FOOD

Dishing out buffet

Foods that can be prepared in advance and those that can be made with just a few simple ingredients are perfect for a buffet./**4B**

SPORTS

Leaverton All-USA

Midland High's David Leaverton is selected as punter on USA Today's All-USA Team. The award marks another honor for the soon-to-be college performer./**1C**

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Serbs demand time for Sarajevo pullout

Associated Press

PALE, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Meeting Bosnian Serbs on their own turf, NATO's commander rolled across front lines Tuesday to hear rebel leaders' approach to Sarajevo's crucial fate. The Serb demand: more time to hand over their districts of the capital to government foes.

The Bosnian Serb leadership cautioned U.S. Adm. Leighton Smith that his peace mission's success might hinge on such an extension.

North of the capital, NATO continued the buildup that will place about 60,000 soldiers on the ground in Bosnia. A U.S. armored unit crossed the Sava River border from Croatia into Bosnia in a cold rain and set up the first U.S. checkpoint. It met no resistance.

Serb demands, made to Smith at a meeting at the Serb headquarters in Pale, about nine miles southeast of Sarajevo, reflected unhappiness with the Dayton peace agreement. Negotiated on their behalf by Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, it turns the Bosnian capital over to their foes. Serb criticism of the plan has focused on Sarajevo.

Smith, in charge of the NATO bombing campaign earlier this year that helped force the peace deal, said he made no promises to the Serbs.

He traveled across bitterly contested front lines from Sarajevo to Pale with a minimum of fuss,

See **TIME**/4A

U.S. Adm. Leighton Smith, Commander of NATO forces in Bosnia, left, and Serb leader Momcilo Krajisnik walk after meeting in Pale.
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WEDNESDAY NEWS WATCH

AP Laserphoto

Belated greetings

VATICAN CITY — Appearing weakened and tired, Pope John Paul II rose from his sickbed Tuesday to offer belated Christmas greetings after spending the holiday battling fever and nausea./**3A**

Politicians, crime

WASHINGTON — Sometimes politicians really do feel your pain. The slain Senate aide, the beaten lawmaker, the purse snatchings, the governor with relatives who have been frightened, harassed, bludgeoned and shot are just a few examples of violence striking officials close to home. When that happens, and when it is too much to shrug off, the experience can set loose forces beyond the capabilities of ordinary victims./**8B**

Japanese banks

TOKYO — Japan announced a plan Tuesday to tighten oversight of its banking industry, which is saddled with an enormous load of bad debt and plagued by scandal./**2A**

Museumless D.C.

WASHINGTON — The once-in-a-lifetime exhibit of Johannes Vermeer paintings at the National Gallery of Art will reopen today, using money from a private fund to open its doors despite the government budget crisis. The gallery is the second major facility to get a temporary reprieve from the shutdown of government departments./**7A**

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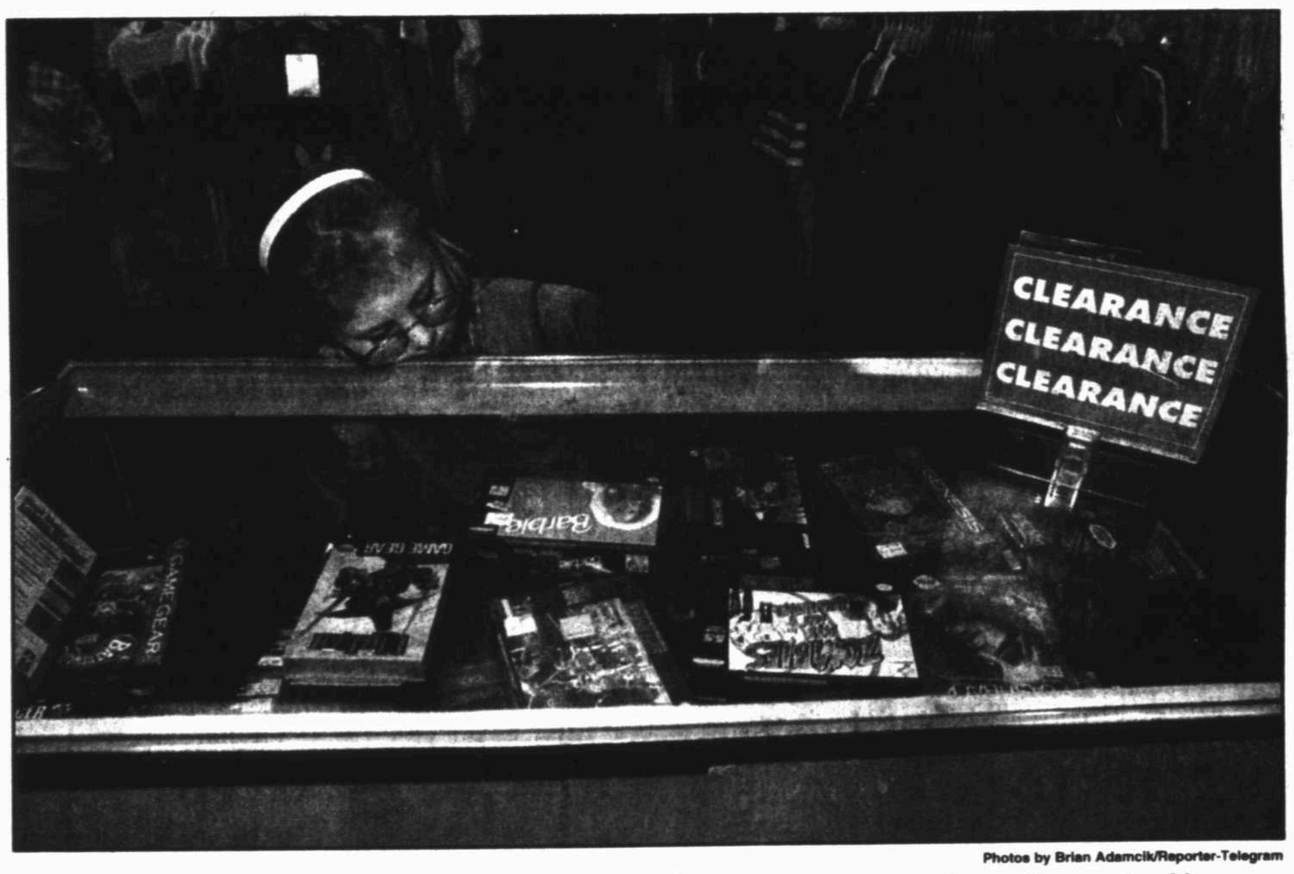

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Kesha Christian, 9, above, checks out video game cartridges at Sears at Midland Park Mall Tuesday. Danny Isaq, 10, below left, and Julian Perez, 16, try out a video game at Sears during after-Christmas shopping.

Officers say boy, 13, shot motorist to force toy-filled truck's cargo spill

Associated Press

FORT HANCOCK — The last time Robert Sanchez saw 13-year-old friend Ricardo Soto on Christmas Day, the boy was carrying a rifle case and heading into the desert toward some unknown destination.

Sometime later Robert and his playmates would hear three shots in the distance. "But we just ignored them," said Robert, 12.

By Tuesday morning, this small West Texas community was abuzz with stories of Ricardo Soto's arrest on charges he shot a motorist on Interstate 10, allegedly while trying to get a toy-filled truck to spill its cargo.

His 9-year-old brother, David Soto, said in an interview with The Associated Press that Ricardo told him he wanted to "shoot a trailer and get Nintendos out of it."

But Ricardo's sister, Erika, 15, said she believes the shooting was accidental. "I don't think he really meant to. He likes to shoot stuff, like practice," she said.

The story has gotten confusing.

Several versions have been circulating around Fort Hancock, some 60 miles east of El Paso in Hudspeth County, since news of the shooting broke Monday.

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Big deals: Shoppers go back to it for post-holiday bargains

Associated Press

From Fifth Avenue to the nation's suburban mega-malls, shoppers found big bargains Tuesday as stores slashed prices in hopes of salvaging the worst Christmas season in years.

But while many shoppers hunted for deals, snapped up marked-down Christmas decorations and returned gifts, business was brisk but not overwhelming.

"I don't see any difference," said Mary Ann Bacher as she left Lord & Taylor in Manhattan. "The only thing that seems to me to be really on sale is the Christmas-related merchandise."

"I thought the prices could have been a little bit better," said Nina Nowell, who was shopping with her sister at Crabtree Val-

Please see **DEALS**/4A

Spirit of the season lingers through city

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Christmas 1995 is in the past but not so for the shopping, particularly the bargain-hunting.

"What do you think?" Gwen Lewis said tersely in reply to a query into what she was doing at Midland Park Mall on Tuesday, the day after Christmas.

There was more than the apparent: having coffee with her ex-sister-in-law, Lyska Davis, while other shoppers,

Please see **SPIRIT**/4A

108-year-old ICC heads into sunset

WASHINGTON (AP) — If no presidential reprieve arrives, the government's oldest regulatory agency is going out of business — more than a century after it was created to mollify consumer complaints that have a familiar ring today.

Congress established the Interstate Commerce Commission in 1887, in part to appease train riders angry because railroads often charged more for short trips than for longer journeys.

The commission eventually prohibited charging less for a long-distance trip than for a ticket on any shorter segment of that trip.

Most Americans long ago abandoned the rails for automobiles and airplanes,

Please see **ICC**/4A

Someone had to do it: Regular guy plows through red tape while politicians quibble

By Trudy Tynan
Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — When a blizzard of red tape and excuses left pedestrians knee-deep in snow on Memorial Bridge, Richard Sorcinelli did what three governments couldn't accomplish: He plowed the sidewalk.

As local and state officials quibbled last week over who was responsible for clearing a month's snow from the walkway, Sorcinelli took pity on the people who cross the bridge to and from downtown. He got on his plow-equipped all-terrain vehicle and did what had to be done.

"He took over where we failed," said Patrick Hourihan, chairman of West Springfield's Board of Selectmen. "I don't know him, but I would like to shake his hand."

Sorcinelli, a painting and wallpapering contractor, said scores of grateful walkers and drivers have jammed his answering machine with messages of thanks and praise. Some even suggested he run for office.

"He's got my thanks, for sure," said Michael Weltz, walking across the 1,456-foot bridge Tuesday.

Weltz, who works in downtown Springfield, said the snow-clogged sidewalks had forced him to abandon his lunchtime hikes over the four-lane bridge between Springfield and West Springfield.

"People say you can't change the world, but it's amazing what this has produced," Sorcinelli said.

Sorcinelli, who lives in West Springfield, said he became increasingly upset at seeing pedestrians struggle through the drifts or skitter on the icy edges of the traffic lanes as December storm followed December storm. The city has received more

Please see **PLOWS**/4A

Richard Sorcinelli, of West Springfield, Mass., clears the Memorial Bridge of snow with his plow-equipped all-terrain vehicle. Sorcinelli took matters into his own hands when he saw the sidewalks hadn't been cleared.

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Power goes to Palestinians as Israelis pull back from Hebron

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A Palestinian woman and boy carry sheets of corrugated iron roofing scavenged from an Israeli army base evacuated a few moments earlier during the final phase of the Israeli army pullback in the West Bank village of Halhul north of Hebron Tuesday.

DAHARIYA, West Bank (AP) — Its troop pullback in the West Bank entering the final phase, Israel turned dozens of villages over to the Palestinian Authority on Tuesday in a smooth transfer of power. Departing Israeli troops received hot drinks and mementos of peace in return.

By week's end, nearly all Arab residents of the West Bank and Gaza will be under Yasser Arafat's control, ahead of planned elections next month that will bring the Palestinians within reach of their decades-long quest for self-determination.

In Dahariya, south of Hebron, delighted residents served coffee to the departing Israeli troops and gave them olive branches, belying the bitterness many feel after 28 years of Israeli occupation.

PLO police later arrived in buses, waving Kalashnikov rifles, Palestinian flags and pictures of Arafat. To the cheers of dancing villagers, they raised the once-banned Palestinian flag at the former Israeli military headquarters in Dahariya.

Inside, Mohammed Hassan, 35, stood outside a small room where he was interrogated for 11 days in 1988.

"I never dreamed that one day Palestinians would be in control," said Hassan, who spent a total of 18 months in Israeli jails from 1988 to 1990 for belonging to Arafat's then-outlawed Fatah movement. "Now we can feel safe and secure."

North of Hebron, in the village of Halhoul, two soldiers in a jeep gave white-and-red carnations to Palestinians waiting outside the base being evacuated. After the Israelis left it was a free-for-all, with villagers grabbing everything from barbed wire to old lamps.

In all, Israel pulled out of 10 villages where it had troops stationed and handed over another 50 smaller villages near Hebron and Ramallah where the army had no permanent presence, said Shlomo Dror, spokesman of Israel's outgoing West Bank military government.

As part of the Israel-PLO autonomy accords, the PLO already controls six West Bank cities as well as most of the Gaza Strip, which it took over in May 1994.

On Tuesday, the Israeli army banned Israelis from the West Bank town of Ramallah, a step taken before previous withdrawals. Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer said the town of 30,000 would be transferred to PLO control on Wednesday.

In the eighth and last town, Hebron, troops are to redeploy by the end of March. Soldiers will leave most of the city but stay in downtown areas to protect 450 Jewish settlers living there.

In the urban areas, where about 400,000 of the West Bank's 1.2 million Arab residents live, Palestinian police are in full control. The cities make up about 7 percent of the West Bank, a territory roughly the size of Delaware.

Tuesday's pullback virtually completes Israel's departure from more than 400 West Bank villages in the rural region is defined as "Area B," where Palestinians run their day-to-day lives, including security. Area B covers almost a third of the West Bank.

Japanese regulators to tighten oversight of banking industry to break streak of debt, scandal

TOKYO (AP) — Japan announced a plan Tuesday to tighten oversight of its banking industry, which is saddled with an enormous load of bad debt and plagued by scandal.

Under the measures, announced by Finance Minister Masayoshi Takemura, the government will hire more bank inspectors, and banks will be ordered to pay for outside auditors to examine their books.

Takemura called the steps "drastic," but critics quickly questioned the scope of the changes.

"What this really does is add more regulations and strengthen the supervisory powers of the authorities," said Toru Nakakita, a Toyo University economist. "It doesn't change the actual system."

Banks have reported about $400 billion in irrecoverable debts. Economists estimate the real figure could be as high as $1 trillion.

Takemura blamed many of the industry's problems on Japan's slowness in shifting away from highly regulated, protectionist policies and toward ones based on market forces, the Kyodo News Service reported.

The Finance Ministry plan calls for more frequent auditing, and for the banks to be rated according to the amount of capital they have on hand and the amount of risk they take on.

Results of the government audits will not be publicly released.

The ministry said it would increase its force of bank inspectors from 400 to 466. The United States, by contrast, has some 8,000, Takemura said.

If the inspectors find problems, the ministry will be able to order specific changes in the banks' daily operations.

The ministry also will get the power to file for bankruptcy for financial institutions it deems are in danger of failure, officials said.

In addition, the Japanese banks will be required to quickly report any irregularities in their operations, and the ministry will inspect banks' overseas subsidiaries.

That move is an apparent effort to decrease the possibility of another embarrassment like trading the loss of more than $1.1 billion accrued by a bond trader at a U.S. subsidiary of Daiwa Bank.

The Finance Ministry itself came under harsh criticism — both within and outside Japan — for failing to quickly inform U.S. regulators of the Daiwa losses.

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Chechens face compromise or bloody fight to the end

By Sergei Shargorodsky
Associated Press

MOSCOW — After a new upsurge of violence in Chechnya, Russia and Chechen rebels have two choices to end their year-old war: compromise on self-rule instead of independence, or fight to the bitter, bloody end.

Either option could mean still more months of bloodshed. The guerrillas have regrouped and appear to be well-equipped for winter, and neither side appears willing to settle for anything but complete victory.

Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin says there is no military solution to the conflict that began Dec. 11, 1994, when Russian troops marched into Chechnya to crush its drive for independence.

Even as Russian troops were trying to pound the rebels into submission in some of the heaviest fighting in months, Chernomyrdin insisted Monday that his government wants to make peace.

The Kremlin signed an agreement Dec. 8 with the government installed by its troops in Chechnya, giving the republic expanded control over its internal affairs and the right to open representative offices abroad.

But the rebels weren't involved in negotiating the agreement, and President Boris Yeltsin's government appears unwilling to resume negotiations that collapsed in October.

Instead, Russia insisted on elections Dec. 17 to legitimize its handpicked leader for the republic, Doku Zavgayev, ignoring rebel demands for Russian troops to withdraw before the vote.

If talks with Russia resume, a key demand by the rebels is likely to be new elections.

The rebels so far won't accept either Zavgayev's government or expanded self-rule under the control of Moscow.

That has led to some of the fiercest fighting in months.

A 10-day battle for Gudermes, Chechnya's second-largest city, killed at least 600 Chechens, half of them civilians. According to Chechen officials, one-third of the city, which was spared in earlier fighting, is in ruins.

Gudermes might be only the beginning.

■ News analysis

"The situation in many areas again looks like a puff-pastry pie stuffed with gunpowder," the daily Komsomolskaya Pravda wrote Tuesday.

The rebels appear to dominate the areas southeast of the Chechen capital of Grozny and are harassing Russian troops elsewhere.

The Kremlin's strategy appears to be based in part on the belief that the majority of Chechnya's residents are tired of the war.

Russian authorities also seem to think the guerrillas can't sustain a prolonged war, and would sooner or later seek an honorable way out, such as accepting an amnesty.

In order to undercut the authority of Dzhokar Dudayev, a former Soviet air force general who became president of Chechnya in 1991 and spearheaded its independence drive, the Russians installed their own man this spring.

With its leader Zavgayev in place, Russia now claims to have a legitimate negotiating partner instead of Dudayev, making any talks with the rebels unnecessary.

Yeltsin's government is hoping for a compromise among the Chechens under Zavgayev's leadership — enforced by his police and Russian troops.

That seems to work in individual locations, with village elders and pro-Moscow police often persuading guerrillas to leave villages to avoid violence.

But so far, the Kremlin and its Chechen supporters have failed to win the public's loyalty by delivering on promises of massive aid.

At least 30,000 families remain homeless, according to official figures, and there is no economic activity besides limited agriculture and market trade.

The rebels also have demonstrated they can easily return. Trying to thwart the elections and remove Moscow loyalists, armed separatists recently seized key buildings in several cities.

Russia could go after the rebels with its full military might, but that wouldn't be easy.

Pope offers late Christmas greetings to pilgrims

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Appearing weakened and tired, Pope John Paul II rose from his sickbed Tuesday to offer belated Christmas greetings after spending the holiday battling fever and nausea.

Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro insisted the flu-like symptoms had "almost completely disappeared," but the 75-year-old pontiff planned two full days of rest. He is taking flu medication.

Illness kept him from celebrating Christmas Mass in St. Peter's Basilica. The pope managed to finish delivering his Christmas message from the windows of the papal apartment before a wave of nausea forced him to cut short his tradition of offering holiday greetings in dozens of languages.

On Tuesday, he offered a shortened list: six languages, including English, rather than the 54 planned for Christmas.

His voice sometimes wavering and lacking force, the pope left out any mention of his health or the abrupt break in his Christmas address — the first time he failed to finish a major holiday speech.

It was in strong contrast to recent appearances by the pope, who had appeared to regain some of his vitality and stamina after a long recovery from hip-replacement surgery last year.

"Thank you for your presence yesterday and today," the pope said in Italian as he closed the 12-minute speech on the feast day of St. Stephen, an early Christian martyr. "Thank you very much."

He said "Arrivederci," then left the window of his residence overlooking St. Peter's Square.

The crowd of about 5,000 people in the rain-washed square responded with loud applause and cheers for the pope, who wore a red cape over white robes. He did not give the broad smiles or waves that have become a trademark of his public addresses.

The pope kept his main remarks to the religious significance of the day. He recalled the martyrdom of St. Stephen, a 1st century evangelist who was condemned for blasphemy against Judaism and stoned to death outside Jerusalem. His death led to more converts to Christianity.

"Under the care of this saint are those, even today, who offer to the world testimony of suffering for their faith and their love of Christ," the pope said.

Navarro said the pope celebrated a Mass in his private chapel before giving the address. Navarro speculated that a demanding holiday schedule may have taken a toll on the pontiff, who had only 3 1/2 hours sleep on Christmas morning following midnight Mass in the overheated basilica.

The pope's next scheduled public appearance is a Mass in Rome on New Year's Eve.

Captured French pilots endured Serbs' torture, newspaper reports

PARIS (AP) — Contradicting government statements, a newspaper reported Wednesday that two French pilots shot down over Bosnia in August were tortured by their Serb captors and forced to endure mock executions.

Citing a military debriefing report, the respected weekly Le Canard Enchaine said in its Wednesday edition that the Serb military commander himself threatened them with torture and death.

The newspaper, known for both its satire and investigative journalism, didn't indicate how it obtained the secret report. French authorities have prohibited the men from discussing their ordeal.

The Defense Ministry refused to confirm or deny the report, a spokesman said Tuesday night on condition of anonymity.

Capt. Frederic Chiffot and his co-pilot, Lt. Jose Souvignet, were captured when their Mirage 2000 was shot down over Serb-held territory in eastern Bosnia during a NATO bombing mission Aug. 30. They were held for 3 1/2 months before their release two weeks ago.

In an apparent attempt to avoid angering the Serbs just as Western forces were to move into Bosnia to enforce a peace accord, French officials claimed the two men had been well treated.

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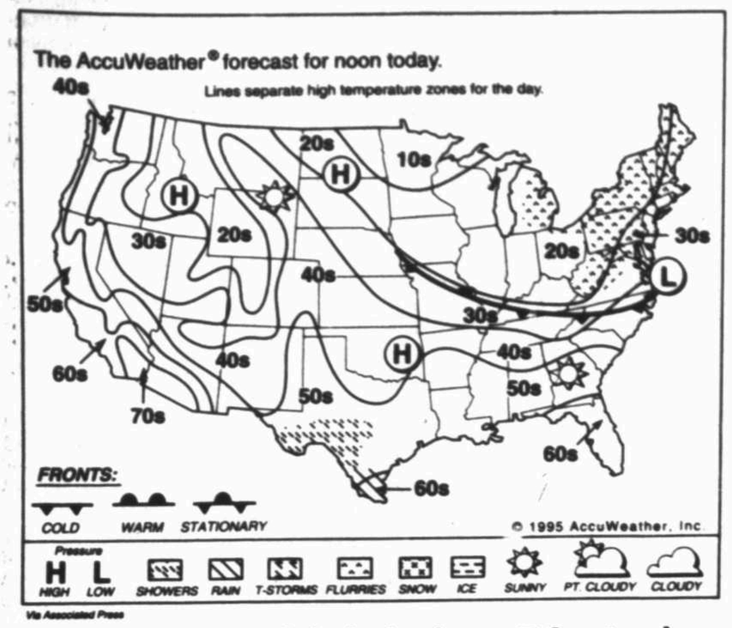

Via Associated Press

Expect sun, high in low 50s today

Staff Report

Today's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with a high in the low 50s and north to northeast winds at 10-20 mph. Tonight should be partly cloudy, but becoming mostly cloudy late with a low in the mid-20s, according to the National Weather Service in Midland. Thursday should be mostly cloudy with a high in the upper 40s.

After an overnight low of 26, Tuesday's high reached 58, compared to the record high for that date of 77 set in 1955. The record low was 11 set in 1939.

STATE

Cloud cover in West and Central Texas was forecast to increase, along with a chance of rain in various areas. Higher elevations of the Davis Mountains were expected to have snow on the ground Wednesday morning after a night in the 20s.

NATION

Light snow was scattered from the upper Midwest to New England on Tuesday, while rain showers touched parts of southern Texas.

Lake-effect squalls spread a few inches of snow along the shores of the lower Great Lakes in northeastern Ohio, northwestern Pennsylvania and western New York state.

Light snow and freezing drizzle fell on parts of northeastern Minnesota and western Wisconsin during the morning, making roads slippery.

Snow advisories were posted for parts of Michigan, with 3 to 6 inches possible.

And Upper Michigan had its coldest weather so far this season, with lows of 15 below zero at Pellston and 13 below at Sault Ste. Marie.

In the Southwest, a few rain showers were scattered across southern Texas overnight, and showers also were possible from Texas westward into Arizona as moist air flowed in from northern Mexico.

Elsewhere, light showers were possible along the northern Pacific Coast.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Midland statistics

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Thursday: mostly cloudy, high in the upper 40s.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS:

Yesterday's High58 degrees
Overnight Low 26 degrees
Sunset today . .5:52 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:48 a.m.
Precipitation:
Last 24 hours00.00 inches
This month to date 00.20 inches
Year to date .10.66 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES:

6 p.m.	.49	6 a.m.	.28
7 p.m.	.43	7 a.m.	.27
8 p.m.	.42	8 a.m.	.27
9 p.m.	.39	9 a.m.	.29
10 p.m.	.35	10 a.m.	.42
11 p.m.	.38	11 a..m.	.51
midnight	.35	noon	.54
1 a.m.	.36	1 p.m.	.55
2 a.m.	.36	2 p.m.	.57
3 a.m.	.33	3 p.m.	.57
4 a.m.	.32	4 p.m.	.57
5 a.m.	.30	5 p.m.	.56
		6 p.m.	50

Area forecast

West Texas: Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Today, mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 50s. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid-20s. Thursday, mostly cloudy. Highs upper 40s. Thursday night, mostly cloudy. Lows around 30. Extended forecast, Friday, mostly cloudy. Highs 50-55. Saturday, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Lows in the upper 20s to lower 30s. Highs upper 40s to lower 50s. Sunday, mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s to lower 30s. Highs 50-55. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Today, partly cloudy north, mostly cloudy south with a slight chance of rain. Highs lower 50s. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Lows mid-20s to around 30. Thursday, mostly cloudy. Highs around 50. Thursday night, mostly cloudy. Lows 30-35. Extended forecast, Friday, mostly cloudy. Highs 50-55. Saturday, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Lows in the lower to mid-30s. Highs upper 40s to mid-50s. Sunday, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Lows 30-35. Highs 50-55.

Border forecasts

NEW MEXICO — Today, partly cloudy south and mostly sunny north. Cooler in the east with highs 30s and 40s mountains and north, mid-40s to upper 50s lower elevations south. Tonight, mostly fair northwest and partly cloudy southeast. Lows 5 below zero to 20 above mountains and northeast, 10 to 25 degrees elsewhere. Thursday, increasing cloudiness northwest. Fair to partly cloudy east and south. Highs 30s to mid-40s mountains and north., mid-40s to 50s lower elevations south. Thursday night, considerable cloudiness northwest with a chance of snow showers northwest. Increasing cloudiness south.

Texas temperatures

Highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours ending at 7 p.m. CDT:

	Hi	Lo	Pcp.
Abilene	.60	35	
Austin	.56	39	
Beaumont-Port Arthur	.47	34	
Bryan-College Station	.55	36	
Corpus Christi	.55	48	
Dallas	.MM	29	
El Paso	.55	33	
Fort Worth	.53	29	
Galveston	.46	42	
Houston	.53	35	
Laredo	.56	44	
Lubbock	.58	23	
Marfa	.53	24	
San Angelo	.56	31	
San Antonio	.56	36	
Victoria	.53	39	
Waco	.54	27	
Wink	.57	22	

Weather elsewhere

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 6:30 p.m. CST.

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albuquerque	.46	16	clr	
Atlanta	.41	24	cdy	
Baltimore	.32	27	cdy	
Boston	.36	29	cdy	
Charlotte,N.C.	.40	22	clr	
Chicago	.28	14	cdy	
Cincinnati	.25	11	sn	
Cleveland	.22	14	.03	sn
Denver	.48	28	clr	
Detroit	.25	18	.04	cdy
Flagstaff	.39	6	clr	
Indianapolis	.27	6	.02	cdy
Jacksonville	.50	31	cdy	
Juneau	.43	42	rn	
Kansas City	.44	22	cdy	
Las Vegas	.56	29	clr	
Little Rock	.43	24	cdy	
Los Angeles	.76	48	clr	
Memphis	.41	24	cdy	
Milwaukee	.23	16	.02	sn
Nashville	.41	20	cdy	
New Orleans	.46	38	cdy	
New York City	.33	28	cdy	
Oklahoma City	.59	24	cdy	
Philadelphia	.31	25	cdy	
Phoenix	.69	46	clr	
Pittsburgh	.22	16	.02	sn
Reno	.42	13	cdy	
Sacramento	.59	38	cdy	
St Louis	.41	30	cdy	
Salt Lake City	.31	25	cdy	
San Diego	.68	45	clr	
San Francisco	.63	46	cdy	
Seattle	.44	29	cdy	
Tampa-St Ptrsbg	.60	39	cdy	
Tucson	.66	37	clr	
Washington,D.C.	.34	27	cdy	

PLOWS: 1 man did what 3 governments couldn't

(From 1A)

than 26 inches of snow this month.

When he called government offices to ask why the sidewalks had not been plowed, everyone pointed the finger at someone else.

The city of Springfield and town of West Springfield noted it was a state bridge. The state said the municipalities were responsible for the sidewalks.

The bridge had been under repair for the past four years. Before the repair work closed two or more lanes, the bridge had carried about 20 percent of the vehicle traffic into the city of 160,000 people as well as the bulk of the city's walkers.

During the repair project, the footpaths apparently were plowed by the contractors, who needed them clear for their workers.

But the repairs were finished just before Thanksgiving, and the snow became someone else's responsibility. The question: whose?

"It was unbelievable," said Rosemary Sandlin, an aide to state Sen. Linda Melconian, who had spent days unsuccessfully trying to unravel the bridge-plowing mystery on behalf of constituents. "I went through a long and tedious maze."

Sorcinelli took the direct route. And he was prepared to do the same for a second snowbound bridge until his actions drove sheepish city and town officials to discuss sharing the work themselves.

"We don't need an international treaty," said Springfield Mayor-elect Michael Albano. "Let's just get the job done."

DEALS: Bargain-hunters trudge back to the stores

(From 1A)

ley Mall in Raleigh, N.C.

For many merchants, this has been the worst Christmas season since the 1990-91 recession. A weakening economy, heavy consumer debt and snowstorms in the Northeast hurt business for storeowners who depend on Christmas shopping for half their annual earnings. Stores cut prices dramatically before Christmas.

Nor does the coming year bode well for merchants, since shoppers are expected to remain cautious, and fierce competition is expected to drive thousands of stores out of business.

Many shoppers had clearly waited until after Christmas to snap up even bigger bargains.

"Things go on sale, so there's no point in buying that ahead of time," said Adriana Centeno, 19, who was shopping with her mother at Robinson's-May in Los Angeles. "We bought some shoes that were normally $70. Today they were $35."

Although the final tally on Christmas season sales won't be known until early January, the Johnson Redbook Service, an authoritative industry data provider, said sales rose only 3.9 percent in the four weeks since Thanksgiving compared with the same period last year. When the 2.6 percent annual inflation rate is factored in, sales barely rose.

Another forecasting service, Barnard's Retail Marketing Report, expects sales at stores open at least a year to improve just 3 percent — and only with the help of very deep price reductions.

Most Christmas shopping seasons have seen a gain of between 5 percent and 10 percent over the past 35 years, with the exception of recessionary periods, said publisher Kurt Barnard.

Officials at three store chains told analyst Joseph Ronning that business had rebounded some right before Christmas but that the final weekend was not enough to make up for weak sales earlier in the month.

"The stores have themselves to blame for some of this by having as many pre-Christmas sales as they do," said Ronning, a retail analyst at Brown Brothers Harriman. "Those who wait expect they'll probably get an additional 10 or 20 percent off."

In downtown Chicago, Audrey Weil went in search of half-price ornaments, wrapping and ribbons at Carson Pirie Scott but also found a coffee maker on sale for 25 percent off.

In midtown Manhattan, every other shop had a huge sign in the window boasting of sales of up to 50 percent off.

At Saks Fifth Avenue, Laura Moynihan upheld a personal holiday tradition — trading in Christmas presents for "bargain" priced designer-wear by Giorgio Armani.

"I cleaned up in Armani. Three shirts, three skirts and a sweater for under a thousand dollars," she said. "I'm so pleased with myself."

SNIPER: Police charge boy in interstate shooting

(From 1A)

Authorities say they aren't completely certain what motivated Ricardo to open fire on two vehicles with a .22-caliber rifle.

"They're a real poor family and maybe he thought about Christmas" presents, said Hudspeth County Sheriff Arcadio Ramirez, who noted the boy's seriously ill father is in a special care home in El Paso.

He said the boy's mother, Maria Soto, cares for the family by herself.

Ramirez said the boy had hidden in the brush by the side of the road about a mile outside of Fort Hancock and opened fire around 6 p.m. CST Monday.

Alberto Tarango of Van Horn, who was driving in a pickup truck with his wife, was hit once in the back of the head. He was in critical condition Tuesday afternoon at Thomason General Hospital in El Paso. His wife was unhurt.

A tractor-trail rig driving in front of Tarango was struck twice, but no one was injured in that vehicle.

Border Patrol agents following Ricardo's footsteps found the boy more than two hours later hiding in a station wagon outside his home. Ramirez said the boy surrendered without any trouble.

He has since been charged with deadly conduct, a third-degree felony, and been transferred to a juvenile detention facility in Pecos.

The sheriff said the boy was carrying a .22-caliber bullet, but authorities had been unable to find the rifle as of Tuesday afternoon. The weapon came from the Soto household, but it was unclear who actually owned it.

Many in the small, dusty town of some 500 residents were stunned by what they said was an unusual act of violence.

"They're depressed," said Sookie Gomez, 32, a lifelong Fort Hancock resident. "They weren't expecting anything like that to happen. There's no crime around here. It's very quiet, very peaceful."

Ramirez said he had never known of Ricardo Soto getting into any trouble.

Except for noting that he once took a BB gun to school, others familiar with the family said much the same.

"He's a pretty good kid," said Julia Sanchez, Robert Sanchez's mother, who lives next door to the Sotos. She said Ricardo often came over to play and was always respectful.

Arturo Hernandez, who works in a nearby grocery story, called Ricardo "quiet and reserved."

"It's a shame that things like that happen," added Hernandez, "but right now the world is turning pretty crooked."

ICC: There is no world on president's intention

(From 1A)

where they continue to complain about baffling ticket prices.

The ICC grew to considerable power by the middle of this century, but its activities dwindled in the modern era of deregulation.

The commission will cease to exist as of Jan. 1 unless President Clinton vetoes a bill passed by Congress last week.

Will the world look different without it?

"No," says Ken Siegel, deputy general counsel for the American Trucking Association. "A lot of what's going on is just codifying what has been happening over 14 years," he said.

"For railroads, we expect that life after the ICC will be very similar to life under the ICC," said Ed Harper, president of the Association of American Railroads.

"Well, we'll be spending $35 million less per year," and there will be a lot fewer regulations stifling surface transportation, said Rep. Bud Shuster, R-Pa., chairman of the House Transportation Committee.

Shuster expects the commission's demise to result in lower prices for users of rail, bus and truck services as freedom from regulation prompts increased competition.

The ICC no longer regulates rates and licensing, for example, and its other powers will be transferred to the Justice Department and Department of Transportation.

Siegel said it is ironic that the ICC, "the grandfather" of the Department of Transportation, saw many of its duties taken over by that agency. "Now the rest is falling," he said.

The main remaining functions of the ICC focus on approving mergers and making sure truckers and other carriers have the proper licenses, insurance and the like.

The Department of Transportation will be in charge of licensing and will approve, or disapprove, railroad mergers. Truck mergers will be referred to the Justice Department, which also reviews many other business mergers under federal antitrust laws.

While the demise of the ICC isn't in doubt, the process is still in question.

President Clinton has backed phasing out the ICC but promised to veto an earlier version of the bill Congress passed.

He objected to a provision reducing the job protection of railroad workers affected by mergers. Administration officials were also critical of provisions setting up a three-member Surface Transportation Board within the Department of Transportation to carry out remaining duties of the board.

There was no word Tuesday on the president's intention, and ICC officials said they did not know what fate awaited the agency.

TIME: NATO commander visits Serbs on their turf

(From 1A)

accompanied by two armored vehicles and about a dozen security officers. NATO jets, obscured by low clouds, roared overhead during his meetings.

Momcilo Krajisnik, a senior Bosnian Serb official, accompanied Smith out of the hotel where the meeting was held, holding an umbrella to shield the American admiral from rain. Metal barriers manned by Bosnian Serb soldiers kept Serb civilians at a distance.

The admiral met with Krajisnik, the speaker of the Bosnian Serb assembly, because NATO refuses to deal with senior leaders Radovan Karadzic and Gen. Ratko Mladic, both of whom have been indicted on war crimes charges.

Bosnian Serb sources said Karadzic was in the area, but officials appeared extremely uncomfortable and evasive when questioned over his whereabouts and future role.

Krajisnik indicated many of the tens of thousands of people living in Serb-held districts of the capital and suburbs may leave rather than submit to rule by the Muslim-led government.

Bosnian Serb officials appear to be using that fear to try to wrest concessions out of the new NATO mission. Although Krajisnik did not specify what might happen if thousands started to flee, Serb anger could cause some to try to slow down or sabotage the agreement.

At minimum, a mass departure of Serbs from the Sarajevo area would increase ethnic separation rather than reassemble communities separated by 3 1/2 years of war.

"We certainly tried to explain that the key to the implementation of the agreement lies in Sarajevo," Krajisnik said. "We should find a good solution for Sarajevo and remove the main obstacle to the agreement."

He said there was confusion, fear and uncertainty among Serb civilians over the agreement, "and therefore there is a danger of a mass movement that could not be controlled."

"We must do something before the undesirable consequence occurs," Krajisnik said.

The Dayton agreement spells out rolling deadlines for transfer of authority over Serb-held districts of Sarajevo, beginning Jan. 19 and concluding two months later.

U.N. officials have hinted in the past that the deadline for allowing the Bosnian army and police into those districts could be stretched.

Smith has the authority to extend the deadline until the end of the NATO mandate next December, but he did not say whether he would do so.

"I made no other commitment but to take their request and try and ensure that I have full appreciation of the problem, and seek counsel," Smith said.

He praised the progress in the NATO mission thus far, saying he was "extraordinarily encouraged" by cooperation from all three sides.

SPIRIT: Midlanders return to shops in search of post-Christmas bargains

(From 1A)

browsers and exchangers of gifts were scurrying and ambling by.

"I had some returns and some exchanges," Ms. Lewis said. "But, mostly, I'm interested in bargains. I think that's why most people are here. Don't ever think they're not out here for that, honey."

Ms. Lewis was taking respite with her friend, who was also bargain-hunting. "You kind of get bored after company leaves," Ms. Davis said.

"I haven't yet (swept up the bargains)," Ms. Lewis said. "But I'm not finished; I'm not through for day."

Among the objects of her post-Christmas bargain-hunting were this year's Christmas decorations to drape tree and house for the 1996 holiday season.

"That's the only time I ever buy them, everything for the tree," Ms. Lewis said.

While the "day after Christmas is supposed to be the busiest (shopping) day of the year," Ms. Lewis noted that the weekend before Christmas was a hectic time to rush into shopping.

"It's dangerous," she said. "People ran into you and didn't even say 'I'm sorry.'"

But on the day after Christmas, people are more relaxed. There are more smiles. "They're enjoying it today."

Two going-out-of-business stores, a shoe store and a clothing store were attracting some customers.

"I have to shop wisely," admitted customer Barbara Conner. "After the holidays, I come out here to get bargains. I buy my grandchildren's clothes after Christmas."

At the Adaptive Touch, Lori Fino noted that post-Christmas bargain-hunters were far more relaxed than the immediate pre-Christmas shoppers.

Up the mall toward Dillard's, midway between the giants Sears and JCPenney, was a "shop like you mean it" free-standing sign. Many shoppers were taking hint and following suit.

"Oh, yeah, they (the shopper) are in a great mood," said Radio Shack sales-maker Tony Pittman. "There's no hassle for returning (items)."

About every third person in the store was in a gift-exchange mode, he said.

Ray and Joyce Smith, appearing at ease, dropped by the mall but had no exchanges to make. "Everything fits," Mrs. Smith said.

"The kids got my wife a new watch, a great big one, so she could see the numbers," Smith said.

The battery to the quartz-powered timepiece was dead, so she had to take it to Wal-Mart.

"They put a new battery in it," Mrs. Smith said. "Now it's ticking, working."

At B. Dalton Bookseller, Assistant Manager Tracy Dudley was most accepting of book exchanges, which numbered into the hundreds.

"You always expect that — the day after (Christmas)," Ms. Dudley said.

Just outside Midland Park Mall, 66-year-old 'Johnny Duffield of Andrews found a rare but relatively quite and sunny place, near his car, to await this wife's return.

"Christmas used to mean a lot to me," Duffield said. "Anymore, I'm just hoping I'll live to the next one. Of course, we never know when we are going to go." Despite that outlook, Duffield admitted, "We had a good Christmas."

Nearby, Ron VanDyke, 42, and his 17-year-old son, Michael, drove to the mall to exchange a couple of Michael's gifts, including a pair of pants.

"It has been a good Christmas," said VanDyke. "We have had lots of blessings bestowed upon us. It is going to be a good year (in 1996). God is going to be good to us next year."

Across town from the mall, in downtown Midland, some businesses, including Nix Trading Post, Houck's Jewelry, Cristiani's Jewelers and the Midland County Courthouse were closed the day after Christmas.

Down the way, the Ivy Cottage, too, was taking an extended holiday. "We're just shopping" said a store-front window shopper.

At Family Dollar, floor manager Sonia Quiroz said the store made refunds and exchanges for customers without a fuss "as long as they have their receipts."

However, store manager Tina Wilson said, "We always try to get them to exchange instead of (taking) a refund."

Greg King, who said he was "pretty satisfied" with his gifts, including a ramie-cotton winter shirt, brought his 7-year-old son into the store to get a set of batteries for his remote-controlled model racing car. "He has been waiting for that (the battery power pack)."

The Doc Holliday's Pawnbrokers & Jewelers business frets not over exchanges; by policy, none is allowed.

"We had good business on Sunday (on Christmas Eve)," said pawnbroker Eleazar Estorga. "We had a lot of lookers, and half of them were buyers." He was pleased. "What else would you want?"

And business there was respectable the day after Christmas, added pawnbroker Lori Rotan.

For pawnbroker Martha Green, the season is teeming with the Christmas spirit.

"I am still playing Christmas," she said. "I have got Christmas decorations up, and I still have the joy of Christmas in my heart."

Pick 3 Texas

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

2-2-3

Cash Five

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NATION IN BRIEF

■ Study links hormones to ovarian cancer

CHICAGO (AP) — A new study links relatively high or low levels of certain hormones to ovarian cancer, raising questions about using hormone therapies to lessen the risk of other ills.

"I think we need to really look at what is happening with our own hormones before we jump into trying to manipulate them," said the lead researcher, Dr. Kathy J. Helzlsouer of Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health.

The findings don't suggest that currently available hormone therapies be withdrawn, only that doctors proceed cautiously with new ones.

Helzlsouer and her colleagues tracked more than 20,000 women in Washington County, Maryland, for 15 years.

Thirty-one cases of ovarian cancer developed in women who were not taking hormones when they began the study and gave blood samples in 1974.

Their blood was compared with that of 62 similar but cancer-free women among the sample who also had not been taking hormones.

■ Federal workers protest shutdown

WOODLAWN, Md. (AP) — Carrying signs that read: "Congress, we have a contract with America, too," about 100 furloughed employees on Tuesday protested the partial government shutdown with what was billed as a "work-in" at the Social Security Administration headquarters.

The workers filed past security guards into the building's auditorium, but instead of returning to their desks, they left the building after 15 minutes.

"We have tremendous work to do and this shutdown is a body-blow to the agencies," said John Gage, president of the American Federation of Government Employees Local 1923 in Baltimore.

Union leaders said they were told to leave the building, but Social Security officials said no one was asked to go even though federal law prohibits employees from volunteering their services.

"We had a contract with the American people before the Contract with America," said Jeanne O'Connor, a policy analyst at the Social Security Administration. " We perform a valuable service to the American people."

■ Box office take is ahead of '94 record

LOS ANGELES — As 1995 fades to black, the Hollywood box office appears to be running slightly ahead of 1994's record take. But no one is celebrating.

The reason: The number of tickets sold was the same as or lower than last year, while movies cost much more to make and distribute.

"We're sort of in a tailspin right now, and it's getting worse," said Tom Sherak, senior vice president of 20th Century Fox. "The profit margins at the studios have become unbearable."

After the Christmas weekend, domestic theaters had sold approximately $5.15 billion in tickets, according to Daily Variety. At the same point last year, moviegoers had spent $5.11 billion — $5.2 billion by the end of the year.

That doesn't mean more people went to the movies this year. Rather, Hollywood probably took in more money because ticket prices went up.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

Gramm uses offbeat charm to stay contender for 1996

N.Y. Times News Service

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — There is a kind of offbeat charm in the roguish self-deprecation of William Philip Gramm, the Texas senator who wants to be the next president of the United States.

Campaigning in Phoenix recently, Gramm was introduced to 2 1/2-year-old Leah Clark, a dazzling little towhead, by her proud parents. "I had a girlfriend once named Leah," drawled Gramm, tickling the toddler under the chin. "She dumped me!"

Phil Gramm's style may or may not captivate the voters. But for the most part, Gramm, who a colleague once said was "charismatically challenged" and whom Texas Monthly magazine described as a man with "the round, wizened face of a snapping turtle," never planned to win the presidency with a charm offensive anyway.

Instead, Gramm has tried to storm his way to the Republican nomination with the twin bludgeons of an unbendingly conservative economic message and an enormous campaign war chest. Now, though, with the 53-year-old senator having clearly failed to build any air of inevitability about his own nomination, his campaign emphasizes a less ambitious proposition: that there is nothing inevitable about the nomination of the front-runner, Bob Dole.

"We're where we want to be," he insisted in an interview. "I said at the outset of the year that the point was to establish Phil Gramm as the viable conservative alternative to Bob Dole. We have achieved that."

But several state and national polls suggest that at least three other Republican challengers can lay claim to the mantle of Dole's chief rival or, perhaps more accurately, that none of them can. Gramm is stuck in a crowd.

So, rather than dueling with Dole head-on, the Texas senator rattles off the reasons that he should be taken more seriously than the rest:

■ Lamar Alexander, former governor of Tennessee: "No money; no message."

■ Steve Forbes, the multimillionaire: "People are not going to vote for Forbes; he's not plausible."

■ Pat Buchanan, the political commentator: "He's a protest vote against Dole. If I convince people that I have a chance of beating Dole, they'll desert Buchanan in droves."

The essence of Gramm's strategy remains unchanged: finish close enough to Dole in the Iowa caucuses and the New Hampshire primary to establish himself as the prime alternative, then overpower Dole in a string of more conservative Southern and Western state primaries that follow.

Gramm dismisses his standing well below Dole in a variety of state and national public-opinion polls, insisting that they are largely based on name recognition and that a truer reflection of the race is his victories in straw polls of party activists, events on which he has lavished far more money than any other candidate but which he says demonstrates the grass-roots strength and organization of his campaign.

Still, by this point in the campaign, Gramm had clearly hoped to be spending most of his time building the case against Dole, not against the lesser-knowns. In fact, by declaring early and raising $20 million, far more than any other candidate except Dole (though Forbes is a wild card because he is spending his own money), Gramm wanted the race to be a two-man duel by now.

That it is not raises questions not about his fund-raising ability or his organizational skills, but about his message and his fundamental appeal as a prospective president. His conservative themes are solid but he has not electrified crowds, and he has also had some embarrassing stumbles.

Asked by Larry King if he would consider a female running mate, Gramm quipped, "Sophia Loren is not a citizen," a remark that many did not find endearing. His small investment 20 years ago in a soft-porn movie project, "Beauty Queens," did not go over big in conservative Christian circles.

And he may well have undercut himself with his boasts about his remarkable fund-raising prowess, as if that, as opposed to his vision for the country, amounted to his chief political asset.

The night before he formally announced for president, Gramm spoke to a glittering crowd in a Dallas hotel where he took in $4.1 million and set a record for the largest amount raised in a single campaign event. He told the crowd: "Thanks to you, I have the most reliable friend you can have in American politics, and that's ready money." (Gramm says now that criticism over the remark was unwarranted because he was just humorously paraphrasing a Benjamin Franklin quipp that the three most "reliable friends" in the world were "an old wife, an old dog and ready money.")

New York mayor proposes restraint on kamikaze cabs

NEW YORK (AP) — It's a typical New York street scene: A kamikaze cab, ignoring traffic and pedestrians, swerves across four lanes to pick up a jaywalking fare.

Not so fast, says Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, who wants to ease the chronic congestion on city streets and make them a more genteel place.

He has proposed a daytime ban on hailing cabs in the heart of Manhattan, with people instead lining up politely at taxi stands and drivers queuing up neatly for passengers.

Good luck, Mr. Mayor.

"This law cannot work," taxi driver Asif Chaudhry declared on Tuesday. "Most people want, 'Right here! Right now!' If you go 5 feet further, they get crazy. They get mad."

That's right, said rider Eric Jones of Manhattan, who was waiting patiently for a cab outside the Port Authority Bus Terminal.

'If I want a cab, I'm just going to get one. And most likely, he'll pick me up. That's just how it works.'
— Eric Jones, Manhattan

"If I want a cab, I'm just going to get one," said Jones, 29. "And most likely, he'll pick me up. That's just how it works. People in New York don't wait in line."

Under Giuliani's proposal — the latest in his "quality of life" campaign that has cracked down on panhandlers and public drinkers — taxi stands would operate weekdays between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. from 30th to 60th streets.

Riders could be dumped up to 100 feet from their destinations. Rebellious cabbies could be fined up to $55.

In Manhattan, stepping into traffic to hail a cab is a tradition dating to the turn of the century. It worked in the days of the horse and buggy.

"New York wouldn't feel like New York if you couldn't hail a cab," said Aliona Ru, 34, who moved to Manhattan four years ago. "It's more than a New York tradition. It's a symbol of Manhattan."

The meter's still running on the plan, which could go into effect this summer if approved by city transportation officials. There is major opposition from the taxi industry.

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Communists say they're not dead

Less than five years ago as Communist Party leaders fled their Moscow offices, frantically destroying files as they went, the very survival of the party seemed in doubt. Sadly, the recent parliamentary election erased that doubt. The Communist Party's showing in the recent election made it the strongest political force in Russia — a sobering thought for those who may have thought communism was "dead."

Together with the robust showing by the ultra-nationalist Liberal Democratic Party, led by the firebrand Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the election was a reversal for the forces of reform and an undeniable rebuff of President Boris Yeltsin.

Many Russians, disillusioned by disorder and economic dislocation, plainly want stability and greater financial security. But whether they want the new Russian empire cavalierly promised by the Communists is doubtful.

The Communist resurgence is disheartening, but not calamitous. Political and economic reform in Russia have advanced too far to be brought to a dead stop by this election. The new State Duma, or lower house of Parliament, will be more conservative than the old, but not much more unified. Unequal in power to the presidency, it cannot force a drastic change in direction unless an opposition coalition can put together a two-thirds majority to overturn Yeltsin vetoes, which seems unlikely.

What it can do is slow reform. Through obstruction more than action, the new legislature can force Yeltsin to continue a drift toward more conservative policies that he began after the last parliamentary election two years ago.

Russians, taught by their own history to expect the worst, are already talking darkly of civil conflict and a return to the violent confrontations between the president and Parliament that shook Moscow in October 1993. Speculation is high that Yeltsin will cancel next June's presidential election. The same prophets predicted earlier this year that he would cancel the parliamentary election.

Russia has certainly proven itself capable of political deformity over the centuries, and there is no guarantee against new turbulence. But several points that suggest this election was a warning but not necessarily a prelude to the end of reform ought to be kept in mind in Moscow and Washington in the days ahead.

To begin with, this was a democratic election, one of the largest in history. More than 60 percent of eligible voters, or about 60 million Russians, cast ballots. Whatever their doubts about the future, they showed their commitment to democracy. When the Bolsheviks, an earlier incarnation of the Russian Communists, came back from near-extinction in 1917, their popularity was hardly put to a vote. Nor did the Soviet Communists ever need to assemble a legislative coalition to pass a law.

While moderates remain divided, and at least one reform party lost ground, the threat of a united front of neo-Communists and nationalists seems premature. The Communist leader, Gennadi Zyuganov, an obscure official in the Soviet era, will find it no easier than other politicians to work with the mercurial Zhirinovsky.

Both men have made promises they cannot keep. Russia lacks the military and economic muscle to rebuild its empire, no matter how much the two men may like to talk about it. The Russian economy, just coming out of a tailspin, cannot be forced back under state control without crashing.

Yeltsin must resist the temptation to resort to authoritarian rule as he deals with a quarrelsome legislature and looks ahead to a presidential election that could put a Communist or nationalist in his Kremlin office. Russians clearly relish the exercise of their voting rights, something their political leaders will have to accept.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 27, the 361st day of 1995. There are four days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On Dec. 27, 1831, naturalist Charles Darwin set out on a voyage to the Pacific aboard the HMS Beagle. (Darwin's discoveries during the voyage helped formed the basis of his theories on evolution.)

On this date:

In 1822, scientist Louis Pasteur was born in Dole, France.

In 1892, the cornerstone was laid for the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine in New York City.

In 1900, militant prohibitionist Carry Nation carried out her first public smashing of a bar, at the Carey Hotel in Wichita, Kan.

In 1927, the musical play "Show Boat," with music by Jerome Kern and libretto by Oscar Hammerstein II, opened at the Ziegfeld Theater in New York.

In 1932, Radio City Music Hall opened in New York.

In 1945, 28 nations signed an agreement creating the World Bank.

In 1947, the children's television program "Howdy Doody," hosted by Bob Smith, made its debut on NBC.

In 1968, Apollo 8 and its three astronauts made a safe, nighttime splashdown in the Pacific.

In 1970, "Hello, Dolly!" closed on Broadway after a run of 2,844 performances.

JACK ANDERSON

Fiscal crisis in Mexico remains serious

WASHINGTON — One year after the collapse of the Mexican peso, Republicans on Capitol Hill are privately grumbling about the fact that the Clinton administration is ignoring signs that the Mexican economy is still in freefall.

The question dangling in the air is whether nearly $20 billion from American taxpayers — which provided a massive credit line to Mexico — is ever going to make its way back to the United States.

Anderson

Mexican Finance Minister Guillermo Ortiz painted a rosy picture about his country's finances last spring. He even predicted that Mexico would repay the United States by the end of 1995.

But a CIA report shows that at the same time Ortiz was making those public comments, he was privately admitting to associates that he's pessimistic about Mexico's ability to pay its debts. Behind closed doors, Ortiz said the deal was "falling apart" and that an eventual default was likely.

Contrary to Ortiz's public declaration, Mexico has still not paid back the loans as 1995 draws to a close. Nevertheless, Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin claims that Mexico is in good financial shape. Interviews with several Mexican economists, however, yield a much different story from south of the border.

"The Mexican economy is in even worse shape than it was before (the bailout)," one prominent Mexican economist told us. "The economy is dead in the water and nothing is being done to revive it."

Several economists claim that most of the U.S. bailout money has been used to pay off foreign investors and rich Mexicans while local businesses and farms are failing by the day. A whopping 20,000 businesses went belly up this year. Nearly 2 million Mexicans lost their jobs in '95, while those who kept their jobs have endured an average drop in wages of 25 percent.

Sources in Mexico City and in Washington say that with little chance of an economic recovery in the near future, Mexico is going to have to borrow money from other sources next year in order to repay its debts to the United States. It's the equivalent of an individual using one credit card to pay a bill on another credit card.

"I listened to Rubin say that Mexico is on the road to recovery in terms of building up reserves and paying off bondholders," said one economist. "Yet, as he was making that statement, Mexico was issuing $1.5 billion in new bonds at high interest rates — in effect borrowing money to get through today's problems but creating more of a crisis in the future when payback time comes. That's not recovery. It's more like a shell game."

The betting here is that Mexico will not be able to repay its loans, which will become a sticky campaign issue for Clinton next fall. Thanks to much sacrifice across America, Clinton's Republican opponent will say, the GOP has put this country on the path to finally balancing its budget. So why in the world are we helping Mexico pay its bills?

Bosnian Bust? — There is growing evidence that the fragile Bosnian peace plan cobbled together in Ohio last November may be coming apart.

The accord proposes that Bosnia-Herzegovina become a single state made up of two separate political entities: the Bosnian Muslim/Croat Federation and the Bosnian Serb Republic. For the unified state to work, both sides must suddenly demonstrate vast amounts of compromise and cooperation.

One conservative foreign policy analyst said it will be difficult "to replace the bonds of loyalty, authority and legitimacy that currently exist between Bosnian Croats and Croatia and Bosnian Serbs and Serbia. These bonds are rooted in centuries of political, ethnic and cultural identity and are sure to prove stronger than bonds to a hastily fabricated central government."

Swedish diplomat Thomas Gur said it best when he noted recently that if "the arrangements for peace in Bosnia are carried out according to the peace plan, new conflicts will be triggered by old ones."

Clinton aides are particularly concerned about the parallels between this accord and a deal brokered in Cyprus in 1964 between Turkish and Greek Cypriots. That agreement never worked because it was based on a fantasy that these warring factions would somehow iron out their deep-seated ethnic antagonisms once a government structure was put in place.

Both sides vacillated between peace and war for 10 more years until Turkey finally invaded the island in 1974 and carved Cyprus up. For an 30 years now, U.N. peacekeepers have been camped out in Cyprus.

How can President Clinton expect that the Bosnian mess will be cleaned up in one year?

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WILLIAM SAFIRE

'Rick will say ...' provides Whitewater clues

WASHINGTON — When you're a lawyer who needs a cover story to conceal close connections to a crooked client, you find some kid in your office willing to say he brought in the business and handled the client all by himself.

Safire

That's the significance of three little words in the notes taken down by Susan Thomases, Hillary Clinton's closest confidant and protector, of a telephone call to Webster Hubbell, Mrs. Clinton's law partner, early in the 1992 presidential campaign.

They were working out a story that would distance Hillary Clinton from questions about her client, the failing Madison S&L, which was lightly regulated by appointees of her husband, the governor of Arkansas.

"Rick will say he ... had a lot to do with getting the client in," read the notes subpoenaed from Thomases' law firm, quoting Hubbell, who later ran the Clinton Justice Department and is now in jail. To anyone sensitive to nuances of cover-up, that sly "will say" is a tipoff to the concoction of a lie.

Secure in what Rick Massey would say, Mrs. Clinton, as first lady, confidently told the White House press corps in 1994, "There was a very bright young associate in our law firm who had a relationship with one of the officers of Madison. ... The young attorney, the young bank officer did all the work."

Mrs. Clinton repeated that story under oath. But evidently there were law firm bills, time sheets and other documents that showed otherwise. Between "Rick will say" and now, those files — zealously guarded by Vince Foster and Web Hubbell — have vanished.

The interest of the Justice Department in the files in Foster's office triggered a series of panicked phone calls and orders immediately after his apparent suicide.

Obstruction from on high stares us in the face. Late in the day on July 21, 1993, White House Counsel Bernard Nussbaum — unaware of what would profoundly worry Mrs. Clinton — agreed to review the dead man's files with senior Justice officials the next morning. But at 11 p.m. Susan Thomases called Mrs. Clinton at her mother's home; logs show a dozen early morning calls among the first lady, her chief of staff Margaret Williams, Thomases and Nussbaum.

After that telephonic heat, Nussbaum told an associate that Mrs. Clinton objected to law enforcement having "unfettered access" to those files, now suspected to document the Clintons' corruptly subsidized investment in Whitewater as well her legal representation of Madison. On Hillary's order, Nussbaum broke his agreement, causing the deputy attorney general to demand: "What are you trying to hide?"

Two years ago, they were hiding Hillary's dealings with a criminal bank whose collapse cost taxpayers $60 million. Today they may be trying to hide the illegal transmission of federal investigative data to the Clintons' personal lawyer.

As the Senate peels back the cover-up, a growing audience sees Margaret Williams — spotted by a White House policeman carting files from Foster's office — in belief-defying denial. And Democratic senators fall silent as Susan Thomases, displaying an amazing forgettery under oath, professes to draw a total blank about her first meeting with Mrs. Clinton after Foster's death. (Dwight Chapin served a prison term for less.)

But the Clintons repay their loyalists. They just appointed Jim Hamilton, a Watergate lawyer who wrote a splendid Whitewater stonewall strategy, to the prestigious Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board. Diane Blair, present at Hillary's circling of the wagons the week Justice was denied, graces the board of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. And hang-tough Jack Quinn, eager to claim privilege where Abner Mikva might have had misgivings, was elevated to White House Counsel.

The Clinton game is to stall for 11 more months, past Election Day, hoping no copies exist of items in sanitized files.

Despite congressional subpoena power, I doubt this case will be broken by a gunsmoking document. As in Watergate, revelation of the cover-up needs an embittered or terrified informer, low-level (like James McCord) or higher (like John Dean).

The independent counsel must be working over a few insiders. Let's see if Web Hubbell, again before a grand jury, will risk a perjury charge. And let's hear what a fellow like Rick will say.

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ART BUCHWALD

Americans' plans for how to spend tax cut vary

The big tax cut that we are all waiting for may not be as big as everyone thinks. According to the Citizens for Tax Justice, nobody has any idea exactly what kind of deduction to expect. But we are becoming more cautious as Congress is more confused.

Buchwald

I conducted a survey on how people planned to spend their cut if the tax plan goes into effect.

William Byrd said, "I'm going to buy a bag of French fries at McDonald's. It's something I've been wanting to do for a long time, but my family budget couldn't handle it."

Edmond Gascoigne Thompson said, "I'm in the lower bracket so I don't expect mega bucks. Whatever I get I'm going to put into a shoeshine. It's a safe investment, and I think the Republicans would approve of it."

Irving X. Burg told me that if he got a tax cut he would give it to the Republican Party in exchange for a George Bush bumper sticker.

Not all the tax benefits will go for luxuries such as plastic shopping bags and frozen yogurt.

Jeff Legum said, "My kid goes to college, and if I get my tax cut I'm going to treat him to a hot meal for lunch."

There is tremendous excitement over the new tax bill since so many people will be affected.

Lisa Farrell is undecided about whether to buy a bus token with it or a first-class stamp from the post office.

Brad Blank, on the other hand, plans to give his tax cut to a toll booth on the New Jersey Turnpike.

Everyone is in agreement that they can all use the money — somehow.

Herman Rebhan confided, "I don't expect to get as much of a break as those in the top bracket because they really earned their money the hard way in stocks and bonds. But I still want my share because I would like to purchase a fly swatter with it. I believe that the more fly swatters you own, the better chance you have of keeping the government out of the fly-swatting business."

The new tax bill will provide allowances for schoolchildren although no one knows how much. So experts say that there will be enough to purchase a pair of sneakers, while others believe that it will provide every child with his or her own Frisbee.

The tax foundation reports that 68 million households will not be affected by the cut although wealthy investors can expect a needed break. This is as it should be.

At the same time 13 million middle-class households, or 10 percent of the work force, will have their taxes increased, but they deserve it.

Some computers predict that the tax cut for most people will amount to 69 cents a day which should change the economy by providing every man, woman and child in America with one roll of Scotch tape.

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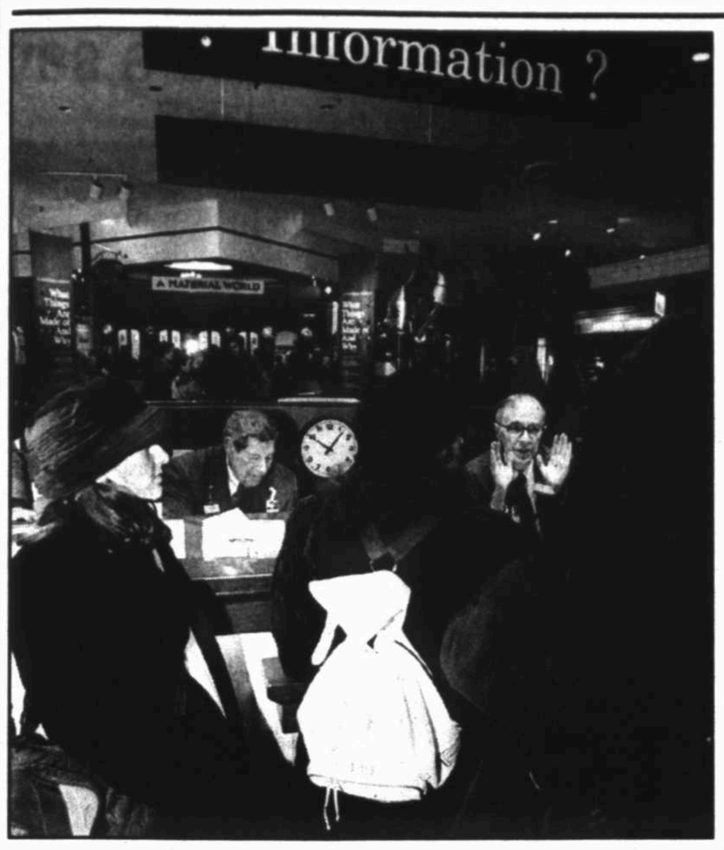

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Information staff at the National Museum of American History answer questions Tuesday in Washington.

Museums, tourists have partial break from shutdown

By Harry F. Rosenthal
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The once-in-a-lifetime exhibit of Johannes Vermeer paintings at the National Gallery of Art will reopen today, using money from a private fund to open its doors despite the government budget crisis.

The gallery is the second major facility to get a temporary reprieve from the shutdown of government departments and agencies left without appropriations from Congress.

The reopening today gives otherwise disappointed holiday tourists a place to go. The Smithsonian's Museum of American History also found enough money to operate this week.

"We are able to open just one exhibition," said Deborah Ziska, a spokeswoman for the National Gallery. "We are able to open the Vermeer exibition, which is a very rare event in the annals of art history. It may never happen again in a lifetime."

Shutdowns due to budget stalements — one in November lasted six days — rarely are fun for anyone. For Arthur K. Wheelock Jr., curator of northern baroque paintings at the National Gallery of Art, this one could have been tragic.

Wheelock, a life-long student of Johannes Vermeer works, traveled for nearly a decade cajoling owners of Vermeer works to lend them to the exhibition. He managed to gather 21 of the 35 paintings the 17th Century Dutch master created, the largest museum collection ever.

'Given the uncertainty of when the furlough will end, we decided to do what we could to make this once-in-a-lifetime event accessible to people from all over the world who have been waiting to see it.'

— Earl A. Powell III, director of the National Gallery

"It almost felt like giving birth and having somebody take the baby away from you," he told The Washington Post.

The museum is using money contributed privately to its Fund for the International Exchange of Art, which supports future international exhibitions.

Earl A. Powell III, director of the National Gallery, said only the Vermeer exhibit, two shops and the museum cafe will be open through Jan. 3, with the exception of New Year's Day. It has to close Feb. 11 to travel to its only other destination, The Hague.

"Given the uncertainty of when the furlough will end, we decided to do what we could to make this once-in-a-lifetime event accessible to people from all over the world who have been waiting to see it," Powell said.

While it was open, the exhibit attracted an average of 4,100 people a day, Ziska said. People who come to the museum will be issued same-day passes; those who have dated tickets also will gain admission.

More than 100,000 people had seen the exhibit by the time the doors were shut last Saturday. More than 30,000 ticket holders have been disappointed since.

While much of tourist Washington is shuttered, there still are things to do.

You can visit the Einstein Planetarium, shop or see movies in the Air and Space Museum even though the museum itself is closed.

The American history museum is the only one of the Smithsonian Institution's 16 facilities open, including the National Zoo. Another always-booked institution, the United States Holocaust Museum also is shuttered.

Not only the Vermeer show has suffered. The National Gallery has its first comprehensive Winslow Homer retrospective in a quarter century.

Savvy visitors, however, can make up for some of the void.

The Library of Congress is open with an exhibit of more than 200 rare books. And so is the National Archives, which recently mounted a wonderful exhibition, "American Originals," which places Richard Nixon's resignation letter in the shadow of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

The National Building Museum, one of the capital's most magnificent buildings, is open. So are privately funded art galleries such as the Phillips Collection, the Corcoran and the National Museum of Women in the Arts.

Rep. Archer warns administration about usurping Congress' control

N.Y. Times News Service

WASHINGTON — As the Clinton administration prepares another wave of fiscal maneuvers to avoid national default during the budget impasse, the chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee warned on Tuesday that the administration was courting a "constitutional and legal crisis" by usurping Congress' right to control the national debt.

The accusation, by Rep. Bill Archer, a powerful Texas Republican, came as the partial shutdown of the government entered its second full week, with no prospect that federal workers would be back at their jobs until after the new year.

To the disappointment of Republicans, the shutdown has created little political pressure for a quick budget settlement. Archer's warning on Tuesday, in fact, seemed part of an effort by the congressional leadership to switch horses, hoping that the prospect of default, if the administration's fiscal juggling is blocked, might work better in forcing President Clinton to accept their priorities for balancing the budget.

Republicans had tried to use the government's debt ceiling as such a lever back in November, when borrowing approached the statutory limit of $4.9 trillion. But Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin managed to put off any debt crisis through the end of the year.

In a letter sent on Tuesday to Rubin, Archer did not advocate default, but said "it is increasingly unclear what legal actions remain open to you," and appeared to be laying the groundwork for a court challenge to any new steps the administration takes. So far the Republicans have avoided that route, after their lawyers concluded that Rubin acted within his authority in November by withholding interest payments to two major government trust funds.

In a statement on Tuesday, the Treasury Department said that it was Rubin's "duty and intention to take all legal steps necessary to assure that the nation's financial obligations — obligations already approved by Congress — are honored."

Rubin has argued that he has been driven to take "extraordinary measures" because of Congress' refusal to approve an increase in the debt limit. Even the Republican budget, if adopted whole, would require a huge increase in that cap on federal borrowing.

The accusations and counteraccusations on Tuesday sounded a bit empty in downtown Washington, chiefly because the combatants were nowhere to be seen. Archer was home with his family in Texas, Rubin was in New York and only their fax machines seemed busily at work. In fact, the combined effects of holiday vacations and the partial government shutdown made Washington seem as empty as Paris in August or Tokyo at New Year's.

Meanwhile, federal workers were beginning to show the first signs of fraying tempers.

At the Social Security Administration's headquarters in Woodlawn, Md., about 100 furloughed employees held a peaceful protest to express frustration at their inability to work. Some carried signs that read "Furlough Newt," a reference to House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

In fact, 56,000 of 66,000 Social Security personnel around the country are on the job. But Joseph Flynn, vice president of the local union representing the protesting workers, said workers were angry that furloughed employees, along with those on the job, were only going to receive paychecks for half their normal pay on Jan. 2.

Those paychecks cover work performed before Dec. 15, when the congressional approval expired to pay 280,000 employees at government agencies that have not already had their budgets passed and signed into law by the president. Gingrich has promised that those workers will be fully paid, at the cost to the government of about $40 million a day.

But while the furloughed workers are a potent image for television cameras, the debt limit — a subject so complex that most lawmakers here were only vaguely aware of its details until a month or so ago — has once again become the centerpiece of political maneuvering.

When Congress refused to extend the borrowing limit, Rubin first said that default was "unthinkable" and insisted that even the threat of failure to pay America's debts could raise interest rates on federal borrowing. Several major credit-rating agencies agreed, putting the United States on a version of "credit watch," warning investors that the country's political willingness to pay its lenders, as opposed to its ability to pay, could be in jeopardy.

In fact, interest rates have dropped, in part because Rubin has poured so much effort, and in some cases considerable imagination, into techniques to keep the country afloat.

In November, he announced that the Treasury would no longer invest the assets of two major trust funds in government securities that generate the interest that keeps the funds growing in size. By turning those Treasury securities into cash, he reduced the government's outstanding debt by billions of dollars, creating more room for it to borrow funds on the open market and pay Social Security checks, interest on government bonds and other expenses.

But it is a game Rubin can only play briefly. Those two funds are covered by congressional legislation that requires the government to reimburse any lost interest. But in one of the oddities of government accounting, those IOU's do not count against the debt limit.

On Friday Rubin will try another twist: he will forgo crediting $14.5 billion in a semiannual interest payment to the Civil Service Retirement Fund, essentially issuing another IOU. That savings will get the government through January, and perhaps into the beginning of February.

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New breast cancer treatment could fight disease naturally, researchers say

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A new way to find and potentially treat breast cancer tumors, by using harmless radioactive isotopes to "light up" protein chains that migrate toward the tumors and attack them, was reported last week by a team of British and Greek researchers.

The treatment, the third significant report concerning breast cancer in almost as many days, represents a step toward cancer fighters' long-held dream of finding a way to use women's own naturally occurring antibodies to fight their cancers.

Ever since the existence of cancer-attacking antibodies was discovered two decades ago, researchers around the world have been trying to perfect a way to mobilize them as a less painful alternative to chemotherapy or radiation treatment.

About 180,000 US women are diagnosed with breast cancer each year, and 1 in 8 women will get the disease during her lifetime.

Reacting to the new study, reported in Friday's edition of the British medical journal the Lancet, two Boston cancer specialists called it conceptually exciting but far from definitive in offering either a better way to diagnose or to treat breast cancer.

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The new procedure involves the use of a tiny portion of a monoclonal antibody called alphaM2 that attacks breast cancer cells.

Researchers from Hammersmith Hospital in London and two Greek cancer centers, led by A. A. Epenetos of the Royal Postgraduate Medical School in London, said they had successfully removed a short length of protein from alphaM2, called a peptide chain.

Shorn from the antibody, the peptide chain still retained the full antibody's power to migrate to and bind with breast tumors.

By attaching a harmless radioactive isotope to the peptide chain and injecting it in 26 women who had various stages of breast cancer, they found that the "lit-up" peptide chain moved to tumors in three-quarters of the women.

Scanning devices focused on the isotopes were able to make pictures of the tumors' locations and also highlighted some cases where the tumor had mestastasized and spread cancerous cells to women's lymph systems.

But it was not immediately clear whether this process could be enhanced to do a better job than mammography or other existing x-ray technologies at finding breast cancer tumors.

However, the process raised hopes among some researchers that they could someday attach anti-cancer drugs to the peptide chains to deliver medicine to the tumors.

Specialists say a major problem with using antibodies to fight cancer has been that, in microbiological terms, they are often too big to be aimed effectively to where they can fight cancer. The peptide chain, roughly a hundredth the size of the full antibody, could potentially reach tumors better.

Two leading Boston cancer specialists, Dr. Timothy Eberlein, chief of surgical oncology at the Brigham and Women's Hospital, and Dr. Daniel F. Hayes, medical director of the breast evaluation center at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, said they found the paper encouraging but hardly definitive.

"Twenty years ago, people thought using antibodies would be the magic bullet, but they still haven't panned out," Hayes said. The new study indicates that smaller, more mobile peptide chains "will get to the cancer and stay there, so it suggests you might be able to use it as a pack horse to deliver" anticancer medicine.

But that concept remains a remote dream, Hayes said. "This is not an important clinical breakthrough in terms of people who have cancer in 1995, but we may look back in the future and say this is a landmark paper," Hayes said.

Eberlein said the paper indicates that as a diagnostic tool, the isotope-enhanced peptide chain is not yet able to find "micrometastatic" cancer deposits in the lymph system — tiny bunches of cancer cells — or even larger-sized deposits in organs like the liver or lungs.

"This is a neat study, but this should not get sold as the next new thing to diagnose whether you have metastatic breast cancer," Eberlein said.

The antibody report followed two other reports on breast cancer last week.

On Wednesday, two groups of researchers reported locating and mapping a second gene that plays a key role in identifying women at risk of developing breast cancer because they have inherited that risk in their genes.

Mutations in the newly identified gene, BRCA2, and counterpart BRCA1, which was first mapped out last year, account for at least 90 percent of the 9,000 to 18,000 genetically inherited cases of breast cancer in the United States each year, they said.

A Utah firm, Myriad Genetics Inc., said it has recovered the entire BRCA2 gene and is developing screening tests based on the two genes that would tell women whether they have a genetic risk of getting breast cancer.

Also last week, researchers from the National Cancer Institute reported that singificantly above-national-average breast cancer rates among women in the Northeast can be explained mostly by lifestyle and medical differences, such as the fact they wait longer on average to have children tham women in the South and other areas and experience menopause later on average. Delaying or avoiding childbirth are both known to increase a woman's risk of developing breast cancer.

Weight loss beats aerobics for prevention, study suggests

CHICAGO (AP) — The best exercise for your heart is pushing yourself away from the table, a new study suggests.

Losing weight by itself works better than aerobic exercise by itself in reducing the risk of heart disease, a study of fat men found.

The message, though, is to do both, researchers say.

"We feel that exercise is beneficial, but particularly if you're overweight, you need to exercise in conjunction with weight loss," said the lead researcher, Dr. Leslie I. Katzel of the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

Katzel and his colleagues studied 111 men, ages 46 to 80, who were sedentary and obese — that is, 20 percent to 60 percent overweight — but were otherwise healthy.

'We feel that exercise is beneficial, but particularly if you're overweight, you need to exercise in conjunction with weight loss.'
— Dr. Leslie I. Katzel, University of Maryland School of Medicine

The men were divided into groups: one pursued weight loss without exercise; the second exercised without trying to lose weight; and the third neither exercised nor dieted.

After nine months, the weight-loss group had dropped an average of 20 pounds, while members of the exercise group had improved their fitness by 16 percent, measured by how much oxygen their bodies consumed when they exercised.

Researchers were surprised to find that weight loss clearly produced more benefits than exercise alone:

■ Levels of "good" cholesterol improved 13 percent in the weight-loss group, vs. virtually no change in the exercise group.

■ Blood pressure dropped 8 percent in the weight-loss group, compared with a 2 percent to 3 percent drop among exercisers.

■ Blood sugar, a yardstick for diabetes, dropped 9 percent among the weight-loss group, vs. no change among exercisers.

"Based on these results, we feel that if you're overweight, you really need to lose weight to decrease your chances of developing heart disease," Katzel said.

The findings were published in today's issue of The Journal of the American Medical Association.

The results are expected to be the same among women, who are being studied separately, Katzel said.

Weight loss is probably more beneficial because fat deposits in the abdomen are believed to be particularly harmful, affecting blood sugar and metabolism, Katzel said. Weight loss helps get rid of that fat.

Past research has found that leaner people seem to benefit more from exercise than obese people. That suggests that fat around the midsection blunts the benefits of exercise, Katzel said.

The exercisers worked on bicycles and treadmills, with supervision, three times a week for 45 minutes a time, Katzel said. At first, they worked at 50 percent to 60 percent of their maximum heart rate, but by the end were up to about 75 percent of maximum — "pretty hard," he said.

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DAY WATCH

Winter sky shows

The Marian Blakemore Planetarium plans several winter sky shows Jan. 2 through Jan. 6. "Larry Cat in Space," for children ages 7 and under, is set for 11 a.m., and "Earth Watch" is set for 1 p.m. In "The Voyager Encounters," set for 2:30 p.m., the focus is Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune as well as the Voyager spacecraft that explored them. Planetarium admission is free for Museum of the Southwest members; non-members' admission is $2 for adults and $1 for children under 12.

First Night events

ODESSA — Main Street Odessa is to host First Night, a family-oriented alcohol-free New Year's Eve celebration. Events include poetry readings and performances by vocalists and musicians, Presidential Museum, 7-10 p.m.; Kids' Carnival (including dancers and puppets), First United Methodist Church, 7-11 p.m.; performances by vocalists and musicians, First Christian Church, 7:30-10:30 p.m.; single-oriented party, Temple Baptist Church, 8:30-11:30 p.m.; exhibit and poetry readings, Proteus Gallery; country and western performances, Lincoln Tower, 7:30-11 p.m.; blues artist Long John Hunter and the Walking Catfish, parking lot at Fourth and Lee streets. For more information, call 915-332-7123.

Day-care meals

All children who attend a registered or licensed day-care center are eligible for free meals through the U.S. Department of Agriculture Child and Adult Day Care Food Program, according to a state official. For more information, contact Southwest Human Development Services, P.O. Box 140166, Austin, Texas, 78714-0166, 1-800-369-9082.

5-number winner

A ticket matching five of six numbers for the Saturday Lotto Texas drawing was sold at the 7-Eleven convenience store at 4230 N. Midland Drive, according to lottery officials. Officials in Austin have not yet heard from the holder of the ticket, which is worth $119,801. Four other five-number matches were made around the state, and one person in Bishop matched all six numbers for $25 million.

TODAY'S AGENDA

For information on checking out books, library hours and how to get a library card, call the Midland County Library Information Line, on CITYLINE, 560-2400, Category 7100.

Permian Basin Small Business Association, 7 a.m., 405 N. Marienfeld 3rd Floor Conference Room.

Gamblers Anonymous, 4601 Neely Ave., Room 6, 7:30 p.m., 24-hour hotline 567-7916.

Midland Articulators Chapter of International Training in Communication (ITC), 4400 N. Big Spring St. 689-7875 or 682-8820

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

Singles Group, First United Methodist Church, 6:30-8 p.m., parlor.

Uptown Chapter of the Business & Professional Women luncheon meeting, The Petroleum Club 683-3000.

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

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

Overeaters Anonymous, noon, 408 South G. St. Information 570-8612

Midland Downtown Lions Club noon, Midland Center.

MCC Womens Golf Association 9 a.m.

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Police charge former banker in theft of couple's nest egg

DALLAS (AP) — A former banker is accused of stealing an elderly couple's nest egg after gaining their trust by managing their bank account.

The scam collapsed early this year when Samuel and Lillie Mae Schmidt's only son checked on his parents' finances and discovered that the nest egg was gone, police said.

Debra Lynn Hood, 42, was arrested and charged with stealing from the couple. Ms. Hood, a Red Oak resident, denies the charge and is free on a $2,500 bond.

Wallace Schmidt said that Ms. Hood preyed on his parents' trust.

"They've been dealt a tremendous blow to their egos," said Schmidt, who lives in northern California. "They're wondering: 'What's going on in America? We trusted this person in every way.'"

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— Wallace Schmidt, Dallas coupie's son

Police say the Schmidts, married 72 years, lost $62,000 in the swindle.

Schmidt, 96, worked into his 70s as a carpenter. Mrs. Schmidt, 92, demonstrated goods at grocery stores on weekends. Together they built their healthy nest egg.

"People like my husband and me, we never did drink or take vacations or anything," said Mrs. Schmidt. "We just went to West Texas to where my daddy lived. Now all we get is less than $1,000 a month from Social Security."

According to police, Ms. Hood systematically stole money from the Schmidts between July 1993 and January 1995. She met the couple in the late 1980s while she was managing a north Oak Cliff bank where the couple kept their money.

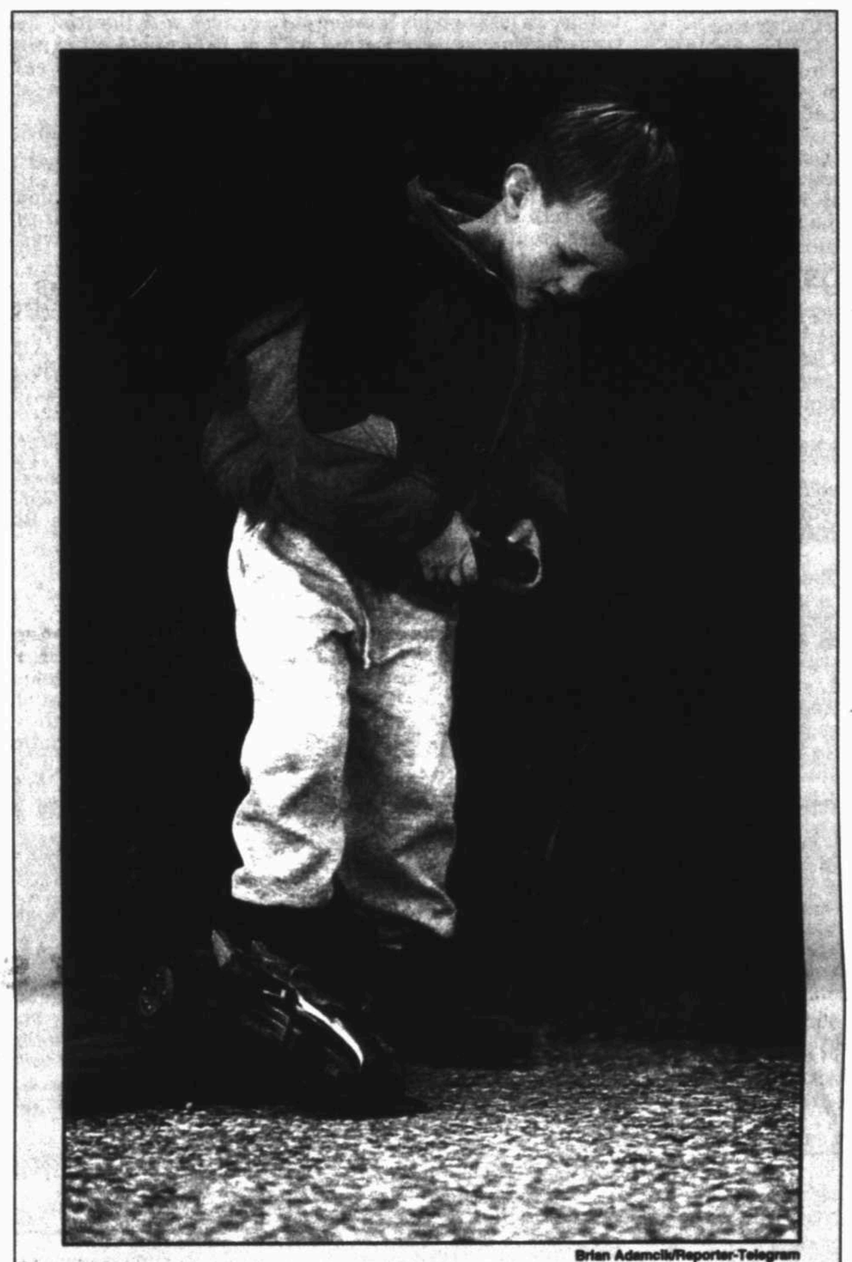
Even after Ms. Hood left the bank, she continued to help the couple handle their money, Mrs. Schmidt said.

"She'd come out to help me pay my bills, and I'd sign the checks and put it in my envelope and lick the stamp," she said. "But I don't know how she got away with big amounts like that."

Detective Steve Zuczek of the Dallas police financial crimes squad said a records trail made Ms. Hood's actions clear. He said Ms. Hood opened a joint money market account in her name and Mrs. Schmidt's name and took $62,600.95 without telling the couple.

Ms. Hood said the case is all a misunderstanding.

Police Sgt. John Zihlman said elderly people and relatives who help manage their finances need to be wary of anyone who has access to their money.



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Playtime

Four-year-old Kaden Rutherford guides a radio-controlled race car over a garden hose in his yard in central Midland Tuesday. The car was a Christmas gift.

Driver who struck police officer says she didn't see her

■ Dawn S. Erickson, a rookie, was hit about 6:45 p.m. Monday, died two hours later.

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A 38-year-old woman who struck and killed an off-duty Houston police officer who was directing traffic has told investigators she did not see the officer standing in the street.

The driver, who was described as shaken and distraught, hit Officer Dawn S. Erickson, 22, while she was controlling traffic at a Christmas Eve service at Unity Church of Christianity in southwest Houston.

The motorist told police she saw only a red light flickering in the road. The rookie officer was wearing a reflective jacket and using an orange-tipped flashlight.

About 6:45 p.m. Monday, Erickson was hit straight on by the car. She flipped over and landed on her head in the street. She suffered head and leg injuries and died at Ben Taub Hospital about two hours later.

The motorist and her 2-year-old son were not injured, although the boy was not properly restrained.

Police said the driver submitted immediately to a blood-alcohol test at Rosewood Hospital. The results indicated no intoxication and no charges have been filed.

Erickson graduated from the Houston Police Academy on March 3 and was assigned to the night shift in south-central Houston.

She had been working the job at the church for about a month to earn extra money for Christmas.

Erickson's mother, Beth Green, said her daughter "loved people, her family and Christmas."

The officer bought special gifts for everyone in the family, said Ms. Green, adding, "She was there for us all the time."

Erickson also is survived by her father, David, two sisters and a brother.

DPS reports 19 fatalities on Texas roadways over Christmas weekend

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Department of Public Safety reported that 19 people were killed on state roadways during the Christmas holiday weekend.

The DPS had estimated that as many as 35 might die in traffic accidents during the holiday weekend, which is calculated as 6 p.m. Friday through midnight Monday.

DPS officials said the 19 fatalities were a preliminary total that could rise if more agencies report accidents and if people hurt in holiday wrecks die from their injuries.

One of the deaths included an off-duty Houston police officer, Dawn Erickson, 22, who was struck by a motorist while she was directing traffic for a church.

A 75-year-old Boerne man died when his motorcycle hit a deer in Real County at 10:45 a.m. Saturday. Bruce Wallace Carlisle struck the deer after rounding a curve. He died before paramedics arrived.

A 90-year-old woman was hit while trying to cross U.S. 67 just west of Alvarado — southeast of Fort Worth. Velma Cashion was hit by a car driving west and then thrown into the eastbound lane and hit by another unidentified vehicle.

Six of the fatalities occurred in accidents in which the victims weren't wearing seat belts. Four of the deadly accidents involved alcohol, according to the DPS.

Mariachi helps high school build pride

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — In a school district where low academic scores, high dropout rates and diminishing school pride are common, there is an area in which San Antonio public schools excel: mariachi.

Some may think of mariachi as a bunch of musicians playing out of tune in a cantina or musicians straining the buttons on their tropical shirts, known as guayaberas.

How about a high school sophomore sporting a fuzzy Vandyke and sideburns and wearing Doc Martens and baggy jeans?

It makes sense to teach mariachi, a strolling style of Mexican music that uses guitars, trumpets, violins and spirited gritos or yells. San Antonio's school district is about 80 percent Mexican-American.

"Mariachi is one of our success stories," said Camille Bach, a school district official who, among other duties, coordinates the performing arts curriculum.

"I think it attracts a lot of kids who maybe didn't think there was anything out there for them," she said.

San Antonio schools, local administrators say, have the largest, most advanced mariachi program in Texas, perhaps the nation.

Mariachi is taught to about 600 San Antonio district students — in most cases for academic credit — at six of eight high schools and nine of 14 middle schools.

San Antonio's mariachi powerhouse is Highlands High School, whose program of nearly 100 students attracts about as many as the marching band. In fact, the performing group of 29 boasts more trumpet players than the band.

Mariachi may even be challenging football's popularity: Last year a 300-pound lineman quit the Highlands team to devote his time to the guitarron, mariachi's bass guitar.

Besides giving students the experience of poise under pressure, mariachi gives the high school students what boosters say is a meaningful glimpse at their roots.

"Most kids realize how proud they should be of this music," said Belle Ortiz, founder of Highlands' mariachi program and manager of a local group. "When you're playing, you represent your whole culture."

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— Camille Bach, school district official

At Highlands, as at other San Antonio schools, mariachi is in. Campus performances draw wild cheers. The crimson trajes, or Mexican suits worn

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Sidewinders to host their first Kid's Rodeo at mall

From Staff Reports

Children will get an opportunity to sample a Texas tradition this weekend at the first Kid's Rodeo at Midland Park Mall.

Organized by the Sidewinders, the youth committee of the Sand Hills Hereford and Quarter Horse Show, the rodeo is scheduled for noon Saturday at the Sears' court.

All children between the ages of 4 and 10 are welcome, but entrants are limited to the first 300 children who register that day, organizers said.

"The Kid's Rodeo is an opportunity to promote rodeo for kids," said Gerri Lu McAdams, Sand Hills Hereford and Quarter Horse Association secretary. "It will help them get involved in rodeo."

The rodeo, which is free, will feature events such as a Clown Contest (for best costume), Stick Bull Riding, Wild Cow Milking, Goat Ribbon Races and Gum Spitting Contest.

Prizes, donated by local businesses, will be awarded to winners in each category. In order to increase participation, organizers said each child may enter only two events.

Scientist believes he has found piece of state on edge of Argentina

AUSTIN (AP) — A chunk of Texas wound up in Argentina after a supercontinent that included Antarctica, North America and South America broke apart more than 400 million years ago, according to a University of Texas geophysicist.

Ian Dalziel, the associate director of UT's Geophysics Institute, believes he has found a lost piece of Texas on the eastern edge of the Andes in northwestern Argentina.

"It's a hypothesis," Dalziel told the Austin American-Statesman in Tuesday editions. "But it's a conclusion drawn from the rocks."

Suzanne Kay, a geophysics professor at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., said her geochemical analysis of subterranean rocks — brought to the surface by volcanic lava flows from beneath the errant chunk of Texas terrain — supports Dalziel's hypothesis.

Kay's analysis found that the uranium and lead signatures of rocks beneath the chunk in Argentina match the part that stayed home: the Llano uplift, an ancient geological formation in the vicinity of Lake Travis, west of Austin.

Geologists know from fossil, ocean-bottom and chemical evidence about the ancient drift, division and collision of Earth's continents dating back 200 million years.

At that time, when dinosaurs roamed the planet, the wandering continents formed a supercontinent scientists have dubbed Pangea. It was composed of what is now North America, Europe, South America and Africa.

What is considerably murkier is the location and interaction of the continents in their not-so-recognizable shapes, over the preceding 400 million years or more.

Building on research begun in 1910, Dalziel and Eldridge Moores of the University of California at Davis have proposed the existence of a supercontinent more than three times older than Pangea.

Antarctica was its keystone, surrounded by what are now North America, Australia, India, South America and parts of Europe and Africa.

"The traditional story is that North America came off Africa somewhere," Dalziel said. "But it can't be if my idea of North America and Antarctica being related is true."

Dalziel, who came to UT in 1985 from the chairmanship of geological sciences at Columbia University in New York, said he has developed the hypotheses in frequent research trips to Antarctica and South America.

Just how the chunk of Texas wound up in Argentina still is a matter of debate, ranging from the idea of a collision to the idea of a 600-mile-long piece of Texas breaking off under extreme geological pressures and floating away.

Scientists hope to resolve the questions in March when Argentine researchers join their North American colleagues in Austin for a UT-sponsored conference.

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DEATHS

Larry Watkins

Services for Larry D. Watkins have been set for 1 p.m. Thursday at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Jerry Berry of Kelview Heights Baptist Church officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Watkins

Watkins died Monday at his Midland residence.

He was born on June 9, 1975, in Stanton. He was raised and educated in Midland.

He was employed as a surveyor by Towhee Exploration.

Watkins married Shanna Hughes on June 4, 1993, in Midland

He was a member of Cottonflat Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Shanna Hughes Watkins of Midland; a son, Tyler Dale Watkins of Midland; his mother, Barbara Turnbow of Midland; his father, Lee Kamoss of Midland; and a brother, Kerry Lee Kamoss, of Midland.

Bill Louderback

Graveside services for Bill Louderback have been scheduled for 1 p.m. (MST) Thursday at Fort Bliss National Cemetery in El Paso. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Louderback died Monday at a Big Spring hospital.

He was born April 19, 1919, in Oklahoma City, Okla. He was raised and educated in Wichita Falls.

He graduated from Texas A&M in 1940 with a degree in agricultural economics.

Louderback served in the armed forces in both World War II and the Korean War and was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

He married Charlotte Schuette in Fukuoka, Japan, on Jan. 31, 1954.

He was employed as a postal worker for eight years, retiring in 1988.

Survivors include his wife, Charlotte Louderback of Midland; two sons, W. Scott Louderback of Midland and Glen E. Louderback of Blanco; and a daughter, Margaret Louderback of Tuscon, Ariz.

Joyce Davis

Joyce Joy (Girod) Davis died Tuesday at her Midland residence. No services are planned. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born on Aug. 3, 1928, in Alsatia, La. She attended school in Transylvania, La.

She married Roland Daniel Davis in Transylvania, La.

She moved to Midland in 1980.

Mrs. Davis was a member of Cottonflat Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband and a son, Paul T. Davis.

Survivors include two sons, Gene Davis of Hickham Air Force Base in Hawaii and Roland D. Davis of Pelham, Ala.; a daughter, Beverly Floyd of Midland; three brothers, Russell Girod of Alabama, Hershel Girod of Jackson, La., and Preston Girod of Houston; two sisters, Johnnie White of Houston and Edna Moe of Salt Springs, Fla.; 11 grandchildren, one great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests that memorials be sent to Hospice of Midland, P. O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas, 79702.

Julia Allen

Services for Julia Beatrice Allen are to be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Antioch Baptist Church. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

Allen

Mrs. Allen died Monday at her Midland home after a short illness.

She was born July 16, 1924, in Grosebeck.

Survivors include two daughters, LaCresca Anderson of Midland and Dorothy Wilson of San Angelo; two brothers, Edgar Adkison of Midland and John C. Adkison of Arizona; four sisters, Gussie Mae Anderson of Midland, Alice Marshall of Arizona, Tinnie Womock of California and Ernestine Donaldson of Dallas; two grandsons, two granddaughters and three great-grandchildren.

Herida Sepulveda

Services for Herida Sepulveda are to be at 10 a.m. Friday at Gloria Del Dios Assemblie of God Church. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

Sepulveda

Mrs. Sepulveda died Monday at her Midland home after a short illness.

She was born Oct. 3, 1909, in Hondo.

She moved to Midland in 1947.

She was a member of Templo Peniel Assembly of God Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, three sons and a daughter.

Survivors include a son, Jose Sepulveda of Midland; six daughters, Ramona Valdez, Mary Gonzales, Alicia Gonzales, Juanita Martinez, Nelda Ortiz and Celia Jurado, all of Midland; 37 grandchildren; 54 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Eileen Yadon

Services for Eileen R. Yadon are set for 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Ann's Catholic Church with the Rev. Fred Nawarskas officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. A vigil prayer service is set for 6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Mrs. Yadon died Sunday at her Midland residence.

She was on born Feb. 10, 1902, in Lajunta, Colo. She was raised in Childress. She graduated from Ursuline Academy.

She married Cecil Yadon on Dec. 25, 1935, in Childress.

She moved to Midland in 1935.

She was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1973.

Survivors include a niece, Mary Goodner of Dallas; a nephew, John Roach of Fort Worth; a great-niece and a great-nephew.

Joe Livingston

OKLAHOMA CITY — Graveside services for Joe Morgan Livingston, 75, are to to be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Hunter Funeral Home in Oklahoma City.

He died Friday at an Oklahoma City rest home.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Velma Livingston, and two sisters, Lola Hayden and Iola Dale.

Survivors include five brothers, Jack Livingston and Mike Livingston, both of Midland, G.L. Livingston of Boston, Troy Livingston of Gainsville, Ga., and Bill Livingston of Enid, Okla.; and four sisters, Jewell Madry, Glenna Cox and Iva Masters, all of Midland, and Nell Coker of Santa Anna.

Margilee Head

GARLAND — Services for former Midlander Margilee Head, 53, of Garland, were Tuesday at Restland Memorial Chapel in Garland. Burial was at Restland Memorial Park under the direction of Restland Funeral Home.

Mrs. Head died Friday.

She was preceded in death by her father, Floyd Coffee, a daughter, Gatha Jean Longabaugh and a sister, Carol Ferrell.

Survivors include two sons, Marvin Longabaugh of Garland and Keith Longabaugh of Valley View; two daughters, Leslie Neely and Denise Johnson both of Midland; her mother, Jimmilee Coffee of Midland; two brothers, Clinton Coffee and Buddy Coffee; five sisters, Anne Redding, Judy Robinson, Jeanette Warrick, Sue Madry and Gail Lewis; and nine grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Association, 1615 Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, Texas, 75207.

Joe Peacock

ROCKPOSRT — Memorial services for former Midlander Joe V. Peacock are to be at 2 p.m. Saturday at First Presbyterian Church in Rockport under the direction of Cook-Walden/Forest Funeral Home in Austin.

Peacock died Saturday.

He was born Sept. 17, 1916, in Fort Worth, where he was raised and educated.

He received his undergraduate degree from Texas Christian University in 1938 and his law degree from the University of Texas Law School in 1942.

He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1942-46.

He went to work for Phillips Petroleum Co. in 1948 in Amarillo.

He married Mary Ann Hewett in 1950.

He retired in 1981 in Midland and moved to Rockport.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann Peacock of Rockport; a daughter, Elizabeth Peacock of Austin, a son; Joel Peacock of Denver; and two grandsons.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Aransas County Public Library or ACMSI.

Helen Franklin

Services for Helen Gorten Franklin, 72, of Poteet, sister of Midlander Annalon Gilbreath, are set for 11 a.m. today at First United Methodist Church in Poteet with the Rev. Del Brown officiating and the Rev. William Hughes and Carl Taylor assisting. Burial will follow at Rutledge Cemetery in Poteet under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home in Midland.

Mrs. Franklin died Monday at a Midland hospital.

She was born Aug. 22, 1923, in Poteet, where she was raised and educated and graduated from Poteet High School.

She graduated from San Antonio College and attended Trinity University and University of Texas at San Antonio.

She worked at Victoria Bank and Trust in Poteet for 53 years. She retired as a vice president in 1989, but continued working as a customer investment consultant.

She was a member of the Poteet Strawberry Festival Association Board of Directors, queen of the 1949 Second Annual Berry Fete and produced and directed the Rotary Club's annual talent shows. She was active in the Poteet Grange and was a State Grange Lecturer for several years. She was an active member of the Poteet United Methodist Church and numerous charitable organizations.

Other survivors include another sister, Sammie Franklin of Poteet; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers are to be R. Thomas Franklin, John Franklin, James M. Franklin, Morris Franklin Jr., Richard B. Franklin, Pat West, David Johnson, Roger Reamer and Robert F. Davis.

The family requests memorials to the Poteet United Methodist Church, The Poteet Grange and The Poteet Strawberry Festival Association Scholarship Fund.

Vincente Perez

Services for Vincente A. Perez are to be at 2 p.m. today at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Seagraves with the Rev. John Casey of Brownfield officiating. Burial will follow at Seagraves Cemetery under the direction of Conally Funeral Home.

He died Saturday in Seminole.

He was born Jan. 17, 1947, in Edroy.

He worked as an underground pipe installer until his retirement.

He lived in Seagraves for about 25 years.

He was a Catholic.

He was preceded in death by Alicia Alvarado in 1991.

Survivors include two daughters, Brenda Alvarado and Silvia Alvarado, both of Seagraves; five brothers, Felipe Perez, Eddie Perez and Lupe Perez, all of Seagraves, and Felix Perez and Marcelino Perez, both of Midland; two sisters, Juanita Garza of Seagraves and Martina Basquez of Levelland.

Pool Tyler

SAN ANGELO — Services for former Midlander Pool Joseph Tyler, 92, of San Agnelo, are to be at 10 a.m. today at Johnson's Funeral Home with the Rev. Hames Mitchell officiating. Burial will be at 3:30 p.m. at Resthaven Memorial Gardens in Lubbock under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home.

Tyler died Saturday.

He was born Dec. 4, 1903, in Stonewall County.

He married Eula Opal Bilberry in 1923 in Spur.

He moved to Roosevelt County, N.M., in 1930, and began a career in farming and ranching. He served as a decon and music leader in the local Baptist church.

Survivors include his wife, Eula Tyler of San Angelo; a son, P.J. Tyler of San Angelo; two grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Esperanza Garcia

Services for Esperanza Almendarez Garcia of Midland are to be at 3 p.m. today at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with the Rev. Bob Wright officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She died Saturday at a local hospital.

Pallbearers are to be Jesse Carrasco, Juan Alvarez, David Alvarez, Steve Lozano, Andy Ortiz and Joe Vidal. Honorary pallbearers are to be Manuel Palomino Jr. and Joe Cruz Jr.

Cleaburn Williams

Services for Cleaburn A. "Clay" Williams of Midland are to be at 11 a.m. today at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

He died Sunday at a local hospital.

Pallbearers are to Steve Walker, Michael Washam, Everett Gray, Jim Gunnels, Jeffrey Murray and Dickey Box.

Mary McNair

Memorial services for Mary Kelly McNair, 2, of Midland are to be at 2 p.m. today at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Mark Alexander officiating, assisted by the Revs. Molly Kreuger, William E. LaBarr and Don Kelley. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mary died Saturday at a Fort Worth hospital.

Honorary pallbearers are to be Charles Crain, Jim Chase, Randy Brannon, David Hoffman, Greg Moore and Leroy Rodriguez.

Evelyn Brown

Services for Evelyn Brown of Midland are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

She died Monday at a Midland hospital.

Wesley McAlpine

Services for Wesley D. McAlpine of Midland are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

He died Tuesday at his home.

Wanda Rudolph

Services for Wanda Rudolph, 44, are pending with Wilson Grace Funeral Chapel in Midland.

She died Friday.

POLICE REPORTS

Monday

Vandalism: A vehicle window was reported broken at 1505 S. Jefferson St. It was reported at 1:37 p.m. by Rudy Bonilla.

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Theft: Tires, rims and speakers, worth $1,300, were reported taken from 112 Chestnut St. It was reported at 4:53 p.m. by Ramona Campos.

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Tuesday

Burglary of a residence: A VCR, answering machine and phone were reported taken from 304 Willowood Drive. It was reported at 9:32 a.m.

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Burglary of a residence: Tools and a computer, worth $1,000, were reported taken from 4519 Roosevelt Ave. The incident was reported at 9:59 a.m. by James Stevens.

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Vandalism: **A car window** was reported broken at 1011 S. Weatherford St. It was reported at 10:58 a.m. by Andrea Munoz.

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Burglary of a vehicle: A vehicle at 1408 N. Loraine St. was burglarized. It was reported at 12:28 p.m. by Mario Ramirez.

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Burglary of a residence: A gold bracelet and ostrich-skin boots were reported taken from 202 W. Jax Ave. The incident was reported at 2:10 p.m. by Rosa Lujan.

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

PRIDE: Students flock to mariachi program

(From 1B)

by the Highlands musicians, are as envied as football jerseys.

But mariachi, despite its validation on campuses such as Highlands, has long suffered an image problem. Even today, many see it as little more than bar music — cheap entertainment rather than fine art.

Jose Torres, a high school mariachi teacher, said the image is that of "fat men in guayaberas that don't fit."

Since mariachi was established in San Antonio schools in 1975, teachers and students have grown accustomed to such stereotypes. The most common rap they hear is that mariachi, essentially folk music, breeds poor musical technique.

"We're used to hearing the wisecracks," said Sylvia Robinson, who helps direct the Highlands High School mariachi program. "Let's face it, music training has a classical bias."

Band and orchestra directors also are exasperated with the huge amounts of time students give to mariachi. But students are committed to mariachi like few other school activities.

"It's like a family," said Melissa DeLeon, a Highlands sophomore who plays violin. 'You really have to get along to play mariachi."

Group expects 35,000 burglaries during December, January

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Action Council on Theft projects that roughly 35,000 burglaries will occur in the state during the months of December and January.

"Juveniles between the ages of 15 and 19 make up the largest number of burglary arrestees," said Charity Judah, spokeswoman for the Action Council on Theft, which is a nonprofit coalition of law enforcement officials, insurers and citizens.

"That translates to increased burglaries because many kids are out of school for the holidays," Ms. Judah said.

Most burglaries are committed during the day, Ms. Judah said.

'There is a large window of opportunity out there for theives to do their post-holiday stopping while you are away from home.'

— Charity Judah, spokeswoman for the Action Council on Theft

"There is a large window of opportunity out there for thieves to do their post-holiday shopping while you are away from home," Ms. Judah said.

Aside from locking all doors and windows, the Action Council on Theft recommends labeling valuables.

"Labeling or engraving your newly purchased CD players, VCRs and computer equipment is a very effective step toward stopping burglars from making holiday profits from your gifts," Ms. Judah said.

Despite the number of burglaries anticipated by the Action Council on Theft, burglaries in several of the state's major cities fell from 1993 to 1994.

The burglary rate fell by 14 percent in Dallas; 5 percent in Houston; 8 percent in San Antonio; 16 percent in Austin; and 21 percent in Fort Worth, according to the Action Council on Theft.

Only 14 percent of all burglaries reported in 1994 were cleared or solved, Ms. Judah said.

Pet cougar mauls two children

QUINLAN (AP) — Two children were recovering Tuesday after being attacked by the family's cougar.

The animal got out of its pen Monday while the area was being cleaned and mauled 3-year-old Jacob Swartz and Erin Swartz, 6, investigators said.

The boy was in fair condition Tuesday at Children's Hospital in Dallas hospital. The girl was treated and released from the hospital's emergency room.

Game Warden Dale Waters said the 7-year-old cougar was kept by Niles Swartz, the father of the injured children.

A neighbor, Trent Reed, said he tried to pull the cat off the girl.

"He pulled a knife and stabbed the cat," Waters said. "The cat then mauled the boy and escaped into the woods."

A couple of dogs that chased the cougar into the woods also were attacked but not seriously hurt, he said.

Waters then shot and killed the animal.

The carcass was taken to an area veterinarian to determine if it had rabies or any other diseases.

A Hunt County Sheriff's Department spokesman said Swartz had a permit to keep the cougar.

Quinlan is 40 miles east of Dallas.

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Scientists at UT help keep tradition of genetics research alive

By Dick Stanley
Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN — Like a religious relic, the early 20th century dental X-ray, still smelling of lubricating oil, reposes behind glass in a large wooden cabinet at the J.T. Patterson Laboratories Building.

A small sign notes its significance as the tool that University of Texas Professor Hermann Muller used in the 1920s for genetics research that won him the Nobel Prize in 1946. Muller showed that large doses of X-rays greatly increased disease-causing mutations in the genes of fruit flies.

Elsewhere in the brick building today, UT professors such as Janice Vize, who also studies fruit flies, and Paul Krieg, who studies frogs, carry on the university's longstanding tradition of important genetics research.

They are among the 24 faculty members of the Genetics Institute, a 33-year-old confederation of university scientists who study genes in mice, flies, frogs, butterflies and corn — the sort of basic-knowledge research on which medicine depends when it seeks to understand and treat disease.

"To understand any disease you have to understand how the cell works," Vize said. "And there's not that much difference between how a fly cell works and a human cell."

Xenopus laevis, the standard lab frog of scientists worldwide, is Krieg's specialty.

"Pretty much everything we learn for frogs applies to us," Krieg said. "We have more in common genetically with frogs than people realize. Deep inside, we're very similar."

Before Muller, there was Patterson, who also was famous for his research with fruit flies, and Theophilus Shickel Painter, who studied human genetics and was president of UT from 1946 to 1952. They were the charter members of the Texas group, genetics pioneers who labored in the days when the workings of genes could not be directly examined but only inferred.

"The Texas group was very famous," said H. Eldon Sutton, a professor of zoology and director of the Genetics Institute. "Painter studied human chromosomes. He came up with 48, which held until 1958, when the number 46 was established with better equipment."

The field exploded in the 1970s with the development of technologies allowing genes to be copied, manipulated and analyzed at the level of clumps of atoms called molecules.

The methods allow Krieg to study frog embryos to try to help doctors understand something fundamental about people: how their hearts develop.

"It's shocking in a way," Krieg said. "But we don't know how the heart comes out of the embryo. Nobody knows."

The great advantage of studying frogs is their prolific and rapid reproduction in a manageable format: a thousand embryos at a time, in a small dish.

In prints from video cameras attached to microscopes in Krieg's lab, the embryos look like bunches of bananas. Their hearts, isolated for viewing by injected dyes, begin as balls of cells with many genes regulating the organ's development. Simple tubes form, then bend to form chambers, valves and muscles. Within 48 hours, each embryo has a small, beating heart.

Krieg believes he's found a specific gene that helps the heart develop, a gene that also might be involved in repair of an adult heart hobbled by disease.

Copying the gene and injecting it into an embryo, in greater quantity than normal, "produces larger than normal hearts," Krieg said. "It proves to us this gene must be involved in heart development. I'm arguing that this type of gene causes other genes to become active. This has many medical people incredibly excited — we're getting a lot of encouragement."

Down the hall at Patterson Laboratories, Vize, a molecular geneticist, shows her allegiance to Drosophilia, the scientific name of the fruit fly, in her dangling fly earrings.

"I find houseflies icky," she said. "But fruit flies are beautiful."

Like frogs, fruit flies reproduce quickly and in large numbers. Their life cycle, from egg to adult, takes about 10 days. So manipulating their genes for study produces quick results.

Drosophilia, a staple of genetics labs since 1900, was the subject of this year's Nobel Prize in medicine and physiology. But there's still plenty to do with the fly's approximately 17,000 genes.

"There are lots of basic things that haven't been touched," said Vize, who studies the eyes of fruit flies and has found evidence of a new gene that seems to be linked with cancer.

"There's a nearly identical gene in mice, so we can assume there's one in humans," she said.

The gene, the subject of a research article to be published this month in a major science journal, apparently is involved in early cell development.

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Disease takes its toll on oak trees across Texas

SAN ANTONIO (AP)— The stately live oaks already were old when Luis Garza moved onto his 2 12-acre Leon Valley homestead 32 years ago, and when they started getting sick last year, he was quick to act.

The diagnosis was oak wilt, an infectious fungal disease that has been ravaging oaks in the Hill Country for decades. With three new locations detected this year, Bexar County now has 38 centers of infection. The disease is active at eight sites in Guadalupe and Comal counties.

"It's a very sad thing to watch your trees die," said Garza, 70, a retired engineer for the Southwest Research Institute. "Some of these trees are a hundred years old."

With the help of the Texas Forest Service, Garza and his neighbor controlled the outbreak — injecting a chemical into the roots of nearby trees and digging a 2-foot-deep trench around the perimeter of their yards.

Still, Garza said he and his neighbor each lost about 15 good-sized trees.

It could have been much worse. Oak wilt, which is spread through a flying beetle and the interconnected roots of live oaks, has killed tens of thousands of oaks in Texas over the last several decades, mostly in the Hill Country.

"Everybody here was pretty worried about it because there are a lot of oak trees here in the area," said Garza. "Luckily, I think we stopped it."

Preventive steps are much easier and cheaper than control measures, said Mark Peterson, San Antonio-based urban forester for the Texas Forest Service, whose cost-sharing program can pay up to 40 percent of the cost of approved treatments.

"The primary treatments to control the disease are trenching, removing symptomatic trees — live oaks or red oaks — and also using a fungicide to save high-value trees," Peterson said.

"The red oak is the one that actually spreads the disease," he said. "It's the only one that produces a fungus underneath the bark which attracts the insects. The insects pick up the spores and fly off to fresh wounds. You've got to have a fresh wound in order to get a disease center started. If that disease center involves a live oak, then it will spread through the connected roots."

The quarter-inch-long beetles hibernate during the winter, becoming active again in late February, shortly before the fungal mats peak in March, Peterson said.

Garza blames his outbreak on trimming done by a crew that cleared limbs from power lines along the fence line he shares with a neighbor.

The death of trees affects not only comfort and aesthetics, Peterson said.

"National studies show that mature, long-lived trees can add anywhere from 5 percent to 20 percent to the value of a home," he said.

Oak wilt is not a new problem; there's evidence the disease was in Texas as far back as the 1930s, Peterson said.

"San Antonio hasn't had as much trouble with it as some of the cities further north," said David Appel, associate department head of plant pathology and microbiology at Texas A&M University. "Austin has a particularly acute problem with it. Waco has a problem with it. There are parts of Fort Worth and West Dallas that it's particularly troubling and many smaller communities throughout the Hill Country."

Appel said A&M researchers are trying to develop a disease-resistant live oak, but the effort could take years.

The best strategy for homeowners is prevention, Peterson said.

"The best way to prevent the disease is to prune at the right time or to use paint on pruning wounds," he said.

The right pruning time is in winter, he said.

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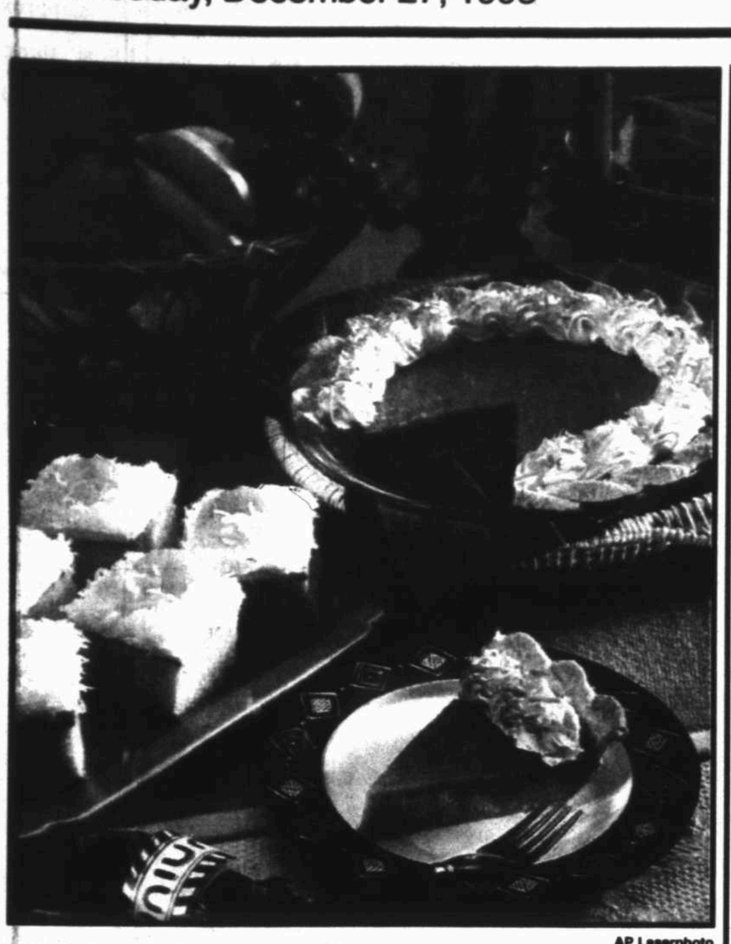

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A fluffy Coconut Cake and an inviting Sweet Potato Pie are two delicious desserts for a Kwanzaa celebration.

KWANZAA

Associated Press

Yesturday through Jan.1, the seven-day festival of Kwanzaa sets aside time for African-Americans to commemorate African and African-inspired culture and food, while reinforcing values passed along for generations.

Kwanzaa means "first fruits of the harvest"— and nowhere is this more pronounced than on the holiday menu. Recipes are diverse — with African and Caribbean influences — and from southern parts of the United States.

The following cookbooks can provide recipes and ideas: "A Kwanzaa Keepsake" by Jessica B. Harris (Simon & Schuster, $22); "A Kwanzaa Celebration: Festive Recipes and Homemade Gifts from an African-American Kitchen" by Angela Shelf Medearis (A Dutton Book, $17.95); and "Kwanzaa: A Family Affair" by Mildred Pitts Walter (Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Books, $13).

Although the holiday is constantly evolving, typically a basket of fruits and vegetables, straw place mats and black, green and red candles are set on the table throughout the celebration. .

COCONUT CAKE

1 package (two-layer size) yellow cake mix or pudding-included cake mix
1½ cups milk
½ cup sugar
2 cups sweetened flaked coconut
8-ounce tub frozen whipped topping, thawed
Drained crushed pineapple and mandarin orange segments, for garnish, if desired.

Prepare and bake cake mix as directed on package for 13x9-inch pan. Cool in pan 15 minutes; pierce cake with large fork at ½-inch intervals.

Mix milk, sugar and ½ cup of the coconut in medium saucepan. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low; simmer 1 minute. Spoon over warm cake, spreading coconut evenly over top. Cool completely.

Stir ½ cup of the coconut into the whipped topping. Spread over cake. Sprinkle with remaining coconut. Refrigerate six hours or overnight. Garnish with drained crushed pineapple and mandarin orange segments, if desired. Store leftover cake in refrigerator. Makes 15 to 18 servings.

NOTE: In high altitudes, follow package directions for the cake.

COCONUT SWEET POTATO PIE

1½ cups mashed cooked sweet potatoes or yams
½ cup firmly packed brown sugar
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon ground ginger
½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
2 eggs, well beaten
1 cup evaporated milk
1 tablespoon margarine or butter, melted
1 cup sweetened flaked coconut
1 unbaked 9-inch pastry shell
Frozen whipped topping

Heat oven to 400 degrees.

Mix sweet potatoes, brown sugar, cinnamon, salt, ginger and nutmeg in a large bowl. Stir in eggs, milk and melted margarine until well blended. Stir in ½ cup of the coconut. Pour into pastry shell.

Bake in a 400-degree oven for 35 minutes or until knife inserted into center comes out clean. Cool. Just before serving, garnish with whipped topping and remaining ½ cup coconut. Makes 8 servings.

Recipes from: Kraft Foods

AUTHOR GIVES MENUS FOR CELEBRATION

Associated Press

In her book, "A Kwanzaa Keepsake" (Simon & Schuster, $22), African-American culinary historian and cookbook author Jessica B. Harris gives a brief history of Kwanzaa, its purpose and its symbols. She also offers more than 50 recipes in the form of a complete menu for each of the festival's seven nights.

Harris said Kwanzaa, which is observed from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1, may be celebrated jointly with any or all of the year-end holidays. She says there are as many different types of Kwanzaa as there are types of families in the African-American community. "There's always room for improvisation and each celebration brings something else to the kaleidoscope of possibilities that is the holiday." The following recipes are from her cookbook.

SAUTEED BANANAS WITH RUM RAISIN SAUCE

½ cup dark raisins
¼ cup dark Caribbean rum
8 firm, ripe bananas
4 tablespoons (½ stick) unsalted butter
½ cup packed dark brown sugar
Freshly grated nutmeg

Combine the raisins and the rum in a small bowl; let stand for 30 minutes.

Peel the bananas and slice them in half lengthwise.

In a large heavy skillet, heat the butter until foamy and add the banana, round side down. Cook for 2 to 3 minutes on each side, turning them carefully so they do not break. Remove from the frying pan, arrange them on a serving platter and keep them warm.

In the same skillet, mix the rum and raisins with the butter remaining in the pan, the brown sugar and the nutmeg; heat until warmed through. (At this point you may wish to flambe the rum by carefully lighting it with a match.) Pour the rum raisin sauce over the bananas and serve at once. These bananas can be served with vanilla or banana ice cream. Makes 8 servings.

MECHOUI-STYLE LEG OF LAMB

4- to 5-pound shank end half leg of lamb
3 cloves garlic, slivered
2 tablespoons virgin olive oil
1 tablespoon salt
1 tablespoon freshly ground black pepper
1 tablespoons powdered cumin
2 tablespoons dried mint
½ teaspoon powdered habanero chili or other hot chili powder, or to taste

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Trim all excess fat and the fell from the lamb, then pierce the lamb skin with 15 or so small incisions. Insert the garlic sliv-

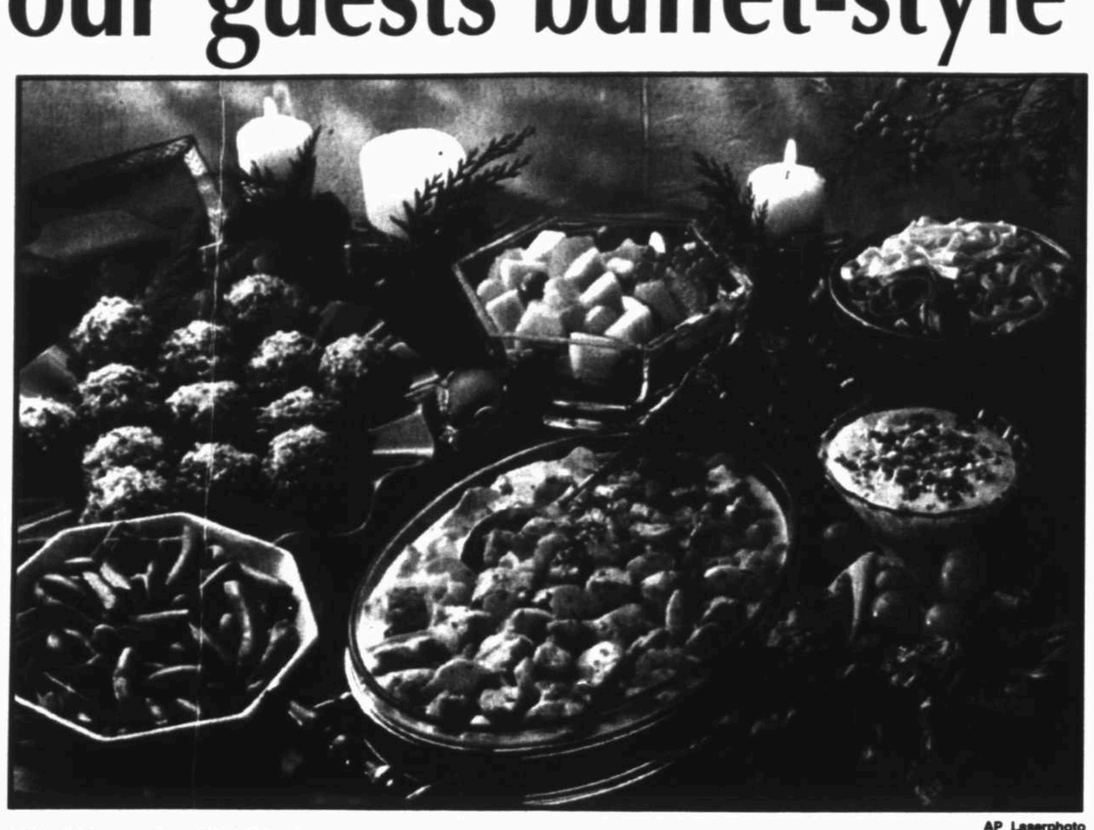
Please see LEG/5B

Serve your guests buffet-style

Associated Press

Foods that can be prepared in advance, and those that can be made with just a few simple ingredients, are perfect for a table buffet. Dilled blanquette of pork, a quick-cooking stew made of cubed pork loin, can be made in advance, then gently reheated before serving.

For a festive, yet simple side dish, serve noodles in a colorful combination of red, green and plain egg noodles. Round out the menu with side dishes such as snap peas and cashews, romaine spears with cherry tomatoes and blue cheese dressing, a fresh fruit salad and cookies.



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Dilled Blanquette of Pork is the centerpiece of this buffet. Fill the table with snap peas and cashews, fruit salad, cooked noodles, fresh vegetables, dressing and your favorite cookies.

DILLED BLANQUETTE OF PORK

8 tablespoons butter
3 pounds boneless pork loin, cut into 1-inch cubes
8 tablespoons flour
¾ teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
1 teaspoon salt
1½ teaspoons freshly ground black pepper
2½ cups peeled carrots, sliced on the diagonal
2 large onions, coarsely chopped
6 tablespoons finely chopped fresh dill
4 cups chicken broth
1 cup evaporated skimmed milk

Heat oven to 350 degrees.

Melt 4 tablespoons of the butter in a heavy Dutch oven. Add the pork and cook over medium-low heat, turning frequently, until lightly browned, about 10 to 15 minutes.

Stir 4 tablespoons of the flour together with the nutmeg, salt and pepper; sprinkle over the pork. Continue to cook over low heat, stirring, for 5 minutes.

Add the carrots, onions, 4 tablespoons of the dill and enough broth to just cover the meat and vegetables. Bring mixture to a boil; cover and bake for 1½ hours.

Remove from the oven, remove solids from stew with a slotted spoon; set aside. Carefully remove liquid to a large bowl; set aside. Return pot to medium heat and melt remaining 4 tablespoons butter in it. Sprinkle in the remaining 4 tablespoons flour and cook over low heat, stirring constantly, for 1 minute.

Whisk in the reserved cooking liquid and bring to a simmer. Cook slowly, stirring constantly until slightly thickened, for 5 minutes. Whisk in the evaporated milk, remaining 2 tablespoons dill and season with additional salt, pepper and nutmeg to taste. Return the pork and vegetables to the casserole and simmer to heat through, about 5 minutes. Makes 12 servings. Cover, refrigerate up to three days. Reheat gently before serving.

HOLIDAY NOODLES

12-ounce package wide egg noodles
12-ounce package spinach noodles
12-ounce package red pepper or tomato noodles

Boil a large kettle of water and cook noodles according to package directions. Toss noodles together in a large serving bowl. Makes 12 servings.

TIP: Boil noodles before guests arrive. Let noodles "rest" in hot water before draining to serve.

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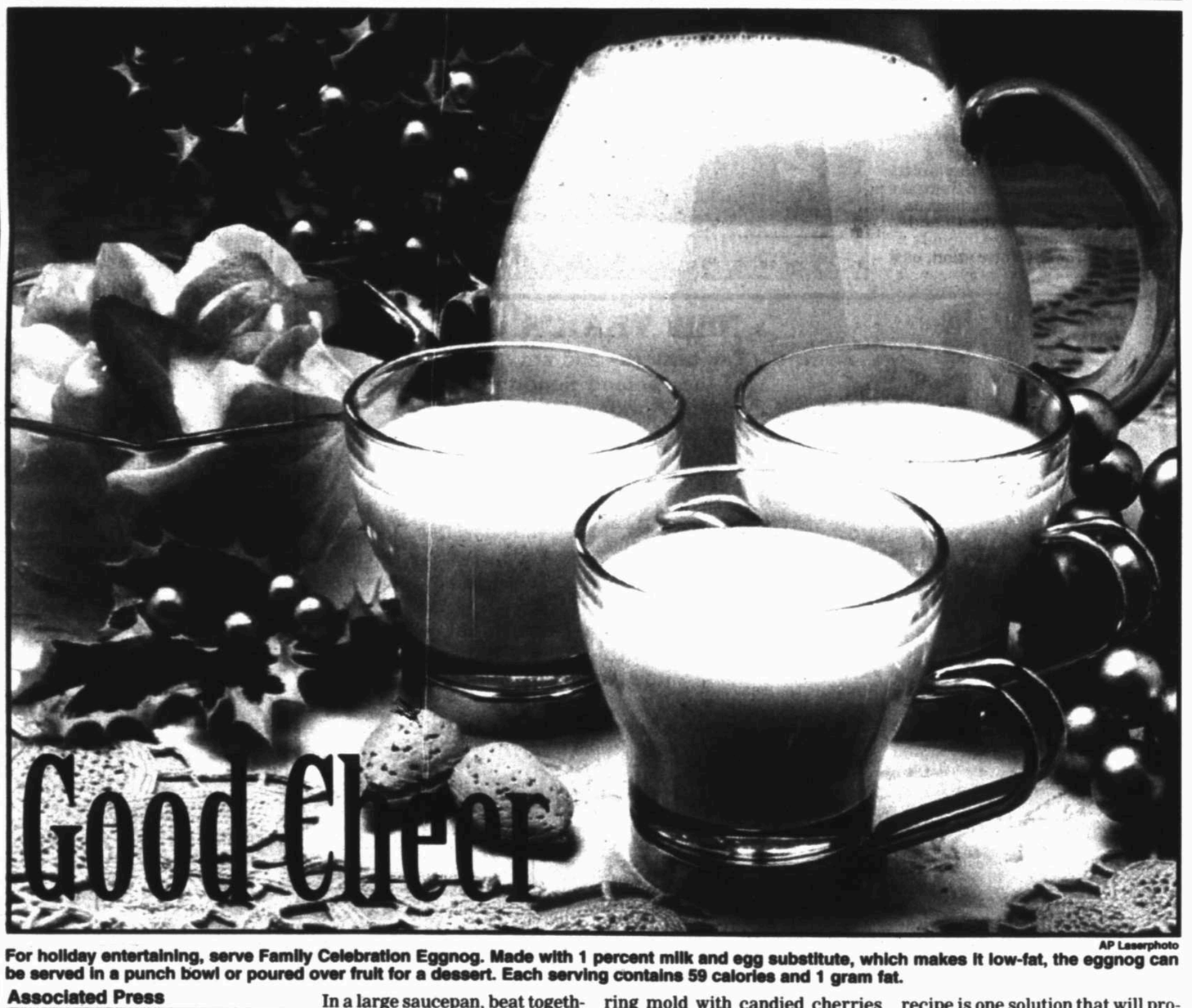

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For holiday entertaining, serve Family Celebration Eggnog. Made with 1 percent milk and egg substitute, which makes it low-fat, the eggnog can be served in a punch bowl or poured over fruit for a dessert. Each serving contains 59 calories and 1 gram fat.

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Eggnog has long been associated with friends, family and good times. The American Dairy Association and Dairy Council has the following tips:

■ Eggnog can be frozen in its original carton. Thaw at least 24 hours in the refrigerator before using.

■ Substitute eggnog for liquid portion in pancakes, waffles, French toast and crepes.

■ Use eggnog as a liquid ingredient in a glaze for breads, cakes and cookies, or for a gelatin-base dessert souffle.

■ To add sparkle to eggnog, mix equal portions of eggnog with carbonated mixers.

■ Serve eggnog warm with a cinnamon stick in each cup or flavored with liqueur.

Homemade eggnog is easy to make. Below is a basic recipe, followed by some suggested variations.

HOLIDAY EGGNOG

6 eggs
½ cup sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
3 cups milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
1 cup whipping cream

In a large saucepan, beat together eggs, sugar and salt. Stir in milk.

Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until mixture is thick enough to coat a metal spoon, about 15 minutes (thermometer should register 160 degrees). Remove from heat.

Stir in vanilla and nutmeg. Cover and refrigerate until thoroughly chilled, several hours or overnight. Just before serving, beat whipping cream until soft peaks form. With wire whisk, gently fold whipped cream mixture. Serve, if desired, with additional nutmeg. Makes 1½ quarts.

ALMOND EGGNOG PUNCH

Frozen eggnog ring (recipe below)
3 quarts dairy eggnog
3 cups milk
1 tablespoon almond extract or ¼ cup almond-flavored liqueur

Prepare frozen eggnog ring.

Combine all punch ingredients. Pour into punch bowl. Keep cold using frozen eggnog ring. Makes 15 cups.

FROZEN EGGNOG RING

Red candied cherries
Green spearmint leaf candies
2 cups dairy eggnog
2 cups milk

Decorate bottom of a 4½ cup ring mold with candied cherries and spearmint leaves.

Combine eggnog and milk. Gently pour a small amount of eggnog mixture into mold. Freeze until solid. Pour in remaining eggnog mixture. Freeze several hours or overnight. Dip frozen ring into hot water and carefully unmold into punch bowl. Serve immediately. Makes 1 ring.

MAPLE EGGNOGG PUNCH

3 quarts dairy eggnog
1½ cups maple-blended syrup
1½ teaspoons orange bitters
Dairy whipped cream
Nutmeg

Blend together eggnog, syrup and bitters in a large bowl. Pour into a chilled punch bowl. Top with whipped cream and nutmeg. Makes 12 cups.

Peppermint Eggnog: Combine dairy eggnog with peppermint extract, using ¼ teaspoon extract for each quart of eggnog. Garnish with whipped cream and crushed peppermint candy.

Recipes from: American Dairy Association and Dairy Council

If your sweet tooth begs for a holiday beverage that goes with Christmas cookies and other holiday beverages, the following recipe is one solution that will provide a calcium-rich treat to be enjoyed by family and friends.

FAMILY CELEBRATION EGGNOG

Preparation time: 5 minutes
Cooking time: 10 minutes
5 to 8 cups 1-percent milk
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
¼ teaspoon ground cloves
1 cup egg substitute (two 4-ounce containers)
1 teaspoon almond extract
1 teaspoon brandy extract

In a large, heavy saucepan, whisk together 5 cups milk, cinnamon, cloves and egg substitute. Cook over medium-low heat, stirring constantly until thickened, about 8 to 10 minutes. Be careful not to scorch. Cool slightly and stir in extracts. Pour into container, cover and refrigerate until chilled. Makes 16 servings.

TO SERVE: Mix in additional milk to desired consistency.

TO SERVE AS A SAUCE: Pour the thick eggnog mixture over fruit for dessert.

Nutrition facts per serving: 59 cal., 5 g pro., 157 mg calcium, 6 g carbo., 1 g fat, 0 g dietary fiber, 5 mg chol., 82 mg sodium.

Recipe from: California Milk Advisory Board

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Midland Arts Association Spring Show will be Feb. 3 through March 17, 1996, at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 West Missouri. All entries will be received for the show 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Jan. 27 at the Stables Gallery on the Museum grounds. Entry fees will be $7.50 per entry with a limit of three framed entries. Juror for the spring show will be Eric Michaels of Santa Fe. Opening reception and awards in excess of $2,500 will be presented 7-9 p.m. Feb. 2, 1996, at the Museum. For more information, call Doris Spires at 682-8401...

...**LAS MANOS,** Museum of the Southwest auxiliary, will meet noon Jan. 11 at the Museum. Local ceramic artist Cindy Crow Whiteside will present a hands-on program. Las Manos is educational and charitable. The organization annually sponsors Septemberfest and the Student Arts Festival. For more information about membership or the meeting, call 699-0100...

...**HOSPICE OF MIDLAND** is offering a Grief Recovery Program open to anyone in the community who has experienced the death of someone close to them, the loss of a spouse through a divorce, the trauma of moving, the loss of a job or anything that has happened that has caused a person to grieve for what is lost.

There will be four sessions meeting from 7-9 p.m. every Tuesday in February at the Hospice House, 911 West Texas.

For information, call 682-2855...

...**COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS,** a support group for parents who have suffered the loss of a child at any age, will meet 7:30 p.m. Jan. 8 at Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas. For more information, call 682-2855...

...**MIDLAND CHRISTIAN** Women's Club will have "A Great Investment Luncheon" 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday at Midland Country Club. Marion Farr, county extension agent, will give tips for "Trimming Your Grocery Bill" while "A Real Bargain" of song will be presented by Hillary Schuessler. Lynn Hamilton of San Antonio will share "Priceless Words" as she gives uplifting words of wisdom.

Cost of the luncheon is $10 per person. A free nursery will be provided at Northwestern Baptist Church. Mothers are asked to bring a sack lunch for their child. All interested women are invited to attend. For more information, or for luncheon or nursery reservations, call 570-8245 or 682-5851...

...**PYRACANTHA GARDEN** Club will meet 9:30 a.m. Jan. 16 at 1610 Seaboard Circle. Lanham's Nursery will present the program. All interested persons are invited. For information call 694-6125...

...**AMERICAN LUNG** Association's Better Breathing Club will meet noon Tuesday at Westwood Hospital. For more information call 522-2273...

...**LT. WILLIAM** Brewer chapter, National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution, will meet 1:30 p.m. Jan. 9 at Midland Woman's Club. Ben Love, director of the Davis Mountains Trans-Pecos Heritage Association, will be guest speaker. Visitors welcome...

...**TEXAS AGRICULTURAL** Extension Service will present the Texas Master Gardener Program for persons interested in becoming horticulture volunteers for the community. Orientation meeting will be 10 a.m. Jan. 10 at 1010 E. 8th Street in Odessa. For information call 335-3071 or 687-1351...

...**WEST TEXAS** Writers will meet 2 p.m. Jan. 6 at the Midland County Library, downtown. Patrick Dearen will present "Doing Research for Historical Writing."

Dearen, Midland-based author, has published historically based books. A former award-winning reporter for the San Angelo Standard-Times and the *Reporter-Telegram,* he is the author of six books including a novel, "When Cowboys Die." His non-fiction works include two books on Pecos country lore and legend. He has scripted and co-produced a documentary video "Graveyard of the West: The Pecos River of Texas Where Myth Meets History."

Dearen's latest book, "Crossing Rio Pecos," a history of the fords of the Pecos River, will be released in May 1996 by Texas Christian University Press.

West Texas Writers is a group of writers, editors, journalists, photographers and illustrators. Anyone interested is invited to attend. There is no charge.

For information, call 684-6122...

...**MIDLAND SOCIETY** of University Women will meet 10 a.m. Jan. 19 at 1702 Culver. The program will be a book review by Althea Blische. A business meeting will follow...

...**NEWCOMER'S CLUB** will meet for an informal coffee 9:30 a.m. Jan. 4, 1996, at 5510 Cypress Ct., in Greentree South. Persons new to the area are invited to attend. For more information, call 520-5526 or 687-0401...

CONSUMING INTERESTS

Healthier eating may be easier in New Year

By Linda Anderson

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Now that Christmas is over and New Year's Eve celebrations are just days away, the traditional seasonal resolutions for healthier lifestyles are about to be made. Even though most of us make New Year's resolutions only to break them before January is out, food manufacturers often use this time of year to introduce new products designed to make keeping our promises to ourselves little easier.

Take Yonique, for example. This is a new yogurt product (since yogurt is a very old food item, making it new again must be a challenge for manufacturers because they keep coming up with new forms and styles of the product) that is advertised as "The Yogurt You Drink!"

One of my co-workers introduced me to the new yogurt drink, so I had to buy some for my young taste-tester to sample. She used to love yogurt, but over the years has decided she doesn't like it much after all. Now *that's* a challenge for food manufacturers — bringing back a former customer.

Yonique (from Cacique Inc.) comes in 8 fluid-ounce containers that cost 83 cents each. It also comes in various flavors, including strawberry (the one I bought), banana (the one my co-worker bought) and more exotic flavors such as mango.

Label advertising claims, "This delicious beverage contains active and live cultures, including Acidophilus and Bifidus" (whatever that means), and that the product — which also is listed as "99 percent fat free" — is "An all natural beverage made with field ripened natural fruit and live cultures. Enjoy Yonique as a delicious dessert, and energizing refreshment. It's great for breakfast, and a magnificent mini-meal for people on the go! Rich in calcium, and a good source of protein that will be enjoyed by children and adults alike. It's as delicious a treat in a lunch box as it is a scrumptious dessert! " That's a lot of promises for one product to live up to.

On its nutrition label, one serving (conveniently, the same amount — 8 ounces — that's in one container) contains 260 calories, with only 20 of them from fat. It also is listed as containing 35 percent of the calcium suggested in the daily allowance.

And the young taste-tester loved it. She said it tasted like a yogurt milkshake (although its consistency was a little more liquid than a regular milkshake's). I did get a little taste before she drank the whole thing.

I guess this means I'll have to buy some more. And why not? The taste-tester liked Yonique, the product is low-fat, and it may actually be a help in keeping those healthier-eating resolutions. Not a bad deal, for 83 cents.

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Price listed is from a local supermarket. Prices at other locations may vary.

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Linda Anderson is a Reporter-Telegram *staff writer.*

DEAR ABBY

Mom says safety comes first before grandma can baby-sit

By Abigail Van Buren

Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for nine years, and I have always had a good relationship with my mother-in-law, "Ruth." We have 2-year-old twin boys, and my husband's sister has a little girl who is 4. Ruth is a kind and loving grandmother who would never intentionally do anything to harm her grandchildren. The problem is that she has no common sense and is utterly lacking in basic safety knowledge.

When the twins were barely 3 months old, Ruth and I were shopping at a mall, and I asked her to watch them while I searched for something a couple of aisles away. When I returned, the babies were sleeping in their stroller unattended, and Ruth was nowhere in sight.

We have recently moved much closer to my in-laws, and now the issue of baby-sitting comes up often. Abby, Ruth and her husband take many medications, none of which are locked up or even have safety caps; she leaves pot handles pointing out on the stove, knives on the edge of the counter, and cabinets at child-level crammed with poisonous household cleaners.

When I purchased electrical outlet safety caps and cabinet latches for their home, Ruth was very offended. My husband, my sister-in-law and I have voiced our concerns about safety, but Ruth reminds us that she raised two children quite safely without the aid of "fancy gadgets"; and that she loves her grandchildren and would never let anything happen to them.

My husband wants to give her a chance, claiming it's not fair to deny her the baby-sitting she loves to do. I'm worried sick. What should I do? — S.O.S. (SLEEPLESS OVER SAFETY)

DEAR S.O.S.: Your children's safety should come first.

The hazards you pointed out are serious, and Ruth needs to change her ways. Get together with your sister-in-law and make it a family project to educate Ruth on child safety. Check in your Yellow Pages under "Safety" or "First Aid Instruction," or call the local chapter of the Red Cross, YMCA or a community college.

There are books and tapes you can buy or rent, and safety professionals who provide in-home instruction on infant CPR, basic first aid and child-proofing a home.

Until you are comfortable that her safety consciousness has been raised, allow Ruth to baby-sit the children in your home only, and visit hers when you will be able to keep a close watch on the children.

DEAR ABBY: I recently left my purse at a rest stop in Northern California. Several miles down the road, I noticed that it was missing. I went through miles of red tape to notify my bank by telephone about my missing credit cards and checkbook. I had no calling card with me, so I persuaded the operator to charge the call to my home number after she verified it by checking my answering machine.

When I returned home, a message was waiting for me on the answering machine. It was from the California Highway Patrol, telling me my purse had been turned in by a truck driver. They gave me his name and address, and I sent him a reward.

When I checked the contents of my purse, nothing was missing. The money, checkbook, traveler's checks and precious pictures were all there. My whole life was in that purse.

Please tell your vast audience that there are still a few honest people in this world, thank God! — PAT LAMBERT, PIONEER, CALIF.

DEAR PAT: Thank you for reaffirming what I've always known: Most people are honest. Unfortunately, you won't find them in the headlines — which are reserved for kidnappers, murderers and bank robbers.

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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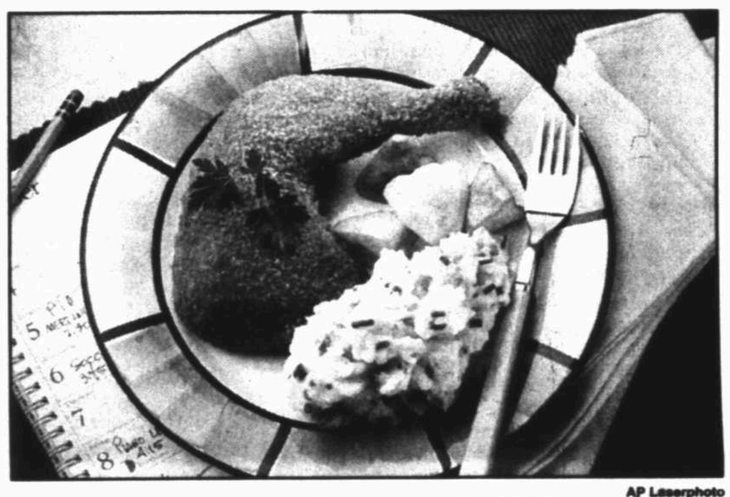

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Don't fix the same old mashed potatoes again. Add flavor and remove fat by cooking Cream Cheese and Chives Mashed Potaoes recipes which uses spicy green onions and nonfat cream cheese.

Spice rub makes tasty low-fat chicken

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Chili powder and cumin seeds add flavor to chicken cooked in a clay pot. In the following recipe from "The Eating Well New Favorites Cookbook" (Eating Well Books, $16.95), each serving of the spicy chicken contains just 4 grams of fat. Marinating the chicken beforehand and cooking it slowly ensures that the vibrant Southwestern flavors permeate the meat.

CLAY-POT CHICKEN WITH SPICE RUB

2 teaspoons chili powder
1 teaspoon cumin seeds
½ teaspoon salt
3½-pound chicken, skinned and trimmed of fat
2 tablespoons fresh lime juice

In a small skillet over medium heat, toast chili powder, cumin seeds and salt, stirring constantly, until aromatic, 1 to 2 minutes. Transfer to a plate and set aside.

Sprinkle chicken with lime juice. Season with surface and cavity with the toasted spice mix. Tie the legs together and tuck the wing tips under the back. Set in a shallow dish, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for two to three hours to allow the flavors to develop.

Soak the bottom and lid of a clay cooker of at least 3-quart capacity in cool water for 15 minutes.

Place the chicken in the soaked cooler, cover and place in a cold oven. (The chicken can also be cooked in a covered Dutch oven.) Set the temperature at 350 degrees F and bake for 1 hour, or until the juices run clear when the thigh is pierced with a fork and a meat thermometer in the thigh registers 180 degrees. Transfer the chicken to a warm platter. Strain the cooking juices into a small bowl or pitcher. Skim off any fat that rises to the top before serving the juices alongside the chicken. Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition facts per serving: 173 cal., 28 g pro., 4 g fat, 7 g carbo., 118 mg sodium, 72 mg chol.

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Recipe from: "The Eating Well New Favorites Cookbook." Eating Well Books, $16.95.

Recipe adds distinct flavor without adding fat

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Spicy green onions and nonfat cream cheese lend a distinct flavor to mashed potatoes — without adding a lot of fat or calories. In the recipe below, each serving has 167 calories and 1 gram of fat.

CREAM CHEESE AND CHIVES MASHED POTATOES

1 and½ pounds (4 medium) potatoes, cut into 1-inch cubes
½ cup nonfat cream cheese
¼ to½ cup 1-percent milk
⅓ cup snipped fresh chives or 2 tablespoons dried snipped chives
Salt and pepper, to taste

In medium saucepan, cook potatoes in 2 inches boiling water, covered, about 12 minutes, until tender; drain thoroughly.

Mash potatoes with electric mixer, or potato masher.

Mix in cream cheese until melted.

Mix in remaining ingredients. Do not overbeat. Stir gently over low heat just until heated through. Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition facts per serving: 167 cal. (2 percent calories from fat), 10 g pro., 1 g fat, 33 g carbo., 3 g fiber, 6 mg chol., 218 mg sodium.

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Recipe from: National Potato Board

GUESTS: Serve parties buffet-style

(From 4B)

Toss noodles with a little oil or butter.

SNAP PEAS AND CASHEWS

Cook two 16-ounce packages of frozen snap peas in the microwave oven as package directs. Toss with two 6-ounce packages salted cashew halves.

ROMAINE SPEARS AND CHERRY TOMATOES

Serve romaine spears and cherry tomatoes with bottled creamy blue cheese dressing.

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Recipes from: National Pork Producers Council

LEG: Fix lamb for Kwanzaa

(From 4B)

ers into the slits.

Slather the olive oil over the lamb; rub it in with your hands.

Place the salt, pepper, cumin, mint and chili in a spice grinder; pulse until they are well mixed. Then pat them over the lamb, covering the entire leg well. Place the lamb on a rack in a roasting pan.

Place the lamb in the oven; allow it to roast at 450 degrees for 15 minutes. Then lower the heat to 350 degrees and continue to roast the lamb for an additional hour, or until the internal temperature registers 140 degrees for rare, 150 degrees for medium or 160 degrees for well done on a meat thermometer. Cooking times will vary according to the shape of the lamb and the heat of your oven.

Allow the meat to rest at room temperature for 20 minutes, then carve and serve. You'll be eating your mechoui-style leg of lamb with a knife and fork, but it will be tastier and more tender if you carve it parallel to the bone in long thin slices. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

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Recipes from: "A Kwanzaa Keepsake" by Jessica B. Harris. Simon & Schuster, Nov. 9, 1995, $22.

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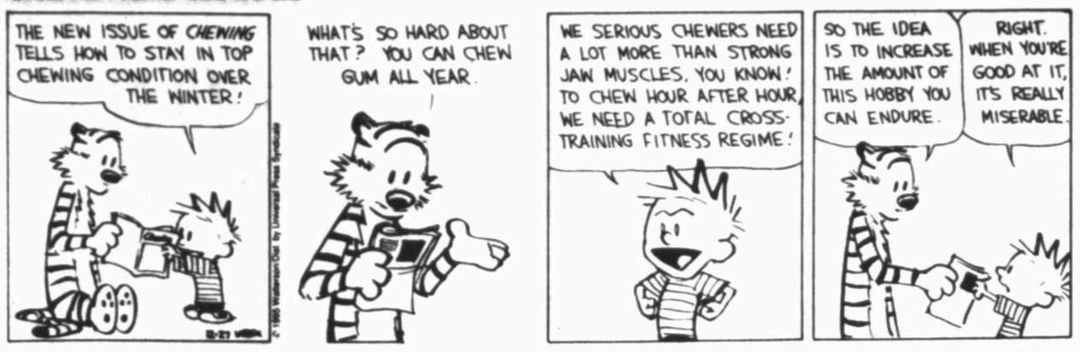

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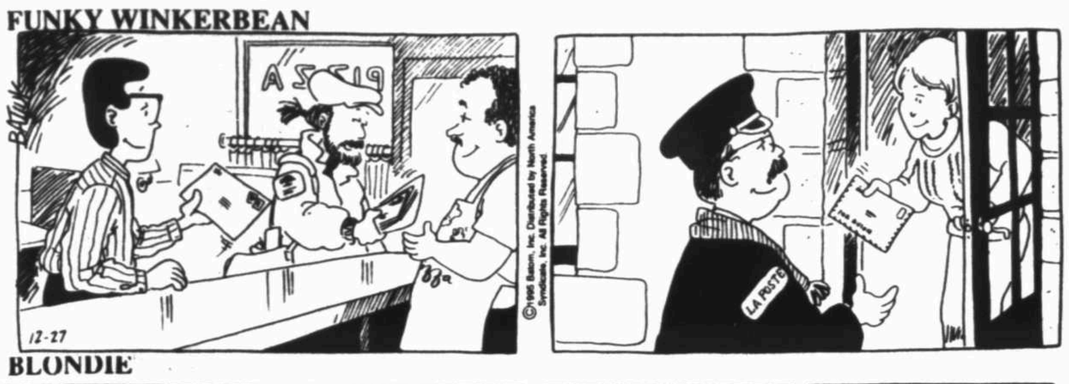

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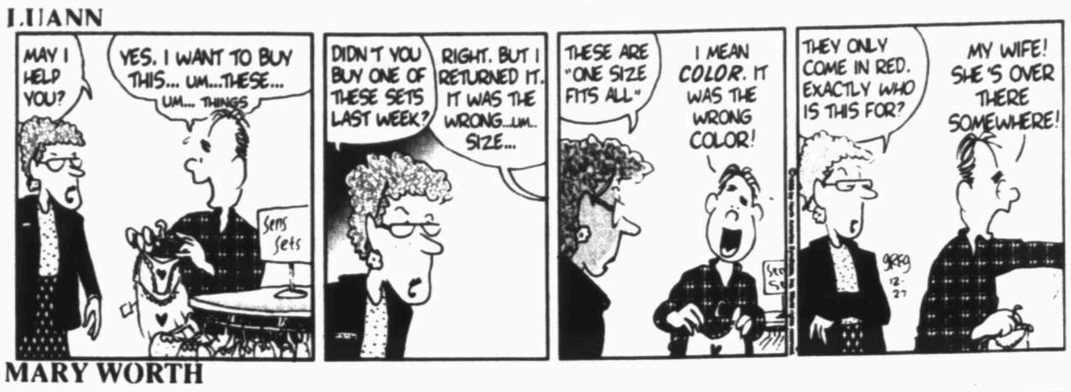

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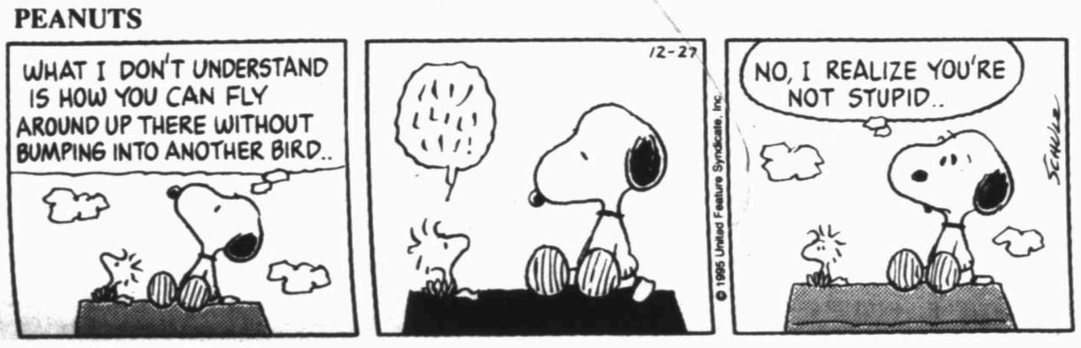

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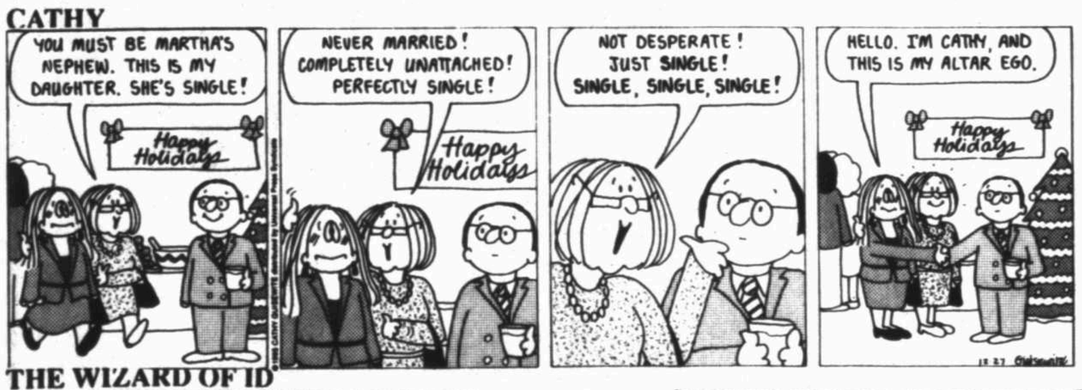

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YOUR HOROSCOPE

By Jeane Dixon

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1995

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR: Marital happiness depends on your willingness to compromise. Do whatever seems best. Singles find compatible new partners early in 1996. A job in another field could offer more money, but less satisfaction. Think twice before jumping ship. A raise or promotion is likely if you stay put. Next November is the ideal time for starting a new company or forming a partnership. Travel as much as you can. By this time next year, you will be ready to stay close to home.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: TV journalist Cokie Roberts, actor Gerard Depardieu, bacteriologist Louis Pasteur, legendary actress Marlene Dietrich.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Although many people admire your courage, few are willing to take a stand. Talking with a friend who is a "straight shooter" gives you a lift. Romance takes on more serious overtones.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A tolerant approach will make it easier for you to relate to others. Special friends bring a wonderful message of love. Develop a new business connection to full advantage.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your career is about to reach a turning point. Help could come from older relatives. Your words are more powerful than you realize. Show that you are a self-starter.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A partnership could come unglued if you tangle with an influential person who has a big ego. An upbeat conversation gives you the incentive to pursue an interesting opportunity.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Investment activity increases. Check into government bonds or other low-risk bets. A romantic encounter is best postponed if your mate is still trying to pressure you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Creative or artistic projects yield higher profits now. Heed your intuition in matters of romance and finance. Sharing good news with a loved one will make for a pleasant evening.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Exercise more care when handling personal matters. Curb a tendency to be impulsive or fickle. A real estate proposal requires careful thought. All that glitters is not gold.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You are in charge today! There is a new emphasis on protecting your resources and getting things wrapped up. A loved one who is under the weather needs extra attention.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The power to fulfill long-sought goals lies in the business or social contacts you make this week. Do not be afraid to ask for assistance. Someone influential is willing to pull strings for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Refuse to be overwhelmed by your obligations. All things are possible so long as you do not allow the trees to obstruct your view of the forest. An occasional rest break will revitalize you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): An alliance blooms because you and partner have common aims. Pooling your skills or funds will pay off handsomely. Deep insights come when you share your feelings with the right people.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your ESP is uncanny this week. Trust it implicitly. Gifts or favors promote good will and invite others' support. Join a special club or service organization.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

A MATTER OF TIMING

Both vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH
♠K 5 4 3
♡10 9 3
◇A J 10 9 4
♣J

WEST
♠10 8 7 6 2
♡J 7 5
◇7 6 3
♣6 3

EAST
♠A
♡Q 8 6 2
◇Q 8 5
♣A Q 7 4 2

SOUTH
♠Q J 9
♡A K 4
◇K 2
♣K 10 9 8 5

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	Pass	1♠	1NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening lead: Six of ♠

There are many reasons why you should prefer one finesse over another, or whether you should take a finesse immediately or first cash a high card in the suit. Communication between declarer and dummy was the crucial factor on this deal from a team match.

We are not enthralled by North's raise to three no trump, even though that would not have altered the final contract. A cue-bid of two clubs in an attempt to locate a 4-4 spade fit would have been a more prudent approach.

At both tables West ignored partner's opening bid and led a low spade, taken perforce by East's ace. The switch was to a heart, ducked by declarer and won by West's jack. The heart return was taken in the closed hand, and here the declarers parted ways.

One cashed the king of diamonds and continued with a diamond to the ten, losing to East's queen. Another heart came back and, since declarer had to overtake a spade honor in dummy to enjoy the diamonds, there were only eight tricks. East grabbed the ace of clubs at the first opportunity to cash the queen of hearts — down one.

At the other table declarer led a low diamond to the fourth trick and finessed the nine. The defense had no counter. East could not afford to duck since, as the cards lie, that would allow declarer to run the whole suit. But after East took the queen and returned a heart, declarer won, cashed the queen and jack of spades, then overtook the king of diamonds with the ace to score four diamond tricks and the king of spades in dummy.

CLOSE TO HOME

"Oh, shoot! Donna, could you run up to supply on the eighth floor and get me some correction tape?"

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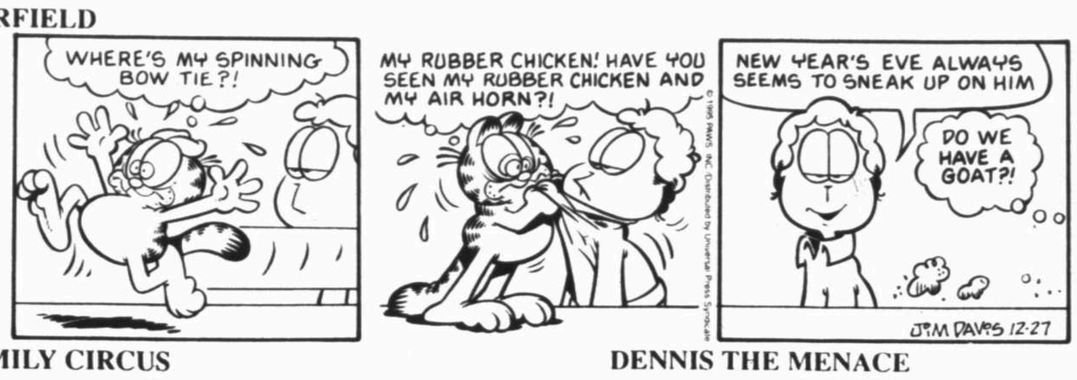

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TODAY'S TV SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY EVENING December 27, 1995 *For complete information check movie listings.*

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(3) KMID	2	3	News 176	Wheel of Fortune	Ellen 3447	Drew Carey Show	Grace Under Fire	The Naked Truth	PrimeTime Live 8466		News 45060	Cheers 61008	Roseanne 7485	Nightline 73244
(5) KPEJ	24	5	The Simpsons	Home Improvement	Space: Above and Beyond (Part 1 of 2) 89553		Space: Above and Beyond (Part 2 of 2) 80263		Land's End: Night Eyes 69517		Home Improvement	In the Heat of the Night: A Turning 648398		Stephanie Miller
(7) KOSA	7	7	News 6640	Entertainment Ton.	Dave's World 3089	Bless This House	The 18th Annual Kennedy Center Honors: A Celebration of the Performing Arts 60805				News 4671621	Late Show With David Letterman (10:35)		Married ... Children
(9) KWES	9	9	News 8282	Seinfeld 9534	seaQuest 2032: Second Chance 17737		Dateline NBC 26485		Law & Order: White Rabbitt 83391		News 3040008	The Tonight Show (10:35) 7613553		Late Night Conan
(12) KMLM	42	12	The Light of the Southwest 572621		C.A. Dollar		M. Murillo	Van Impe	Praise the Lord 67350				J. Savelle	Duplantis
(13) KOCV	36	13	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer 561114		The Metropolitan Opera Presents: Madama Butterfly 508114						Adventure, Journey	To Be Announced 238534		
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(8) CNBC		8	Money Club	Steals and Deals	Cal Thomas	Equal Time	Rivers Live 3077466		Charles Grodin 3057602		Real Personal	Equal Time	Rivers Live 8586621	
(10) WGN		10	Family Matters	Newhart 123331	Sister, Sister	The Parent 'Hood	The Wayans Bros.	Unhappily Ever ...	News 408398		Swaps 115447	Simon & Simon 760331		The Honeymooners
(11) WTBS		11	Fun Videos	Fun Videos	NBA Basketball: Golden State Warriors at Washington Bullets 713824						Grey Lady Down (PG, '78) ★★ (Charlton Heston, David Carradine) 7967602			
(18) BRAV		18	Twin Peaks 844447		The Spy Who Came In From the Cold 196447				Inside Actor's Studio		Portnoy's Complaint (R, '72) ★ 747060			
(20) BET		20	Sanford	Benson	Roc	Comicview	Video Soul				Benson	Jazz Central		
(21) DISN		21	Tall Tales and Legends 846805		The Fox and the Hound (G, '81) ★★★ 322195			Making Toy Story	Legends of Comedy: Part 3 474602		Spin and Marty	Zorro 139027	Original Mickey Mouse Club 194089	
(23) FAM		23	The Waltons: The Shivaree 358602		Highway to Heaven: Playing for Keeps 991331		Rescue 911 917379		Newswatch 291843	The 700 Club	Madame X ('66) ★★ (Lana Turner, John Forsythe) 282195			
(35) CNN		35	Moneyline	Crossfire	PrimeNews	Politics	Larry King Live		Politics '95		Sports	Moneyline	Newsnight	Showbiz
(36) ESPN		36	The Kickoff Show 543718		College Football: Weiser Lock Copper Bowl: Air Force vs. Texas Tech 499945							SportsCenter 528737		College Basketball
(37) USA		37	Wings 820244	Wings 844824	Murder, She Wrote (Part 2 of 2) 204282		Breach of Conduct (PG-13, '94) ★★ (Courtney Thorne-Smith, Peter Coyote) 291718				Wings 957404	Wings 957224	Quantum Leap 257534	
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(39) A&E		39	Ancient Mysteries 109398		Biography 662282		American Justice: Bad Medicine 648602		The 20th Century: Uprising at Attica 668486		Law & Order: Manhood 661553		Biography 635398	
(41) NICK		41	Doug 148027	Clarissa Explains It	Nicktoons 401008		Classic Countdown 278176				Welcome Kotter	Dick Van Dyke	Bob Newhart	The Lucy Show
(43) LIFE		43	The Commish 361176		Unsolved Mysteries		Guilty by Suspicion (PG-13, '91) ★★ 924669				Unsolved Mysteries		Mysteries	Late Date
(48) UNI		49	Lazos de Amor 30783		Acapulco, Cuerpo y Alma 68089		El Premio Mayor 77737		Fuera de Serie	Lente Loco 11718	Noticiero Univision	Impacto Extra	Lagrimas de Amor ('58) 294089	
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(51) COM		51	Politically Incorrect	Garry Shandling	Hairspray (PG, '88) ★★★ (Ricki Lake, Divine) 4389737				Saturday Night Live: Bill Murray 2851553		Politically Incorrect	Fabulous	Vibes (PG, '88) ★★ (Cyndi Lauper) 7618911	
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(15) AMC		15	Papa's Delicate ... (5)		The Strange Love of Martha Ivers ('46) 103076				The Big Sky ('52) ★★★ (Kirk Douglas, Dewey Martin) 354080				Movie	
(16) TNN		16	Dance	C'try News	Merle Haggard: Amer.		Music City Tonight 192756			Club Dance 296992		C'try News	Merle Haggard: Amer.	
(17) TNT		17	In the Heat of the Night		Gettysburg (Part 1) (PG, '93) ★★★ (Tom Berenger, Martin Sheen) 257981						Ironclads ('91) ★★ (Virginia Madsen) 230195			
(22) MAX		22	Geronimo: An American Legend (5) 656756		Sunday's Children ('92) ★★ (Thommy Berggren, Henrik Linnros) 811756				Blood Run (R, '94) ★★ (David Bradley, Anna Thomson) 4660563			Beverly Hills Cop III (10:35) (R, '94) ★★ (Eddie Murphy) 5981276		
(29) VC1		29	Movie	Countd'n	WCW Starrcade '95 7024027						WCW Starrcade '95 1398805			
(30) CHTS2		40	Dolores ... (4:30)		Dolores Claiborne (R, '95) ★★ (Kathy Bates)						Dolores Claiborne (R, '95) ★★ (Kathy Bates)			
(31) CHTS1		31	Bad Boys (R, '95) ★★ (Martin Lawrence) 4619350				Bad Boys (R, '95) ★★ (Martin Lawrence) 4621196				Bad Boys (R, '95) ★★ (Martin Lawrence) 4509350			
(32) TMC		32	Orlando (4:55)	Surf Ninjas (PG, '93) ★ (Ernie Reyes Jr., Rob Schneider) 366379			Clean Slate (PG-13, '94) ★★ (Dana Carvey, Valeria Golino) 6305468				Probable Cause (8:50) (R, '94) ★★ (Michael Ironside) 13909195		Poltergeist (11:25)	
(33) SHOW		33	Lotus Eaters (4:55)	On the Set: Nixon	Stargate (PG-13, '94) ★★ (Kurt Russell, James Spader) 7665602				Tombstone (8:05) (R, '93) ★★ (Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer) 3027202		When a Man Loves a Woman (11:15)			
(34) HBO		34	Starman (5) (PG, '84) ★★ (Jeff Bridges) 812350		The Client (PG-13, '94) ★★★ (Susan Sarandon, Tommy Lee Jones) 208290				Dream On 382534	Larry Sanders	Tales From Crypt	Love Affair (PG-13, '94) ★★ (Warren Beatty, Annette Bening) 6043756		
(60) HC		30	The Donor (R, '94) ★★ (Jeff Wincott) 4383634				Undercover ('94) (Athena Massey) 4395379				The Ultimate Ultimate 5927195			

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Celebrities gripe about people who can't separate them from characters

NEW YORK — What bothers celebrities the most this year? People who can't separate them from the characters they play.

Tom Hanks is sick and tired of getting lumped with Gump.

"If one more person gives me a box of chocolates, I'm going to choke," said **Tom Hanks**, sick and tired of getting lumped with Gump.

Pierce Brosnan's reponse to the question posed in the latest issue of Entertainment Weekly: "People asking me, 'Can you say you're 'Bond — James Bond?'"

Madonna said the worst thing this year was having to leave her dogs stateside while spending two months in London recording "Evita." **Kenneth Branagh** felt sorry for **Hugh Grant**, who got caught with a hooker.

Tough-guy **Wesley Snipes** whined about high heels.

"I burned all my clothes from 'To Wong Foo,'" Snipes said of the movie that put him in drag. "My slogan was 'To Wong Foo, Thanks For Nothing, **Julie Newmar**.'"

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LOS ANGELES — Northwestern University has a ready-made Hollywood cheering section for its first trip to the Rose Bowl since 1949.

Charlton Heston, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Shelley Long, Tony Randall, Cloris Leachman, Warren Beatty, Richard Benjamin, Jerry Orbach, Tony Roberts and **Garry Marshall** all attended the university in Evanston, Ill.

"It's really thrilling after all this time," said Orbach, who stars on TV's "Law & Order." "We've been the worst team in the Big Ten for so long, it's so surprising."

The school's success changed the life of TV and movie producer Marshall.

"I went to meet the rose queen. It was the first time I've gone to an event like that where I could walk in with my Northwestern tie on and my head held high. What a feeling!" Marshall said.

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PORTLAND, Ore. — **Tonya Harding**'s wedding went off without a hitch, but the aftermath has been anything but a honeymoon.

There have been allegations of a car chase, shouted profanities and a blown tabloid contract.

An amateur photographer at the Olympic skater's wedding Saturday to **Michael Smith** sold a picture of the newlyweds to The Oregonian for $100, and the newspaper published the snap on Monday. Harding complained that the picture invalidated her $10,000 contract with The Globe.

The amateur photographer, identified by The Oregonian only as Bob, a 26-year-old who was a guest of a relative of a bridesmaid, said he met with Harding and her husband, along with a Globe photographer, on Sunday.

Bob said that he left after Harding yelled profanities and that Smith jumped onto Bob's girlfriend's car.

Smith said the car hit him.

Harding gave chase in her car, Bob said, and at one point his car was rammed. "She just hit us," Bob said. "Bam!"

Harding said the fracas is "a remembrance I don't want to have of my wedding."

No immediate charges were filed.

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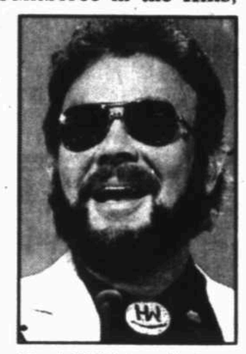
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — **Hank Williams Jr.** is among the big stars on the bill at the 20th annual Jamboree in the Hills, called "The Super Bowl of Country Music."



Hank Williams Jr. is among the big stars on the bill.

Also scheduled to perform at the July 18-21 festival in Wheeling, W.Va., are Merle Haggard, Confederate Railroad, the **Oak Ridge Boys, Faith Hill, Tom T. Hall, Mark Collie, Tim McGraw, Tanya Tucker, George Jones, Sammy Kershaw, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Aaron Tippin, Brooks & Dunn, Joe Diffie** and **David Lee Murphy**.

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At every Hooters restaurant — there are 174 in 38 states and Puerto Rico — loyal customers have been asked to complain to members of Congress about the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ruling that would require men to be hired as waiters.

The form of this "grass-roots" consumer action is a Frisbee-like flying disk; attached to it is a sticker showing a hairy-looking guy wearing a revealing Hooters uniform. According to the National Journal, 1,000 disks have been arriving in Washington every day since the campaign began.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Edited by Trude Michel Jaffe

ACROSS
1 Bundle of cloth
5 Untrue
10 Shucks!
14 Musical instrument
15 Plutonian, perhaps
16 — vera
17 Where ends meet
18 Burrowing animals
19 Distance measure
20 "Eroica," for one
22 Walking on air
24 Money, the Italian way
25 Pollution problem
26 Dieter's choice
29 Ran on
33 Jalopy
34 Surveys
35 Period of note
36 Network
37 A color purple
38 Hit a fly
39 Maddux or Glavine
40 Care for
41 Ganders
42 Small monkey
44 Concluded
45 Champing at the bit
46 Quarrel
48 Astrologer's concern
51 "The Mikado" is one
55 Latin poet
56 Confess
58 Holiday word
59 Cathedral section
60 French waterway
61 Center
62 Verve
63 Go in
64 O'Neill trees

DOWN
1 Head honcho
2 Follow the rules
3 Soil type
4 Machine pattern
5 Prefer
6 On one's own
7 Bulb bloom
8 Observe
9 Group of players
10 Mar
11 Roosted
12 Queeg, to Bogart
13 "A friend in —..."
21 Camouflage
23 Lofty strokes
25 Ointment
26 Beat it!
27 Betel palm
28 At another time
29 Knightly combat
30 Marry again
31 Rub out
32 Old-fashioned
34 Peeled
37 Tuneful performance
38 Legal decision
40 Changing star
41 Equipment
43 Word with name or voyage
46 Steeple
47 Famous rabbit
48 "The Twilight —"
49 Shape of a famous office
50 Job for Te Kanawa
51 Leave out
52 Hammer or tong
53 Part of a school year
54 Pub drinks
57 Quixote

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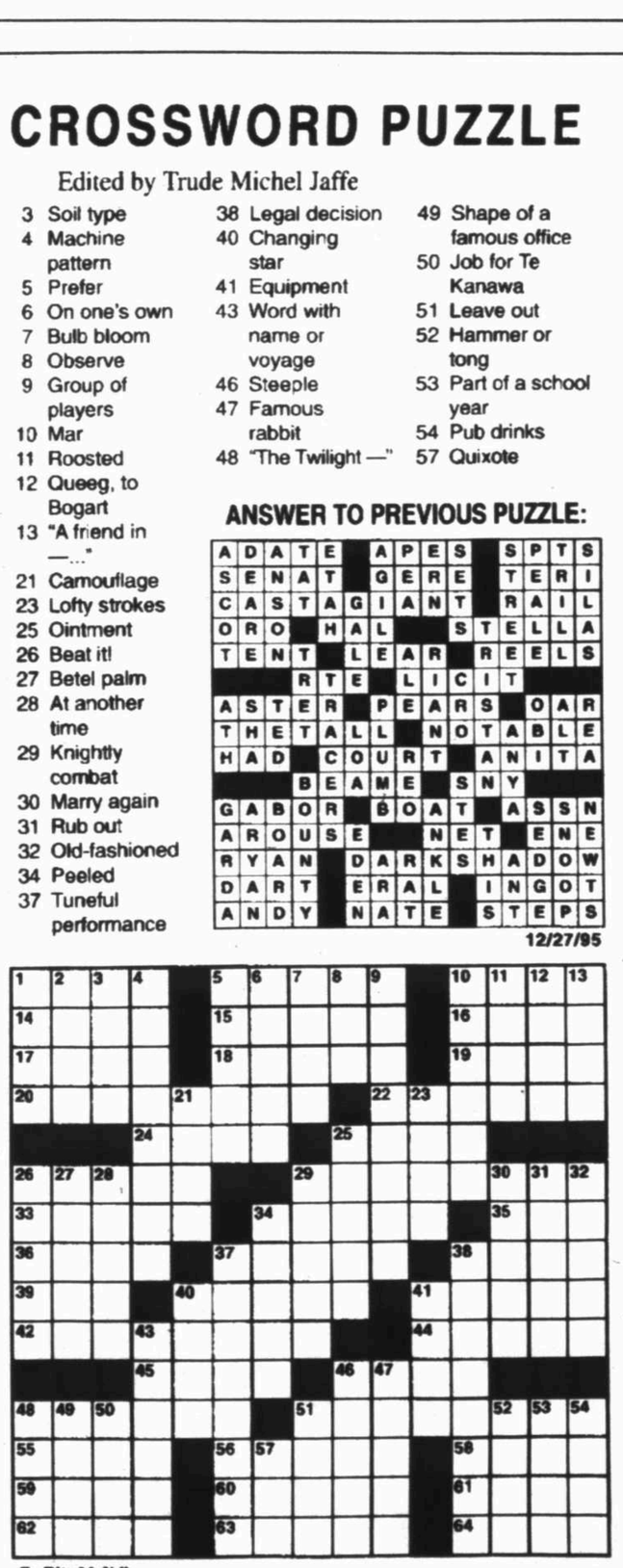

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When crime hits close to home, lawmakers can turn concerns into crusades

By Calvin Woodward
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sometimes politicians really do feel your pain.

The slain Senate aide, the beaten lawmaker, the purse snatchings, the governor with relatives who have been frightened, harassed, bludgeoned and shot are just a few examples of violence striking officials close to home.

When that happens, and when it is too much to shrug off, the experience can set loose forces beyond the capabilities of ordinary victims.

It has turned concerns into crusades. It has changed long-held positions, no easy accomplishment with many politicians.

Or, with mighty effort, anger and grief have been set aside so as not to interfere with the rational mind.

"I probably would have killed him," former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo says of the man who twice harassed his daughter and burned her with a cigarette before getting away. "But that's a sin and I know it's a sin."

Cuomo routinely vetoed reinstatement of the death penalty until his 1994 defeat. His successor, George Pataki, has brought it back.

Cuomo's late father-in-law never recovered from a severe beating, his wife's cousin in Italy was shot dead and his wife and son faced a thief who broke in through their window.

AP Laserphoto
Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., sits in his Capitol Hill office Nov. 29 next to a photo of his late aide Tom Barnes.

To have used those episodes to guide anti-crime policies would have been wrong, Cuomo said. "You would be making law by the impulse of the moment."

But sometimes the impulse is too strong, the emotions too raw or the incident too instructive.

Four years ago, Tom Barnes, an aide to Alabama Sen. Richard Shelby, was shot in the head near his apartment, a dozen blocks from the Capitol. He died five days later.

"I don't understand a world where a 25-year-old young man can leave his home at 7:30 at night for a cup of coffee and never make it to a nearby grocery store," Shelby said then.

He used the wrenching experience to push to restore the death penalty in the District of Columbia. His effort led to a referendum that failed.

The most senior officials face little danger from street thugs. They enjoy security details, limousines and decent neighborhoods, and don't often find themselves in the wrong place at the wrong time.

But many try to lead a semblance of a normal life, bringing with it all-too-normal risks.

Recently it was Deputy Education Secretary Madeleine Kunin, a former Vermont governor, having her purse snatched near a Washington commuter station on her way to work.

"It just really tells me we've got to find a way to stop this violence," she said.

In October, Sen. Barbara Mikulski was mugged in Baltimore. The wives of Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry and former Colorado Sen. Tim Wirth were robbed at gunpoint while leaving a Washington theater.

Political biographies describe Mikulski as street-wise. When the attacker shoved the Maryland Democrat, 53, she shoved back, then fell, dislocating a finger. He got away.

In 1993, Bob Krueger — his family harassed for years by a stalker who followed them and called up to 120 times a day — devoted part of his five months in the Senate to an anti-stalking law. A version passed.

Now he's ambassador to Burundi, where he survived an ambush in June by gunmen.

Violence is often a quietly held memory among politicians, brought out mainly when questions are asked.

Sometimes, those experiences become part of a political legend and a source of campaign anecdotes, especially in this confessional age.

President Clinton's defense of his mother against an abusive husband was testament to his character; Kathleen Brown cited her daughter's rape in her losing 1994 campaign for California governor to counter the charge she was soft on crime.

Occasionally, crime comes at politicians in an immobilizing way, piercing their convictions, freezing them like a deer caught by headlights.

That's how Democratic Rep. Chet Edwards looked four years ago after a man sprayed gunfire in a Killeen, Texas, cafeteria, killing 23 people. Killeen and Waco, site of the Branch Davidian compound, are in his district.

The cafeteria shooting happened on the eve of a vote to ban assault-type weapons. Edwards, an opponent of gun control and a believer in research pointing to its ineffectiveness, voted for the ban.

"Statistics," he said, "don't mean much to me now."

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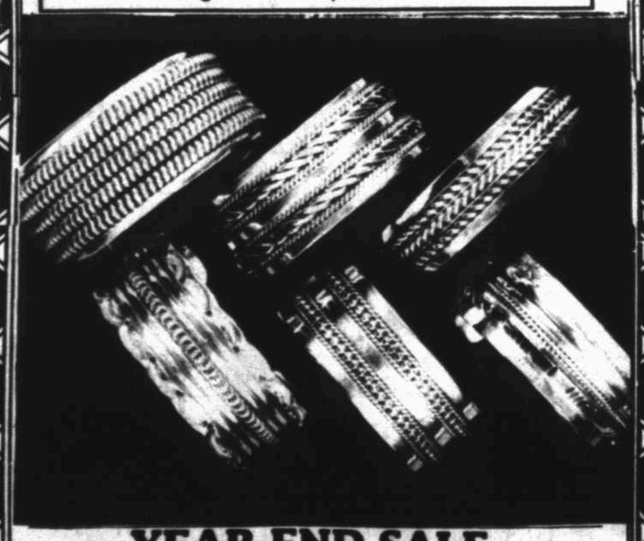

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Texas Scores

NHL — Chicago Blackhawks 5, Dallas Stars 3.

NBA — Houston Rockets 100, Vancouver Grizzlies 84.

Denver Nuggets 114, Dallas Mavericks 102.

Cards axe Ryan

TEMPE, Ariz. — The 'winner in town' left as a loser.

Arizona Cardinals coach Buddy Ryan, whose team wrapped up a miserable 4-12 season with a 37-13 loss to the Dallas Cowboys on Monday night, was fired Tuesday by owner Bill Bidwill.

Ryan

Ryan, 61, a brash and abrasive Korean War veteran who brought a military ethic to his coaching, was 12-20 in two seasons with the Cardinals. His style — marked by his claiming "You've got a winner in town," when he arrived in 1994 — alienated some people but endeared him to most of his players.

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Stars fall

CHICAGO — Murray Craven deflected Eric Daze's long shot past Darcy Wakaluk, snapping a tie with 3:59 to play Tuesday night as the Chicago Blackhawks rallied for a 5-3 victory over the Dallas Stars.

Jeff Hackett, who earned his first career shutout in a 2-0 victory at Dallas on Saturday, made 34 saves to run his personal-best winning streak to six games. Tony Amonte scored the tying goal with 8:21 remaining and Jeremy Roenick scored twice for the Blackhawks, who are 4-0-1 since Dec. 17.

Wakaluk stopped 27 shots but Dallas remained winless in nine games (0-7-2) against Central Division teams. The Stars are 1-8-2 on the road since winning at San Jose on Oct. 28. After that game, they were 5-3-2 and tied for first in the division; they are 5-12-5 since and have been in last place for all of December. The Stars led 3-2 on second-period goals by Greg Adams, Bill Huard and Brent Gilchrist. The score remained unchanged until Amonte took Patrick Poulin's drop pass and beat Wakaluk with a slap shot from the top of the right faceoff circle. Amonte scored the winning goal against Dallas on Saturday.

Craven scored the winner on an innocent-looking play that began when Daze simply flipped the puck toward the net from the blue line. Roenick added an empty-net goal with a half-second to play.

Jordan honored

NEW YORK — Michael Jordan, who has helped the Chicago Bulls to 13 consecutive victories, won NBA Player of the Week honors on Tuesday. Jordan averaged 31.5 points, 6.8 rebounds, five assists and three steals last week as the Bulls won four games and ran their season's record to 23-2, best start in the franchise's 30-year history. He shot .538 on 49-for-91 from the field and .893 on 25-for-28 from the free throw line and is averaging a league-leading 30 points per game.

Other candidates for Player of the Week were Boston's Todd Day, Cleveland's Chris Mills, Houston's Hakeem Olajuwon, Orlando's Shaquille O'Neal, Phoenix's Elliott Perry and San Antonio's Sean Elliott and David Robinson.

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Valley Ranch sees happy days again

■ There were actually smiles at Cowboys training facility after Dallas earned homefield advantage throughout NFC playoffs.

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Smiles. There were actually a few of them at previously joyless Valley Ranch on Tuesday after the Dallas Cowboys had achieved a goal set in training camp.

After two uneasy weeks, the Cowboys have a division title and homefield advantage throughout the NFC playoffs.

"We have a new attitude, a new feeling," said wide receiver Kevin Williams, who caught two touchdown passes in a 37-13 victory Monday night over the Arizona Cardinals. "This was a win we could celebrate."

The clutch win gave Dallas a 12-4 record and took the home field advantage away from the defending Super Bowl champion San Francisco 49ers, who beat the Cowboys during the regular season.

The Cowboys lost to the 49ers, twice to Washington and to Philadelphia during a regular season that quarterback Troy Aikman said had "no joy. It wasn't a lot of fun."

"We set a high standard and haven't played up to our capability," Aikman said. "We still aren't consistent, but we can be happy about this.

"I'm very pleased with this season. It's been what we've been wanting since last January. We had to fight through 16 games. But we got there."

Aikman got through the regular season with injuries to both legs and currently is nursing a bad back.

"The back gives me problems," said Aikman, who will undergo treatment all week. "I've been fighting through it, too."

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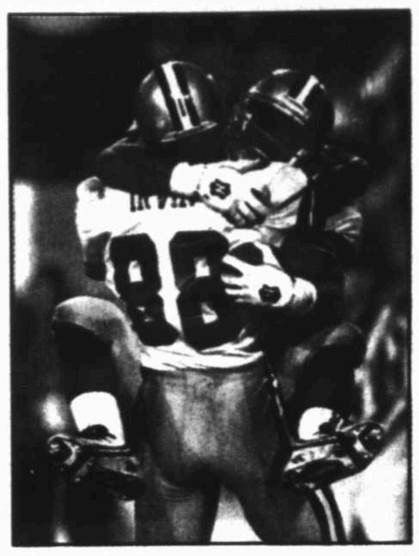

Dallas running back Emmitt Smith and receiver Michael Irvin (88) have reason to celebrate after the Cowboys' win Monday.
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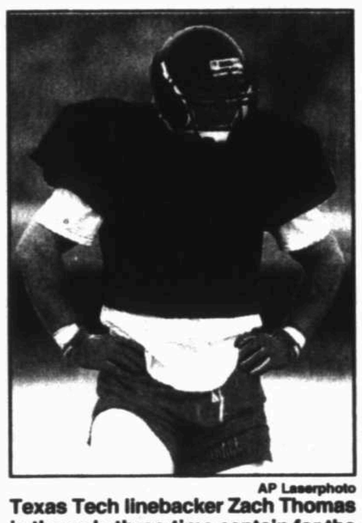

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Texas Tech linebacker Zach Thomas is the only three-time captain for the Red Raiders.

Tech backers key to ground Air Force run

By Mel Reisner
AP Sports Writer

TUCSON, Ariz. — Texas Tech has the antidote to Air Force's powerful ground game — great linebacking.

Zach Thomas, the only three-time captain in Texas Tech history, is the anchor in the middle. He was the second-leading tackler in the Southwest Conference this season with 131, and he has made 33 1/2 of his 390 career tackles for losses.

And he knows his teammates.

Thomas and weak side linebacker Shawn Banks, another senior, have played together since they were sophomores. In fact, Banks' 41 consecutive starts (32 as a linebacker) is a record for the Red Raiders.

On the strong side, it's Robert Johnson, a junior who had four interceptions and three fumble recoveries this season.

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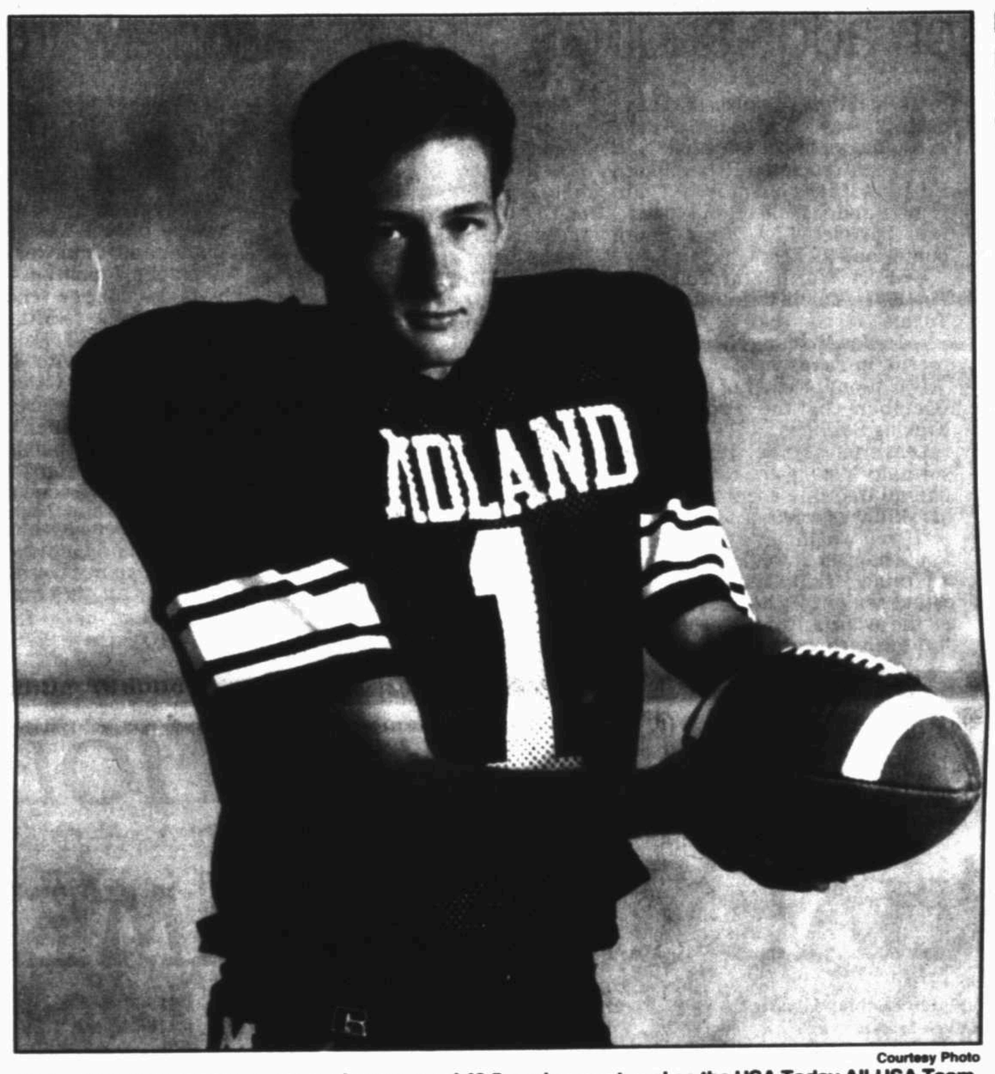
Amazing feet

■ Midland High punter David Leaverton boots way onto USA Today's All-USA Team.



Courtesy Photo
Midland High's David Leaverton, who averaged 42.5 yards a punt, makes the USA Today All-USA Team.

By Stewart Doreen
Sports Writer

The only celebration David Leaverton had planned for Tuesday was his father's birthday. Poor guy had no idea what was coming.

So as the Midland High Bulldog walked into Michael's Charcoal Grill, you can imagine his surprise, to find his picture on page 6C of the Tuesday edition of USA Today and to see the people that came to honor his placement as the punter on the national daily newspaper's All-USA Team.

"Seeing my picture in USA Today blows my mind," said Leaverton of his spot as one of the USA Today's top 26 players in the nation. "I haven't felt this great in a long time. It was a great feeling. I had no idea I would get it."

Leaverton, a two-year starter at punter and kicker at Midland High, had a 42.5-yard average on 46 punts 1995. That includes 11 punts of over 50 yards and an 80-yard punt against Midland Lee. In addition, 39 percent of his punts were downed inside the opponent's 20. Leaverton also had 18 per-

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Ripken provides baseball's healing, top story

By Hal Bock
AP Sports Writer

In a year when baseball needed all the healing it could get, Cal Ripken provided plenty simply by doing what he has always done.

He went out and played.

Every day.

Every game.

And in early September, he reached one of the sport's most cherished records, playing in his 2,130th consecutive game, matching the mark set by Lou Gehrig. To mark the occasion, he hit a home run.

The next night, Ripken was back again for the record-breaker, No. 2,131. And he hit a home run that night, too.

When the record was official, recorded on a huge banner on the B&O Warehouse that sits just outside Baltimore's Camden Yards, the fans interrupted the game with a 22-minute standing ovation, a tribute to what the Orioles ironman shortstop had accomplished.

"I'd like to think that outpouring was for the game, not me," Ripken said.

And then he went out and played again, and again, and again, pushing the record by season's end to 2,153 games. He is the probable starter at shortstop for the Orioles on Opening Day, 1996.

Ripken's relentless pursuit of Gehrig's record was voted Associated Press Story of the Year on Tuesday,

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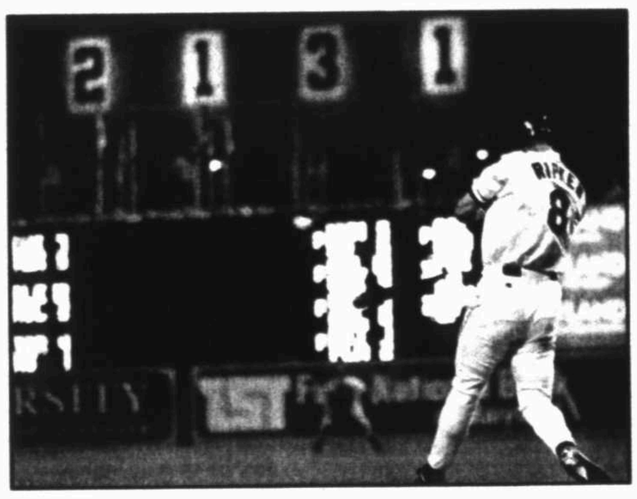

Cal Ripken made history in September by playing in his 2,131st consecutive game, breaking Lou Gehrig's long-standing mark.
AP Laserphoto

STEWART DOREEN

Still can't get used to two state champions

Here's something to think about while enjoying what's left over of the Christmas egg nog.

The high school football season is over and congratulations should go out to District 26-5A's two state 5A champions, San Antonio Roosevelt and Converse Judson.

Doreen

Judson won the Texas Bowl Class 5A Big School (Division I) title two weeks ago over Odessa Permian. Last weekend, Roosevelt completed the 26-5A sweep over Flower Mound Marcus in the Small School (Division II) version.

So let the victors enjoy the spoils while the rest of us wonder why we have two state champions instead of one.

In 1990, the University Scholastic League went to this two-tiered system in a move that would give the "smaller schools" a chance to compete for the state's top honor, which after all is better for the game. Or is it?

The current system leaves the fans with two state champs for Class 5A, opening the idea of determining the Texas' top team to the bar room discussions and radio show conversations. This doesn't seem right. Maybe we should look at the theory of why the UIL can justify this post season dilemma.

Are the bigger schools that much better and that much more talented than the smaller schools?

Well, historically maybe, but in 1995, the two top programs in terms of size — Plano and Judson — couldn't even win their district.

Judson, however, has benefited from the switch, reaching the championship game four out of the six years since the switch and making at least the semifinals in each of those years. With the move, not-so periennial power houses like Eagle Pass are the only obstacles to Judson making the final four.

The question is not which bracket is tougher or which champion is better. Though history will tell us the small school champ was the better team.

In 1995, the Small School bracket was tougher and its champion, Roosevelt, by virtue of its 35-21 district win over Judson, was the better team.

In 1992 Temple duplicated the feat as the Small School winner had defeated Big School champ Judson in the regular season.

The reality is that the current playoff system makes money for the UIL. After all, four semifinal games and two state title games has to bring in more money than if there was one bracket.

No, what the biggest gripe should be is that there are two brackets and that the UIL in its ultimate wisdom can't admit the decision in 1990 was a mistake and remedy the situation.

If I were to prescribe one, take all 96 teams and put them into one bracket. Give each district champion a bye and/or home field advantage into second round. That would make winning the district title worth more than the pat on the back value it holds now. Sure, the championship game might happen one week after the Christmas holiday unless the season is shortened by a week. However, the end result is a true state champion.

Other ways to make this feasible is to take the top two teams from every district but that probably wouldn't fly too well with the coaches. By the way, there have only been two teams to finish third in their district and come out with a state title (Plano in 1994 and Killeen in 1991).

If there is anyone who appreciates the current system, your Christmas present is that Class 4A will go to the same two-tiered playoff format in 1996.

Remember this: Brownwood, won all its record seven state titles in a one-tiered playoff system. Plano, who has tied that number can't say that. Judson or Permian, who probably will match that number in the near future, will not be able to either.

Stewart Doreen is a staff writer for the Reporter-Telegram.

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Orioles strike again, grab up lefthander Wells

N.Y. Times News Service

The Baltimore Orioles got stronger Tuesday — again. This time they did it at the expense of the New York Yankees, with whom they have had a month-long competition for players in preparation for their season-long competition for the American League East championship next year.

The Orioles, adding their sixth new player in the past 10 days, acquired David Wells, a veteran left-handed starting pitcher, from the Cincinnati Reds for Curtis Goodwin, a promising young outfielder, and a minor-league outfielder, Trovin Valdez.

The Yankees have a 36-year-old outfielder looming on their horizon. In the next day or two, they are expected to announce that they have acquired Tim Raines from the Chicago White Sox to play left field.

Wells, who had a 16-8 record with Detroit (10-3) and the Reds (6-5) last season, joins Mike Mussina, Scott Erickson, Kent Mercker and Jimmy Haynes, a 23-year-old right-hander, in the Orioles' starting rotation.

The Yankees, who last Thursday beat Baltimore to David Cone, wanted Wells for their rotation, but a weekend bid by George Steinbrenner fell short. Given this latest turn of events, the Yankees may feel compelled to become serious about signing one of two free-agent left-handers, Kenny Rogers or Chuck Finley.

"After what the Orioles did, I would have to believe he'll go after another pitcher," a general manager of another club said of Steinbrenner, who did not return a telephone call seeking comment on his plans.

General Manager Bob Watson said he wasn't certain about the Yankees' interest in free agents.

"We have to take a look at where we stand on the payroll," he said by telephone from his home in Houston. "I would much rather go into camp and the season not at my maximum payroll and see where we are and have the ability to add what I need rather than go into camp and the season probably like Baltimore is, at full tilt on their payroll. If they run into a problem, I don't know if they have any flexibility to add to their payroll."

As for Wells, Watson acknowledged that he and Gene Michael, his predecessor, who remains active in personnel matters, had spoken with the Reds, most recently the middle of last week.

"The asking price was too high," he said. "They wanted two of our top minor-leaguers. That's why we backed off. We couldn't do that."

Jim Bowden, the Reds' general manager, declined to discuss the Yankees' involvement, but an official familiar with the Wells talks said Steinbrenner called Bowden Saturday night and offered pitcher Mariano Rivera and catcher Jorge Posada.

Bowden, looking to cut his payroll, obviously decided he preferred Goodwin, a 23-year-old left-handed hitter, who in 87 games with the Orioles last season batted .263 and had 22 stolen bases in 26 attempts.

YEAR: Mantle's death second; Jordan's return third

(From 1C)

receiving 155 of 252 first-place votes cast by sports editors, broadcasters and writers. The Ripken story finished with 2,221 points, almost a full thousand points ahead of the death of Mickey Mantle, which was second with 1,280.

Third place went to Michael Jordan's return to pro basketball after his baseball adventure (1,213), followed by Northwestern's sudden football success and Rose Bowl bid (1,024). NFL franchise moves, including the midseason announcement that the Cleveland Browns would relocate in Baltimore next season, finished fifth (1,019).

The top five were followed by the end of the baseball strike (986), San Francisco's fifth Super Bowl championship (604), the Cleveland Indians' season (542), Greg Maddux's fourth straight Cy Young Award (521) and the return to tennis of Monica Seles (505).

The two labor-related baseball stories — the end of the strike and the use of replacement players in spring training — received a combined 1,432 points, enough for second place if they were combined.

In the NFL, franchise moves received 14 first-place votes while the 49ers' Super Bowl victory got none.

The top basketball story was Jordan's return at No. 3, but the next highest was UCLA's NCAA tournament championship at No. 15, followed by the Houston Rockets' second straight NBA title at No. 16.

The top hockey story was the return of Mario Lemieux to the Pittsburgh Penguins at No. 19.

In boxing, Mike Tyson's release from prison finished No. 14. The top golf finisher was Ben Crenshaw's victory at the Masters at No. 17. Ernie Irvan's return to auto racing from near-fatal injuries was No. 20. The top horse racing story was Cigar's undefeated streak, which finished No. 23.

FEET: Leaverton adds another to postseason awards list

(From 1C)

cent of the punts downed inside of the 10-yard line. Leaverton's punt's were returned only 22 percent of the time.

For Midland High head football coach Ronnie Reeger, the award means a great deal for the school and for the football program. Leaverton is a true student-athlete. He is a National Honor Society member and Texas Scholar member and mathematics award winner. His religious background combines to make him about as well-balanced a student as there may be.

"I'm tickled to death for a great kid and family," said Reeger. "He's a nice kid whose got an awful lot of talent. He's such a deserving guy."

Leaverton adds the accomplishment of being chosen by USA Today as the country's elite punter to the handful of awards that have come his way after the 1995 season. It is quite an impressive list.

— The Associated Press Sports Editors' Class 5A First Team Punter and Second team kicker.

— District 4-5A First Team punter and kicker.

— Fort Worth Star-Telegram Top 100 recruit in the nation and in Texas.

— Dallas Morning News Top 100 recruit in Texas.

— National Kicker of the Month (October) by the Professional Kicking Services.

Leaverton says being honored by so many people makes him feel like all the time spent practicing his skill was worth it.

"If you would have told me this would happen, it would have blown my mind," said the 6-foot-4, 196-pound senior. "It has been fun to get the awards, and it is good to see that the hard work is paying off."

Leaverton also excelled as a place kicker. Just look at the record books.

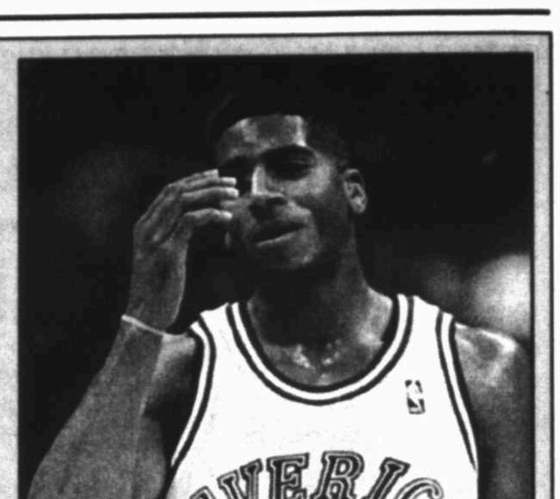
Leaverton blasted a 62-yard field goal against Odessa Permian on Oct. 13. The rocket tied him for the second longest field goal in Texas history and the sixth longest in National high school history. For the season, Leaverton was good on 7 of 8 attempts and perfect on extra point attempts.

Because of the field goal success and ability to boom kickoffs, it was thought that the post season honors might come in the way of the kicker position, but he feels the lack of opportunities to put the ball through the uprights played in the decision making of those giving out the awards and scholarships.

"I've always seen myself as a better kicker, but I've been recruited nationally as a punter," said Leaverton. "I'm disappointed (in not getting more consideration as a kicker), but coming from Midland High I didn't have too many field goals (7). Some people had that many in two games."

Leaverton is still looking at where he will take his act as a punter and/or kicker while getting a college education. He is taking part in college visits and has already gone to Miami and Rice. He still has Tennessee, Texas A&M and Baylor left to visit. Leaverton says that barring a high-profile college coming to him with an offer (which he doubts will happen due to it being so late in the recruiting season), he will stay with those five schools.

"I don't see anything significant happening," said Leaverton. "These are my five unless I get a call from another major university."



Jim Jackson, right, and the rest of the Dallas Mavericks are reeling from injuries, a difficult road schedule, chemistry problems and bad luck as they have. But Mavericks coach Dick Motta says the season isn't a washout despite 7-17 record.
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Mavs not dead yet?

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Mavericks coach Dick Motta insists this season isn't shaping up as a washout, despite the team's 7-17 record.

The Mavericks have encountered a run of injuries, chemistry problems, a difficult road schedule and just plain bad luck.

But Motta still remembers what owner Donald Carter told the players at the team Christmas party.

"He said, 'Treat this party, and this season, with the idea you've won every ballgame,'" Motta said. "He said, 'In my family's heart, you guys are winners. All I want you to do is hustle and get better every night.'"

Among the factors contributing to the team's decline: Jim Jackson's struggles to overcome last season's severe left ankle sprain; the loss of the team's highest-paid player, Roy Tarpley, to an NBA ban for violation of his substance-abuse aftercare; and Jason Kidd's failure to build upon his Rookie of the Year credentials.

Additionally, Jamal Mashburn's sore left knee has become a potential long-term concern. Team doctor T.O. Souryal has prescribed an extra 10 days' rest, with the possibility of arthroscopic surgery if the knee doesn't improve.

With a six-game road trip and two four-game trips behind them, the Mavericks can look forward to playing 13 of their next 21 games at home, leading into the Feb. 10-11 All-Star break. The Mavericks won't play four straight road games again until April, the season's final month.

The more-amenable home schedule can't come soon enough.

"I think the reality set in on them, and we had a downer for a while as far as enthusiasm," Motta said. "I do believe we're not taking anyone by surprise anymore. We probably won seven games last year that we were lucky to win."

Motta and director of player personnel Keith Grant already have started to take a harder look at the future.

The rest of this year will be used to evaluate the roster, which includes four players — Scott Brooks, Lucious Harris, Donald Hodge and Lorenzo Williams — in the final years of their contracts. Terry Davis is making $1.9 million, gets sporadic minutes and is guaranteed $2.2 million next season.

"I told Keith the other day, when we took this over last year, we knew that the end of our bench was not going to be as strong as it could be because of the guaranteed contracts," Motta said.

"We knew we would need a really good trade, and we would need a free agent before we even thought about the playoffs, and we haven't done either of those yet. Our growth has to come from within. The growth hasn't been as I hoped it would be."

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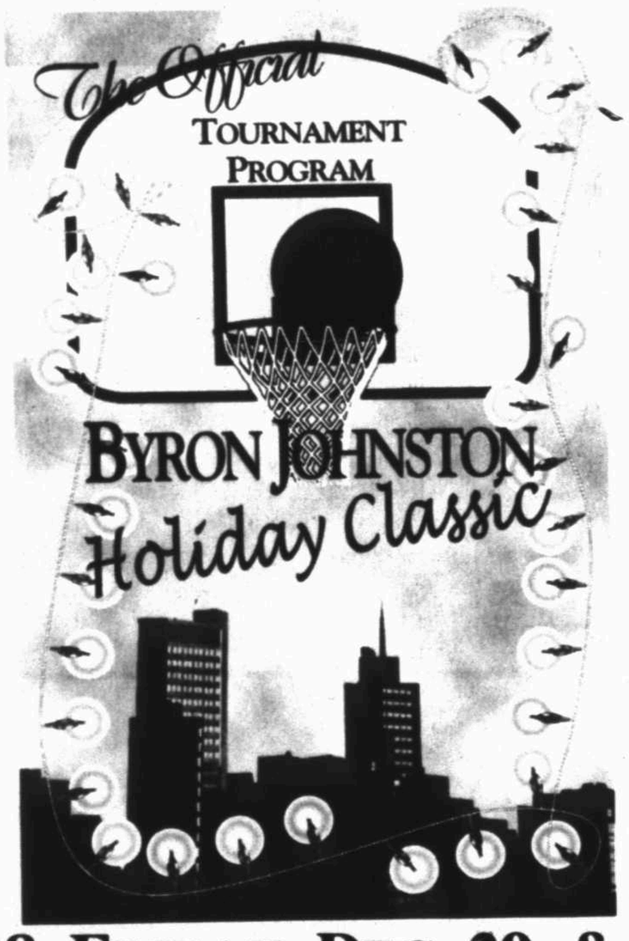

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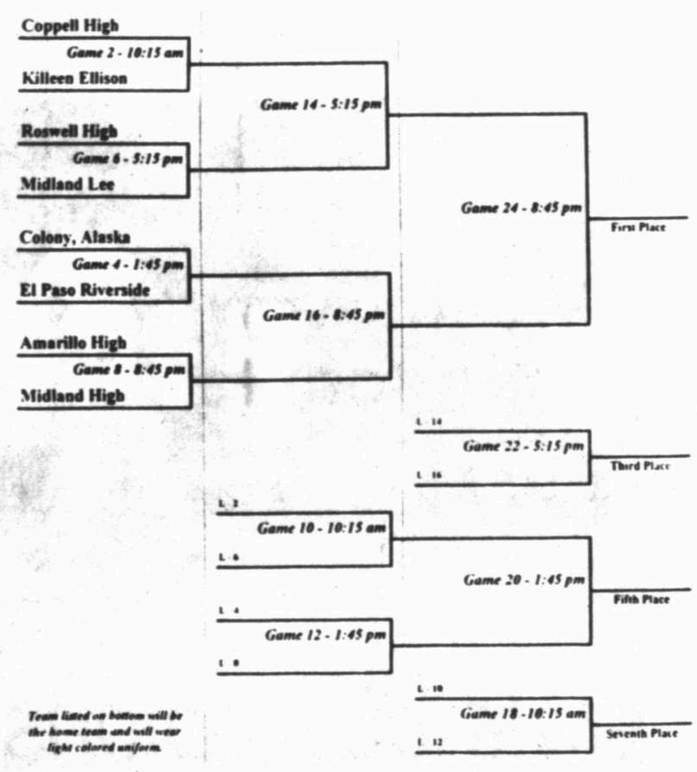

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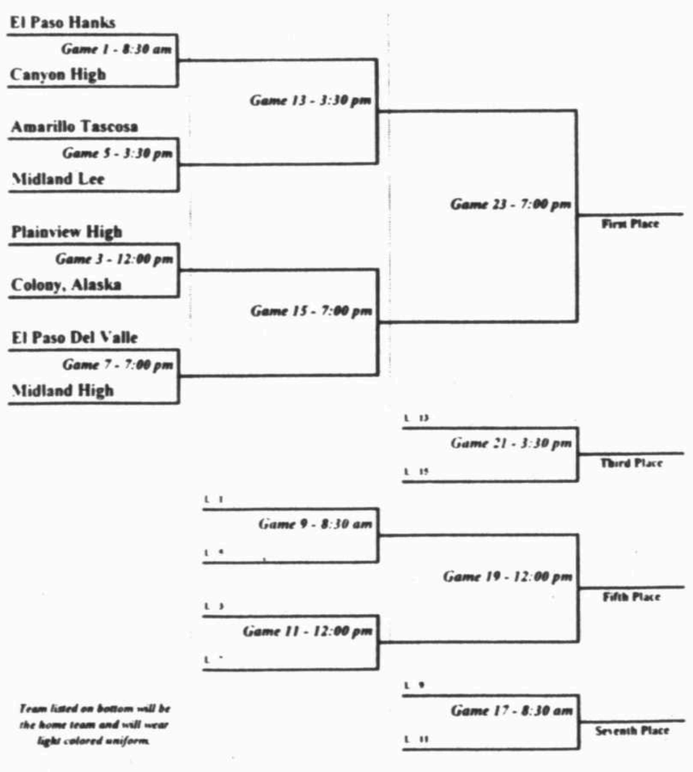

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y-Indianapolis	9	7	0	.56
y-Miami	9	7	0	.56
New England	6	10	0	.37
N.Y. Jets	3	13	0	.18
Central				
x-Pittsburgh	11	5	0	.68
Cincinnati	7	9	0	.43
Houston	7	9	0	.43
Cleveland	5	11	0	.31
Jacksonville	4	12	0	.25
West				
x-Kansas City	13	3	0	.81
y-San Diego	9	7	0	.56
Seattle	8	8	0	.50
Denver	8	8	0	.50
Oakland	8	8	0	.50

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East				
x-Dallas	12	4	0	.75
y-Philadelphia	10	6	0	.61
Washington	6	10	0	.37
N.Y. Giants	5	11	0	.31
Arizona	4	12	0	.25
Central				
x-Green Bay	11	5	0	.68
y-Detroit	10	6	0	.62
Chicago	9	7	0	.56
Minnesota	8	8	0	.50
Tampa Bay	7	9	0	.43
West				
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y-Atlanta	9	7	0	.56
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Buddy's Re

By The Associated Pre

Year, Team	W
1986 Philadelphia	5
1987 Philadelphia-x	7
1988 Philadelphia	10
1989 Philadelphia	11
1990 Philadelphia	10
1994 Arizona	8
1995 Arizona	4
Totals	55

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Playoffs

Year, Team	W
1988 Philadelphia	0
1989 Philadelphia	0
1990 Philadelphia	0
Totals	0

All-Star Vo

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Bowl Game

By The Associated

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Blue-Gray C
At Montgomery, Al
Blue 26, Gray 7

Aloha Bo
At Honolulu
Kansas 51, UCLA 3

Wednesday,
Copper B
At Tucson, Ariz.
Air Force (8-4) vs. T
3), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, D
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At San Antonio
Texas A&M (8-3) vs
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At Atlanta
Florida A&M (9-2) vs
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At San Diego
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State (9-2), 8 p.m. (ES

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Peach B
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At Tampa, Fla.
Penn State (8-3) vs
10 a.m. (ESPN)

Citrus B
At Orlando, Fla.
Tennessee (10-1)
(11-1), noon. (ABC)

Gator B
At Jacksonville, F
Clemson (8-3) vs.
11:30 a.m. (NBC)

Cotton
At Dallas
Colorado (9-2) vs.
1:30 p.m. (CBS)

Rose B
At Pasadena, Cal
Northwestern (10-
California (8-2-1), 4 p.

Orange
At Miami
Notre Dame (9-2) v
(9-2), 7 p.m. (CBS)

Tuesday,
Fiesta
At Tempe Ariz.
Nebraska (11-0) vs
7:30 p.m. (CBS)

Saturday,
East-West Sh
At Stanford, Calif
West vs. East, 4 p

Saturday,
Senior
At Mobile, Ala.
South vs. North,

SCOREBOARD

NFL Glance

By The Associated Press

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Buffalo	10	6	0	.625	350	335
y-Indianapolis	9	7	0	.563	331	316
y-Miami	9	7	0	.563	398	332
New England	6	10	0	.375	294	377
N.Y. Jets	3	13	0	.188	233	384
Central						
x-Pittsburgh	11	5	0	.689	407	327
Cincinnati	7	9	0	.438	349	374
Houston	7	9	0	.438	348	324
Cleveland	5	11	0	.313	289	356
Jacksonville	4	12	0	.250	275	404
West						
x-Kansas City	13	3	0	.813	358	241
y-San Diego	9	7	0	.563	321	323
Seattle	8	8	0	.500	363	366
Denver	8	8	0	.500	388	345
Oakland	8	8	0	.500	348	332

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Dallas	12	4	0	.750	435	291
y-Philadelphia	10	6	0	.615	318	338
Washington	6	10	0	.375	326	359
N.Y. Giants	5	11	0	.313	290	340
Arizona	4	12	0	.250	275	422
Central						
x-Green Bay	11	5	0	.689	404	314
y-Detroit	10	6	0	.625	436	336
Chicago	9	7	0	.563	392	360
Minnesota	8	8	0	.500	412	385
Tampa Bay	7	9	0	.438	238	335
West						
x-San Francisco	11	5	0	.688	457	258
y-Atlanta	9	7	0	.563	362	349
St. Louis	7	9	0	.438	309	418
Carolina	7	9	0	.438	289	325
New Orleans	7	9	0	.438	319	348

x-clinched division title; y-clinched playoff berth.

Saturday's Games

San Diego 27, New York Giants 17
Detroit 37, Tampa Bay 10
Indianapolis 10, New England 7

Sunday's Games

Green Bay 24, Pittsburgh 19
Houston 28, Buffalo 17
Kansas City 26, Seattle 3
Jacksonville 24, Cleveland 21
Atlanta 28, San Francisco 27
Chicago 20, Philadelphia 14
New Orleans 12, New York Jets 0
Cincinnati 27, Minnesota 24
Washington 20, Carolina 17
Denver 31, Oakland 28
Miami 41, St. Louis 22

Monday's Game

Dallas 37, Arizona 13

End Regular Season

NFL Playoffs

By The Associated Press

Wild-Card Round

Saturday, Dec. 30

Miami at Buffalo, 11:30 a.m.
Detroit at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 31

Atlanta at Green Bay, 11:30 p.m.
Indianapolis at San Diego, 3 p.m.

Divisional Playoffs

Saturday, Jan. 6

Pairings TBD, 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 7

Pairings TBD, 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Conference Championships

Sunday, Jan. 14

Pairings TBD, 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Super Bowl

At Sun Devil Stadium
Tempe, Ariz.

Sunday, Jan. 28

AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 5:20 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 4

Pro Bowl at Honolulu

Buddy's Record

By The Associated Press

Year, Team	W	L	T	Pct
1986 Philadelphia	5	10	1	.344
1987 Philadelphia-x	7	8	0	.467
1988 Philadelphia	10	6	0	.625
1989 Philadelphia	11	5	0	.688
1990 Philadelphia	10	6	0	.625
1994 Arizona	8	8	0	.625
1995 Arizona	4	12	0	.250
Totals	**55**	**55**	**1**	**.500**

x-strike-shortened season

Playoffs

Year, Team	W	L	T	Pct
1988 Philadelphia	0	1	0	.000
1989 Philadelphia	0	1	0	.000
1990 Philadelphia	0	1	0	.000
Totals	**0**	**3**	**0**	**.000**

All-Star Voting

NEW YORK (AP) — Results of fan balloting, through Dec. 25, for the Western Conference starting team in the 1996 NBA All-Star game to be played Feb. 11 at the Alamodome in San Antonio:

Forwards

1, Charles Barkley, Phoenix, 105,291. 2, Shawn Kemp, Seattle, 81,104. 3, Karl Malone, Utah, 60,174. 4, Robert Horry, Houston, 45,251. 5, Jamal Mashburn, Dallas, 40,345. 6, Cliff Robinson, Portland, 31,065. 7, Cedric Ceballos, L.A. Lakers, 24,563. 8, A.C. Green, Phoenix, 22,242. 9, Christian Laettner, Minnesota, 21,855. 10, Tom Gugliotta, Minnesota, 15,503.

Bowl Games

By The Associated Press

Monday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Blue 26, Gray 7

Aloha Bowl
At Honolulu
Kansas 51, UCLA 30

Wednesday, Dec. 27
Copper Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.
Air Force (8-4) vs. Texas Tech (8-3), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 28
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Texas A&M (8-3) vs. Michigan (9-3), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 29
Heritage Bowl
At Atlanta
Florida A&M (9-2) vs. Southern University (10-1), noon. (ESPN)

Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Washington (7-3-1) vs. Iowa (7-4), 1:30 p.m. (CBS)

Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Michigan State (6-4-1) vs. LSU (6-4-1), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Colorado State (8-3) vs. Kansas State (9-2), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 30
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
East Carolina (8-3) vs. Stanford (7-3-1), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Carquest Bowl
At Miami
North Carolina (6-5) vs. Arkansas (8-4), 6:30 p.m. (TBS)

Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Virginia (8-4) vs. Georgia (6-5), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Sunday, Dec. 31
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Texas (10-1-1) vs. Virginia Tech (9-2), 6 p.m. (ABC)

Monday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Penn State (8-3) vs. Auburn (8-3), 10 a.m. (ESPN)

Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Tennessee (10-1) vs. Ohio State (11-1), noon. (ABC)

Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Clemson (8-3) vs. Syracuse (8-3), 11:30 a.m. (NBC)

Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Colorado (9-2) vs. Oregon (9-2), 1:30 p.m. (CBS)

Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Northwestern (10-1) vs. Southern California (8-2-1), 4 p.m. (ABC)

Orange Bowl
At Miami
Notre Dame (9-2) vs. Florida State (9-2), 7 p.m. (CBS)

Tuesday, Jan 2
Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe Ariz.
Nebraska (11-0) vs. Florida (12-0), 7:30 p.m. (CBS)

Saturday, Jan 13
East-West Shrine Classic
At Stanford, Calif.
West vs. East, 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan 20
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
South vs. North, 1:30 p.m. (TBS)

NBA Results

NBA Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	22	6	.786	—
New York	19	7	.731	2
Miami	14	12	.538	7
Boston	12	12	.500	8
Washington	12	13	.480	8 1/2
New Jersey	10	15	.400	10 1/2
Philadelphia	5	19	.208	15
Central Division				
Chicago	23	3	.885	—
Indiana	14	11	.560	8 1/2
Cleveland	13	12	.520	9 1/2
Atlanta	13	13	.500	10
Charlotte	13	14	.481	10 1/2
Detroit	13	14	.481	10 1/2
Milwaukee	9	16	.360	13 1/2
Toronto	9	20	.310	15 1/2
WESTERN CONFERENCE **Midwest Division**				
Houston	20	8	.714	—
San Antonio	17	7	.708	1
Utah	18	9	.667	1 1/2
Denver	12	14	.462	7
Minnesota	7	17	.292	11
Dallas	7	18	.280	11 1/2
Vancouver	4	24	.143	16
Pacific Division				
Seattle	17	8	.680	—
Sacramento	15	9	.625	1 1/2
L.A. Lakers	15	13	.536	3 1/2
Phoenix	11	13	.458	5 1/2
Portland	11	15	.423	6 1/2
Golden State	10	16	.384	7 1/2
L.A. Clippers	10	17	.370	8

Tuesday's Games

Late Games Not Included

Toronto 93, Milwaukee 87
Miami 96, New Jersey 93
Atlanta 94, L.A. Clippers 88
Detroit 100, Golden State 90
Indiana 103, Chicago 97
Houston 100, Vancouver 84
Denver 114, Dallas 102
Utah 114, Portland 104
Boston at L.A. Lakers, (n)
San Antonio at Sacramento, (n)

Wednesday's Games

L.A. Clippers at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
Golden State at Washington, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Boston at Portland, 9 p.m.
Denver at Seattle, 9 p.m.

Rockets 100, Grizzlies 84

VANCOUVER (84): King 0-9 2-2 2, Avent 2-3 0-0 4, Reeves 6-17 0-0 12, B.Edwards 4-12 3-4 11, Anthony 3-9 2-2 9, Gattison 3-8 2-2 8, Murdock 7-10 0-1 16, D.Edwards 1-1 2-2 4, Scott 2-7 8-8 12, Mobley 2-3 1-3 6. Totals 30-79 20-24 84.

HOUSTON (100): Horry 5-10 0-0 11, Brown 4-5 1-1 9, Olajuwon 7-14 4-7 18, Elie 5-9 6-8 16, Smith 3-5 2-2 9, Bryant 5-9 0-0 10, Cassell 5-10 2-2 12, Breaux 0-1 1-2 1, Chilcutt 1-1 0-0 3, Recasner 3-5 2-2 11. Totals 38-69 18-24 100.

Vancouver	**19**	**20**	**25**	**20 — 84**
Houston	**24**	**24**	**20**	**32 — 100**

3-Point goals—Vancouver 4-11 (Murdock 2-3, Mobley 1-1, Anthony 1-4, B.Edwards 0-1, Scott 0-2), Houston 6-17 (Recasner 3-5, Chilcutt 1-1, Smith 1-2, Horry 1-4, Cassell 0-2, Elie 0-3). Rebounds—Vancouver 49 (Reeves 16), Houston 41 (Olajuwon 8). Assists—Vancouver 13 (B.Edwards 4), Houston 28 (Horry 8).

Nuggets 114, Mavericks 102

DALLAS (102): McCloud 8-14 0-0 16, Jones 4-10 2-2 10, L.Williams 0-3 0-0 0, Kidd 4-11 1-1 9, Jackson 12-25 5-6 31, Parks 1-3 0-0 2, Dumas 7-16 4-6 22, Harris 1-4 0-0 2, Meyer 4-7 2-4 10. Totals 41-93 14-19 102.

DENVER (114): D.Ellis 12-17 0-0 30, McDyess 7-14 1-2 15, Mutombo 4-7 3-6 11, Abdul-Rauf 8-21 2-2 21, Stith 8-11 1-2 17, Hammonds 0-2 2-2 2, Rose 4-6 7-8 16, Overton 0-0 2-2 2. Totals 43-78 18-24 114.

Dallas	**23**	**21**	**20**	**38 — 102**
Denver	**25**	**31**	**24**	**34 — 114**

3-Point goals—Dallas 6-17 (Dumas 4-8, Jackson 2-4, Kidd 0-1, Harris 0-1, Meyer 0-1, McCloud 0-2), Denver 10-17 (Ellis 6-7, Abdul-Rauf 3-8, Rose 1-1, Stith 0-1). Rebounds—Dallas 50 (Jones 12), Denver 48 (Mutombo 18). Assists—Dallas 27 (Kidd 8), Denver 37 (Abdul-Rauf, Rose 11).

Raptors 93, Bucks 87

MILWAUKEE (87): Robinson 7-17 4-8 21, Baker 11-21 0-0 22, Benjamin 0-0 2-2 2, Newman 1-6 2-2 4, Douglas 4-8 6-9 14, Cummings 2-6 0-0 4, Keys 0-3 2-3 2, Reynolds 0-1 0-0 0, Mayberry 2-4 0-0 5, Conlon 1-2 0-0 2, Respert 5-9 0-0 11. Totals 33-77 16-24 87.

TORONTO (93): Anderson 8-17 1-1 19, Pinckney 1-8 5-8 7, Miller 6-13 2-3 14, Robertson 8-12 1-2 17, Stoudamire 6-14 7-9 21, Tabak 2-2 0-0 4, Murray 3-9 0-0 7, Massenburg 1-3 1-2 3, King 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 35-78 18-27 93.

Milwaukee	**16**	**18**	**26**	**27 — 87**
Toronto	**30**	**21**	**24**	**18 — 93**

3-Point goals—Milwaukee 5-14 (Robinson 3-9, Mayberry 1-2, Respert 1-2, Newman 0-1), Toronto 5-13 (Anderson 2-4, Stoudamire 2-4, Murray 1-3, Robertson 0-2). Rebounds—Milwaukee 61 (Robinson 12), Toronto 43 (Pinckney 9). Assists—Milwaukee 21 (Mayberry 6), Toronto 26 (Stoudamire 11).

Hawks 94, Clippers 88

L.A. CLIPPERS (88): Murray 4-8 1-2 10, Vaught 9-20 4-4 23, Williams 10-14 2-3 22, Sealy 5-10 0-1 10, Richardson 1-9 2-2 4, Dehere 3-9 0-2 7, Piatkowski 1-2 2-2 5, Barry 1-1 0-0 2, Outlaw 1-1 1-2 3, Tower 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 36-75 12-18 88.

ATLANTA (94): Norman 9-15 0-2 20, Long 6-16 0-4 12, Lang 3-11 4-4 10, Smith 7-10 6-7 22, Blaylock 6-19 0-2 13, Augmon 4-10 3-4 11, Ehlo 0-2 0-0 0, Webb 0-1 0-0 0, Henderson 2-3 2-2 6, Kempton 0-0 0-0 0, Bullard 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-87 15-25 94.

L.A. Clippers	**21**	**24**	**21**	**22 — 88**
Atlanta	**23**	**22**	**26**	**23 — 94**

3-Point goals—Los Angeles 4-10 (Vaught 1-1, Piatkowski 1-1, Murray 1-2, Dehere 1-3, Sealy 0-1, Richardson 0-2), Atlanta 5-19 (Smith 2-3, Norman 2-6, Blaylock 1-8, Ehlo 0-1, Webb 0-1). Rebounds—Los Angeles 56 (Vaught 13), Atlanta 49 (Long 19). Assists—Los Angeles 25 (Richardson 8), Atlanta 18 (Blaylock 6).

Pistons 100, Warriors 90

GOLDEN STATE (90): Kersey 2-5 0-0 4, Smith 3-8 0-0 6, Seikaly 4-7 3-4 11, Sprewell 2-11 4-4 10, Armstrong 5-9 2-3 14, Hardaway 4-13 1-2 11, Mullin 5-13 2-3 13, Barry 1-5 2-2 4, Rozier 3-3 0-0 6, Marshall 3-10 5-5 11, Wood 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 32-84 19-23 90.

DETROIT (100): Hill 6-16 5-5 17, Thorpe 7-16 12-13 26, Reid 1-2 0-0 2, Hunter 5-9 4-4 16, Houston 7-16 3-6 20, Dumars 5-9 0-0 13, West 2-2 0-0 4, Mills 1-3 0-0 2, Ratliff 0-0 0-0 0, Roe 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 34-73 24-28 100.

Golden State	**25**	**21**	**17**	**27 — 90**
Detroit	**35**	**22**	**21**	**22 — 100**

3-Point goals—Golden State 7-19 (Armstrong 2-3, Sprewell 2-4, Hardaway 2-5, Mullin 1-3, Barry 0-1, Marshall 0-3), Detroit 8-15 (Dumars 3-4, Houston 3-7, Hunter 2-4). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Golden State 56 (Seikaly 10), Detroit 43 (Thorpe 11). Assists—Golden State 19 (Hardaway 5), Detroit 25 (Hunter 8).

Heat 96, Nets 93

NEW JERSEY (93): Gilliam 10-19 9-10 29, Brown 6-9 5-7 17, Bradley 4-10 3-5 11, Edwards 1-4 0-0 2, Anderson 1-9 4-4 6, Williams 2-4 1-3 5, O'Bannon 0-3 4-4 4, Childs 2-7 4-5 10, Dare 3-4 1-1 7, Fleming 0-2 2-2 2, Perry 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-71 33-41 93.

MIAMI (96): Owens 12-20 7-8 31, Thomas 4-9 2-2 10, Willis 3-6 2-2 8, Gamble 2-3 0-0 5, Coles 5-9 8-10 19, Rencher 0-3 0-0 0, Schayes 2-4 1-2 5, Askins 3-10 2-2 10, Myers 2-5 4-6 8. Totals 33-69 26-32 96.

New Jersey	**21**	**21**	**24**	**27 — 93**
Miami	**20**	**30**	**25**	**21 — 96**

3-Point goals—New Jersey 2-5 (Childs 2-4, O'Bannon 0-1), Miami 4-14 (Askins 1-5, Coles 1-3, Gamble 1-1, Rencher 0-2, Myers 0-3). Rebounds—New Jersey 46 (Gilliam 10), Miami 46 (Willis 9). Assists—New Jersey 15 (Anderson 6), Miami 14 (Gamble 4).

Pacers 103, Bulls 97

CHICAGO (97): Pippen 10-18 4-5 26, Rodman 2-5 1-4 5, Longley 4-9 0-2 8, Jordan 11-28 7-9 30, Harper 4-9 1-2 10, Wennington 1-4 2-2 4, Kerr 3-5 0-0 7, Brown 0-0 0-0 0, Kukoc 2-7 0-0 4, Caffey 0-1 0-0 0, Buechler 1-1 0-0 3. Totals 38-87 15-24 97.

INDIANA (103): McKey 6-7 0-0 12, D.Davis 3-6 1-4 7, Smits 10-16 6-6 26, Miller 7-14 2-3 20, Jackson 4-10 2-2 13, Pierce 2-8 3-5 9, A.Davis 1-1 3-6 5, Workman 1-6 0-0 2, Johnson 3-7 0-0 7, Caldwell 1-2 0-0 2, Ferrell 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 38-77 17-26 103.

Chicago	**18**	**22**	**25**	**32 — 97**
Indiana	**30**	**29**	**20**	**24 — 103**

3-Point goals—Chicago 6-13 (Pippen 2-5, Harper 1-1, Buechler 1-1, Jordan 1-2, Kerr 1-3, Kukoc 0-1), Indiana 10-21 (Miller 4-6, Jackson 3-5, Pierce 2-4, Johnson 1-3, Workman 0-3). Rebounds—Chicago 60 (Rodman 11), Indiana 46 (D.Davis 7). Assists—Chicago 19 (Pippen 6), Indiana 30 (Jackson 10).

Jazz 114, Trail Blazers 104

PORTLAND (104): C.Robinson 7-17 8-10 26, Grant 3-6 0-0 6, Dudley 4-6 0-0 8, McKie 2-5 2-2 6, Strickland 8-14 9-11 27, J.Robinson 4-9 0-0 11, Trent 4-9 4-4 12, Childress 1-2 0-1 3, Sabonis 2-4 0-0 5, Williams 0-5 0-0 0. Totals 35-77 23-28 104.

UTAH (114): Morris 2-5 0-0 4, Malone 21-31 5-6 47, Spencer 0-2 2-2 2, Hornacek 6-13 7-7 19, Stockton 5-7 2-2 13, Carr 5-7 4-4 14, Eisley 3-5 0-0 6, Foster 0-2 0-0 0, Keefe 3-6 3-4 9. Totals 45-78 23-25 114.

Portland	**27**	**15**	**34**	**28 — 104**
Utah	**20**	**33**	**38**	**23 — 114**

3-Point goals—Portland 11-25 (C.Robinson 4-10, J.Robinson 3-7, Strickland 2-4, Childress 1-1, Sabonis 1-2, Grant 0-1), Utah 1-7 (Stockton 1-1, Morris 0-1, Eisley 0-2, Hornacek 0-3). Rebounds—Portland 43 (Dudley), Utah 39 (Keefe 9). Assists—Portland 24 (Strickland 10), Utah 25 (Stockton, Hornacek 7).

NHL Results

NHL Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	25	8	2	52	125	81
N.Y. Rangers	23	10	6	52	138	107
Philadelphia	21	10	5	47	131	90
Washington	16	15	3	35	94	89
Tampa Bay	14	15	6	34	103	119
New Jersey	14	17	4	32	88	88
N.Y. Islanders	8	21	6	22	97	134
Northeast Division						
Pittsburgh	22	9	3	47	166	104
Montreal	18	15	2	38	105	107
Buffalo	16	16	3	35	106	111
Boston	14	14	5	33	119	123
Hartford	11	18	5	27	85	107
Ottawa	7	26	1	15	83	137
WESTERN CONFERENCE **Central Division**						
Detroit	25	7	2	52	133	72
Toronto	18	11	6	42	116	99
Chicago	16	12	8	40	118	107
St. Louis	15	16	5	35	93	97
Winnipeg	15	17	3	33	123	130
Dallas	10	15	7	27	88	105
Pacific Division						
Colorado	20	11	5	45	149	106
Los Angeles	13	14	8	34	112	113
Vancouver	12	13	9	33	120	120
Anaheim	13	21	3	29	111	125
Edmonton	11	19	6	28	95	141
Calgary	8	20	7	23	93	128
San Jose	8	23	4	20	107	159

Tuesday's Games

Lates Games not included

Pittsburgh 6, Buffalo 3
Washington 4, Montreal 0
Boston 3, N.Y. Islanders 3, tie
Detroit 3, St. Louis 2
N.Y. Rangers 6, Ottawa 4
Chicago 5, Dallas 3
Calgary at Vancouver, (n)
Colorado at San Jose, (n)

Wednesday's Games

Ottawa at Buffalo, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at Calgary, 8:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Edmonton, 8:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

Blackhawks 5, Stars 3

Dallas	**0**	**3**	**0**	**— 3**
Chicago	**0**	**2**	**3**	**— 5**

First Period—None.

Second Period—1, Dallas, Adams 13 (Fedyk, Gagner), 1:02. 2, Dallas, Huard 1 (Churla, Modano), 5:37. 3, Chicago, Roenick, 17 (Chelios, Amonte), 7:34. 4, Chicago, Daze 16 (Craven, Smith), 10:46. 5, Dallas, Gilchrist 7 (D.Hatcher), 11:23.

Third Period—6, Chicago, Amonte 8 (Poulin, Suter), 11:39. 7, Chicago, Craven 8 (Daze, Probert), 16:01. 8, Chicago, Roenick 18, 19:59 (en).

Shots on goal—Dallas 10-11-16—37. Chicago 10-14-8—32.

Goalies—Dallas, Wakaluk 5-9-4 (31 shots-27 saves). Chicago, Hackett 7-3-3 (37-34).

Capitals 4, Canadiens 0

Montreal	**0**	**0**	**0**	**— 0**
Washington	**0**	**1**	**3**	**— 4**

First Period—None.

Second Period—1, Washington, Bondra 18 (Genchar), 15:41.

Third Period—2, Washington, Juneau 5 (Konowalchuk, Jones), 4:19 (pp). 3, Washington, Bondra 19 (Gonchar), 5:32 (pp). 4, Washington, Konowalchuk 12 (Gonchar, Pivonka), 6:40.

Shots on goal—Montreal 6-7-7—20. Washington 11-13-17—41.

Goalies—Montreal, Thibault 4-2-1 (41 shots-37 saves). Washington, Carey 14-10-3 (20-20).

Bruins 3, Islanders 3

Boston	**0**	**0**	**3**	**0 — 3**
N.Y. Islanders	**2**	**1**	**0**	**0 — 3**

First Period—1, New York, Bertuzzi 7 (Andersson, Schneider), 10:51. 2, New York, Flatley 5, 19:04.

Second Period—3, New York, Green 12, 7:17.

Third Period—4, Boston, Czerkawski 3 (Oates, McEachern), 5:05. 5, Boston, Stevens 9 (Zombo, D.Sweeney), 9:46. 6, Boston, Bourque 13, 16:20.

Overtime—None.

Goalies—Boston, Billington 6-8-1 (30 shots-27 saves). New York, Soderstrom 4-10-4 (28-25).

Penguins 6, Sabres 3

Buffalo	**1**	**0**	**2**	**— 3**
Pittsburgh	**4**	**2**	**0**	**— 6**

First Period—1, Pittsburgh, Nedved 13 (Jagr, Zubov), 2:09. 2, Buffalo, Plante 8 (Burridge, Barnaby), 4:11. 3, Pittsburgh, Roche 2 (Smolinski), 5:28. 4, Pittsburgh, Jagr 30 (Lemieux, Smolinski), 10:26 (pp). 5, Pittsburgh, Francis 18 (Jagr, Zubov), 19:52 (pp).

Second Period—6, Pittsburgh, Lemieux 30 (Francis, Zubov), 11:03. 7, Pittsburgh, Joseph 4 (Francis, Jagr), 12:32.

Third Period—8, Buffalo, Barnaby 5 (Burridge, Astley), 9:28. 9, Buffalo, Jackson 4 (Holzinger, Ray), 10:03.

Goalies—Buffalo, Biron 0-1-0 (16 shots-12 saves), Shields (0:00 second, 17-15), Biron (0:00 third, 8-8). Pittsburgh, Wregget 10-7-1 (35-32).

Red Wings 3, Blues 2

St. Louis	**2**	**0**	**0**	**— 2**
Detroit	**0**	**2**	**1**	**— 3**

First Period—1, St. Louis, Corson 11 (Vopat, MacInnis), 6:19. 2, St. Louis, Hull 22 (MacInnis), 13:41 (sh).

Second Period—3, Detroit, Lidstrom 8 (Coffey, Yzerman), 8:21 (pp). 4, Detroit, Larionov 9 (Ciccarelli, Coffey), 19:02 (pp).

Third Period—5, Detroit, Ciccarelli 7 (Errey, Yzerman), 12:48.

Goalies—St. Louis, Fuhr 15-15-5 (28 shots-25 saves). Detroit, Osgood 15-3-1 (20-18).

Rangers 6, Senators 4

Ottawa	**1**	**2**	**1**	**— 4**
N.Y. Rangers	**2**	**2**	**2**	**— 6**

First Period—1, Ottawa, Straka 7, 7:43. 2, New York, Messier 23 (Leetch), 8:20 (pp). 3, New York, Verbeek 23 (Graves, Driver), 17:09 (pp).

Second Period—4, Ottawa, Alfredsson 11 (Hill, Huffman), 7:50. 5, New York, Verbeek 24 (Leetch, Graves), 9:15 (pp). 6, New York, Kovalev 9 (Leetch), 11:48. 7, Ottawa, Quinn 6 (Alfredsson, Cunneyworth), 13:57 (pp).

Third Period—8, Ottawa, Pitlick 1 (Cunneyworth), 4:06. 9, New York, Nemchinov 7 (Langdon, Beukeboom), 7:10. 10, New York, Messier 24 (Verbeek), 19:00 (en).

Goalies—Ottawa, Beaupre 6-18-0 (44 shots-39 saves). New York, Richter 17-8-3 (36-32).

Rockets end two-game losing streak, tame Grizzlies

By The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Hakeem Olajuwon scored 18 points Tuesday night as the Houston Rockets ended a two-game losing skid with a 100-84 victory over the Vancouver Grizzlies.

Mario Elie, starting in place of injured guard Clyde Drexler, added 16 points for Houston, which appeared well on its way to a rout early in the game but failed to put Vancouver away until the final two minutes.

■ NBA Roundup

Eric Murdock led the expansion Grizzlies with 16 points, while Bryant Reeves added 12 points and 16 rebounds.

Houston reached the 20-victory plateau on its third try after consecutive losses to San Antonio and Orlando. The win also ensured that Houston would retain at least a half-game lead on the Spurs in the Midwest Division.

The Rockets led by as many as 16 points in the second quarter and 48-39 at the half. But Vancouver rallied in the third period and trailed by only 68-64 entering the fourth.

Byron Scott's layup with about seven minutes remaining made it 72-69 before consecutive baskets by the Rockets' Sam Cassell and Mark Bryant and Eldridge Recasner's 3-pointer snuffed out the Grizzlies' final threat.

Olajuwon scored seven points down the stretch as the Rockets pulled away. The Grizzlies, who outrebounded Houston 41-33, hit only 30 of 79 shots from the field.

One day after their last-second 92-90 loss to the Magic in a rematch of the NBA Finals, the Rockets played poorly in the opening minutes, turning the ball over six times as Vancouver took a 10-9 lead on Reeves' basket with 6:58 remaining.

But the Rockets pulled together and reeled off an 11-2 run, including Kenny Smith's 3-pointer and two baskets by Chucky Brown, to take a 21-12 lead.

Cassell finished with 12 points for Houston, while Scott had 12 for the Grizzlies.

Nuggets 114, Mavericks 102

DENVER — Dale Ellis scored a season-high 30 points, including 6-of-7 shooting from 3-point range, and Denver handed Dallas its sixth straight loss.

The methodical Nuggets built a 12-point halftime lead, extended it to 16 after three quarters and allowed the Mavericks no closer than nine points in the final period.

Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf added 21 points, Bryant Stith 17, Jalen Rose 16 and Antonio McDyess 15 for Denver. Dikembe Mutombo had 11 points, 18 rebounds and five of the Nuggets' 11 blocked shots.

The Mavericks, losing for the 17th time in the last 19 games, again failed to earn coach Dick Motta his 900th career victory. Jim Jackson scored 31 points and Tony Dumas came off the bench to get 22 for the Mavericks.

Jazz 114, Trail Blazers 104

SALT LAKE CITY — Karl Malone scored 47 points and Utah used a 16-0 second-quarter run to take the lead for good in defeating Portland.

Jeff Hornacek scored 19 points and Antoine Carr added 14, including 10 in the decisive second quarter when Utah turned a seven-point deficit into an 11-point halftime lead. The closest Portland got after that was 112-104 with one minute left.

Rod Strickland led the Trail Blazers with 25 points. Clifford Robinson added 23 as the Blazers lost their sixth straight.

Pacers 103, Bulls 97

INDIANAPOLIS — The Chicago Bulls came up one victory short of the longest winning streak in franchise history, losing to Indiana for their first defeat in 14 games.

The Pacers, who stretched their home winning to seven games, held off a Chicago charge in the fourth quarter when Scottie Pippen scored 15 of his 26 points.

The Bulls, who fell behind by as many as 24 in the first half, cut their deficit to 97-94 on a driving layup by Pippen. Mark Jackson responded with a 3-pointer to give Indiana a 100-94 edge with 34.8 seconds remaining, and the Bulls never drew closer than five points again.

Rik Smits, who missed the last two games with a sore right foot, led the Pacers with 26 points. Miller, who hit four 3-pointers, scored 20. Jackson finished with 13 points and 10 assists and sparked Indiana with eight points and five assists in the opening quarter.

Michael Jordan matched his average of 30 points but shot just 11-of-28 from the field.

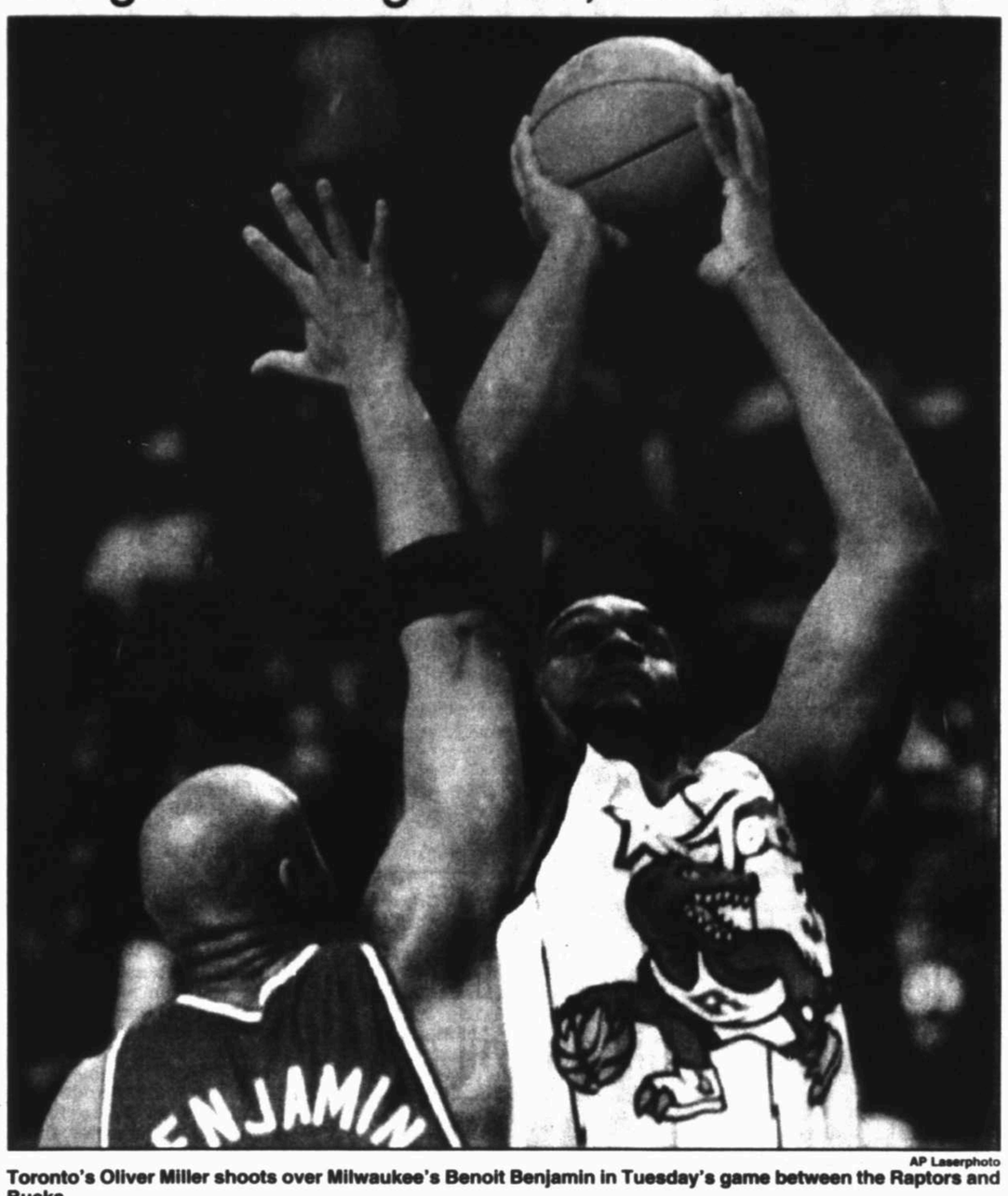
The Bulls, who hadn't trailed by more than 12 points in any game this season, dropped to 23-3 for the season.

Chicago made only 8 of 25 shots in the opening quarter and fell behind by as many as 24 in the second quarter when they had six turnovers in the first seven minutes.

Heat 96, Nets 93

MIAMI — Billy Owens, in his first night back after missing 10 games with a shoulder bruise, scored a career-high 31 points to lead Miami over New Jersey.

Miami won for only the second time in nine games, both victories coming against the Nets. The victory kept Miami from falling to .500 for the first time under first-year coach Pat Riley.



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Toronto's Oliver Miller shoots over Milwaukee's Benoit Benjamin in Tuesday's game between the Raptors and Bucks.

Armon Gilliam scored a season-high 29 to lead New Jersey, which lost for the sixth time in seven outings. The Nets, down 88-73 with six minutes to play, scored 12 unanswered points to cut the deficit to 88-85 with 1:35 to play.

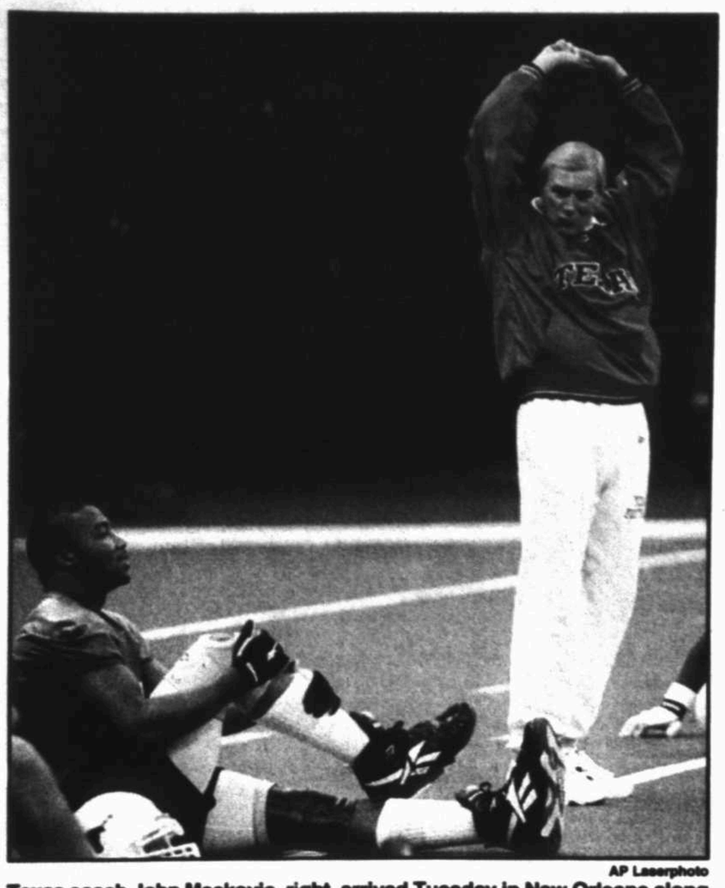
Chris Childs made two 3-pointers in the final 20 seconds to pull the Nets to 94-93, but Owens made two free throws with 3.4 seconds to play for the final margin. Childs had a last-second 3-point attempt blocked by Bimbo Coles.

Hawks 94, Clippers 88

ATLANTA — Steve Smith scored six of his 22 points in the final 3:22 when Atlanta was outscoring Los Angeles 11-5.

Los Angeles rallied from a

Texas, Virginia Tech arrive in New Orleans



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Texas coach John Mackovic, right, arrived Tuesday in New Orleans along with Tony Brackens, left, and the rest of the Longhorn football team.

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Texas and Virginia Tech got down to the business of getting ready for the Sugar Bowl on Tuesday. Their fans, meantime, got down to business on Bourbon Street.

Texas coach John Mackovic and his staff arrived Monday night. His players were in town in time for a 2 p.m. practice Tuesday in the Superdome.

Virginia Tech came in Tuesday morning and held an afternoon practice at Tulane.

"It's a week for our kids to have a good time," Mackovic said. "But we don't want to lose sight of the game. If you don't play well, it's a bummer."

Texas, ranked ninth, and Virginia Tech, No 13, play on New Year's Eve. Their fans began play sooner and were expected to stay at it longer.

"We started seeing some team colors on Christmas Eve," said Barbara Broussard, a French Quarter bartender. "By this weekend, we expect them to be packed along Bourbon Street."

■ **Sugar Bowl**

The Sugar Bowl, sponsored by Nokia, looked for both a good matchup and two teams that would bring big crowds to New Orleans, executive director Troy Mathieu said. Texas and Virginia Tech wasted no time fulfilling one of those expectations.

Texas ticket manager Mike Bos said they had 40,000 attempts to reach their phone number in just three hours the Monday after the pairing was announced. They could have sold 50,000 to 60,000 tickets, Bos said.

It was the same story in Blacksburg, Va. The school could have sold 30,000 had it had them, an employee said.

Tickets for this year's game range from $60 to $100.

"We knew these schools draw large followings," Mathieu said. "We haven't been disappointed."

The Sugar Bowl annually contributes $100 million to the local economy, studies show.

"Bowls were established to bring people into their cities," Mathieu said. "The more we do that, the more we fulfill our mission."

Texas distributed tickets on a priority basis to contributors, season ticket holders and lettermen, then the general public. In addition, 1,500 tickets were set aside for students.

Virginia Tech gave contributors first priority on the more expensive tickets and let the $60 tickets go on a first come-first serve basis to students and the public.

Mathieu said although a few tickets were still available, this year's game should be one of the Sugar Bowl's best draws.

"I'd expect a few more Texas fans just because of proximity," Mathieu said. "But that may not be true. When Virginia was here, they brought a huge following. Virginia Tech will probably do the same."

For Texas fans Bob Robinson and Tom Williams, who arrived in New Orleans late Monday, the chance to attend the game was not to be missed.

"We wanted to be the first to taunt any Hokies who show up," Robinson, 23, said.

"And besides, after we win we can spend the rest of New Year's Eve on Bourbon Street," Williams, 23, added.

A&M's McElroy jogging, not sprinting, on injured knee

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Leeland McElroy can jog but isn't yet sprinting on his sprained left ankle.

"If I can be out there, I will," the Texas A&M running back said Tuesday.

His trainer, however, is less optimistic. He's pronounced McElroy doubtful for Thursday's Alamo Bowl between the No. 19 Aggies and No. 14 Michigan.

"I definitely think he'll play," Michigan defensive coordinator Greg Mattison said. "Two days from now, I think you're going to find him feeling pretty good. I know it's a big game for Leeland."

McElroy must decide by early January whether to forgo his senior year and enter the NFL draft. On Tuesday he said he hasn't decided whether to turn pro and declined to say what impact playing in the Alamo Bowl might have on his decision.

■ **Alamo Bowl**

"There will be a lot of people around me to let me know the pros and cons of both situations," he said. "It comes down to weighing all the options and making a decision on what it's time to do."

It has been a less-than-stellar season for McElroy, who was promoted at the start of the fall as a Heisman Trophy candidate but who was beset by injuries.

Still, McElroy rushed for 1,122 yards and scored 16 touchdowns this season. Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum has said he hopes McElroy returns next year.

Last week, McElroy aggravated a sprained left ankle. A teammate rolled over it during a workout.

"When it first happened, I couldn't even walk on it," McElroy said.

Michigan defensive tackle Trent Zenkewicz said the Wolverines have been preparing for McElroy.

"His biggest threat is he has breakaway speed that we haven't seen," Zenkewicz said. "He will cut wherever he wants."

Michigan has a standout running back of its own in Tshimanga Biakabutuka, who rushed for 1,724 yards this season and was Michigan's most valuable player this season. Before McElroy's injury, the Alamo Bowl was being billed as a showcase for the two teams' star running backs.

Texas A&M coaches say if McElroy can't play they will rely on freshmen D'Andre Hardeman, Sirr Parker and Eric Bernard.

Whoever takes the field, the Wolverines will be looking to stop the Aggies' running game.

"They can hurt you in any number of ways, but we most definitely have to stop the run," Michigan nose tackle William Carr said. "If we can stop the run and get to (Texas A&M quarterback Corey Pullig), I think we have a good chance of winning."

It's that attitude — and the ability to back it up on the field — that worries the Texas A&M coaching staff.

"They're an outstanding defense," Texas A&M offensive coordinator Steve Ensminger said. "They've done a great job this year, number one, of defending the run, which is kind of scary going into this football game."

Nebraska, Florida eliminate questions; Phillips will start

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Nebraska's offensive line and Florida's defensive front were the big question marks entering the season. That's no longer the case.

The two lines have become rock solid just in time for next week's Fiesta Bowl game for the national championship. Nebraska center Aaron Graham was not surprised by how good the Cornhuskers' line turned out to be.

"I always believed that our line could be as good or better in some areas than last year," Graham said. "I think we are a better pass-protecting unit. You can just credit recruiting and our program."

Nebraska lost four of five starters from last year's line that won the school's third national rushing title in four years at 340 yards per game. Outland Trophy winner Zach Wiegert, Brendan Stai and Rob Zatechka were gone to the NFL, as was three-year letterman Joel Wilks.

With Graham and four new starters this season, No. 1 Nebraska's running game averaged 399 yards and won another rushing title. Tailback Ahman Green set a school rushing record for freshmen with 1,086 yards, but he won't start against the Gators.

Junior Lawrence Phillips, who missed six games for beating a former girlfriend, will start his first game since Sept. 9 against Michigan State.

Coach Tom Osborne said Phillips had earned the start after grading better in two recent scrimmages and the regular-season finale against Oklahoma.

Tackle Chris Dishman said the starting tailback makes no difference to the linemen, who rarely notice who is carrying the ball. He said the line has focused on its own performance, not off-field problems

■ **Fiesta Bowl**

"Every offensive line has its image and we have ours," Dishman said. "You can't live up to someone else's image."

The pleasant surprise for Osborne has been his line's mobility, even though it averages 298 pounds. And while last year's line gave up six sacks, this year's "Pipeline" allowed none.

"It was a motivation for us to come out and keep proving that we were good," said 300-pound sophomore tackle Eric Anderson. "It started last spring, when we took every snap together."

There were plenty of questions for Florida coach Steve Spurrier about his defensive line after end Kevin Carter and tackles Ellis Johnson and Henry McMillian were chosen in the first six rounds of the draft.

Defensive end Mark Campbell was the only returning starter from a line that had helped the Gators rank fifth against the run at 85 yards per game. It is not nearly as stingy this year, allowing 130 to rank 25th.

Injuries haven't helped, with five players missing various games. Campbell had arthroscopic knee surgery this month, but is expected to start against Nebraska with end Johnie Church and tackles David Barnard and Ed Chester. Florida allows 315 yards and 17 points per game.

"I think they are underrated," Nebraska quarterback Tommie Frazier said of the Gators.

'Southern Boy' Donnan leaves I-AA Marshall to lead Georgia football

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — Calling himself a southern boy who has "no problem eating grits," Jim Donnan was introduced as Georgia's second new football coach in eight days on Tuesday.

Donnan said he didn't know what had happened to make Glen Mason of Kansas change his mind one week after agreeing to replace the fired Ray Goff as Georgia's coach.

"I only know that the right man's here now," Donnan said. "I knew Glen Mason was a friend of mine, but I didn't know he was this good a friend."

Mason, who led Kansas to a 51-30 victory over UCLA in the Aloha Bowl on Christmas day, notified athletic director Vince Dooley before the game that he had changed his mind for personal reasons and would remain at Kansas.

There were published reports in Atlanta that Mason changed his mind because of a recent divorce decree granting him and his ex-wife joint custody of their two children and that she would block them moving to Georgia with the coach.

Asked if Mason mentioned that as a reason when he phoned, Dooley said, "Absolutely not. We didn't talk about anything."

Dooley said he had grappled with his decision to take Mason over Donnan the first time around and immediately put in a call to Donnan as soon as his conversation ended with Mason on Monday.

TECH: Raiders to battle high-powered Air Force for Copper

(From 1C)

The Red Raiders (8-3) will need all the defense they can muster against the option attack of Air Force (8-4) tonight in the Copper Bowl.

Each unranked team will get a $750,000 in the 7-year-old bowl, which is sponsored by Weiser Lock.

The Falcons traditionally rank high in NCAA rushing statistics — Beau Morgan this year became the third Air Force quarterback in 11 seasons to rush for 1,000 yards and pass for 1,000 in a season, a feat accomplished by just five players from other schools.

Corey Chandler, a tackle in Tech's 4-3 defense, said the Red Raiders have been practicing to stop the keep-or-pitch game of Air Force.

"There's a real threat from the quarterback running," Chandler said. "Our tackles and ends are getting used to the option."

Thomas said he welcomes the chance to atone for what he considers a poor year, even though Tech almost upset Penn State at State College, Pa., in the season opener, lost to Baylor by two points, and upset Texas A & M 14-7 when Thomas returned an interception 23 yards for a touchdown in the final minute.

It's the 48-7 loss to Texas that Thomas has in mind.

"I want to remember my last game with a big win," Thomas said. "I don't just want to play. Before the bowl games the last couple of years, we had really rough practices. This year we are putting things together and working on our game plan and having a good time."

The only knock of NFL scouts on the Red Raiders linebackers has been the size of Johnson, who is 5-feet-11, and Thomas, 6-0.

Thomas said it was nothing new.

"Coming out of high school I knew I had to prove I was a good player," said Thomas, who was 5-11 when he got out of high school in Pampa, Texas, and decided to follow his grandfather and his older brother, Bart, to Lubbock.

The only other school that made an offer was Oklahoma State.

"They all said I was too small. I wanted to make a difference and prove them wrong," said Thomas, now grown an inch and 20 pounds, to a playing weight of 235.

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Eagles' Rhodes leads to playoffs

NEW YORK (AP) — The Philadelphia Eagles made Ray Rhodes' first season as an NFL coach something special, taking him to the playoffs and 1995 Coach of the Year honors.

Rhodes, defensive coordinator for the Super Bowl champion 49ers last year, was hired after Philadelphia owner Jeff Lurie was turned down by Jimmy Johnson and former Eagles coach Dick Vermeil. But it worked out well, because Rhodes took a disjointed team that lost its final seven games in 1994 and turned it into a 10-6 playoff squad.

That earned Rhodes 24 votes from a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters in balloting by The Associated Press. He edged Dom Capers of Carolina and Marty Schottenheimer of Kansas City, who had 21 apiece.

"I'm not a guy who's big on personal achievements — anybody who knows me knows that," Rhodes said Tuesday. "Really, this award is a reflection on this organization for making the commitment to get this thing pointed in the right direction."

Rhodes, 45, displayed an aptitude at keeping this year's team focused.

"What you have to do is rally the troops as quick as you can," he said. "If you've noticed, every time we've lost, our players have been able to bounce back the next week and get it back."

The Eagles did just that. After an opening loss at home to Tampa Bay, they won at Arizona. Following two more defeats, home to San Diego and at Oakland, they responded with four straight victories. A loss at Dallas was followed by three more wins, and after a distressing defeat at Seattle, the Eagles beat the Cowboys.

"He's shown a lot of confidence in us and a lot of faith in himself," receiver Fred Barnett said. "He's shown he can handle the job."

Rhodes prepared for a head coaching spot while working in San Francisco. A former wide receiver and defensive back with the Giants and solely a DB for the Niners, Rhodes became an assistant coach in 1981.

"A whole lot of guys are just hanging around, going for the ride. But I was actively involved in everything we did from '81 on, from personnel decisions to everything, and a whole lot of coaches weren't," Rhodes said of his days with the 49ers. "Trying to learn, trying to learn everything about it ..."

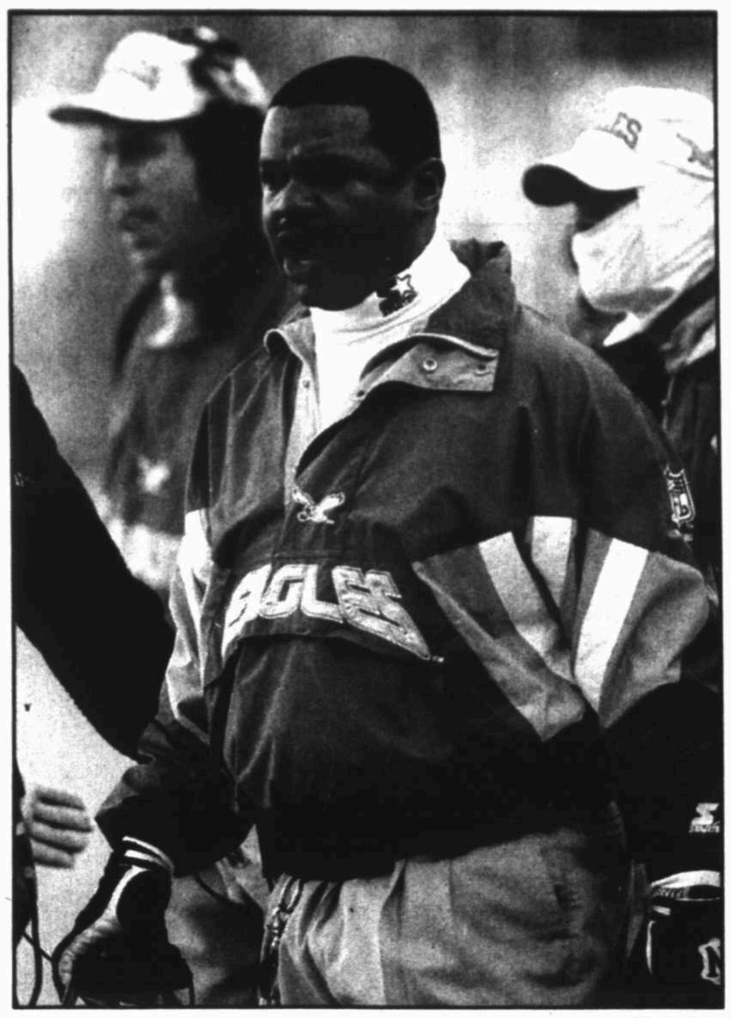
He learned his lessons well.

Capers moved from defensive coordinator with Pittsburgh to become the first coach of the Panthers. They finished 7-9, the most successful expansion team in NFL history.

Schottenheimer led the Chiefs to a 13-3 mark in a season when they were expected to stumble after the retirement of Joe Montana. Unlike Rhodes and Capers, Schottenheimer has been an NFL head coach since 1984, when he was with Cleveland.

Also receiving votes were Bill Cowher of Pittsburgh, the 1992 winner, who got seven; George Seifert of San Francisco and Marv Levy of Buffalo, with six apiece; and Mike Holmgren of Green Bay, with three.

Last year's winner was Bill Parcells of New England.



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Philadelphia rookie coach Ray Rhodes was named AP Coach of the Year.

Cardinals axe Ryan after two seasons

By Mel Reisner
AP Sports Writer

TEMPE, Ariz. — The 'winner in town' left as a loser.

Arizona Cardinals coach Buddy Ryan, whose team wrapped up a miserable 4-12 season wtih a 37-13 loss to the Dallas Cowboys on Monday night, was fired Tuesday by owner Bill Bidwill.

Ryan, 61, a brash and abrasive Korean War veteran who brought a military ethic to his coaching, was 12-20 in two seasons with the Cardinals. His style — marked by his claiming "You've got a winner in town," when he arrived in 1994 — alienated some people but endeared him to most of his players.

Larry Centers, who set a record for most catches by a running back (101), said he would leave the team if he could and would like to be traded.

"I'm a Buddy man, and I didn't want to see him go," said Centers, who had 12 catches against the Cowboys Monday.

"He's an honest guy, a guy who treats players fair, a guy who tells it to you like it is and not somebody who's going to sugar-coat things."

Middle linebacker Eric Hill, who called the defensive signals in Ryan's blitzing "46" defense, said the issue was as much politics as the Cardinals' seven losses in the last eight games.

Bidwill is trying to marshal support for a $200 million domed stadium, which would need some public funding.

"My gut feeling is that has a lot to do with building the new stadium. I don't think he was getting much support for the spending because of the way people have been riding Buddy lately," Hill said.

The dissension between the offense and defense also led to Ryan's demise. Ryan's reputation has always been as a coach who looks at the offense as a method to give the defense a breather.

Before Monday night's game, Hill and an offensive player got into a fistfight. No players would discuss it, or whether it helped Dallas jump to a 24-0 lead in the second quarter.

The meeting Tuesday between coach and owner was short and bittersweet.

"The decision was based on his record. We made the decision as quickly as possible so we can begin to go forward.

"We shook hands," Bidwill said. "He'd have liked to have one more year, I believe."

Quarterback Dave Krieg, who faced the prospect of riding the bench if Ryan brought in Randall Cunningham next season, said the firing came so quickly after a team meeting that he had few impressions.

"When you're 4-12, something has to be done," said Krieg, who took Detroit to the playoffs in 1994. "When I came here, this was a much better team. How can you be 8-8 and turn around and go 4-12? The players have to take some responsibility as well, but it's very disappointing."

Fans and players had high expectations for Ryan, who fueled them with his braggadocio when he arrived in 1994 after serving as defensive coordinator for the Houston Oilers.

His attitude was a carryover from five years in Philadelphia, where he led the Eagles to a 43-35-1 record and three straight playoff berths.

More Sports/2D

New stars emerge during expansion season

By Dave Goldberg
AP Football Writer

Jerry Rice set an NFL record with 1,848 receiving yards, but does anyone realize that Isaac Bruce's 1,781 were the second-most ever?

And Bruce didn't even make the Pro Bowl, a product of (take your choice) too many great wide receivers in the NFC; a silly Pro Bowl voting system, or both of the above.

At this time of year, people look ahead to the playoffs. They can also look back to a season that provided the NFL with a new complement of stars to go with Rice, Emmitt Smith, Steve Young, Dan Marino, Reggie White, Bruce Smith, et. al.

There was the Green Bay connection — Brett Favre, Robert Brooks, Mark Chmura and Bryce Paup. Yes, Paup plays in Buffalo (he must like snow), but he emerged to lead the league in sacks only after his escape from Green Bay.

There was Neil O'Donnell, who went from being a quarterback the Steelers told not to lose the game to one they depended on to win one.

There were newly recognized stars on teams laden with superstars (Eric Davis and Lee Woodall of San Francisco and Larry Allen of Dallas); newly unrecognized stars on bad teams (Phillippi Sparks of the Giants, Arizona's Larry Centers and Daryll Lewis and Blaine Bishop of the Oilers); highly touted first-rounders finally free from injury (Arizona's Eric Swann) and unrecognized stars on over-achieving teams (Andy Harmon, William Thomas, Mark McMillian, all of the Eagles, and Will Shields, Dave Szott and Tim Grunhard, the middle of the Chiefs' line).

But Bruce is probably the best example. He is a second-year man given a starting job after spending most of his rookie season on special teams.

Look at his figures — 119 receptions, nine 100-yard receiving games — and look at the team for which he played, the St. Louis Rams, who started like the 49ers and ended like the Cardinals, who used to play in St. Louis (4-0, then 3-9).

■ NFL Season Wrapup

He was the ONLY receiver on the Rams anyone feared, unlike Rice (John Taylor and later J.J. Stokes), Herman Moore (Brett Perriman and Johnnie Morton); Michael Irvin (Kevin Williams) and Cris Carter (Jake Reed). The second-leading receiver on the Rams was Troy Drayton, a tight end, with 47 catches and the runnerup to Bruce among wide receivers was Brian Kinchen, with 36 receptions.

But that's not to overlook the Green Bay guys (plus, of course, Paup.)

Favre emerged as the NFL's premier quarterback, shooting past Young, Marino et. al. Favre threw for 4,413 yards; 38 touchdown passes, third-most in NFL history; and had just 13 interceptions, tied for the fewest since he became a regular and nearly half the 24 he had two years ago.

Two reasons: Brooks and Chmura, who helped Favre lead the Packers to their first NFC Central title since 1972.

Brooks took over where Sterling Sharpe left off, catching 102 passes for three yards short of 1,500 and Chmura caught 54 passes for a 12.6 average, high for a tight end in this era when short passes often pass for a running game. In fact, Chmura's emergence made it irrelevant that Keith Jackson finally decided to show up when he discovered the Packers might win something.

The best Packer?

Paup, who isn't.

In Green Bay, he was strictly a pass rusher, best known nationally, perhaps, for the 1991 hit on Randall Cunningham's knee that put him out for that season. As he did with Reggie White in Green Bay, in Buffalo Paup was able to take advantage of the presence of Bruce Smith to register a league-best 17 1/2 sacks.

But playing like a defensive end in a 4-3, he also managed to play well against the run, something that he didn't do much of in Green Bay. The parallel: Pittsburgh's Kevin Greene, who became a more complete player when he left the Rams for the Steelers.

There also was was an impressive crop of rookies.

The skill position players — wide receiver Joey Galloway of Seattle and running backs like Terrell Davis of Denver, Curtis Martin of New England and Rashaan Salaam of Chicago — were able to use those skills to step right in.

Others may emerge in the next year or two, like cornerbacks Craig Newsome of the Packers and Tyrone Poole of Carolina, who were quieter but perhaps more efficient than Orlanda Thomas of Minnesota. He led the league with nine interceptions, but was beaten for as many touchdowns or more.

And others may improve, like Hugh Douglas of the Jets, primarily a pass rusher who will learn to play the run.

Finally, look for some of the offensive linemen who began learning this year (Korey Stringer of the Vikings; Scott Gragg and Rob Zatechka of the Giants; Blake Brockermeyer of the Panthers and Tony Boselli and Brian DeMarco of the Jaguars) to have a bigger impact in 1996.

Giants fans punished

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — A few unruly New York Giants fans don't have a snowball's chance of getting their season tickets back next year. The Giants announced Tuesday that 75 season ticket subscriptions will be canceled because of a snowball barrage Saturday at the Giants-Chargers game that left 15 injured and nearly resulted in the first forfeit in NFL history.

Fifteen people were arrested and 175 were ejected from the stadium, including a retired police chief.

COWBOYS: Novacek better than expected

(From 1C)

Williams said everything is different now.

"I'm happy, the team's happy," he said.

Dallas coach Barry Switzer said some critics of the Cowboys forgot it was a 16-game season.

"I guess what you do is wait until the season is over and add it up and we're 12-4," Switzer said. "Stuff does happen, and so it's not over until it's over. I think the hard part is definitely over."

The Cowboys lost 38-28 to San Francisco in the NFC championship game last January. They were defeated 38-20 by the 49ers in November.

Good news kept breaking out for the Cowboys. Trainer Kevin O'Neill said tight end Jay Novacek was progressing so fast from his knee surgery he could be ready for the divisional playoffs on either Jan. 6 or Jan. 7.

"I think it's about 60-40 in favor of him having a chance to play," O'Neill said.

Switzer said middle linebacker Robert Jones and defensive tackle Russell Maryland, who missed the last part of the season with injuries, should be ready to go.

"I think they'll both be back," Switzer said. "The rest will really help us."

The only controversy with the Cowboys right now is where the football from Emmitt Smith's NFL record-breaking 25th touchdown of the season will go. Equipment manager Mike McCord has it labeled and put in a box for right now.

Smith said after he broke John Riggins' record that he will keep the ball. Smith has the ball from all 100 of his NFL touchdowns but this one will be special.

"Will I keep that ball? You bet I will," Smith said. "I have plans for it. (If the Pro Football Hall of Fame wants it): "They'll have to fight me for it."

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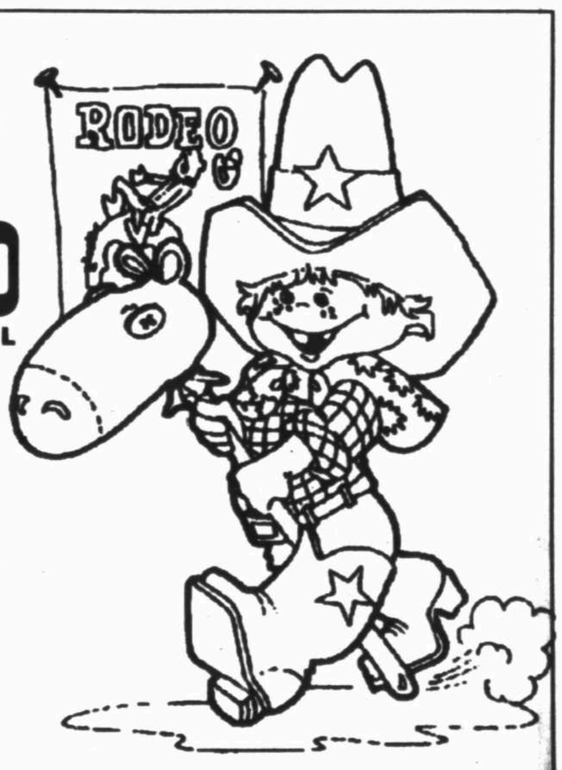

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Prices rise

Natural gas rose as cold weather in the U.S. boosted demand for heating fuels at a time when inventories are lean.

Temperatures in the Northeast, mid-Atlantic states and parts of the Midwest could run 6 degrees Fahrenheit below normal today, according to Weather Services Corp. in Lexington, Massachusetts. The weather on the East Coast is expected to be colder than usual during the next six days, the forecaster said.

The chill, which follows one of the coldest Novembers this century and a colder-than-average December, is boosting demand for gas as a fuel to heat homes, stores and offices, which accounts for about 35 percent of U.S. gas consumption. The press for supply comes at a time when stocks are running 11.5 percent below last year, according to the American Gas Association.

February natural gas rose 10 cents to $2.468 per million British thermal units on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

West Texas Intermediate for February delivery rose 13 cents to $19.27 a barrel. Local crude purchasers raised their posted price 25 cents to $17.75 a barrel.

Dollar retreats

NEW YORK — The dollar began the last week of 1995 on a sour note Tuesday, drifting lower in foreign-exchange dealings amid a reluctance by U.S. players to buy the currency before year end.

By day's end, a British pound bought $1.5560 in New York, up from $1.5400 Friday afternoon.

In late New York trading, the dollar was quoted at 1.4330 German marks, down from 1.4380. The dollar also was trading hands at 102.40 Japanese yen, down from 102.70 yen on Friday.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Friday: 1.1521 Swiss francs, down from 1.1585; 4.9050 French francs, down from 4.9180; 1,585.75 Italian lire, down from 1,589.00; and 1.3602 Canadian dollars, down from 1.3615.

Markets rise

NEW YORK — Blue chip stocks got a boost from traditional year-end buying Tuesday and the stock market rose, but not everyone got the benefits of the Santa Claus effect.

Technology shares were mixed. Retailers headed downward as sales figures from the mostly depressing Christmas season filtered in.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 12.29 points to close at 5,110.26.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by about 9 to 8 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Big Board volume totaled a light 217.04 million shares, down from Friday's 289.61 million.

The NYSE's composite index rose 1.29 to 327.64. The Standard & Poor's 500-stock index gained 2.34 to 614.30.

The Nasdaq composite index was 2.48 points higher at 1,049.37 while the American Stock Exchange market value index rose 2.22 to 543.77.

The Amex surpassed another volume milestone Tuesday. The exchange broke through the 5 billion-share mark for 1995, its first time above that amount, and finished the day at 5.005 billion shares.

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Texan rolls in (snack food) chips

By TERRY KLIEWER

BROOKSHIRE (AP)— Bob Rod's resume is a head-spinner: stock broker, appliance manufacturer, oilman, banker, investment manager, real estate investor, rancher, world traveler, big game hunter.

Who would've thought he'd make his biggest mark — so far, anyway — as a potato chip tycoon?

Rod sure didn't.

The founder, president and chairman of Bob's Texas Style Chips of Brookshire wasn't too keen on a snack food future when he set out a decade ago: "I just wanted to salvage an investment of mine," he says.

He's done that and more. His future in potato chips — and tortilla chips and picante sauce and pork skins — is hot as the vats of peanut oil simmering in the cookers at his factory on FM 529 north of town.

Only trouble is, he's got that itch again. It's time for something new. What next and when?

"Exotic animals — zebra, oryx, elk, antelope," he says with a schoolboy grin. "I think that's where I'm headed. I want to be out raising animals. But right now, I'm having too much fun with this."

For Rod, 52, married with two grown children, fun figures large in his life nowadays. The way he sees it, there's no fun like entrepreneurial fun.

But fun — let alone, success — didn't seem likely when he dived into potato chips a decade ago. His forte had been banking and investment.

However, when money troubles hit a small potato-chip company leasing a building from him here, well, one thing led to another.

"They were a group of investors who came here in the (1980s) boom to produce kettle-fried potato chips on a small scale," he explained.

Coming from a nonfood business background, they had used up their working capital in just six months. Rod and other minority investors bought the company in November 1985 for about $800,000, he says.

"I guess I knew about as much about potato chips as (the founders) did — which was not much, except that I sure liked to eat 'em!"

But Rod knew something else: The right product at the right price at the right time, plus careful management, usually succeeds.

He figured that if his fledgling company could mass-produce the kind of thicker, darker chips that his Czech grandparents used to make on the stove at their farmhouse near El Campo, people would buy them.

His boyhood memories and marketing instincts were on the mark.

From a tiny 10-employee operation that in 1986 was producing about 20,000 bags a day of what Rod dubbed "Texas Style Chips," Bob's has grown to a 42-employee enterprise that cranks out at least 30,000 bags of chips daily, plus other snack products, such as tortilla chips and pork skins.

Long since relocated from its original building here to bigger quarters about 10 minutes' drive to the north of town, the company has promoted its chips from a handful of local grocery stores into 90 percent of major supermarkets across South and Southeast Texas.

Mail and phone orders come in from across the United States and Canada, and the company may start direct sales from its plant, Rod says.

As it is, the plant is seldom idle. Almost any day of the week will find a potato-laden semi-trailer or two at the freight dock, with a mini-front loader scooting between truck and warehouse with fresh spuds.

"They're raised as 'chipping' potatoes," Rod says. "We get them from producers all the way from South Texas to North Dakota. Early in the year, the harvest starts to the south and goes north through the fall."

Indeed, it's now early December and the truck being unloaded this day is from North Dakota. The driver sits in his rig and waits for his 44,000-pound cargo to be hauled away, scoop by scoop, before heading north again.

AP Laserphoto

Bob Rod stands by the chutes that Bob's Texas Style Chips come down for packing in his Brookshire, Texas plant. He got into the potato chip business a decade ago.

The golden-brown, fist-sized potatoes will stay in the warehouse only briefly before going onto the production line that starts next door.

Once on line, any given batch of potatoes will need a scant 15 minutes to be washed, sliced, cooked, seasoned, bagged and boxed. When things are really moving, the packaged chips still may be warm when they leave by truck for Bob's distribution warehouse near the Astrodome.

Automated efficiency isn't the only change Rod brought to his company. Without a marketing plan, economies of scale in production mean little.

Early on, Rod determined not to try to muscle in on the mainstream salty snack market easily dominated by gigantic Frito-Lay of Dallas. Instead, he aimed at a niche market — upscale snack-buyers, potato-chip connoisseurs.

"They recognize the difference that we use peanut oil, which is unhydrogenized and more flavorful, rather than soybean or some other oil" that's hydrogenized (for longer product shelf life) but bland.

Such customers also are lured by Bob's flavor-of-the-month products, which these days include Polish-style vinegar dill, super-hot fajita grande, cheese-jalapeno, cheese-onion, salt-and-vinegar, honey-mustard, (not so) hot barbecue and regular cheese.

Lastly, there's "cow chip," the tongue-in-cheek label Rod slapped on his charcoaled-beef flavor that Bob's sells during rodeo season.

The specialities each get a 60-day marketing window, then leave the product mix for 120 days before returning for another 60 days.

Bob's mainstay, year-round flavors include salted, no-salt, jalapea, mesquite barbecue and hot ranch.

"Some of the flavors-of-the-month may become regulars," Rod says. "We get calls from customers all the time."

Most of the variations are the work of Rod's production and purchasing manager, David Beauchamp of Katy, who reckons his seasoning skills are mostly "common sense with a little imagination mixed in."

"All we do is cook them like we did way back when," he says modestly, only reluctantly 'fessing up to having been always "a pretty good cook."

With several products now on the grocery shelves, are others planned? Rod is coy: "Maybe deep-fried turkeys. Maybe something else."

The future for Bob's will be shaped by Rod's entrepreneurial itch — the one that led him from stock trading in Houston back in 1967, through manufacturing and oil and banking, to chips and dips today.

That interest in exotic game isn't idle.

On his South Texas ranch near Dilley, he's raising them already. In particular, the low-cholesterol meat from elk is gaining popularity, and Rod says producers are racing to build herds. He aims to supply them.

Still, no big changes loom just yet for Bob's Texas Style Chips. Rod hints at a public stock offering and suggests that his office manager — 24-year-old daughter Michelle Beauchamp (she's the production manager's daughter-in-law) — might run things someday.

But overall he's pretty happy with the status quo:

"I'm having a damn good time. I'd imagine if I ran a refinery in Pasadena, I wouldn't be having as much fun. This has turned out way better than I anticipated back in 1985."

Enron told to take or leave India contract

BOMBAY, India (AP) — A state government in western India will unilaterally decide the value of a new contract to replace a canceled $2.8 billion deal awarded to Houston's Enron Corp. to build a new power plant, a top leader said Tuesday.

The Maharashtra state cabinet will make an announcement on its revised proposal in a day or two, said Bal Thackeray, leader of the right wing Hindu party, the Shiv Sena.

"It's going to be our decision. They have to accept it or reject it," he told reporters in Bombay, the state capital.

Although Thackeray does not hold an official position in government, he commands great influence in its administration and is widely regarded as the de facto ruler of the state.

The new right-wing government scrapped the deal in August, charging that an earlier regime ignored warnings that the contract was inflated and that Enron's consortium would charge too much for the plant's electricity. The Shiv Sena also hinted that Enron used fraudulent means to win the contract.

The government later agreed to renegotiate the project after Enron offered to lower costs, and in November, officials said a compromise had been reached. Newspaper reports said the cost was reduced by about $300 million, but Enron officials refused to confirm the figures.

A revised proposal was to have been announced by December 10, but Thackeray said that even the renegotiated deal was not acceptable to the government. "The main thing is the common man," he said.

Inappropriate trades cost Pier 1 Imports

DALLAS (AP) — Pier 1 Imports Inc., the well-known purveyor of wicker furniture and other goods, said Tuesday that a consultant's "inappropriate trading activities" have resulted in a $20 million loss.

The news sent Pier 1 stock sprawling 13 percent.

Pier 1 said in a statement that the loss, calculated before taxes, was caused by a financial consultant who was managing the company's excess cash and short-term investments.

It said the loss will not materially affect liquidity or the company's operations. Pier 1 provided few other specifics.

"They have the financial flexibility to ride through this, but that doesn't mean it's good news," said Maureen McGrath, an analyst at Smith Barney Inc.

Skip Helm, an analyst at William Blair & Co., went further. He called the news catastrophic.

Pier 1 officials did not return telephone calls seeking comment.

Word of the $20 million loss came as retailers nationwide were tallying Christmas sales amid expectations for a weak year. In its statement, Pier 1 said its December sales continued to be robust through Christmas.

Sales for the month will be reported Jan. 4.

Pier 1 operates 690 retail stores in 47 states, Canada and Puerto Rico selling a variety of rattan furniture, wicker, decorative home furnishings, casual clothing and fashion accessories. It also has operations in Mexico and the United Kingdom.

The company, based in Fort Worth, did not say when the trading loss occurred or in which quarter it would be booked.

McGrath, who had spoken with Pier 1 officials, said the company found out about the loss late last week.

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

IRA investments can never be 'totally' self-directed

By Bill Doyle

Q: I have an individual retirement account with an international mutual fund. Naturally, this fund charges a fee per year.

How can I have a totally self-directed IRA? By that, I mean I would like to transfer shares of stocks I own to my IRA. Some of the stock is in certificate form, which I have. The rest is in a dividend reinvestment plan.

Doyle

Must I open an IRA with a broker and pay fees, or is there another way?

A: Under the rules, the assets in which you invest an IRA must be held by a trustee, and you cannot be your own trustee. That puts the kibosh on your idea of having a "totally" self-directed IRA.

A self-directed IRA is one in which you can hold many different investments.

The only prohibited IRA investments are collectibles, such as works of art, rugs, antiques, metals, gems, stamps, alcoholic beverages and certain other tangible personal items. There's an exception: You can have American Eagle gold and silver coins in your IRA.

Self-directed IRAs can be set up at most brokerage firms and at many banks so that you can put your retirement money into stocks, bonds, mutual fund shares, other securities and certificates of deposit.

The fees vary all over the lot, but many banks do not levy additional fees when your IRA is in CDs.

It's possible to transfer stock you already own into IRAs at some brokerages, providing the market value of the shares does not exceed the $2,000 annual contribution limit — $2,250 for a spousal IRA, if you are married and your spouse is not employed.

About 15 individual companies offer IRAs in their dividend reinvestment plans. Check your DRP for that feature.

The no-load mutual fund organization you named in your letter, which manages dozens of funds, charges a $10 annual fiduciary fee for each fund in an IRA. Count that as a bargain.

Also, because international mutual funds invest in stocks traded in markets outside the United States, be aware that your retirement nest egg is at rather high risk.

I recommend that you diversify further by putting part of your IRA, such as future IRA contributions, into a mutual fund holding U.S. stocks.

Q: My husband has been putting the maximum annual amount into an IRA at our bank for years. We know this money is safe, but we're disappointed with the interest.

When we inquired about the interest on his 1995 IRA contribution, we were told it will earn less than 5 percent in a five-year CD. Furthermore, we learned that two high-interest IRA CDs obtained in previous years will mature next year, and we will then get that new low rate.

Friends tell us they are getting 20 percent and more on IRAs in mutual funds. What is to prevent us from opening a new IRA and doing likewise?

A: Nothing. All you have to do is shop around.

But be aware that you would take on risk once you move away from the safety of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. Mutual funds do not have FDIC coverage.

Along with all working people, your husband can have two or more IRAs. Or, if he is so inclined, he can transfer his money from the bank into an IRA elsewhere.

Just don't make the mistake of pulling money out of a bank IRA CD before the certificate matures. That likely would result in a stiff early-withdrawal penalty from the bank.

IRAs invested in most mutual funds and stocks have produced fantastic returns this year, as the bull market went onward and upward. But do not count on that to continue forever. There will be down years ahead, and most observers predict a "correction" of at least 10 percent in stock prices not too far into the future.

When?

That noise in the background was my crystal ball shattering, as it does every time that question is asked.

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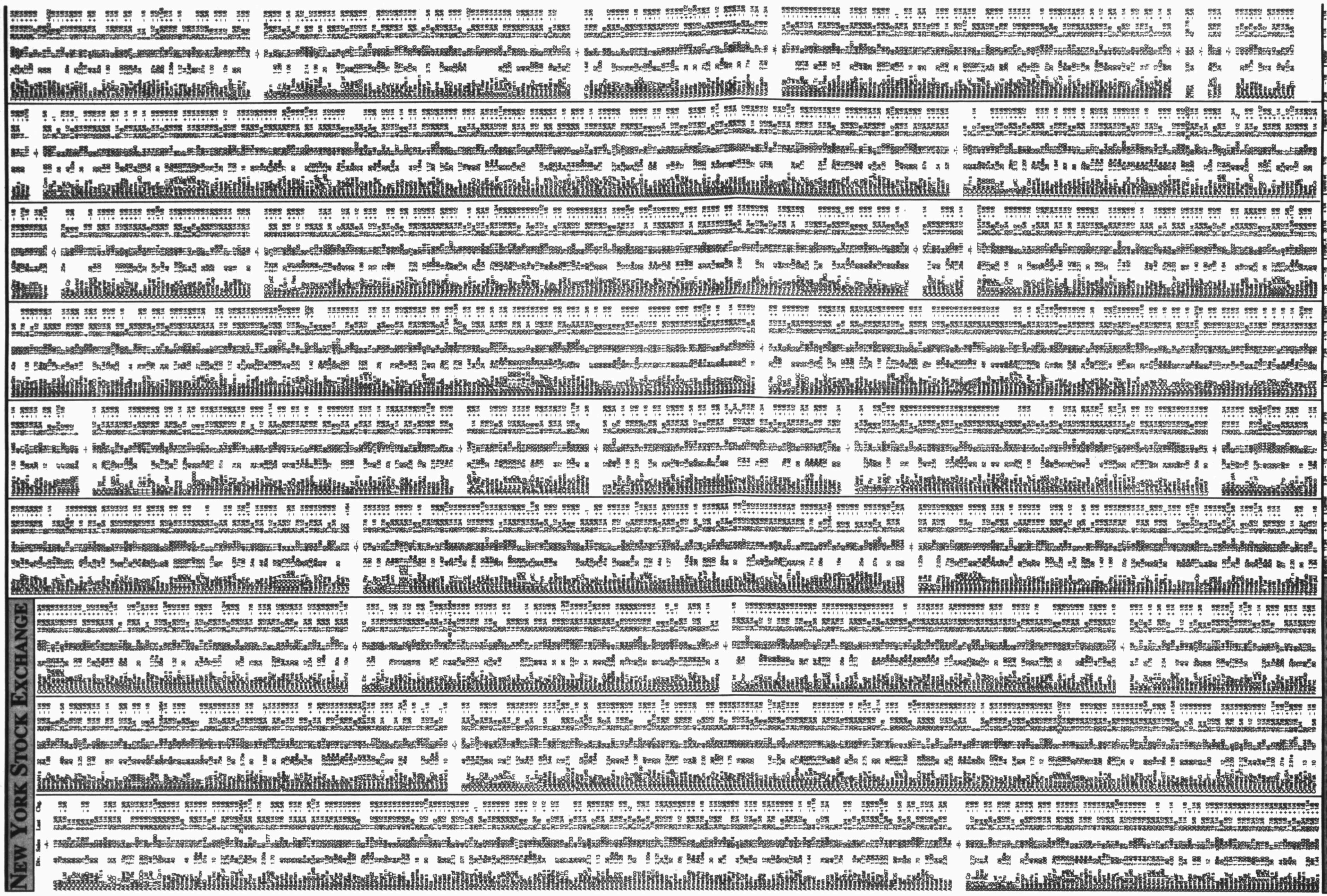

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Skating lesson

Daryle Darling holds his nephew, Emmanuel Darling, 5, while he learns to ice skate at an outdoor rink on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., Saturday. Both Washington residents spent the day outside away from the last minute Christmas shoppers.

Group carries first-hand welfare message to suburbs

By Paul A. Driscoll
Associated Press

DEERFIELD, Ill. — Poised and well-spoken, Chris Jordan seems to fit right in with the Rotarians meeting in this comfortable, politically conservative Chicago suburb — except he's only recently off welfare and no stranger to living on the streets.

Jordan is a black man delivering an inner-city message to white suburbia, amid the goulash and fried fish served up at a recent Rotary Club luncheon.

"A welfare recipient is not a deadbeat dad and is not lazy," the unemployed 33-year-old tells the bankers, investment counselors and shop owners. "He wants to work."

Jordan is one of seven current members of the so-called Welfare Truth Squad, organized this year to present their life stories as evidence that the stereotype of welfare recipients is flawed, that a more faithful image is a person trapped in poverty, not willingly on the dole.

The Truth Squad accepts invitations to speak anywhere in Illinois, but figures the suburbs hold the richest promise.

"That's where, when the politicians are posturing, they speak in code words" that obscure the complexities of the issue, said Roger Bennett, who coordinates the squad for the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs.

Jordan had no trouble selling himself to the Deerfield Rotarians. And his message that there are many more who don't answer to the stereotype got a respectful hearing, convincing to some, doubtful to others.

"It's a side of the story we don't hear enough about," said Robert D. Franz, Deerfield village manager. "It was refreshing to hear him. Enlightening to hear him."

Peter A. DuBois, an investment account executive, found Jordan a sympathetic, employable person caught "in a horrible predicament through no fault of his own."

"But maybe Chris is an exception. For every one pumping out babies, how many are there like Chris?" said DuBois, 33.

Like the dozens of other jobless or low-income men who have been on the truth squad, Jordan had three months of training and practice with skilled storytellers before going out with the message.

At the Deerfield Rotary Club, Jordan recalled how as a high school football player at Boyd H. Anderson High School in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., he was on top of the world.

"I thought, 'Man, it doesn't get any better than this,'" he said.

Graduation was followed by six years in the Army and five years working in a machine shop.

Even when the machine shop closed, he figure there would be no problem getting another good job.

"But I found I wasn't the only one filing for a job, and the other people had college educations," Jordan said.

He landed a job at a fast-food chicken restaurant. When the night shift he was working shut down, he was laid off.

He became one of those anonymous faces in the newspaper photographs showing the crowds of 500 that report for the 50 jobs at a new hotel or factory.

Next stop, welfare. Then earnfare, where he worked for $4.25 an hour for six months but was not kept on as a permanent employee.

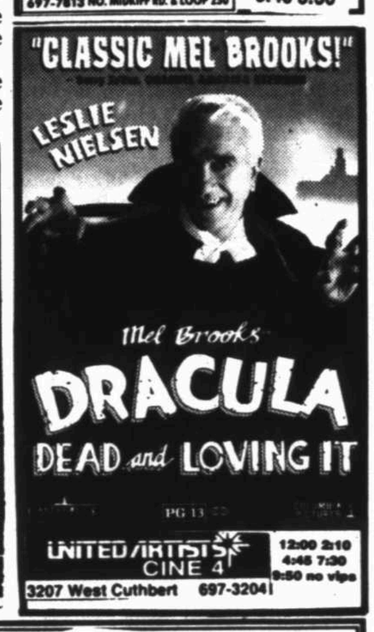
"That's when I became homeless," Jordan said. "It's very unmotivational. There's no place to take a bath, no permanent address, you can't afford transportation and you don't know where your next meal is coming from."

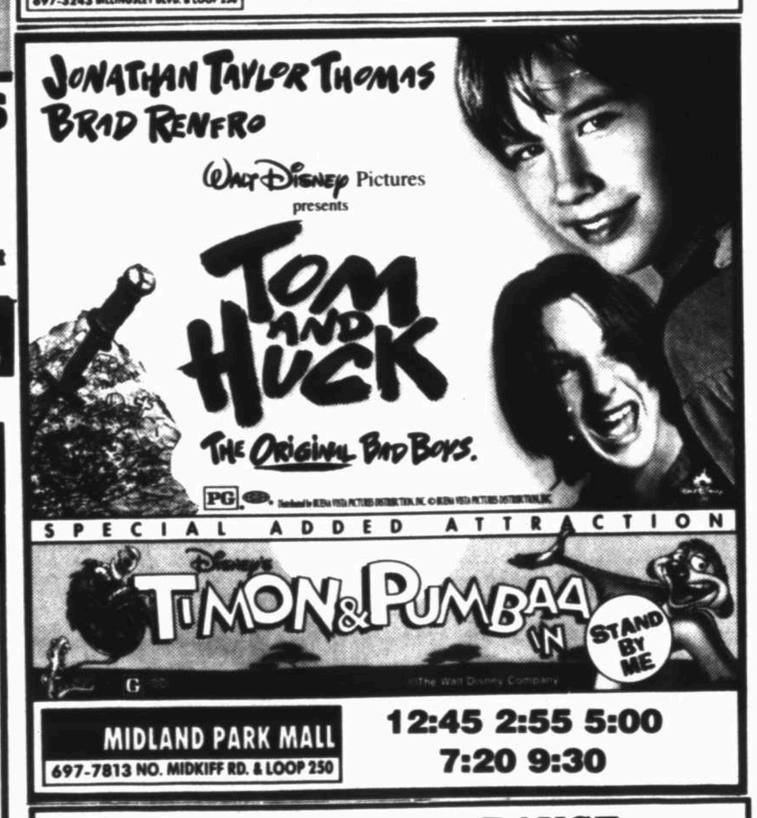
Several months later, he got room and board at a small hotel in exchange for painting jobs. He's still looking for full-time work.

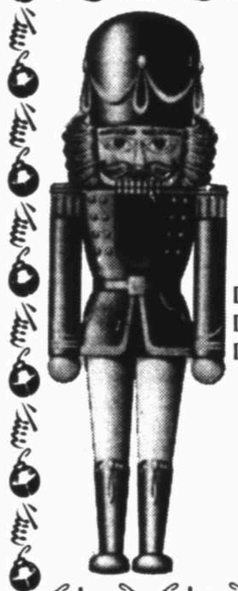
Transportation is a big issue. Thousands of blue-collar jobs have migrated to the suburbs. Without a car or direct public transportation, low-income and welfare recipients are isolated from these potential jobs.

"If the inner cities across the nation don't have jobs, there should be a way for people to get to the suburbs," said Scott Fishkin, 44, a financial planner and Rotarian.

"I think most people see welfare recipients as someone who is stealing from the government, lazy, uneducated and unwilling to work," Fishkin said. "And I think that's a gross injustice."







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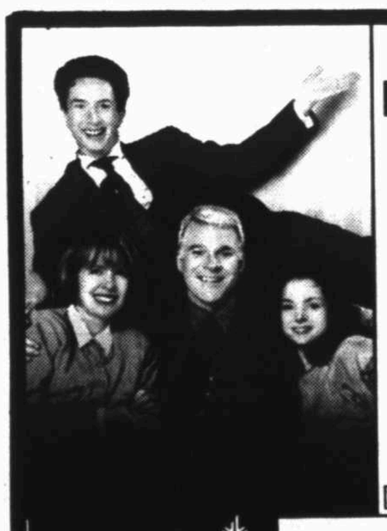

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West Texas Sports

Booster Clubs...

The Midland High Softball Booster Club will meet the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the conference room A at the high school...

Swimming...

City of Midland Aquatics is offering water aerobics classes at 6:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Call 684-7755 for more information. It has also added an evening preschool gymnastics class. The class will be Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30-6:15. The cost of the class is $30 per child per month. For more information, call Tassy Miller at 684-7755...

City of Midland Aquatics is offering the 1995 COM Christmas Sports Camp on Dec. 21, 22, 26-29 and Jan. 2-5. The cost for the whole camp is $200 or $25 per day and the time on each day will be 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. Children will be supervised all day and receive instruction in tumbling, diving and swimming. For more information, call Tassy Miller at 684-7755...

Bowling...

Join the fun of **Color Pin Bowl at Midland Park Lanes** every Saturday night at 7 p.m. Call and make you reservations at 689-9725 or 520-2695. Itr also has room left for active seniors 55 and over for bowling on Mondays at 10 a.m. Call Jackie Waters at 689-9725 for more information...

All MISD and local private school students who didn't pick up their free game passes may do so at Midland Park Lanes. Pleasse call 689-9725 for more information...

Basketball...

Tryout for the **Girls 11-Under AAU Basketball team** are Thursday nights at 6 p.m. at Midland Christian B Gym. Girls can not turn 12 before Jan. 1, 1997. Please contact Mike Hensley at 697-3018...

The **Permian Basin Basketball Officials Association** is actively recruiting officials for junior high and varsity games. For more information, contact Mike Lowrance at 682-1726 or 520-9602 or Jeff Ryan at 688-0700 or 699-5001...

Registration has already begun for the **Boys and Girls Clubs/Northeast YMCA 1995 Youth Basketball League**. There is no registration fee and t-shirts will be given to each participant for game days. Register at one of the two locations. Players must be in kindergarten through sixth grades and teams are formed according to grades and neighborhood schools. Late registrations are subject to available openings and there will be no special requests for teams, however, they can be Co-Ed. Registration ends Dec. 23. The games will take place at the Carver Gym and at the Boys and Girls Club. There will be a coaches meeting Jan. 3 and practices start on Jan. 8. The season begins on Jan. 22 and lasts through March 10. There are no tryouts or cuts and every child plays in the game. Call 682-8469 (Northeast) or 683-0050 or 683-5297 (Boys and Girls Club) for more info...

The Crane High School gymnasium is the site of the **Dads Against Drugs Men's Three-on-Three Basketball Tournament** to benefit the Horsehead Crossing Boys Ranch in Crane. The tournament, which also features three-point shooting and free throw shooting contests, will take place Dec. 30. Entry fee is $80 per team by Dec. 28. Call Fred at 558-3680 or Ellis at 558-7419 for more info...

The Northeast YMCA will be hosting a Sunday afternoon adult mens basketball league, beginning Jan. 7. The entry fee is $200 per team. For more information, come by the Northeast YMCA or contact Melvin Morrison at 682-8469...

The Alamo YMCA will be hosting a Boys 7th, 8th and 9th grade basketball league. Registration will begin on Dec. 18 and will end Jan. 13, 1996. Cost is $35 and registration can be done at the Central, Northeast or Alamo YMCA. Please contact Michael at the Central YMCA at 682-2551...

Soccer...

Spring registration for the **Midland Soccer Association** begins Dec. 1 and the deadline is Jan. 18. Registration for recreational clubs is $35 and will be conducted at 1909 West Wall, Suite N, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 684-5425 for more information.

Running...

The **Resolution Run and Fitness Fair** is Jan. 20 in Midland. There will be a 13.1-mile loop for four-member teams, with each team member running 3.275 miles. The run starts at Midland Center at 9 a.m. with men, women, mixed and team categories and 18-39 and over 39 age groups. Entry fee is $80 before Jan. 1 and $75 after Jan. 1. Call Midland Center at 682-6234, or Thomas Schneider at 520-7421...

Volleyball...

The Central YMCA will host an **Adult Volleyball League** starting in January. Games will be played Tuesday and Thursday nights. Divisions include men's open, women's open, co-ed recreational and co-ed open. Early registration deadline is Jan. 11 with with league play beginning Jan. 23 at 6 p.m...

Softball...

The Midland United Girls Softball Association will begin its umpire training program for fastpitch umpires on Thursday, Jan 18. All Applicants must be at least 16 years of age. All meetings will be held at the MUGS Complex at Ulmer Park at 7 p.m. For more information call Mack Gipson at 694-2837...

Ski Report

The Associated Press
Latest skiing conditions at the Rockies mountain areas.

ROCKIES
Colorado

Arapahoe Basin — powder 41-89 base 76 trails 9 of 31 lifts 80% open

Aspen Highlands — packed powder 25-30 base 96 trails 8 of 8 lifts 100% open

Aspen Mountain — packed powder 25-30 base 76 trails 8 of 8 lifts 100% open

Beaver Creek — packed powder 29-41 base 92 of 113 lifts 81% open

Breckenridge — packed powder 38-48 base 100 trails 24 of 24 lifts 100% open

Buttermilk — packed powder 17-18 base 58 trails 7 of 7 lifts 100% open

Copper Mountain — packed powder 30-47 base 93 trails 18 of 20 lifts 90% open

Crested Butte — hard packed 21-31 base 92 of 93 lifts

Durango Valley — packed powder 21 base 8 trails 2 of 4 lifts 50% open

Eldora Mountain — packed powder 33 base 8 of 8 lifts

Howelsen Ski Area — machine groomed snow 12 base 2 of 3 lifts

Keystone Resort — packed powder 45-48 base 88 trails 16 of 20 lifts 100% open

Loveland — packed powder 41 base 7 of 10 lifts 80% open

Monarch Resort — packed powder 35 base 4 of 4 lifts

Purgatory Resort — packed powder 23 base 8 of 8 lifts

SilverCreek — packed powder 17 base 4 of 5 lifts

Ski Cooper — packed powder 29 base 4 of 4 lifts

Ski Sunlight — packed powder 21 base 3 of 4 lifts

Snowmass — packed powder 22-37 base 52 trails 12 of 16 lifts 42% open

Steamboat — packed powder 33-42 base 94 trails 19 of 20 lifts 93% open

Telluride — packed powder 25-29 base 38 trails 10 of 10 lifts sm 9a-4p

Vail — packed powder 32-44 base 23 of 25 lifts 100% open 8:30a-4p

Winter Park Resort — packed powder 42-51 base 112 trails 20 of 20 lifts 89% open 8:30a-4p

Wolf Creek — packed powder 27-28 base 17 trails 6 of 6 lifts 9a-4p

Montana

Big Sky — packed powder 48-70 base 67 trails 12 of 16 lifts 90% open 9a-4p

Bridger Bowl — 1- new packed powder 12-45 base 6 of 7 lifts 95% open 10a-4p

Discovery — packed powder 25-55 base 38 trails 4 of 5 lifts 100% open 9:30a-4p

Great Divide — machine groomed snow 20-40 base 5 trails 2 of 3 lifts 20% open sm 9a-4p

Lost Trail Powder Mtn — machine groomed snow 44-54 base 4 of 4 lifts 100% open 9:30a-4p

Maverick Mountain — powder 32-60 base 2 of 2 lifts 100% open 9:30a-4p

Montana Snow Bowl — packed powder 8-46 base 1 of 4 lifts 90% open 9:30a-4p

Red Lodge Mountain — machine groomed snow 22-38 base 39 trails 6 of 6 lifts 95% open sm 9a-4p

Showdown — packed powder 24-27 base 4 of 4 lifts 100% open 9:30a-4p

The Big Mtn — packed powder 18-59 base 61 trails 8 of 9 lifts 100% open 9a-9:30p

New Mexico

Angel Fire Resort — packed powder 12 base 3 trails 6 of 8 lifts 25% open

Red River — packed powder 7-24 base 3 of 7 lifts 35% open

Sandia Peak — machine groomed snow 12 base 12% open 8:30a-4p

Santa Fe — machine groomed snow 20-25 base 2 trails 3 of 7 lifts 10% open sm 9a-4p

Sipapu — machine groomed snow 1 trail 1 of 3 lifts sm

Ski Apache — packed powder 28 base 10 trails 1 of 10 lifts sm 8:45a-4p

Ski Rio — machine groomed snow 20-22 base 9 trails 4 of 8 lifts sm 8:30a-4:30p

Snow Canyon — machine groomed snow sm

Taos — packed powder 20 base 6 trails 3 of 11 lifts 10% open sm

Utah

Alta — packed powder 49 base 8 of 8 lifts 95% open sm 9:15a-4:30p

Beaver Mountain — packed powder 52 base

Brian Head — packed powder 24-36 base 16 trails 5 of 6 lifts 33% open 9a-10p

Brighton — hard packed 43 base 64 trails 8 of 7 lifts 100% open 9a-9p

Deer Valley — packed powder 29 base 38 trails 11 of 13 lifts 40% open

Elk Meadows — packed powder 19 base 2 of 5 lifts

Nordic Valley — packed powder 14 base 1 of 2 lifts 9:30a-10p

Park City — packed powder 41 base 63 trails 14 of 14 lifts 75% open sm 9a-9p

Powder Mountain — packed powder 18 base 4 of 7 lifts

Snowbird — machine groomed snow 48-57 base 10 of 10 lifts

Solitude — packed powder 40 base 40 trails 7 of 7 lifts sm 9a-4:30p

Wolf Mountain — packed powder 34 base 25 trails 5 of 7 lifts

Wyoming

Antelope Butte — packed powder 26-34 base 7 trails 3 of 3 lifts 100% open 9:30a-4p

Grand Targhee — packed powder 39-78 base 4 of 4 lifts 100% open 9:30a-4p

Hogadon — machine groomed snow 16-19 base 3 trails 3 of 3 lifts 9a-4:30p

Jackson Hole — packed powder 7-66 base 50 trails 9 of 9 lifts 75% open 8:30a-4:30p

Sleeping Giant — packed powder 36 base 9:30a-4p, wsr info Dec 26

Snow King Resort — no report

PACIFIC SOUTH
Arizona

Sunrise Park Resort — machine groomed snow 24-36 base 3 lifts

California

Alpine Meadows — packed powder 27-43 base 10 lifts 9a-4p

Bear Mountain — packed powder 48-84 base 15 trails 6 lifts 8a-4p

Bear Valley — machine groomed snow 26 base 7 lifts 60% open 9a-4p xc 30km

Boreal — powder 24-48 base 41 trails 9 lifts 100% open sm 9a-9p

Dodge Ridge — packed powder 15-28 base 25 trails 11 lifts 80% open 8:30a-4p

Donner Ski Ranch — packed powder 12-24 base 20 trails 5 lifts 9a-6p

Heavenly — packed powder 18-42 base 20 lifts 70% open sm 8:30a-4p

June Mountain — packed powder 12-24 base 6 lifts

Kirkwood — powder 32-56 base 65 trails 11 lifts 100% open 9a-5p xc:60km

Mammoth Mountain — packed powder 48-84 base 30 lifts 100% open 8a-4p

Mountain High — packed powder 30 base 8 lifts 7:30a-10p

Mt. Baldy — packed powder 12-18 base 2 lifts sm

Mt. Shasta Ski Park — packed powder 28-31 base 21 trails 3 lifts sm 9a-4p xc:20km

Northstar-at-Tahoe — packed powder 17-34 base 44 trails 7 lifts 90% open sm 8:30a-4p xc:40km

Sierra at Tahoe — powder 22-46 base 33 trails 7 lifts 75% open sm 9a-4p

Sierra Summit — packed powder 18-24 base 18 trails 4 lifts sm 8a-4p

Ski Homewood — packed powder 15-23 base 38 trails 6 lifts 67% open 9a-4p

Snow Summit — packed powder 12-30 base 11 lifts sm 7:30a-9:30p

Snow Valley — packed powder 30-42 base 9 lifts sm 8a-9p

Soda Springs — machine groomed snow 16-20 base 2 lifts 100% open 9a-4:30p

Squaw Valley USA — packed powder 20-38 base 24 lifts 70% open sm 8:30a-9p

Sugar Bowl Ski Resort — machine groomed snow 24-48 base 42 trails 9 lifts

Tahoe Donner — packed powder 12-20 base 3 lifts 100% open 12p-4p xc:50km

Nevada

Diamond Peak — machine groomed snow 12-24 base 6 lifts 20% open sm 9a-4p xc:19km

Las Vegas at Lee Canyon — machine groomed snow 8-12 base 4 trails 3 lifts sm 9a-4p

Mt. Rose — machine groomed snow 40-54 base 37 trails 5 lifts 90% open

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110 Lodge Notices

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163 Money To Loan

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Attention Readers
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CHEVROLET 1987 IROQ. Priced reduced. Must sell. Call 684-4233 ask for Terry.

CHEVROLET 1988 Spectrum Express. 5 speed, AM/ FM, heater & air conditioner. Nice! $1,550. 520-6464.

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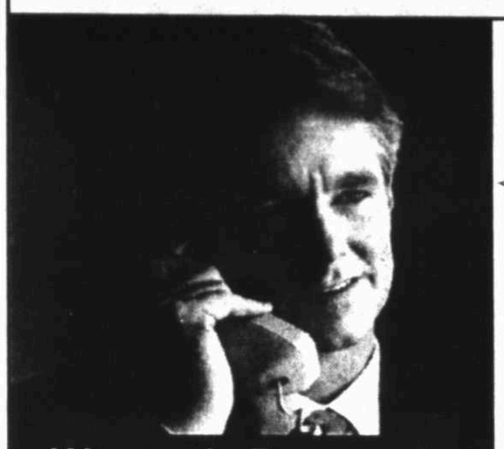

Women's Personals

BLACK FEMALE
29, 5'9", enjoys movies, bowling, occasional club scene, seeking attractive male, 25-35, 5'9" plus, non-smoker, race unimportant. #68558

SUGAR DADDY
Age, race unimportant, non-smoker, no experience necessary for single white female, 41, likes travel, dancing, food, fun. #42452

HISPANIC FEMALE, 31
Seeking church-oriented, sincere gentleman, who likes Hispanic music and dancing, for friendship first. Children welcome. #84607

ATTRACTIVE
Intelligent, educated DWF, loves reading, animals, travel, cooking, fishing, hunting, romance. Seeks gentleman, 55-75, of similar persuasion. #45387

WHITE FEMALE
26, seeking stable, dependable white male, 26-30, enjoys dinner, dancing and having fun. #63562

WHITE FEMALE, 18
Smoker, enjoys partying, late night trips. Looking for single male, 18-24, with similar interests. #46096

I'M MISS RIGHT
White female, 20, 5'4", mom of one, ISO single male, 21-35, honest, family-oriented, for relationship. #21639

ATTRACTIVE
Single white female, 30s, smoker, auburn hair, big brown eyes, mother of one. Seeks single white male, 30-45. #63629

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Single female seeking honest male, childless. Must be financially secure. #65700

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27, enjoys cooking and cleaning, seeking attractive single/divorced white male, 30-40, 6' and over. #68536

HOLIDAY BLUES
Dear Santa, please bring me one well-built, intelligent, honest white/Hispanic male, 28-42. Fine, slender, blonde, professional female. #41943

GOOD-HEARTED
Woman looking for one good man. White female, 23, seeking white male, 25-36, for friends and possible relationship. #69231

WHITE FEMALE
Seeking clean-cut white male, non-drinker, smoker O.K., 20-25, for companionship. #82495

WHITE FEMALE
5'10", young-at-heart, slim, likes to travel, take pictures. Looking for white male, 35-45, for companionship. #60676

LOVING FEMALE
Hispanic female, 24, enjoys dancing, movies. Seeks Hispanic or white male, 24-30, honest non-smoker, enjoys good times. #45341

SPARKLING LADY
White, attractive, slim, honest, caring, seeks white male, 36-48, same qualities, for fun, quiet, family times. #68625

TALL BLONDE
Seeks tall, intelligent, secure, confident single male, 35-50, loves country music and cowboys, both kinds, smokers encouraged. #45179

NEW TO AREA
Hispanic female, 24, 5'5", 165 lbs. Seeks Hispanic male, 24-30, for company, quiet times, evenings out. #20176

WHITE FEMALE
Seeking an adventurous, romantic, honest white male, enjoys quiet evenings. Social drinker, smoker O.K. #69034

ATTRACTIVE
Single black female, 27, enjoys movies, music, reading, quiet evenings. Seeking honest single black male, 24-34, similar interests. #22173

COMPANION
Divorced black female, 46, 5'8", 214 lbs., looking for single or divorced male, 40 up, with same statistics. #45578

UNIQUE LADY
Fun-loving divorced white female, sparkling attitude, enjoys country western dancing, fishing, more. Seeking white male, 28-42. #22715

CARING
Divorced white female, 34, enjoys movies, quiet evenings and outdoors. Seeking white male, 30-40, for friendship. #63700

WHITE FEMALE
32, 6', full-figured, smoker, spontaneous, easygoing, enjoys outdoors. Seeks single white male for fun, no games, relationship. #81367

SPECIAL SOMEONE
White female, educated, mother of 3, professional, enjoys rodeos, dancing, children, fireplaces, animals. Seeks tall white cowboy. #41498

INDEPENDENT FEMALE
35, blonde hair, blue-eyed, petite, seeks secure, fun white male, 30-45, who enjoys quiet times and family. #45265

WHITE FEMALE
Divorced, 54, slender, blue-eyed brunette. Seeking white gentleman, 5'-6'4", social drinker, smoker O.K., with sense of humor. #45118

SEEKS CHRISTIAN MAN
Single Hispanic female, 22, attractive, mother of 1. Seeks gentleman to build relationship, 27-45, non-smoker, non-drinker. #21082

FUN-LOVING
Romantic, artistic, attractive, down-to-earth lady. Seeks similar, non-smoking Christian man, 45 plus, easygoing, adventurous, good sense of humor. #41352

ATTRACTIVE
Professional, divorced white female, mid 40s, seeks romantic, tall Christian, secure single/divorced white male, 38-55, who enjoys life. #66981

DEAR SANTA
Hope you're tall, 50ish, with sense of humor, loves home cooking, outdoors. Fireplace, cookies are waiting. #49238

THEY SAY THERE
Is one perfect person for everyone. Are you him? White/Hispanic male, 25-30? If so, call. #64795

BLACK FEMALE, 20
Seeking single white male, 18-26, blue/green eyes, with good sense of humor. Must love kids! #26977

BLACK FEMALE, 34
5'4", enjoys walks in the park, candlelight dinners, traveling, seeks single male, 34 plus, race unimportant. #81676

GLAMOROUS
Redhead. Degreed professional seeks handsome, articulate, educated white male, 38-48, who dares to live life to the fullest. #81415

SINGLE BLACK
Female, 32, 5'9", mother of two, seeking friend. #41435

SINGLE WHITE FEMALE
Seeking gentle, loving, outgoing male, white or Hispanic, 38-50. Would like friendship or companionship. #40387

BLACK FEMALE
Seeks white or black male for friendship, possible relationship. I enjoy movies, dining out, travel, good conversation. #22032

BLACK FEMALE
22, attractive, slim, compassionate, seeks romantic, fun male, 22-30, for relationship. Race unimportant. #65036

CINDERELLA
Seeks prince. Attractive, loving, adventurous, lady, wants similar Christian man, 45-65, for story book romance. No castle required. #63386

SOMEONE SPECIAL
In search of single white male, 38-45, must enjoy living, laughing, country western dancing, for possible relationship. #22371

Men's Personals

FUN GUY
Mid 40s, seeks open-minded white female for romance and exotic travel. Must look good in a bikini. #64255

WHITE MALE, 24
Kevin Bacon appearance, seeking single White/Hispanic female, 21 plus, petite-medium build, sense of humor, professional attitude. #68350

SWM, 45, 6'
Enjoys dancing and dining out, seeking honest, sincere S/DF, race and age unimportant, the heart matters. #42069

DIVORCED WHITE
Male, 39, 6', 185 lbs., blue eyes, financially secure, seeks single or divorced female, 30-45, for relationship. #64561

WHITE MALE SEEKING
Black female, who is outgoing, sincere, opened-minded. I'm 41, 5'8", 150 lbs., career-minded, spontaneous and caring. #82425

FRIENDLY, GENTLE
Single white male, 30s, enjoys outdoors, get-togethers and sports. Seeks interested female for affection and fun. #63213

ATTRACTIVE
Single Hispanic male seeking attractive, special lady for friendship, possible relationship. Likes to party, not into club scene. #46125

WHITE MALE
Blond hair, blue eyes, 6', 165 lbs., likes dancing, seeks white female, petite, with same interests. #66223

HISPANIC MALE,
Professional, 31, intelligent, witty, fun, likes to read, seeks female friendship, race and age unimportant. #68334

BM, 29
Looking for Hispanic/white female, very sincere, in search for someone who wants a real relationship. #68640

NEW TO AREA
Single white professional male, 37, 6'1", non-smoker, enjoys travel, sports, skiing. Seeks attractive female. #46310

WHITE MALE, 47
Lost, don't want to do bar thing. Love children, fishing, flying, looking for long-term relationship. #64280

STRAWBERRY BLOND
Attractive white male, 30, smoker, seeks white or Hispanic female to spend quality time with. Kids O.K. #67246

BUSINESSMAN, 48
Seeks single/divorced professional white female with mild temperament, for life companionship. #68317

LONELY MAN
32, brown hair and eyes, black beard, I enjoy music, movies, animals and more. Seeking female, 22-40, non-drinker, non-smoker. I am a Christian man. #46681

HONEST
Divorced white male, 26, 6'2", 165 pounds, seeking honest, sincere, single white female, 22-30, for dating, possible relationship. #86283

HISPANIC MALE, 26
5'10", 180 lbs., seeks single female, 24-30, pretty, slender, likes dancing, for quality times and relationship. #85148

SINGLE WHITE MALE
22, seeking single white Christian female, 21-23, for possible friendship. #23566

Men's Personals

PROFESSIONAL
Brown male, 32, new to Midland. Seeks friendship with single or divorced white female, 20-35. #20660

JUST LONELY
Not a freak. Handsome, educated, top quality male, excellent catch, 6', seeking attractive female, 20-30, race unimportant. #20972

WHITE MALE, 33
Seeks single/divorced female, smoker, social drinker O.K. I enjoy fishing, bowling, dining out and movies. #42696

NEW TO AREA
Single white male, 22, 5'10", 195 lbs., seeking single white female, 18-25, for fun and romance. #45400

GUN SHY?
Me too. Attractive white male, business owner, seeks attractive, slender white female, 25-38, for dating. Children welcome. #63535

SINGLE WHITE MALE
27, employed, enjoys music, outdoors, theatre, seeking single female who enjoys having fun. Give me a call! #44118

HISPANIC MALE, 34
Enjoys music, dancing, dinners, sports, seeking white/Hispanic female, 22-37, for friendship, possible relationship. #24757

WHITE MALE, 35
Divorced, career-oriented, financially secure, many interests, seeks single/divorce white female, 28-45, for fun times. #68481

WHITE MALE, 26
Divorced, seeks single or divorced female, 18-30, who enjoys romance, for possible relationship. Children welcome. #82726

LOOKING FOR LOVE
Single white male, 35, enjoys a little of everything. Seeks attractive female to share it with. #66422

NICE-LOOKING MALE
Mid 30s, no dependents, non-smoker, non-drinker. Seeks white female, 25-43, for friendship, possible marriage later. #68585

LOVE IS ALIVE
In Odessa. Handsome, blue-eyed writer/musician, 39, seeks beautiful, trim, intelligent, white/Hispanic female, for adventure and romance. #66124

WHITE MALE
Professional, Christian, slim, outdoor-type, smoker, 43, loves children, not perfect, but has beautiful heart. Race, age unimportant. #22409

NOBODY DOES
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Religious Personals

CATHOLICS!
Did you know there's a new single, divorced, separated, widowed ministry for Catholics in Midland/Odessa? Let's get together! #46011

Mutual Hobbies

SINGLE MALE
36, smoker, social drinker, enjoys music, tinkering with cars, collecting cassettes, seeks single male, 30-40, same interests. #68590

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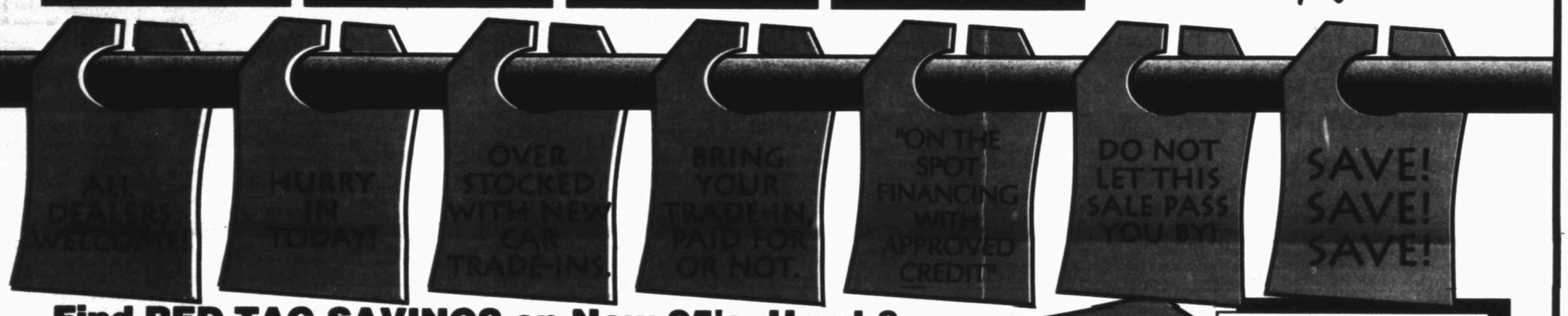

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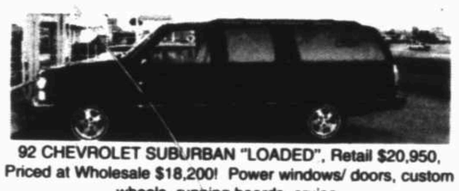

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Businesses ranging from sales and service to restaurant management and broadcast/ print media have already indicated an interest in the Small Business Job Fair, but booths are only available for the first 100 businesses to register.

Don't waste time and money searching for those special people your company needs, the Job Fair is looking to attract OVER 1200 potential employees throughout the Permian Basin.

WHEN:
February 8, 1996 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

WHERE:
Small Business Development Center
Center for Energy & Economic Diversification
Hwy 191 & FM 1788 Midland, Texas

TO REGISTER or FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: (915) 552-2455

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Circulation Department
Midland Reporter-Telegram
P.O. Box 1650
Midland, TX 79702
915-688-2700

(If no answer, please leave your name & phone number & your call will be returned.)

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GENERAL. CAN YOU Work With Your Hands? Year-round opportunity with stable, fast growing heating and cooling company. Entry level position. Overtime approximately 40 weeks a year. If you are good working with your hands, hard working, honest and want a career opportunity, we offer: Company Training, Company Paid Benefits, Company Truck, Advancement Opportunity. To schedule and interview, call Mr. Claire, 561-9440.

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MAINTENANCE /Make Ready. Full time employee needed immediately. Great benefits, apply 2613 N. Midland Dr. from 9 -2 Monday -Friday. Employment drug testing given. No phone calls. Deadline: December 28, 1995.

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Applicant to work closely withthe CFO and be responsible for all phases of the Human Resources/Personnel Department. Duties include payroll, employee benefits (group insurance, 401 (k), Cafeteria Plan) the compliance/ audit of Personnel Policies and Procedures, among other responsibilities. Applicant should have extensive knowledge and experience in these areas as well as in the area of employment law. Accounting degree helpful, but not required. Send resume and salary requirments to:

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SALES PERSON needed for a growing supply company. Must be a top notch individual who can work the Midland area. Must provide own transportation to call on local businesses. Benefits include a base starting salary, car allowance, paid vacations, holidays, group insurance and a retirement plan, training will be provided. Send resume to: P. O. Box 1766, Odessa Texas 79760.

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318 Management Help Wanted

McDonald's

Swing Manager Position Available

- College assistance program
- McDonald's Training Program
- $6.00 to $7.00 Hour
- Vacation Pay
- Uniforms Provided
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320 Skilled Trades

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MECHANIC- Price Construction, Inc., Big Spring, TX. has opening for: Cat Field Mechanic with tools & field serviceman with DOT HAZMAT. Drug screen and physical required. Call Sarge Strickland 1-800-525-9685.

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320 Skilled Trades

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336 Adult Care Providers

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LADY wants position with elderly or handicapped weekend relief, days only. 570-8135.

341 Child Care Providers

DO YOU need a sitter while you do Santa's shopping? Day or night. Call Cindy, 570–8882.

341 Child Care Providers

PROFESSIONAL Housekeeper /Nanny seeking position in Midland. CPR certified. Before 8 am or after 7 pm. 682–4648, anytime Saturday or Sunday.

GRANNY'S Playhouse. Licensed. 1 1/2 to 3. 5:30 to 5:30, Monday thru Friday. 4406 Thomason, 694–0104.

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350 Business Opportunities

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BJ SERVICES

350 Business Opportunities

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Attention Readers
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410 Miscellaneous Sales

STOVES,space heaters, barstools, China cabinets/ dinettes, furniture, appliances, mowers, golf clubs, recliners, Volkswagen. 570–4851.

DISNEY AREA- 5 days, 4 hotel nights, use anytime. Paid $310, sell $100. (915) 578–8562.

BARGAINS on vacuum cleaners. New and rebuilt. All makes. Rainbow, Kirby, Hoover, Eureka, Panasonic, Royal, Sharp- you name it. Repair all makes. 520–6464.

QUALITY handmade wood bunk beds & accessories made to order. GR's Bunk Beds Etc., 553-2875.

SOFA & Loveseat, new Modern Maid double oven (never used from Folgers Superstore), cedar lined wardrobe, Power 4 program stair stepper, decorative pictures, Tundra video telephoto lenses (0.65, 1.5, 2.55, 3.55). 1607 W. Michigan.

FULLY grown pecan trees for sale. 2 year guarantee. Call 694–8501, leave message.

COWBOYS PLAYOFF Tickets. 1 pair. 699–1748, 686-3234.

OVERSTOCKED on spas- must sell ten this week- call 563-3108 or 550-5225.

4 COWBOY Playoff Tickets- For January 6 or January 7 and January 14. Call 367–7347.

COLLECTIBLE Dolls from your childhood. From the 1930's to the 1990's most 1/2 price. 550–2626.

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LITTLE TIKES twin size car bed, like new. $250 complete. 2 Ethan Allen easy chairs with ottoman $200. 686–9301.

410 Miscellaneous Sales

NEW YEARS Party dress! Practically new! Must see to appreciate! $25. 697–8090.

START YOUR New Year's Resolution! Call 697–9400 for a treadmill.

415 Miscellaneous Wanted

SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687–5039.

420 Good Things To Eat

BUYING PECANS! Gardendale Pecan Processing. Shelling and Pecan Sales. Honey butter, homemade candy, fudge, pies and holiday breads. Thrashing poles, pecan pickers, burlap bags, and crackers. Monday- Saturday, 9- 6. FM 554, Gardendale. 366-9793.

SHELLED PECANS, $4.50 lb. In the shell, $1.25 lb. 682–8972.

430 Household Goods

COMPLETE FULL View Satellite system, Innovation 450I with anywhere remote, only 1 year old. $1,800 with professional re-install. 368-5012.

SAVE UP to 40% on 1995 Demo Spas- 6 to choose from- 550-5225 or 563-3108.

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BRAND NEW, still in plastic, any size mattress and box set. Free frame or delivery. 550–5123.

430 Household Goods

BUYING- SELLING- TRADING- Nice used furniture, antiques, appliances, TV's, stereos, miscellaneous. YES We're Open 10- 5, Tuesday- Sunday. Rainbow Trade Center, 1503 W. Industrial Ave. 686-9635- Gary.

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JIM'S CLUBS. Repairs; Custom Clubs; Taylor Burner Metalwood- Bubble Shaft (clone) $90; Big Bertha Irons (clone) $228 set; Regrip $3. 3115 Haynes, 694–1334.

460 Antiques & Art

GIFT FOR HIM- Bev Doolittle- "The Sentinel", $750, "Prayer for the Wild Things" print and CD, $450. G. Harvey- "The Oil Patch", $750. G. Farm- "The Gambler", $200. Don Stivers, "Hurry and Wait" unframed, $100. F. McCarthy, "Distant Thunder", $500. 684–5096.

AVAILABLE THE First of the Year- Limited space for lease in excellent traffic established Antique/ Collectible Mall. Perfect forum for start up business or to reduce overhead. Reasonable rent includes utilities, employees and accounting. Contact Dan, Antiques Etc. 10:30 am- 6:00 pm, Monday-Saturday, 682–9257.

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MIDLAND ESTATE SALES AND AUCTION SERVICE. Call Judy Jackson 689-3536 or Dawna Keith 683-9234.

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ALL Utilities Paid! 1 & 2 bedroom apartments. Deposit required. 501 W. Louisiana. 685-0911, 683–5161.

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NEW YEARS Resolution for care free living! Solved by moving inside the locked gates of Los Colinas Townhomes. Large 1 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths. $495. 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, $595. 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, $695. 697-8770.

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★3 BEDROOM, 1 bath, 1 acre. 2104 Todd. Available 12/ 16/ 95. $600 monthly. 570–7270.

FOR LEASE: 2 BEDROOM, with utility room. 502 W. Parker. 694–1508.

NICE CLEAN 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living, 2 car garage in Kimber-lea. $900 a month, $900 deposit, 3305 Cord Street. 550–4442 or 367-9219.

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4600 GRACELAND, 3 /4 BEDROOMs, 2 baths. fireplace, 2 car garage, new carpet. $565 plus deposit. No pets. No HUD. 697–8740.

SPACIOUS 3 bedroom, 2 bath, plus bonus room. Fannin area. New carpet, paint, skylights. Available January. No pets. $500 deposit, $850 month. 1 year lease. 694–7137.

FOR LEASE: Eye appealing 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 garage home. $695 per month, Lee High School District. Contact Cindy Brown, Realty Unlimited, (Owner- Agent), 550–5309.

COUNTRY LIVING! 3 bedroom, 1 bath, carport, fenced backyard. $350 month, $150 deposit. 683–4179.

3 BEDROOM, 2 living areas, 2 bath, Central air, 2 car garage, Excellent location. Walking distance to Lee High/ Rusk. No pets. $750 month. 694–0537.

2 BEDROOM HOUSE for rent. 3611 Cunningham. 683–5574.

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COZY 3 bedroom, 2 living area, Henderson District. $475 a month, $400 deposit. 5204 Leisure Drive. 694–5854.

5001 San Antonio. Hot tub, satellite, small sitting area in master bedroom, Berber carpet. Available now! Deborah Pierce, Re/Max, 520-2112, 682-8820.

EXECUTIVE WALLACE Patio Townhome; 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Immaculate approximately 2,600 sq. ft. $1,300 monthly, no pets. 689–3920.

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Ba.	Bath
Kit.	Kitchen
Dbl.	Double
A/C	Air conditioning
Mst. Bdrm.	Master Bdrm.
Gar.	Garage
Bldg.	Building
Cond.	Condition
N-QA	Non-Qualifying
	Assumable
QA.	Qualifying
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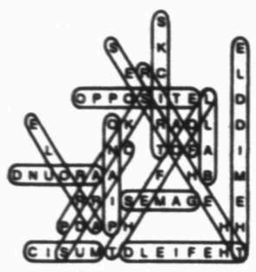

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