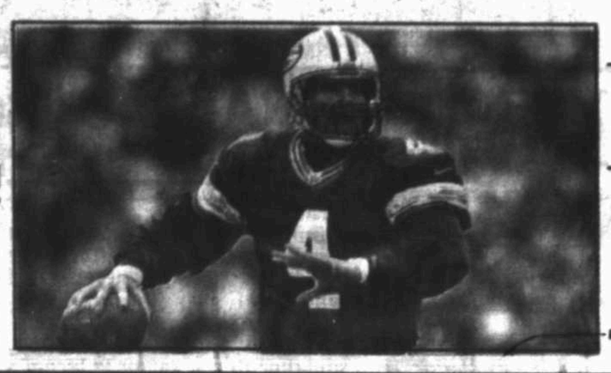
MONDAY MORNING

Bipolar disorder

Midland author Wayne Barton said that the book "A Brilliant Madness" by Gloria Hochman and Patty Duke helped change his life./1B



SPORTS

NFL playoffs

The Packers better have eliminated the rust. Their next opponent, the 49ers, won't be as charitable as the Tampa Bay Bucs./1C

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TODAY
Partly cloudy with high in mid-60s. Weather on 2A

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Plant fire

Thousands of people evacuated homes on both sides of the Ohio River on Sunday as a fire in a fertilizer plant burned through tons of potentially explosive and toxic chemicals. Emergency crews went door to door waking people within a mile of the plant advising them to take shelter at schools. About 2,500 people left their homes.

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Correction

Some times were stated incorrectly in a Sunday story on schedule changes for Pease and Travis elementary schools.

Beginning today, Pease Elementary students in grades kindergarten through 3, and 6, will attend Travis Elementary at 900 Gist Ave.

The Pease schoolday will begin at 9:10 a.m. and end at 4:10 p.m.

Students in the Pease neighborhood will catch a bus at Pease at 8:40 a.m. (not 7:40 as stated in the story) and return to Pease after school.

Pease sixth-graders will continue to catch their buses at Parker and Bowie elementary schools. Those buses will also depart at 8:40 a.m. and return to Parker and Bowie after school.

For more information call 689-1038.

The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

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Israel's Foreign Minister Levy quits

Prime Minister Netanyahu's government teeters on brink of collapse

By Dan Perry
Associated Press

TEL AVIV, Israel — Bringing the government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to the brink of collapse, Israel's foreign minister angrily resigned Sunday, saying he is "no longer a member of this government."

A scowling David Levy bitterly denounced Netanyahu's government for both abandoning the peace process with the Arabs and ignoring the mounting problems of Israel's poor and unemployed.

The resignation of the Cabinet's main supporter of the peace process sent the government into a tailspin, and Israel's TV and radio stations went into an emergency regime of all-evening talk shows discussing the chances of early elections and the possibility that the dovish Labor Party would return to power.

Levy

Netanyahu

Supporters gathered outside Levy's home in the provincial town of Beit Shean, urging him to stick by his decision and work to bring down the 19-month-old government.

Making good on a threat he issued Thursday, Levy had a letter of resignation delivered to Netanyahu's office late Sunday. By law it doesn't go into effect for 48 hours — meaning Levy theoretically could still back down.

Netanyahu issued a statement saying he regretted Levy's decision and hoped "he will change his mind."

At a news conference, the prime minister said he believed his coalition would prevail, and added that the government was on the brink of resuming the peace process and "doing the right thing to bring about a secure peace — not just a peace on paper."

Levy's threat last week to step down — inspired by his dissatisfaction with an austere 1998 budget — was viewed with some skepticism: He has made similar threats at least six times since the current coalition was formed in June 1996.

Netanyahu responded by delaying a vote on the budget — which he can do for three more months before his government falls — and figuring out how to come up with a reported $100 million in social subsidies for lower-income

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Democrats, GOP debate possible budget windfall

■ Republican lawmakers argue case for tax cuts while Democrats urge legislators to get their 'fiscal house in order.'

By Jonathan D. Salant
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Tax cuts. Paying down the national debt. New federal spending.

With the federal budget's red ink drying up, Democrats and Republicans sparred Sunday over where any extra money should go.

GOP lawmakers made the case for tax cuts. Clinton administration officials cautioned that the budget isn't even in balance yet and urged Congress to avoid any tax-cut package that would rekindle giant deficits that occurred during the administrations of Presidents Reagan and Bush.

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"We need to ensure that before we get into things like tax cuts — particularly tax cuts for the well-off — that we need to make sure that we have our total fiscal house in order," Franklin Raines, director of the Office of Management and Budget, said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Still, House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas, said a way should be found to lower taxes.

"When you're getting 21 percent of the gross national product coming in out of the workers' pockets to maintain the current government, that's the highest percent of revenue taken out of production since World War II," Archer said on ABC's "This Week." "We should have a tax reduction."

And House Budget Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, while advocating paying down the national debt, also recommended new tax cuts.

"We want to have a smaller government," Kasich said on "Meet the Press." "Government is at all levels consuming about 43 percent of national income.

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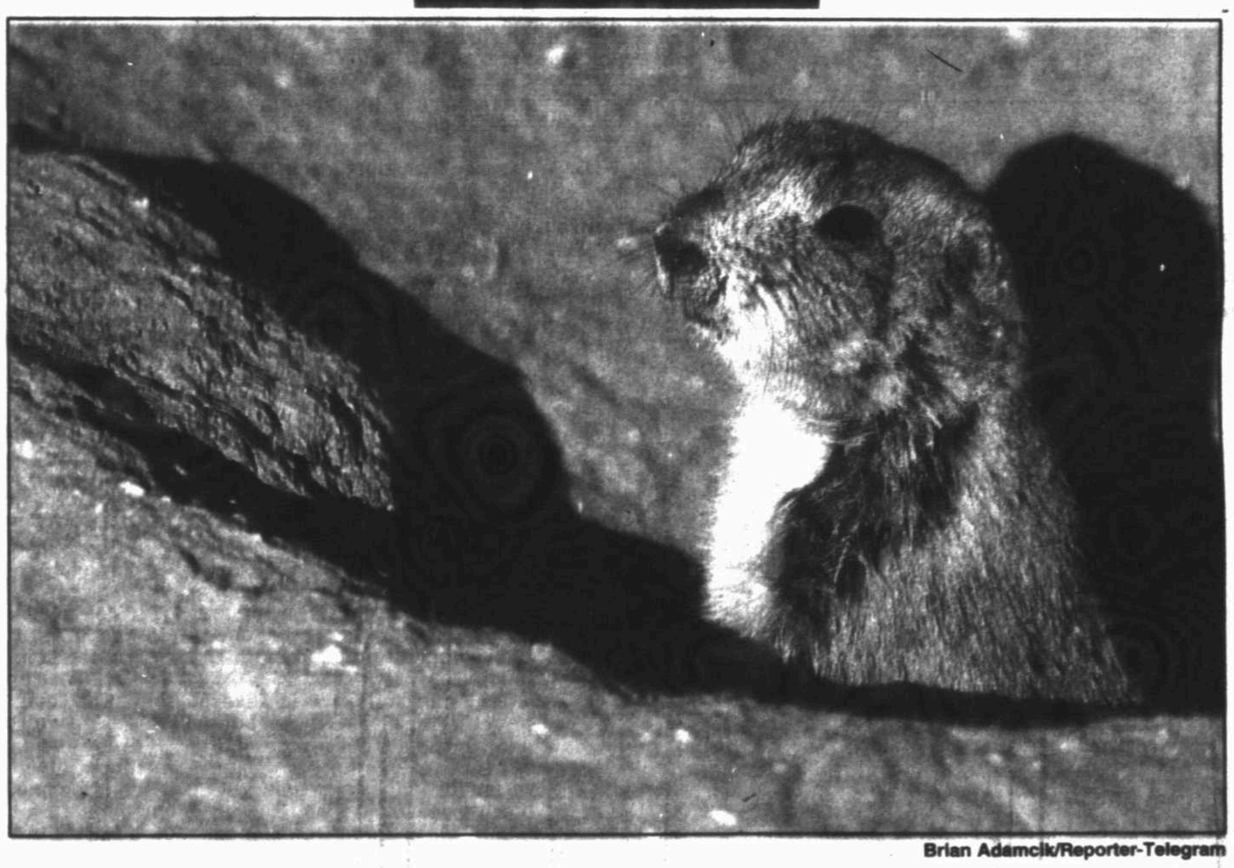
PURE PRAIRIE LEAGUE



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Prairie dogs poke their heads up from burrows in one of several "towns" in Midland, the biggest of which is near the intersection of Front and Lee streets along the railroad tracks just south of downtown.

Prairie dogs burrow into city landscape

By Richard Enos
Staff Writer

They're furry and cute and they're here to stay in Midland.

Little animals' heads are poking up from burrows all over the Tall City, sometimes to the irritation of property owners.

The West Texas prairie dog is on the move in the area and the small critters seem to be increasing in numbers.

Burr Williams, educational director for the Sibley Learning Center, said that until about 50 years ago prairie dogs were not common in the city limits. In recent years, however, their earthen homes have spread all over the city.

The mammals have been common in the dry West Texas region and while undeniably cute they are hated by ranchers and farmers.

"Historically they were unbelievably common," Williams said. "There were estimates to the tune of 500 million of them from the distance of San Angelo to Amarillo."

Ranchers don't count themselves among the animals' fans. Horses and livestock can injure themselves by stumbling into the deep burrows. The rodents will also eat farmers' crops.

Williams said West Texas property owners responded by destroying millions of the rodents over the years.

While prairie dog burrows may be a hazard, many think the creatures are cute and cuddly.

"They're so cute, and everyone watches them," Williams said. "You can feed them bread like people do up in Lubbock" at that city's prairie dog town.

Coy Willis, director of the city of Midland animal control center, said the animals may look like stuffed animals, but people should approach

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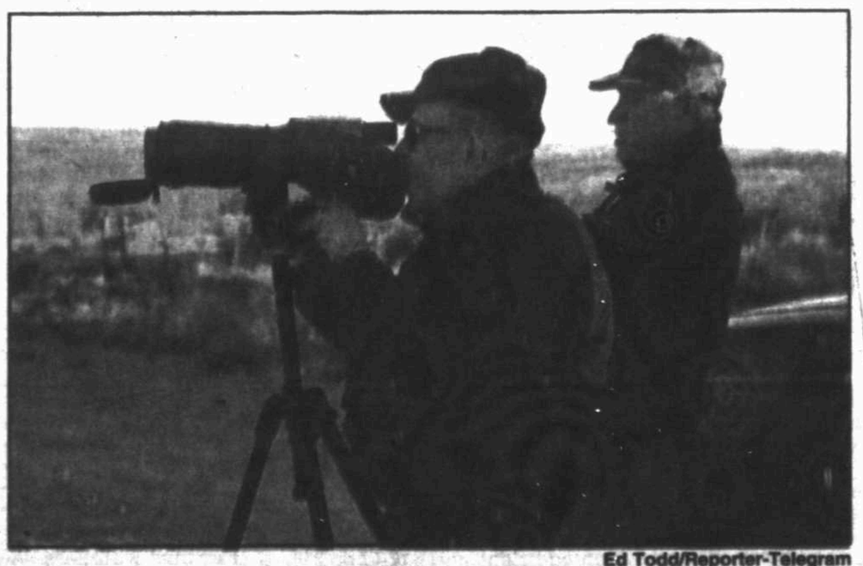

Ed Todd/Reporter-Telegram

Midland bird-watchers Gene Grimes, left, and Jim Henderson sight waterfowl in the distance at Soda Lake southeast of Midland in the 50th annual Christmas Bird Count. The bird count on New Year's Day was in conjunction with the National Audubon Society's nationwide count.

Local birders help to identify species for nationwide count

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

The orange glow of sunrise and the approaching sounds of predawn birdwatchers alerted hordes the sandhill cranes.

Soon, like bombers preparing for a mission, thousands of the cranes in distinct flights were airborne, circling and trumpeting loudly after lifting off from Soda Lake southeast of Midland.

"They've got to talk it over like the geese," Jim Henderson said.

Seasoned Midland birders Henderson and Gene Grimes have witnessed the flights before.

From sunrise to sunset, their objective was to identify bird species and to count their numbers as part of the National Audubon Society's nationwide Christmas Bird Count.

"My Dad said to count the wings and divide by two," quipped Henderson, who grew up in Tennessee "with a family that hunted and loved birds."

In the twilight, Grimes and Henderson agreed on a count of 6,507 cranes, including a family of seven in an orderly single row.

"I guess 6,500 is good enough, or, maybe, 6,507," Grimes said.

Soon, all the cranes were in the air, searching for feeding grounds.

The cranes would spend the daylight hours feeding and would return to the safety of the water for roosting at sunset. In the lake's shallow waters, they will be safe from predators, particularly the coyotes.

"If they can find a shock of maize, they will reek havoc with that shock of maize," Henderson noted.

They also seek after cotton bolls.

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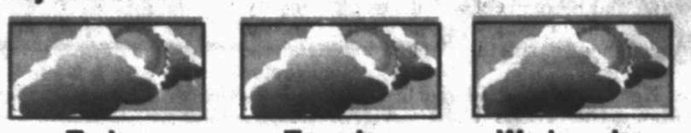
WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today	Tuesday	Wednesday
Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
High 63	High 55	High 55
Low 42	Low 35	Low 26

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high near 60. Winds will be from the southeast at 10 to 20 mph.

Tonight calls for partly cloudy skies with a twenty percent chance of rain and a low in the mid-30s, according to the National Weather Service.

Tuesday calls for partly cloudy skies with a high of 55 and a low in the mid-30s.

After an overnight low of 47, Sunday's high was 65, compared to the record high for that date of 80 set in 1994. The record low was 2 set in 1971.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall	.00 in.
Rainfall	.00 in.
Total for month	.00 in.
Total for year	.00 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

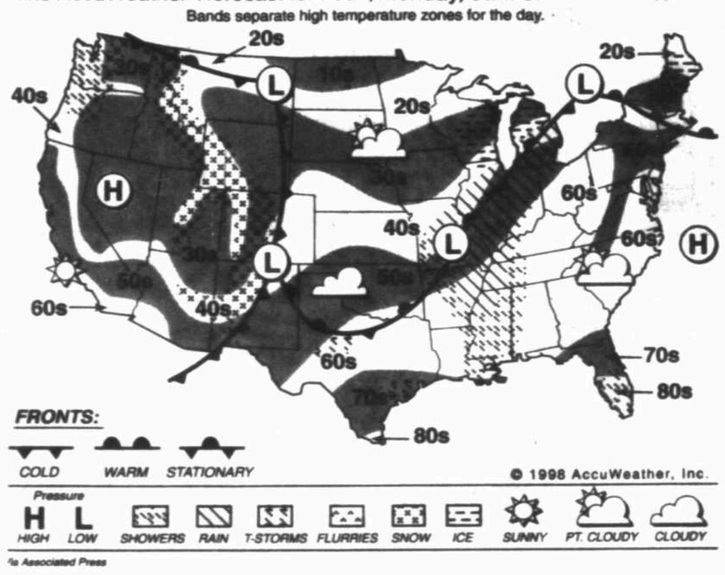
High	65
low	47
Normal high	56
Normal low	28

Sunrise 7:50 a.m. Sunset 5:59 p.m.

National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Monday, Jan. 5.

Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



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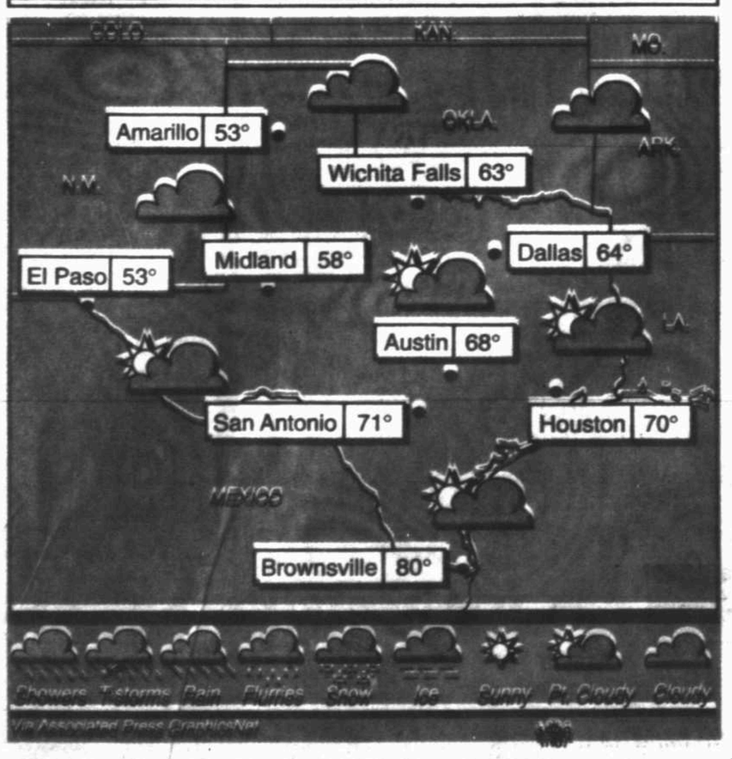
United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:34 p.m. EST.

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albuquerque	49	32	cdy	
Allentown,Pa.	61	36	cdy	
Anchorage	7	-9	clr	
Asheville	62	28	cdy	
Atlanta	64	43	cdy	
Atlantic City	66	43	cdy	
Baltimore	68	44	cdy	
Baton Rouge	68	58	.11	m
Billings	26	6	cdy	
Birmingham	70	45	m	
Buffalo	39	39	.31	cdy
Burlington,Vt.	35	35	m	
Caribou,Maine	22	22	.01	sn
Casper	43	19	cdy	
Charleston,S.C.	75	47	cdy	
Charleston,W.Va.	66	45	cdy	
Charlotte,N.C.	70	38	cdy	
Chattanooga	64	35	cdy	
Cheyenne	47	22	cdy	
Chicago	43	34	.61	m
Cincinnati	64	48	m	
Cleveland	57	51	.31	cdy
Daytona Beach	77	56	cdy	
Denver	47	24	cdy	
Des Moines	32	21	.38	cdy
Detroit	39	34	.44	m
Duluth	19	0	sn	
Elkins	59	31	cdy	
Erie	45	44	.66	cdy
Eugene	46	36	.20	m
Evansville	67	55	m	
Fairbanks	-43	-45	cdy	
Fargo	15	-7	cdy	
Flagstaff	34	25	sn	
Flint	35	31	.38	m
Fort Smith	62	58	2.43	m
Great Falls	8	0	.01	clr
Green Bay	31	22	.04	sn
Greensboro,N.C.	63	36	cdy	
Harrisburg	66	39	cdy	
Hartford Spgfld	58	43	.17	cdy
Helena	17	-3	sn	
Honolulu	85	72	.01	m
Jackson,Miss.	72	51	m	
Jacksonville	75	55	.02	cdy
Juneau	16	15	clr	
Kansas City	32	27	cdy	
Knoxville	63	32	cdy	
Lake Charles	66	61	1.39	m
Lansing	34	31	.37	m
Las Vegas	60	44	clr	
Los Angeles	63	50	.41	clr
Louisville	67	49	cdy	
Memphis	71	55	m	
Miami Beach	82	71	.04	m
Milwaukee	37	30	.53	m
Mpls-St Paul	29	12	cdy	
Mobile	71	51	m	
Montgomery	72	45	m	
Nashville	69	46	m	
New Orleans	74	59	.03	m
New York City	63	51	cdy	
Raleigh-Durham	67	37	cdy	
Rapid City	34	7	cdy	
Reno	40	38	.02	clr
Richmond	66	41	cdy	
St Louis	59	55	.37	m
St Thomas	88	m	m	
Salem,Ore.	47	39	.14	m
San Jose	56	45	1.17	clr
San Juan,P.R.	84	76	cdy	
Santa Fe	43	25	cdy	
St Ste Marie	17	3	sn	
Savannah	74	55	cdy	
Seattle	42	35	.30	m
Shreveport	65	59	.02	m
Sioux City	22	12	cdy	
Sioux Falls	21	4	cdy	
Tallahassee	76	56	cdy	
Tampa-St Ptrsbg	82	64	cdy	
Toledo	41	36	.62	m
Topeka	31	25	.52	cdy
Tucson	64	47	cdy	
Tulsa	42	38	1.29	m
Tupelo	69	46	m	
Washington,D.C.	67	37	cdy	
W.Palm Beach	82	70	.14	m

State forecast



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	62	47	0.01
Amarillo	43	27	0.60
Arlington	69	63	0.43
Austin Bergstrom	76	65	0.11
Beaumont	66	61	0.63
Brownsville	80	66	
Burnet	68	63	0.10
Childress	43	35	0.04
College Station	75	64	
Conroe	66	63	0.18
Corpus Christi	79	66	
Corsicana	71	63	0.06
Cotulla	76	64	
Dalhart	62	26	0.08
Dallas	70	64	0.21
Del Rio	75	63	
Denton	66	56	2.69
Dfw Airport	68	63	0.71
El Paso	61	36	0.03
Fort Stockton	68	45	
Fort Worth	67	62	1.97
Galveston	67	61	0.11
Harlingen	81	67	
Hondo	73	64	0.25
Houston Hobby	72	64	0.16
Huntsville	68	63	0.06
Junction	74	62	
Laredo	79	64	
Lubbock	58	43	
Lufkin	70	63	0.02
Marfa	63	32	
McAllen	82	68	
Mineral Wells	70	53	0.62
Navy Corpus	77	66	
New braunfels	76	66	0.10
Palacios	72	64	0.10
Paris	64	61	
Rockport	64	62	0.01
San Angelo	69	53	
San Antonio	70	65	0.09
Victoria	75	64	0.01
Waco	72	63	0.04
Wichita Falls	62	40	0.51
Wink	64	50	

ISRAEL: Clinton special envoy due to visit region this week

(From 2A)

Israelis.

But Levy said Sunday that despite Netanyahu's efforts, he had decided "the partnership had failed."

Hanan Ashrawi, a senior member in the Palestinian Cabinet, said the internal chaos in Israel's government would likely delay the peace process even as the United States is pushing for progress.

Without Levy, Netanyahu would be more dependent on Cabinet hard-liners for support, which would give him "a ready-made excuse not to implement agreements," Ashrawi said.

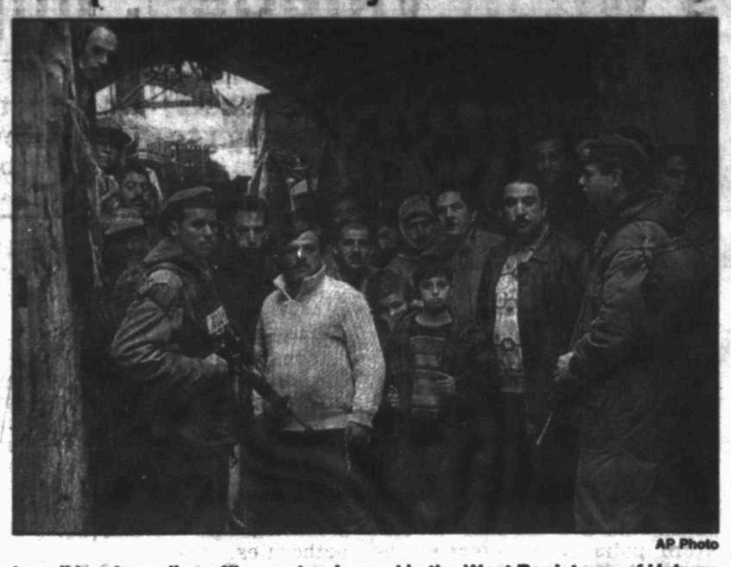
The opposition Labor Party announced it would bring a motion of no-confidence in Parliament next week. If it wins an absolute majority, elections could be held within two months.

"This government has shamed its voters," Labor Party leader Ehud Barak said in Tel Aviv. "The gap between what Netanyahu promised and what is happening ... is so grave that we cannot go on."

Hard-line Agriculture Minister Rafael Eytan admitted Sunday that "the government in its present form is hanging by a thread" and called on Netanyahu to initiate new elections himself.

Such elections, Ashrawi said, could "be used as a pretext to put the peace process on hold."

Still, Netanyahu is well behind Barak in the polls, and a return of the dovish Labor Party to power would certainly speed up the peace process.



AP Photo

Israeli border police officers stand guard in the West Bank town of Hebron Sunday as a crowd of Palestinians gather to watch the eviction of Israeli settlers from Palestinian-owned unoccupied buildings in Hebron. Dozens of Jewish settlers seized the buildings at dawn Sunday while protesting what they claim has become an increasingly dangerous situation in Hebron.

Without Levy's Gesher faction, Netanyahu's coalition would fall to a minimal 61 members of the 120-member Parliament — and he could face more defections from other supporters of the peace process, those within his party as well as other members of the coalition.

Despite the political crisis, the United States is not relieving pressure on Netanyahu to deliver on Israel's promise of a troop pullback in the West Bank.

President Clinton's special Mideast envoy, Dennis Ross, is due to visit the region this week. On Jan. 20, Netanyahu is expected to present a concrete pullback plan at the White House, and Clinton is to meet with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat two days later, Israel and Palestinian officials confirmed Sunday.

Levy appeared unlikely to change his mind about his resignation, especially after his condemnation of the government's half-hearted peace moves.

"We could have derived advantages if we had led the process," Levy said. "We will have to give in later, under more difficult conditions."

Levy, 60, has been the weakest link in Netanyahu's coalition since their uneasy alliance began. Netanyahu once opposed the peace process and remains lukewarm about it, while Levy has emerged as an unequivocal supporter. Also, Netanyahu is committed to free markets, while Levy leans toward active social policy.

Some say ego is at the root of the crumbling relationship: The thin-skinned, Moroccan-born Levy, a former bricklayer who rose through trade-union politics, has never abandoned his dream of becoming prime minister and cannot stand playing second fiddle to the younger, slicker Netanyahu.

Levy, who immigrated to Israel in 1957, is a hero to many fellow Sephardim, or Jews of Middle Eastern descent.

He said that in the event of new elections, his Gesher faction would run independently of Netanyahu's coalition, which would test Levy's political strength.

In 1992, Levy helped bring down Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir by suggesting just before elections that the Likud Party was racist toward Sephardim. When he lost Likud's leadership race to Netanyahu a year later, he bolted the party and formed Gesher, only to realign himself with Netanyahu just before the 1996 election.

BUDGET: Clinton's plan would give breaks for day care expenses

(From 1A)

That's too high. And taxes are obviously too high. So I think we should do both — cut taxes and cut government."

Among tax cuts suggested by the GOP was elimination of the so-called marriage penalty, in which some married couples pay more income taxes than they would as single people.

President Clinton will offer some tax breaks in the spending plan he's proposing next month for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1. They are expected to be much more modest in scope than eliminating the marriage penalty.

"We think that it is an important issue, one that we would be prepared to look at at the appropriate time," Raines said Sunday. "However, it's very expensive. And as people throw out ideas for popular tax cuts, they should also throw out how they're going to pay for them."

Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, speaking on CNN's "Late Edition," said the president's plan will include an appeal for money to give breaks to middle-income people for day care expenses and energy conservation costs.

Rubin said the cuts would be financed by closing corporate tax loopholes and eliminating some subsidies.

"We'll be proposing remedying those, and that will provide resources with which to fund the modest and very carefully targeted tax cuts that we'll be proposing," Rubin said.

Kasich, meanwhile, said he would oppose increasing federal spending above limits provided for in last year's balanced-budget agreement. Some lawmakers from his own party, most notably Rep. Bud Shuster, R-Pa., chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, want to use excess money to boost spending for roads and bridges.

"The idea that we ought to take any of this money and expand government for anything, to have any additional spending beyond the budget agreement, would be a terrible mistake, and I intend to fight it," Kasich said. "I said, 'There'll be no extra spending over my dead body,' and somebody said, 'John, don't give us the incentive.'"

With the federal budget coming into balance, Raines and Rubin said the administration is looking at how to repair Social Security, which faces a financial crunch or worse when the giant baby boomer population begins retiring in the next century.

Raines said Clinton is making no proposals but wants to talk to congressional Republicans about the problem.

"We need a bipartisan agreement to move forward on this," Raines said. "We can't do it by the president alone, or Democrats can't do it alone. It has to be bipartisan."

Archer rebutted that Clinton needs to offer a proposal.

"Would you call that leadership?" Archer said. "The president should propose. He should send up what he believes is an appropriate solution, and we should look at it."

CRITTERS: Animal control officers urge maintaining distance

(From 1A)

them with caution and shouldn't try to pick them up.

"They're cute," he said. "They're neat to watch and they look lovable, but they sure inflict a nasty bite or scratch."

Animal control officers keep tabs on prairie dogs, fearing that people might try to capture one or that someone might trip on the burrows.

The mammals live in several towns in the Tall City, including a large one near the intersection of Front and Lee streets along the railroad tracks just south of downtown.

Dozens of the furry creatures can be seen running along the tracks, chirping and wagging their small tails. Others pause to cautiously poke their heads out of their burrows.

At times they'll curiously stand on their hind legs and stare at human observers. Midland's skyline is a stark contrast to the blocks of dirt burrows along the railroad tracks.

Williams said the colony by the tracks may be part of older prairie dog towns further east at Fairgrounds Road and old U.S. Highway 80.

Willis said that for the most part the animals do little harm in town.

"They're not really a threat as far as for property owners," he said. "It's something we keep an eye on. We're just observing the situation, and just making sure things go well with it."

"They're neat to watch, there's no doubt about it. Our main concern is people trying to capture them or walking around at night and falling into the holes."

The creatures may live between five and seven years and have a variety of unusual behavior traits, Williams said.

Scientists have determined that there may be as many as 24 different sounds that prairie dogs can make to communicate. Their common name probably comes from the barking sound they make to warn others of intruders.

The little critters also have an unusual way of identifying who belongs in their burrows.

"They 'kiss' each other to identify each other to make sure they're part of the family — probably by the smell," he said.

Females play the dominant role in prairie dog society. They lead the family and watch over the young.

"When you see a hole with a whole bunch around it, there's usually a grandmother," he said. "The females do 90 percent of the talking."

Adult male prairie dogs have a reduced role and typically are around only during mating season. The rest of the time they congregate outside the burrows. In fact, the females don't want them around most of the time.

"The males will mate with as many females as they can," Williams said. "They are kicked out of the female's holes because (the females) don't want any inbreeding, so the males have to go somewhere else. They don't have much paternal instinct."

The animals eat grass and a variety of bulbous roots such as wild onions and rain lilies. They typically keep the grass short around their burrows.

"They keep (grass) short because they don't want coyotes and badgers sneaking up on them," Williams said.

Williams said the animals will bite and scratch people, but the very young can be tamed in some cases. The animals are even popular pets in Japan.

Willis said animal control officers have no plans to evict the furry animals along the railroad tracks. Their haven along the railroad is safe for now.

"At this point in time we're not really going to do much," he said. "That is all railroad property. Hopefully (the town) doesn't get much bigger than it has now. With those things, who knows; they're prolific."

COUNT: Midland Naturalists had more than 25 participants

(From 1A)

"The farmers tell me they (the cranes) do the most damage when they tear up the bolls to get at the seed," Henderson said.

And some hunters shoot the big game bird out of the sky.

Unlike the endangered whooping crane, which also spends winter in Texas, mostly in the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge on the Gulf Coast, the sandhill crane is not a protected species.

"The season is open (for sandhill cranes)," Henderson said. Sandhill crane nest in Northwestern United States, Canada, and Alaska, and fly to the Southwest, including Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona, and Mexico to overwinter from October to March. "You can shoot three. They are not bad eating."

Grimes and Henderson were among more than 25 field birders participating in the bird count as member of Midland Naturalists. They were armed with binoculars, spotting scopes, bird field guides and a passion for watching birds.

"To see the ones you haven't seen before gives you a pretty good kick," said Grimes, who each year sights between 175 and 220 bird species in Midland County.

In the Christmas Bird Count, which for the Midlander birders came on New Year's Day, Grimes was particularly "tickled to see the barn owls and the rock wren."

All told, the field birders and the neighborhood birders counted 103 species and 32,470 individuals in the day's work, according to veteran bird-watcher Frances Williams. Their actual numbers were much higher.

Their numbers ranged from the sandhill cranes, the red-winged blackbirds, and sparrows in the multi-thousands to the singular and secretive rock wren, a yellow-bellied sapsucker and a yellow-headed blackbird.

Grimes and Henderson were keen on sighting the barn owl and the rock wren and particularly the petite rock wren "not because they are rare but because they are hard to find, secretive in the wintertime," said Mrs. Williams, who noted that the count celebrated Midland's 50th Christmas Bird Count.

The count, which took in a circle of a 15-mile diameter that included the town of Midland and the open prairie, draws and ponds south of town, covered select Midland neighborhoods, Fairview Cemetery and Resthaven Memorial Park, Green Tree and Saddle Club additions north of Loop 250, Memorial Stadium to Hill Park and Wadley-Barron Park, The Pits southwest of Midland, Grafa Park, Cole Park and environs, Flushing Meadow or Rose Acres and alfalfa fields, Cowden Park, Midland Country Club and the Golladay Road area at Five Points, the Midkiff Bog, Hogan Park, Soda Lake, and Golden-eye Pond.

At Soda Lake and environs, Grimes's and Henderson's sightings included the cardinal-like pyrrhuloxia, the barn owls, meadowlarks, the loggerhead shrike with its black facial mask, white-crowned and vesper sparrows, pintailed ducks, mallards, killdeer, green-wing teals, American kestrel (falcon) or sparrow hawk, the ruddy duck, red-tailed hawks, prairie falcons, the Northern harrier or marsh hawk, yellowlegs, sandpipers, dowitchers, the American pipit, the brown towhee, and great-horned owls.

Between Soda Lake and Golden-eye Pond, Grimes' and Henderson's sightings included long-billed curlews, cowbirds, red-winged blackbirds, and a burrowing owl.

At Golden-eye Pond, which was named after the golden-eye duck, Grimes and Henderson sighted coots, the double-crested cormorant, the pyrrhuloxia, ring-necked duck, and the Northern flicker, a woodpecker.

For bird-watchers like Grimes and Henderson, the thrill is in the sighting of rare species and, especially, birds rare to a particularly territory.

"We haven't seen any bald eagles," Grimes said. And they didn't that day or even sight a golden eagle. "We said that about the pyrrhuloxia. And they appeared."

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In Ghana's witch villages, imprisonment means protection

GAMBAGA, Ghana (AP) — Stopping for a moment from grinding her small ration of millet, the young woman smiles nervously and says, no, she's not sure exactly what she did to come to this place.

All she knows is a little boy died. And she was blamed. And with accusations of witchcraft seething in her village, she was attacked by former friends and neighbors.

Eventually, her family turned against her, and her husband brought her to Gambaga, a dusty town 30 miles from the nearest paved road that offers refuge to more than 100 women accused of witchcraft.

They live in a cluster of mud-walled compounds out on the edge of town, hoping to reclaim someday a little piece of their lives.

"I don't know what happened," says the woman, who goes only by the name Banga and who now believes that she somehow did put a curse on her nephew, making him sick and finally killing him.

"Only God can tell. I don't know how I did it," she says.

In a country where cellular phones and satellite TV mix freely with age-old beliefs in the supernatural, where everyone from Cabinet ministers to missionaries believes in witchcraft, the "witch villages" of northern Ghana have become the center of a debate over how a modern government should deal with sometimes brutal traditions.

If the witches of Gambaga live in abject poverty, forbidden from leaving without permission, their ghetto is also one of the few places where they are safe.

"If I go back I would not survive," says one woman, Hawa, who came to Gambaga a few months ago. "The father of the baby I bewitched would hunt me down."

For centuries, witchcraft has been used in this part of the world to explain natural phenomenon, from polio to impotence. The accused often are elderly women, the weakest members of African village life. Many times it is a jealous neighbor or another wife in a polygamous household who makes the witchcraft accusation.

Women accused of sorcery have few choices but to seek protection in a witch village. There, the chief is believed to have the ability to drain a witch's powers before shunting her off to live in the sorcerers ghetto, where most of the women eventually come to believe they really are witches.

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— Hawa, a resident of Gambaga, a village offering refuge for women accused of witchcraft

Gambaga, a collection of mud-and-thatch huts and colonial-era fieldstone buildings, is one of the three known witch villages remaining in Ghana. During the last century, nearly every village in the region had its own witch ghetto, but they gradually disappeared under pressure from missionaries and British colonial authorities.

Gambaga has a population of a few thousand, about 130 of them accused witches. It looks pretty much like every other town — except that the witches' camp is spotlessly neat. "No men," one woman explains.

The alleged witches of Gambaga, most of them in their 40s and 50s, are mostly uneducated and come from small, rural villages, where fear of witchcraft runs deepest. Many will spend decades in the camp, living there until they die.

Most are desperately poor. While the chief offers the women protection and the eventual promise of a proper burial, he provides them with little food. Instead, they rely on charity, the sale of firewood and the food they receive from working in the chief's fields.

Ruling over Gambaga is Chief Yahaya Wune, a sometimes benevolent autocrat with a firm belief in the righteousness of the witches ghetto.

"It's not by magic that I keep them," he says through a translator. "It's merely a tradition handed down from generation to generation to provide sanctuary."

The witches ghetto stands near the humble, thatch-roofed dwelling that the chief calls his palace.

Yahaya's rule has changed little from the days when his forefathers ran Gambaga. Here, his word is law, and he is greeted with bows and hand-clapping when he walks through town with his black, wooden staff.

He becomes angry when he talks about the accusations leveled against the witch villages from hundreds of miles away in Accra, the capital.

"What crime have I committed?" he demands.

"Those that actually did it — are proved to be witches — I accept," he says. "But we settled them here to prevent them from being attacked."

Still, after existing quietly for at least 150 years, the witch villages have become a political issue.

Government officials, rights activists and church groups decry them as inhumane prisons where elderly women languish unless the chief decides they no longer pose a threat and their home villages will take them back. Freed witches must also repay the chief for his protection, giving him a goat, some chickens and the equivalent of about $10, a sizable payment for a Ghanaian villager.

"It is obnoxious and is a violation of the rights of women," says Ama Benyiwa-Doe, Ghana's deputy minister of employment and social welfare, who wants to ban the villages and prosecute the chiefs.

But even critics concede that in a country where an accusation of witchcraft can be a death sentence, the witch villages provide a necessary haven.

The chief "is not a cruel man," says the Rev. Emmanuel Arongo, the Anglican bishop for the Gambaga region and a harsh critic of the camps. "What he's able to do, he does."

Some activists say that instead of closing the havens, the government should improve the lives of the women by providing aid, particularly deliveries of food and clean water.

As for the women, some dream of the day when their accusers die off and they can return to their own villages, but for others the witch ghettos become their real homes.

"I won't go anywhere," says Banga, her 3-year-old daughter standing silently beside her while she works in front of their tiny hut.

Algerian government under fire after massacre

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — Scattered shootings, abductions and a bombing left a new trail of bloodshed in Algeria over the weekend, while the opposition Sunday demanded a government response to last week's slaughter of 412 peasants.

Algeria, in the grip of a 6-year-old insurgency by militants intent on overthrowing the military government, has been shaken by a new wave of violence that coincides with the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. Almost two dozen people died in the weekend violence.

The government continued to withhold comment on Tuesday's massacre in western Algeria — the deadliest since the insurgency began — and critics accused the country's leaders of trying to pretend that Algeria is not in throes of a dangerous crisis.

"We have to break the silence. There's tragedy in a country they say is normalized," said the front page of the opposition and anti-fundamentalist newspaper Le Matin.

A statement Sunday by the Movement for a Peaceful Society, an Islamic group with representation in Parliament, demanded "reinforcement of security measures."

Despite growing bloodshed, President Liamine Zeroual's government has insisted in recent months that the violence was "residual terrorism." State television, which did not report last week's massacre until Saturday, made no mention of the killings Sunday.

In that attack, armed men slit throats, cut off heads and bashed babies against walls in four hamlets around the western town of Relizane as Ramadan began at sundown, according to survivors.

The villagers were not armed and had no telephones to call for help.

No one claimed responsibility for the attack, but suspicion fell on the Armed Islamic Group, the insurgency's most violent movement. Known by its French initials GIA, the group seeks to establish a new government based on a strict interpretation of Koranic law.

The daily l'Authentique quoted residents as saying some of the militant attackers were former neighbors who wanted to seize their property. Other papers saw the killings as an attempt by the GIA to widen the conflict beyond Algiers, the capital.

The government has set up some local self-defense militias, but the militants have often sought to punish villages that arm themselves.

In new violence overnight Friday, militants shot or slashed to death 18 people in three neighborhoods in the hills of Algiers, sources at Maillot Hospital said on customary anonymity.

Poultry workers protest slaughter

HONG KONG (AP) — About 700 poultry workers demonstrated Sunday in downtown Hong Kong, saying the government's slaughter of chickens to stem the spread of a virus is robbing them of jobs and income.

Carrying banners that read "No Chickens, No Income" and "Give Us Back Our Jobs," the protesters rallied at a public park before marching to the nearby main government building, where they delivered a petition to Hong Kong's leader, Tung Chee-Hwa.

The demonstrators also accused the government of inefficiency in handling the planned killing of Hong Kong's 1.3 million chickens. While the government promised to eliminate all the chickens by gassing them with carbon dioxide, television footage showed that some had survived. Also, while the garbage bags of chicken remains were to be carted to a landfill, some were left unattended, where dogs, rats and cats were able to pick at them.

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Moi prepares to take Kenyan presidential oath for fifth time

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — President Daniel arap Moi, preparing to take his fifth presidential oath, dismissed suggestions Sunday that the election was rigged and urged Kenyans to unite to rebuild the corruption-riddled country.

"I am asking Kenyans to start a new chapter altogether, and attend to the more serious problems that face the country," Moi told The Associated Press after worshiping with supporters at a Pentecostal church in Nairobi.

Critics say it is Moi, 73, and other leaders who are to blame for the corruption that has scared away international lenders that hold the key to restoring the country's ruined roads, schools and hospitals.

For example, Moi has spent $90 million in recent years to build an airport near his hometown in rural western Kenya — a project many say is completely unnecessary.

And there are other suggestions of government excess. Government officials are suspected of being part of a scam to pay a jewelry company millions of dollars for fictitious exports of gold and diamonds. Kenya's court decided not to prosecute the officials, prompting the International Monetary Fund to cancel its loan.

Graft and inept management cost the country more than $200 million in IMF funding last year.

During the campaign, Moi adopted the role of political outsider, railing against such problems and promising remedies but no specific solutions.

On Sunday, he again failed to offer specifics. "There are so many priorities," said Moi, who will be sworn in Monday to serve his fifth five-year term.

Electoral Commission Chairman Samuel Kivuitu officially confirmed Sunday what unofficial results had already shown: Moi had secured the highest number of votes, gained the requisite 25 percent of the vote in five out of eight provinces, and won a parliamentary seat.

"Moi ... is hereby declared the elected president of the Republic of Kenya," Kivuitu said.

Results from nine of 210 constituencies were still untallied, but the 147,761 uncounted ballots "would not make any difference" to the outcome, Kivuitu said.

Moi won 2,445,801 votes, or 40 percent, while his closest rival, Mwai Kibaki, a former vice president, had 1,895,527, or 31 percent. Trailing them were Raila Odinga, son of an independence leader, with 665,725; Michael Wamalwa with 505,542; and Charity Ngilu, Kenya's first female candidate, with 469,807.

Moi was scheduled to be sworn in at downtown Nairobi's Uhuru Park, the Presidential Press Service said. Presidents Yoweri Museveni of Uganda and Benjamin Mkapa of Tanzania planned to attend, as well as diplomats based in Nairobi, the press service said.

Kibaki and Odinga have protested the vote, saying it was unfair and calling for a rerun within 21 days.

But Kivuitu said the commission "gave a fair chance to all voters to vote," and chided candidates who blamed the commission for their loses.

"A strong candidate would never do that," he said. "The commission may be an easy target as it cannot afford to engage in a slanging (shouting) match with a loser."

Moi on Sunday dismissed the allegations of election fraud.

"It is me who should have complained bitterly," said Moi, who previously claimed that the Electoral Commission, whose 21 members he approved, were favoring his opponents.

Independent, international monitors upheld the vote, calling it disorganized but an accurate reflection of the will of Kenya's people.

Burundian survivors lay to rest relatives killed in Hutu rebel attack

RUKARAMU, Burundi (AP) — Survivors of a Hutu rebel assault that killed 300 people buried their dead Sunday — mostly Hutu women and children — while the president urged them not to be duped by those who say they are fighting for the Hutus' freedom.

As the survivors mourned their loss, gunshots were heard off in the distance, where the army pressed its campaign to round up rebels.

With diplomats from France and the United States in the audience, President Pierre Buyoya criticized the international community for remaining silent while Burundi was ravaged by "a genocide campaign." The retired Tutsi major seized power in a July 1996 coup promising to stop Tutsi-Hutu violence.

The bodies of 211 people were buried Sunday in the Rukaramu settlement, nine miles northwest of the capital, Bujumbura.

The assault Thursday on the village and a nearby army camp also killed 100 rebels and four government soldiers, and displaced another 10,000 people. The death toll was expected to rise as more bodies were found, and people died from their wounds.

Scores of Hutu men who survived the rebel onslaught lent their support Saturday to Burundi's Tutsi-led army help track down the attackers.

"Hutu rebels did the killings," Ndahudure Desmas, 40, said at the memorial service, echoing an army charge. "They circled our village ... they entered houses and killed children and women."

The rebels demanded money and killed anyone who didn't turn over cash, he said.

Some civilians were killed by the army, but only a handful who were trapped in the fighting, Desmas said.

Burundi's main Hutu rebel group in a statement denied its forces had massacred the civilians and instead accused the army of carrying out the killings.

The National Council for the Defense of Democracy said its armed wing had launched the surprise attack early Thursday, but struck only military targets.

In previous attacks, the rebels, fighting to overthrow the Tutsi-dominated government, have killed Hutu civilians whom they accuse of denying shelter, money and recruits to the guerrillas.

Buyoya, speaking at the memorial service, warned villagers not to be tricked by the rebels' intentions.

"Do not fall into the trap of those who try to make you believe that they are fighting for democracy and the liberation of the Hutu community," he said.

Evariste Ngoyajoyi, bishop of Bujumbura, presided over the service. At the Vatican, Pope John Paul II condemned the massacre in Burundi, as well as one in Algeria.

"Once again I profoundly deplore such bloody events, which cannot help but arouse every conscience," he told a crowd gathered in St. Peter's Square. "The path of violence does not lead to a better future!"

Burundi's rebels and the army have been embroiled in war since the October 1993 assassination of the country's first democratically elected president, a Hutu, by Tutsi paratroopers. More than 150,000 people, most of them civilians, have been killed since.

Tutsis make up only 14 percent of Burundi's population of 6 million but traditionally have controlled the government, military and economy. Hutus make up 85 percent.

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It's up to Senate after criticism

The Senate dragged its feet in 1997 on confirming some of President Clinton's judicial appointments — and that inaction brought sharp criticism from Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist.

In his year-end report, Rehnquist noted that 82 out of 846 federal judgeships, or about one out of every 10, are vacant. While Rehnquist placed the blame both on Clinton and the Senate for the delays in the appointments, he was more critical of the Senate and said the nation's quality of justice may be threatened by the delays.

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Rehnquist said, "Some current nominees have been waiting a considerable time for a Senate Judiciary Committee vote or a final floor vote. The Senate confirmed only 17 judges in 1996 and 36 in 1997, well under the 101 judges it confirmed in 1994.

"The Senate is surely under no obligation to confirm any particular nominee, but after the necessary time for inquiry it should vote him up or down. In the latter case, the president can send up another nominee."

Rehnquist's timely criticism should spur the Senate to action on judicial appointments early this year. There is a right way and a wrong way for our government to operate and it is quite obvious that when presidential appointments are not being approved, someone is not doing their job. Rehnquist has pinpointed that "someone" as the Senate.

We suggest that our good senators get their ducks in a row and start doing the job we know they are capable of doing when they want to get something accomplished. The judicial system should not suffer as a result of their inaction.

ANTHONY LEWIS

Attacks by Clinton's enemies hurt nation

BOSTON — No president in a long time has been so puzzling, such a mixture of contradictions. Bill Clinton can charm the birds from the trees — and abandon friends without apology. He dazzles with his knowledge of issues — and then so often fudges them. He is a great talker — but has given Americans no vision of where the country ought to be going.

He gains strength, I have come to think, from his enemies. They are so hateful that they have created a certain public sympathy for him. And he has shown a winning equanimity in the face of their attacks.

Every president has critics. But Bill Clinton's started in on him with extraordinary vitriol from the moment he was first elected.

Conservatives set out to deny his very legitimacy, and they have not stopped. Today the voices of the extreme right are talking about impeaching Clinton, and they are not joking. Rep. Bob Barr, R-Ga., introduced a resolution last month for an impeachment inquiry.

The most vicious attacks have of course been on Clinton's personal character. He has been depicted as a drug smuggler, a murderer.

The peddlers of hate, including such as the Rev. Jerry Falwell, have profited from videotapes and books and articles spinning out conspiracy theories.

The 1993 suicide of Vincent Foster Jr., the deputy White House counsel, produced a conspiracy industry. The right-wing multimillionaire Richard Mellon Scaife used a newspaper he owns to promote the theory that Foster had been murdered and the killing covered up. Conservative radio talk-show hosts took it up. Two independent counsels found after determined inquiries that Foster had committed suicide, but that has not stopped the conspiracists.

One of the leading promoters of the notion that Foster was murdered is a reporter for the Scaife newspaper, Christopher Ruddy. He is now pushing a new conspiracy theory — that Ronald Brown, the secretary of commerce, was murdered.

Brown and 34 others on a trade mission with him were killed when their Air Force transport plane went off course and crashed in Croatia in 1996. The Ruddy charge is that he was actually shot and the plane sabotaged to cover up the killing. Air Force pathologists who examined Brown's body found that he died from the impact of the crash.

In the old days people who invented such tales were dismissed as the lunatic fringe. Nowadays they have the power of money to circulate their lies.

They have the motivation of extraordinary hatred for Bill Clinton. And they do not care about the pain they inflict on the families of Foster, Brown and the others who went down on the plane.

Then there is the Paula Jones lawsuit. Whatever happened in 1991 in a Little Rock hotel room, it is becoming ever clearer that Ms. Jones' tardy legal action against Clinton is a political strike suit designed to hurt him.

A right-wing organization in Virginia called the Rutherford Institute is helping to pay Ms. Jones' expenses.

A conservative legal group, Judicial Watch, has brought a lawsuit against an insurance company, State Farm, that covered some of Clinton's legal expenses. Judicial Watch claims that Clinton's policy did not cover the issue and that other State Farm policyholders were injured.

Finally, there is Whitewater. To date no wrongdoing by the president has been shown in that long-ago Arkansas land deal. (Those interested in distinguishing facts from charges should read Gilbert Cranberg's piece in the current Nieman Reports on how the press got one Whitewater fact wrong, finding incriminating evidence where there was none.)

Other presidents have reacted to critics in their own ways. Franklin Roosevelt joyously battled what he called the "malefactors of great wealth." Richard Nixon shrank deeper into his paranoia. Bill Clinton brushes off the attacks, and most of the public seems to feel that that is what they deserve.

But there is still a cost, a heavy cost. The poison directed at Clinton goes along with the attacks on all of government as evil. The coin of our politics is being corrupted, and it is hard to see what will restore civic discourse and enable us to deal with the country's real problems.

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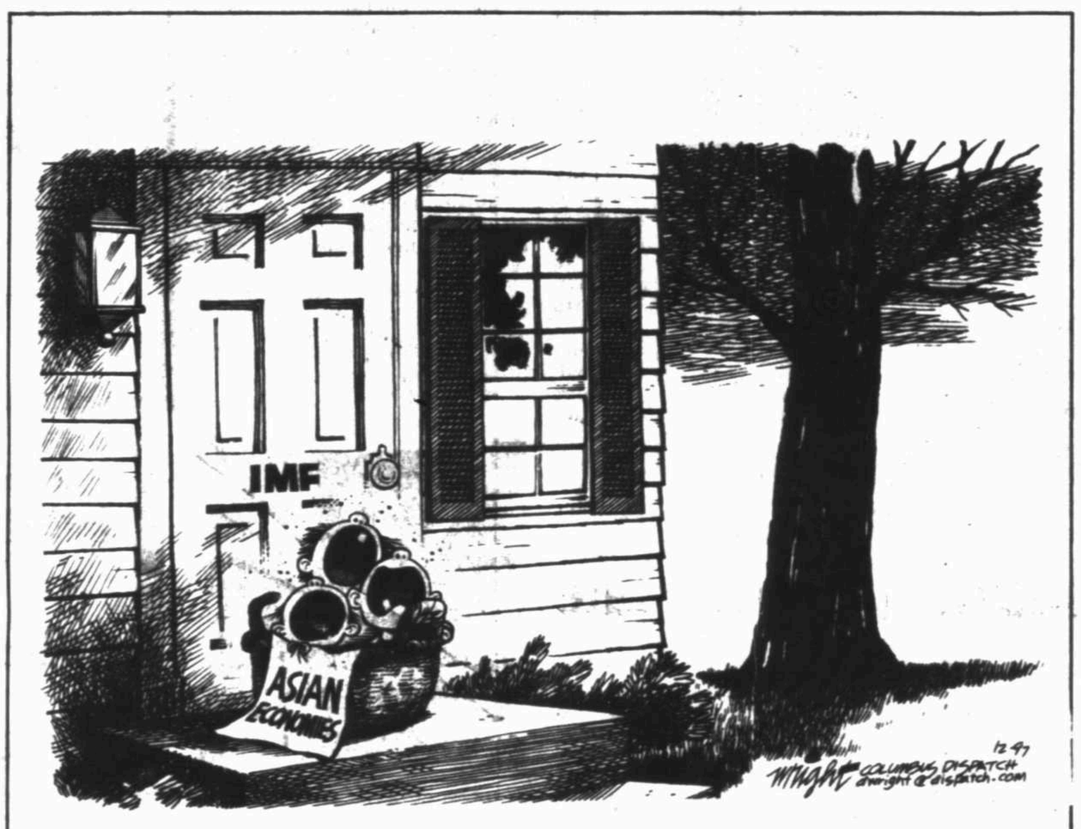

CHARLEY REESE

Let's send Clinton to Bosnia and bring troops home

Bill Clinton hasn't kept a promise since he took his wedding vows, which he also broke. It's no surprise that the American troops will stay in Bosnia indefinitely. The 18-month deadline is not to be met any more than the previous 12-month deadline was met.

Reese

So if you believe the Clintonistas now when they say they have an exit strategy, I'm afraid you are hopelessly gullible.

Unfortunately, Republicans, as an opposition party, are a bunch of toothless wimps. They should inform the president that funding for the Bosnian operation ends in June 1998. But they don't have the guts. And the Republican leadership is as internationalist as Clinton. All of the above can be said for the Establishment press, too.

Here are some points to keep in mind:

Bosnia is a blood-red example of the folly of believing that multiculturalism and diversity are good things. They are the cause of the conflict.

The United States has no national security interest in the Balkans. No U.S. forces should be anywhere near there. If the people in the Balkans wish to have a civil war for ethnic and religious reasons, that's their business. It should not concern us, for their fighting does not threaten in anyway whatsoever one single legitimate American interest.

The Clinton propaganda line is that stability in central Europe is essential to American security. Well, in the first place, instability in central Europe is not a threat to our national security. In the second place, Bosnia isn't in central Europe, it's in southeastern Europe.

The Dayton Peace Accords are an attempt to force an international solution on a three-faction country. They will not work. All they have done is cost American taxpayers $7 billion and kept 8,500 American troops from doing what they ought to be doing.

As soon as the troops leave, the fighting will resume. That is true whether the "deadline" for removing the troops is 12 months, 18 months or 20 years.

And when it does resume, it will be worse because the United States has foolishly armed two of the three factions (the Croatians and the Muslims). Presumably some American idiot thinks this will intimidate the Serbs into accepting domination by the Croatian-Muslim factions. It won't. No one who knows the Serbs thinks it will. They weren't intimidated by the Austro-Hungarian Empire or by the Third Reich. Why should they be intimidated by a shaky and nervous NATO?

Another point to remember is that the United States has backed the wrong factions. The Serbs allied themselves with the United States in both World War I and World War II. The Croats allied themselves with our enemies. Why the United States took the position that everybody in the Balkans but the Serbs are entitled to self-determination and independence is one of the more disgusting mysteries of U.S. foreign policy.

Finally, this is yet another example of how the American people are simply shut out of foreign policy decisions by their own government. This is not self-government.

Paying taxes and once every two years voting for tweedledee or tweedledum while being told we have no choice but to accept whatever blunder the president decides to commit are not my idea of self-government.

Nor is it compatible with self-government to have a few corporations control the public airwaves so real debate is impossible.

The American people deserve better than this. We have better uses for $7 billion than parking American troops between three armed factions so the factions can take a breather. We should send Clinton to Bosnia and bring the troops back home.

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RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

Feeding the hungry needn't be a chore

As a child, I dreaded feeding The Hungry at Christmas. Over the years I've figured out it was the approach we took to feeding the hungry that I hated.

Johnson

I believe the hungry hated it, too.

A Sunday school class would pile into the teacher's car. Slowly we made our way through some neighborhood we didn't know. Our well-meaning leader would verify the address from a slip of paper, park the Buick by the curb and then wrestle the big cardboard box out of the trunk. In the box were canned goods, maybe a ham, fruit, a bag of peppermints — whatever we'd collected.

Then all of us, the entire class, marched to the door. The hungry were always expecting us.

I can remember the quiet exchanges, the mumbled thanks, the command appearance of big-eyed children from back rooms. All of us kids — Baptist visitors in wool pleats and studied smiles, and the embarrassed children of need — all of us would shuffle and stare at our feet while the adults exchanged a few amiable words.

One year a mother made her children perform a carol; they had rehearsed. If I live to be 100, I'll hear reedy voices singing of dashing through the snow, laughing all the way. Even as a child, I knew the poor shouldn't have to sing for their supper.

That was long ago. Sensibilities are different now. We give to faceless families, first-names only. We drop coins in kettles and authorize painless deductions in our paychecks. We spare those in need needless embarrassment.

Yet probably there's less patience with the idea that some still are hungry. With food stamps and banks and soup kitchens, how can that be?

I talked to a man named Gil Llanas the other day. He works with Miller Brewing Company in Milwaukee and, through a corporate project, has studied hunger in four states. Georgia is one. The University of Georgia also assisted in the "Georgia Hunger Study,which attempted to measure public mood as well as hunger.

"People have stereotypes of who the hungry are," Llanas says. "They might think a welfare person, a street person, is the only one hungry."

That's not necessarily the case, Llanas says. More and more the hungry are children in single-parent families. They are working people who must divide a paycheck between rent, transportation, utilities, child care and food. They are the elderly who spend the lion's share of a small check on medicine so as not to get sick, then skimp on buying food and get sick.

The study found the four hungriest counties are Fulton, Muscogee, Richmond and DeKalb. Urban centers with dense population. But there is hunger in rural Georgia, too. A lot of what the study says is predictable, but bears repeating: "Hunger is linked to poverty is linked to unemployment is linked to a lack of education is linked to poverty and so on...."

And half of the hungry are children. Just like long ago.

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ANOTHER VIEW

'Going postal' now has deadly meaning

"Going postal" is a dark parody of an already dark phrase, "going ballistic," and it has happened again, this time during a season infamous in post offices for high stress, short tempers and behemoth workloads.

Anthony Deculit, 37, "went postal" Friday. He killed one fellow worker and wounded two others. Before putting his pistol in his mouth, he gave his phone number to a frightened co-worker and asked that his wife be called. Then he pulled the trigger.

The Postal Service has been working since at least 1986 to identify workers who might crack.

The reality is that the Postal Service and many other businesses rely on thousands of workers to meet demands that can push more fragile people beyond their limit.

There is never an excuse for taking a weapon to a job and killing people. But just the fact that it occurs, and recurs, is reason for authorities to better understand the origins of such tragedies.

— The Columbus Dispatch
Columbus, Ohio

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Jan. 5, the fifth day of 1998. There are 360 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 5, 1896, an Austrian newspaper (Wiener Presse) reported the discovery by German physicist Wilhelm Roentgen of a type of radiation that came to be known as "X-rays."

On this date:

In 1589, Catherine de Medici of France died at age 69.

In 1781, a British naval expedition led by Benedict Arnold burned Richmond, Va.

In 1895, French Capt. Alfred Dreyfus, convicted of treason, was publicly stripped of his rank. (He was ultimately vindicated.)

In 1925, Nellie T. Ross succeeded her late husband as governor of Wyoming, becoming the first female governor in U.S. history.

In 1933, the 30th president of the United States, Calvin Coolidge, died in Northampton, Mass., at age 60.

In 1943, educator and scientist George Washington Carver died in Tuskegee, Ala., at age 81.

In 1949, in his State of the Union address, President Truman labeled his administration the "Fair Deal."

In 1970, Joseph A. Yablonski, an unsuccessful candidate for the presidency of the United Mine Workers, was found murdered with his wife and daughter at their Clarksville, Pa., home.

In 1972, President Nixon ordered development of the space shuttle.

In 1994, former House speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill died in Boston at age 82.

Ten years ago: The U.N. Security Council voted unanimously to ask Israel not to deport Palestinians from the occupied territories in the first council vote against Israel since 1981. Basketball star "Pistol" Pete Maravich died of a heart attack during a pickup game in Pasadena, Calif., at age 40.

One year ago: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat held a secret, predawn summit, but fell short of agreement on the issues delaying an Israeli troop withdrawal from Hebron.

President ends Caribbean idyll, returns to Washington political arena

WASHINGTON (AP) — From white sands and swaying palms to the White House and politics, President Clinton's tropical respite gave way to work Sunday as he returned to Washington to tackle the budget, the election year and peace in the Middle East.

Clinton, fresh from a six-day winter vacation with his family in the U.S. Virgin Islands, planned to meet with advisers first thing Monday for work on details of the budget proposal he wants to present to Congress the first week in February.

"I'm supposed to work," Clinton reported with a small grimace en route from St. Thomas, where the most business he would admit to was reading a collection of advisers' memos suggesting themes and phrasing for his Jan. 27 State of the Union address. Other reading in preparation for the speech included Robert Kaplan's "The Ends of the Earth: A Journey at the Dawn of the 21st Century," Clinton said.

This week, he begins a series of appearances meant to give Americans a piece-by-piece advance look at what he will propose, pet issues such as child care and education. On Tuesday, the president plans an announcement in the White House's Roosevelt Room, where aides say he will detail a proposal to let people between 62 and 64 pay up to $400 a month for Medicare health coverage.

The proposal, already widely reported in the press, drew brickbats Sunday from Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio, chairman of the House Budget Committee. A prominent Democratic liberal said the buy-in plan was an idea whose time has come.

"When we have a system that's headed toward bankruptcy, to add more people to a system that's running out of money doesn't make any sense," Kasich said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

On ABC's "This Week," Sen. Paul Wellstone said it's a wise idea because "too many people in the country are either not old enough for Medicare, ... or they're not poor enough for Medicaid, and they're not fortunate enough to have a good health-insurance plan."

In a crucial month for domestic policy, when the administration and the Republican-led Congress lay out their competing agendas, Clinton also is resuming top-level work on the Middle East problem.

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart confirmed Sunday that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel and Palestinian chairman Yasser Arafat have accepted Clinton's invitation for separate talks in Washington — Netanyahu on Jan. 20, Arafat two days later.

"The president thought this was the right time to bring both leaders to Washington to try and move the peace process along," Lockhart said.

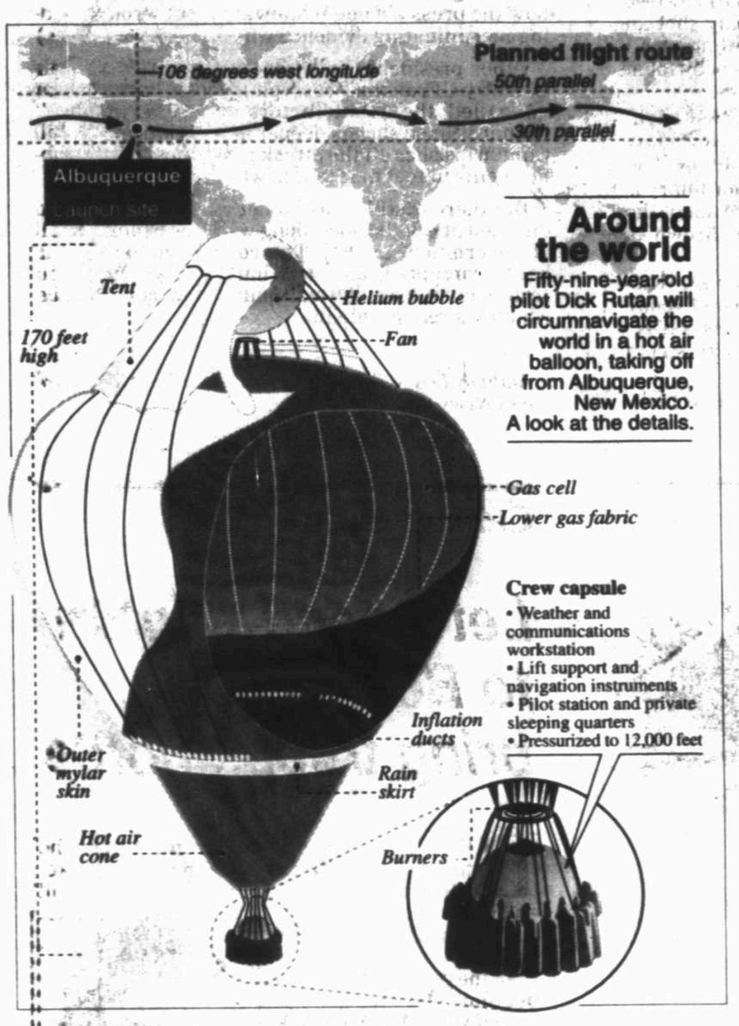
With Congress returning to work this month, the midterm election campaign for control of the House and Senate is getting under way — and Clinton is resuming post haste his fund raising for Democratic candidates. He travels Thursday to New York and Texas for a handful of lunches and dinners with donors.

In a virtual repeat of his 1997 New Year's retreat, Clinton ventured to the secluded island beaches with his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, and their daughter Chelsea. This year, however, the family was joined by Buddy, their new labrador puppy, who got presidential lessons in swimming and "fetch" on the private, white-sand beach outside the Clintons' borrowed villa.

"He learns how to swim a lot quicker than I did," Clinton quipped.

He wound up his lazy vacation with a brief stop Saturday night at an invitation-only party thrown by Gov. Roy L. Schneider at the swank Ritz-Carlton Hotel. Amid the revelry of colorfully costumed Caribbean dancers on stilts, Clinton thanked locals for their hospitality, then retreated to Zorba's, a nearby Greek restaurant, for a quiet family dinner.

Chelsea, on holiday break from Stanford University, returns to school on Tuesday.



Weather, malfunctions jeopardize balloonist's attempt

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Steve Fossett's quest to become the first to pilot a balloon around the world nonstop was in jeopardy Sunday, plagued by low winds and heater malfunctions that left him shivering in his cockpit.

It is "very unlikely" Fossett would complete his trip, Alan Blount, mission control director, said Sunday afternoon.

"Steve is very cold ... I honestly don't know the duration of this flight," Blount added.

The announcement came at a news conference hours after Fossett's two vital heaters went out and he appeared to be headed toward the north side of the Black Sea over Russia.

"Steve is going to make the ultimate decision ... He's a big boy," Blount said.

Blount said there was "serious discussion" Sunday morning between the mission control team and Fossett about executing a landing, because the wind at that time showed he would begin to loop back toward Moscow. "Obviously we didn't want to do a trip to Moscow," Blount said.

The team believes Fossett could continue traveling eastward, rather than looping north, which would put over the very southern tip of Russia.

Blount said Fossett might still attempt to break his own record of traveling 10,361 miles in a balloon. That was in January 1997, when he was forced to land in a mustard field because he ran out of fuel.

"If you set a record, that's great, it's a milestone," Blount said. "If you get all the way around the world, that's the pot of gold."

Flight team members said Fossett had flown approximately 5,000 miles, but indicated breaking last year's record was doubtful.

Fossett is more likely to break the record he set last year by staying aloft for more than six days, said spokesman Steve Kraushaar.

To do it, Fossett could land at 9 p.m. EST Tuesday to beat the record by 16 minutes.

The malfunctions left Fossett with diminished control over the hot air portion of his combination helium and hot-air craft.

At 3 p.m. EST, Fossett was 225 miles northeast of Istanbul, Turkey, riding the wind toward the east at 26 mph at an altitude of 23,000 feet.

The team reported that a heater was malfunctioning in Fossett's 6-by-4 passenger capsule beneath the balloon.

Normally the heater keeps the capsule's temperature at between 45 and 50 degrees. The team said the temperature had dropped but did not know how much.

"He said he's cold," spokeswoman Judith Jasper said. "He's said he's uncomfortable and would like it to be warmer."

The team also said one of the two propane burners that are fired whenever the hot air balloon must be heated for extra lift, allowing Fossett to climb or maintain his altitude, was not working properly.

Fossett took off from St. Louis on Wednesday and hoped to complete his flight in 15 to 20 days.

Gerry Everding, another flight team member, said Fossett had taken enough propane fuel to last 22 days, but would not say how much Fossett had left Sunday. As of Saturday evening, Fossett had used about 20 percent of the 800 gallons started with.

It is the 53-year-old Chicago commodities trader's third try to circle the world.

Plant blaze forces thousands to evacuate

MAYSVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Thousands of people evacuated homes on both sides of the Ohio River on Sunday as a fire in a fertilizer plant burned through tons of potentially explosive and toxic chemicals.

Authorities waited for the fire to burn itself out at the Cargill Inc. plant, which was not in operation when the blaze broke out at about 2:30 a.m. There was no immediate indication if anyone was in the plant at the time. One firefighter suffered a minor injury.

Emergency crews went door to door waking people within a mile of the plant advising them to take shelter at schools. About 2,500 people left their homes in Maysville and across the river in southern Ohio's Brown and Adams counties.

Loretta Wills said she left her apartment so quickly that she put her slacks on backwards, and a neighbor left without her dentures. "We just had to grab and go," she said.

Authorities decided to let the fire in the 25,000-square-foot building burn itself out rather than fight the blaze with water and risking washing toxic chemicals into the Ohio River. The plant is about 600 yards from the river.

Maysville police said the fire was completely out by late afternoon. They lifted the evacuation order around 5 p.m., and residents were allowed to return to their homes.

The fire also shut down a nearby CSX rail line and closed the Ohio River between Maysville and Manchester, Ohio, about 10 miles upstream. All river and rail traffic was reopened when the evacuation order was lifted, police said.

The plant contained stockpiles of herbicides and pesticides as well as 420 tons of ammonium nitrate, the fertilizer that is half of the mixture which made up the bomb set off at the federal building in Oklahoma City.

Cargill, based in Minnetonka, Minn., a suburb of Minneapolis, told the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Sunday the plant stores five potentially dangerous chemicals: methyl bromide, ammonium nitrate, paraquat, endosulfan and carbofuran.

The EPA set up air monitors in southern Ohio to test for ammonia, considered the most dangerous of the chemicals, said spokeswoman Beth Gianforcaro. She said several clouds of smoke from the plant were visible in Ohio.

Although the ammonium nitrate fertilizer was not mixed with fuel oil, the second ingredient in the Oklahoma City bomb, authorities said there was still a risk of explosion.

The cause of the fire was not yet known.

The state fire marshal's office feared that applying water or foam to the blaze would create vapor clouds that would spread to populated areas, Maysville City Manager Dennis Redmond said.

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Cattlemen go after Oprah Winfrey as mad cow disease trial begins

CHICAGO (AP) — Although mad cow disease has never been documented in the United States, Oprah Winfrey says she had every right to speculate on her show about the possibility of an outbreak here.

Texas cattlemen disagree, and on Tuesday pretrial hearings begin in a lawsuit charging that Ms. Winfrey defamed an entire industry when the disease was made fodder for her talk show.

Cattlemen claim they lost millions of dollars because of the show. Oprah, her Harpo Productions Inc. and distributor King World Productions say the show was only keeping the public informed.

"I maintain my right to ask questions and to hold a public debate on issues that impact the general public and my audience," Ms. Winfrey said in a statement shortly after the show aired.

Mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy, is a brain-destroying disease that has ravaged cattle in Britain since the late 1980s.

It is believed to have been spread by cattle feed containing ground-up sheep parts, but it was not until 1996 that British scientists announced that humans may have contracted the disease by eating diseased beef.

Enter Oprah.

During an "Oprah Winfrey Show" broadcast in April 1996, a guest said that feeding ground-up animal parts to cattle, which was being done at the time, could spread the disease to humans in the United States.

To applause from the studio audience, Ms. Winfrey exclaimed: "It has just stopped me from eating another burger!"

Cattle prices began to fall the day of the show and fell for two weeks before rising again.

Amarillo cattle feeder Paul Engler was livid.

No case has ever been reported in the United States, although eating meat from cattle tainted by the disease is believed to have killed at least 20 people overseas, mostly in Britain.

Engler, who said he lost $6.7 million because of the show, sued along with a dozen cattlemen under a 1995 Texas law that protects agricultural products from slander.

The federal lawsuit appears to be the biggest test yet of so-called "veggie libel" laws, which sprouted after a "60 Minutes" report in 1989 on the growth regulator Alar sent apple prices plummeting. Since then, 13 states have passed laws against falsely disparaging products.

Ms. Winfrey's show came at a time when drought, high feed prices and oversupply were crippling cattlemen.

England and Europe have been dealing with mad cow disease for several years, and the United States has been keeping an eye on the situation.

In 1989, the United States banned imports of beef products from England because of the disease, but meat imports from continental Europe were allowed to continue.

Last June the United States banned the feeding of most animal parts to cattle, and in December imports of cattle and sheep from Europe were banned.

But slaughtered animal parts can still be fed to pigs, chicken, fish, pets and other animals in the United States, and those animals in turn can be processed into feed for cows.

Dairy producer Bruce Krug of upstate New York believes the government and the beef industry need to stop the practice.

"We've got a potential disaster on our hands if we continue feeding animals back to animals," said Krug, who keeps 120 head of cattle in Constableville, about 40 miles north of Utica.

Post office launches 30 stamps in 30 days; plans series of 150

WASHINGTON (AP) — Coming soon to a post office near you: a blitz of commemorative postage stamps recalling the century's first two decades.

Eventually, the series "Celebrate the Century" will entail 150 commemorative stamps issued over the next 2 1/2 years, looking back from the millennium at America's 20th-century history. Events to be commemorated in the years since 1950 will be chosen by vote of the public.

The project grew from an idea Azeezaly Jaffer, the Postal Service's stamp chief, had as he flew across the country one day. He decided "we ought to do something about the millennium," Jaffer said, and formed a group to discuss how to do it. Their determination: "Let's give America an opportunity to put its stamp on history."

"It's the first time ... this has happened," Jaffer said of the voting plan.

True, the public was invited to choose which image of Elvis Presley would be used on the stamps that became the post office's most popular commemorative of all time. But the "Celebrate the Century" series marks the first public participation to the extent of actually determining stamp subjects.

Each decade will have 15 stamps recounting famous events or personalities. The post office's advisory committee on stamps picked topics for 1900-1949, and the series starts Monday with stamps being issued for the 1900s and 1910s.

In the first voting, for stamps harking back to the 1950s, Americans will consider 30 topics including school desegregation, construction of the interstate highway system, development of the polio vaccine, drive-in movies, rock 'n' roll music, cars with tail fins and chrome, the first satellites, boxer Rocky Marciano, "I Love Lucy" and America's move to the suburbs. The top 15 vote-getters will be featured on stamps.

Those ballots will be available at post offices nationwide starting Feb. 3. Ballots for voting on stamps reflecting the 1960s, '70s, '80s and '90s come out later.

New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani is to attend Monday's launch ceremony at Ellis Island, N.Y., and release stamps honoring that port of arrival for millions of turn-of-the-century immigrants. Also expected are singer Ray Charles and actress Brenda Love.

Seinfeld trusts stand-up comic instincts

NEW YORK (AP) — Jerry Seinfeld's stage instincts told him it was time to exit.

"I felt ... the Moment," the veteran stand-up comic says in Time magazine. "That's the only way I can describe it."

Seinfeld, whose recently announced plans to shut down his highly rated sitcom shocked his loyal viewers, is the subject of the magazine's cover story in its Jan. 12 edition, which hits newsstands Monday.

"I just know from being on stage for years and years and years, there's one moment where you have to feel the audience is still having a great time, and if you get off right there, they walk out of the theater excited," Seinfeld said. "And yet, if you wait a little bit longer and try to give them more for their money, they walk out feeling not as good."

Seinfeld revealed a few details of the season's remaining 10 shows, including the first episode of the show set in New York to be actually filmed on location in Manhattan. He also said Jerry and Elaine won't marry, and the final episode will be paired with a mock-documentary about its making.

He refused to confirm reports NBC offered him $5 million per episode to continue "Seinfeld" beyond this year, its ninth season.

"I would like to be considered a great comedian. I don't think I'm there yet," Seinfeld said, citing Richard Pryor and Bill Cosby as two who are.

DEAR ABBY

Readers' definitions of term 'elderly' vary widely

DEAR READERS: The many responses I received to the question, "How would you define the term 'elderly'?" were wonderful. Permit me to share a few:

Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I have a definition that has served me well most of my life: Anyone is elderly who is older than I am.

This was confirmed when I heard my dad, who was 84 and in a convalescent home, speak of the "old codger who lives down the hall." He was 87. -- CARL FISHER (AGE 82), WALNUT CREEK, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: I am 79 and just beginning to think of myself as "elderly." Fifty, to me, is middle age. -- DOROTHY KENT, HENDERSON, NEV.

DEAR ABBY: I am 52 years old and consider the term "elderly" as being a synonym for dead! -- JANE ANDERSON, CINCINNATI

DEAR ABBY: How would I define elderly? I am reminded of the old joke that went, "I enjoy drinking; HE'S a drunk." I'm an older woman; SHE'S elderly! -- BEA SHAW, TOLUCA LAKE, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: I don't know a great deal about how ladies view themselves, but to me they are forever young. However, I do know a little about men.

By my reckoning, until age 35, he is an adolescent.

From 35 to 55, he is a young man.

From 55 to 75, he is middle-aged, and anyone who is 75 or older is a senior. -- TOM DANAHER (AGE 71), LAS VEGAS

DEAR ABBY: When you ask someone to define "elderly," you open a can of worms. It is my belief that few people think of themselves as a specific age.

Society seems to want to label each of its members by age, race, religion, etc. Let's forget all that and just live. Elderly is as elderly does. Enjoy life and, as the French say, "Vive la difference!" -- ROBERT L. CASEY, LAS VEGAS

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MONDAY MORNING

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HUMOR ON THE SIDE

Radio museum

EAST HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Before professional curators and funding sources got into the act, museums were basically just a collection of interesting things from people's attics.

One of Connecticut's newest museums is a throwback to those days. But the Vintage Radio & Communications Museum of Connecticut has, as its name suggests, a specific focus: on collecting and showcasing old radios and other early electronic devices that otherwise might be thrown away.

The man behind the museum is John Ellsworth, an industrial arts teacher and collector of antiques and old radios, who opened up a portion of his New Britain home as a museum in 1990.

The museum moved into a spiffy storefront in 1996. But it is still a volunteer-run labor of love, where Ellsworth can be seen sweeping the sidewalk out front and taking tickets.

He also gives guided tours of the history of radio the museum spells out. This includes a radio hidden in a table, the first known record changer and a 1940s combination refrigerator-radio. Plus lots of fascinating stories for adult tour-takers, while kids can be entertained by the many opportunities to make things work.

Touring the museum can be a learning experience for kids and a nostalgic one for adults.

"We call it 'the warm fuzzies' — that moment when somebody's face lights up and they say, 'My grandmother had a radio just like that.' Or 'I found out about Pearl Harbor on something just like that,'" Ellsworth says.

There are no "Do Not Touch" signs here, but there are many little pink arrows pointing to vintage radio or television on/off switches urging, "Try Me."

For information: (860) 675-9916.

Spielberg tinware

STURBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Where do you buy almost 3 tons of historic-looking tinware for a Steven Spielberg movie? Wal-Mart?

DreamWorks, Spielberg's production company, went to Old Sturbridge Village, the old American museum village. There, a dozen craftsmen put together the historic-looking pieces for Spielberg's new movie, "Amistad."

Tinware made in the museum's tinsmith shop included trays, coffeepots, sconces, dippers and two dozen spittoons, according to museum staff.

The movie recounts the story of an 1839 uprising on a slave ship.

$42 million gift

NEW YORK (AP) — The Israel Museum in Jerusalem says it will use a $42 million gift from the son of the late Caroline and Joseph Gruss of New York to build a 130,000 square-foot visitor resource and orientation center.

The museum's board of directors said the Israeli government is contributing an additional $8 million toward the new project. The $50 million orientation center is to be designed by American architect James Ingo Freed.

The Israel Museum describes itself as Israel's largest cultural institution, with a permanent collection of nearly 500,000 objects including the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Martin Gruss said he conceived the gift as a tribute to his parents because of their deep love of the arts, culture and education.

Steel museum

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. (AP) — Bethlehem Steel Corp. is selling a 19th-century factory to a redevelopment group for $1. The deal will preserve industrial history, create a new museum and open part of the former mill to new businesses.

The Johnstown Redevelopment Authority recently approved the transaction for the acquisition of three buildings of the Cambria Iron Works: the carpentry and machining shops, which will be marketed to new industrial tenants, and the blacksmith shop, which will become a museum.

The museum could be open by summer, said Richard Burkert, executive director of the Johnstown Area Heritage Association.

Earlier, Bethlehem had begun to demolish the site. But community groups staged rallies and signed petitions to save the historic structures.

MONDAY MORNING EDITOR
JIMMY PATTERSON

Rover takes over

While poodles have been widely recognized as being among the smartest of dog breeds, nobody knew quite what to make of this couple as they patiently waited for their masters. The dogs are owned by C.K. and Bill Heaverlo of Yakima, Wash. Nobody reported who drove away.

Twins meet after 40 years

SCHENECTADY, N.Y. (AP) — Daniel Neill speaks with a Southern drawl, and Bertram Hassett sounds every bit his native New York City.

But the twins knew they had more in common than looks when they met for the first time Monday after being separated when they were 8 months old. They celebrate their 40th birthday today.

"It's weird," Neill said. "Already, it's like when I'm talking to him I'm talking to myself. ... There was an immediate connection."

Neill, of Fort Collins, Colo., and Hassett, of Schenectady, were aware of each other's existence but their searches came up empty until a California agency linked the pair for a $175 fee paid by Neill.

The twins' parents, Bertram and Patricia Hassett, were carnival workers who provided few clues into why Neill was put up for adoption in the summer of 1958. They and Neill's adoptive parents have since died.

"The reasons are buried with them I guess," said Neill, raised in Walker, La.

Hassett was initially told his twin had died. The twins' reunion efforts had been so fruitless over the years that his wife, Margaret, thought Neill's call earlier this month was a prank.

"I was a little sarcastic. I thought it was someone fooling around," she said.

Since then, the two talked often while planning Monday's meeting surrounded by family and friends.

So many contenders, so few trophies

Time for the '97 Goofball Awards

By Richard Roeper
N.Y. Times New Service

What a year it was for scandals big and small.

Every time I thought I'd found a surefire winner for the coveted GOOF Award, someone even more deserving would bumble into the spotlight and make a mess of things, and I'd have to reconsider the momentous decision.

Finally, as 1997 mercifully draws to a close, we have a winner, to be revealed momentarily.

No one aspires to the GOOF (Greatly Overhyped and Overexposed Fool) — a gigantic trophy made entirely of goat cheese carved into the image of the original winners, Milli Vanilli — but each year many contenders emerge.

Some are celebrities, some are only temporarily famous because of their public flounderings.

Only one gets to go home with the GOOF.

Before we crown our winner, let's pay tribute to all the 1997 nominees.

■ **JENNY JONES**. Took a break from exploiting undereducated, dentist-avoiding dysfunctionals long enough to exploit herself in a depressing autobiography that chronicled a long, sad life devoted to parlaying her minimal talent into show-business success. Particularly offensive is the passage devoted to the murder of Scott Amedure, which came about after a show on "secret crushes." Jones allows herself not a moment of introspection or regret as she defends the "fun show" and lashes out at her critics.

■ **KATHRYN HARRISON**. Wrote a creepy memoir, "The Kiss," detailing the four-year love affair she had with her father starting when she was 20 — and thus old enough to kick him in the groin and file charges when he made his first move.

■ **MARV ALBERT**. During an interview with Barbara Walters, he discussed his tryst with a transvestite; the threesome he had with his accuser and another woman; the "several relationships" he had behind his fiance's back, so to speak; cheating on his first wife; the appearance of his name in a murdered dominatrix's black book; and the guilty plea he entered because of his penchant for biting women.

Then he told Walters he really didn't need therapy.

■ **KATHIE LEE GIFFORD**. Weepily dismissed tabloid reports of husband Frank's philandering as fictitious — until the tabloid published photographic evidence of the creepy old jock in a hotel room with a busty flight attendant. Kathie Lee's image took another hit later in the year when her clothing line was once again criticized for alleged sweatshop practices. Finally, when she was unable to do her annual Christmas special from her home — that would have been just too hypocritical — Kathie "Me" dragged her children, Cody and Cassidy, to Tennessee to do the program, and she played the quintessential stage mother to her hammy young ones. Of little Cassidy, who apparently loved being on stage, Kathie Lee said, "I'm probably creating a monster."

No kidding.

■ **FRANK GIFFORD**. At the end of Kathie Lee's Christmas special, he made a cameo with their two children, and said "Let's go home" to his wife just loud enough for the audience to hear. Here's hoping they took a train so Frank wasn't distracted by any flight attendants.

■ **LATRELL SPREWELL**. Attacked and threatened to kill his "verbally abusive" coach, then waited a week and enlisted the services of the terminally cynical Johnnie Cochran before he publicly, insincerely apologized.

■ **KELLY FLINN**. Profiteering from her adultery, the disgraced pilot wrote a self-pitying book in which she blamed nearly everyone but herself for her ill-advised affair.

■ **DONALD TRUMP**. Reacted to the death of Princess

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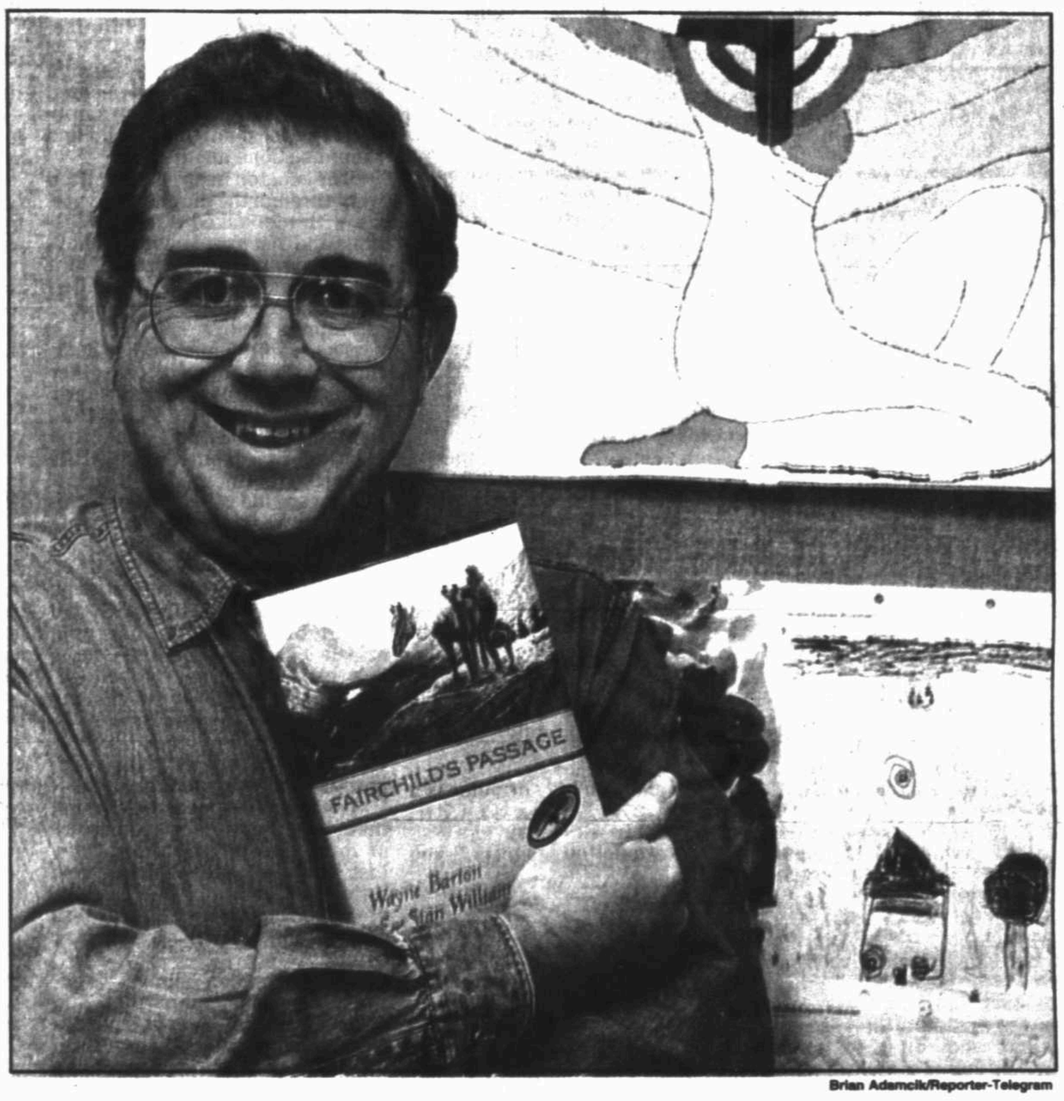

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Midland author Wayne Barton said that the book "A Brilliant Madness" by Gloria Hochman and Patty Duke helped change his life.

Book leads local man to self-diagnosis, treatment for bout with bipolar disorder

By Georgia Temple
Staff Writer

A title among the books caught author Wayne Barton's attention. He picked up "A Brilliant Madness" by Gloria Hochman and Patty Duke, began thumbing through the pages and found himself. That was four years ago. The experience marked the beginning of his search for answers to his extreme mood swings, a search that would culminate in recent months in finding a solution to a problem that had haunted him since his early 20s.

"I read the book and looked at some of the things that she described and said, 'Hey, that's me. That's my life.'

"For the first time, I really began to understand how this worked," Barton said of his now-diagnosed bipolar disorder (formerly called manic depression). "That some of the swings, some of the unreasonable anger and things like that that I felt were not externally caused. This was by a chemistry in the brain, and there was a whole pattern of how those occurred. And I learned by understanding it, I could control it. It didn't stop the feelings, but I didn't have to just completely go with them anymore. I could, to some degree, manage what I did."

As a chemical engineering major who has worked for decades as a petroleum engineer and as a published author of Western novels for 16 years, Barton was familiar with research. "I immediately set out to find what material I could and read more about this."

"A Brilliant Madness" referred to the "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders," DSMIV, published by the American Psychiatric Association.

"DSMIV gives you a whole list of the things that make up a manic episode, and the things that make up a depressive episode. One of the things that I did early on was to get a hold of a copy of those criteria and go down the list checking off the things I did and did not fit. And I found I fitted the profile about 80 percent."

Then, in February 1997, his

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JIMMY PATTERSON

This is not parenting, this is multitasking

I sat at the family computer in the living room, typing maybe 15 words a minute. And that was during a good minute. Feverishly at work would not be an accurate description.

Patterson

Why? Our 11-year-old teenager kept asking me questions like 'Define quantum physics in 25 words or less," our 8-year-old was reading 'Romeo & Juliet' out loud to me and The Boy was burning a trail in the carpet between me and the fridge asking if he could eat whateyer happened to be at arm's length in the pantry.

And then it dawned on me. This is not parenting. This is multitasking.

Come to think of it, there are a lot of terms that have arrived with the dawn of the computer age that, oddly enough, can also be applied to parenting.

Such as ...

Hard Drive: Picking the kids up from school, taking them to gymnastics, to soccer practice, to a PTA meeting to get a hamburger for dinner and finally to the store for emergency school supplies. All in a 2-hour period.

Downloading: Successfully putting all the kids to bed, leading to idle time which, if you're lucky, leads to networking with your spouse.

Megabyte: The only way a 3-year-old is capable of eating chocolate pudding.

Boot up: What Texans say when they help their 3-year-old put on his shoes.

Reboot: Following behind your 3-year-old and putting his shoes on the correct feet.

Relational database: A family tree.

Central Processing Unit: The Family Refrigerator, from which all paintings, Dear Abby columns on marriage tips, 'Love is' cartoons, family calendars and To Do Lists are posted.

Removable Cartridge: What parents wish they could pull from their 3-year-old when he is throwmg the end-all temper tantrum.

Startup Command: In our house, it's 'Get out of bed this instant or you'll be late for school and you'll have to repeat the third grade.'

Telecommute: Calling a neighbor and asking them if they can please take your kids to soccer practice tonight.

Video Card: Sanity insurance on a Friday night.

Memory Upgrade: What you wish you could perform on your 8-year-old after she calls you and tells you she forgot to take her lunch to schoo! , forcing you to leave work during an important meeting.

Memory Overload: What happens when your 11year-old stands zombie-like in the corner after you ask her to take five minutes and clean her room.

Blinding Cursor: An accurate description of dad after a tire blows out on a lonely highway driving into a sunset coming home from vacation.

System crash: What happens to moms and dads every night when the last kid falls asleep. (Most parents actually experience system crashes more often than Macs.)

Fatal Error: Asking your teenager if they would mind if you listened to Willie Nelson.

Cryptography: The official language of your

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DAVE BARRY

Wait til next year to make those unrealistic goals

Right now, while you're still burping up little gaseous reminders of the estimated 78 chhese puffs you consumed on New Year's Eve, is the time to make your New Year's resolutions.

Barry

Why make resolutions? Because you CAN be a better person. I bet you know somebody who seems to be perfect — somebody who always looks terrific, somebody who manages to devote plenty of time to both family and career; somebody whose house is spotless, whose children are well-behaved and whose dog does not smell as if it sleeps on a bed of decomposing raccoons.

You wonder how that person "does it all," don't you? Well, stop wondering and do something! Start right now! Get up off the sofa, put on some active sportswear, and kill that person with a crowbar!

No, seriously, you need to make some New Year's resolutions so that you can become a better you — a more attractive you; a more organized you; a you that is...well, a little less like you.

At this point you are saying: "Dave, I would love nothing better than to be less like myself, but every year I make the same New Year's resolution, which is that I will lose weight, and currently my thighs are the diameter of the trans-Alaska pipeline."

Don't feel bad! Many people have trouble sticking to their resolutions, and there is a simple scientific explanation for this. In 1987, a team of psychologists conducted a study in which they monitored the New Year's resolutions of 275 people. After one week, the psychologists found that 92 percent of the people were keeping their resolutions; after two weeks, we have no idea what happened, because the psychologists had quit monitoring.

"We just lost our motivation," they reported. "Also, we found ourselves eating Twinkies by the case."

So we see that keeping resolutions can be difficult. But you CAN do it, if you follow these practical tips

1. BE REALISTIC.

Many people give up because they "set their sights too high." In making a New Year's resolution, pick a goal that you can reasonably expect to attain, as we see in these examples:

Unrealistic Goal: "In the next month I will lose 25 pounds."

Realistic Goal: "Over the next year taking it an ounce or two at a time, I will gain 25 pounds, and my face will bloat like a military life raft."

Unrealistic Goal: "I will learn to speak Chinese."

Realistic Goal: "I will order some Chinese iood."

Unrealistic Goal: "I will read a good book."

Realistic Goal: "I will examine the outsides of some good books, then waddle over to the part of the bookstore where they sell pastries."

Unrealistic Goal: "I vvill do volunteer work for a worthy cause."

Realistic Goal: "I will give myself a hearty scratching."

2. THINK POSITIVE.

To succeed, you must believe in yourself. Write this motivational statement in large letters on a piece of paper and tape it someplace where you will see it often, such as on the inside of your eyeglasses:

"I CAN do it, and I WILL do it! Starting next year!"

3. LEARN FROM YOUR MISTAKES.

Let's say that, like millions of weight conscious Americans, you think you eat sensibly: Your diet consists almost exclusively of mineral water and lowcalorie, low-fat foods. And yet you're still gaining weight. Why? I'll tell you why: You're drinking water with minerals in it. Minerals are among the heaviest substances in the universe, second only to guests on the Jerry Springer show. Think about it: The Appalachian mountains and most major appliances are essentially big wads of minerals, and you're putting those things into your body. No wonder you're gaining weight!

FACT: The word "Perrier" is French for "balloon butt."

I have run out of room here, thank God, so let me say in closing that I wish you the best of luck with your 1998 resolutions, and I will do the best to keep my own resolution, which is to give you every single week, the most useful, informative and accurate columns I possibly can. Starting next year.

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PATTERSON: Yahoo! could never locate anything in my kids' bedroom. guaranteed

From 1B

teenager.

Cyberpunk: The boy who likes your daughter.

Powerbook: What your wife takes with her to pay for her shopping spree.

Browser: What you wish your wife was when she goes shopping.

Escape key: If only life were this easy ...

Control-Alt-Delete: Someday maybe, just maybe, we can enter this command and our kids will quit screaming at each other.

Num Lock: What you wish you could put your daughters in when they are fighting over the bathroom.

Emoticon: That chalky tasting stuff we give our kids to drink when they have diarrhea.

Offline: Where dads go during televised sporting events.

Search engine: What parents desperately need when a child loses something in her bedroom.

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GOOFBALL: Trump's idea of a joke is to drop a phony $1 million bill in poor section of Bronx

(From 1B)

Diana by publicly lamenting that he never had the chance to score with her. Visited a public school in a poor section of the Bronx and executed his idea of a practical joke — dropping a phony $1 million bill into a donation box. Divorced Marla Maples before a financially unfavorable pre-nuptial clause could kick in. Actually boasted about the sleazy rock stars who were trying to have sex with his 15-year-old model daughter, Ivanka.

■ **DEBORAH ROWE**, aka Mrs. Michael Jackson. Like the Natasha Henstridge character in "Species," she terrorized the world with her need to start a family. Rowe and Jackson are expecting their second child, and according to some reports, they intend to have at least three more. The horror. The horror.

■ **SCOTTIE PIPPEN.** Hinted he'd never again put on a Bulls uniform because the team has the nerve to expect him to honor the contract he insisted on signing — despite Jerry Reinsdorf's advice that he not commit to such a long-term deal.

■ **SPICE GIRLS.** There's always room for a manufactured, video-friendly pop group releasing catchy songs that dominate the Sony Walkmans of junior high girls everywhere — but only as long as the group doesn't take itself seriously. You can't start firing managers and complaining about media coverage when you have professional names like Baby Spice and Sporty Spice, for crying out loud.

■ **MIKE TYSON**. Friends, Romans, Holyfield, lend me your ears! The pay-per-chew spectacle of Tyson chomping Evander Holyfield's ears was the low point of the year in sports — and that's saying a lot.

■ **EDDIE MURPHY**. Utilized the rare "Good Samaritan" defense to explain why he picked up a transvestite prostitute at 4:45 a.m. in West Hollywood. Insomniac Eddie claimed he was simply offering the gal a ride home when police swooped in. Yo, Eddie: The plot of "Nutty Professor" was more believable.

And the winner of the 1997 GOOF Award is...

JERRY SPRINGER!!! (Clap-clap-clap-clap-clap-clap-clap-clap...)

The most loathsome television creature of our times reached a new low in '97 with his disastrous and mercifully short-lived stint as a commentator on the NBC affiliate in Chicago — but he didn't let that humiliation slow him down one bit as he labored mightily to turn his afternoon sleazefest into the most odiferous hour on the dial.

As the taste level sank, the ratings soared.

Congratulations, Jerry!

In the fall Springer released a videotape titled, "Jerry Springer: Too Hot For TV!" — a collection of moments too tawdry even for Springer's program. (Of course, by releasing the tape he gets to have his cake and smear it all over his face too.)

Outtakes from programs such as "Online Strippers and Escorts," "Get Out of Our Relationship!", "Paternity Tests Revealed" and "My Sister Stole My Husband" feature a predictable and pathetic medley of people taking off their clothes, throwing food at each other and getting into nasty fights, while the host remains safely in the bleachers, feigning shock or snickering like the playground busybody who gets two kids feuding on the playground and then sneaks off when a fight breaks out.

Springer closes the video with a particularly sanctimonious and hypocritical sermon, including this passage:

"Please understand, because we show it does not constitute an endorsement of it, or any particular view or behavior, any more than reporting a murder on the news or a prime-time movie about a rape is an endorsement of those horrors. Look, television does not and must not create values. It's merely a picture of all that's out there, the good, the bad, the ugly. A world upon which we then apply our own values learned and nurtured, through family, church and experience ..."

Springer's disingenuous argument overlooks the fact that the news doesn't create situations, it reports on them. He, on the other hand, is the ringmaster of his own freak show, rounding up the simpletons and throwing them into the spotlight, knowing full well they'll embarrass themselves on national television.

For that, we hereby bestow the 1997 GOOF Award to a most deserving man.

DEPRESSION: Medication has lessened intensity of disorder

(From 1B)

writing partner, Stan Williams, died unexpectedly.

"I hit a major depressive episode right in there and decided I needed to go and talk with somebody and see if anything could and should be done about this.

"The doctor who I consulted went through the diagnostic criteria with me, asked a lot of questions and discussed a lot of behavior and, in the end, prescribed a medication called Depakote/Depakene (the generic is Valproic Acid).

"The traditional medication is Lithium, and some of the other things like Depakote have only been used for a fairly short time. But I understand that Depakote is starting to become one of the favored treatments for this. It has fewer side effects than Lithium and works better on some people."

Barton is among those people on whom Depakote works effectively.

"I started feeling effects of it and my family started observing effects of it within the first couple of weeks," Barton said of the medication. "There's no question in my mind that it's made a major difference."

Barton began taking the medication around six months ago.

"It has not stopped the cycling that I have, but the depressions are of much shorter duration. They last for a couple of days now instead of weeks at a time. And the high periods are a little less intense and also a little shorter lived.

"People think of this as, 'Well, everybody has their ups and downs.' And, yes, everybody does have their ups and downs. But a manic high or a major depression is more than that. It's a whole pattern of behavior that's outside the normal range of people's feelings.

"And the other thing is, it is quite often not caused by any specific situation or outside stimulus. It is purely a chemical function inside the brain that sets this up."

The disease is a physical one, not a mental disorder, but he said it manifests itself in behavior which makes it appear to be emotionally triggered.

"It is caused by a chemical imbalance within the brain that affects the way that certain nerve signals are transmitted," Barton said of bipolar disorder, which tends to "develop in the late teens or early 20s and generally gets worse with age.

"There are two types of bipolar disorder, bipolar I and bipolar II, and both of them have serious depressions. But the bipolar II, which is what I am, have fairly mild highs. I don't do destructive things when I'm manic."

The medication corrects the imbalance, Barton said.

Unfortunately, most people are never diagnosed.

"According to the statistics, at least 1 percent of the population suffers from some form of bipolar disorder," said Barton, noting that because of the decreased sunlight, the days between Thanksgiving and Valentine's Day are suspected to be the hardest on those suffering from this disease. "And at least another 5 percent suffer from unipolar depression. That's the lows without the highs.

"Some of the professionals I've talked to think the number may actually be much higher than that. A lot of people are simply never diagnosed and treated, and the trouble with that is this is a life-threatening disease.

"Fifteen or 20 percent of the people involved with it ultimately kill themselves, and others engage in other forms of self destructive behavior — alcohol or drug abuse and other forms of reckless behavior, particularly with people who have strong manic phases."

The disease, which to "some degree is genetically transmitted" and "tends to run in families," can rarely be spotted by looking at someone, Barton said. "We become very expert at hiding it."

Manic highs and lows are difficult to describe for those who have not had them. "You can have unreasonable and out-of-control anger both on the lows and the highs," Barton said.

"When you are manic, you are impatient with people who aren't as quick to grasp things as you are. And you also tend to be nervous and irritable on the manic high.

"In the depression, it's almost as though you feel some sort of duty to make everybody around you as miserable as you are. And that's pretty miserable sometimes. You can get to the point where suicide not only seems like an option, it seems like a really good idea.

"A deep depression feels as if you are walking in a trench about 8 feet deep, and you can see up the sides around the top of this trench, and you know the world is out there and other people and blue sky and so on, and you're just not part of it.

"The best way to describe between taking the medication and not is that those things don't happen anymore, or, if they do, they are of very short duration."

Barton pointed out that he spoke from his own personal experience and could not guarantee that others would have the same response to the medication that he has had.

"I'm hoping that anybody who recognizes themselves in any of this will get to the doctor," said Barton, adding that the Samaritan Counseling Center at the Midland International Airport is "pretty good at seeing these things and finding a referral doctor.

"There are several doctors around here who treat this sort of thing, and there's a lot of information in books and on the Internet at the websites of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill. Anybody who wants to research it should be able to find some material available."

Throughout his married life, Barton has received support from his family and wife, Margie.

"Both before and after I got on medication and before and after I began finding ways to control this, I got an awful lot of love and help and support from my family and a lot of putting up with me when I was awfully hard to live with. One of the worst things about this is you hurt the people around you. From that standpoint, I wish I had gotten on something much sooner, gotten some kind of help much sooner that would have prevented that."

Oddly enough, the illness has an upside, Barton said. "There seems to be a real tie between it and certain kinds of creativity. A very high correlation of writers, artists and musicians, people in the arts in general, display a much higher percentage of this than the public at large.

"There was one study done recently on the University of Iowa writers group, which showed about an 80 percent correlation with either bipolar or unipolar illnesses within that group."

Historically, some of the artistic geniuses are now being viewed as having suffered from this illness.

"It is always dangerous to diagnose back then, but many of the people who have studied their lives think Hemingway had a mood disorder that involved manic depression and Van Gogh, of course, is a famous example of an artist who had that same kind of problem. In his productive periods, he'd do just hundreds of paintings over a few months, and then he'd fall into a depression and be suicidal and have to have hospital care."

The upside also has its dark side.

"One of the problems that some people have with the idea of bipolarism is: if you cure the mood swings, you may lose your creativity; if you get rid of the lows, you also get rid of the highs when you are productive and your mind is working well, and you're really capable of accomplishing things.

"I have not found that to be true. I worried about it, and that was something that delayed my seeking professional help. In retrospect, I believe that was a major mistake on my part. The medication I'm on hasn't had that effect on me, but it sure has stabilized my life."

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Experts say tobacco lawsuit may be settled out of court

DALLAS (AP) — Some legal experts and tobacco industry insiders are predicting that Texas' $8.6 billion tobacco lawsuit will be settled outside the courtroom.

The Dallas Morning News reported in Sunday's editions that even some of the lawyers involved in the case are saying privately that they expect a settlement either before jury selection begins next Monday or not long after testimony gets under way.

However, Texas Attorney General Dan Morales and Dan Webb, the lead trial lawyer for the tobacco companies, both say there are no settlement negotiations in progress and none are planned. Both say they're preparing for trial, not putting together offers.

"I haven't devoted two seconds of thought to a settlement," Morales said.

But there's increasing evidence that neither side actually wants to go to trial. The Dallas Morning News reported that it has learned that some of the industry's corporate lawyers and lobbyists are confidentially recommending to top executives that they try to settling the Texas case.

Their argument for a settlement is that a nasty trial or a negative jury verdict could damage their chances of winning approval of the $368.5 billion national settlement agreement now pending before Congress, according to people closely tracking the Texas suit.

And some private lawyers representing the state have asked Democratic members of the Texas congressional delegation to put pressure on the industry to settle. Lawmakers and lawyers met in early November to discuss the case, although Morales said it was only a briefing on the pros and cons of the national deal and not an overture toward a Texas settlement.

"What they said was that it would be much better if they (the industry) settled with Texas before we got to trial," U.S. Rep. Gene Green, D-Houston, told the newspaper. "They said that if we talked to the industry people, as members of Congress, the industry might be more willing to settle."

U.S. Rep. Nick Lampson, D-Beaumont, said he spoke only briefly with the lawyers but the gist of the conversation was that "they would like to see a settlement happen."

Police Reports

Midland Police Department
Saturday

Burglary: Beverly Parker at 3 p.m. reported the burglary of storage units at 1920 N. Loop 250, site of Falcon Self-Storage.

Burglary: A storage unit was burglarized at 5005 Andrews Highway.

Simple Assault: Salena Allen at 3 a.m. reported a simple assault in the 1600 block of East Oak Avenue.

Burglary: A burglary was reported at 3417 N. Midland Drive.

Burglary: The burglary of a 1989 Ford Crown Victoria was reported at 4915 W. Loop 250. The incident was reported at 7:30 p.m.

Criminal Mischief: Abraham Wright at 7:30 p.m. reported criminal mischief at 1719 Harrison St.

Burglary: Charles Theodore Hartel at 2:30 p.m. reported the burglary of a 1964 travel trailer at 1405 Garden City Highway.

Firearm Fire: A 22-year-old Midland man was arrested for discharging a firearm in the 200 block of South Madison Street. The incident was reported at 11:24 p.m.

Theft: Linda Edwards reported the theft of a cellular telephone at 905 N. Weatherford St.

Midland County Sheriff's Department
Saturday

Theft: Billy Hodge at 5:16 p.m reported the theft of a water-well pump at 1715 West Midland County Road 125.

Fire: The Northeast Midland County Volunteer Fire Department at 10:55 p.m. responded to a fire to an abandoned structure at 3810 North Midland County Road 1130. The structured "appears to be a total loss," according to reports.

Sunday

Burglary: Jim Thomas at 1:08 a.m. reported the burglary of a residence at 6009 South Texas Highway 349.

Theft: Malinda Oliveras at 1:08 p.m. reported the theft of her pit bull terrier. Dog was found and returned to her.

Deaths

Guy Dodson

Guy Dodson, 52, of Midland died Friday, Jan. 2, at his residence.

Services are to be 11 a.m. Jan. 6, at Fairview Cemetery with Bob Porterfield officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home.

He was born November 22, 1945 in Albuquerque, N.M.

He was preceded in death by his father, William Dodson.

He graduated from Belen High School in Belen, N.M. He served in Vietnam in 1968 while in the U.S. Air Force as a sergeant. He moved to Midland in 1982 from New Mexico. He worked for Midco Machine Works in Midland for several years.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Dodson of Midland; his mother, Georgia Dodson of Midland; two sisters-in-law and one brother-in-law.

Harold Whiles, Jr.

Harold O. Whiles, Jr., died Friday, Jan. 3, in Big Bend National Park.

Services are to be 3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, in Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born Jan. 1, 1942, in Tulsa, Okla.

He was a 1960 graduate of Midland High School. He attended the University of Texas prior to being drafted into the U.S. Army where he served in Korea for one year. In the late 1980s, he moved to Corpus Christi and in 1994, returned to Midland.

Survivors include his mother, Gladys Whiles of Midland; two brothers, Thomas A. Whiles and David G. Whiles, both of Midland; two nieces and three nephews.

G.C. Johnson

G.C. Jerry Johnson died Saturday, Jan. 3, in a Midland hospital.

Services are to be 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 5, in Resthaven Memorial Park with the Rev. Verl Gunter officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born Sept. 15, 1916, in Pleasanton, Neb.

After graduation from high school in Pleasanton, he moved to Colorado and worked in the gold mines in Black Hawk, Colo. He then moved to Fort Worth and was employed by South Western Bell Telephone for 38 years until his retirement in 1978. He also worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone while living in Midland. He was a member of Telephone Pioneers.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Frances Johnson of Midland; a son, Jerry M. Johnson of Abilene; three daughters, Donna Bradley of Fort Worth, Becky Bishop and Terri Kerns, both of Midland; a brother, Bob Johnson of Denver, Colo; two sisters, Leota Majer of Keystone, Neb., and Arleen Hand of Newman, Ga.; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be directed to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland 79702.

Raymond Bowers

Raymond Victor Bowers, 90, of Austin, father of Midlander Kay Arrell, died Saturday, Jan. 3.

Private services will be held at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity in Midland. Arrangements are by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home of Austin.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia.

He is survived by another daughter, Sally Wittliff Austin; and several grandchildren.

Memorials may be directed to the memorial fund of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity or charity of your choice.

Katherine McNallen

BIG SPRING, Texas - Services for Katherine Teresa Braun McNallen, 83, of Big Spring are to be held at 2 p.m. today, Monday, Jan. 5, in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Big Spring with the Rev. Jeremiah McCarthy officiating.

Burial is to be in Trinity Memorial Park under direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Mrs. McNallen died on Sunday, Jan. 4, in a Big Spring hospital.

She was born on July 25, 1914, in Kansas City, Missouri, to Henry A. and Katherine (Considine) Braun and was married to Albert J. McNallen Jr. on June 10, 1936, in Kansas City. He died on June 22, 1981.

Mrs. McNallen had lived in Howard County since 1946.

She was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

Survivors include her brother, Walter T. Braun of Kansas City, and nieces, nephews and friends. A daughter, Mary K. McNallen, preceded her in death.

Pallbearers are to be Dwight Fortson, Aubrey Weaver Jr., Terry Vaughn, Norman Wright, Boosie Weaver, Bobby Dodson, and Pat Hyer. Honorary pallbearers are to be Dr. Harshad G. Shah and Wayne Davis.

Memorials may be directed to The Boys Club of Big Spring.

Cowboy poet Buck Ramsey dies

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — Singing cowboy Buck Ramsey has died at the age of 59.

Ramsey died early Saturday at his Amarillo home, officials said. Charles Ramsey said the cause of his brother's death had not been determined, but he had been hospitalized in December with some internal pain.

Ramsey was a poet, musician, and singer who chronicled cowboy life in his works. He won several awards for his prose, poetry, and music, among them the Golden Spur Award from the National Cowboy Hall of Fame.

He spent more than half his life confined to a wheelchair. In 1961, when Ramsey was working for the Coldwater Cattle Company, a shank bit broke on his horse's bridle, causing him to fall beneath his horse.

He suffered a severe back injury that left him paralyzed from the waist down for the past 36 years. From his wheelchair, Ramsey went on to win numerous awards for his music, poetry and other writing.

Ramsey valued his friends more than the accolades, fiddler Frankie McWhorter said.

"We were out in (Washington) D.C. playing at the Smithsonian; Buck had just won the Golden Spur Award from the National Cowboy Hall of Fame," McWhorter said. "I came into his room and said 'Buck, we cowboys all appreciate what you're doing for cowboy music.'

"Buck was a wonderful person, a wonderful writer and a wonderful performer," added Perryton rancher and author John Erickson. "I was listening to some of his music just last night. He was preserving a tradition he knew and cared about."

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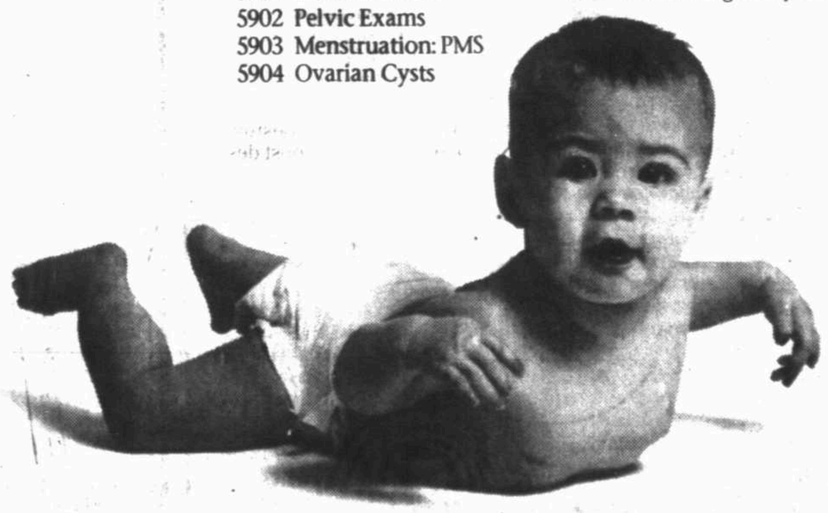

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HEALTH BRIEFING

House calls up?

Home care has become a booming industry. In fact, the Medicare budget for home visits by nurses, health aides, and others is now $19 billion, up 900 percent from 10 years ago. But one group of health professionals almost never makes house calls these days: doctors.

And that, says the New England Journal of Medicine in an unusual editorial, is a shame, both for doctors who may miss an old and compassionate part of their calling and for patients who appreciate the kindness of a home visit.

The house call has not vanished entirely, according to an article by government researchers in the Journal, but it is disappearing fast — Medicare expenditures for house calls are now only about 0.2 percent of all physician reimbursements.

When doctors do make visits, it's often because patients are old (on average, 82) and terminally ill. Often, house calls may be a substitute for hospice care, the researchers noted.

One reason house calls have become so rare is that they are poorly reimbursed. Medicare sometimes pays more for a visiting nurse than a doctor, said Dr. Edward W. Campion, a deputy editor of the Journal and author of the editorial, in a telephone interview.

Things are improving, he says, though Medicare still pays doctors only $20 more for a house call than an office visit. But house calls are about more than money. "The power and wizardry of modern medicine are impressive," as he put it in the editorial, "but there is perhaps nothing that patients and families appreciate more than a house call. ...

"Physicians should see this as an opportunity to revive a valued and effective part of medical care that patients need and families appreciate."

Births limited

One of the most troubling aspects of the new reproductive technology is that it often produces multiple births. Faced with this possibility, some prospective parents opt to "selectively abort" some developing fetuses. Others, like the Iowa couple whose septuplets were born in November, find that morally abhorrent and refuse to do it.

Recently, researchers led by Dr. Richard Paulson, a fertility specialist at the University of Southern California School of Medicine reported in the journal Fertility and Sterility on a new way to boost fertility but reduce excess births.

In the technique, called FASIAR (for follicle aspiration, sperm injection and assisted rupture), doctors stimulate the ovaries to produce eggs. When eggs are ready, a needle filled with sperm is inserted vaginally into the woman's abdomen.

The eggs are drawn into the needle, mixed with the sperm, then redeposited close to the opening of the fallopian tubes. Any excess eggs can simply be suctioned into the needle and discarded before fertilization, say the researchers, who used the technique to help a 36-year old woman have a singleton birth. Seven other women have now become pregnant through this technique, said Paulson in a telephone interview.

If confirmed by other studies, the technique would be "an important step forward," said Dr. Alan DeCherney, the journal editor, in a telephone interview.

Claim disputed

In recent years, some researchers have found that sperm counts have been declining while others have found otherwise. In the latest round of the debate, Danish researchers chimed in, also in the Fertility and Sterility journal, on the negative side, finding counts have not declined in the last 20 to 30 years.

The researchers studied semen collected between 1990 and 1996 from more than 1,000 men whose wives were being treated for infertility. The men represent a random sample of Danish males.

The men ranged in age from more than 43 to less than 32 at the time of sperm collection, and there was no significant difference between older and younger men in sperm concentration.

Pills popular

And a final salvo on the reproductive front: A new survey, released today from the Kaiser Family Foundation, shows that more physicians are prescribing emergency contraception, or "morning after" pills, than two years ago. The use of oral contraceptives as emergency contraception was approved in February by the US Food and Drug Administration.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram News Services and "Med Notes" by Judy Foreman.

Immune system may hold key to aging well

By Richard A. Knox
N.Y. Times News Service

VENICE — The immune systems of very old people and of individuals suffering from advanced AIDS share traits that may hold important clues to healthy aging, scientists said at an international conference here last month.

In both AIDS and extreme age, certain immune cells lose their ability to multiply, said Rita Effros of the University of California at Los Angeles. This leaves individuals vulnerable to infections and cancer, hallmarks of both AIDS and advanced age.

But some individuals escape this "immune senescence," as Effros terms it, and live to be 100 or become the lucky "long-term non-progressors" who elude the ravages of the human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV, which causes AIDS.

Most very old individuals, and those with advanced AIDS, have immune cells, called CD-8 cells, marked by shortened chromosomes and the absence of cell-surface molecules called PD-28 receptors, Effros reported. The PD-28 receptor is critical in telling immune cells to divide when they encounter a virus or a tumor cell. The shortening of chromosome ends, called telomeres, is a sign that cells have reached the limit of their ability to divide.

UNDERSTANDING WHY some people's immune systems remain young despite the assaults of long life or HIV holds important clues to healthy aging, said scientists attending the first International Conference on the Biomedical Aspects of Aging Research, which drew about 300 leading researchers.

The meeting, an indication of growing scientific interest in aging, was sponsored by the American Federation for Aging Research, the US National Institutes of Health, and the University of Padua, a major center on aging research.

A major theme of the sessions was what mechanisms lie behind what researchers call "successful aging." For instance, Dr. Claudio Franceschi of the University of Modena in Italy, has found that healthy centenarians do not have immune systems that are impaired in the way that Effros has discovered in frail elders. That suggests immune-system exhaustion is not an inevitable consequence of aging, but might be avoided if scientists could learn why some elders' immunity remains robust.

"We suggest that deterioration of immunity is countered by anti-aging mechanisms" in healthy people who live to see their 100th birthdays, said Franceschi, who is studying what distinguishes especially healthy Italian centenarians.

Effros said she is "worried about the other end of the spectrum, the immune problems that lead to earlier death." Infection is a major problem for frail elders. "Influenza causes up to 40,000 deaths a year in the United States, and $12 billion in health care costs," she noted.

Not only do frail elders and AIDS patients have CD-8 cells that are unable to multiply, but they also are blocked in their ability to undergo programmed death. This phenomenon, called apoptosis, is necessary to turn off an immune response when it is no longer needed, and to clear the blood of redundant cells.

"We've found these cells having trouble with apoptosis just won't go away, they just take up space," Effros said.

She is currently investigating whether exercise and improved nutrition will be able to reverse signs of immune senescence. Down the line, she speculated, it might be possible to switch on the gene that makes CD-28 receptors and restore immune cells' ability to make an enzyme called telomerase that prevents chromosome shortening.

Effros said her CD-8 research is one of the clearest demonstrations of the Hayflick Limit, a 36-year-old discovery by cell biologist Leonard Hayflick that all cells have a built-in limit in the number of times they are able to divide.

MORE RECENT research has provided provided a molecular explanation for the Hayflick Limit by showing that every time a cell divides, it loses a tiny bit of its telomere.

Hayflick, a University of California at San Francisco researcher, attended the meeting and agreed that Effros's findings are important evidence tying the limited capacity of cells to divide to the phenomenon of human aging. "Immune senescence is telling us there is a limit, and that before that limit is reached, there are a number of changes associated with aging," he said in an interview.

Other scientists, however, were skeptical that Effros has demonstrated immune senescence, or that the Hayflick Limit has much, if anything, to do with normal human aging.

"It's too soon to say whether short telomeres have clinical implications for aging," said Dr. Richard A. Miller of the University of Michigan.

At the same time, Miller said his research shows that it is possible to identify immune system characteristics that predict whether mammals will die early or live to a ripe old age.

AP Photo

The U.S. Postal Service plans to issue a new 32-cent stamp this year. Featured on the stamp will be a butterfly over a hospice facility for the terminally ill.

Hospice care to be honored with stamp

By Syd Kronish
Associated Press

Hospice Care, a poignant program for terminally ill patients, will be publicized and featured on a new U.S. 32-cent stamp planned for issuance next year.

The stamp design — a butterfly over a hospice facility, symbolizes life's journey to its final stage.

In announcing this stamp for 1998, Postmaster General Marvin Runyon declared, "Hospice care has enabled the terminally ill to end their lives with peace and dignity, often in the warmth and comfort of their own homes, surrounded by loved ones. It has brought hope and consolation to their families and friends, too, helping them deal with difficult emotions like anxiety and grief."

When the Hospice Care stamp comes off the presses, there will be 50 million for use on mail pieces or for saving by collectors. But the U.S. Postal Service hopes the stamps will be seen on letters where they will raise the visibility of the program.

Runyon further emphasized that this stamp continues the Postal Service's tradition of raising awareness of health and social issues. Past stamps have highlighted breast cancer, drug abuse, AIDS and environmental protection.

More than 2,600 operational or planned hospice programs exist in all 50 states and Puerto Rico.

Don't fudge now: Real serving sizes listed

ROCHESTER, Minn. (AP) — What's a serving? Maybe a pinch of this and a dollop of that won't make much difference, but food serving size is one of the keys to maintaining healthy weight, points out the Mayo Clinic Health Letter.

You can learn to visualize serving sizes with reasonable accuracy, a good skill to have if you eat out often. The publication lists these visual comparisons:

- 3 ounces of meat or fish is the size of a deck of cards or the palm of your hand.
- 1 cup of vegetables is the size of your fist.
- A medium apple is the size of a baseball.
- 1/2 cup of pasta, cooked, equals a scoop of ice cream.
- 1-1/2 ounces of cheese is the size of a pair of dice or dominoes.
- 1 teaspoon butter or margarine equals the tip of your thumb.

Hypothermia is danger during cold winter months

By Dr. Martin Doerfler
Associated Press

As the weather gets colder, the risk of hypothermia increases, especially for the elderly, the homeless and infants. Yet hypothermia can be treated with great success, provided the public stays aware of who is at risk and responds to this medical emergency properly.

Hypothermia is a drop in the core temperature of the body. While frostbite is another dangerous condition involving the freezing of the extremities — most commonly, fingers, toes or nose — hypothermia is a cooling of the body at its core. It is a potentially life-threatening condition for which medical attention must be sought as soon as possible.

The most common cause of the condition is overexposure to cold: an ice-skater or snowmobiler falls through ice into frigid water, a homeless person passes out on a frozen sidewalk, a senior citizen loses heat in her apartment.

In each situation, the cold threatens to drain the body of its warmth and capacity to regain normal temperature. Cold water is by far the fastest and, hence, most dangerous element for taking away body heat.

But you do not need a dramatic accident in an unusual environment to produce hypothermia.

Medical conditions, medications and alcohol — each can alter the body's ability to regulate temperature, placing some people at greater risk of contracting hypothermia.

Sedatives, including alcohol, and medical conditions, such as low blood sugar, can affect someone's awareness of changes in temperature. That, in turn, delays his seeking shelter. A homeless alcoholic, therefore, is at risk.

So, too, are the elderly and the infirm, simply because they may not be able to move to a warmer area. In fact, senior citizens are doubly at risk because they have lower metabolic rates, a measure, in part, of the capacity of our bodies to act like furnaces and thereby control body temperature.

Infants are in danger because they do not have enough body mass to enable them to maintain heat the way older children and adults do.

Nevertheless, even if someone contracts hypothermia, you can successfully treat it if you recognize its symptoms, respond properly and seek medical attention as soon as possible.

The first symptom of hypothermia is shivering, an attempt by the body to maintain its core temperature. Shivering occurs after a modest drop in body temperature — typically, from 98.6 degrees to 95 degrees Fahrenheit.

As hypothermia increases, shivering stops. Although you may think someone with hypothermia has warmed, they may actually be in greater danger.

Hypothermia develops more rapidly after this point, the body temperature cooling more quickly. By the time core body temperature is below 90 degrees Fahrenheit, those with hypothermia become confused in action and thought.

As the body cools further, they may lapse into unconsciousness and coma. If body temperature drops to around 80 degrees Fahrenheit, hypothermia is considered severe. The heart has slowed dramatically. A few degrees lower, and it will no longer pump blood or otherwise function.

These are the worst case scenarios. Most cases of hypothermia are not so severe and are easily treated, even those suffering from the most severe hypothermia have a chance of full recovery.

For non-severe cases, use passive warming methods: cover someone with blankets and allow him to warm gradually, on his own, from the inside toward the extremities.

Heating the extremities could dilate peripheral blood vessels first, which draws circulation away from the core of the body, exposing it to still colder temperatures and threatening the heart.

As the individual warms, watch him carefully. Do not offer warm drinks unless he is able to swallow well.

Hypothermia sufferers will probably shiver as they warm, and they may "overshoot" normal temperatures, developing a modest and temporary fever. If this occurs; seek medical care.

Persons with hypothermia also may be at risk for serious infections, or they may have already been ill — a contributing reason why they contracted hypothermia.

If they have frostbite as well as hypothermia they are at risk for developing an irregular heart rhythm as they warm. Prompt medical attention is therefore warranted, especially for any signs of infection, such as a severe cough or prolonged redness or tenderness of the skin.

Cases of severe hypothermia require a physician to pump warm salt water in and out of the core of the body through tubes inserted in the stomach, bladder or even the abdominal cavity.

The results of these treatments can be dramatic: especially among children, it is possible for someone whose heart has stopped to be revived completely — and without neurological damage.

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Does Prozac help depressed children?

CHICAGO (AP) — The first large-scale study of the use of Prozac to fight depression in children and adolescents has concluded that it is as effective for them as it is for adults. It also marked the first time an antidepressant in a controlled study has been shown to be more effective than a placebo in young people, said the author, Dr. Graham Emslie of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

The study involved 96 people ages 7 to 17. It was paid for by the National Institute of Mental Health and reported in the Archives of General Psychiatry.

Some researchers have expressed doubt about prescribing Prozac to children because of concern that long-term use could disrupt brain development. Prozac is believed to work by increasing serotonin — a body chemical associated with mood changes — in the brain.

Emslie's findings were praised by Michael Faenza, president of the National Mental Health Association. "We see childhood as a time of joy and growing and learning, but unfortunately clinical depression and other mental disorders in young people are very real," he said.

An estimated 17 million adults suffer from depression and perhaps 3.5 million people under age 19, authorities say.

All of those in Emslie's study also visited a therapist for treatment. The frequency of the visits varied from one patient to another. Half of the participants got Prozac; the others, a placebo.

Among those who received Prozac for two months, 56 percent were rated as much improved or very much improved. Thirty-three percent of those taking the placebo fell into those categories. Improvement was seen in 74 percent of those who took Prozac for two months.

There was no difference between the response of boys and girls.

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Jail for hockey exec?

TORONTO — Alan Eagleson, former executive director of the NHL Players' Association, is expected to agree this week to a plea-bargaining arrangement that could result in an 18-month jail term in Canada, according to published reports.

The Toronto Sun and Toronto Star, citing anonymous sources in their Sunday editions, also said the lawyer is expected to be fined about $1 million in the United States. Eagleson faces a 34-count grand jury indictment in Boston and is expected to appear before a U.S. federal judge Tuesday and plead guilty to at least three felony counts, the newspapers said.

He then is to be turned over to Canadian officials, returned to Canada and appear in a Toronto court Wednesday when he is expected to plead guilty to criminal charges, the newspapers said. A judge is expected to rule shortly afterwards on sentencing.

Neither Eagleson nor his lawyer, Brian Greenspan, could immediately be reached for comment.

A Boston grand jury indicted Eagleson in March 1994 on numerous counts that included fraud, racketeering and embezzlement relating to his position with the players' association.

The RCMP charged Eagleson in December 1996 with four counts of fraud and theft from Hockey Canada, the NHL and the players' association between 1982-86. He also was charged with two counts of theft over $5,000 involving Air Canada travel passes and two counts of defrauding Labatt Breweries of more than $5,000, stemming from his activities during Canada Cup tournaments.

Besides his duties with the NHLPA, Eagleson was a member of the Hockey Canada board, a close friend of then-NHL president John Ziegler, organized the 1972 Summit Series with the then-Soviet Union and the subsequent Canada Cup tournaments, and represented Canada in almost all its dealings with the International Ice Hockey Federation.

Eagleson is a member of the Order of Canada and the Hockey Hall of Fame.

Dunk leads to death

MELBOURNE, Australia — The side of a brick garage attached to a basketball hoop collapsed on a man and killed him after he dunked and hung on the rim.

The 20-year-old man was treated by two-off duty ambulance officers until an ambulance arrived. The man, whose name was withheld by police at the request of his family, died shortly afterward in the hospital.

Police said the victim, playing with his brother and his 16-year-old cousin, dunked the ball hard.

"He grabbed hold of the basketball hoop, which was attached by a metal plate to the front brick section of a garage, causing the bricks to give way and fall on him," a police spokesman said.

In 1996, Ryan Maloney, 19, of Melbourne died in a public court when a basketball ring collapsed on him after a dunk. A coroner investigating his death recommended that dunking basketballs be banned.

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Sutton may face last shot at Hall

By Ben Walker
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Long after his 324th and last victory, Don Sutton is looking for one more win.

Sutton hopes it comes Monday when the Hall of Fame election results are announced. But the former Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher is not planning a party for the early evening.

"I don't have any champagne ready," he said. "I am disappointed not to already be there, and I'm not expecting it this year."

Tony Perez, Jim Rice and Ron Santo, along with first-year candidates Gary Carter, Bert Blyleven and Jack Clark, lead the list of former players on the ballot. Sutton is hoping to duplicate the feat of Phil Niekro, who was elected last January on his fifth try.

The longtime Atlanta knuckleballer was 318-274 lifetime with a 3.35 ERA and 3,342 strikeouts. Sutton was 324-256 with a 3.26 ERA and 3,574 strikeouts.

"I do believe I've earned it," Sutton said recently.

This is Sutton's fifth time on the ballot — he came within nine votes of making it last year — and it might be his best chance for a while.

Next year, a dazzling crop of candidates will be eligible for the first time. Nolan Ryan, George Brett and Robin Yount appear shoo-ins, and Carlton Fisk and Dale Murphy also figure to get consideration.

Sutton's supporters say he was an excellent pitcher for a prolonged period. His critics claim his 23 seasons just make him a testament to longevity.

Sutton never won a Cy Young Award and had only one 20-win season in a career that ended in 1988. A four-time All-Star, he made it to the postseason with the Dodgers, California Angels, Milwaukee and Houston.

There are 26 players on the ballot, nine of them for the first time. Ten-year members of the Baseball Writers Association of America do the voting.

Perez, Rice and Santo all have come up short despite posting impressive power numbers. Perez, a member of the Big Red Machine, ranks 16th on the career list with 1,652 RBIs. He hit 379 home runs and batted .279.

Rice, the former Boston slugger, hit 382 homers with 1,451 RBIs. The 1978 AL MVP was a three-time home run champion and an eight-time All-Star.

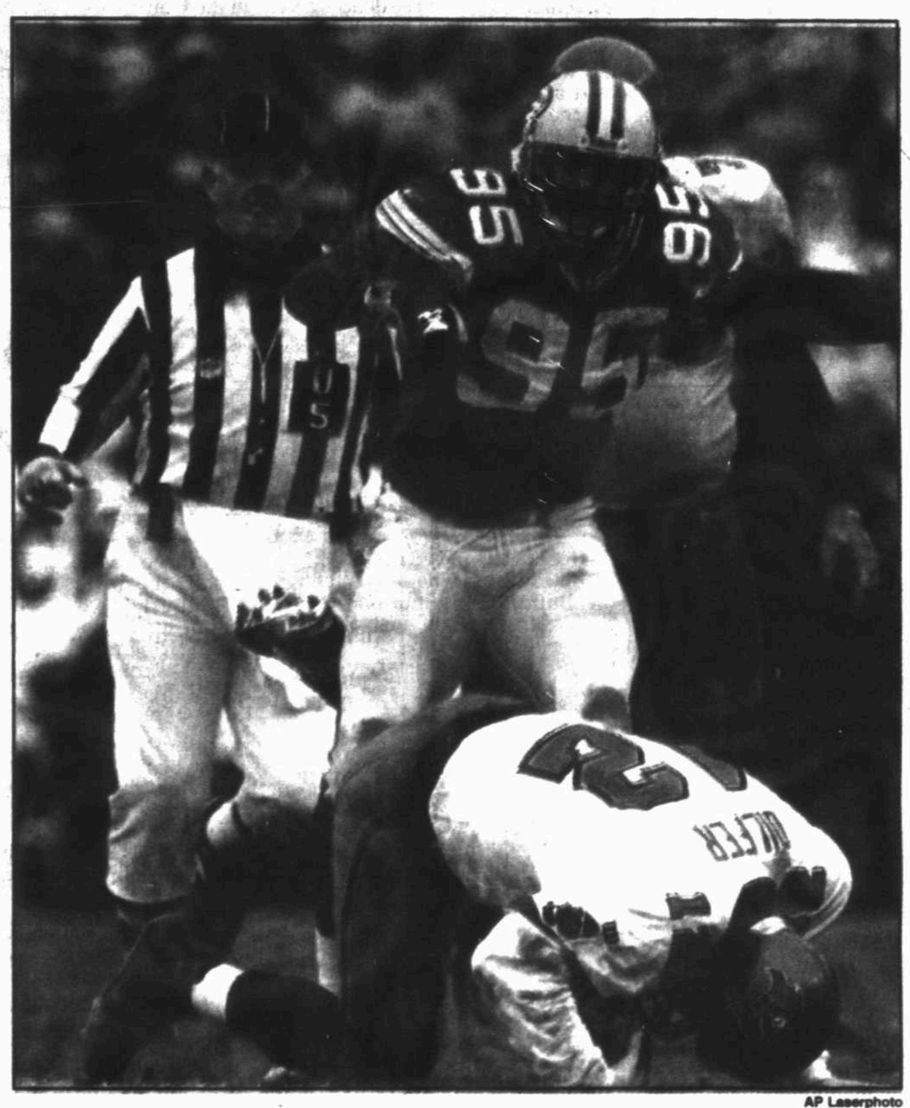
Santo, a star for the Chicago Cubs, hit 342 homers with 1,331 RBIs. A nine-time All-Star and a five-time Gold Glove third baseman, he is on the ballot for the 15th and final time.

The newcomers are led by Carter. An All-Star catcher 11 times, he hit 324 home runs with 1,225 RBIs in 19 seasons.

Carter won three Gold Gloves and holds the major league record for putouts and chances by a catcher. He also had a good relationship with the media, and that could help him.

Blyleven went 287-250 with a 3.31 ERA in 22 seasons. He featured a nifty curveball and ranks third lifetime in strikeouts (3,701) and ninth in shutouts (60).

Clark hit 340 homers with 1,180 RBIs in 18 seasons, and Pedro Guerrero batted .300 with 215 home runs and 898 RBIs in a 15-year career.



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Green Bay Packers lineman Keith McKenzie (95) celebrates after Tampa Bay Buccaners quarterback Trent Dilfer (12) was sacked in the fourth quarter of the Packers 21-7 playoff win in Green Bay, Wis., Sunday.

Pack knocks off Buccaneers, rust

By Barry Wilner
AP Football Writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. — The Green Bay Packers better have eliminated the rust. Their next opponent, the San Francisco 49ers, won't be as charitable as the Tampa Bay Bucs.

"Each game gets harder and harder," said Dorsey Levens, whose outstanding running sparked a 21-7 playoff victory on Sunday. "You have to play great in big games to put yourself among the elite."

The Packers and 49ers have been the elite teams of the NFC this season, both going 14-3. But San Francisco looked more efficient in its playoff win against Minnesota than Green Bay did vs. Tampa Bay.

"Maybe there was a tad bit of rust there," coach Mike Holmgren said. "We were a little sloppy early."

Levens, who had his worst two games of a 1,435-yard season against Tampa Bay, atoned with a team playoff record 112 yards rushing and the clinching touchdown, lifting the Packers into their third straight NFC title game. The defending NFL champions didn't need to do a lot on their own to beat the Buccaneers, but will need to play better against the 49ers, whom they knocked from the playoffs the last two years.

Green Bay simply pounced on the mistakes by Tampa Bay, playoff novices who botched three chances for field goals and got an 11-for-36 passing performance from Trent Dilfer, who was intercepted twice.

Then Levens took over in the second half with 88 yards rushing and the touchdown. He had just 98 yards total in the two victories over the Bucs during the season.

"I get excited for big games," said Levens, a backup until this season, when Edgar Bennett was injured in training camp. "I want to play well and not be a liability. Hopefully, the guys can depend on you and you won't be one of those who blows a game."

The Packers, in their first meaningful action in nearly a month, did enough wrong to blow this one if the Bucs — making their first playoff appearance since 1982 — weren't so cooperative.

Brett Favre was victimized by six drops — Antonio Freeman and William Henderson both dropped sure touchdowns — and was picked off twice. But he also connected with Mark Chmura for a 3-yard TD and ran in a quarterback draw for a 2-point conversion.

"It looked like we had been off for two weeks," the three-time league MVP said. "We didn't do things like we should have, but we still scored 21 points and won and that's the good part about it."

The Bucs, 11-7 in a turnaround year after 14 straight losing records, beat Detroit 20-10 in the wild-card round. They simply didn't have the experience and Dilfer didn't have the touch to hand Green Bay its first home playoff loss.

"The opportunities were absolutely

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Broncos taking long road, nip Chiefs

By Dave Goldberg
AP Football Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Denver Broncos couldn't get to the Super Bowl the easy way last season. Now they're one game away from making it the hard way.

The Broncos, knocked out of the playoffs last year when they had homefield advantage, eliminated the Kansas City Chiefs 14-10 at Arrowhead Stadium on Sunday. Terrell Davis, playing with bruised ribs, scored on two 1-yard touchdown runs, the second 2 1/2 minutes into the fourth quarter.

Denver (14-4) now goes to Pittsburgh for next week's AFC title game hoping to do what only three teams have done — get to the Super Bowl after playing a first-round game. The Steelers defeated the Broncos 35-24 in Pittsburgh on Dec. 7.

"For us to get where we want to go, we knew way back when that we would have to win on the road," said John Elway, a game away from his fourth Super Bowl but still seeking his first NFL championship.

"We were able to get one. Now we have to figure out a way to get another one."

For the Chiefs (13-4), it marks the second time in three seasons they were beaten at home in their first playoff game as the top seed after going undefeated at Arrowhead in the regular season. Two seasons ago, it was a 10-7 loss to Indianapolis, a game in which kicker Lin Elliot missed three field goals and quarterback Steve Bono threw three interceptions.

And it marks another loss by Kansas City coach Marty Schottenheimer to Denver's John Elway, who was 10-of-19 for 170 yards, none more critical than a 43-yard pass to Ed McCaffrey that set up the go-ahead score. Schottenheimer's playoff record is now 5-11 and he has lost three times to Elway, twice in the AFC championship game when he coached Cleveland.

"I can't argue with them," Schottenheimer said when asked about the critics who say he can't win in the playoffs.

But Kansas City quarterback Elvis Grbac did.

"He doesn't play," he said of Schottenheimer. "Coaches can only do so much. It comes down to the players to make the plays."

This time it was the Broncos' defense that thwarted Kansas City at the end, the same defense that failed so badly last year when Denver blew a 12-0 lead and lost 30-27 to the expansion Jacksonville Jaguars in their

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AP Laserphoto

Denver Broncos running back Terrell Davis (30) battles with Kansas City Chief defender James Hasty (40) in the second quarter of the AFC divisional playoff game Sunday. Davis scored two touchdowns in Denver's 14-10 win.

Michigan will have a hard time repeating magic

By Harry Atkins
AP Sports Writer

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Michigan started the season with what appeared to be a killer schedule, yet ended it with a national championship. In between, Charles Woodson won the Heisman Trophy and Lloyd Carr was named coach of the year.

So, what do the Wolverines do for an encore?

"I'm surrounded by a bunch of great people," said Carr, who guided Michigan to only its ninth unbeaten, untied season since 1900. "They care about the kids, and they love college athletics. I think we'll be fine."

There will be huge holes to fill next season, as always. Turnover is part of the beauty of college football.

On offense, Carr will lose quarterback Brian Griese, tailback Chris Howard and fullback Chris Floyd. Griese will be the toughest to replace. He is not the most talented quarterback, but he was the leader of the Wolverines' offense.

Griese threw three touchdown passes in Michigan's 21-16 win over Washington State in the Rose Bowl and was voted the game's MVP.

"You know, leadership is something to talk about," Carr said. "You have to push through when you don't always feel well and perform. It takes a lot of mental toughness."

No player summed up this Michigan team better than Griese. The former walk-on lost his starting job to Scott Dreisbach last season and was valued more for his "pooch" punts and holding on kicks than for his passing throughout much of his Michigan career.

Griese, who almost quit the team after last season, won the starting job this season ahead of more physically gifted quarterbacks Dreisbach, Tom Brady and Jason Kapsner because of his mental toughness.

"I wanted to come back," Griese said. "I love this university, I wanted to be part of this team that I knew would be something special."

Brady, Dreisbach and Kapsner, who all are returning, will compete for the job next season.

The biggest reason Carr thinks the Wolverines will be tough again in 1998 is the reason there were so good this season. Their defense.

Michigan's defense was one of the best in recent college football history, leading the country in total defense, scoring defense and passing defense. Through the first eight games, Michigan did not allow a touchdown in the second half.

Only two of Michigan's top defenders are seniors, defensive end Glen Steele and linebacker Rob Swett. Woodson is likely to skip his senior season to enter the NFL draft. Woodson will be hard to replace, but William Peterson and LeAundre Brown, the two freshmen who backed Woodson up this season, are exceptional athletes.

Michigan opened against Colorado, Baylor and Notre Dame. The Wolverines closed against Penn State, Wisconsin and Ohio State. In between, they had Northwestern, Iowa and Michigan State to contend with.

Michigan opened the season with a 27-3 win against No. 14 Colorado. Griese threw two touchdown passes, but it was the defense that stole the show. That would become a familiar formula for Michigan.

Perhaps the pivotal game came on Oct. 18 against Iowa. Griese got off to a poor start and the Hawkeyes led 21-7 at halftime. Griese threw two second-half touchdown passes and ran for another as the Wolverines fought back for a 28-24 victory.

All that was left was to turn aside the No. 8 Cougars in the Rose Bowl. The Wolverines did that, shutting down a high-powered offense that had averaged 42 points per game.

Still, for the third time in the 1990s, college football's national title was shared. Michigan (12-0) was declared No. 1 in the media poll and Nebraska was No. 1 in the coaches' poll. The title was Michigan's first in 49 years.

"I just believe we had a tremendous football team and that's the bottom line," Carr said.

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Osborne using time to celebrate

By Tim Korte
Associated Press Writer

Still a month away from officially being a former coach, Tom Osborne's quiet life at home will have to wait a little longer.

With the Cornhuskers having secured a share of the national title with a 42-17 win over Tennessee in the Orange Bowl, the Nebraska coach will make the rounds of congratulations and hit the recruiting road before settling into retirement in Lincoln, Neb.

"I wish I could tell you what I'm going to do but I really don't know," Osborne said Saturday before leaving Miami. "I feel I need a couple of months. I don't think I've ever really felt unwound for a long, long time, where I've felt completely rested. That's what I want to do first."

But not right away. For the first time since announcing his retirement last month, Osborne set a date for his departure — Feb. 4, almost three weeks before his 61st birthday.

In the meantime, he plans to attend a coaches' convention in Dallas and then help his successor, assistant Frank Solich, with recruiting.

"I've had mixed feelings," Osborne said. "I don't want to stand in Frank's way but he sincerely would like me to see some people and talk to them about continuity and how I see the program."

Osborne's wife, Nancy, joined him on the speaker's podium in Miami for photographs, but she's not likely to see him around the house anytime soon.

"I'll probably be on the road two weeks out of the next three," Osborne said. "I like to talk to kids. That would be a good way for me to wind down from the job."

After 25 years as Nebraska's coach, there's another reason for Osborne to retain his title a few more weeks. As an assistant, Solich is permitted to make more home visits to prospective recruits.

The added time also allows Osborne to reduce his administrative duties, much like the late Bob Devaney did when he handed the team to his young assistant after the 1972 season.

"He was really about the only pattern I had," Osborne said. "Bob was about 58 or 59 when he quit. I thought that was wise on his part because he quit while he could still do the job, he still had energy, he still had vitality and he was able to effect the change to promote the continuity of the program."

Osborne also said Devaney, who won national crowns in 1970 and 1971, had a role in crafting Nebraska's 1994 and 1995 national titles, as well as the championship the Cornhuskers share this year with Michigan.

Nebraska (13-0) is No. 1 in the coaches poll while Michigan (12-0) is ranked first in The Associated Press media poll. It's Michigan's first title in 50 years, and Osborne paid tribute to the legacy of another college football power.

"There's a little bit of Bo Schembechler in there, too," Osborne said. "Lloyd Carr and his staff won the trophy but it was Bo who laid the groundwork."

Jacks hold on to beat Mudbugs

Staff Report

SHREVEPORT — The Odessa Jackalopes got off to a fast start Sunday night in Western Professional Hockey League action, and then leading by four goals against the Shreveport Mudbugs, hung on for dear life.

However, the Jacks resisted a strong onslaught by the Eastern Division's second place team and came out with 6-5 win. After Shreveport opened scoring just three minutes into the game, Odessa put together one of its more offensive runs of the season, scoring five goals in just over one period.

Tom MacDonald got things started for the Jacks, scoring Odessa's first two goals in the game's seventh and ninth minutes. Paul Fioroni, who had assists on each of MacDonald's two goals, lit the lamp with a goal in the 13th minute of the first period.

The Jacks' fourth goal, which closed out the scoring in first period, was of the unassisted variety by Jay Hern. Then, Dan Lavergne gave Odessa a 5-1 lead with a goal in the eighth minute of the second period.

From there it was mostly Shreveport, 25-12-2 overall. The Mudbugs scored four of the game's last five goals. The exception was a late second period score from Odessa's Paul Beerington.

For the game, Shreveport outshot Odessa by an incredible 59-16 margin. However, all-star goaltender Billy Pye, 10-20-3 in the net this season, and the rest of the Odessa defense was too strong, allowing just one goal in the final period.

Ryan Equale had two assists for Odessa.

Odessa will play Monroe on Tuesday and Fort Worth, the No. 1 team in the Eastern Division, on Thursday.

JACKS NOTES: Odessa played with only 17 players Sunday night. Among the casualties was Sami Laine, who is day-to-day with a thigh bruise injury. Defenseman Greg Bailey missed Sunday's game. He was suspended for a third instigation penalty received Saturday.

Odessa 6, Shreveport 5

Odessa	4	2	0—6
Shreveport	1	3	1—5

First Period: 1. Shreveport, Burkitt (Sprott), 2:52; 2. Odessa, Tom MacDonald (Ryan Equale, Paul Fioroni), 6:31; 3. Odessa, MacDonald (Fioroni, Jay Hern), 8:12; 4. Odessa, Fioroni (Equale), 12:24; 5. Odessa, Hern (Unassisted), 16:46.

Second Period: 1. Odessa, Dan Lavergne (Jeff Triano, Patrick Lampron), 7:13; 2. Shreveport, Henry (Jackson, Dunn), 9:37; 3. Shreveport, Baustad (Dunn, Jackson), 12:31; 4. Odessa, Paul Berrington (Don Margette, Rick Girhiny), 13:50; 5. Shreveport, Heriry (Baustad, Jackson), 18:30.

Third Period: 1. Shreveport, Jackson (Shantz, Dunn), 13:15.

Shots: Odessa 7-7-2—16; Shreveport 20-19-20—59. Power Plays: Odessa 1 of 6; Shreveport 3 of 9. Penalties: Odessa 1 for 27 minutes, Shreveport 9 for 23 minutes. Attn.: 2,667.

BRONCOS: Denver defense comes up big

(From 1C)

first playoff game at Mile High. Needing a touchdown to win, the Chiefs got the ball at their own 17 with 4:04 and one time out left and got a quick 29-yard gain on a pass interference call against Denver's Ray Crockett.

But by the time they reached the Broncos 20 the final seconds were ticking away, it was fourth down and Grbac couldn't hear the signals coming from the bench. He finally threw into double coverage in the end zone and the ball was tipped away by Darrien Gordon.

Game over.

"I couldn't hear out there," Grbac said. "There was a lot of confusion. I take the blame."

Both teams blew chances in this game.

Pete Stoyanovich, whose 54-yard field goal beat the Broncos here in November, had a 34-yarder negated by a holding call in the first half. Then he missed from 44 yards and Denver set off on its first touchdown drive.

Kansas City lost another chance with a fake field goal in the fourth quarter. Stoyanovich lined up to kick a 49-yarder, and holder Louie Aguiar, the punter, tried to run for a first down. But he was stopped short by Dedrick Dodge.

The Chiefs also wasted two timeouts in the third quarter and another nine seconds after the 2-minute warning. And a late-hit penalty on the kickoff after Kansas City's only touchdown allowed Denver to start in Chiefs territory. Two plays later, Elway and McCaffrey combined to set up the second score by Davis, who gained 101 yards on 25 carries.

But the Broncos, whose loss here in the regular season began a fall from the top of the conference, also made mistakes — fumbling twice in-scoring position.

"We gave away our own points but at least we didn't give them any," Elway said.

In the first half both teams were tentative.

The Chiefs stacked their defense to stop Davis — and they did. And Grbac, who was seeing his first meaningful action since he broke his collarbone Nov. 3, threw short most of the time. But he opened up in the second half, finishing 24-of-37 for 260 yards.

The first half turned with 6:47 left when holding on Greg Manusky negated Stoyanovich's field goal that would have given the Chiefs a 3-0 lead. Stoyanovich had to kick again and missed from 44 yards, his first unsuccessful attempt in 20 tries.

The Broncos then went 65 yards in eight plays for the game's first score, with Davis going in from a yard out. The key play was a 17-yard pass from Elway to Rod Smith that beat a blitz and put the ball at the 4.

Denver had another chance when Gordon returned Aguiar's punt 36 yards to the Kansas City 40. But Jerome Woods' sack of Elway forced a fumble and ended that threat.

Grbac hit Andre Rison for 34 yards on the first play of the second half, but the Chiefs ended up settling for Stoyanovich's 20-yard field goal. It came after Tony Gonzalez was ruled out of the end zone after he caught a third-down pass.

Then, with 10 seconds left in the third quarter, Grbac found Gonzalez alone in the back of the end zone from 12 yards out, and the Chiefs led 10-7. Grbac's 50-yard pass to Joe Horn three plays earlier set up that score.

Two-and-a-half minutes into the fourth quarter, Denver was back ahead after a 43-yard pass from Elway to McCaffrey set up Davis' second TD run. A 15-yard unsportsmanlike conduct call on the Chiefs' Danan Hughes on the kickoff had given Denver the ball at the Kansas City 49 to start the drive.

Denver plays the Steelers, and the loss to them in December could help in January.

"Losing to the Chiefs here let us know what we had to do today," said Broncos coach Mike Shanahan.

"Maybe it can work again."

Broncos 14, Chiefs 10

Denver	0	7	0	7	— 14
Kansas City	0	0	10	0	— 10

Second Quarter

Den—Davis 1 run (Elam kick), 1:56.

Third Quarter

KC—FG Stoyanovich 20, 9:42.

KC—Gonzalez 12 pass from Grbac (Stoyanovich kick), :12.

Fourth Quarter

Den—T.Davis 1 run (Elam kick), 12:32.

A—76,965.

	Den	KC
First downs	16	18
Rushes-yards	32-109	24-77
Passing	163	226
Punt Returns	1-36	1-10
Kickoff Returns	3-71	3-69
Interceptions Ret.	0-00	0-00
Comp-Att-Int	10-19-0	24-37-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-7	4-34
Punts	6-36.2	5-46.4
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	2-0
Penalties-Yards	8-64	7-65
Time of Possession	28:54	31:06

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Denver, Davis 25-101, Griffith 4-9, Loville 2-0, Elway 1-(minus 1). Kansas City, Allen 12-37, Grbac 4-22, Anders 3-9, Bennett 3-4, Aguiar 1-3, Hill 1-2.

PASSING—Denver, Elway 10-19-0-170. Kansas City, Grbac 24-37-0-260.

RECEIVING—Denver, McCaffrey 3-56, Sharp 2-33, Smith 2-19, Carswell 1-26, Green 1-19, Davis 1-17. Kansas City, Rison 8-110, Popson 5-26, Gonzalez 3-26, Dawson 2-20, Anders 2-4, Horn 1-50, Hughes 1-13, Allen 1-8, Vanover 1-3.

MISSED FIELD GOAL—Kansas City, Stoyanovich 44 (WL).

PACK: Green Bay benefits from miscues

(From 1C)

there today," Dilfer said. "In the first half we had the ball inside the 30 three times and came away with no points. That's frustrating."

The Packers are 12-0 as hosts of a postseason game, including 10 wins at Lambeau Field. They have won 27 straight at home overall, are a league-best 21-8 in the postseason and Favre has never lost a home game with the temperature under 35 degrees.

Tampa Bay, meanwhile, has not won a game when the thermometer at kickoff read less than 42 degrees; it was 29 at gametime.

The weather wasn't a big factor, though. Levens' impersonation of Jim Taylor and Paul Hornung was.

"Dorsey is so consistent, I have almost come to expect games like this one," Holmgren said. "Detroit, with one of the best running backs ever born didn't run against the Bucs. I think I'll be happy with how we ran against them when I look at the films."

Trailing 13-0 at halftime, Tampa Bay finally clicked when Donnie Abraham intercepted Favre's pass at the Bucs 6. With the crowd in a frenzy on third down, Dilfer calmly found Reidel Anthony behind Tyrone Williams for a 52-yard pickup. Gaining confidence from that big play, Dilfer connected with Dave Moore for 28 yards on another third down, then Mike Alstott surged into the end zone from the 6.

The 94-yard drive was the longest in Bucs playoff history — and their only offensive gasp. Errors ended many of their other chances to score.

The Bucs threatened first thanks to a 36-yard pass interference call on cornerback Doug Evans. But Michael Husted's 43-yard field-goal attempt was blocked by Bob Kuberski.

That sparked the Pack, leading to Chmura's TD on first down, with three tight ends on the field.

The Bucs staged another impressive drive to the Green Bay 25. A fake field goal went nowhere, though, when holder Steve Walsh's shovel pass to John Davis didn't fool the Packers.

Just two plays later, Warren Sapp stripped Levens of the ball and recovered the fumble. Still, that didn't help as backup snapper Dave Moore, filling in for injured Jim Pyne, snapped the ball for a field goal way too high off Walsh's hands.

Special teams once again helped the Packers score late in the first half. Robert Brooks, returning punts for the first time in three years, broke free for 28 yards to the Tampa Bay 29. He then caught a 21-yarder before Ryan Longwell kicked a 21-yard field goal for a 10-0 lead.

Packers 21, Buccaneers 7

Tampa Bay	0	0	7	0	— 7
Green Bay	7	6	0	8	— 21

First Quarter

GB—Chmura 3 pass from Favre (Longwell kick), 5:36.

Second Quarter

GB—FG Longwell 21, 1:52.

GB—FG Longwell 32, :02.

Third Quarter

TB—Alstott 6 run (Husted kick), 6:17.

Fourth Quarter

GB—Levens 2 run (Favre run), 13:37.

A—60,327.

	TB	GB
First downs	15	16
Rushes-yards	27-90	32-118
Passing	173	171
Punt Returns	1-21	3-47
Kickoff Returns	5-78	2-36
Interceptions Ret.	2-0	2-27
Comp-Att-Int	12-37-2	15-28-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-27	4-19
Punts	4-42.3	5-42.6
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	3-1
Penalties-Yards	3-38	7-60
Time of Possession	27:57	32:03

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Tampa Bay, Dunn 18-64, Alstott 7-21, Anthony 1-5, Walsh 1-0. Green Bay, Levens 25-112, Henderson 2-4, Favre 5-2.

PASSING—Tampa Bay, Dilfer 11-36-2-200, Walsh 1-1-0-0. Green Bay, Favre 15-28-2-190.

RECEIVING—Tampa Bay, Copeland 4-44, Moore 3-54, Dunn 2-34, Anthony 1-52, Thomas 1-16, Davis 1-0. Green Bay, Freeman 4-75, Levens 4-29, Mayes 2-37, Chmura 2-20, Henderson 2-8, Brooks 1-21.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Tampa Bay, Husted 43 (BL).

AP Laserphoto

Buffalo Bills defensive coordinator Wade Phillips, right, talks to assistant general manager Bill Munson. The Bills are expected to announce Monday that Phillips will become their next head coach.

Bills expected to tab Phillips as next coach

By Bucky Gleason
AP Sports Writer

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Wade Phillips, who helped shape the Buffalo Bills into one of the NFL's strongest defensive teams, is expected to be hired Monday as the successor to Marv Levy.

Bills owner Ralph Wilson acknowledged Sunday that a news conference has been scheduled for Monday. Wilson refused to elaborate but would not deny that the coaching job belongs to Phillips, the defensive coordinator.

Wilson met with Phillips on Friday at the owner's winter home in West Palm Beach, Fla. The Buffalo News reported Sunday that Phillips accepted the job during a phone conversation with Wilson on Saturday.

Phillips, 50, has been considered the top candidate since Levy retired last week as the most victorious coach in team history. After Levy's announcement, Phillips refused to comment about his future. He did not return a message left at Rich Stadium, where he was Sunday.

"I have not signed a contract," Phillips said while working as a playoff analyst for One-On-One Sports Radio Network in Chicago. "Until that's done, it's not official to me."

Phillips was the head coach for two years in Denver before being fired by the Broncos after a 7-9 finish in 1994. He became the Bills' top defensive coach a year later.

Phillips has two years remaining on a contract that pays him more than $400,000 annually as an assistant. He is expected to receive a raise and a new contract for at least three years. ESPN reported Sunday the deal is for four years.

Phillips probably will hire several of his own assistants, which would bring many changes to the staff. A team source told The Associated Press that Levy's assistants were free to search for new jobs.

Among those who could be leaving are offensive coordinator Dan Henning, offensive line coach Tom Bresnahan and tight ends coach Don Lawrence. Buffalo's offense was mostly blamed for the 6-10 season that left the Bills out of the playoffs.

The defense, which has ranked in the top five in sacks in each of his three seasons with the team, was credited for most of the Bills' six victories and for keeping the score close in several other games.

In 1994, under Phillips, the Broncos finished with a 9-7 record before being eliminated from the playoffs by the Raiders in a wild-card game. He was fired in 1994 and replaced by Mike Shanahan after a 7-9 record.

Phillips' first job in the NFL came in 1976 as an assistant with the Houston Oilers when his father, Bum Phillips, was the coach.

From 1981-85, he was the defensive coordinator under his father when they were with the New Orleans Saints. He also was an assistant in Philadelphia and Denver before becoming the Broncos head coach.

Cowher apologizes for decision

By Alan Robinson
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — Reaching the AFC championship game for the third time in four seasons means never having to say you're sorry — unless you are Pittsburgh Steelers coach Bill Cowher.

Cowher, offering a mea culpa that's difficult to envision coming from a Vince Lombardi or Mike Ditka, is apologizing for going for a touchdown rather than a field goal late in Saturday's 7-6 playoff victory over New England.

At least he didn't have to excuse himself for the Steelers gaining home field advantage in the AFC finals for the third time in his six seasons as coach. They will play the Denver Broncos, who squandered a 21-7 lead in a 35-24 loss in Pittsburgh on Dec. 7 that saw Kordell Stewart throw for three touchdowns and run for two more.

"Everybody knew we were rooting for the Broncos to win (Sunday)," Stewart said. "We always want to play in Pittsburgh if we can."

On Saturday, with the Steelers facing fourth-and-goal from the Patriots' 1-yard line with 3 1/2 minutes to play, Cowher called for a quarterback sneak by Kordell Stewart that would have stretched the Steelers' lead to 14-6. But the Patriots' Tedy Bruschi slammed into Stewart just as the quarterback was launching into his dive, stopping him well short of the goal line and giving the Patriots the ball back in a one-point game.

Drew Bledsoe subsequently directed New England from the Patriots' 1 to within about 30 yards of kicker Adam Vinatieri's field-goal range, but rookie defensive end Mike Vrabel forced a possibly game-saving Bledsoe fumble with 1:50 to play. If Vrabel hadn't made his play, Cowher might be apologizing for much more than an incorrect hunch.

"The first thing I told the players is: 'I'm a young coach, and I messed up,'" said Cowher, who didn't turn 40 until this season. "I should have kicked the field goal. I really feel that way. I got caught up in the emotions of the game and I made a mistake.

"The players bailed me out. ... But there is no logic that can warrant me doing what I did, other than the emotion of the game."

Had Norm Johnson kicked the extra point-length field goal, the Steelers would have led 10-6. The Patriots then would have had to score a touchdown — something they never did — rather than kick a field goal to win.

Once again, Cowher didn't exactly go by the book, but then he discarded that long ago. His first victory as the Steelers' coach in 1992 resulted largely from a successful fake punt attempt in Houston, and he has never been afraid to make decisions that fly in the face of conventional coaching logic.

This season, Cowher has made a habit of going for it on fourth-and-short situations no matter the field position, even doing so from his own 34-yard line in a tie game against Arizona on Nov. 30.

Cowher is so confident of Stewart's running ability that he almost always trusts him to pick up that yard.

"I'd rather walk away from a game saying, 'You know what? I wish I hadn't done that,' as opposed to, 'You know what? I wish I would have tried that,'" Cowher said. "I would rather walk away having tried something and failed than to walk away from something having never tried it at all."

But had the Patriots kicked another field goal, Cowher would have had six months — not just a few minutes after the game — to explain the apparent error of his ways.

"You kind of put it into their (the players' hands) and say, 'Listen, we're going to play to win this game, we're not going to play it not to lose,'" he said. "That's important to do. You can go out in big games and all of a sudden you can get real tentative and say, 'Don't make a mistake,' and 'Don't do that.'

"If you go out and say, 'Listen, I'm willing to take some chances and take some risks, why don't you guys go out there and play the same way? Play loose. If you make a mistake, so be it. We'll overcome it.'"

Exiles from Cuba may play in U.S.

By Brendan Farrington
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI — Another potential major leaguer may be included in the group of eight Cuban defectors who landed in the Bahamas last week.

The agent representing former Cuban national team players Orlando Hernandez and Alberto Hernandez said Sunday a third member of their group has talent that could interest major league teams.

Pitcher Orlando Hernandez — who is Florida Marlins pitcher Livan Hernandez's half brother — and catcher Alberto Hernandez, who is not related, have received plenty of attention since the group came to the Bahamas in a leaky sailboat. The players were banished from the Cuban national team for helping teammates defect two years ago.

"I was forced to pay for my brother's sins, even though I was the one who remained loyal," Orlando Hernandez told Newsweek.

He told the magazine that he was made a pawn in the battle between aggressive sports agents trying to lure players to the United States and communist Cuba.

"My nervous attacks have finally ended," he said. "I can finally relax."

The two players, along with Orlando's common-law wife Noris Bosch, were given visas by the United States.

All three were released by the Bahamian government and are staying in the Nassau home of a Cuban-American developer. The other five were detained by the Bahamian government.

Still waiting in a Bahamian detention center is outfielder Yoel Pedroso, 21. He was never on the national team but did play amateur baseball and impressed those who've seen him, said Rene Guim, the spokesman for agent Joe Cubas.

"Everybody knows that he is a tremendous baseball player," Guim said Sunday. "He's most definitely considered a professional talent, whether he is a major league talent right now will have to be determined by the scouts."

Guim said Pedroso was at least a minor league prospect and could turn into a major leaguer. Cubas will represent Pedroso, who is Orlando Hernandez's first cousin.

Cubas' other two clients — Orlando and Alberto — are refusing to leave the Bahamas without the others. They insist they are motivated by their friends' fates, but the fact remains that if they can establish residency in another country, they can become free agents and negotiate a potentially lucrative contract with any major league team.

If they come to the United States, they would be subject to baseball's amateur draft and would only be able to bargain with the teams that select them.

Orlando Hernandez's aunt, Barbara Cruz of Miami, also said the player known as "El Duque" in Cuba is holding out for the others and not for a baseball bargaining chip.

"They are accomplices for helping him leave, and if they get sent back to Cuba, they're going to have a tough time," said Cruz, whose husband is staying with their nephew in Nassau.

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NBA Results

Standings

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Miami	20	11	.645	—
New York	18	13	.581	2
New Jersey	17	14	.548	3
Boston	16	14	.533	3 1/2
Orlando	17	15	.531	3 1/2
Washington	17	17	.500	4 1/2
Philadelphia	9	22	.290	11
Central Division				
Chicago	22	10	.688	—
Indiana	21	10	.677	1/2
Cleveland	19	11	.633	2
Atlanta	19	12	.613	2 1/2
Charlotte	19	12	.613	2 1/2
Detroit	15	18	.455	7 1/2
Milwaukee	14	17	.452	7 1/2
Toronto	4	28	.125	18
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
San Antonio	20	11	.645	—
Utah	20	11	.645	—
Houston	16	12	.571	2 1/2
Minnesota	16	15	.516	4
Vancouver	10	23	.303	11
Dallas	5	27	.156	15 1/2
Denver	2	28	.067	17 1/2
Pacific Division				
Seattle	26	6	.813	—
L.A. Lakers	24	8	.750	2
Phoenix	19	10	.655	5 1/2
Portland	19	11	.633	6
Sacramento	13	20	.394	13 1/2
L.A. Clippers	8	24	.250	18
Golden State	7	22	.241	17 1/2

Sunday's Games

Washington 109, Phoenix 99
Seattle 120, Vancouver 106
Sacramento 106, Charlotte 90
Philadelphia 113, L.A. Lakers 107

Monday's Games

Houston at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Washington at New York, 6:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Portland, 9 p.m.

Wizards 109, Suns 99

PHOENIX (99): Ceballos 3-8 1-1 8, McDyess 6-10 4-6 16, Robinson 6-10 1-2 13, Kidd 1-4 1-2 3, Chapman 10-21 11-11 33, Williams 0-0 2-2 2, McCloud 3-6 0-1 7, Bryant 3-6 0-0 6, Nash 5-11 1-1 11, Thompson 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 37-77 21-26 99

WASHINGTON (109): Webber 9-14 2-4 22, Howard 11-21 7-8 29, Davis 0-2 0-0 0, Cheaney 5-13 3-4 13, Strickland 11-15 4-11 26, Murray 5-13 2-2 15, Legler 0-3 0-0 0, Whitney 1-2 0-0 2, Ham 1-2 0-0 2, Grant 0-0 0-0 0, Eackles 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 43-85 18-29 109.

Phoenix	**19**	**27**	**32**	**21 — 99**
Washington	**27**	**29**	**24**	**19 — 109**

3-Point goals—Phoenix 4-16 (Chapman 2-5, Ceballos 1-3, McCloud 1-3, Robinson 0-1, Nash 0-1, Kidd 0-3). Washington 5-11 (Murray 3-6, Webber 2-3, Howard 0-1, Legler 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Phoenix 43 (Robinson 7), Washington 55 (Howard 10). Assists—Phoenix 22 (Kidd, Nash 5), Washington 26 (Strickland 11). Total fouls—Phoenix 27, Washington 22. Technicals—Washington illegal defense. A—20,674 (20,674).

Sonics 120, Grizzlies 108

SEATTLE (120): Schrempf 10-12 0-0 22, Baker 12-16 6-11 30, McIlvaine 0-1 0-0 0, Hawkins 5-7 7-8 22, Payton 8-16 3-4 22, Perkins 2-4 2-2 8, Ellis 5-8 1-2 11, Williams 0-0 0-0 0, Wingate 0-3 0-0 0, Anthony 2-8 0-0 5, Howard 0-0 0-0 0, Snow 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 44-75 19-27 120.

VANCOUVER (108): Abdur-Rahim 9-17 3-5 21, Thorpe 3-10 2-6 8, Reeves 2-3 2-4 6, Mack 9-14 1-1 21, Daniels 5-7 1-4 11, Chilcutt 3-9 3-4 9, Edwards 4-10 0-0 8, Lynch 6-7 3-4 17, Mayberry 3-6 0-0 7. Totals 44-83 15-29 108.

Seattle	**28**	**28**	**43**	**21 — 120**
Vancouver	**35**	**30**	**20**	**23 — 108**

3-Point goals—Seattle 13-16 (Hawkins 5-5, Payton 3-4, Schrempf 2-2, Perkins 2-2, Anthony 1-3). Vancouver 5-11 (Lynch 2-2, Mack 2-4, Mayberry 1-2, Daniels 0-1, Chilcutt 0-1, Edwards 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Seattle 36 (Schrempf, Baker 7), Vancouver 56 (Chilcutt 10). Assists—Seattle 31 (Payton 9), Vancouver 28 (Thorpe 6). Total fouls—Seattle 24, Vancouver 23. Technicals—Seattle illegal defense 2, Vancouver coach Hill, Vancouver illegal defense 3. A—15,122 (19,193).

Kings 106, Hornets 90

CHARLOTTE (90): Rice 5-16 5-5 15, Mason 4-7 6-10 14, Divac 1-4 0-2 2, Phills 3-6 0-0 7, Wesley 6-11 4-4 17, Armstrong 3-5 1-1 7, Curry 2-4 0-0 4, Farmer 1-4 0-0 2, Geiger 6-8 0-0 12, Reid 2-3 2-2 6, Beck 0-4 2-2 2, Williams 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 34-73 20-26 90.

SACRAMENTO (106): Abdul-Wahad 4-10 2-6 10, Owens 7-11 1-3 16, Stewart 4-5 0-0 8, Richmond 7-18 8-12 23, Johnson 6-12 0-0 12, Polynice 9-14 0-0 18, Dehere 4-5 1-2 10, Hendrickson 2-5 0-0 4, Hurley 1-1 2-2 5. Totals 44-81 14-25 106.

Charlotte	**18**	**17**	**24**	**31 — 90**
Sacramento	**33**	**29**	**25**	**18 — 106**

3-Point goals—Charlotte 2-7 (Phills 1-2, Wesley 1-2, Rice 0-1, Armstrong 0-1, Beck 0-1). Sacramento 4-8 (Hurley 1-1, Dehere 1-1, Richmond 1-2, Owens 1-3, Johnson 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Charlotte 39 (Mason 11), Sacramento 54 (Stewart 10). Assists—Charlotte 17 (Mason, Wesley, Armstrong 3), Sacramento 24 (Richmond 5). Total fouls—Charlotte 23, Sacramento 23. A—13,275 (17,317).

76ers 113, Lakers 107

PHILADELPHIA (113): Coleman 2-12 3-4 7, Davis 3-8 7-8 13, Ratliff 8-11 4-5 20, Jackson 8-13 11-11 28, Iverson 10-22 10-11 31, Cummings 1-3 0-0 2, McKie 1-2 0-0 2, Weatherspoon 5-11 0-0 10, Walters 0-1 0-0 0, Parker 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 38-83 35-39 113.

L.A. LAKERS (107): Horry 5-9 1-1 11, Fox 5-10 6-8 16, Campbell 4-8 2-4 10, Jones 7-17 0-3 16, Van Exel 3-10 1-1 7, O'Neal 12-19 2-7 26, Bryant 6-18 7-11 20, Fisher 0-1 1-2 1. Totals 42-92 20-37 107.

Philadelphia	**33**	**24**	**27**	**29 — 113**
L.A. Lakers	**25**	**27**	**25**	**30 — 107**

3-Point goals—Philadelphia 2-6 (Jackson 1-2, Iverson 1-3, Walters 0-1). Los Angeles 3-17 (Jones 2-7, Bryant 1-3, Horry 0-1, Fox 0-2, Van Exel 0-4). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 56 (Ratliff 10), Los Angeles 60 (O'Neal 16). Assists—Philadelphia 22 (Iverson 11), Los Angeles 23 (Van Exel 9). Total fouls—Philadelphia 32, Los Angeles 28. A—17,505 (17,505).

Hockey Results

Standings

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Atlantic Division						
Philadelphia	24	10	7	55	125	88
New Jersey	26	12	2	54	121	82
Washington	18	16	8	44	114	113
Florida	15	20	8	38	110	123
N.Y. Rangers	13	18	12	38	107	116
N.Y. Islanders	15	22	5	35	107	118
Tampa Bay	9	24	8	26	73	121
Northeast Division						
Montreal	23	15	6	52	127	105
Pittsburgh	21	13	8	50	116	98
Boston	18	16	8	44	104	103
Ottawa	18	19	5	41	101	100
Carolina	15	22	5	35	105	120
Buffalo	14	19	7	35	94	105
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central Division						
Dallas	27	9	7	61	136	87
Detroit	25	11	8	58	146	107
St. Louis	23	15	6	52	128	111
Phoenix	19	16	7	45	118	110
Chicago	15	18	8	38	95	94
Toronto	13	20	7	33	92	118
Pacific Division						
Colorado	22	8	13	57	131	103
Los Angeles	17	17	7	41	115	116
Anaheim	14	21	8	36	102	129
San Jose	15	21	5	35	98	112
Edmonton	11	22	9	31	97	127
Calgary	11	24	8	30	109	132
Vancouver	11	24	6	28	111	145

Sunday's Games

Los Angeles 3, Edmonton 2
Anaheim 3, Florida 3, tie
Chicago 3, Detroit 1

Monday's Games

Ottawa at Carolina, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Calgary at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

Kings 3, Oilers 2

Los Angeles	1	0	2	— 3
Edmonton	0	1	1	— 2

First Period—1, Los Angeles, Johnson 9 (Blake), 4:54 (pp).

Second Period—2, Edmonton, Grier 4 (Kovalenko, Murray), 3:07.

Third Period—3, Edmonton, Hamrlik 4 (Weight, Mironov), 2:02 (pp). 4, Los Angeles, Galley 5 (Tsyplakov, Murray), 13:00. 5, Los Angeles, Ferraro 2 (Byisma, O'Donnell), 15:43.

Shots on goal—Los Angeles 13-9-13—35. Edmonton 11-19-8—38.

Power-play Opportunities—Los Angeles 1 of 3, Edmonton 1 of 4.

Goalies—Los Angeles, Fiset 15-13-5 (38 shots-36 saves). Edmonton, Joseph 9-19-8 (35-32).

Mighty Ducks 3, Panthers 3

Anaheim	2	0	1	0 — 3
Florida	2	1	0	0 — 3

First Period—1, Florida, Wells 4 (Fitzgerald, Lindsay), 3:58. 2, Florida, Mellanby 7 (Niedermayer, Whitney), 5:38. 3, Anaheim, Kariya 7 (Mironov, Young), 10:29 (pp). 4, Anaheim, Ruchin 6 (Young), 19:58 (sh).

Second Period—5, Florida, Washburn 9 (Kozlov, Dvorak), 19:28.

Third Period—6, Anaheim, Selanne 33 (Young), 19:20.

Overtime—None

Shots on goal—Anaheim 11-5-11-6—27. Florida 10-18-11-4—43.

Power-play Opportunities—Anaheim 1 of 3, Florida 0 of 7.

Goalies—Anaheim, Hebert 9-16-5 (43 shots-40 saves). Florida, Vanbiesbrouck 13-13-5 (27-24).

Blackhawks 3, Red Wings 1

Detroit	0	1	0	— 1
Chicago	0	1	2	— 3

First Period—None.

Second Period—1, Detroit, Shanahan 19 (McCarty, Brown), 4:17 (pp). 2, Chicago, Miller 1 (Carney, Chelios), 19:34.

Third Period—3, Chicago, Amonte 14 (Shantz, Carney), 7:08. 4, Chicago, Zhamnov 8, 19:10 (en).

Shots on goal—Detroit 10-8-8—26. Chicago 9-11-9—29.

Power-play Opportunities—Detroit 1 of 3, Chicago 0 of 1.

Goalies—Detroit, Osgood 20-9-7 (28 shots-26 saves). Chicago, Hackett 8-8-8 (26-25).

Oilers-Devils Trade

By The Associated Press

Career statistics of the players involved in Sunday's trade between the Edmonton Oilers and the New Jersey Devils:

TO EDMONTON

Bill Guerin

Regular Season

Year, Team	GP	G	A	Pts
1991-92 NJ	5	0	1	1
1992-93 NJ	65	14	20	34
1993-94 NJ	81	25	19	44
1995 NJ	48	12	13	25
1995-96 NJ	80	23	30	53
1996-97 NJ	82	29	18	47
1997-98 NJ	19	5	5	10
Totals	**380**	**108**	**106**	**214**

Playoffs

Year, Team	GP	G	A	Pts
1991-92 NJ	6	3	0	3
1992-93 NJ	5	1	1	2
1993-94 NJ	17	2	1	3
1995 NJ	20	3	8	11
1996-97 NJ	8	2	1	3
Totals	**56**	**11**	**11**	**22**

Valeri Zelepukin

Regular Season

Year, Team	GP	G	A	Pts
1991-92 NJ	44	13	18	31
1992-93 NJ	78	23	41	64
1993-94 NJ	82	26	31	57
1995 NJ	4	1	2	3
1995-96 NJ	61	6	9	15
1996-97 NJ	71	14	24	38
1997-98 NJ	35	2	8	10
Totals	**375**	**85**	**133**	**218**

Playoffs

Year, Team	GP	G	A	Pts
1991-92 NJ	4	1	1	2
1992-93 NJ	5	0	2	2
1993-94 NJ	20	5	2	7
1995 NJ	18	1	2	3
1996-97 NJ	8	3	2	5
Totals	**55**	**10**	**9**	**19**

TO NEW JERSEY

Jason Arnott

Regular Season

Year, Team	GP	G	A	Pts
1993-94 Edm	78	33	35	68
1995 Edm	42	15	22	37
1995-96 Edm	64	28	31	59
1996-97 Edm	67	19	38	57
1997-98 Edm	35	5	13	18
Totals	**286**	**100**	**139**	**239**

Playoffs

Year, Team	GP	G	A	Pts
1996-97 Edm	12	3	6	9

Bryan Muir

Regular Season

Year, Team	GP	G	A	Pts
1995-96 Edm	5	0	0	0

Playoffs

Year, Team	GP	G	A	Pts
1996-97 Edm	5	0	0	0

WPHL Standings

By The Associated Press.

Eastern Division

	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
Fort Worth	27	11	7	61	193	147
Shreveport	25	12	2	52	177	126
Austin	22	9	8	52	148	145
Central Tx	24	13	3	51	149	143
Lake Charles	18	17	4	40	148	162
Monroe	19	18	1	39	116	121
Waco	7	30	3	17	116	206
Western Division						
El Paso	25	8	5	57	195	136
New Mexico	26	10	3	55	207	120
Amarillo	15	17	9	39	134	170
San Angelo	16	20	5	37	163	192
Odessa	13	26	3	29	162	249

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a victory; one for a shootout loss.

Sunday's Games

Austin 4, Fort Worth 3
El Paso 6, Monroe 3
Odessa 6, Shreveport 5

Monday's Games

No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

San Angelo at Amarillo
Central Texas at Fort Worth
Odessa at Monroe
Waco at New Mexico

Olympic Trials

Speedskating Trials

WEST ALLIS, WIS. (AP) — Results Sunday from the U.S. Long Track Speedskating Olympic Trials:

Men

500

1. Casey FitzRandolph, Verona, Wis., 36.75. 2. Marc Peichat, New Chelmsford, Mass., 37.07. 3. Nate Mills, Washington, 37.50.

1,000

1. KC Boutiette, Tacoma, Wash., 1:13.29. 2. Fitz Randolph, 1:13.59. 3. Mills, 1:13.73.

Women

500

1. Chris Witty, West Allis, Wis., 39.83. 2. Becky Sundstrom, Glen Ellyn, Ill., 40.31. 3. Ames Sannes, St. Paul, Minn., 40.76.

1,000

1. Witty, 1:18.75. 2. R. Sundstrom, 1:20.41. 3. Jennifer Rodriguez, Miami, 1:20.82.

U.S. Bobsled Trials

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) — Results Sunday from the U.S. Bobsled Team trials at the Utah Winter Sports Park:

Four-man

1. Todd Hays, Del Rio, Duane Mock, Eufaula, Ala., Mike Dionne, Alpharetta, Ga. and Dan Steele, Sherrard, Ill., 1 minute, 38.92 seconds.

2. Jim Herberich, Winchester, Mass., Darrin Steele, Sherrard, Ill., John Kasper, Thornton, Iowa, and Robert Olesen, Champaign, Ill., 1:38.97.

Andersen Golf

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Results Sunday of the Andersen Consulting World Championship of Golf, played on the 7,135-yard, par-72 Grayhawk Golf Club's Raptor Course:

Finals

Colin Montgomerie, Scotland, $1 million, def. Davis Love III, United States, $500,000, 2-up.

Third Place

Ernie Els, South Africa, $350,000, def. Hajime Meshiai, Japan, $300,000, 4 and 3.

NFL Playoffs

By The Associated Press

Wild Cards

Saturday, Dec. 27

Minnesota 23, New York Giants 22
Denver 42, Jacksonville 17

Sunday, Dec. 28

New England 17, Miami 3
Tampa Bay 20, Detroit 10

Divisional Playoffs

Saturday, Jan. 3

Pittsburgh 7, New England 6
San Francisco 38, Minnesota 22

Sunday, Jan. 4

Green Bay 21, Tampa Bay 7
Denver 14, Kansas City 10

Conference Championships

Sunday, Jan. 11

Denver at Pittsburgh, 11:30 a.m. (NBC)
Green Bay at San Francisco, 3 p.m. (FOX)

Super Bowl

Sunday, Jan. 25

At San Diego

AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 5 p.m.

Pro Bowl

Sunday, Feb. 1

At Honolulu

AFC vs. NFC, TBA

Hopman Cup

PERTH, Australia (AP) — Results Sunday of the $585,000 Hopman Cup mixed team tennis tournament at the Burswood Dome:

Australia 3, Sweden 0

Annabel Ellwood, Australia, def. Asa Carlsson, Sweden, 6-4, 6-4.

Patrick Rafter, Australia, def. Thomas Enqvist, Sweden, 6-3, 1-6, 7-5.

Rafter and Ellwood, Australia, def. Enqvist and Carlsson, Sweden, 6-2, 6-4.

Austral. Hardcourt

GOLD COAST, Australia (AP) — Results Sunday of the Australian women's hardcourt tennis championships at Hope Island:

Singles

First Round

Elena Likhovtseva (7), Russia, def. Olga Barabanschikova, Belarus, 2-6 6-1, 6-1.

Maria Vento, Venezuela, def. Magui Serna, Spain, 6-3, 6-4.

Patty Schnyder, Switzerland, def. Rita Grande, Italy, 6-4, 6-4.

Shi-Ting Wang, Taiwan, def. Anne-Gaelle Sidot (8), France, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

700 Victories

By The Associated Press

Coaches with 700 victories who have spent a minimum of 10 seasons in Division I with last school worked at listed (x-active, records through Jan. 3):

1	Dean Smith, North Carolina	879
2	Adolph Rupp, Kentucky	876
3	Henry Iba, Oklahoma State	767
4	Ed Diddle, Western Kentucky	759
5	Phog Allen, Kansas	746
6	Ray Meyer, DePaul	724
7	x-Bob Knight, Indiana	709
8	x-Norm Stewart, Missouri	701
9	x-Don Haskins, UTEP	700

Transactions

By The Associated Press

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

DETROIT PISTONS—Activated F-C Rick Mahorn from the injured list.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

CAROLINA HURRICANES—Recalled LW Bates Battaglia and G Tripp Tracy from New Haven of the AHL.

LOS ANGELES KINGS—Assigned LW Donald MacLean to Fredericton of the AHL. Recalled G Frederic Chabot from Houston of the IHL.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Recalled C Brendan Morrison from Albany of the AHL. Assigned G Peter Sidorkiewicz to Albany.

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Recalled C Jamie Baker from Chicago of the IHL.

International Hockey League

HOUSTON AEROS—Recalled RW Tim Findlay and D Jeff Kungle from Austin of the WPHL.

College Basketball Results

Women's Scores

SOUTHWEST

Texas Tech 79, Missouri 65

EAST

Bryant 72, New Hampshire Coll. 49
George Washington 73, Dayton 59
Iona 78, Manhattan 70
Loyola, Md. 87, Niagara 59
NYU 90, Rochester 46
Siena 64, Canisius 53
St. Joseph's 66, St. Bonaventure 53
Temple 58, Fordham 55
Yale 53, Lehigh 50

SOUTH

Alabama 64, South Carolina 54
Duke 87, Georgia Tech 56
East Carolina 65, George Mason 48
Florida 100, Kentucky 58
Marquette 79, Louisville 59
Maryland 61, Wake Forest 59
Massachusetts 58, Virginia Tech 56
North Carolina 103, Florida St. 77
Old Dominion 80, Richmond 58
Southern Miss. 72, Houston 66
Tulane 70, South Florida 39
Va. Commonwealth 79, William & Mary 70
Wisconsin 74, Georgia 64, OT

MIDWEST

Anderson, Ind. 67, Kalamazoo 63
Drake 79, Creighton 57
Illinois 86, Colorado 48
Illinois St. 71, Evansville 66
Indiana 88, Northwestern 63
Indiana St. 69, S. Illinois 47
Nebraska 80, Kansas St. 58
Penn St. 85, Michigan 84, OT
Purdue 70, Michigan St. 60
St. Joseph's, Ind. 81, Indianapolis 67
Wis.-Milwaukee 66, Ill.-Chicago 53

FAR WEST

Arizona 81, Southern Cal 69
California 77, Oregon St. 64
San Fmcsco St. 46, UC Riverside 43
Santa Clara 63, UC Irvine 56
Stanford 97, Oregon 72
UCLA 95, Arizona St. 73

Texas Team

No. 6 Texas Tech 79, Missouri 65

TEXAS TECH (8-2): Hanebutt 3-9 4-4 11, Thompson 17-26 4-4 39, Braziel 0-3 0-0 0, Schmuker 2-3 0-0 6, Lake 4-9 2-2 11, O'Neal 1-3 0-2 2, Gibbs 4-4 1-1 9, Boles 0-1 0-0 0, Dickerson 0-3 1-2 1. Totals 31-61 12-15 79.

MISSOURI (8-3): Helm 1-11 2-2 4, Akpaffiong 6-11 3-3 15, Bonds 8-11 6-8 22, Johnson 6-8 2-5 15, Williams 2-6 0-0 4, Monsees 1-4 1-2 3, Jones 1-4 0-0 2, Olivo 0-0 0-0 0, Trumble 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 25-56 14-20 65.

Halftime—Texas Tech 33, Missouri 31. 3-point goals—Texas Tech 5-11 (Schmuker 2-2, Thompson 1-1, Lake 1-3, Hanebutt 1-5), Missouri 1-7 (Johnson 1-1, Jones 0-2, Helm 0-4). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Texas Tech 35 (Thompson 13), Missouri 31 (Bonds 9). Assists—Texas Tech 17 (Schmuker 6), Missouri 17 (Williams 6).

Top 20 Boxes

No. 2 Old Dominion 80, Richmond 58

RICHMOND (7-6): Meade 9-18 3-4 21, Constantakis 3-4 1-2 7, Center 2-7 0-0 4, Detollenaere 4-6 0-1 9, Hester 2-4 2-2 6, Florin 3-7 0-0 7, Edwards 1-1 0-0 2, Barcus 0-0 0-0 0, Aleshire 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 25-49 6-9 58.

OLD DOMINION (10-0): Andrade 12-26 4-6 28, Keenan 0-1 0-2 0, Roberts 8-11 2-4 18, Eblin 4-14 0-0 11, Penichetro 4-14 0-2 9, Eller-Paul 0-3 2-2 2, Levens 0-2 0-0 0, Small 2-6 0-0 4, Williams 2-3 0-0 4, Love 1-3 2-2 4. Totals 33-83 10-18 80.

Halftime—Old Dominion 38, Richmond 31. 3-Point goals—Richmond 2-7 (Detollenaere 1-2, Florin 1-3, Hester 0-1, Aleshire 0-1), Old Dominion 4-21 (Eblin 3-10, Penichetro 1-6, Andrade 0-3, Eller-Paul 0-1, Love 0-1). Rebounds—Richmond 35 (Center 10), Old Dominion 46 (Andrade, Roberts 14). Assists—Richmond 15 (Detollenaere 5), Old Dominion 18 (Penichetro 7).

No. 5 North Carolina 103, Florida State 77

FLORIDA STATE (4-9): Wyckoff 4-6 5-7 13, Coleman 5-12 3-4 14, Moorefield 4-6 0-1 8, Hampton 4-8 0-0 10, Robinson 1-6 0-0 3, McLin 0-2 1-2 1, Davidson 5-10 1-7 11, Penn 3-4 1-2 9, Linley 0-3 6-6 6, Fuchs 1-2 0-0 2, Brown 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 27-59 17-29 77.

NORTH CAROLINA (11-2): Reid 14-18 5-6 33, Wright 4-13 3-4 11, Walker 1-4 0-0 2, Gaspar 1-4 4-5 7, Teasley 4-8 3-4 14, Sharp 3-4 1-2 10, Davis 0-0 0-0 0, Brown 2-5 1-1 6, Clay 0-2 0-0 0, Johnson 1-1 0-0 2, Barksdale 7-9 0-0 14. Dawkins 1-5 0-0 2, VanHellemont 0-1 0-0 0, Walker 1-2 0-1 2. Totals 39-76 17-23 103.

Halftime—North Carolina 50. Florida State 34. 3-Point goals—Florida State 6-11 (Penn 2-2, Hampton 2-3, Coleman 1-1, Robinson 1-3, Wyckoff 0-2), North Carolina 8-14 (Sharp 3-3, Teasley 3-4, Gaspar 1-2, Brown 1-3, Wright 0-1, Dawkins 0-1). Rebounds—Florida State 34 (Coleman 9), North Carolina 44 (Reid, Wright 6). Assists—Florida State 21 (Robinson, Linley 4), North Carolina 23 (Gaspar 7).

No. 10 Arizona 81, Southern California 69

ARIZONA (8-2): Barnes 14-27 2-2 30, Alexander 3-5 5-9 11, Griffith 1-5 0-0 3, Bristol 6-9 5-6 19, Willis 5-7 0-0 10, Hambrick 0-0 0-0 0, Crank 1-4 0-0 3, Phoenix 0-0 1-2 1, Giordano 2-6 0-0 4, Paige 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 32-83 13-19 81.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (6-5): Carter 3-6 2-6 8, Washington 4-7 2-4 10, Williams 5-13 2-2 12, Miller 1-3 0-0 3, Clark 7-16 5-6 22, Kartz 0-4 0-0 0, Houser 7-11 0-0 14. Totals 27-60 11-18 69.

Halftime—Arizona 46, Southern California 33. 3-Point goals—Arizona 4-4 (Bristol 2-2, Griffith 1-1, Crank 1-1), Southern California 4-8 (Clark 3-7, Miller 1-1). Rebounds—Arizona 42 (Alexander 11), Southern California 31 (Clark 8). Assists—Arizona 21 (Crank 6), Southern California 13 (Clark 5).

No. 11 Wisconsin 74, No. 17 Georgia 64, OT

WISCONSIN (10-3): Klapperich 4-8 2-2 10, Sims 9-12 2-3 20, Boston 2-8 1-4 5, Pate 1-3 0-0 2, Voigt 4-11 7-8 19, Paulus 1-5 1-4 4, Hartwig 3-5 0-0 6, Rhodes 2-2 0-0 4, Konieczny 0-0 0-0 0, Wiersma 2-6 0-0 4. Totals 28-60 13-21 74.

GEORGIA (9-3): Irwin 8-18 0-0 18, Ball 4-9 0-0 8, Vishniakova 3-9 7-8 13, K.Miller 4-16 0-2 8, C.Miller 5-20 1-2 11, Spurlock 0-0 0-0 0, Nash 0-0 0-0 0, Bush 0-3 0-0 0, Lott 3-11 0-0 6. Totals 27-86 8-12 64.

Halftime—Wisconsin 36, Georgia 35. Regulation—Wisconsin 61, Georgia 61. 3-Point goals—Wisconsin 5-10 (Voigt 4-7, Paulus 1-1, Boston 0-2), Georgia 2-16 (Irwin 2-6, Bush 0-1, Vishniakova 0-3, K.Miller 0-3, C.Miller 0-3). Fouled out—Vishniakova. Rebounds—Wisconsin 57 (Wiersma 10), Georgia 42 (Lott 11). Assists—Wisconsin 17 (Voigt 5), Georgia 17 (C.Miller 6).

No. 13 Illinois 88, No. 21 Colorado 48

COLORADO (6-4): Velicica 4-7 0-0 9, Gracia 2-5 0-0 5, Johnson 4-10 3-4 11, Graham 1-8 0-0 2, Felts 3-12 0-0 8, Weddle 0-2 0-2 0, Circle 3-10 0-0 6, Dilworth 0-1 0-0 0, Swagger 3-4 1-2 7, Carmann 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 20-59 4-8 48.

ILLINOIS (9-4): Catchings 3-8 1-2 7, Berggren 5-8 2-3 12, Sheeler 3-11 3-4 9, Parker 5-8 2-4 16, Coleman 3-11 0-0 7, Albers 1-2 2-2 4, Dexter 0-0 0-0 0, Lewis 0-0 0-0 0, Guarnen 3-4 0-0 7, Zurek 2-2 0-0 4, Reinkung 3-8 1-2 8, Bond 0-2 0-0 0, Vasey 2-4 0-0 4, Leonhardt 4-8 2-2 10. Totals 34-76 13-19 88.

Halftime—Illinois 30, Colorado 17. 3-point goals—Colorado 4-15 (Felts 2-6, Velicica 1-2, Gracia 1-2, Weddle 0-1, Circle 0-1, Graham 0-3), Illinois 7-17 (Parker 4-6, Guarnen 1-2, Reinking 1-3, Coleman 1-5, Sheeler 0-1). Rebounds—Colorado 31 (Swagger 7), Illinois 56 (Catchings, Sheeler, Leonhardt 10). Assists—Colorado 11 (Johnson, Graham, Swagger 2), Illinois 23 (Guarnen 5).

No. 14 Nebraska 80, Kansas St. 58

KANSAS ST. (6-5): Coalson 1-4 0-0 3, Harris 3-6 1-5 7, Finkes 7-18 2-3 16, Jacobson 9-17 5-8 23, Woodlee 3-10 0-0 9, Webb 0-0 0-0 0, Laskowska 0-1 0-0 0, Ramage 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 23-56 8-16 58.

NEBRASKA (12-3): McDill 2-5 4-4 8, DeForge 9-21 1-1 19, Rogers 5-6 1-2 11, J.Kubik 4-9 1-3 9, N.Kubik 4-10 6-6 14, Went 0-0 0-0 0, Schwartz 1-1 0-0 2, Thompson 2-2 0-0 4, Williams 0-1 0-0 0, Gilmore 5-7 3-3 13, Benson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 32-62 16-19 80.

Halftime—Kansas St. 35, Nebraska 32. 3-Point goals—Kansas St. 4-17 (Woodlee 3-9, Coalson 1-3, Jacobson 0-5), Nebraska 0-6 (N.Kubik 0-1, Gilmore 0-1, DeForge 0-4). Rebounds—Kansas St. 32 (Coalson 8, Finkes 8), Nebraska 38 (J.Kubik 11). Assists—Kansas St. 10 (Coalson 5), Nebraska 15 (DeForge 4, N.Kubik 4).

No. 15 Stanford 97, Oregon 72

OREGON (5-5): Strange 2-4 2-2 6, Meharry 6-13 4-6 18, Wolvert 4-10 1-2 9, Hughes 6-16 1-4 13, Bowyer 1-2 1-2 4, Curtis 5-8 2-4 12, O'Brien 1-3 0-0 3, Benson 0-0 0-0 0, Dion 3-3 0-0 7, Piers 0-1 0-0 0, McKnight 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 28-60 11-20 72.

STANFORD (5-4): Nygaard 5-13 2-2 16, Owen 2-3 1-1 5, Scott 9-15 7-12 25, Fruen 2-4 0-0 5, Flores 2-6 4-6 10, Folki 6-6 4-4 16, Peterson 4-8 5-6 13, Dimson 0-1 0-0 0, Moos 0-2 0-0 0, Batastini 1-2 1-1 3, Gbalazeh 0-0 0-0 0, Benton 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 33-62 24-32 97.

Halftime—Stanford 46, Oregon 39. 3-Point goals—Oregon 5-12 (Meharry 2-4, Bowyer 1-1,

Wizards pound on sore Suns

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Juwan Howard scored 13 of his 29 points in the fourth quarter and had 10 rebounds as the Washington Wizards defeated the Phoenix Suns 109-99 Sunday.

Washington scored the first 12 points of the game and never trailed. Phoenix, behind Rex Chapman's season-high 33 points, tied the game in the fourth quarter before Washington pulled away.

The Suns, already playing without Danny Manning (abdominal strain) and Kevin Johnson (knee surgery), lost point guard Jason Kidd to a twisted right ankle with 7:17 left in the second quarter and didn't return. Washington point guard Rod Strickland, taking advantage of Kidd's abensce, just missed a triple-double — scoring 26 points with 11 assists and nine rebounds.

SuperSonics 120, Grizzlies 108

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Vin Baker scored 30 points and Seattle made its first 12 3-point shots in a victory over Vancouver.

Hersey Hawkins was 5-for-5, Gary Payton was 3-for-4, Detlef Schrempf and Sam Perkins were each 2-for-2 and Greg Anthony was 1-for-3 from 3-point range for Seattle, which finished 13-of-16 from behind the arc. While the NBA doesn't keep records for consecutive 3-point shots, the Indiana Pacers hold the record for most 3s without a miss in one game — 7-for-7 against Atlanta on Jan. 20, 1995.

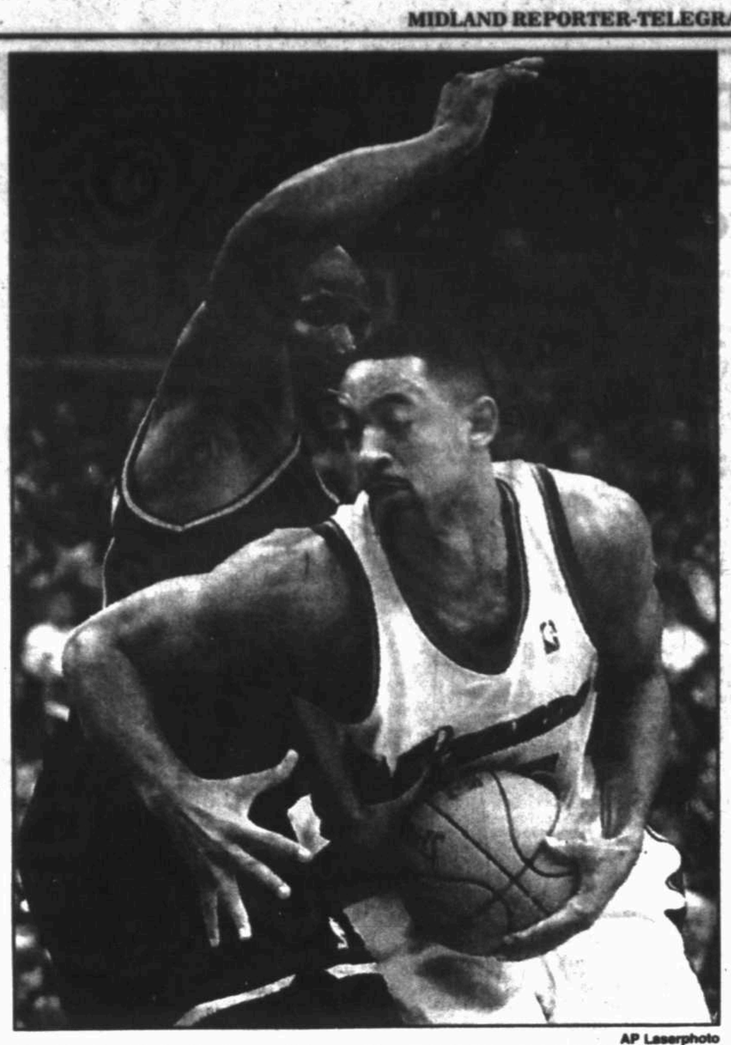
Sam Mack, getting his first start after missing two games with a sprained right hand, and Shareef Abdur-Rahim each scored 21 points to lead the Grizzlies, who have lost six in a row and nine of their last 10.

Kings 106, Hornets 90

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Mitch Richmond scored 11 of his 23 points in a lopsided first quarter and Sacramento went on to lead by 30 in the second quarter.

Sacramento centers Michael Stewart and Olden Polynice dominated the middle. Stewart had 10 points, nine rebounds and three blocks and Polynice had 18 points and nine boards. Hornets center Vlade Divac was held to two points on 1-for-4 shooting.

Glen Rice, coming off a season-high 42-point game against the Heat, was contained to 5-for-16 shooting and 15 points. David Wesley topped Charlotte with 17 points.



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Washington Wizards forward Juwan Howard (5) drives past Phoenix Suns center Cliff Robinson (30) during second quarter play Sunday at the MCI Center in Washington. The Wizards won 109-99.

■ NBA Roundup

76ers 113, Lakers 107

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Allen Iverson scored 31 points and Philadelphia handed Los Angeles its first loss of the season with Shaquille O'Neal in the lineup.

The Sixers closed the game with a 23-10 run and completed their first season sweep of the Lakers since 1982-83.

Iverson and Jim Jackson keyed the 76ers over the final 4:03, scoring 19 of the team's final 23 points. Iverson added 11 assists.

O'Neal led the Lakers with 26 points and 16 rebounds in 31 minutes off the bench.

No. 6 Tech women recover from tough loss by thumping Tigers

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Coming into its Big 12 opener, the Texas Tech women's basketball team knew it had to forget about last week's heart-breaking loss to No. 2 Old Dominion.

The Lady Red Raiders, ranked No. 6 in the nation, were able to do that, and started conference play on the right foot, beating Missouri 79-65. Texas Tech coach Marsha Sharp admitted the Old Dominion loss was something she was still concerned about.

"You have to be concerned about it a little bit, as far as their (the players') mentality," Sharp said. "They wanted to come back and make a statement, but this is a very difficult place to do that. Missouri has a great home-court advantage."

To beat the Tigers (8-3, 0-1 in the Big 12), the Lady Red Raiders (8-2, 1-0) needed a season-high 39 points from pre-season Big 12 Player of the Year Alicia Thompson, a product of Reagan County High.

"You're always glad to have that first one, especially if it's on the road," Sharp said.

For the first 11 minutes of Sunday's game, the Tigers held Thompson scoreless, but couldn't do much to stop her from there. Thompson was as quick to pass the credit to her teammates as her teammates were quick to pass her the ball.

■ Texas Women

"Give credit to my teammates," Thompson said. "They did a great job of finding me on the blocks. I was just pleased with them. There was so much pressure on them."

Neither dominated the game, but the Lady Red Raiders took control of it during a four-minute stretch during the second half. When Missouri's Tanisha Johnson hit a layup to cut the Texas Tech lead to 38-37, the Lady Red Raiders responded with a 13-5 run, capped by a Julie Lake layup with 13:44 to play. That made the score 51-42.

Texas Tech led by as much as 15 before Missouri mounted its final run. But, the Tigers couldn't get any closer than six. The last time the Tigers got that close was at 69-63 with 2:33 to play.

Kesha Bonds led Missouri with 22 points. Johnson and Debra Williams added 15 each.

"I thought we played awful well in the first half," Missouri coach Joann Rutherford said. "I thought we had breakdowns in the second half in our offense and defense. You've just got to be consistent for 40 minutes."

Lake and Rene Hanebutt added 11 points a piece for the Red Raiders and Thompson led all rebounders with 13.

The Lady Red Raiders led the Tigers 33-31 at the half. Missouri's leading scorer, Julie Helm, was held scoreless in the first half. Helm finished with four points.

"We really wanted to attack her in our zone," Sharp said. "I've said for a long time that a zone defense is better to defend a great shooter than a man-to-man.

"I thought out kids did a great job of finding her and staying with her."

Southern Mississippi 72, Houston 66

HATTIESBURG, Miss. — Angela Atterberry scored 17 points to lead Southern Mississippi to a victory over Houston in a Conference USA game.

Southern Miss (9-3, 3-0 in Conference USA) scored on five-of-eight free throws in the final minute after Houston (5-7, 0-3) closed the gap to 54-53 with 7:28 remaining in the game. Southern Miss led 40-26 at the half but Houston rallied and was down by just one when Tiffany Porter hit a 3-pointer for the Lady Eagles.

Candice Keyes and Alyson Hardy both hit two free throws to give Southern Miss a 61-53 lead and the victory. Southern Miss, winners of four straight games, was also led by Hardy's 12 points.

Jennifer Jones led the Cougars with 18 points followed by Angel Brown with 14. LaRonda Walker had 12 points and Alicia Rodriguez added 10 for Houston.

Cincy's big lead too much for UH

HOUSTON (AP) — The Cincinnati Bearcats wasted much of a 30-point lead, but scrambled on some late free throws from Kenyon Martin and Shawn Myrick to hold off the Houston Cougars, 81-68, Sunday night.

"We got up by 30 and let them get back in it," said Cincinnati coach Bob Huggins, sounding like he couldn't wait to get his team back to practice at home.

"We're not good enough to not play hard the whole game. Houston's turnovers (24) hurt them, but they did a good job of playing with intensity after we got the big lead."

Forward Bobby Brannen (20 points, seven rebounds, four steals), center Kenyon Martin (11 points, 11 rebounds, two blocked shots) and forward Melvin Levett (19 points) were major contributors for the Bearcats (9-2, 1-0 Conference USA). Martin was coming off a three-game suspension with former Midland College product D'Juan Baker.

Kenny Younger led Houston (7-5, 0-1) with 16 points, and Willie Moore added 15 points. Before going down to their fifth straight loss, the Houston Cougars were having all sorts of trouble just triggering a shot against Cincinnati.

Thanks to six turnovers and two Bearcats fouls on their first eight possessions, the Cougars found themselves trailing 8-0 three minutes into play.

Cincinnati's 30-point lead came with just over 10 minutes left. But with two minutes left, UH actually had a long-shot at victory before Martin and Myrick refused to wilt at the free-throw line.

"A lack of concentration," said Martin of Cincinnati's late-game sag. "We can't count anyone out."

Among the Cougars' first-half problems were 14 turnovers, missing 13 of their last 15 shots and nine steals by the Bearcats — three by Brannen, who also had 14 points and seven rebounds.

"At the half," said UH coach Alvin Brooks, "I was prepared to line up and practice after the game. I do have a key to the building."

By the time Brent Petrus scored off another UH error when a Cougar tried to dribble through a double-team in the press, Cincinnati mounted a 67-37 margin with 10:10 to play, then scored just one field goal the rest of the way. UH then staged its 29-9 rally to close within 75-66 with 1:55 to go, aided by 13 of sophomore walk-on Moore's 15 points and minus 6-8 senior Galen Robinson for the final 5:03 after he fouled out.

"We dug ourselves too big a hole to come out of," said Brooks. "We were too timid against the press and we let them physically overpower us in the first half."

Old Dominion crushes Richmond

Associated Press

NORFOLK, Va. — Mery Andrade scored 28 points and grabbed 14 rebounds as No. 2 Old Dominion survived 38 percent shooting and beat Richmond 80-58 Sunday for its 10th consecutive victory.

■ Top 25 Women

Andrade was 12-of-26 from the field and grabbed six rebounds for the unbeaten Lady Monarchs, who led by double figures through most of the second half. Nyree Roberts had 18 points, 14 rebounds and two blocked shots for Old Dominion.

Richmond (7-6) cut the deficit to three a minute into the second half on Jennifer Meade's jumper. But Old Dominion went on a 13-4 run and led by 14 with 15:09 left.

Meade cut the lead to 10 with 7:42 remaining, but Roberts scored seven points to spark a 20-8 run that put the game out of reach.

Old Dominion outrebounded Richmond 46-35 and had 16 steals. Richmond had 26 turnovers.

Aubrey Eblin hit three 3-pointers and finished with 11 points for Old Dominion. Ticha Penicheiro had nine points, seven assists and four steals.

No. 5 North Carolina 103, Florida State 77

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Tracy Reid scored a season-high 33 points in 22 minutes Sunday to lead North Carolina to a win over Florida State.

Nikki Teasley and Laquanda Barksdale added 14 points each to help North Carolina (11-2, 6-1) bounce back from its first Atlantic Coast Conference defeat of the year, a 77-63 loss Friday at Clemson.

Latavia Coleman led Florida State (4-9, 0-4) with 14 points. But 29 turnovers eliminated any chance the Seminoles had of keeping up with the quicker Tar Heels.

Reid scored 15 first-half points, helping North Carolina to a 50-34 lead at the break. She hit seven of nine attempts in both halves to lead North Carolina's 39-for-76 shooting from the floor.

The Seminoles made 27 of 59 shots from the floor but were outrebounded 44-34. Florida State stayed close until midway through the first half, when a 12-0 run by North Carolina broke the game open, making the score 36-19.

The Seminoles got within 54-39 early in the second half, but North Carolina put the game out of reach with an 18-2 spurt, capped by a Teasley 3-pointer.

No. 10 Arizona 81, Southern California 69

LOS ANGELES — Adia Barnes scored 30 points and freshman Reshea Bristol added 19 as Arizona defeated Southern California.

Arizona (8-2, 2-0) went on a 20-4 run in the first half to take a 12-point lead. The Wildcats padded their lead to 19 points and USC never got the deficit back into single digits.

Kristin Clark had 22 points, eight rebounds, five assists and four steals for the Trojans (6-5, 1-1 Pac-10).

Barnes helped put the Wildcats ahead for good after the Trojans took a 20-16 lead with 10:02 to play. She scored eight points in the run that gave Arizona a 36-24 lead with 3:05 to play in the half.

Marte Alexander added 11 points and 11 rebounds for Arizona, which led 46-33 at halftime. The Wildcats controlled the boards, 42-31, including a 24-17 defensive edge.

No. 11 Wisconsin 74, No. 17 Georgia 64, OT

ATHENS, Ga. — Ann Klapperich scored four of her 10 points in overtime as No. 11 Wisconsin beat 17th-ranked Georgia.

Georgia's Elana Vishniakova made all three free throws after she was fouled on a 3-point attempt with 1.2 seconds left in regulation to tie the game at 61-61. But the Lady Bulldogs (9-3) were only 1-of-12 from the field in the overtime while Wisconsin shot 3-for-5.

No. 12 Florida 100, Kentucky 58

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Murriel Page scored 25 points and grabbed 11 rebounds and Florida used a smothering full-court press to beat Kentucky, ending the Wildcats' seven-game winning streak.

The Gators (9-3, 2-0) scored 10 straight points in less than two minutes early in the second half for a 63-39 lead and effectively put the game out of reach.

No. 13 Illinois 88, No. 21 Colorado 48

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Melissa Parker scored 16 points as No. 13 Illinois beat No. 21 Colorado, holding the Buffaloes to their lowest point total of the season.

The Illini (9-4) outrebounded the Buffs 56-31. Tauja Catchings, Alicia Sheeler and Casey Leonhardt each grabbed 10 rebounds for Illinois.

No. 14 Nebraska 80, Kansas St. 58

LINCOLN, Neb. — Anna DeForge scored 19 points as Nebraska defeated Kansas State.

Trailing 35-32 at halftime, Nebraska (12-3, 1-0 Big 12) turned up the defensive pressure and outscored the Wildcats 14-2 to open the second half. DeForge scored 6 points during the run, which put the Huskers ahead 46-37 with 16 minutes remaining.

No. 15 Stanford 97, Oregon 72

STANFORD, Calif. — Olympia Scott had 25 points and 16 rebounds as Stanford downed Oregon.

The Cardinal (5-4, 2-0 Pac-10) struggled slightly in the first half against the aggressive Ducks, but pulled ahead to lead by as many 28 points in the second half. Kristin Folkl had 16 points.

No. 23 Duke 87, Georgia Tech 56

DURHAM — Peppi Browne scored 13 points and had eight steals as Duke forced 32 turnovers by Georgia Tech.

The Blue Devils (10-4, 3-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) scored 27 points off Yellow Jackets miscues and limited them to 35 percent shooting.

No. 24 Purdue 70, Michigan State 60

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Stephanie White scored 28 points and Ukari Figgs added 18 points and a career-high 13 rebounds to lead Purdue past Michigan State.

No. 19 Syracuse gets by Rutgers

Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Etan Thomas scored a layup with 17.7 seconds to play as No. 19 Syracuse survived foul problems and Geoff Billet's last-second 3-point attempt to defeat Rutgers 71-68 on Sunday.

Syracuse's Marius Janulis scored 11 of his 19 points in the second half to help hold off Rutgers with key baskets late in the game. Todd Burgan added 19 for Syracuse (12-1, 3-0 Big East) before fouling out with 2:38 remaining.

Rutgers (6-5, 0-3) fell behind by as many as 17 points in the second half, but rallied behind Billet and backcourt partner Earl Johnson, who combined for 12 of the Scarlet Knights' final 14 points. Johnson led Rutgers with 17, while Billet finished with 15.

■ Top 25 Men

No. 22 Rhode Island 74, Temple 64

PHILADELPHIA — Philadelphia native Cuttino Mobley, who scored 24 points at Temple last season, tied a school record with eight 3-pointers as Rhode Island won.

In the Atlantic 10 Conference opener for both teams, Mobley scored 29 points, including 8-for-13 from 3-point range, as the Rams (8-2) held off a late Temple charge after taking a 10-point halftime lead. Rhode Island was 14-of-28 from 3-point range, one shy of the school record for 3-pointers made, which was set against Stonehill on Dec. 20, 1986.

The Owls (6-4) got 17 points from Lamont Barnes and 15 from Rasheed Brokenbrough in losing their third straight.

No. 23 Arkansas 62, LSU 59

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Landis Williams hit a short jumper with less than a minute to play, then deflected a pass at midcourt, chased it down and made a layup for Arkansas.

Williams' two baskets made it 60-57 with 35 seconds left, then Rogers Washington of LSU missed two free throws with 4.4 seconds remaining with the Tigers trailing 60-59. LSU (7-4, 0-1 SEC) had an opportunity to win after Pat Bradley, a 95 percent free-throw shooter, missed the front end of a one-and-one for Arkansas (11-2, 1-0) with 16 seconds to play.

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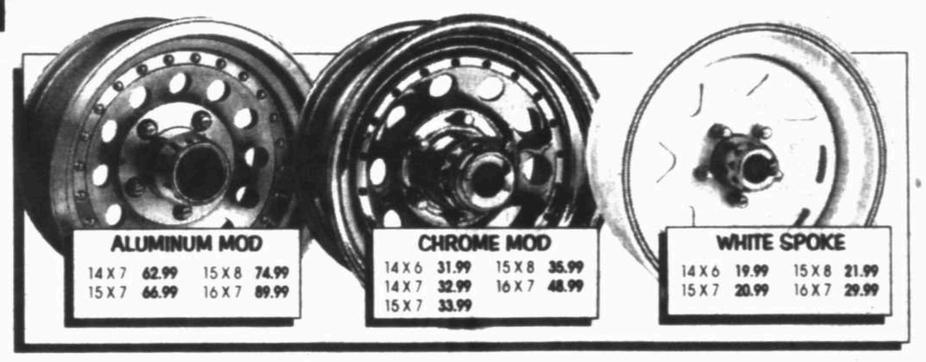

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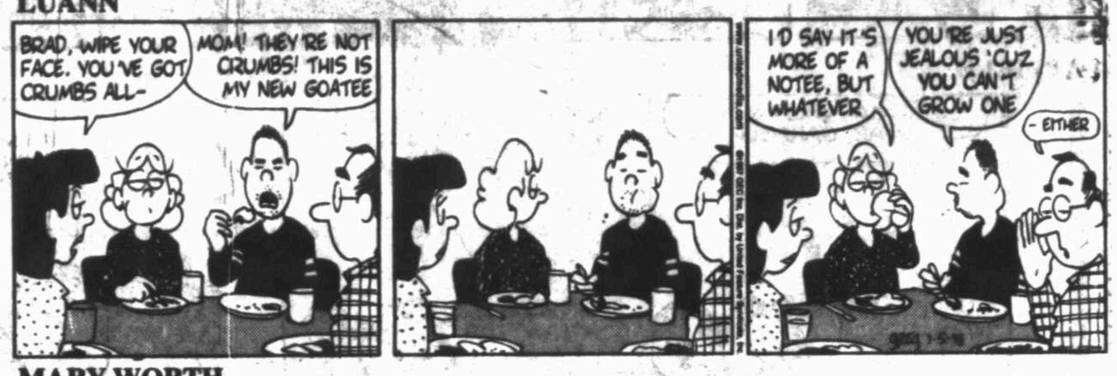

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You are oddly serious, though empowered. You zero in on problems, and are more than ready to work them through. A boss's decision is disconcerting. Discussions are the answer; you find that resolution is easy. Like minds think alike! Tonight: Whatever pleases you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★ You are overly serious and thoughtful. A misunderstanding is irksome and forces your hand. Think twice before leaping. You might discover more effective ways of dealing with an obstacle. Touch base with a parent or someone in charge. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Aim for what you want. Someone shares thoughts that overwhelm you. His point of view is tough, demanding and direct. Still, if you are patient with him, you can eventually achieve success. A more educated point of view is helpful. Say yes to an exciting trip. Tonight: Happy as a cat!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Accept pressure, and work with it. You not only have the answer but also unusual drive and a keen sense of direction. Trust yourself and what you think. A partner comes through for you. You can trust his feedback and ideas. Brainstorming enhances your efficiency. Tonight: Work very late.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Someone is raining on your parade. You simply aren't communicating well. Think through decisions on your own. Answers don't come easily; a creative exchange of ideas will lead you down the right path. An associate makes something easy on you. Tonight: A phone visit.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ One-to-one relating could leave you stymied. It is clear that someone isn't quite getting your message. When you communicate heartfelt feelings, your message will come across. You have a lot of energy, and you need to use it positively; direct it toward work. Tonight: Money talks.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Others are firm about their expectations and commitments. Creativity emerges, allowing different perspectives. You feel as if an associate is overly testy, and he is. A relationship heats up considerably because of a fun debate. Tonight: Go with a partner's ideas.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Work might overwhelm you; a lot is happening quickly. Deal with the basics. A family member has the right idea. Contemplate your financial situation, and what you need. Family helps you reorganize and rearrange. Tonight: Exercise away those extra pounds.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 210
★★★★★ You are changing; you now approach life in a more creative, dynamic manner. Make choices that reflect the real you. Be direct, make calls and reach out for others. Share ideas, and create more of what you want. Tonight: Your instincts will lead you to fun; follow them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You feel there is a problem with a loved one, who is so serious. Lighten up. Your financial decisions are key; listen to your intuition, and make money. Build security, and pursue an investment; you might have to spend some to do this. Tonight: Put your feet up!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Communications are stilted, but active. Get past limitations and changes. A friend is full of information and feedback. You like sharing interesting notions. Be optimistic, and follow through on an idea. Let your personality melt barriers. Tonight: Hanging out is fun.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Your intuition serves you. If you are angry, express your feelings in a way that others can hear. A boss pushes you hard; use it to your advantage, to enhance your professional reputation and financial standing. Use discretion when spending money. Tonight: Pay bills.

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ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q. 1 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠Q 7 ♡Q 10 4 ◇A K Q 6 3 ♣J 8 3

The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1◇	Pass	2♠	Pass
?			

What do you bid now?

A - In the modern style, North's jump shift shows either a good single-suited hand or one with a fit for opener's suit. From your hand it is almost surely the former and, if not, you will hear about it on the next round. In either case, your best bid now is to raise to three spades to tell partner you have a high spade honor. A spade preference later would announce a weaker spade holding.

Q. 2 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠A K Q 7 ♡A J 7 ◇Void ♣A J 9 6 5 4

The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	Pass	1◇	Pass
?			

What do you bid now?

A - We do not usually suggest making a jump shift with a void in responder's suit. This hand, however, is so rich in controls and the spade suit is so good that you simply have to leap to two spades. You might not be able to catch up later.

Q. 3 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠A K 10 7 6 2 ♡A Q ◇8 3 ♣K Q 6

The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♡	Pass	?	

What do you bid now?

A - We can come up with all sorts of fancy answers, but most of them create more problems than they solve. Since partner is a passed hand, slam can be ruled out, and North is surely not bidding on a weak five-card suit. Therefore, we suggest you jump to four hearts. Any further move is up to partner.

Q. 4 - Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠A 10 2 ♡K 9 7 6 ◇A Q 10 5 ♣A 10

The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	Pass	3♡	Pass
?			

What do you bid now?

A - Not only do you have a near-maximum no-trump opening, but you have excellent support for partner's hearts and a ruffing value. The textbook way to describe this hand to partner is by cue-bidding your cheapest ace. Bid three spades.

Q. 5 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠A K 9 5 4 3 ♡J 8 ◇K J 6 3 ♣Q

The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
?			

What do you bid now?

A - The textbook method of describing a 6-4 distribution is to rebid the six-card major with a minimum opening but show the four-card minor if you are better than minimum. By anyone's standards South has a minimum opening bid, so our vote goes to two spades.

Q. 6 - East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠A 10 4 3 ♡K 10 7 6 ◇K 7 ♣7 6 3

The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1◇	Pass	1♡	Pass
2♡	Pass	?	

What do you bid now?

A - You do not have enough to jump to game and a re-raise to three hearts misrepresents the length of your suit - that action promises five hearts. Your best move is a rebid of two spades since it is possible you have a 4-4 fit in that suit.

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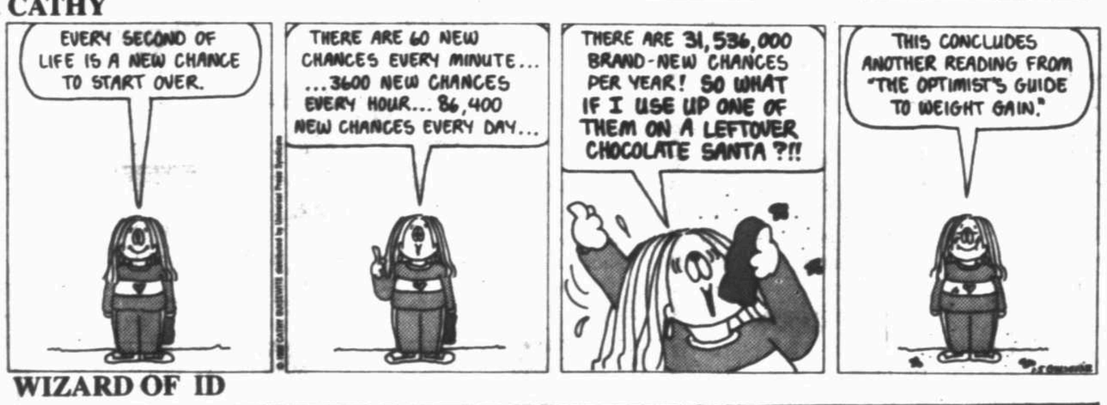

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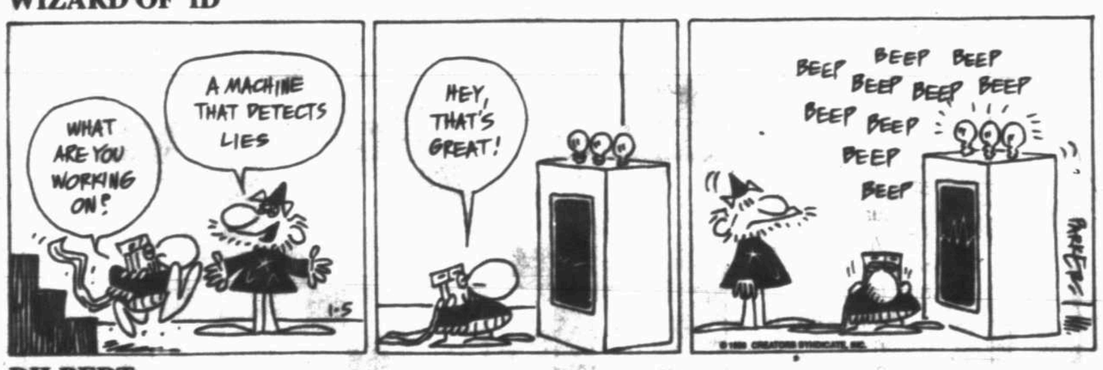

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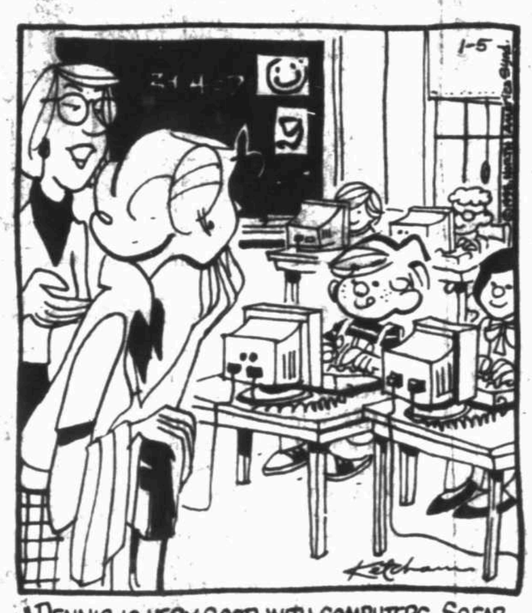

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MONDAY EVENING — January 5, 1998 — For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

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(3) KMID	2	3	News 211	Wheel of Fortune	America's Funniest Home Videos 5037 (TYG)		20/20 4785		The Practice: Line of Duty 4921 (TV14-S)		News 74747	Cheers 80486	Nightline 8083	Keenen I. Wayans
(5) KPEJ	24	5	The Simpsons	Home Improvement	Melrose Place 66921 (TV14-SV)		Ally McBeal: Cro-Magnon 85089 (TV14-DLS)		Earth: Final Conflict 65105 (TVPG)		Home Improvement	Mad About You	Vibe 92495	
(7) KOSA	7	7	News 1259	Grace Under Fire	Cosby 7327 (TVG)	Raymond	George & Leo 3747	Style & Substance	Brooklyn South: Pilot 85389 (TVMA-LSV)		News 4912853	Late Show With David Letterman (10:35)		Married ... Children
(8) KWES	9	9	News 3495	Seinfeld 4747	Suddenly Susan	Jenny 3259 (TVPG)	Caroline in the City	Frasier 5056	Dateline NBC 23563		News 4816921	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (10:35)		Late Night Conan
(12) KMLM	42	12	John Hagee Ministry		The Light of the Southwest 78853				Eve. News	Richard Roberts		Joe Good	Otternese	News
(19) KOCV	36	13	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer 477369		The World of National Geographic 234582		Masterpiece Theatre: Rhodes: The Place of Killing (Part 2 of 3) 221618 (TVPG-L)				Telecourse 595105			
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(6) CNBC		8	Business Center	Great Stuff	Equal Time W/Bay	Chris Matthews	Rivers Live 7213308		The News With Brian Williams 7226572		Charles Grodin 7236259		Rivers Live 3781227	
(10) WGN		10	Family Matters	Coach 379840	7th Heaven: Who Knew? 542969 (TVG)		Buffy the Vampire Slayer 525389 (TVPG-V)		News 531853		Beverly Hills, 90210 534940 (TVPG)		In the Heat of the Night 168696 (TV14)	
(11) WTBS		11	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Point of No Return (R, '93) ★★ (Bridget Fonda, Gabriel Byrne) 4016186					Child's Play (5:20) (R, '88) ★★★ (Catherine Hicks) 6002363			The Amazon Warrior 849698 (TVPG)	
(14) FAM		14	The Waltons: The Cradle 213124 (TVG)		Rescue 911: Miracle Rescues 941921 (TVPG)		Diagnosis Murder 867969 (TVPG)		Hawaii Five-0 847105 (TVPG)		The 700 Club 840292		Bonanza: The Desperado 489230 (TVG)	
(24) BRAV		24	The Nutcracker (5)		The Grand Highway (R, '87) ★★★ 180369				Stolen Children ('92) ★★★ 827689				The Nutcracker 734306	
(25) BET		26	Planet Groove 172124				Hit List 173853		Comicview 160389		BET Tonight		227	Mid. Love
(27) DISN		27	Flight of the Navigator (PG, '86) ★★ (Joey Cramer) 5808921		Honey, I Blew Up the Kid (PG, '92) ★★ (Rick Moranis) 7165696				Growing Pains	Growing Pains	Walt Disney Presents 549872 (TVG)		Zorro 869589	Mickey Mouse Club
(28) CNN		28	Moneyline	Crossfire	Pri. News	Burden	Larry King Live 405018		The World Today		Sports	Moneyline	Newsnight	Showbiz
(29) ESPN		29	SportsCenter (5:30)	College Basketball: Georgetown at West Virginia 248211				College Basketball: Texas at Missouri 980785				SportsCenter	College Basketball: TCU at N.M. 327827	
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Shandling may follow Seinfeld's lead and quit after this season

NEW YORK — Oscar-winner **Denzel Washington** has a lot going for him and, he says, one big thing working against him.

"A whole lot of people in this country won't go to a movie I'm in because I'm black. Period. Just won't go," Washington says in the upcoming edition of USA Weekend.

He earned an Academy Award for his supporting role in the 1989 film "Glory" and starred in "Malcolm X" and "The Preacher's Wife," but the award never brought an avalanche of plum roles, Washington said.

Washington is waiting for a love story script that he thinks may never come.

"I haven't turned one love story down; I just haven't been offered anything," he said. "I'm waiting for the script."

The 43-year-old actor, a father of four, was ranked 10th in a movie star popularity survey released by the Harris Poll on Dec. 10. His other credits include "Cry Freedom," "Mississippi Masala," "Philadelphia," "The Pelican Brief," "Crimson Tide" and "Courage Under Fire."

Despite his considerable success, Washington thinks it could be greater.

"I understand what country I live in and economics," he said. "If the tables were turned and there were 200 million black people and 25 million whites, they'd be saying the same thing about Tom Cruise they're saying about me. I know I'm swimming upstream against the numbers."

NEW YORK — **Maybe Garry Shandling** can get a spot in the unemployment line behind Jerry Seinfeld.

The comic says his upcoming season on the HBO sitcom "The Larry Sanders Show," will most likely be his last. Seinfeld recently announced he is calling it quits this year.

"There are episodes dealing with Larry's leaving," Shandling says in the Jan. 10 TV Guide. A recurring story line for the season starting March 15 features Shandling as talk-show host Sanders becoming increasingly afraid that his guest host — Jon Stewart, playing himself — will unseat Sanders and take over his time slot.

That may not be too far from the truth. Shandling said "it's possible" the cable series will continue with Stewart as host, although other candidates are also being considered.

BELLEVUE, Pa. — Opera singer **Vivica Genaux** wasn't leaving anything to chance during her surprise debut at the Metropolitan Opera House, even the extremely unlikely possibility of getting lost backstage.

"I stayed on the set the whole time, hiding in some crevice when I wasn't singing, because I was afraid that once I'd leave, I wouldn't know how to get back on and where to go," Genaux said.

Genaux was called unexpectedly to sing Rosina in "The Barber of Seville" on Dec. 15, because the regularly scheduled singer got laryngitis.

NEW YORK — **Tom Selleck** drives a hard bargain.

It took a solid offer to lure the "Magnum P.I." star who appeared more recently on "Friends" back to television full time. He'll star in the new CBS sitcom, "The Closer."

"They're paying me a lot of money, but there are other aspects," Selleck, 52, says in the Jan. 10 TV Guide. "The amount of money they spend per episode, where they can put us on the schedule and there's also a film deal attached."

The actor with film credits including "Three Men and a Baby," "Mr. Baseball" and "In & Out" said he had to ignore a lot of advice urging him to forget television.

CHICAGO — It was New Year's Eve, **Dennis Rodman** was there, and fights broke out. This time the pro basketball bad boy wasn't to blame, though.

Rodman, the heavily tattooed, cross-dressing NBA power forward, performed on stage at the rowdy end-of-year charity fund-raising party at the normally staid Field Museum of Natural History.

But the basketball star was gone before the real trouble started at the fund-raiser for AIDS research at Children's Memorial Hospital.

Long lines outside in the cold, more long lines at the few coat check stations, and even more long lines at the 10 bars set up to serve 2,400 people angered partygoers. The cancellation of a scheduled musical group made the situation worse, and some complained there was insufficient food.

As the evening wore on, some in the crowd started spilling beer, smashing bottles and defying the museum's no-smoking policy. Later, police were called in to break up some fights.

"People were throwing up all over the place," said Sarah Johnson, 23.

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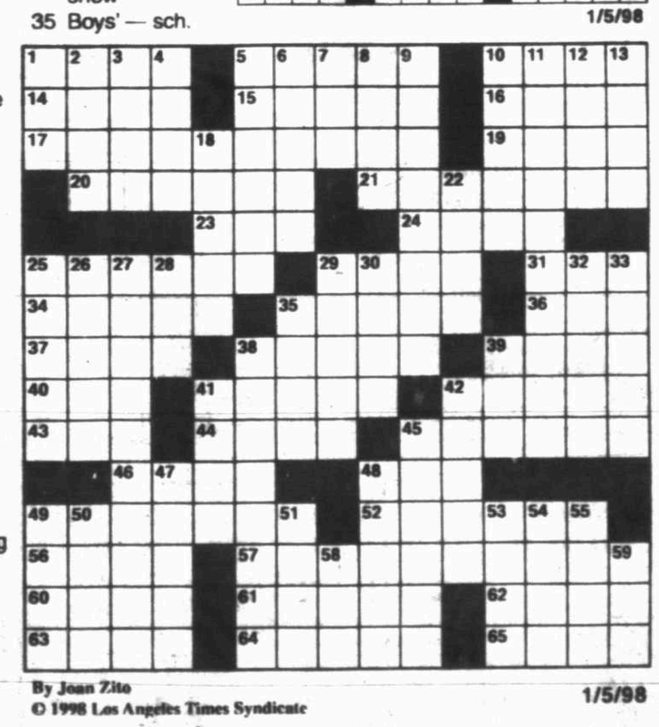

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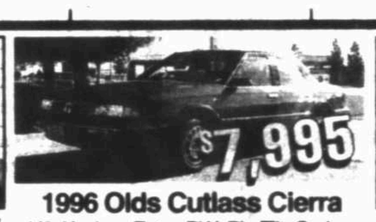

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Sunday/ Monday
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310 General Help Wanted

TELEMARKETERS needed at Olan Mills. Call Joanne at 915-694-2235, 1pm- 9 pm, Monday-Friday.

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YOUTH TEACHER- 15 hours per week/ 3 hours per day. Bilingual preferred. Apply in person, at 4500 W. Illinois, Suite 112, EOE

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RECEPTIONIST. Doctor's office needs dependable enthusiastic, articulate, person. Duties include heavy phones, appointment scheduling, insurance filing, and transcription. Must have good public relations skills, computer knowledge, ability to work independently as well as working with others. Apply in person at 1300 W. Wall.

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311 Medical Help Wanted

RECEPTIONIST/ INSURANCE CLERK
Needed immediately for medical office in Midland. Medical Manager experience required, medical experience in radiology preferred. Excellent salary and benefits. Please send resume to: P.O. Box 14303, Odessa, Texas 79768-4303.

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312 Professional Help Wanted

***SPORTS ANCHOR/ DIRECTOR**
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YOUTH TEACHER- 15 hours per week/ 3 hours per day. Bilingual preferred. Apply in person, at 4500 W. Illinois, Suite 112. EOE

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***ASSISTANT TO THE FINANCE MANAGER-**
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318 Management Help Wanted

MANAGER TRAINEE needed for credit business. Salary negotiable with experience. Great benefit package. Must be willing to relocate. Send resume to: Manager Trainee, 305 Brown Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, Attention Scott.

MANAGER TRAINEE- National firm seeking Manager Trainee for production plant. Benefits, good pay and advancement opportunities. Candidates should be motivated, self starter, mechanically inclined and have supervisory abilities. Send resume to Box PJ-3002 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

RESTAURANT- Jumburrito, Inc. Seeks a high energy area manager with a proven record in fast food preferably Mexican cuisine. Total operations experience a must. Send resume to Jose Cuevas, 2600 W. Kansas, Midland, TX 79701.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

TOPAZZ OILFIELD Services, Inc. Midland, TX 79701 has immediate openings for Equipment Operators & Truck Drivers. Successful candidate will be skilled in the Oilfield Service Industry. Must have Class A CDL with Endorsements. No need to relocate. Topazz offers a competitive salary and benefit package. 1-888-575-4324, 687-4300.

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320 Skilled Trades

CERTIFIED MEDICAL Gas Brazer, El Paso. $25 an hour. Long Term. Please call 1-800-880-0594.

FIELD WELDER- must be capable of all types of production and field work. Honest, dependable, drug screening required. See Terry, 1403 Garden City Highway.

335 Adult Care Needed

NEED caring woman to live in and care for sick woman. Consists of evenings and weekends. $650 cash monthly plus room & board. Lifting required. Call after 6 pm, 697-6154.

NEED LADY 4 hours per day Monday thru Friday. Light house cleaning, laundry and cooking. Call 682-7121 for interview.

336 Adult Care Providers

WILL DO private duty in your home. Experienced, reasonable rates, excellent references. 697-2624 or 520-4736.

INHOME CARE your locally owned sitter service. If you need dependable help call 570-4475, ask for Tamara or Jackie. (Low Rates).

340 Child Care Needed

HOUSE KEEPER for 4 "Pigs" 2 "Piglets" and 1 old "Grouch". Position requires general house keeping and child care for 18 month old & 6 year old. Separate living quarters available. Please write P.O. Box 60031, Midland, Texas 79711-0031 with salary requirements, references and contact information.

PART TIME Child Care in our home, for 14 month old twins. Afternoons 1 to 5pm. Non smoker, references desired. Call 683-2773.

CHILD CARE needed from 10:30 pm- 8:30 am, while parents work. Comfortable sleeping area provided. References required. 684-0007.

341 Child Care Providers

TWO CARE givers. References, over 18 years experience. Transport, meals, days and nights. 694-4855.

350 Business Opportunities

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Attention Readers

Occasionally ads found in this section come from distant points and the Midland Reporter-Telegram cannot always know the merits of the offers. We suggest when you are in doubt that you call the Better Business Bureau before signing any contract.

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WELL ESTABLISHED 24 hour Answering Service. Partial owner financing. 697-9445, leave name and phone number. Serious inquiries only.

410 Misc. Sales

HERBALIFE & Natural efx Independent Distributor. For products or opportunity call 689-HERB!

FREE NEW CELLULAR bag phone with voice mail, Assumption of remaining 1 year contract. 687-2444.

Industrial Singer 16U288 sewing machine, with table $300, Columbia Class 300 Industrial Blind Hammer sewing machine, with table $350. 687-0508.

TWO SETS of queen beds, like new, $50 each. Microwave perfect condition, $50. JVC stereo and speakers needs some repair, $75. 687-0341 leave message.

BRAHMA CAMPER shell fits Ranger long bed. Good condition, $350. 699-2478.

SLEEPER SOFA, leather lounge chair, lawn mower, swing set. Call 520-5930.

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PUBLIC LIQUIDATION of quality used office furniture-restaurant equipment- estate pieces- vehicles- many other specialty items. Some as follows: 2, 3, 4, & 5 Drawer letter/ legal/ lateral file cabinets. Light, drafting, & conference tables, secretarial/ steno chairs, desks, metal work tables, bookcases, fire proof file cabinets, accent tables, computers, printers, commercial plotter, calculators, typewriters, apartment size refrigerator, theater seats, glass showcases, computer/ typewriter tables, 6kw Onan diesel generator, ice cream freezer, pizza oven, french fry prep station, parts bins, 2.5 ton diesel International crew cab gang truck, 1977 Chevy van, 1969 GMC 9500 series diesel truck, 1990 Olds Cutlass, 1980 GMC bus with lift chair, 1972 VW bug, 1984 300ZX, 1985 300ZX, 1986 Chevy Camaro. 201 W. Washington, Midland, TX 79701. Open daily, Monday-Friday, 8 am- 5 pm. 915-570-8592.

410 Misc. Sales

NORDIC TRACK Walk Fit, in Excellent condition, $275. Call 699-1209 or 520-6270.

MOVING BOXES all sizes, $1 to $5 each. Call 520-3352.

THREE CEMETARY Plots in Resthaven, $2,500 for all. Call 687-2198.

BEANIE BABIES!!! $9 up, Peace, Tank, other retired Teeny Beanies, Coca Cola. 694-4767 after 5.

★BIBLE TALK: "Does it Make any Difference What We Believe?" 520-0381. Free recorded message.

SIDE BY Side refrigerator, glass table with 6 chairs, 200 gallon fish aquarium, 3 regular size arcade games. 685-1220.

COOK STOVES, Heaters, Refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers 3/4 wood bed complete, dining furniture/ other. 570-4851.

QUITTING BUSINESS SALE! Fixtures, equipment, supplies for gifts, flowers, jewelry, apparel and more! SonSilkS Gift Shop, 3001 W Loop 250 North (Near Mervyn's). 915-694-1602.

GO- KART WKA Racing Kart. Free roller by Coyote Chassis, US- 820 Power Bee engine. Includes starter motor. Like new condition, $1,895. Can be seen at ANCO Battery, 3011 W. Wall, Midland, 694-2052.

COLLECTIBLES- Precious Moments figurines, retired pieces, etc. Miscellaneous dolls, Call 694-7808, leave message.

415 Misc. Wanted

INVESTOR WANTED. $18,000 five year secured note with 10% simple interest debited from account monthly. Call Tommy 550-3320.

SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687–5039.

432 Household Furniture

SIMMONS Loveseat & Sleeper Sofa. Solid Navy, $450. Call 699-0953.

GET THE MOST $$ for your furniture, accessories and antiques. Call Uptown Consignments, 404 Andrews Highway, 570-0099.

LOFT BED Set, includes 5 drawer chest, bookcase, 2 twin beds, guard rails and mattress supports. Three years old, $900 new, $490. Call 682-5142.

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OAK DINING Room Table and 4 Chairs, $400. Panasonic console 21" TV $100. Call 699-2056.

GOLD REFRIGERATOR. Washer. Pastel sleeper sofa & loveseat. Chocolate color loveseat. Swivel baby crib. Bar stools. Console TV. Coffee Table. Bicycles. 694-3390.

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2 FULL SIZE couches, 2 end tables and 1 coffee table, entertainment center, all for $450. Call 682-2761, ask for C.J.

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MATTRESS sets, dinette sets, bunk beds, daybeds and Futon couches. Reasonable prices. Also catalog orders available. Credit Cards- Layaways welcome. Wood & Son Appliances. 2811 W. Wall 699–1224.

QUEEN BED & frame $125. Blue Lazy Boy recliner $75. Call 682-9805 after 5 pm.

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QUEEN SIZE Sleeper sofa, recliner and tredmill. Call 570-5339 after 5pm.

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435 Household Appliances

APPLIANCES reconditioned with 6 month plus warranty. Wood & Son Appliances. 2611 W. Wall 699–1224.

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450 Sporting Goods

GOLF CART- 1989 Easy Go. Gas, totally reconditioned. New upholstery, paint. Excellent condition, $2,000. 520-7406.

OLIN SNOW SKIS. 190's, 920 Model with Solomon, 647 Bindings. $300. Call 697-3679.

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★386 IBM COMPUTER with color monitor and tons of software, $300. Call 522-2232 after 5pm.

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PIT BULL puppies, $75., adult female $150., mother, $50. call 699-0312.

RECYCLE LOVE, adopt a Golden Retriever. Call 683-3863 or E- Mail PBGRR @ AOL.com

BRITTANY PUPPY, 4 month old male, AKC registered, all shots, loves kids, $75. Call 686-1971.

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FOR SALE to approved home: small 2 year old male dog. 1/2 Bassett, 1/2 Lab. Housebroken, playful, affectionate. 686-3921.

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AMERICAN 320-256-120 w/ gas engine, 2-300 bbl tank batteries, 4/ new 2" lact units, 4- Barton gas meters, 2 1/2 ton Chevrolet wench truck with float. Call 683-3033.

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580 Farm Equipment

5 BOTTOM Harrell switch plow, 8 row 55 rod weeder, heavy duty 8 row SS stalk cutter, 42 HP Onan 4 cylinder inline motor. 563-0239 or 563-9540.

590 Legal Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

On December 19, 1997, an application was filed with the Federal Communications Commission to transfer control of New Frontier Communications, Inc. from Tommy R. Vascocu, Elizabeth L. Young, Michael L. Owens, Alan E. Owens, Robert Podolsky, Larry Daniels, Sonja Erskine, and Jeffrey D. Erskine to Cumulus Holdings, Inc. New Frontier Communications, Inc. is the licensee of the following radio stations: KMND, 1510 kilohertz, Midland, Texas; KNFM, 92.3 megahertz, Midland, Texas; KBAT, 99.3 megahertz, Midland, Texas; KODM, 97.9 megahertz, Odessa, Texas; and KGEE, 99.9 megahertz, Monahans, Texas. The officers, directors, and stockholders of Cumulus Holdings, Inc. are William M. Bungeroth, Richard J. Bonick, Jr., Terence J. Leahy, Richard W. Weening, and Lewis W. Dickey, Jr. Cumulus Holdings, Inc. is controlled by Cumulus Media, LLC, which is managed by DBBC, LLC, and Quaestus Management Corporation. The other uninsulated members of Cumulus Media, LLC, are Wiliam M. Bungeroth, Richard J. Bonik, Jr. and CML Holdings, LLC. The officers and members of DBBC are Lewis W. Dickey, Jr., John W. Dickey, David W. Dickey, and Michael Dickey. The officers, directors, and shareholders of Quaestus Management Corporation are Richard W. Weening, Charles F. Wright and Terence J. Leahy. The uninsulated principals of CML Holdings, LLC are DBBC, LLC, Quaestus Management Corporation, Richard W. Weening, Robin Woodard Weening, and Charles F. Wright. Copies of the application are available for public inspection during regular business hours at 4555 East University, Suite D-1, Odessa, Texas, and at 2911 La Force Boulevard, Midland, Texas.

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2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, With cathedral ceiling, $375. 2 bedroom, 1 bath with fireplace, $425. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, $450, includes covered parking, free laundry and basic cable. Located in beautiful quiet Whispering Oaks, 1904 N. Midland Dr. 694-4001.

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Hunter's Ridge Apartments
$195 - 1 Bedroom
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520–0023

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AVAILABLE NOW- 1 or 2 bedrooms, pool, laundry, carports, all utilities paid. Imperial Apartments, 405 Sunset. 694–9978.

615 Apartments Furn./Unfurn.

QUIET, downtown complex. 1 or 2 bedroom. Furnished or unfurnished. Bills paid. Laundry room. Contact Rose 500 W. Tennessee, Apt. 6. 682-3589.

625 Houses Unfurnished

DUPLEX LOVELY Neighborhood, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, kitchen/ dinette, living room, sun room, fenced yard, carport, appliances furnished, water paid, no pets, $375. 683-6818.

2 BEDROOM,1 BATH duplex. $275, $100 deposit. All bills paid. 686-8067.

FEBRUARY 1st $1300, 2812 Maxwell. 2600' interior. 4 Bedroom. Formals. Gorgeous decor: walnut, marble, stones. 699-4461.

2 BEDROOM. 404 W. Estes. $250 monthly, $200 deposit. Call 683-5574.

1 BEDROOM, 1 Bath. Water & Gas paid. No washer- dryer connections. $300 month, $200 deposit. 570-1652.

201 HOWARD; 3 Bedrooms, 1 bath, central gas heat. Has appliances, water, sewer and garbage paid. $395 monthly, $200 deposit. 699-5949 Owner/ Agent.

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FOR LEASE: Available January 1st. 2 Bedroom, 1 bath, 1 car garage, central heat/ air. $450 Month/ $450 Deposit. Call 697-4362.

3711 HUMBLE $725/ month. 4316 Roosevelt, $695/ month. 3414 Michigan, $695/ month. Call for more information, American Realty 520-7577.

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GOLDEN PARK 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Now leasing. Call for details, 520-0998.

2 BEDROOM, 1 Bath. 1405 S. Big Spring. $275 monthly. 682-5798 or 683-9408.

2404 W. KENTUCKY; 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom. $275 a month, $125 deposit, no bills paid. 687-1011, or after 5, 570-0063.

$1,500 PER MONTH, $500 deposit. Located at 3414 Wedgwood. Call 699-1448.

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WANTED to lease/ purchase option: 4 bedroom, 2 bath, dining area, 2 car garage, utility room, 1 or 2 living areas, fireplace, prefer kitchen with island or large kitchen, must be minimum 2,200 sq. ft, nice yard. Needs to be available in May or early June. Call 570-6989 anytime.

1503 W Washington 2 Bedroom, $400. 600 South "H", 1 Bedroom, $300. Both clean. 684-6909.

CHRISTIAN FAMILY, prefer female. Have private room, no utilities- security system. $380/ kitchen $420. 689-8893.

3702 W MICHIGAN. 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, 1 living area, fireplace, sprinkler. Available January 3rd. $750 month, $400 deposit. 1 Year lease. Home 689-8404, Office 684-9696.

ATTRACTIVE Home for lease: 4725 Crockett, $550 per month, $350 deposit, (3 Bedroom, 1 Bath/ 1 Carport). Contact Cindy Brown, broker with Realty Unlimited 550-5609.

3 BEDROOM, 2 bath, house for lease. $600 per month. $400 deposit. 507 Parkwood and 112 N. Glenwood. Call 550-6412.

HOLIDAY SPECIAL- Golden Park; 2 bedroom, 1 bath, some washers & dryers. Call for details, 520-0998.

$650 PER Month, $350 Deposit. 4602 Mercedes. New fence, carpet, & paint. Appliances if needed. Call 520-5535.

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POLO PARK Executive: 4905 Stoneleigh; 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 3 car garage with 2 living & 2 dining areas. 1 year lease, available December 1. $1,700 monthly $1,000 deposit. Jan Melton & Associates 682-2422.

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH house, West Illinois clean, fenced yard, 2 car garage, central heat/ air, fireplace. $600 monthly $300 deposit. Call 458-3541.

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4806 COUNTRY CLUB. 2 Bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, disposal, fireplace, central heat & air, laundry connections, fenced yard with storage, covered parking. $425 monthly, $200 deposit. 699-7538.

4716 CINDY Pl., 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living areas, fireplace. double garage. $900 per month & $750 deposit. Non-smokers. Call 686-9627. Mobile # 528-3224.

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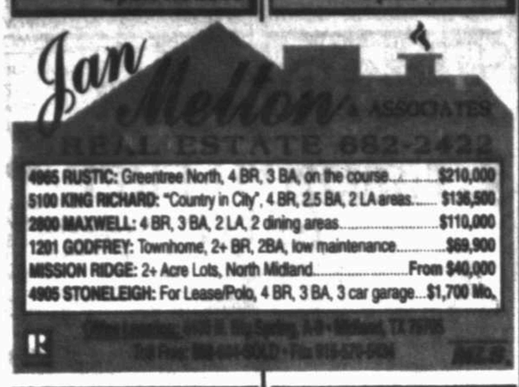

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Ba.	Bath
Kit.	Kitchen
Dbl.	Double
A/C	Air conditioning
Mst. Bdrm.	Master Bdrm.
Gar.	Garage
Bldg.	Building
Cond.	Condition
N-QA	Non-Qualifying
	Assumable
QA.	Qualifying
	Assumable
Ac.	Acre
3/2/2	Bdrm./Ba./Gar.

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