' grand prize winner

Priscilla Yee, California

Cumin-Crusted Beef Steaks with Orange-olive Relish

Preparation and cooking time: 30 minutes

4 boneless beef chuck eye or chuck top blade steaks, cut 3/4 inch thick about 1 1/2 pounds)
2 to 3 medium oranges
1 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1 jar (7 ounces) roasted red peppers, diced
1/3 cup coarsely chopped Kalamata olives
1/3 cup diced red onion
Orange slices and Kalamata olives

1. Grate 2 teaspoons orange peel from oranges; reserve oranges. Combine orange peel, cumin and salt in small bowl; remove and reserve 2 teaspoons seasoning for relish.

2. Heat ridged grill pan or large nonstick skillet over medium heat until hot. Add pepper to remaining seasoning; press evenly onto beef steaks. Place steaks in grill pan; cook chuck eye steaks 9 to 11 minutes (top blade steaks 10 to 12 minutes) for medium rare to medium doneness, turning once.

3. Meanwhile peel and dice enough reserved oranges to measure 1 1/2 cups. Combine diced oranges, red peppers, olives, onion and reserved 2 teaspoons seasoning in medium bowl; mix well. Serve steaks with relish. Garnish with orange slices and olives.

Makes 4 servings.

Patricia Harmon, Pennsylvania

Tex-Mex Smoky Beef Chili Hash

Preparation and cooking time: 30 minutes

3 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 package (20 ounces) refrigerated pre-diced potatoes with onion
1 package (16 to 17 ounces) refrigerated fully cooked boneless beef pot roast with gravy
1 cup prepared thick and chunky salsa
1/2 to 1 teaspoon finely chopped canned chipotle pepper, plus 1 teaspoon adobo sauce
1 cup shredded Mexican cheese blend

1. Heat oil in large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Add potatoes; cover and cook 8 to 10 minutes or until potatoes are lightly browned, turning occasionally.

2. Meanwhile remove pot roast from package; set aside. Transfer gravy to medium bowl; stir in salsa, chipotle pepper and adobo sauce.

3. Cut pot roast into 1-inch pieces. Add beef and salsa mixture to skillet; mix well. Cover and cook over medium heat 10 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Sprinkle with cheese; cook, covered, 1 to 2 minutes or until cheese is melted.

Makes 4 servings.

Kathleen Boulanger, Vermont

Pan-Seared Caesar Beef & Potato Salad

Preparation and cooking time: 30 minutes
Marinating time: 30 to 60 minutes

4 boneless beef chuck top blade or chuck eye steaks, cut 3/4 inch thick (about 1 1/2 pounds)
1 cup prepared non-creamy Caesar dressing, divided
1 1/2 pounds small unpeeled round red potatoes
Small lemon
Salt and pepper
1 package (10 ounces) torn romaine lettuce hearts
Shaved Parmesan cheese
Lemon

1. Place beef steaks and 1/2 cup dressing in food-safe plastic bag; turn steaks to coat. Close bag securely and marinate in refrigerator 30 to 60 minutes.

2. Place potatoes in shallow microwave-safe dish with 1/4 cup water. Cover and microwave on HIGH 7 to 10 minutes or until tender, stirring once. Drain water from potatoes. Meanwhile grate 1/2 teaspoon lemon peel and squeeze juice from 1/2 lemon. Cool potatoes slightly; cut lengthwise into quarters. Combine potatoes, lemon juice and lemon peel in medium bowl; toss. Add 1/4 cup dressing and salt and pepper; toss.

3. Remove steaks from marinade; discard marinade. Heat large nonstick skillet over medium heat until hot. Place steaks in skillet; cook top blade steaks 10 to 12 minutes (chuck eye steaks 9 to 11 minutes) for medium rare to medium doneness, turning once. Remove from skillet; let rest 5 minutes. Remove tough connective tissue from center of top blade steaks; carve steaks into 1/4-inch thick slices. Season with salt andpepper.

4. Combine lettuce and 1/4 cup dressing in large bowl; toss. Place lettuce on platter; top with beef and potatoes. Sprinkle with cheese. Garnish with lemon.

Makes 4 servings.

Bernice Janowski, Wisconsin

Smoked Beef Sausage & Potato Chowder

Preparation and cooking time: 30 minutes

1 pound fully cooked smoked beef sausage, thinly sliced
1 package (5 ounces) instant cheesy scalloped potatoes, reserving sauce mix
2 cups frozen mixed vegetables
1 can (14 1/2 ounces) ready-to-serve onion-flavored beef broth
1 cup water
2 cups milk
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
1/4 teaspoon pepper
Fresh parsley sprigs

1. Heat Dutch oven over medium-high heat until hot. Add sausage; cook and stir 5 minutes or until browned. Pour off drippings.

2. Add potatoes from package, mixed vegetables, broth and water; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; whisk in reserved sauce mix until blended. Cover and simmer over low heat 12 minutes or until potatoes are tender, stirring occasionally.

3. Stir in milk; cook, uncovered, over medium heat 1 minute or just until heated through. (Do not boil.) Remove from heat; stir in chopped parsley and pepper. Garnish with parsley sprigs.

Makes 4 servings (about 1 3/4 cups each).

Valerie McArdle, Oregon

Belize Beef on Spiced Potatoes

Preparation and cooking time: 30 minutes

1 pound beef ground round
1 can (14 1/2 ounces) zesty diced tom toes, un-drained, divided
1 1/2 teaspoons jarred minced garlic
1 teaspoon Caribbean jerk seasoning
2 large unpeeled baking potatoes
Salt, pepper and Caribbean jerk seasoning
Topping:
1/2 cup plain yogurt
3/4 teaspoon jarred minced garlic
1/2 teaspoon Caribbean jerk seasoning

1. Brown beef ground round in large nonstick skillet over medium heat 8 to 10 minutes or until beef is not pink, breaking up into small crumbles. Pour off drippings. Drain and reserve 1 tablespoon of the tomatoes. Add remaining tomatoes with liquid, 1 1/2 teaspoons garlic and 1 teaspoon jerk seasoning to beef; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 8 minutes, stirring occasionally. Uncover skillet; continue simmering 7 minutes, stirring occasionally. Season with salt and pepper.

2. Meanwhile cut potatoes lengthwise into 1/4-inch thick slices; pierce in several places with a fork. Dip in cold water; sprinkle lightly with salt, pepper and jerk seasoning. Place in single layer on nonstick baking pan. Broil 3 to 6 inches from heat 10 to 12 minutes or until tender and lightly browned, turning once.

3. Combine topping ingredients and reserved 1 tablespoon tomatoes in small bowl; season with salt and pepper. Spoon beef mixture over potatoes. Serve with topping.

Makes 4 servings.

Top: Cumin-crusted Beef Steaks with Orange-Olive Relish
Right center: Pan-seared Caesar Beef & Potato Salad
Left center: Tex-Mex Smoky Beef Chili Hash
Right: Belize Beef on Spiced Potatoes
Above: Smoked Beef Sausage & Potato Chowder

Spice of life

Fun is not-so-secret ingredient in sisters' sausages

AP Photo
Merry Barry, left, and Cherie Peterson, are founders, owners and partners in My Sausage Sister and Me.

By Karren Mills
Associated Press

CHANHASSEN, Minn. — They call themselves "sausagiers" to show their spirit of adventure. They see their sausages as a dancing chorus line, and give them names: DaVinci's Dog, Merry! Merry! Cranberry and Rockin' Reuben.

At the Minneapolis Farmers Market this summer, they appeared in black bebop hats and yellow garden clogs to push their specialty sausages, variously flavored with things like cayenne, ginger and cranberries.

One ingredient, though, seems to be a constant for Cherie Peterson and Merry Barry, the sisters behind My Sausage Sister & Me.

Fun.

The sisters grew up in the food business. Their grandfather, Joe Gaspar, began making sausage from his own special recipe on a big butcher-block table in the back of his small-town grocery store in the late 1920s.

Their father, Elmo Gaspar, took over the store in Eden Valley, about 70 miles west of Minneapolis, and a butcher mixed the trimmings from pork roasts, steaks and chops with aromatic spices and stuffed the mixture into casings.

The sausage was a staple on the family's lunch and dinner table, but it wasn't until their father died in 1999 that the sisters were inspired to launch new careers. Peterson had taught home economics for 15 years, then worked in real estate. Barry was a hair stylist for 25 years.

Both said it was a discussion of that old butcher block table, as their father's possessions were divided among family, that got them thinking about the old business.

"We were both at that right stage in life that, let's do something fun and something that women don't normally do and just see where this goes," Barry said.

"So it was either transmissions or sausages," Peterson joked.

"And we knew we had no future in transmissions," Barry chimed in.

They also knew their new business had to be food and had to be fun. Their mother and grandmother both loved to cook and were happiest when they had a table full of people and food, they said.

"It's sort of like, good times, good food and we want to be there," Peterson said. It didn't hurt that Peterson had years of experience teaching cooking.

They went to work in Peterson's Chanhassen kitchen, equipped with a KitchenAid mixer, sausage-making attachments and a few books on sausage making.

Their first effort — chicken sausage — was "just awful," Peterson said.

"The texture was like sawdust and it was so dry you could hardly swallow it," Peterson said.

After learning from butchers that chicken or turkey sausage needs muscle meat and sometimes skin to give texture and make it juicy, they decided pork was more their speed.

AP Photo
Sausage, salsa, mustard, syrup and pancake mix are some of the products available in gift packages from My Sausage Sister and Me in Chanhassen, Minn.

From then on, it was trial and error. They drew up lists of possible spices and other ingredients and began mixing and matching.

They created the recipe for Merry, Merry Cranberry sausage by looking at the ingredients and spices in chutney, which goes well with pork, then adding dried cranberries and onions, which also compliment pork.

Once a recipe is perfected, an area butcher shop makes the sausage.

Peterson and Barry sold their first sausages in July 2000. They hit the road with their sausage wagon — a commercial kitchen on wheels — performing at art fairs and county fairs. They also began selling gift boxes on their Web site, http://www.sausagesisters.com.

Their road costumes draw attention and the recipes they give out for using sausages in soup, appetizers and main dishes such as spinach pie help people remember them.

The best-selling of their 10 varieties is Leave it to Cleaver, made of pork, wild rice, grated carrot, onion and seasonings.

But they can do sausage with finesse, too. Thai One On — with ginger, soy sauce, green and red peppers — is designed to serve as part of an Asian meal or as an appetizer dipped in peanut sauce.

Their tweaked version of their grandfather's sausage — Poppa Joe Meets Granny Smith — also is popular.

On the Net:
My Sausage Sister & Me: http://www.sausagesisters.com

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DEAR ABBY

Father of flower girl finds it's no bed of roses at home

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My nephew is being married in a few months and has asked my 7-year-old daughter, "Shelley," to be the flower girl in his wedding. He is her godfather.

I also have a 5-year-old daughter, "Ruthie." My wife thinks it is unfair that Ruthie wasn't asked to be in the wedding because "it's every little girl's dream" to be a flower girl. The truth is, Ruthie did not feel slighted in the least when she heard Shelley was asked. However, my wife, her mother, two sisters and a couple of her friends think it is wrong and mean-spirited for Ruthie not to be included.

Pauline and Jeanne Phillips

This argument has caused a great deal of strain between my wife and me. She has even stated that rather than attending the wedding, she may stay home with Ruthie. Abby, do you think I am being an insensitive father for not telling my nephew that he must ask BOTH girls to be flower girls? — BEWILDERED IN TEXAS

DEAR BEWILDERED: Certainly not. Being a flower girl isn't "every little girl's dream" unless someone has planted the notion. Tell your wife and the meddling in-laws to stop interfering with your nephew's wedding plans. If your wife prefers to stay home with your 5-year-old, that's her choice.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating my father's heart surgeon. He is extremely busy and calls less and less often as the weeks go by. He makes very little time to see me, although he claims he will make more time for me in the future. I know he has a lot of pressure, but I'm sure he doesn't do heart surgery 24 hours a day.

Every time I decide to give up on him, he calls, apologizes and promises to see me "soon." He also pays me lavish compliments. I really like him a lot, but the relationship is going nowhere.

What must I do to resolve the situation? I don't have the strength to say no. — HEARTBROKEN OKLAHOMAN

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: Don't let this cardiologist break your heart, and don't burn your bridges. Accept his compliments, issue no ultimatums, and make it a priority to meet and date other eligible men. He may, indeed, have an extremely full schedule. However, until he's willing to place you higher on his list of priorities, make sure your social calendar is as full as you want it to be.

DEAR ABBY: I thought you and your readers might enjoy these announcements from actual church bulletins. Get ready to chuckle! — LOIS IN HELLERTOWN, PA.

DEAR LOIS: Although these have appeared in my column before, I'm sure many people would welcome a chuckle. Read on:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Don't let worry kill you. Let the church help.

2. This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Jenny Palmer to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

3. The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind and may be seen in the fellowship hall all day Friday.

4. This afternoon, there will be a meeting in the south and north ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.

5. Tonight's sermon will be "What is Hell?" Come early and hear our choir practice.

Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips, aka Abigail Van Buren, and daughter Jeanne Phillips. Their column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

AROUND TOWN

■ The **Midland Palette Club** will be featuring work by Reba Loyd in the lobby at Bank One, 2301 W. Wall. The artwork will be on display Monday through Friday during banking hours the month of Decemeber.

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To have your event included in this column, mail the information to Around Town, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, Texas, 79702; fax it to 570-7650; or e-mail it to hillary@mrt.com.

QUICK COOKING: Chicken Cashew Pasta

By The Associated Press

Chicken cashew pasta is a lively, nutritious dish you can get together in half an hour or less. It combines pasta, poultry and vegetables with the appealing texture contrast of nuts.

The recipe calls for grilled, skinless chicken breast halves. You may use ready cooked chicken, or chicken grilled while the pasta cooks. (Grill chicken breast halves 4 to 5 inches from medium heat, 15 to 20 minutes.)

If you prefer to serve the dish hot, toss the freshly cooked chicken together with other ingredients when the pasta is cooked. Alternatively, you can refrigerate the dish and serve chilled.

Chicken Cashew Pasta

8 ounces fusilli, penne or other medium-size pasta
2 garlic cloves, minced
2 grilled, skinless chicken breast halves
1/3 cup sliced, dry-roasted and salted cashews
3/4 cup minced, sun-dried tomatoes (oil packed)
2 tablespoons sesame oil
1 teaspoon dried basil leaves
2/3 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
Salt to taste

Cook pasta according to package directions; drain.

Place garlic in a large bowl. Slice chicken into bite-size pieces. Add cashews, sun-dried tomatoes, oil, basil, chicken and mushrooms. Add pasta; toss until well-coated. Serve warm or chilled.

Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 357 cal., 20 g pro., 29 g carbo., 19 g fat, 37 mg chol., 334 mg sodium.

Recipe from the Wheat Council.

Low-fat cooking: Barley, Sausage and Vegetable Stew

By The Associated Press

This barley, sausage and vegetable stew is robust enough to satisfy a sitting of hungry people. The cook need not reveal that each serving has only about 7 grams of fat, unless one of the diners is counting calories and seems reluctant to dig in.

Barley, Sausage and Vegetable Stew

(Preparation 30 minutes, cooking time 1 hour)

1 tablespoon olive oil
1/2 pound small white button mushrooms, cut in half
1 medium onion, chopped
3 cloves garlic, finely chopped
2 teaspoons dried leaf oregano, crushed
2 teaspoons dried leaf basil, crushed
6 cups fat-free chicken broth
1 cup pearl barley
2 bay leaves
3 medium carrots, peeled and sliced 1/4-inch thick
1/2 cup Pinot Noir wine or chicken broth
1 pound fat-reduced Kielbasa sausage, cut into 1/2-inch-thick slices

In a large pot with a lid, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add half of mushrooms (about 1/4 pound), onion and garlic. Saute for 3 to 4 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add oregano and basil; saute for 2 more minutes. Stir in chicken broth, barley and bay leaves. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and cook 25 minutes. Mix in carrots, wine or broth and remaining 1/4 pound mushrooms. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer 20 minutes. Add sausage and cook 5 minutes longer. Remove bay leaves. Ladle stew into bowls, and serve.

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BUSINESS BRIEFING

U.S. markets were closed for the Christmas holiday

Three-year low

TOKYO — The yen extended declines to a three-year low after Japanese Finance Minister Masajuro Shiokawa suggested the government would allow the currency to weaken further.

Shiokawa said a 'slightly weaker" yen would be "appropriate." That follows an earlier comment by Japanese Vice Finance Minister Haruhiko Kuroda, who said the yen's recent decline reflects "fundamentals."

The Japanese currency dropped to 130.76 against the dollar, the weakest since October 1998, from 129.83 in New York trading yesterday. Against the euro, it fell 1.10 yen to 115.01, from 113.92 in New York. The yen, which is declining for a fourth week against the dollar and a seventh versus the euro, has lost 14.1 percent against the dollar and 6.6 percent versus the euro this year.

"The government is trying to spread the idea that it will accept a weaker currency," said Masayuki Yamamoto, a research analyst at Bank of America, N.A. "That may give people a sense of safety to sell the yen."

The dollar's 5.9 percent rally versus the yen this month, its biggest surge since March, came as Japanese officials signaled the government would allow the currency to fall. A cheap yen can help the economy by increasing the value of exporter's overseas earnings and making their products more price competitive. It may also make imports more expensive in Japan, where the consumer price index has been falling for the past two years.

"The speed of the currency's drop is rapid because trading is thin as it's Christmas day," said Noriyuki Mizukami, head of corporate sales at the Royal Bank of Scotland. "Still, the currency has further space to fall," toward 135 to 136 yen in a couple of months, he said.

U.S. and U.K financial markets are shut today for Christmas.

While the comments from Kuroda and Shiokawa weighed on the currency, Economy, Trade and Industry Minister Takeo Hiranuma on the same day suggested further weakening of the currency was undesirable.

"It would be better if the yen didn't continue weakening," said Hiranuma. Asked whether China or South Korea may complain about the impact of a weak yen on their economies, he said, "If this continues I think there may be people who say that."

The yen's decline may be limited as the pace of its weakening may leave it vulnerable to reversal.

Poised to drop

The relative strength index, obtained by averaging the currency's daily gains and losses over two weeks, has been above 80 since last Tuesday, according to Bloomberg analytics, suggesting the dollar has risen too far and may be poised to drop.

The RSI index projects turning points in the currency's price by calculating the degree its daily losses outpace its daily gains, or vice versa. Not since July 1998 has the index flashed warnings as strong as this week's that the Japanese currency was set to reverse course.

The last time the index rose above 80 was June 15, 1998, and the dollar tumbled 6.4 percent in the following two days. A rise above 70 or below 30 on the index, which runs from zero to 100, suggests a move in the currency is poised to reverse. The index is at 87.99.

Euro declines

The euro has declined 1.1 percent this week on speculation European banks with loans to Argentina will lose money, after Argentina's announcement to stop payments on $132 billion of debt, traders said.

"The European banks have the biggest exposure, and that is hurting the euro," said Tadatoshi Taso, a foreign exchange manager at Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi Ltd.

The Swiss franc was also getting hurt, falling 2.5 percent yesterday, the biggest drop this year, to 3 1/2-month low against the dollar. It was recently traded at 1.6885 Swiss francs from 1.6936 in New York.

No last-minute miracle for retail

By Leslie Kaufman
N.Y. Times News Service

The holiday shopping season opened the day after Thanksgiving with nervous merchants cutting prices 40 percent. It ended over the final weekend before Christmas with a frenzy of desperation sales with as much as 70 percent off that failed to save the season for most retailers.

Rather than generating lots of last-minute traffic, deep sales were the minimum ante retailers had to offer merely to attract the attention of jaded customers in a dismal recession-bound economy. Bargain hunting along Chicago's Miracle Mile on Sunday north of downtown, Mary Beth Patterson summed up the sentiment succinctly: "We are trying to get 30 to 50 percent off on everything we buy. And it's working."

Before Thanksgiving, industry analysts had hoped that nonautomobile retail sales might grow at least 2 to 3 percent. But warm weather, the economic downturn and general malaise after the Sept. 11 attacks combined to suck the spending spirits out of the holiday. Zero-percent financing deals from Detroit's automakers also siphoned off many of the extra dollars consumers might have taken to the malls.

Final sales and traffic for this last weekend will not be reported by most retailers until today. Yet reports from the field and scattered evidence from various merchants indicate that the crowds, while dense in certain places, were too light to offer any last-minute miracles on 34th Street or anywhere else. Economists, analysts and retail consultants now generally agree that retail sales, outside the auto sector, are not likely to increase much more than 1 percent or so for November and December.

In short, it was a long, bitter season.

"It was the worst Christmas" in a decade, lamented Jeffrey Feiner, a retail analyst with Lehman Brothers who follows the retailing sector. Feiner said that profit margins, already thin, could be down by as much as 10 percent across the industry.

"Retailers lowered their expectations," he said, "but when all things are added up, it will still be worse than that."

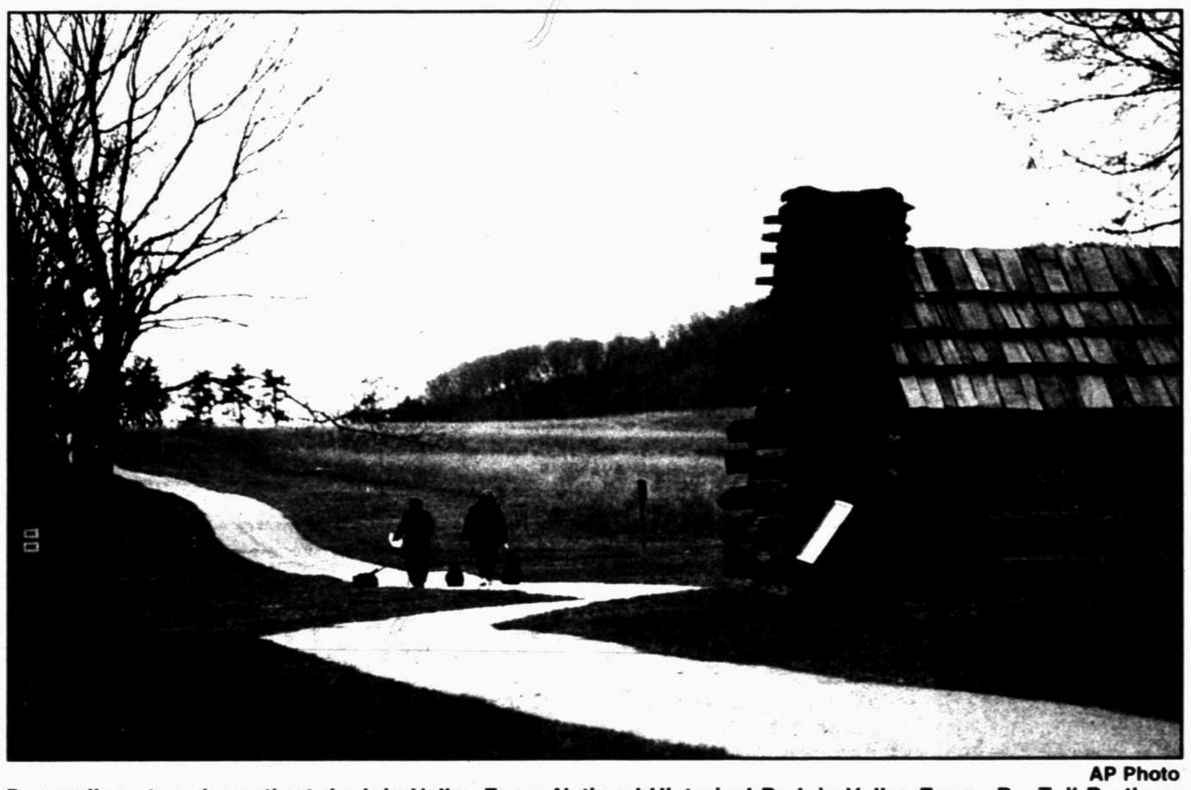
Products that encompassed the values of home — everything from high-technology entertainment systems to old-fashioned board games — fared the best. With a little extra cash in their wallets from skipping vacations, consumers spent big on cheap DVD players, expensive big-screen televisions, and video game consoles for their children and digital cameras for themselves. Sales of home-theater systems nearly doubled in the first weekend after Thanksgiving, compared with the comparable period last year, and then stayed consistently strong, according to a survey by NPDTechworld, a market information company.

With much of the country experiencing temperatures this month resembling a brisk March rather than a blustery and snowy pre-Yuletide, winter apparel sold particularly poorly. "I don't see how the apparel companies could be anything but down 3 to 5 percent," said John D. Morris, an analyst with Gerard Klauer Mattison.

With sales at the height of the shopping season so tepid despite near give-away prices, several economists suggested that consumers may be even more reluctant to spend early next year.

"It is taking extraordinary measure of near desperation to keep consumers afloat," said Stephen S. Roach, chief economist for Morgan Stanley. "The question now is how much of what we are seeing now is borrowed from gains that would have come next year."

Forging the valley



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Dog walkers travel a path at dusk in Valley Forge National Historical Park in Valley Forge, Pa. Toll Brothers Inc., the nation's largest builder of luxury homes, wants to build 62 houses on private property within Valley Forge Park, about 20 miles from Philadelphia, causing an outcry from preservationists and park users who say that land is sacred.

Developer wants housing subdivision within Valley Forge park

By Michael Rubinkam
Associated Press

VALLEY FORGE, Pa. — A plan to build luxury homes within Valley Forge National Historical Park has sparked a new battle where George Washington's ragged Continental Army spent a miserable winter nearly 225 years ago.

Toll Brothers Inc.'s plan to build 62 houses on private property within the park, about 20 miles from Philadelphia, is causing an outcry from preservationists and park users who say that land is sacred.

"Valley Forge truly is a national shrine and one that should be one of America's best national parks, not a park under siege," said Joy Oakes of the National Parks Conservation Association.

A 1999 report by National Park Trust identified 110,000 acres of privately owned property in and next to 20 national parks as being at greatest risk of being sold for commercial purposes. The land in question is valued at more than $70 million.

The development by Toll Brothers, the nation's largest builder of luxury homes, would be built on the site of a former tree nursery for which the company has an agreement of sale. Named Valley Forge Overlook, the project would command views of the rolling countryside, where some 11,000 Revolutionary War fighters camped from December 1777 to June 1778. Worn out by a lack of food, clothing and decent shelter, more than 2,000 soldiers died.

"We believe the land was set aside to be protected for the American people forever," said Bob Krumenaker, deputy park superintendent.

The tree nursery is separated from the park's main section by the Schuylkill River and a highway, and it's unclear whether any houses would actually be seen from Washington's headquarters, the Washington Memorial Chapel and other landmarks.

However, the development would be visible from a road cutting through the park and from a little-used park-owned tract called the Fatlands, Krumenaker said.

Robert Toll, the developer's chairman and chief executive officer, said he would cooperate if the National Park Service wanted to acquire the land. In a statement, Toll noted the property is "not part of the operating park" and that there is no access from the park to the land. He added that the company had agreed to preserve views from the park.

According to Toll, the park's General Management Plan notes that development of "areas around the park ... is not considered to be an intrusion." Park officials said they are in the process of rewriting that plan.

In recent years, Valley Forge has come under considerable development pressure because of its proximity to major highways and the vagaries of congressional funding. More than 2 million people visit the park annually, according to the Valley Forge Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Congress expanded the park's boundaries after designating it a national historical park in 1976. The park service was able to purchase hundreds of acres of private land within the new borders, but Congress did not appropriate enough money to finish the job, park officials say.

As a result, about 460 of the park's 3,466 acres are privately owned. Those tracts include an old trailer park obscured by trees, a few houses, church property, open space, and the tree nursery.

Krumenaker said the trailer park and church property also could be vulnerable to development. The park is already surrounded by office complexes and hotels.

Toll still needs approval from the Lower Providence Township supervisors, who plan to vote on Jan. 17. While there has been no decision, Township Manager Dan Olpere said the board is limited in what it can do, because the land is zoned for residential use.

"If the developer meets all the conditions, it is difficult to really stop it effectively for the long term," Olpere said.

Nasdaq offers way to avoid being delisted

N.Y. Times News Service

AUSTIN — Concero Inc. shareholders have had a rough year.

The company's share price has steadily dropped from a 52-week high of $3.62 to close unchanged Monday at 45 cents a share. Like hundreds of other companies with share prices less than a dollar, the Austin-based Internet commerce consulting business is eligible to be tossed from the Nasdaq Stock Market.

But a new rule proposed by the Nasdaq in mid-December will allow companies such as Concero some breathing room. Next year, they may transfer onto the Nasdaq's less prestigious SmallCap Market, a move that would save the companies — and their investors — from relying on their shares trading on unregulated over-the-counter markets.

"That's an alternative for us," said Keith Thatcher, Concero's chief financial officer. "From our perspective, we think we could meet the maintenance requirements on the SmallCap."

Nasdaq operates both the National Market, which has more stringent listing requirements, the SmallCap Market, designed for smaller or younger companies, and an over-the-counter electronic quote service.

Companies on the Nasdaq National Market that trade at less than a dollar for more than 30 consecutive days will be allowed to transfer to the SmallCap market for at least six months. The company receives another six-month reprieve if it meets just one of three requirements: It makes a profit of $750,000, stockholders' equity exceeds $5 million, or the company's market value reaches $50 million.

"Dropping a stock from the Nasdaq National Market directly onto a less transparent, non-Nasdaq market, hurts companies and their stockholders," said Helen Scott, a Nasdaq official who helped craft the new rules, in a statement.

Almost 350 companies, including four from Austin, have been delisted from the tech-heavy Nasdaq this year, most for not meeting market requirements. Drkoop .com Inc., Garden.com Inc., Surrey Inc. and Electrosource Inc. were among the companies delisted in 2001.

A company may be delisted if its share price falls below a dollar for too long, if it doesn't file required financial statements with federal authorities or if it doesn't have enough shareholders or brokerages willing to trade its shares.

But when stock prices plummeted after the Sept. 11 attacks, Nasdaq officials imposed a three-month moratorium on delisting companies.

That expires Jan. 2, and, with hundreds of companies such as tech education firm ProsoftTraining still trading at less than $1, the Nasdaq proposed its new solution. Three Austin companies may slide onto the SmallCap Market under the proposed rule: Concero, ProsoftTraining and Xtel Corp.

INVESTORS' GUIDE

Investing money in child's name can be major mistake

By Eric Tyson

Q: I'd like to invest some money in my 2-year-old granddaughter's name to help her build a college fund. What should I invest it in?

Tyson

A: Please allow me to preface my response with a word of warning. Before you invest any money for a child's future educational costs, you should understand the likely financial-aid ramifications of putting money in the child's name.

Grandparents and parents alike, with the best of intentions, like to put money away toward a child's college costs. Doing so, especially if the money is invested in the child's name, can be a major financial mistake.

The federal financial-aid system heavily penalizes college-bound high-school students who have significant amounts of money in their names. Specifically, the financial-aid system assumes that approximately 35 percent of the money in the child's name is available to pay for college.

As a grandparent, you'll best help your children and grandchildren by keeping the money in your own name. The next best option is to put the money in the child's parents' name(s).

As for appropriate investments, a diversified portfolio of, say, three-quarters stocks worldwide and about one-quarter bonds should do the trick. If the parents are in a higher tax bracket and the money is invested in their names, choose municipal bonds instead of taxable ones.

Q: Can you please explain how bond prices (corporate bonds issued by companies — not the government) are expected to behave during equity market downturns, such as now? Assuming interest rates stay at current levels for the next few years, what is the likely outlook for bonds and bond funds' performance during this period — especially if the equity market continues to decline?

A: Generally speaking, but certainly not always, high-credit quality bond values tend to do well during a recession and stock market decline. That's one reason why bonds provide diversification to a stock portfolio.

When the economy slows and stocks fall in value, as has happened since early 2000, interest rates generally decline. Falling interest rates cause bonds to appreciate. Hence, in addition to the interest income on bonds, you get some extra return from appreciation (this would only be "realized" if you sold the appreciated bonds prior to maturity).

Bonds with lower credit ratings, including so-called junk bonds, have a higher risk of default and might not do as well during a difficult economy. Junk bonds have indeed faired relatively poorly during the recent recession, due to concern of increased bankruptcy risk with struggling companies.

If interest rates stay steady, so, too, will bond prices. Junk-bond valuations will surely recover as expectations for the economy recover. However, predicting when that will happen isn't a simple matter.

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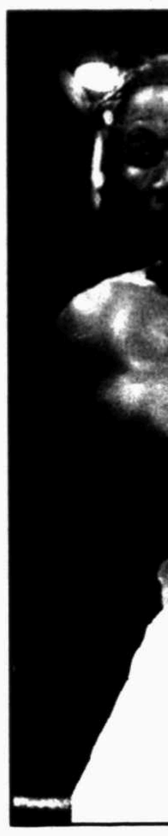

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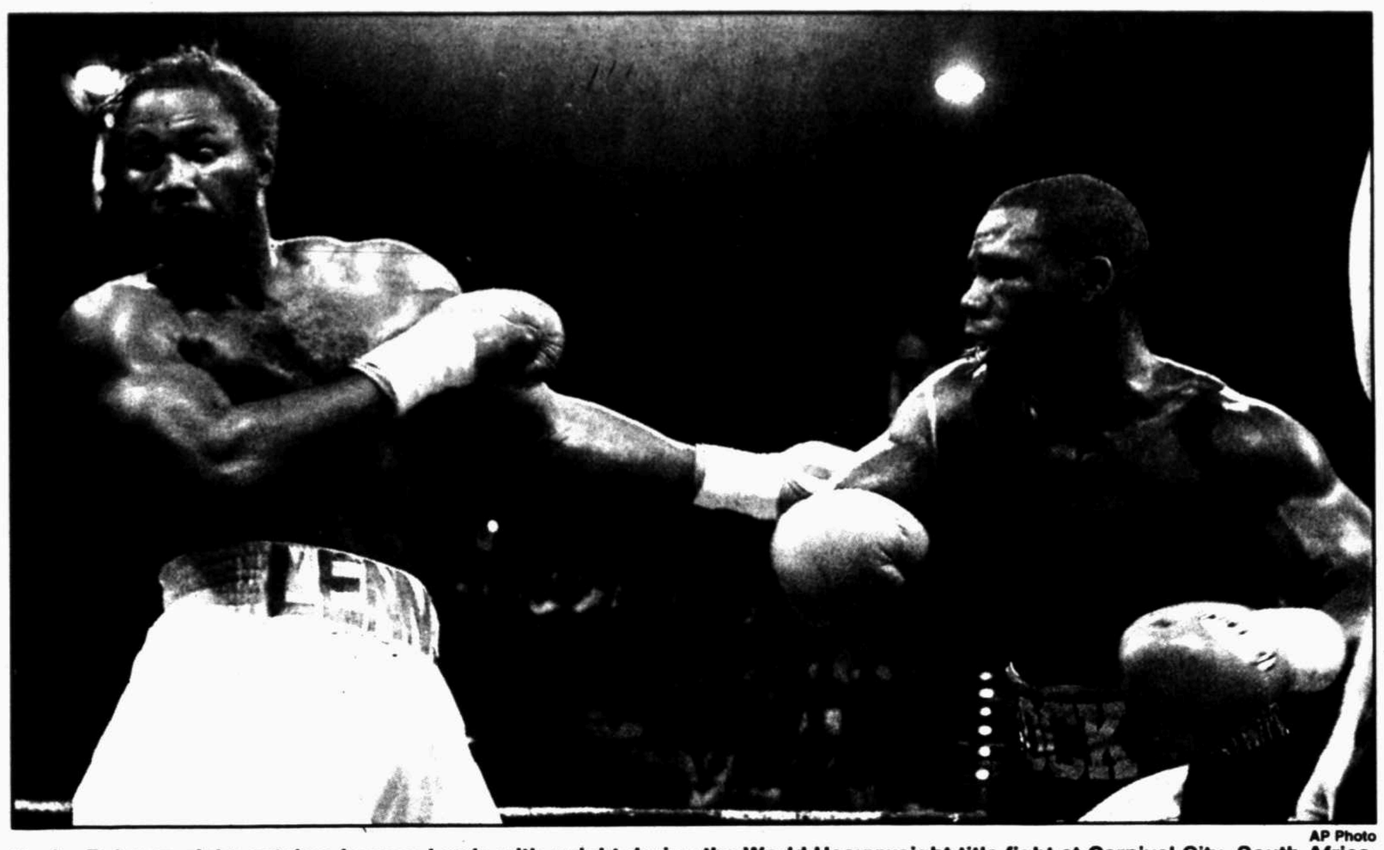

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Hasim Rahman, right, catches Lennox Lewis with a right during the World Heavyweight title fight at Carnival City, South Africa. Rahman went on to knock out Lewis in the fifth round to become the WBC/IBF/IBO Heavyweight Champion.

Powerful right hands define championship boxing in 2001

By Ed Schuyler Jr.
AP Boxing Writer

It was the Year of the Right Hand in boxing.

A right to the head made Hasim Rahman the WBC-IBF heavyweight champion with an upset fifth-round knockout of Lennox Lewis. Another right gave Lewis a fourth-round KO in the rematch.

Yet another right backed up Bernard Hopkins' boast that he is the best middleweight in the world and made him the third undisputed champion with an 11th-round victory over previously unbeaten Felix "Tito" Trinidad.

The other undisputed champions were super lightweight Kostya Tszyu and light heavyweight Roy Jones Jr.

Lewis' rematch victory put him in line for a major-money defense against Mike Tyson, who fought in October for the first time in a year and who had, as usual, out-of-ring problems.

It was a bad year for Evander Holyfield, who keeps saying he wants to become undisputed heavyweight champion before he retires. Retirement almost certainly will come first for the 39-year-old Holyfield, who lost the WBA title on points to John Ruiz, then failed to win at least a piece of the title for a fifth time when he and Ruiz fought to a dull 12-round draw.

It was a worse year for James Butler. After having his gloves removed following a decision loss to Richard Grant at the Roseland Ballroom in New York City on Nov. 24, Butler knocked down Grant.

In the audience were 500 police officers and firefighters who began chanting "Cuff him, Cuff him." Butler was arrested and suspended. Grant received stitches for a cut tongue.

Again there were lawsuits about who should fight whom and when.

There also was a reminder of boxing's risks.

Beethavean Scottland was knocked out in the 10th round of a light heavyweight bout by George Jones on June 26 in New York and died a week later. He was 26.

Jones returned to boxing on Dec. 14 and was stopped in the seventh round by Eric Harding in Uncasville, Conn.

Another ring death involved 19-year-old Cresencio Mercado. He died on April 21 a week after he scored a first-round knockout in his pro debut in Pueblo, Colo. Mercado climbed on the ropes and waved his arms to celebrate his victory, but collapsed when he returned to his corner.

Boxing lost one of its great teachers when Eddie Futch died at age 90 on Oct. 10 in Las Vegas. Futch, a close friend of Joe Louis, worked with 20 world champions, including heavyweights Joe Frazier and Larry Holmes. He was praised for not allowing Frazier to answer the bell for the 15th round against Muhammad Ali in the "Thrilla in Manila" because he was concerned about Frazier's health.

Lewis' loss to Rahman was a harsh reminder that a fighter must have good physical condition and focus. The 36-year-old Lewis was involved in the filming of a remake of the movie "Oceans Eleven" in Las Vegas and didn't go to South Africa to get acclimated to the 5,200-feet altitude until two weeks before the April 22 fight.

The defending champion from Britain, weighing a career high 253 pounds, used his excellent left jab sparingly while loading up with his right. He got hurt early in the fifth and was knocked out by a smashing right to the jaw.

In the rematch Nov. 17 in Las Vegas, Lewis controlled the fight with his jab, then knocked out Rahman with a crunching right to the jaw.

"He had his 15 minutes of glory," Lewis said. "The titles were on loan. They're now back with me."

The fight was set up when Lewis won his court case to enforce a rematch clause. Rahman, who signed with promoter Don King after beating Lewis, a deal also upheld in court, had wanted to fight someone else first.

Ruiz won the WBA title by outpointing Holyfield on March 3 in Las Vegas. The King-promoted rematch was supposed to be in Beijing in August, but it ended up in a bingo hall at Foxwoods Resort Casino in Mashantucket, Conn., on Dec. 15.

Tyson, who had not fought since Andrew Golota quit after two rounds Oct. 20, 2000, returned to action on Oct. 13 and stopped Brian Nielsen after six rounds in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Meanwhile, he kept making news away from boxing. Tyson, who served three years in an Indiana prison for rape, was accused of rape in California but no charges were filed. At year's end, police were investigating accusations he raped a woman in Las Vegas.

Then former boxer Mitchell Rose, who had a 2-8-1 record, contended the former undisputed heavyweight champion knocked him down outside a New York nightclub on Dec. 16. Police were looking into those claims, too.

Hopkins didn't need to stop Trinidad to win, but the right hand that knocked down the Puerto Rican put an exclamation point on the Philadelphia fighter's emergence from the shadows of Trinidad, Jones, Mosely and Oscar De La Hoya.

The 36-year-old Hopkins, an IBF middleweight champion since 1995, defended that title and won the WBC championship on a decision over Keith Holmes on April 14. That set up the fight against Trinidad, a former welterweight and super welterweight champion, who won the WBA 160-pound title by stopping William Joppy on May 12.

Jones defended the undisputed light heavyweight title twice, while Tszyu, a Russian living in Australia, became undisputed super lightweight champion by stopping Zab Judah in the second round on Nov. 3 in Las Vegas.

The unbeaten Mosley defended the WBC welterweight title twice, and on Jan. 26 in New York was to fight unbeaten Vernon Forrest, who won the vacant IBF title on points over Raul Frank on May 14 in New York.

De La Hoya became a champion in a fifth weight class when he won the WBC super welterweight title on a lopsided decision over Javier Castillejo on June 23 in Las Vegas. He was supposed to defend the title against Roman Karazin of Russia on Dec. 8, but he tore cartilage in his wrist and had to undergo surgery.

Rockets' trainer breaks new ground for females

By W.H. Stickney Jr.
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — The emotional pain of a 15-game losing streak finally was transcended by the Rockets with a 115-110 victory over Milwaukee three days before Christmas.

But the physical ailments that have sidelined eight players for varying stints since the start of the season remain.

Consequently, the holidays have meant business as usual for trainer Keith Jones and his assistant, Michelle Leget, who for the fifth straight year remains a pioneer in the NBA.

Leget, who made a name for herself as chief trainer for the four-time WNBA champion Comets, was the NBA's only female assistant trainer over the previous four years. (The Washington Wizards this year hired the league's second female assistant trainer.)

Being first is an honor that is humbling to Leget. She doesn't take the position for granted.

But where's the adhesive tape? Who's got the athletic balm? What time is the next injured player due for treatment?

"You know what, (being a pioneer) doesn't enter my mind that way," Leget says. "I've been in a lot of situations where it had been new and first in my career, in life.

"I approach things more as a challenge — try to do the best athletic training job I can — and whatever happens, happens. "Usually, if you do the best you can do, the rest will take care of itself. Things will go well for you."

Leget was too caught up in her work to realize the ground she was breaking.

"Everyone looks back now and says, 'Hey, you're the first woman in the NBA. It's the professional thing. People aspire to do that their whole lives,' " Leget says. "I was just doing a job that I loved with people that I enjoyed working with. Then all of a sudden, I stood up and realized where I was and thought, 'Hey, yeah. This is great.' "

Leget, 34, a native of Vienna, Va., got into sports medicine when it was a new field for treating athletes.

She received an undergraduate degree from Central Michigan University — at the time one of only 12 schools to have course study in sports medicine.

Holder of a master's degree from the University of Houston and a veteran of three years working at the University of Florida, Leget until five years ago never envisioned working for a professional sports franchise, let alone becoming a pioneer in the field.

"It didn't enter my mind to the point where I was even almost vocal that I never wanted to work in professional sports," Leget said.

While getting her master's, Leget began teaching classes in kinesiology that were the template for a UH program that continues to blossom and take its place among the nation's elite schools for sports medicine.

It also was at UH that Leget's career as a trainer began to take off. After working with the Lady Cougars basketball team, she answered the call when the WNBA began in 1997 and joined the Comets.

Upon the urging of Dr. Walter Lowe and Dr. Bruce Moseley, team physicians for the Rockets and Comets, Jones asked if Leget would be interested in working with him, too, once the inaugural WNBA season was over.

With no other women working in the NBA as a trainer or assistant trainer, the move could have been viewed as a gamble.

"Yeah, it was a gamble," Jones says. "I talked to my wife about it, talked to some other people about it. And I said, 'You know, I guess it was a gamble when the (Los Angeles) Clippers took me as the first African-American (head trainer).

"But it fit. Her personality wasn't threatening to anybody. Rudy (Tomjanovich) was comfortable with it, C.D. (Rockets vice president Carroll Dawson) and the players were, too.

Over the first three years of her association with the team, Leget didn't travel with the Rockets. But she has made every trip since the start of the 2000-2001 season.

Leget says she never had any reservations about how she would be received by the Rockets.

As Comets trainer and a fixture around Westside Tennis Club, the joint training center for both teams, Leget regularly ran into members of the Rockets during the offseason.

That, she says, helped facilitate the transition.

"It was more of a matter where I'd been around," Leget says. "It wasn't like a barnstorm thing where when I came in, I got jammed down peoples' throat.

"I think if you put your head down and do your job well, treat people with respect, they're going to treat you with respect back. I haven't had any trepidation at all."

Nor have any of the Rockets had reservations about going to Leget for treatment.

"Aw, man, Missy is the best right now," says center Kelvin Cato, who recently has returned to the lineup after being out with a sprained wrist. "She helped me get back last year, she helped me again this year.

The toughest circumstance with which Leget has had to deal in her dual position, she says, was the illness and death of Comets point guard Kim Perrot in 1999. Leget accompanied Perrot on her first trip to the doctor when it was determined she had cancer of the lungs that rapidly spread to her brain.

"That whole situation was very difficult," Leget says. "It would have been difficult enough if it had been a family member or friend. But I had a sense of responsibility on top of that, in that this was my job. It was by far the most difficult thing I've had to go through in my whole career.

"People talk about, 'Is it difficult to work with the professional athlete? Is it (more) difficult to work with guys vs. women?' None of that even comes close.

"Trying to be there and give the best care for (Perrot), be there for her family, and be there for the rest of the team, because we still had a season to go through, that was the hard part. We had a lot of things going on. I can just say she (had) a profound effect on my life, professionally and personally.

"Do I have aspirations to do anything different at this point? Like I've said before, I put my head down and work really hard.

"Keith Jones is definitely grooming me. And working for him has been a terrific experience. We work off each other so well that I enjoy what I'm doing right now."

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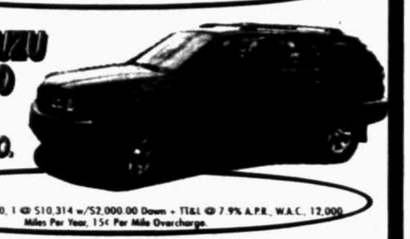

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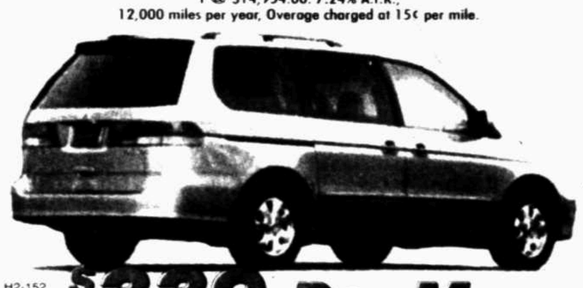

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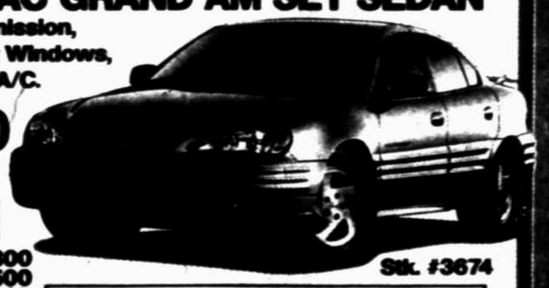

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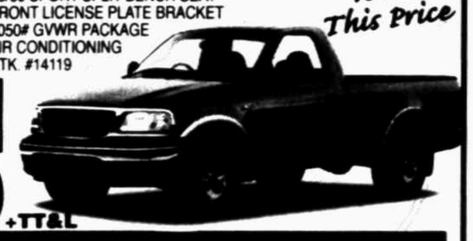

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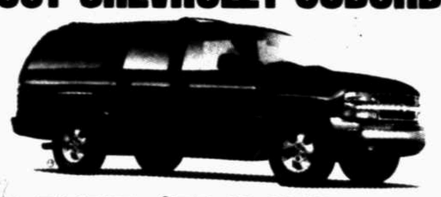

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Spontaneous SWF, 18, 5'8", blonde hair, brown eyes, likes clubs, fun, parties, seeking WM, 18-22, for friendship. Ad# 1662

BE YOURSELF!
Outgoing, friendly SWF, 22, 5'6", 125lbs., blue-eyed, blonde, likes traveling, dancing, dining out, movies, clubbing. ISO SM, 19-34, who likes kids. Ad# 1658

LET'S TALK
Outgoing, friendly SWF, 28, 5', medium-built, brown hair/eyes, likes sports, the outdoors. ISO similar SWM, 20-45. Ad# 1657

THE RIGHT GUY?
Attractive, educated SWF, 40, 5'5", 120lbs., brown hair, enjoys living life. ISO SM, 33-60. Ad# 1651

TREAT ME LIKE A LADY
Friendly, warm, caring SWPF, 49, 5'7", 122lbs., frosted brown-haired, enjoys the lake, concerts. ISO tall, handsome, college-educated SWCM, 45-55. Ad# 1650

LET'S GET ACQUAINTED
Shy, SWF, 21, 5'6", 130lbs., long brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys swimming and movies, seeks a single HM, 23-25. Ad# 1648

GOOD TIMES
Outgoing, friendly, SH mom, 19, 5'5", 160lbs, brown hair/eyes, enjoys sports, movies, reading. ISO outgoing, faithful SM, 18-35, for friendship, relationship. Ad# 1645

BE MY LIFE PARTNER
Outgoing, humorous SBPF, 27, 5'11", enjoys movies, swimming, park walks. ISO caring SWM, 24-40, who likes children, for friendship, relationship. Ad# 1634

CALL ME!
Outgoing, friendly SHF, 52, 5'4", 160lbs, brown hair/eyes, N/S. ISO sincere, honest SWM, 47-52, to enjoy many things and adventures with. Ad# 1627

POSSIBILITIES
Intelligent, faithful HF, 19, 5'5", black/brown hair, likes sports, hanging out. ISO honest HM, 19-25, friendship, first. Ad# 1613

LOOKING FOR YOU
DWF, 21, 5'7", black hair, hazel eyes. ISO SM, 21-35, who's mature, responsible, likes children, and is not afraid of commitment. Ad# 1604

TAKE IT SLOW
SWF, 47, 5'1", 160lbs., enjoys dining out, swimming, aerobics. ISO SWM, 30-60, who wants to go out and have fun, for friendship. Ad# 1600

STEP BY STEP
Outgoing SWF, 35, 6', blond hair, enjoys the outdoors, pets, and movies. ISO family-oriented, honest SM, 45-55, N/D, for casual relationship. Ad# 1589

FUNNY
SHF, 18, 5'5", 125lbs, light brown hair, brown eyes, outgoing. ISO SM, who's cute, friendly, funny, and enjoys parties, movies, walks. Ad# 1584

TIME OF NEED
SBF, 44, attractive, black hair, brown eyes, intelligent, fun, enjoys cooking, sewing, and the outdoors. ISO, SWM, 45-65, intelligent, good conversations, for casual dating. Ad# 1579

IS ANYONE OUT THERE?
Outgoing, SWF, 22, with kids, smoker, 5'3", brown hair, blue eyes, 130lbs, shy at first, enjoys movies, time with friends, travelling, family time. ISO SWM, 25-37, for friendship, first. Ad# 1571

PACKAGE DEAL
SHF, 39, with kids, N/S, short brown hair, eyes, 195lbs, 5'2", very shy, nerves, enjoys long walks, sports, movies, golf. ISO, SHM, 35-45, who likes kids, for friendship, and more. Ad# 1566

LET'S CHAT
SBF, 30, 5'5", full-figured, outgoing, fun, full of energy, perky, enjoys needlepoint, reading, movies, dancing, animals, making the best of life. ISO, SWM, 26-35, honest, open for a close friendship. Ad# 9656

IT'S A GOOD LIFE
SHF, 33, 5'10", brown eyes, enjoys walking, reading and more. ISO SHM, 33-45, who is huggable and loveable, with similar interests. Ad# 1560

SHARE MY LIFE
SF, 5'7", medium build, blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys music, movies, sports, television, time with kids, outdoor activities. ISO, honest, one-woman man, 36-55, for friendship, and more. Ad# 1557

CAN'T GO WRONG
Outgoing, fun-loving SWF, 43, 5'7", average build, with long dark hair, hazel eyes, loves children, animals, yard sales, seeks a sincere SM, 35-55, with similar interests, for friends, first. Ad# 1545

SPENDING TIME
Spontaneous SWF, 22, 5'6", 125lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, outgoing, and always on the go. ISO SHM, 20-30, has a good sense of humor, is spontaneous, and likes good times. Ad# 1521

REAL MEN
DWF, 21, 5'7", black hair, hazel eyes, kids, open-minded, enjoys cooking, dining, long walks, reading, and writing poetry. ISO SWCM, 21-35, N/S, N/D, mature, and full of life. Ad# 1530

LAID-BACK
SWF, 45, 5'7", blue eyes, red hair, easygoing, enjoys dancing, camping, and fishing. ISO SWM, 45-55, outgoing and easy to get a long with. Ad# 1520

LOOKING FOR YOU
SBF, 27, 6', brown hair/eyes, full-figured, people person, enjoys movies and outdoor sports, seeks SM, 25-40, sincere, faithful, and honest, for a LTR. Ad# 1512

SHARE DREAMS WITH ME
Outgoing, understanding SWF, 42, 5'7", 120lbs., short blond hair, seeking honest, responsible, educated SWCM, 40-55. I enjoy family, walks, art museums, concerts, movies, dining out, nature, good conversation, children. Ad# 1505

ISO LIFE PARTNER
Fun-loving, intelligent, compassionate, warm SWF, 55, 5'5", 138lbs., have passion for oil painting, interior design, gardening, reading, humane work. ISO intelligent, ambitious SWM, 52-62, for a committed relationship. Ad# 1504

ENJOY SIMPLE THINGS
Easygoing SHF, 38, 5'7", 135lbs., brown hair, likes movies, hanging out, going to the lake. ISO easygoing, honest, loyal, respectful SHM, 30-45, for friendship. Ad# 1503

SHOW YOUR EMOTIONS
Down-to-earth, outgoing SWF, 20, 5'2", long light brown hair, hazel eyes, loves dancing, singing, swimming, movies, quiet times, the outdoors, sports. Seeking caring, loving, outgoing SWM, 20-25, who likes kids and is interested in a possible LTR. Ad# 1492

HARDWORKING LADY
Friendly, kind-hearted SWF, 52, hairstylist, 5'10", blonde hair, hazel eyes, full-figured, desires kind-hearted, outgoing SWM, 52-62, N/D, for casual dating. Ad# 1501

POSITIVE OUTLOOK
Happy SWPF, 36, loves sports, softball, music, nature, animals, working out, seeking honest, outgoing, fun SWM, 36-44, with grown or no children, for casual relationship. Ad# 1499

COMMITTED CHRISTIAN?
Outgoing, genuine SWF, 47, 5'7", 120lbs, blonde, who enjoys plays, live concerts, movies, dining out, picnics. ISO tall, handsome, intelligent, degreed, college-educated SWCM, 45-55, financially secure, who loves the Lord. Ad# 1476

CALL ME!
Outgoing, outspoken, casual SW mom, 52, 5'10", blonde, a business owner. ISO a SWM, 48-56, for friendship. Ad# 1475

IN CONTROL
Outspoken SWF, 20, 5'2", 129lbs., with long brown hair, seeks an honest SBPM, 20-29, who knows what he wants out of life. Ad# 1461

FAITHFUL
Humorous, laid-back SWF, 22, 5'6", 125lbs., with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys writing, travel, and clubbing, seeks an honest SHM, 21-35, for a possible LTR. Ad# 1462

BEAUTIFUL BLOND
Romantic SWF, 22, likes clubbing, movies, walks, working out. Looking for outgoing, fun-loving, adventurous SW/HM, 22-32, to share good times with, for possible LTR. Ad# 1460

PARTNER AND FRIEND
WF, 21, 5'2", 150lbs., blond hair, enjoys movies, long walks. ISO friendly WCM, 18-25, family-oriented, friendship, companionship, monogamous relationship. Ad# 1449

DOWN-TO-EARTH GIRL
Easygoing SWF, 39, 5'11", dark hair, loves reading, movies, and family activities. She would like to get acquainted with a kind, friendly, humorous SWM, 38-45, who loves doing things at home. Ad# 1443

A ROMANTIC
Single white female, 48, 5'1", medium-built, blond/ish/brown hair, brown eyes, humorous, self-employed, enjoys life to the fullest, sports, camping, football. Seeks a single white male, 44-52, humorous, self-confident, with similar interests. Ad# 1609

LIKES THE HOME LIFE
SWF, 44, 5'6", 115lbs., green eyes, reddish brown hair, loves reading, movies, traveling, shopping, cooking, dancing and animals. Looking for honest, respectful SM, 35-55, for LTR. Ad# 1433

BEST FRIEND
Friendly, DWCF, 48, 5'8", 155lbs, enjoys traveling and fishing. Looking for a good, independent, goal-oriented D/SWCM, 47-53, who's supportive and want to share family, intelligent conversation, Christian values, to work together for common goals. Ad# 1420

KIND-HEARTED
Blond SWF, 20, 5'4", medium build, employed, in college, likes movies and riding horses. ISO SWM, 21-26, with a good personality and great sense of humor. Ad# 1412

GREGARIOUS
SWPCF, 44, 5'5", 130lbs., long black hair, olive complexion, likes walking, church, joking around, reading, travel, biking, gardening, skiing. ISO SWPCM, 35-48, with good solid stable convictions, multi-faceted, intelligent, romantic. Ad# 1409

CHRISTIAN LADY
HF, 38, 5'9", 140lbs., brown hair/eyes, very outgoing, family-oriented, churchgoer, enjoys bowling, movies, dancing, seeking honest man, 35-40. Please be a Christian, sincere and honest. Ad# 1401

NO GAME PLAYERS
Outgoing, sociable, fun-loving SHF, 41, 5'7", average weight, dark brown hair, seeks N/S, social drinker, sincere SM, 38-50, for friendship and more. Ad# 1390

NEED TO KNOW
SBF, 27, 5', fun-loving, outgoing, loves reading, jazz music, movies, fine dining and whatever is fun. Looking for a fun-loving SBM, 30-40, who's not serious and who enjoys sports. Ad# 1376

LET'S HAVE FUN
SWF, 18, 5'6", 125lbs., with green eyes, outgoing, enjoys movies, dating, shopping and hanging out. Looking for a SWM, 18-21, who's nice. Ad# 1367

LET'S DANCE
SWF, 41, 5', 95lbs., humorous, charming, enjoys cultural events, dining out, cooking and swimming. Looking for a SWM, 41-45, who likes dancing and enjoys the theatre. Ad# 1374

GIVE ME A RING
SBF, 27, 5'2", 195lbs., spontaneous and outgoing, enjoys long walks, shopping, dining out and movies. Looking for a fun-loving SBM, 25-40, for friendship. Ad# 1378

LET'S HAVE FUN
SHF, 18, 5'10", 150lbs., with light brown hair, enjoys movies, clubbing and having fun, looking for a tall, SWM, 18-21, who likes to have fun. Ad# 1385

FUN & EXCITING
Free, talented SHF, 32, looking to meet a SM, 30-40, race unimportant. Let's have some fun. Ad# 1361

VERY MATURE
Fun-loving, petite SHF, 22, enjoys reading, walking and good conversation. Looking for a good-looking, mature SHM, 21-35, who is trustworthy, kind and enjoys having fun. Ad# 1329

SEASONAL GREETINGS
Recently WWWF, 60, petite, enjoys cooking, cleaning, dancing, travel, sight-seeing and having fun. Looking for a WM, 30-60, just to be with & talk to. Ad# 1331

HEAR ME OUT
Sweet SHF, 22, petite, slender, good listner, loves riding horses, laughter, clubbing and dancing. Looking for a clean SH/WM, 22-30, who likes to have fun and share quiet times together. Ad# 1345

A LITTLE BIT COUNTRY
Cute SWF, 32, medium-built, loves going out, country dancing, horseback riding and movies. Looking for an honest SM, 32-40, kids okay, for LTR. Ad# 1334

SPARKLING BLUE EYES
SWF, 32, petite, employed, loves horseback riding, dancing and movies. Looking for a SWM, 32-40, no games, kids and monogamous. LTR okay. Ad# 1342

THE GAL FOR YOU
Friendly, outgoing, outspoken, creative SHF, 22, 5'2", 127lbs., dark eyes, reddish-brown hair, enjoys hanging out with friends, movies, music, drives in the country, reading, swimming, skiing, football, and basketball. ISO honest, organized SWM, 22-29. Ad# 1309

FUN & OUTGOING
Creative, romantic SWF, 44, 5'8", blonde, blue eyes, enjoys photography, movies, seeks SWM, 40-50, for possible relationship. Ad# 1301

TOUCHED BY AN ANGEL
Caring, fun SWCF, 48, 5'8", 121lbs., with blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys her profession, reading, movies, museums and the arts. Seeking a similar SWCM, 46-55, with strong values and integrity. Ad# 1303

WHENEVER I'M WITH U
I'll consider myself the luckiest person in the world! Slender, petite SHF, 19, likes walks, dancing, cruising. ISO family-oriented, loving SHM, 21. Ad# 1279

THREE LITTLE WORDS
That make this active, medium-built WF, 58, happy, let's have fun! ISO clean, decent, witty, humorous, outgoing, life-loving WM, 57-68. Ad# 1294

FAMILY VALUES
Caring, loving SWF, 34, 5', 115lbs., reddish brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoys movies, shopping, walks, seeks educated, family-oriented SM 28-50, for LTR. Ad# 1288

BE MY FRIEND
Fun, humorous SBF, 25, 5'11", black hair, brown eyes, enjoys horseback riding, movies, walks, talks, seeks SM, 24-44, for friendship. Ad# 1290

FOR YOUR COOKIE
Is this sweet, fun-loving SHF, 18, 5'1", who likes clubbing, cruising, dancing, movies, dinners out. You SM, 18-22, humorous and happening. Ad# 1280

NO COUCH POTATOES!
Active, family-oriented, retired SWCF, 62, 5'5", 180lbs., seeks respectful, upbeat SWM, who likes travel, walks, country/western dancing, sports, fun. Ad# 1272

DON'T PASS ME BY
Funny SBF, 18, 5'3", 125lbs., blond hair, student, likes movies, long walks, parks, seeking a similar SBM, 18-23. Ad# 1263

Males seeking Females

GIVE ME A CALL!
Outgoing, crazy, SBM, 19, 6'4", 180lbs., N/S, likes traveling and workouts. Seeking SF, 18-40, similar interests, for possible LTR. Ad# 1805

SEE WHAT HAPPENS!
SWM, 48, 5'9", N/S, N/D, seeks SAF, 22-50, to be spoiled and treated right, for relationship and possible marriage. Ad# 1803

NO MIND GAMES!!!
Outgoing, open, honest SWM, 44, 6'1", 200lbs., brown hair, N/S, likes reading, weight-lifting, long walks, and more. Seeking outgoing, honest, open-minded SHF, 29-47, for a possible relationship. Ad# 1799

WHAT DO YOU LIKE?
SWM, 18, 5'10", 150lbs., dirty blond hair, likes partying, hanging out with friends, movies, the mall, playing sports. Looking for SWF, 18-21, faithful, trustworthy. Ad# 1788

NO COUCH POTATOES
35 year-old SWM loves motorcycles, the outdoors, cookouts, movies, theater. ISO fun D/SWF, 25-40. Ad# 1792

MAKE MY HEART RACE
SWM, 21, 6'1", 163lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, athletic build, outgoing, likes biking, race cars. Seeks outgoing, friendly SWF, 18-25. Ad# 1796

BE MINE
SWM, 19, 5'9", 162lbs., blond hair, fun, outgoing, enjoys sports, movies, dining out. ISO understanding, caring SF, 18-21. Ad# 1785

MAKING IT REAL
Easygoing WM, 21, 5'10", 150lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys football, clubs, dancing, and working on cars. Seeking WF, 18-25, fun, outgoing, and likes to party. Ad# 1774

ENJOY LIFE WITH ME
Easygoing SWM, 43, 6'1", 200lbs., enjoys camping, the outdoors, motorcycles, traveling. ISO SF, 30-45, with similar interests, possible LTR. Ad# 1773

HAPPY TO MEET U
Outgoing DWCM, 43, enjoys motorcycling, camping, traveling, music. ISO slim, attractive SBCPF, 35-45, with same interests. Ad# 1772

NO MIND GAMES
Outgoing, honest DWM, 32, 5'9", 140lbs., brown hair/eyes, medium build, enjoys races, motorcycles, and time with someone special. ISO WF, 25-35, sincere, inner beauty, kind-hearted, for friendship first. Ad# 1745

STAY AT HOME
SWM, 41, 6', 180lbs., shy, laid-back, seeking SWF, 20-35, homebody, for a possible LTR. Ad# 1737

HELLO LADIES
SWM, 41, N/S, 6'1", 235lbs., shy, spontaneous, enjoys movies, music, poetry, cooking, and more. ISO SF, 25-60, 5'5", for casual relationship. Ad# 1736

COMMITMENT
Easygoing SWM, 43, 6', 240lbs., brown hair, likes gardening, movies, ISO honest, sincere, dedicated SWF, 25-45. Ad# 1729

FRIENDS FIRST
Friendly, outgoing, easy to get along with SWM, 29, 6', 190lbs., brown hair/eyes, likes sports, mountain climbing, fishing, ISO a SWF, 21-35, with a good sense of humor. Ad# 1726

THE FINER THINGS
Shy at first SWM, 43, 5'9", 190lbs., blond, blue-eyed, N/S, loves tennis, traveling, cooking, snow skiing, ISO outgoing, fit SF, 30-47, who enjoys life. Ad# 1674

HONEST INTENTIONS
SHM, 34, self-employed, no children, likes movies, walks in the park, dancing, dining out. ISO SF, 25-40, with similar interests, for conversation. Ad# 1721

HERE I AM
SWM, 37, 5'9", 150lbs., blue eyes, enjoys mountains, fishing, shooting. ISO SF, 35-40, for conversation and possibly more. Ad# 1720

LOTS OF ENERGY
Friendly, laid-back HM, 20, black hair, hazel eyes, light skin, medium build, enjoys phone conversations, hanging out, and sports. ISO SF, 19-24, nice smile, active, understanding, honest, with humor. Ad# 1718

WAITING, PLEASE CALL
Laid-back, easygoing WM, 28, 6'1", brown hair/eyes, enjoys hunting, fishing, computers, and bowling. ISO WF, 21-33, honest, who wants to have fun times. Ad# 1710

A REAL GEM
I'm an outgoing SWM, 48, who enjoys music, dancing, traveling. I'm ISO an open, honest SWF, 30-40, for a casual relationship. Ad# 1683

ONE OF THE BEST
Christian SHM, 39, 5'6", 135lbs., brown hair/eyes, enjoys his children, guitar, quiet times, poetry. ISO SF, 35-44, with similar interests. Ad# 1682

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
Shy, loyal SWM, 20, 5'11", 175lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoys sports, the outdoors, music. Seeking SWF, 18-25, for friendship. Ad# 1679

LOOKING FOR ME?
SWM, 31, 6', blond hair, enjoys having fun, movies, outdoor activities, dining out, traveling. ISO humorous, fun-loving SWF, 21-32, for a possible LTR. Ad# 1453

TRULY YOURS
Caring, humorous WM, 43, green eyes, enjoys sports, traveling, conversation, camping, and cooking, seeking respectful SF, 30-45, for friendship. Ad# 1672

WHAT MAKES U TICK?
Gardening, dancing, music, hunting, fishing? Then you WF, 40-55, should join this WM, 53, 5'11", 220lbs., to share in good times. Ad# 1668

WARM-HEARTED?
Stocky SWM, 39, 5'7", 200lbs., brown hair, green-eyed, likes playing guitar, camping, working on the jeep. ISO outgoing, friendly SF, 30-45. Ad# 1659

ISO A REAL GIRL
Energetic SHP dad, 28, 5'11", black hair, brown eyes, enjoys dining, dancing, movies, church, and family outings. ISO feminine SHF, 20-30. Ad# 1633

COMMON BOND
Shy, outspoken, employed SWM, 33, 5'6", brown hair, enjoys reading, poetry, electronics, traveling. ISO SF, 26-40, who likes the outdoors. Ad# 1639

ROMANTIC MOMENTS
Friendly, outgoing, employed SHM, 54, 5'7", 185lbs., black-haired, enjoys fishing, horseback riding, motorcycling, hunting. ISO friendly, talkative SF, 48-54. Ad# 1637

CASUAL TIME TOGETHER
Outgoing SBM, 28, 6'2", bald, enjoys being with someone special and beautiful. He likes swimming, reading, walks and time with special someone. Seeking down-to-earth, honest SF, 18-45, who enjoys life. Ad# 1628

GET TO KNOW ME
Shy at first SWM, 20, 5'11", 175lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoys jokes, music, partying, hanging out, sports. Seeking SHF, 19-25, for LTR. Ad# 1624

SEXY EYES 4 U
Spontaneous, easygoing, romantic SWM, 42, 5'10", 200lbs., from California, enjoys the outdoors, moonlight walks on the beach, seeks SWF, 23-48, with similar interests/qualities. Ad# 1612

DO YOU LIKE..
Dancing, bull rides, rodeos, concerts, and movies? Come join this shy, reserved WM, 31, 6', brown hair, green eyes, seeks WF, 25-35, to share good times with. Ad# 1621

CUP HALF FULL
Not empty is the was I look at things. This outgoing WM, 39, brown hair, green eyes, likes guitars, lakes, camping, cooking, seeking you an amusing SF, 25-45, for possible LTR. Ad# 1620

SERIOUS FRIENDSHIP
College educated WM, 27, 5'7", seeks WF, 23-31, to share in sports, movies, cooking, and traveling, for good times. Ad# 1619

READY FOR FUN?
WCM, 30, N/S, 6', red hair, green eyes, likes being sociable, shooting, biking, church, seeking friendly WCF, 20-35, to share good times with. Ad# 1617

IS IT U?
Outgoing HM, 19, 5'8", brown hair and eyes, seeks SF, 18-25, to share dancing, music, sports, and reading together. Ad# 1608

A LITTLE SHY
SWM, 66, 6', 165lbs., who's shy, reserved, likes to meet people, enjoys traveling, cards, dining out, movies, theater, country dancing, and music. ISO SWF, 50-66, who's slim and attractive, for friendship and companionship. Ad# 1605

WHATEVER HAPPENS...
Happens. Educated, well-mannered SWM, 39, 6'1", 200lbs., brown hair, green-eyed, enjoys movies, cooking, motorsports, music, the outdoors. ISO a N/S SWF, 30-45. Ad# 1601

LOTS TO OFFER YOU
SWM, 39, 5'10", 185lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, likes reading, movies, theater, horseback riding, swimming, dancing, and quiet evenings. ISO attractive, petite, intelligent, active, fun-loving SWF, 25-40, kids okay, for friendship. Ad# 1598

SPECIAL TIME WITH ME
SHM, 21, 5'11", short black hair, brown eyes, likes sports, barbecues, parties, and having fun. ISO outgoing, faithful SF, 20-35, for fun and friendship. Ad# 1595

HEART TO HEART
Easygoing SWM, 24, 5'8", 130lbs., strawberry blond hair, blue eyes, likes clubbing, golfing, hunting, fishing, dancing, outdoors, and good times. ISO SWF, 21-27, height/weight proportionate, for friendship. Ad# 1594

TIRED OF THE CLUBS
Sincere, shy SM, 21, 5'10", 150lbs., blond hair, green eyes, enjoys the outdoors, animals, kids, fencing, and working out. ISO natural, sincere SWF, 20-24, for serious, committed relationship. Ad# 1588

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
Laid-back, compassionate, understanding, sensitive SWM, 27, 5'8", 160lbs., blond hair, green eyes. ISO SF, 23-30, for friendship, possible LTR. Ad# 1587

SHARE LIFE WITH ME
Shy SWM, 49, 5'6", 185lbs., brown hair/eyes, enjoys games, traveling, reading, and sporting events. ISO SF, 25-55, N/S, with similar interests. Ad# 1586

UNDERSTANDING!
SBM, 20, 6', 175lbs., hazel eyes, outgoing, fun, enjoys race cars and more. ISO SF, 22-41, open-minded, for friendship first. Ad# 1577

HARD WORKER
Enjoys good times. SWM, 30, 5'10", 210lbs., brown hair, blue eyes. ISO D/SW/HF, 22-40. Must like to travel and play golf. Ad# 1576

READY FOR FUN
SWM, 41, 6', dark hair, shy, enjoys everything and anything, seeking SF, 28-45, who's open-minded and has a good personality. Ad# 1565

IT COULD HAPPEN
SHM, 26, 5'10", amusing, open-minded, likes walking, clubs, swimming, and more, seeks SHF, 20-45, for friendship, maybe more. Ad# 1562

GET TOGETHER
SNAM, 21, hazel eyes, physically fit, active, friendly, and adventurous, likes the outdoors, dancing, clubs, and more, seeking SF, 19-35, who's intelligent, honest, and considerate. Ad# 1558

FRIEND FOR LIFE
SWM, 28, red hair, blue eyes, 190lbs., 5'11", easygoing, enjoys the outdoors, sports, camping, fishing, family time. ISO SWF, 23-34, for friendship and more. Ad# 1556

EXPRESS YOURSELF
SWM, 22, 5'7", 140lbs., brown hair/eyes, good sense of humor, enjoys piano, old cars, sports, movies. ISO SWF, 19-22, with a good personality and fun to be with. Ad# 1555

FRIENDS TO START
SWM, 24, 5'5", 165lbs., light brown hair, athletic, humorous, enjoys reading, movies, dancing, clubbing, pool, sports. ISO SF, 18-26, with similar interests. Ad# 1554

NO COUCH POTATOES
SWM, 47, physically fit, 6'1", 190lbs., ISO fit, well-educated SWF, 30-42, for friendship and maybe more. Ad# 1549

LOVABLE...
Energetic, fun SHM, 26, 5'10", 178lbs., with black hair/eyes, who enjoys all sports, is looking to meet SF, 20-40, with a great personality, for possible LTR. Ad# 1541

GIVE AND TAKE
Nice, good-natured, smart, open-minded, caring SHM, 26, 5'10", 178lbs., enjoys walks, swimming, watching sports, candlelight dinners, children. ISO SF, 20-40, for friendship leading to relationship. Ad# 1539

GIVE ME A CHANCE
SHM, 22, 5'5", 148lbs., brown hair, fun, loving, likes sports, riding horses, and meeting new people. Seeking SF, 18-29, sweet, who likes to have lots of fun. Ad# 1489

FALLING IN LOVE
Retired SWM, 43, 6', 180lbs., blue eyes, long brown hair, fit and nice. I'm looking for a SF, 31-49, nice, attractive, good values, for dating. Ad# 1234

TRUE BELIEVER
SHM, 54, 5'7", black hair, nice, enjoys horseback riding, church, reading the Bible, and motorcycles. ISO SCF, 46-54, with common interests. Ad# 1523

FUN TO BE WITH
SHM, 26, 5'9", brown hair/eyes, likes dancing, comedy movies, working out. ISO kind, loving, faithful SHF, 18-26, with a good sense of humor, for a possible LTR. Ad# 1207

LOOK NO MORE
Spontaneous, fun-loving, adventurous, career-minded SBM, 27, 5'11", 165lbs., short black hair, enjoys walks in the park, movies, shopping, jazz/gospel music, golfing. ISO spontaneous, fun-loving SF, 18-35, for possible LTR. Ad# 1510

LET'S GET TOGETHER
Easygoing, laid-back SWM, 27, 6'1", 190lbs., blond, brown eyes, likes the outdoors, fishing, camping, sports. ISO SWF, 21-29, with similar interests. Ad# 1508

FUN TO BE WITH
SHM, 26, 5'9", brown hair/eyes, likes going dancing, comedy movies, working out. ISO kind, loving, faithful SHF, 18-26, with a good sense of humor, for a possible LTR. Ad# 1506

TOO GOOD TO PASS UP
SBPM, 35, believes in being faithful, treating a lady like a princess, and is not afraid of commitment. Attention SF, 18-45, he's one in a million! Race not important. Ad# 1497

ISO DANCING QUEEN
Friendly, laid-back SWM, 57, 6', 175lbs., blond hair, blue eyes, likes dining out, ballroom and country dancing, rodeos, sports. Desires SWF, 40-57, with similar interests. Ad# 1496

HOPELESS ROMANTIC
Fun-loving, easygoing SWM, 34, 5'9", 170lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys walking, cuddling, cooking, outdoor activities. Hoping to meet SF, 25-34, for serious LTR. Ad# 1495

INTELLIGENT
Handsome SHM, 23, 5'6", 160lbs., enjoys travel, dancing, and just going out. ISO cute SW/HF, 18-35, to share time with. Leave me a message! Ad# 1485

COUNTRY GUY
DWM, 43, 5'11", 175lbs., enjoys movies, country music and more, seeks SWF, 35-45, for friendship first. Ad# 1483

LET'S MEET
Easygoing SBM, 21, 5'10", 160lbs., with black hair and hazel eyes, enjoys spending time with friends, watching television and basketball, seeks SF, 18-40, for friends. Ad# 1480

NEW IN TOWN
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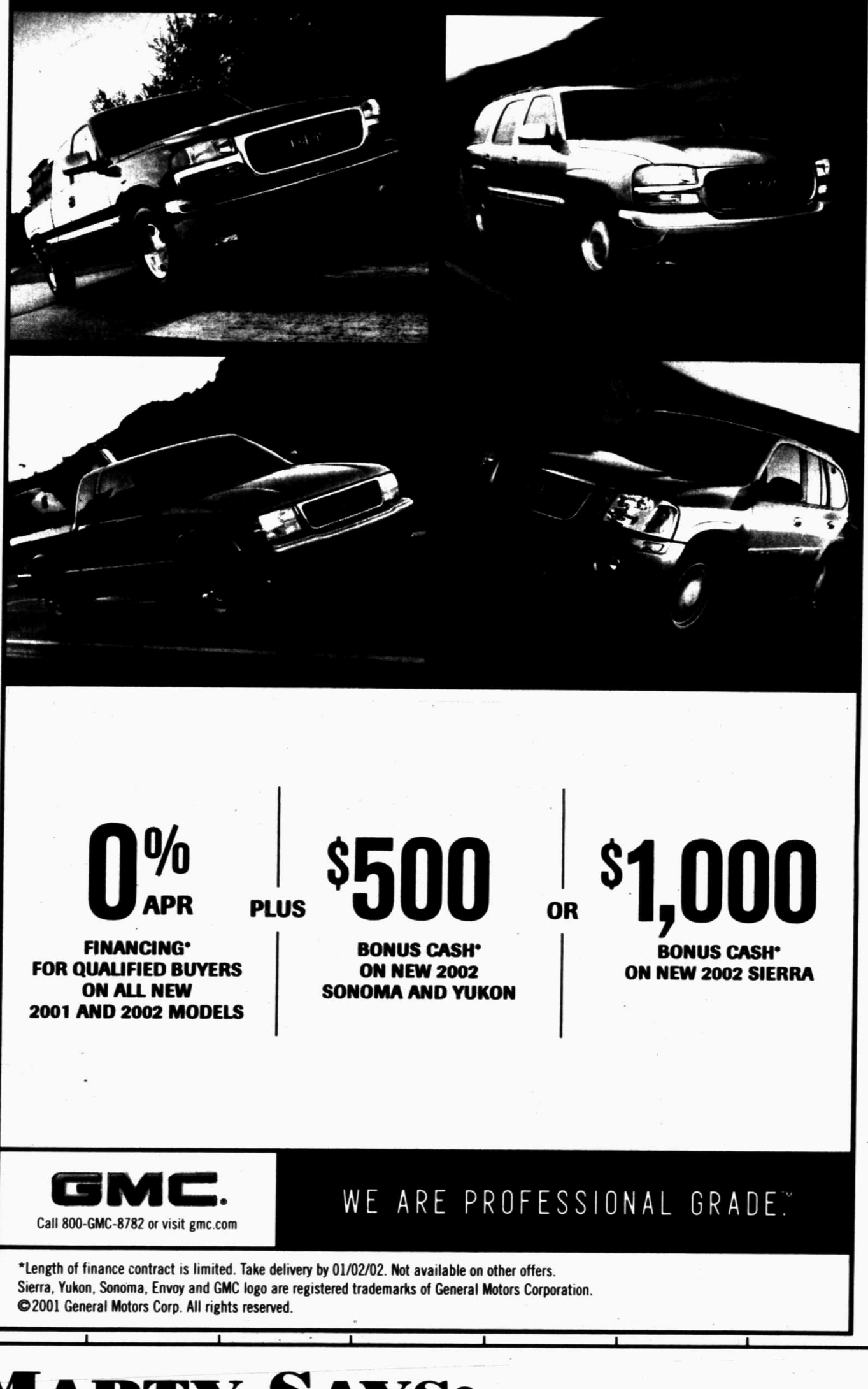

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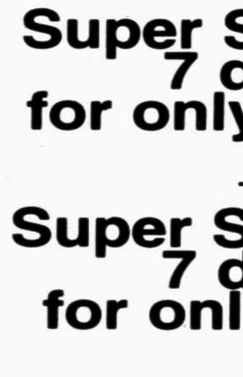

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4729 CountryClub	3/2	$44k
2301 Stanolind	3/2	$71.8k
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