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With the Thanksgiving turkey now relegated to leftovers, many Midlanders will begin putting up Christmas trees and lights. 1E



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Death row escape

HUNTSVILLE — Hundreds of officers used tracking dogs and helicopters Friday to search the wooded terrain of northern Walker County following the successful death row escape of Martin E. Gurule, 29, of Corpus Christi, who cleared two razor wire-topped perimeter fences and avoided bullets to escape, officials said.

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Exxon - Mobil

NEW YORK — If Exxon and Mobil merge to form the world's biggest oil company, don't expect higher prices at the pump. A worldwide oil glut has caused a slump in prices that even a deal this massive wouldn't reverse. But while drivers may not be affected, an Exxon-Mobil marriage could leave as many as 20,000 employees out of work as the companies seek to slash costs, according to one analyst.

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Hacker death

BERLIN — He was a gifted computer whiz — one of the best, one who'd made the jump from illegal tinkering to the legitimate, potentially lucrative business of making codes crack-proof from hackers like himself. But when Boris Floricz was found hanging from a tree in a Berlin park on Oct. 22, his belt around his neck and his feet dragging the ground, it drew attention even outside the tightknit world of hackers.

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Emaciated teen

JANESVILLE, Wis. — A woman was jailed on suspicion of child neglect after bringing her emaciated 15-year-old daughter to an emergency room, where the girl was pronounced dead. Officials said she weighed barely 15 pounds.

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Rebels trounce Copperas Cove to advance in playoffs

Clint McNutt, No. 34 for Lee High School, looks downfield to get around Gary Wright, No. 8 for Copperas Cove, Friday night in San Angelo. Lee won 43-17.

Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram



■ Stanton and Midland
Trinity also win to advance in their championship quests.

From Staff Reports

SAN ANGELO — For the first time since 1994, the Midland Lee football team have advanced to the fourth round of the UIL playoffs.

The Rebels, 12-1 overall, got by the third-round jinx that has plagued the program over the years, with a 43-17 whipping of the Copperas Cove Bulldogs Friday night in Class 5A Small School regional action at San Angelo Stadium.

The Stanton Buffaloes also

■ Complete game
coverage/1B

advanced to the Class 2A state quarterfinals after their 35-7 win over previously undefeated Albany Friday night in Sweetwater.

The Trinity football team will play for the Texas Christian Athletic League six-man state crown at 1 p.m. today at Maverick Stadium on the campus of UT-Arlington. Trinity will play Galveston Heritage Christian.

The Rebels, who move to 4-7-1 in regional play, will find out their state quarterfinal opponent today. Lee will play the winner of the Amarillo High (9-3) and South

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Charter school financing issue is not resolved

Editor's Note: This is the second installment in a two-part series on proposed charter schools in Midland.

By Daniel Arp
Staff Writer

When Midland Advantage Charter School opens its doors next fall, no one knows for certain how it will affect Midland Independent School District and the pocketbooks of its taxpayers.

The first open-enrollment charter school for non-at-risk students in Midland will introduce true competition into the public school system for the first time in MISD's history, but whether the competition will be good or bad for the district is for now only a matter of speculation.

A nagging issue that remains unresolved is the matter of financing. The biggest question: How much money does the current public school system stand to lose to the new school?

Charter schools like Midland Advantage are public entities that receive state funds, just like MISD, but enjoy a certain autonomy from the district and some of the rules that govern it.

Richard Bowdon, chairman of the board of trustees for Midland Advantage, claims the new school will initially bring \$1.5 million in new state and federal funds to the community. In addition, because a charter school has no power to tax like a school district, Bowdon said the new school won't cost local taxpayers a cent.

But the issue may not be so simple.

State funding formulas for MISD are based in part on average daily attendance in the district. Fewer students means fewer in attendance, which in turn means about \$3,700 less in state funds for every student the district loses, according

■ Part 2 of series

to Art Martin, executive director of business services for MISD.

Midland Advantage Charter School's projected initial enrollment is 540 students, which means MISD could lose up to nearly \$2 million next year in state funds, assuming all the charter school's students come out of MISD.

The loss of state funds could then lead to an increase in MISD taxes.

"The procedure and the laws are set up in such a manner that these charters will bleed public funding in order to exist and operate," said James Fuller, a member of the MISD board who opposes the charter school. "Taxpayers will in effect be underwriting both charter schools and public schools."

Bowdon and others contend, however, that it is not valid to distinguish charter schools from public schools and that any money charter schools bring to the community is also being brought to public education.

"It (a charter school) is not private at all," Bowdon said.

Instead, he characterized it as a "choice for Midland parents in public education."

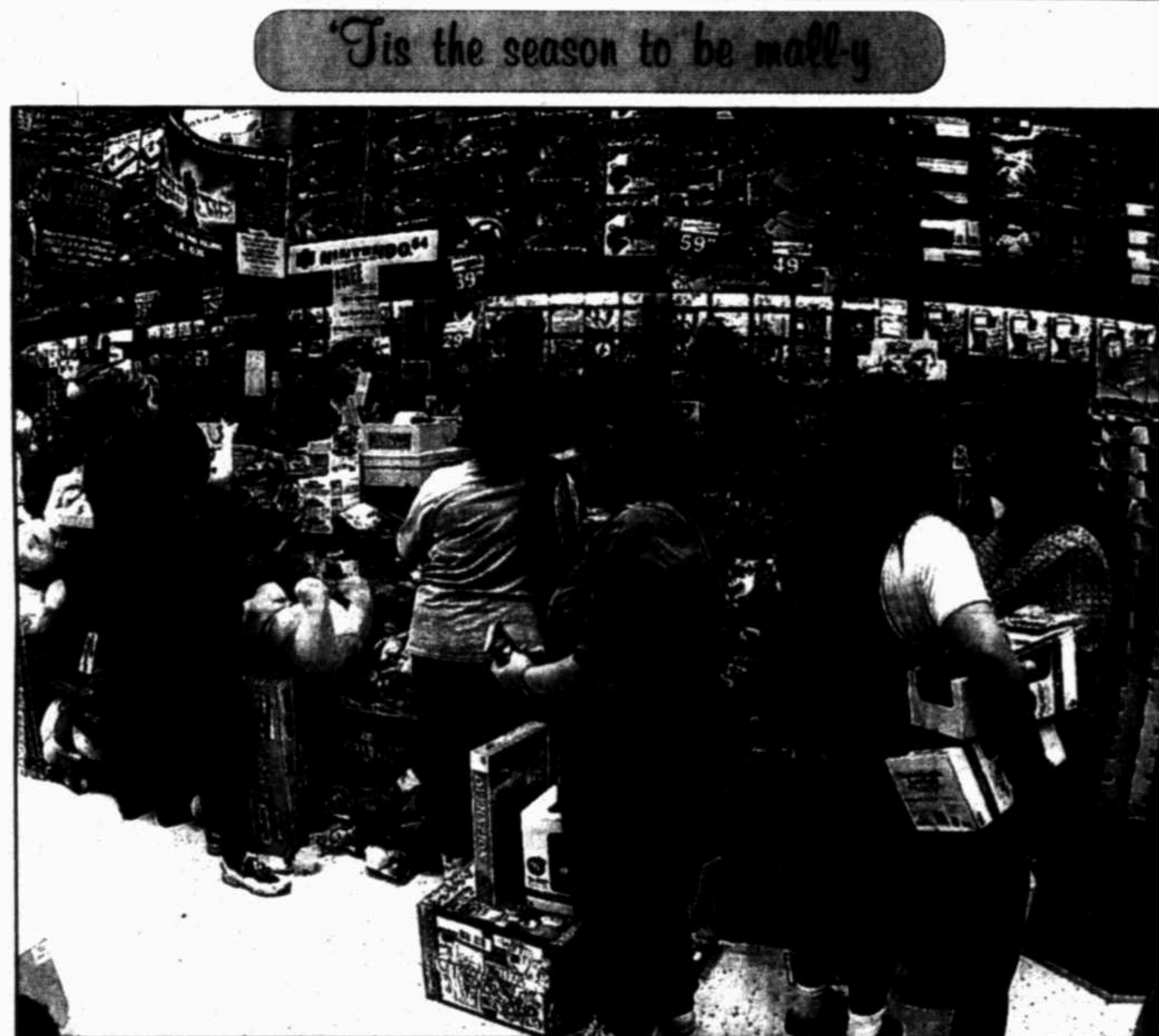
Superintendent Joseph Baressi Jr. said he is concerned about another effect the new charter school may have on the district, what he calls "skimming the cream."

"The potential is for the public schools to be left with the hardest to educate," he said.

This could, in turn, lower scores on the statewide standardized TAAS test for the district, a point on which Bowdon is already critical of the district.

"Midland has a lot of kids who are not passing the TAAS test," he said. "We think that a school that tries some new things can really

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Above: Shoppers packed Kay Bee Toys at Midland Park Mall Friday morning. Below, left: Jim Young carries his son, Colby, through mall Friday. They were visiting relatives in Big Spring from Irving for Thanksgiving.

Opening day of traditional holiday shopping season finds stores brimming with customers



Story by Richard Acosta Photos by Curt Wilcott

The doors of many Midland stores opened earlier than usual Friday and sales associates were met by miles of shoppers who were eager to kick off the traditional first day of holiday shopping.

Irmalinda Tovar, Target sales associate, said she could not believe how many people were already there when she got to work.

"We had a line backed up from the front door to the highway at 6 a.m.," Ms. Tovar said. "The crowd has been overwhelming. We have had more business than last year. This morning's sales were over \$60,000 store wide."

Target wasn't the only store hosting people wanting to get a jump on their shopping.

Best Buy store manager, David Weeks, said he had a line around the store and although it was crazy in the store, he is glad to see the business.

"We have had really good foot traffic," Weeks said. "It may taper off toward the end of the day, but I hope it continues through Christmas."

Mall stores had to deal with the same large

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Rancher, oilman Guy Mabée, 88, dies



Mabée

Guy Mabée, a Midland rancher, independent oil and gas operator, and philanthropist, died Thursday, Nov. 26, at a local hospital following a brief illness. He was 88.

Graveside services are to be 1 p.m. today, Nov. 28, at Resthaven Memorial Park with John Hagee of San Antonio officiating. Arrangements are under direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mabée was born on March 15, 1910, in Dade County, Mo., where he was raised. He left the family's Lockwood farm there during the Great Depression to join his uncle, John E. Mabée, in the petroleum business. By 1938, Guy Mabée had become a driller and superintendent and owned a rig, which he operated in Indiana and Missouri. Later, he purchased his uncle's company.

Mabée married Ruby Lena Polston on

June 16, 1928, in Lockwood, Dade County, Mo. Mrs. Mabée died in 1982. The couple had lived in Oklahoma City, Kansas, Illinois, and Indiana before they moved to Midland in 1943.

In Midland, Mabée ranched and purchased additional drilling rigs for his oil-gas-production enterprises.

Mabée was a governor of Scott & White Hospital-Clinic in Temple. He served as chairman and trustee of the philanthropic J.E. and L.E. Mabée Foundation, headquartered in Tulsa, Okla. Through the years, the Mabée Foundation has supported building projects for such causes as the Scott & White Hospital-Clinic, Abilene Christian University, Lubbock Christian College, the Mabée Center at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, the United Way of Midland, the Mabée Health Care Center in Midland, the Mabée Aquatic

Center in Midland, Casa de Amigos in Midland, the Salvation Army, the Martin County Historical Museum and the Old Martin Jail in Stanton, and the Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City.

Mabée supported the Hospice of Midland.

He was a member of the Midland Petroleum Club, the Texas Angus Association, the American Angus Association, the Independent Petroleum Association of America, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, and the Confederate Air Force.

Mabée served as a trustee of Tulsa University and the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum and Hall of Fame in Midland.

In 1989, Mabée was inducted into the

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SHOPPING: Rush was more work than play for some

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crowds as other Midland merchants.

Kay Bee Toys Manager Mike Chavez said his store got so full that some shoppers had to wait outside until others left the store. At one point there were about 186 people in the store.

Shoppers who came early got first shot at the sale merchandise but didn't always find everything they wanted.

Kandy Pruitt, her daughter, Sarah, and friend, Kacy Wells said they already had a tough day by 11 a.m.

"Everyone is out of everything I want," Ms. Pruitt said. "I went into the store where they had the three things I wanted and when I got there they were out."

Sarah, a senior at Midland High School, said she was ready to take a rest.

"I have only one thing to say. I am tired, we've been shopping since 6 a.m. We went to Mervyn's to get the free stuff then went back to get the actual stuff. It is only 11 o'clock and we have more stores to go to and I'm tired."

Kacy, also a Midland High senior, said the shopping has really hurt her pocketbook.

"I am already broke and the holiday season has just started."

The holiday shopping craze attracted people from the surrounding areas to Midland on Friday.

Alisha Cooper came to town from Colorado City with her mom, Sheryl Cook, from Snyder.

"We just came down to do some



Midland Park Mall security guard, David Morales, mans the entrance to Kay Bee Toys Friday morning. Because the number of customers exceeded the store's capacity, some people had to wait to get in.

shopping," Ms. Cooper said. "We have never come to Midland before; we usually go to Lubbock, but Midland is closer."

"We will probably put a good dent in our shopping while we are here," Ms. Cook said.

Big Spring resident John Fish and his son, Larry, were shopping for a computer for Fish's daughter.

He said they had a general idea of what they were looking for before coming to town.

"We came with a plan," Fish said.

"We know what we want and we

know about what price we are looking for."

Jim Young, from Irving, is spending Thanksgiving with his family in Big Spring. They came to Midland to check out the mall.

"We are just running out to the car while the women take a break," Young said. "We are here from Irving. My mother-in-law is from Big Spring. We came over for Thanksgiving and down for shopping. My mother-in-law said, 'It's going to be so crowded.' I would rather be here than the Galleria."

"This is a nice mall, they keep it well-stocked; we are finding a lot of the stuff we need and the people are great."

For some local shoppers, the Friday shopping rush was more work than play.

Carol Dickinson said she is ready to get her shopping done, but is not crazy about the crowds.

"I'll probably spend most of the day standing in lines," Ms. Dickinson said. "I am shopping for three grandchildren — all boys no girls. I just hope everything fits or I will be back in the long lines again."

Friday's crowds are a welcome sight to retailers. Places like Champs sporting goods thinks the rush will continue until Christmas.

"It has been real hectic," sales associate Leann Unruh said. "We have been doing a lot of business. It will probably keep up until Christmas."

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REBELS: Lee will host Amarillo High in Midland if Sandies win

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Grand Prairie (8-4) game. Those two teams will play their regional round game at 1 p.m. in Dick Bivens Stadium in Amarillo. Lee is 5-2-1 against Amarillo High all-time and has never played South Grand Prairie.

If Amarillo wins, Lee will host the Sandies at 7:30 p.m. Friday. If South Grand Prairie comes out on top, Lee will travel to Texas Stadium Dec. 5 for a 4 p.m. game.

Lee has never won a playoff game at Texas Stadium, and is 1-3 in the state quarterfinals.

The Buffaloes (12-1) will take on 13-0 Spearman, which defeated Seagraves 27-21 in triple overtime. That might be a blessing for the Buffaloes, because Seagraves beat Stanton 33-21 in the regular season.

Stanton, the defending Class 2A champions, and Spearman are expected to kick off Friday at Lubbock's Lowrey Field.

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Ministers meet as court extends Pinochet deadline

LONDON (AP) — Citing the "historic" nature of the case, a judge gave Britain's government an extra week to decide whether to allow the extradition of Gen. Augusto Pinochet to face charges including genocide.

Chile's foreign minister, Jose Miguel Insulza, flew into London to meet with British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook, arguing that Pinochet should be allowed to return home.

The former Chilean dictator will learn his fate when British Home Secretary Jack Straw announces his decision at a Dec. 11 court appearance.

Chief Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate Graham Parkinson ordered Pinochet to appear in court to hear Straw's decision, "subject to any medical reports."

Pinochet, 83, who is sought by Spanish authorities on charges of genocide, torture and terrorism committed during his 17-year rule, remains under police guard at a London hospital, where he is recovering from back surgery. He was arrested by British police on Oct. 16.

"There must be time given for proper consideration," Parkinson told attorneys representing Britain, Spain and Pinochet. "It is in some respects quite a historic decision to make."

Britain's highest court of appeal ruled Wednesday that Pinochet could not claim immunity as a former head of state.

Cook issued a statement after his meeting with Insulza saying that his Chilean counterpart had expressed his government's "strong view" that Pinochet should be returned home.

Cook said he assured Insulza — who himself lived in exile under Pinochet's regime — that neither the dictator's original arrest nor subsequent actions by the British



Police talk with a group of Mapuche Indians at the La Moneda Presidential Palace in Santiago, Chile on Friday. The group holds photos of people said to have disappeared under former Chilean dictator Gen. Augusto Pinochet. The Indians say that if Pinochet is extradited to Spain, they plan to send a delegation there to file a lawsuit against Pinochet for the crime of genocide against the Mapuche Indians.

government had been "politically motivated."

"We both expressed our shared commitment to maintaining good relations between our two countries," Cook said.

The Chilean Embassy filed written arguments on Thursday with British authorities, and Insulza made no comment after the meeting.

Prime Minister Tony Blair's office said Straw would make the decision independently.

"He will not be seeking the views of Cabinet colleagues," said a spokesman for Blair, speaking on condition of anonymity. "The prime minister does not expect to be consulted on this at all."

Pinochet is receiving psychiatric care for stress-related disorders, which his lawyers might cite

in a bid to have him found mentally unfit to stand trial, The Times reported Friday.

"He is undergoing assessment for stress and stress-related disorders," the newspaper quoted an unidentified "highly placed medical source" as saying.

Straw, whose department is responsible for justice issues, has wide discretion to decide whether to follow the House of Lords ruling and send the Spanish extradition request through the courts — or to allow Pinochet to go free.

Pinochet's supporters, including former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, are pressing Straw to allow the general to return home on "compassionate grounds" because of his frail health and age.

Human rights activists are urging the government to let the case

make its way through the British courts. A Chilean government report says 3,197 people were murdered or disappeared at the hands of the secret police during Pinochet's dictatorship, which began in 1973 when he overthrew President Salvador Allende. Allende died in the coup.



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Iraq rejects five conditions set by Clinton

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Setting up what could be another confrontation with the United States, Iraq says it rejects the five conditions President Clinton laid out when he called off military strikes against Baghdad earlier this month.

Foreign Minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf says his government is committed only to the U.N. resolution that links the removal of sanctions to a certification that Iraq is free of banned weapons. The sanctions were imposed after Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990.

In a television interview broadcast late Thursday, Sahhaf said Iraq's promise to cooperate with inspectors does not mean they have the right to a "yes" answer to every demand they make.

The head of inspections, Richard Butler, has demanded weapons documents from Baghdad. But Iraq has yet to hand them over, violating one of Clinton's conditions.

Iraq says it will turn down any request by Butler that is unrelated

to disarmament or that jeopardizes the country's security.

"This wretched person (Butler) now thinks he has the backing of the United States of America in accordance with the points raised by its president," Sahhaf said.

Iraq evaded the military strikes by allowing the resumption of inspections by the United Nations Special Commission after a two-week hiatus.

Soon after UNSCOM resumed its work in Iraq, Butler asked for papers that he says are related to Iraq's biological and chemical weapons programs.

Iraq says most of the documents in question do not exist and those in its possession will not be handed over because they are part of its national security.

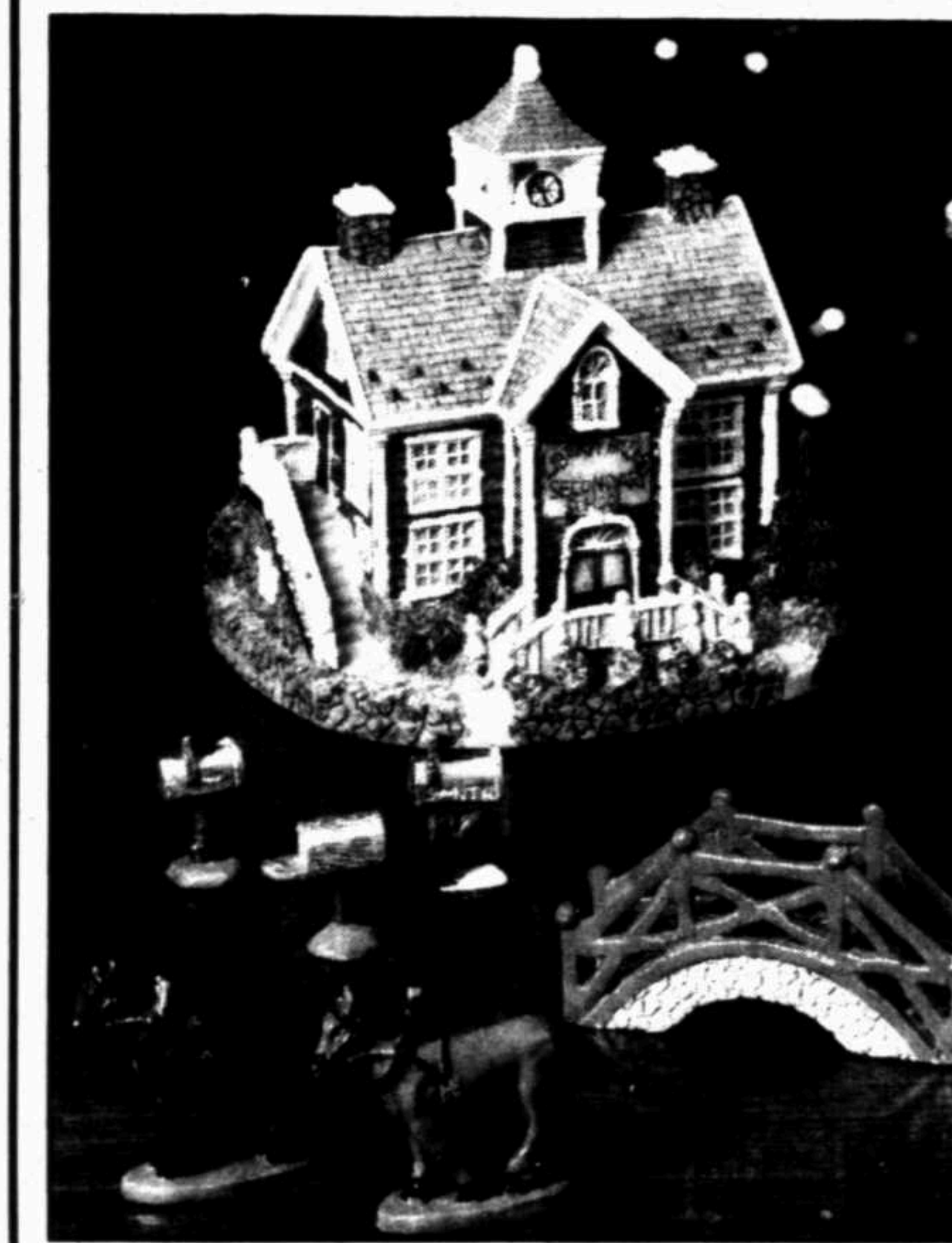
"Butler has resorted to a new ploy: that is the implementation of the points made by Clinton," Sahhaf said.

He said a deal his government signed with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan in February compels Butler and his inspectors to

respect "all of Iraq's national security concerns" in addition to matters related to its sovereignty.

The Feb. 23 pact opened presidential sites to the inspectors and had also averted U.S. and British airstrikes.

Clinton said Iraq must resolve all outstanding issues raised by the inspectors and give inspectors unfettered access to sites. He said Iraq must turn over all relevant documents; accept all U.N. resolutions regarding its weapons of mass destruction; and refrain from interfering with inspectors.



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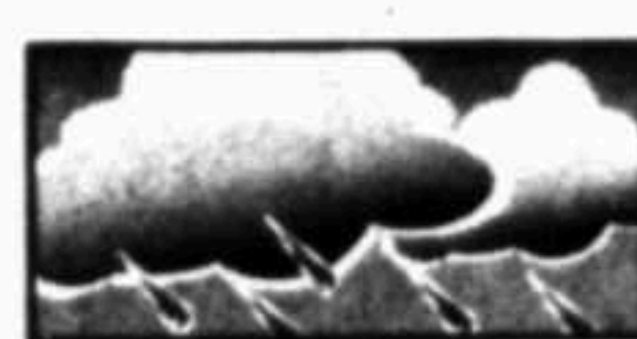
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High 70
Low 53



Monday
Rain showers
High 66
Low 45

Today's forecast calls for areas of low clouds and early fog then becoming partly cloudy and unseasonably warm with a high near 80 and gusty winds blowing from the south increasing to 15-20 mph.

Tonight's forecast calls for skies becoming cloudy with lows in the mid-50s.

Sunday's forecast calls for a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms and cloudy and windy becoming a little cooler with a high in the upper 60s.

After an overnight low of 53, Wednesday's high reached 79, compared to the record high for that date of 85 set in 1945. The record low was 16 set in 1938.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Friday 0.00 in.
Rainfall Thursday 0.00 in.
Total for month 0.10 in.
Total for year 4.54 in.
Normal for year (to date) 14.28 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

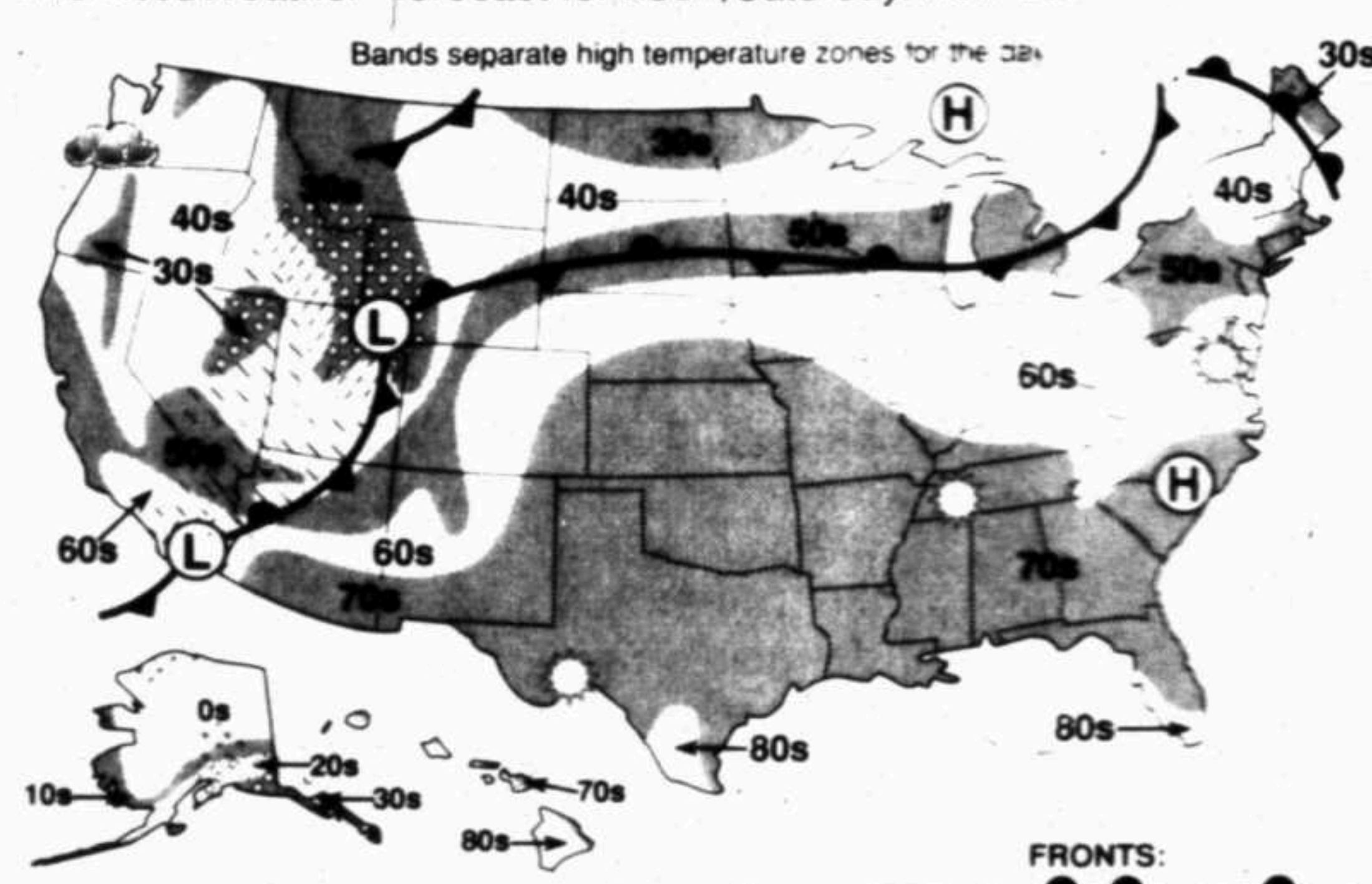
High 79
Low 53
Normal high 62
Normal low 35

Sunrise ... 7:29 a.m.

Sunset ... 5:45 p.m.

National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Saturday, Nov. 28.



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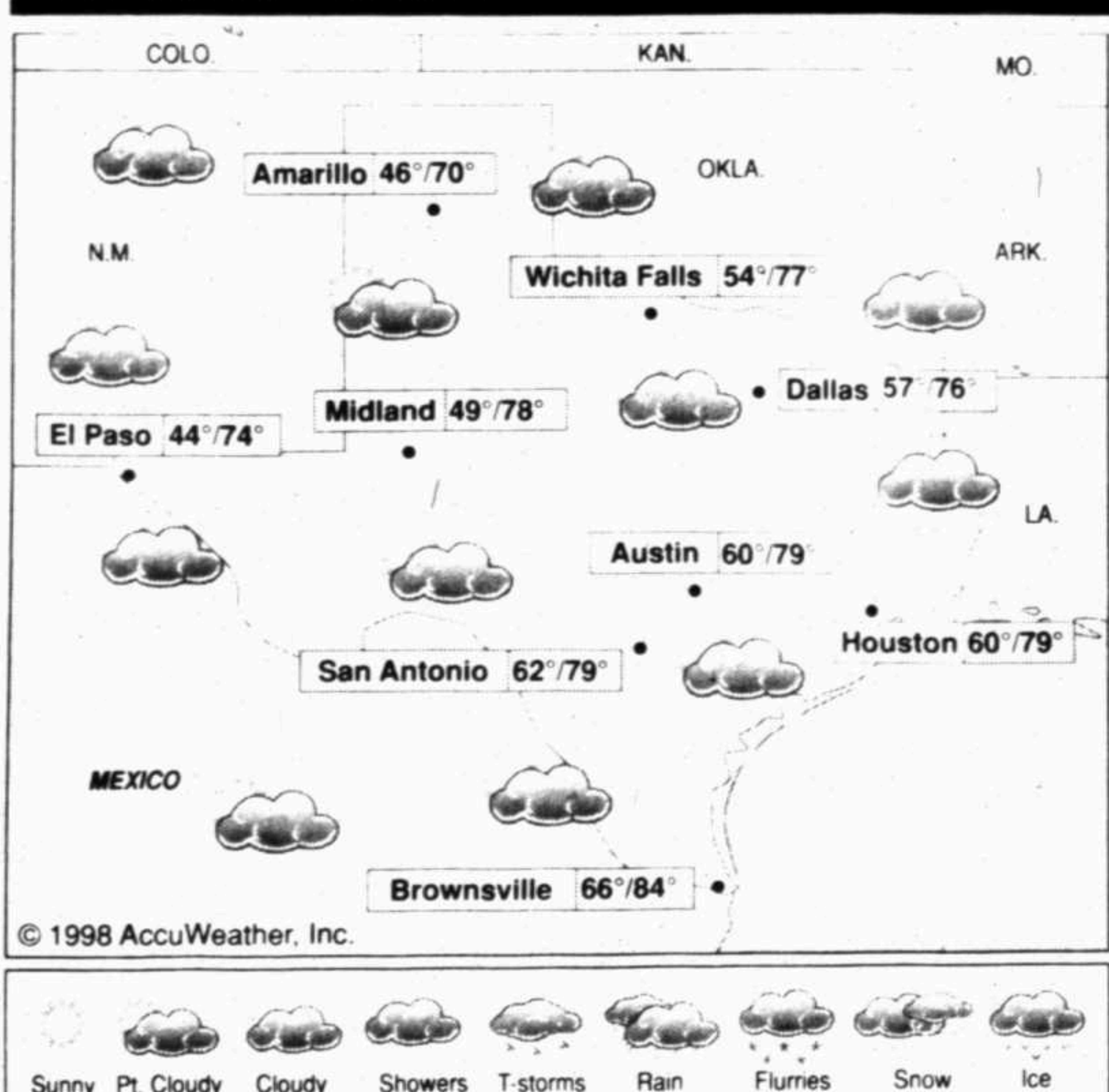
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United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:00 p.m. EST.

City	High	Low	Precip	Other
Albuquerque	65	38	0.00	cl
Anchorage	9	-2	0.00	cl
Atlanta	69	42	0.00	cl
Atlanta City	53	39	0.00	cl
Baltimore	56	46	0.00	cl
Baton Rouge	78	53	0.00	cl
Bilings	48	38	0.00	cl
Birmingham	72	39	0.00	cl
Bismarck	50	26	0.00	cl
Boise	48	42	0.00	cl
Boston	48	43	0.00	cl
Bridgeport	51	43	0.00	cl
Buffalo	43	36	0.01	cl
Casper	64	40	0.00	cl
Charleston S.C.	74	40	0.00	cl
Charlotte W.Va.	61	41	0.00	cl
Charlotte N.C.	71	38	0.00	cl
Chattanooga	72	35	0.00	cl
Cheyenne	65	37	0.00	cl
Chicago	64	32	0.00	cl
Cincinnati	63	36	0.00	cl
Cleveland	72	32	0.00	cl
Colorado Springs	72	35	0.00	cl
Columbia S.C.	73	37	0.00	cl
Columbus Ga.	72	37	0.00	cl
Columbus Ohio	57	32	0.00	cl
Daytona Beach	78	57	0.00	cl
Denver	73	40	0.00	cl
Des Moines	68	34	0.00	cl
Detroit	51	28	0.00	cl
Faribault	0	1	0.04	cl
Fargo	43	32	0.00	cl
Flagstaff	61	24	0.00	cl
Flint	49	27	0.00	cl
Helena	29	43	0.00	cl
Honolulu	80	71	0.00	cl
Indianapolis	63	35	0.00	cl
Jackson Miss	75	42	0.00	cl
Jacksonville	72	47	0.00	cl
Kansas City	69	39	0.00	cl
Las Vegas	65	46	0.00	cl
Lawrence	40	40	0.00	cl
Little Rock	73	40	0.00	cl
Los Angeles	64	51	0.00	cl
Louisville	58	42	0.00	cl
Memphis	72	48	0.00	cl
Miami Beach	81	69	0.00	cl
Milwaukee	64	29	0.00	cl
Mpls-St. Paul	64	29	0.00	cl
Nashville	72	35	0.00	cl
New Orleans	78	56	0.00	cl
New York City	49	45	0.02	cl
Oklahoma City	74	43	0.00	cl
Omaha	67	34	0.00	cl
Orlando	77	55	0.00	cl
Philadelphia	52	46	0.00	cl
Phoenix	80	51	0.00	cl
Pittsburgh	50	34	0.00	cl
Portland Maine	47	40	0.01	cl
Portland Ore.	52	45	0.00	cl
Raleigh Durham	71	34	0.00	cl
Reno	51	36	0.00	cl
Richmond	66	42	0.00	cl
Sacramento	55	33	0.00	cl
St. Louis	72	40	0.00	cl
St. Thomas	86	76	0.03	cl
Salt Lake City	52	44	0.00	cl
San Diego	62	55	0.00	cl
San Francisco	56	54	0.04	cl
San Jose	55	53	0.17	cl
Savannah	72	37	0.00	cl
Seattle	48	42	0.00	cl
Shreveport	77	51	0.00	cl
Southern City	73	33	0.00	cl
Spokane	62	29	0.00	cl
Springfield Ill.	68	33	0.00	cl
Springfield Mo.	69	36	0.00	cl
Syracuse	41	37	0.00	cl
Tallahassee	75	48	0.00	cl
Tampa-St. Petersburg	80	61	0.00	cl
Toledo	53	27	0.00	cl
Tokyo	71	40	0.00	cl
Tucson	85	50	0.00	cl
Tulsa	75	42	0.00	cl
Tupelo	73	36	0.00	cl
Washington D.C.	59	48	0.00	cl
W Palm Beach	80	58	0.15	cl
Wichita	70	40	0.00	cl
Wilkes-Barre	43	39	0.01	cl
Wilmington Del.	53	47	0.00	cl
Yakima	45	31	0.00	cl

State forecast



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Texas temperatures

Highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours ending at 6 p.m. CST.

City	High	Low	Pcp
Abilene	79	53	0.00
Amarillo	79	41	0.00
Austin Mueller	78	60	0.00
Beaumont	79	65	0.00
Brownsville	82	63	0.00
Burnet	76	71	0.00
Childress	78	43	0.00
College Station	79	59	0.00
Conroe	79	60	0.00
Corpus Christi	79	65	0.00
Dallas Love Field	74	54	0.00
Del Rio	76	63	0.00
Denton	76	45	0.00
DFW Airport	75	51	0.00
El Paso	73	38	0.00
Fort Stockton	83	48	0.00
Fort Worth Alliance	76	46	0.00
Galveston	77	65	0.00
Huntsville	78	64	0.00
Junction	76	49	0.00
Lubbock	81	68	0.00
Marfa	74	40	0.00
Mineral Wells	73	37	0.00
New Braunfels	78	48	0.00
Palacios	79	60	0.00
Paris	75	48	0.00
Rockport	79	68	0.00
San Angelo	78	52	0.00
San Antonio	77	65	0.04
Terrell	71	53	0.00
Tyler	68	57	0.00
Victoria	78	63	0.00
Waco	75	51	0.00
Wichita Falls	77	46	0.00
Wink	80	49	0.00

DEATH NOTICES

Pauletta Luttrell

Midlander Pauletta Luttrell died Thursday, Nov. 26, at a Stanton care center.

Graveside services are to be 2 p.m. today, Nov. 28, at Fairview Cemetery with Jean Lent officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born Aug. 30, 1909, in Ennis.

She moved from San Angelo to Midland in 1952. She worked for Dunlaps until retiring in 1974. She was a member of the First Church of Christian Scientist.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Freeman Luttrell; and a brother, Vance Tankersley.

She is survived by a son, Gene Luttrell of Midland; two half brothers, Steve Tankersley of Midland and Lamar Tankersley of Fredericksburg; a half sister, Virginia Carlow of Albuquerque; four grandsons; five great-grandchildren; two nieces and two nephews.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

Gloria Jones

ST. PETERSBURG—Gloria Carolyn Jones, 77, of St. Petersburg, FL, died Friday, Nov. 27, at Palms of Pasadena Hospital.

Services will be Monday, Nov. 30, at Fort Bliss National Cemetery in El Paso.

She was born Aug. 24, 1921, in St. Louis, Mo. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Jones, Jr.

She is survived by her twin sister, Romaine Costello of St. Louis, Mo.; a daughter, Patricia Sullivan of Tampa, Fla.; a son, Harry L. Jones, III of Midland; and four grandchildren.

Lester Miller

BIG SPRING — Lester Marvin Miller, 94, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Nov. 25, at a Big Spring hospital.

Services are to be 2 p.m. today, Nov. 28, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Don Snipes officiating. Burial is to follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born Nov. 5, 1904 in Oklahoma Territory.

He farmed in Oklahoma and moved to Texas in 1952. He was a concrete finisher until retiring. He was a member of the Baptist Temple Church.

Survivors include his wife, Merle S. Miller of Big Spring; two sons, Royce L. Miller of Big Spring and Jack D. Miller of California; five daughters, June Emerson of Randolph, Mayzele Waite of Odessa, Fern Thompson and Jonetta Hesson, both of Big Spring, and Joyce Burchett of Coahoma; 19 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Vernon Cuthbertson

BIG SPRING — Vernon L. Cuthbertson, 75, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Nov. 26, at a Big Spring hospital.

Services are to be 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rodney Tedford officiating. Graveside services with military rites will follow at Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born Aug. 1, 1923 in Slayden, Tenn.

He was an assistant cook at the V.A. Medical Center for 12 years. He was a member of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Mary D. Cuthbertson of Big Spring; two sons, Vernon L. Cuthbertson Jr. and Jerry D. Cuthbertson, both of Amarillo; one daughter, Glynn M. Witt of Houma, La.; three sisters, Genel Weems of Nashville, Tenn., and Lavelle Petronek of Irving; two brothers, C.B. Cuthbertson and Curtis Cuthbertson, both of Vanter, Tenn.; four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

Sharon Davidson

ANDREWS — Sharon Davidson, 61, of Andrews died Thursday, Nov. 26, at her residence.

Services are to be 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30, at Northcrest Baptist Church with the Rev. David Hummer officiating. Burial is to follow at Andrews North Cemetery under the direction of McNett Funeral Home in Andrews.

She was born March 23, 1937, in Wellington.

She moved to Andrews from Snyder in 1976. She was a nurse. She was a member of Northcrest Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, J.B. Davidson of Andrews; two sons, Ronnie Davidson of Kaufman and Barry Davidson of Seminole; four daughters, Dianne Brady of Ira, Cindy Gill of Hermleigh, Cherryll Wall of Pagosa Springs, Colo., and Renae Davidson of Odessa; her mother, Dena Rankin of Levelland; three brothers, Bobby Rankin of Midland, Dale Rankin of Guthrie and Gerald Rankin of Lubbock; two sisters, Janice Jackson of Levelland and Patsy Miller of Wolforth; 22 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Donna Gilbert

ODESSA — Donna Gilbert of Odessa died Nov. 26, 1998 in Odessa. Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

OBITUARIES



Israel Dominguez

Israel Dominguez was born July 5, 1947, in Fort Stockton, Texas. Mr. Dominguez graduated from Goddard High School in Roswell, New Mexico. He attended and graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in education from Eastern New Mexico State University, and then received his master's in bilingual education from New Mexico Highlands University. Israel was employed by MISD for 15 years. He was an assistant principal at San Jacinto High School for 12 years. Prior to coming to Midland, he was the administrator for special programs for Tempe ISD, Tempe, Arizona.

Mr. Dominguez died Wednesday, November 25, 1998, at a local hospital.

Mr. Dominguez was preceded in death by his father, Domingo Dominguez.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Dominguez of Midland; his daughter, Michelle Ray Dominguez of Midland; his mother, Antonia Dominguez of Austin; his twin brother, Ismael Dominguez of Odessa; his brothers, Domingo Dominguez, Jimmy Gonzalez and Tony Dominguez, all of Austin; his sisters, Mary Lou Chavez of Fort Stockton, Alveza Gonzalez of Austin, Elva Gomez of Austin, Delma Valdez of Peoria, Arizona, Del-

va Zimmer of Austin, Rosela Dennis of Austin, Rosalinda Juarez of Midland, and Senaida Lapp of Austin.

A rosary was said at Ellis Funeral Home 7 p.m. Friday, November 27. The funeral will be held at St. Stephen's Catholic Church on Saturday, November 28, at 2 p.m. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

He was a loving husband and father. Israel loved the Lord and will be missed dearly by all.



Sadie Johnson

Graveside services for Sadie Johnson will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, at Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Ora Roberts officiating, under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

She was called to her home on high with the Lord on Saturday, Nov. 21. She was born on March 15, 1910, in rural Bell County, Texas, to the late Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hemphill.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Samuel Johnson.

She leaves to cherish her memory one stepson, Jerry Johnson, several nieces and nephews, and a host of relatives and friends.

POLICE REPORTS

Midland County Sheriff's Office Thursday

Vandalism: Several road signs have been taken down at FM 1788 and FM 3503. It was reported at 10:10 a.m.

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

Mother jailed after teen weighing 15 pounds dies

JANESVILLE, Wis. (AP) — A woman was jailed on suspicion of child neglect after bringing her emaciated 15-year-old daughter to an emergency room, where the girl was pronounced dead. Officials said she weighed barely 15 pounds.

Karen Kuffer, 50, was in the Rock County jail Friday pending a Saturday court hearing, said police Chief George Brunner. Police charged her with child neglect and recommended that prosecutors file formal charges.

The woman brought her daughter, Kay Kuffer, to Mercy Hospital Wednesday night. The girl was pronounced dead on arrival, Brunner said. Hospital officials told police the girl, who suffered from cerebral palsy, weighed 15 pounds, 1 ounce.

Hospital officials declined to comment, referring all questions to police.

Investigators believe the girl was dead when she

was brought to the hospital.

Susan Nitzke, an associate professor of nutritional science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, said the child's weight was hard to believe.

"I said, 'somebody must have made a mistake,'" Nitzke said. "That's definitely just an amazingly low body weight for someone of that age."

The mother was grieving and upset, said attorney Guy Taylor. Taylor said he planned to ask that she be released Saturday.

"We had a situation with an invalid who was being cared for in a loving family that did the best they could," Taylor said.

The girl's grandmother said she was about the size of a 6-year-old child. For a 6-year-old, the low end of normal weight is about 35 pounds, Nitzke said. For a 15-year-old that weight is about 85 pounds.

CHARTER: Funding issue remains unresolved

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In its charter application, the board members outline as one of their goals, "Average school scores significantly above the district and state averages on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS)."

Bowdon denies, however, that

the school will attempt to attract only the best students. "We want the school to represent the demographics of the city as a whole," he said. He added that the school cannot turn down anyone who applies. It will be first-come, first-served, and when there is a waiting list, they will accept students by lottery.

The concern among district officials, however, is that the program

will attract only the top students to apply in the first place. Whether this will happen remains to be seen.

Bowdon said he plans on holding information sessions in various communities in the spring and hopes to "reach out to students of all backgrounds."

"It's offering people a choice. What could be wrong with that?"

MABEE: Midland rancher, oilman dies

(From 1A)</

Pressure grows for Israeli pullout from Lebanon

JERUSALEM (AP) — There have been seven military funerals over the past 10 days. Again and again, Israel's nightly news has led with anguished parents sobbing as the caskets of their sons, soldiers in their teens or early 20s, were lowered into the ground.

Sensing the growing popular pressure to get the troops out of Lebanon, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Friday promised a thorough review of Israel's policy, saying he cut short a trip to Europe and returned home to "make decisions."

He called a Sunday meeting of Cabinet ministers and generals to discuss Lebanon, one of many attempts, all unsuccessful, in recent months to "rethink" the policy.

Israel invaded Lebanon twice, in 1978 and 1982, to drive back guerrillas with the Shiite Muslim group Hezbollah. Israel set up a self-proclaimed "security zone" in southern Lebanon after withdrawing from the rest of Lebanon in 1985.

The Israeli rationale for maintaining the security zone is to prevent Hezbollah from approaching Israeli villages along the border. Israel's history is spotted with bloody terror attacks in cities and towns near the border, including assaults on a school and a kindergarten.

Netanyahu said Friday he would only pull Israeli troops out of southern Lebanon if this did not expose northern Israel to Hezbollah attacks.

With Hezbollah unwilling to give such guarantees, it is unlikely Israeli troops will redeploy any time soon.

Hezbollah commander Sheikh Nabil Kaouk on Friday offered little encouragement that an Israeli troop withdrawal would quickly end the conflict. He warned that "any adventure by the Israeli occupiers to try and change the status quo in south Lebanon will serve to increase its losses."

Since 1985, Israel's policy has been based on the belief that it can only pull out its troops as part of a peace agreement with Lebanon. However, Syria, the main power in

The Israeli rationale for maintaining the security zone is to prevent Hezbollah from approaching Israeli villages along the border. Israel's history is spotted with bloody terror attacks in cities and towns near the border, including assaults on a school and a kindergarten.

Lebanon, is unlikely to permit such talks until Israel withdraws from the Golan Heights, a strategic plateau captured from Syria in the 1967 war.

Netanyahu is unwilling to hand back the Golan, thus making a peace agreement with Syria or Lebanon in the near future unlikely.

The Israeli daily Yediot Ahronot quoted Netanyahu as saying in London that he did not reject out of hand a plan by Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon under which Israel would withdraw gradually and strike Hezbollah if it attacked northern Israel.

However, upon his return home Netanyahu appeared to be sticking closer to Israel's long-standing policy. "As long as we don't have an alternative, we'll stay in Lebanon in order to defend northern Israel," he said.

Still, the rising death toll is increasing Israeli popular pressure to end Israel's occupation of south Lebanon. In all, 23 Israelis have died in Lebanon this year.

A poll in the Israeli newspaper Maariv on Friday indicated that 40 percent of Israelis support a unilateral withdrawal, compared to only 16 percent in February 1997. The survey was conducted among

560 adults and had a margin of error of 4.5 percentage points.

A signed front-page commentary in Yediot Ahronot called on Netanyahu to "take an initiative," cut through the tangle of Israel's involvement in Lebanon and order a pullout.

Many Israelis say that if the Israeli army is no longer in Lebanon, Hezbollah will have no reason to attack. The Lebanese government endorses that argument.

But Hezbollah, sponsored by Iran and driven by an extremist ideology that leaves no room for a Jewish state in the Middle East, has given no such assurances.

A unilateral Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon would be a "gamble," Israeli army Lt. Gen. Shaul Mofaz has said.

The grim choice facing Israel's leaders may well be choosing between army casualties and civilian casualties, say opponents of an Israeli pullout. They say Syria would have an interest in wearing Israel down by encouraging Hezbollah attacks against Israeli villages.

Along the Israeli border, many residents are nervous about the prospect of an Israeli army pullout. A mayor of one of the border

towns estimated that if a terror attack follows an Israeli military withdrawal, 20 percent of the residents of the area would leave for good.

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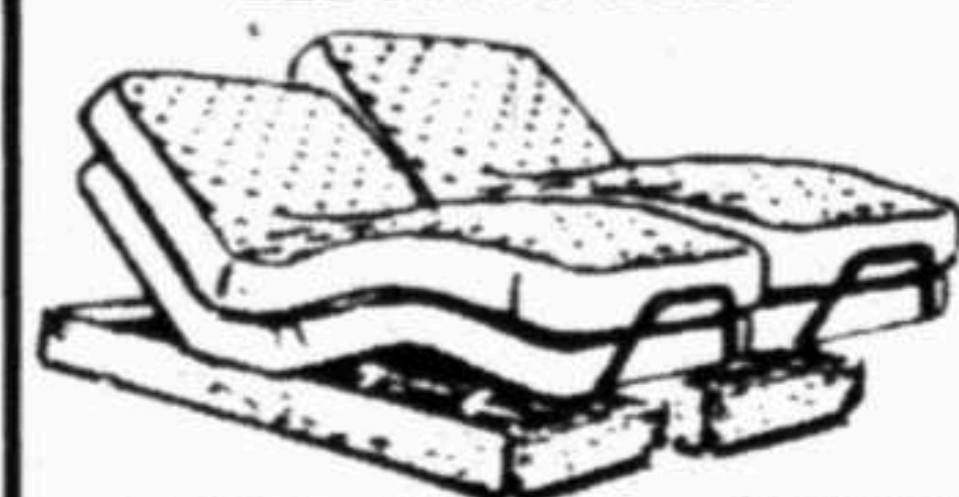
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SLEEP SHOP

Murder or suicide? Hacker dies mysteriously

BERLIN (AP) — He was a gifted computer whiz — one of the best, one who'd made the jump from illegal tinkering to the legitimate, potentially lucrative business of making codes crack-proof from hackers like himself.

But when Boris Floriciz was found hanging from a tree in a Berlin park on Oct. 22, his belt around his neck and his feet dragging the ground, it drew attention even outside the tight-knit world of hackers.

His friends wonder whether he was caught up in the murkier side of the trade — one of spies, espionage and black-market criminals. Was it suicide, as police suspect? Or homicide?

At 26, Floriciz seemed headed for a great future. He'd just finished his computer science degree. International firms sought him as a consultant. He was happy, say his friends, who cannot believe he would take his own life.

Floriciz's friends wonder if he had become a threat to someone on the wrong side of the business, leading to his death.

"That was not a personal decision," Andy Mueller-Maguhn, a friend and fellow member of the Chaos Computer Club said. "For sure not. That was murder."

From childhood, Floriciz looked destined to be an engineer. He was always taking things apart to see how they worked. "Radios, television, clocks, the lawn mower — nothing was safe from him," his father told Stern magazine.

He disassembled a telephone booth to get at computer data inside. He was the first hacker to crack the microchips on Deutsche Telekom telephone cards, used at pay phones in Germany. His homemade card reloaded as the credit ran out.

After getting caught in 1995 and sentenced to probation, Floriciz

"felt the need to draw the line," said Mueller-Maguhn.

He joined Chaos, a 10-year-old group of computer devotees, and he went back to college, earning his diploma in September by developing a scrambler to encode telephone calls on high-speed, digital lines.

German media reports say Floriciz also was working on cracking decoders for pay television — a booming business spreading across Europe. One of the key players is Rupert Murdoch, whose digital broadcasting research firm NDS Ltd. contacted Floriciz two years ago about being a code-design consultant.

"He was an exceptionally talented engineer," said Margot Field, spokeswoman at the firm's London headquarters. NDS wanted to hire him but couldn't move forward because Floriciz hadn't yet graduated or completed his compulsory military service. The firm's last contact with him was in June.

NDS apparently wasn't the only one interested in Floriciz. His father says Floriciz talked several times about being approached by people he suspected worked for spy agencies, which are believed to have mined the hacker world for talent in the past.

Just a few months ago, Germany's spy agency tried to hire a hacker to get secrets out of Iran's military computers, the Chaos club said. But the contact vanished when the hacker got Chaos involved.

Floriciz may also have attracted black marketeers of counterfeit chips for telephone cards and mobile phones. Deutsche Telekom estimates it loses millions of dollars each year from counterfeit cards. And industry officials worry that TV decoder chips offer gangsters even bigger profits on



This is an undated police handout of Boris Floriciz, 26, who was found dead, hanging from a tree in a Berlin park on Oct. 22. Police suspect it was suicide, but Floriciz seemed headed for a great future. He'd just finished his computer science degree. International firms sought him as a consultant. He was happy, say his friends, who cannot believe he would take his own life.

the black market.

Money wasn't a lure for Floriciz, his friends say. He preferred to post his research on the Internet for all to see — and use.

"It was all the same to him if others raked in the bucks from what he developed," one friend, Daniel,

told Stern. "The main thing for him was that he had proven what he was great at."

Mueller-Maguhn says Floriciz's open attitude about his work might have threatened those who didn't want competitors horning in on their business.

"He had lots of jobs, but he didn't want to become a slave of one company," he said. "Maybe that was a problem."

Floriciz left his mother's apartment on Oct. 17 at about 2 p.m. She didn't think he'd be gone long, because he didn't take his laptop computer.

He never came back. Calls to his mobile phone went unanswered. A passerby found his body five days later. His phone, keys, ID card and money were with him, evidence police say points to suicide. No sign of a struggle. Nothing stolen. No drugs.

Detectives are waiting for test results — fingerprint fragments or chemical traces — before making a final determination.

The Chaos Computer Club is putting together its own report, which it plans to release at its annual convention Dec. 27-29 in Berlin. Already, the death notice on the club's Web site states what Floriciz's friends believe happened:

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Clinton answers committee's 81 questions

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton on Friday answered the 81 questions put to him by the House Judiciary Committee, asserting he told the truth about Monica Lewinsky to the grand jury and in a sworn deposition.

"That testimony was not false and misleading," he said.

The furor over his alleged attempts to conceal his relationship with the former White House intern "long ago ceased to be primarily a legal or political issue," the president said, calling it instead a painful personal saga.

"I hope these answers will contribute to a speedy and fair resolution to this matter," Clinton wrote to the committee.

In response to several questions in which Committee Chairman Henry Hyde asked the president to admit or deny giving false testimony under oath — when he swore that Ms. Lewinsky gave him gifts only "once or twice," and when he testified about whether he knew Ms. Lewinsky had been subpoenaed as a witness in the Paula Jones sex harassment case — the president resolutely defended himself.

"That testimony was not false and misleading," is a sentence repeated several times throughout the 24 pages that Clinton submitted to Congress Friday afternoon.

Relying heavily on his previous testimony, Clinton in at least 17 instances says he does not recall or is uncertain of an answer.

His lawyer, David Kendall, wrote Hyde separately, emphasizing "the president did not commit or suborn perjury, tamper with witnesses, obstruct justice or abuse power."

Kendall promised the committee another memo in Clinton's defense was in the works.

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A worldwide oil glut has caused a slump in prices that even a deal this massive wouldn't reverse. But while drivers may not be affected, an Exxon-Mobil marriage could leave as many as 20,000 employees out of work as the companies seek to slash costs, according to one analyst.

Exxon Corp. and Mobil Corp. announced Friday that they are in merger talks, confirming reports that surfaced this week. At a price near Mobil's current value of \$67 billion, it would be the richest merger ever.

A combined Exxon-Mobil would vault past Royal Dutch-Shell Group of Cos. as the world's biggest energy company, with 47,000 gas stations and operations in more than 100 countries. It also would surpass General Motors Corp. as the largest U.S. company of any kind, with combined revenue of \$203 billion last year.

"The last thing either party would have considered is the effect on the consumer, but as it happens it's pretty benign," said Alan Marshall, an energy analyst with Robert Fleming Securities in London.

Oil prices are hovering near 12-year lows, hammered by a plentiful global supply and an Asian economic crisis that has crippled

demand from that region. The Energy Department predicts that prices will remain depressed well into the next decade.

In their short joint statement, Mobil and Exxon said they could not guarantee a deal would be reached and declined further comment.

Analysts predict thousands of layoffs from the companies' overlapping operations. Marshall projected cuts of up to 20,000 — about 16 percent of the companies' combined work force, with most of the job losses in the United States, followed by Asia.

The merger would intensify consolidation in the energy industry that has quickened since British

Petroleum announced its \$49 billion takeover of Amoco Corp. in August.

Mobil stock rose \$7.62 1/2, or by nearly 10 percent, to close Friday at \$86 a share as the second most actively traded issue on the New York Stock Exchange. Exxon shares climbed \$1.68 3/4, or by more than 2 percent, to \$74.37 1/2 on the NYSE, the fourth most active.

Exxon, based in Irving, Texas, ranks second behind Royal Dutch-Shell among the world's oil companies. Mobil, based in Fairfax, Va., is the fourth-largest oil company in the world, and the second-largest in the U.S. after Exxon.

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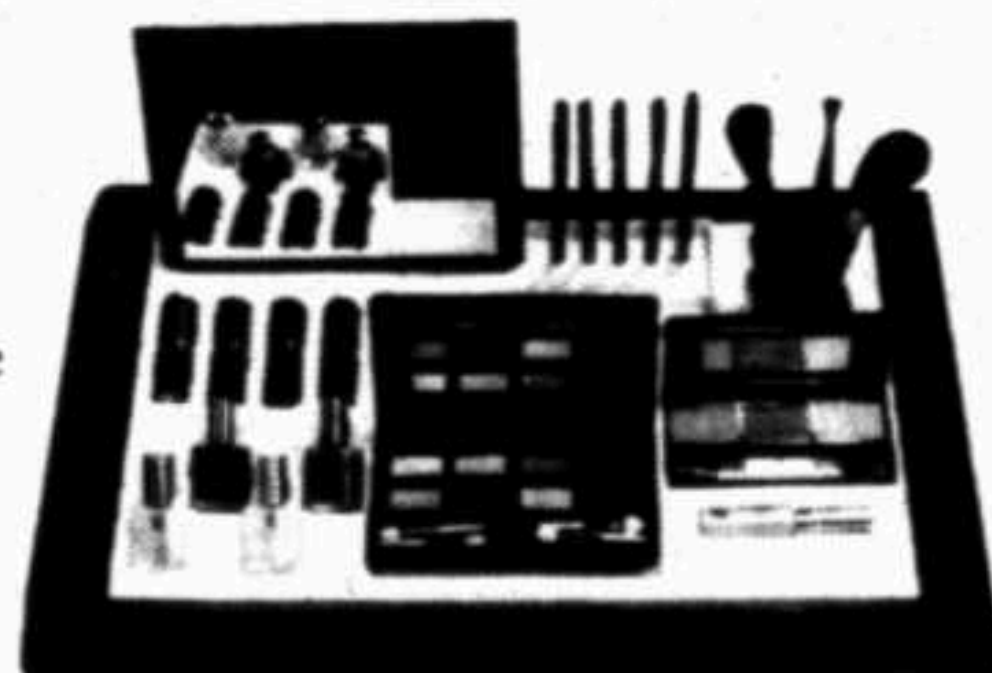


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Sales promising at kickoff of holiday shopping season

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Deep discounts and special deals before dawn lured millions of people to the nation's stores and malls Friday, the traditional start of the holiday shopping season.

One big disappointment: not enough Furby dolls to go around. "It was chaos," said Valeri Dav-enport, who didn't get one of the furry, talking Furby dolls, but nonetheless walked out of a K-B Toys store in Independence, Mo., with six bags of stuff. "They opened the door at 6, and people were shoving one another. Everyone jumped on the Furbys. You couldn't even get to the shelf."

Lines began forming at some stores in the middle of the night, and traffic continued to build through the day. Discount stores were the big winners, enticing shoppers with cheap prices and a wide selection.

Even with the big crowds, it wasn't clear how much they spent. In recent years, consumers have done more browsing than buying the day after Thanksgiving, once the busiest shopping day of the year.

"Today, I'm here just to get ideas," said Carol Lubarda, who spent part of Friday at the Carson Pirie Scott department store in Chicago.

Whether people were looking or buying, the stores were packed Friday. And retailers hope the crowds will get even bigger in the weeks leading up to Christmas, thanks to the recent rise in consumer confidence and sharp gains in the stock market.

That's a much better outlook than most merchants had just a few months ago, when many feared that Christmas sales would suffer from global financial and political turmoil.

Despite their optimism, many merchants went to great lengths on Friday to encourage shoppers to buy now, rather than wait in hopes of bargains closer to or after Christmas.

The biggest crowds were at the



Wal-Mart manager John Veth, left, hands out Furbies, a hot toy this holiday season, at the Wal-Mart in Hobbs, N.M., Friday as shoppers charge the service desk in an attempt to get one of 80 of the cuddly toys sold this morning.

discount stores, like Wal-Mart, Target and Kmart, with shoppers scooping up everything from low-price VCRs to home furnishings.

The Disney Store drew shoppers by offering only 200 of its \$6 holiday Winnie the Pooh bears per store. K-B Toys, meantime, not only had lines for Furby, but also was giving away Tickle Me Elmo dolls — the toy sensation of 1996 — to anyone who spent more than \$100.

When the doors opened at a K-B store outside Denver, "we saw people running to get in," said shopper Cynthia Hayot. "They knocked out displays and ran people over."

Anxious shoppers also barreled through the exit doors at the Best Buy electronics store in Des Moines, Iowa, eager to get first dibs on the sale merchandise.

"Some people just can't beat a bargain," said Sharon Calder of nearby Ankeny, who witnessed

the stampede.

The great deals at Gateway Mall in Lincoln, Neb., got Gerette Matulka in the buying mood weeks earlier than in the past. Same was true for Celest Forbes, who traveled to a Kmart in Tulsa, Okla., before dawn to save \$30 on a bicycle.

"They run the sales that draw you in," Ms. Forbes said. "For me, it has to be at least 20 percent off. That's the only reason I come to the stores."

While anecdotal evidence from shoppers Friday indicated that buying was up this year, retailers still have doubts about how the season will turn out. The first weekend of the holiday season isn't necessarily a gauge of how the remaining weeks until Christmas will go.

In fact, in rankings based on what shoppers spent on a given day, the day after Thanksgiving hasn't made it to the top four

since 1993.

Merchants fear that stock market volatility or unusual weather in the coming weeks could keep shoppers home. And they already know some shoppers are on a tight budget.

Diane Hernandez of west Los Angeles will scale back this year because she's seen a rise in her cost of living. Meg Patton of Cleveland says she isn't going overboard with Christmas gifts because she's nervous about the direction of the economy.

There are those, too, who can't get into the holiday shopping spirit.

"I'd rather have a root canal than sit at a mall," said Joel Sterk, an insurance agent from Waupun, Wis. He sat on a bench and read a novel while his wife went shopping.

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WASHINGTON — Weather has cost record \$89 billion more than was expected in 1998, and released Friday preliminary Worldwatch Institute, the world's largest total losses from floods, droughts, first 11 months of year higher than in 1996.

This year's disasters, ahead of the \$55 billion entire decade. Even when adjusted for the 1980s losses, a fall short of the 1996 year.

In addition to the disasters, the world's population of 32,000 people, 300 million — more than the U.S. — according to the study.

The study is based from Worldwatch Institute, a research organization in Munich, Germany, which writes policies that many-based rewrites policies that massive claims them out of business. The report says deforestation and has caused this year's disasters, among them, the flood of the Yangtze River and most extensive flooding.

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WASHINGTON — U.S. agency managing nuclear weapons, after Pentagon insisted nobody had vended 2000 problems.

The Defense Science and Engineering Agency wasn't alone in computers Y2K safety testing. Pentagon's Inspector General, which found the agency's "military defense computer" been tested.

Navy Capt. Michael J. Pentagon spokesman said that the Defense Science and Engineering Agency's Y2K challenge and more than 200 agencies to ensure off-duty proper testing. "We view it as a war fighting situation," said, noting that year.



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Report: Weather caused record \$89 billion in damage

WASHINGTON (AP) — Violent weather has cost the world a record \$89 billion this year, more money than was lost from weather-related disasters in all of the 1980s, and researchers in a study released Friday blame human meddling for much of it.

Preliminary estimates by the Worldwatch Institute and Munich Re, the world's largest reinsurer, put total losses from storms, floods, droughts and fires for the first 11 months of the year 48 percent higher than the previous one-year record of more than \$60 billion in 1996.

This year's damage was also far ahead of the \$55 billion in losses for the entire decade of the 1980s. Even when adjusted for inflation, the 1980s losses, at \$82.7 billion, still fall short of the first 11 months of this year.

In addition to the material losses, the disasters have killed an estimated 32,000 people and displaced 300 million — more than the population of the United States — according to the report.

The study is based on estimates from Worldwatch, an environmental research group, and Munich Re, the Frankfurt, Germany-based reinsurer, which writes policies that protect insurance companies from the risk of massive claims that might put them out of business.

The report says a combination of deforestation and climate change has caused this year's most severe disasters, among them Hurricane Mitch, the flooding of China's Yangtze River and Bangladesh's most extensive flood of the century.

"More and more, there's a human fingerprint in natural disasters in that we're making them more frequent and more intense and we're also ... making them more destructive," said Seth Dunn, research associate and climate change expert at the institute.

Dunn said when hillsides are left bare, rainfall will rush across the land or into rivers without being slowed by trees and allowed to be absorbed by the soil or evaporate back into the atmosphere. This leads to floods and landslides that are strong enough to wipe out roads, farms and fisheries far downstream.

"In a sense, we're turning up the faucets ... and throwing away the sponges, like the forests and the wetlands," said Dunn.

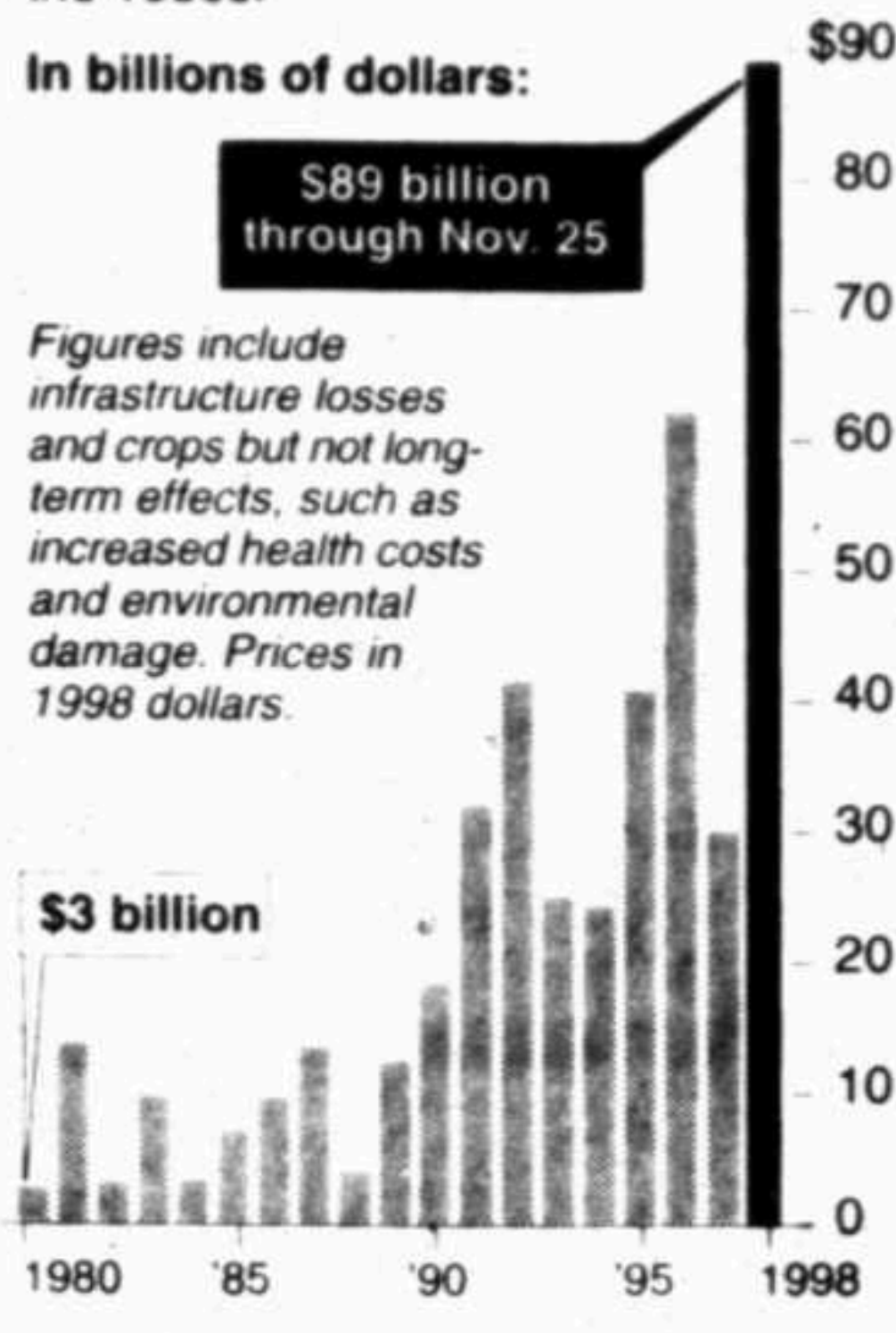
Another element that has contributed to this year's losses is the growing population pressures that have led many people to settle on vulnerable flood plains and hillsides.

The most severe 1998 disasters listed in the report include Hurricane Mitch, the deadliest Atlantic storm in 200 years, which has caused more than 10,000 deaths in Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala and El Salvador, and caused damage estimated at \$4 billion in Honduras and \$1 billion in Nicaragua.

The study said Mitch hit an ecologically vulnerable region. Central American nations have experienced some of the highest rates of deforestation in the world, losing some 2 percent to 4 percent of their remaining forest cover each

A disastrous year

Storms, floods, droughts and fires worldwide caused record damage in 1998. The total for this year so far exceeds estimates of all damage for the 1980s.



Sources: Worldwatch Institute, Munich Re AP/Wide World

year, said the study.

The costliest disaster of 1998, according to the report, was the flooding of the Yangtze River in the summer. It killed more than 3,000 people, dislocated about 230 million people and incurred \$30 billion in losses.

The study said that while heavy summer rains are common in southern and central China, the Yangtze Basin has lost 85 percent of its forest cover to logging and

agriculture in recent decades, wetlands have been drained, and the river heavily dammed.

Bangladesh suffered its most extensive flood of the century in the summer. Two-thirds of the low-lying country located at the mouth of the Ganges and Brahmaputra Rivers was flooded for months, 30 million people were left temporarily homeless, and 10,000 miles of roads were heavily damaged. Damage estimates exceeded \$3.4 billion.

Logging upriver in the Himalayas of north India and Nepal exacerbated the disaster, as did the fact that the region's rivers and flood plains have been filled with silt and constricted by development, according to the report.

"Climate change and rising sea levels are projected to make Bangladesh even more vulnerable to flooding in the future," said the study.

The study said governments are beginning to recognize the role of human activities in worsening natural disasters. It noted that China has banned logging in the upper Yangtze watershed, prohibited additional land reclamation projects in the river's flood plain and earmarked \$2 billion to reforest the watershed.

"Unless ravaged nations rebuild along a path of sustainable development that emphasizes restoring and maintaining healthy ecosystems, they risk even greater exposure to the devastation of unnatural disasters in the future," said the report.

Agency managing nuclear stockpile lacked independent Y2K check

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. agency managing the nation's nuclear weapons stockpile is testing its most critical computers, after Pentagon inspectors discovered nobody had verified whether key systems could withstand year 2000 problems.

The Defense Special Weapons Agency wasn't alone in certifying computers Y2K safe without independent testing, said the Pentagon's Inspector General's Office, which found only 25 percent of the agency's "mission critical" defense computer systems had been tested.

Navy Capt. Michael Doubleday, Pentagon spokesman, said Friday that the Defense Department is systematically addressing the Y2K challenge and has conducted more than 200 audits in the past year to ensure officials are conducting proper tests.

"We view it as we do any kind of war fighting situation," Doubleday said, noting that year 2000 testing

has become part of routine Pentagon operations and training.

Lt. Col. Patrick Sivigny, another Defense Department spokesman, noted that any computer failure by the nuclear stockpile agency wouldn't affect the nation's ability to defend itself.

"This has nothing to do with command and control of nuclear weapons," he said.

The Defense Special Weapons Agency — which was absorbed into a new Defense Threat Reduction Agency on Oct. 1 — has managed and tested the nation's nuclear weapons stockpile since 1947. It also verifies arms control treaties and pacts.

The Pentagon, which operates about 40 percent of computers that the U.S. government considers critical to carrying out the government's mission, has been trying for several years to ensure systems don't crash when the clock

turns from 1999 to the year 2000.

Many computers are programmed to recognize only the last two digits of a year. So when "00" pops up on Jan. 1, 2000, it could be interpreted as 1900 — which could cause turmoil in how data is analyzed or could result in freeze-ups or massive malfunctions.

The weapons agency, according to an Oct. 30 inspector's general audit, did not complete independent testing of three critical systems before classifying them Y2K compliant as required by a Defense Department management plan. The agency has since tested two of those but still needs to test the third, according to the report.

On its own, the weapons agency tested the critical Nuclear Management Information System and two of 10 non-critical systems, all classified as Y2K compliant, the audit said.

The agency agreed with the audit findings, although its acting director, George Ullrich, said in a Sept. 30 letter to the IG's office that agency officials had been unaware that independent testing was needed to verify a system wouldn't crash in the year 2000.

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Hundreds track Texas death row escapee

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Hundreds of officers used tracking dogs and helicopters Friday to search the wooded terrain of northern Walker County following the first successful death row escape since a member of the Bonnie & Clyde gang broke loose in 1934.

Six other death row inmates fell to the ground and surrendered when a guard spotted them jumping from a roof inside the prison complex and fired 18 to 20 shots, prison spokesman Larry Fitzgerald said.

But Martin E. Gurule, 29, of Corpus Christi cleared two razor wire-topped perimeter fences and avoided bullets to escape, officials said.

"We do not know if we hit him," Fitzgerald said. No blood was found, he said, either from a gunshot wound or from injuries that might have been inflicted by the razor wire.

Gurule killed the owner and a cook at a Corpus Christi restaurant during a robbery in 1992. He and his girlfriend, a former employee of the restaurant, both were convicted in 1993 for the slayings. Malisa Smith was sentenced to 25 years in prison.

The Trinity River runs along the back of the Ellis I unit, and piney woods are on both sides.

The red-brick prison is about 15 miles north of Huntsville, which is about 65 miles north of Houston. About 70 percent of Walker County is forested. Guards lined Farm Road 980, the road leading to the prison, as the search continued.

Officials said about 500 law enforcement officers, including from nearby towns and counties, joined in the manhunt.

Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow broke into nearby Eastham Prison in January of 1934 with guns blazing. They shot and killed two guards and freed Barrow's cousin Raymond Hamilton from the 263-year sentence he awaited in his cell.

Later in 1934, Hamilton's brother, Floyd, escaped from the Walls Unit in Huntsville, which served as death row until the Ellis I unit was completed in the 1960s. He was recaptured and executed.

The Walls Unit served as death row until the Ellis Unit opened in the 1960s. Prisoners are taken from death row to the Walls Unit for executions.

Prison officials say they believe Gurule and six other death row inmates stuffed pillows and blankets in their beds ahead of time to make it appear they were in their cells, then hid somewhere inside the prison after their outside recreation period ended about 8:45 p.m. Thursday.

Fitzgerald said it's believed they broke through the door to the recreation area, peeled back a fence that separates the recreation yard from the general yard, then climbed onto a roof, where they waited until after midnight.

The inmates shed their white prison uniforms and used felt pens

to dye their underwear black, Fitzgerald said, making it harder for them to be spotted in the dark.

A guard spotted the inmates jumping from the roof about 12:15 a.m. Friday and sounded the alarm. Gurule ran 25 to 30 yards and scaled two fences, about 10 to 20 feet apart, that rim the perimeter of the prison, officials said — despite the rolled razor wire atop them.

"We do consider this inmate dangerous," prison spokesman Larry Todd said. "We have no reason to believe that he is armed, but we do think that they had been planning this for several days."

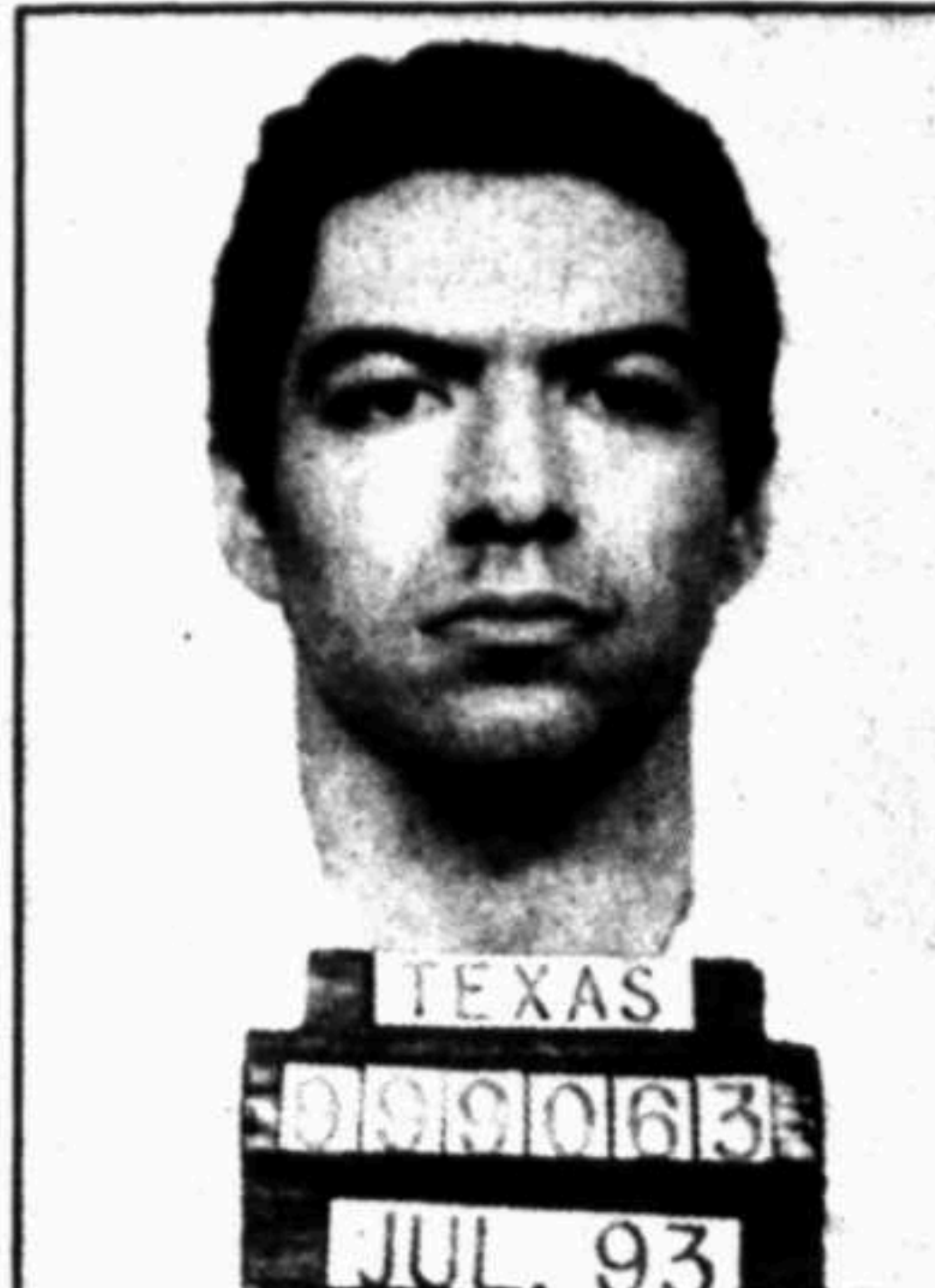
The other six inmates were identified as Henry Dunn, 24; James Clayton, 32; Howard Guidry, 22; Ponca Wilkerson, 27; Gustavo Garcia, no age available; and Eric

Cathey, no age available.

The only people living nearby are thought to be prison officials. The prison is about four miles from Riverside, a community of 320 people whose downtown consists of two gas stations.

Since 1996, Gurule had worked in the garment factory where all inmates work if they're able. Recently, because of good time credits, he had been made a wing orderly, which means he performed janitor-type chores. A fringe benefit was in the summer you get air-conditioning.

Last December, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals turned down an appeal by Gurule that challenged the exclusion of two people from jury service in his case. But no date had been set for his execution.



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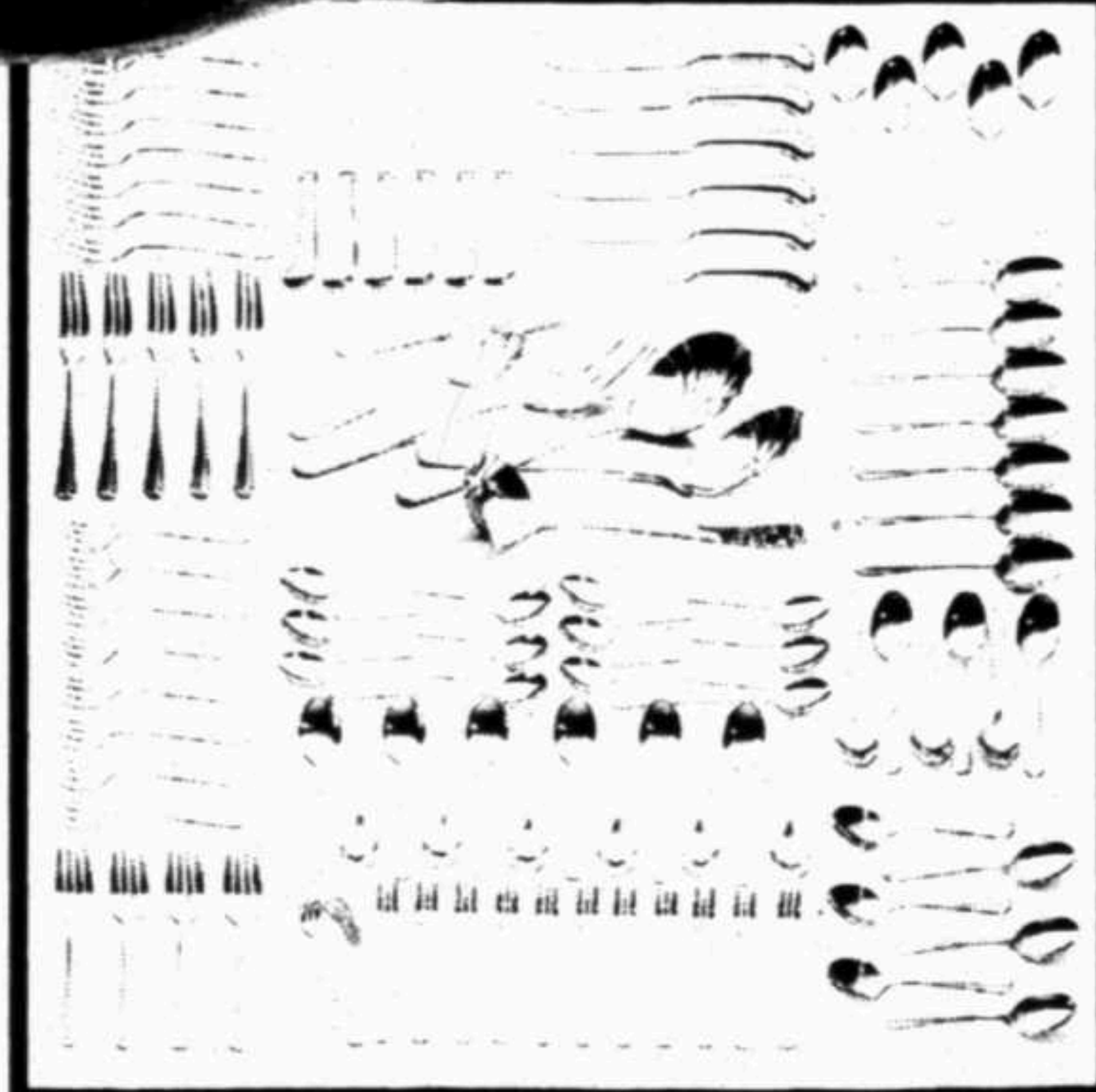


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TV Sports

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Michigan State at Penn State, noon, ABC.

Bayou Classic, Grambling State vs. Southern, 1 p.m., NBC.

Miami at Syracuse, 2:30 p.m., CBS.

Tennessee at Vanderbilt, 2:30 p.m., ESPN2.

Notre Dame at Southern California, 7 p.m., ABC.

Michigan at Hawaii, 8:30 p.m., ESPN2.

TENNIS — ATP Tour World Championship, semifinal match (same-day tape), 3 p.m., ESPN.

ATP Tour World Championship, semifinal match (same-day tape), 6:30 p.m., ESPN2.

GOLF — The Skins Game, third round, 3:30 p.m., ABC.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL — Puerto Rico Shootout, championship, 7 p.m., ESPN.

Great Alaska Shootout, championship, 11 p.m., ESPN.

BOXING — Dabelys Hurtado (28-1-0) vs. Kostya Tszyu (21-1-1) for vacant WBC super lightweight championship; champion Luisito Espinoza (43-7-0) vs. Kennedy McKinney (33-3-1) for WBC featherweight championship, 10 p.m., HBO.

Texas Scores

NHL — Dallas Stars 4, Washington Capitals 0.

WPHL — Odessa Jackalopes 4, Alexandria Warthogs 3.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL — Texas 26, Texas A&M 24.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL — Women, No. 15 Texas Tech at Stanford, late.

JUCO BASKETBALL — Men, Chap Shootout, Chaparral Center: Odessa College 83, Western Oklahoma 77.

Hill College 70, Midland College 67, overtime.

PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS — Class 5A Division II, Regional semifinal, Midland Lee 43, Copperas Cove 17.

Class 2A Division II, Regional semifinal, Stanton 35, Albany 7.

PREP BASKETBALL — San Antonio Marshall boys 76, Midland High 75.

Midland High girls 74, San Antonio MacArthur 60.

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Midland Lee boys at Arlington Martin tournament, no score reported.

Sports Today

WPHL — Odessa Jackalopes at Arkansas Glaciers, 7 p.m.

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JUCO BASKETBALL — Men, Chap Shootout, Chaparral Center: Odessa College vs. Hill College, 5:45 p.m.

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PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS — Class 5A Division I Quarterfinal, Odessa Permian (10-2) vs. Duncanville (9-3), 1 p.m., Texas Stadium, Irving. RADIO: KCRS (103.3 FM).

TCAL Six-man state championship, Midland Trinity (7-5) vs. Galveston Heritage (11-1), 1 p.m., Maverick Stadium, Arlington.

PREP BASKETBALL — Midland High boys at San Antonio Northside tournament.

Midland Lee boys at Arlington Martin tournament.

Midland High girls at San Antonio Northeast tournament.

Midland Lee girls at Harlingen tournament.

Bulldogs fall

SAN ANTONIO — They might not remember the Alamo, but the Midland High Bulldogs might want to forget about San Antonio.

After winning 34 straight games on the court, Midland High returned to the last place it suffered a loss — the San Antonio Northside Tournament. The Bulldogs lost to San Antonio Marshall 76-75 on a bank shot at the buzzer.

Please see **MHS/7B**

Lee clobbers Copperas Cove

■ Rebels have no trouble dispatching Cinderella Copperas Cove.

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO — Midland Lee was in no mood to be fooling around at San Angelo Stadium Friday night even though they had to play the role of the Grinch stealing Thanksgiving.

LEE
Midland Lee 43
Copperas Cove 17

Well, Lee wasted no time in jumping on the Loved Ones, marching 70 yards in six plays for a 7-0 lead. Fullback Clint McNutt had a 41-yard run to set up his own 2-yard scoring run and a 7-0 lead.

It marked the third consecutive playoff game that Lee has scored on its first drive of the game. It also set the stage for a feature half from McNutt, who had 161 yards and four touchdowns — at the half. He didn't play again because he was so dehydrated.

"We just knew that this was going to be a tough team and that we had to step it up," McNutt said. "I was surprised that it was so easy, but maybe that's because we worked hard. I had huge holes and I have to give that credit to my offensive line. They really did it for me."

But McNutt was merely polite. He showed rare speed coming from a fullback, breaking several long runs, including two TD romps of 14 and 38 yards. By the time McNutt took to the dressing room at the half, Lee led 36-3, giving Lee coach Parchman his first third round playoff win at Lee in four years.

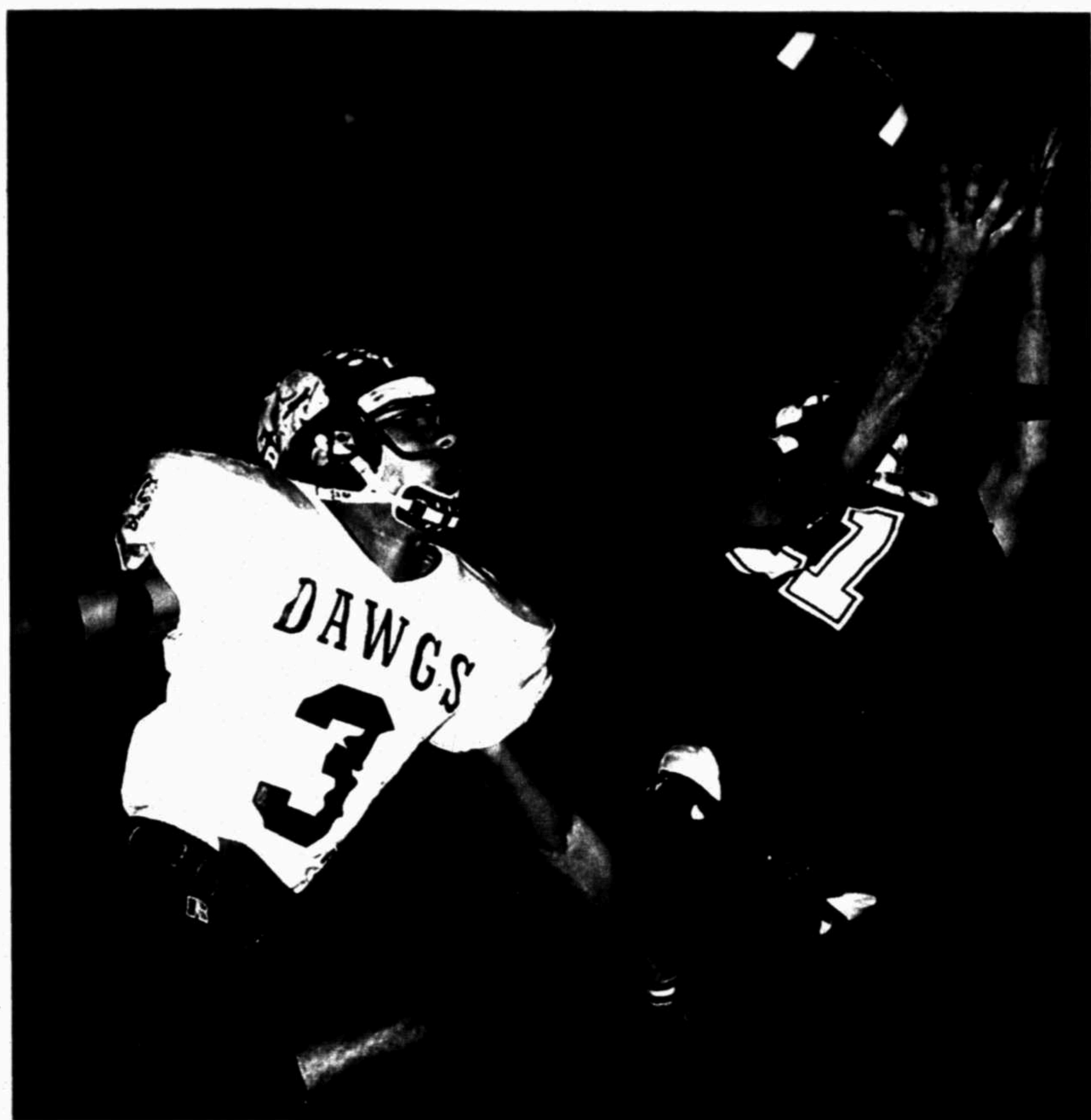
"I was shocked at the half," Parchman said. "This is a quality football team we played tonight. Who know what happened? We did some good things early, got on a roll and just started steam rolling. Then again, maybe we're getting a little better along the way. I hope it's that one."

The Midland Lee defensive secondary also went on a record binge with four interceptions against Cove's John MacDonald, giving the Rebels 22 for the year, a school record they tied last week at 18. Also safety Eric Neatherlin had two picks to give him 10 for the year, tying John Norman for the single season interception lead.

"People have been talking to me about the interception record, so I knew about it," Neatherlin said.

On his second interception of the night, Neatherlin had to wrestle the ball out of the hands of a Cove receiver.

Please see **LEE/5B**



Midland Lee receiver Eric Clodfelter stretches out for a reception in front of Copperas Cove defender Jason Adams (3) during the Rebels' 43-17 tautology of the Cove Bulldogs Friday night in San Angelo.

LONGHORNS' RECORD DAY

Williams tops Dorsett

'Horns RB ends up with career rushing record

By Jim Vertuno
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN — With a big run in a big game, Ricky Williams got the big record that had stood for more than two decades.

Williams became the leading rusher in Division I-A history Friday, breaking Tony Dorsett's 22-year-old mark in Texas' 26-24 victory over No. 6 Texas A&M.

He smashed the record with a dazzling 60-yard run in the first quarter.

"I had a smile after I broke that one tackle," Williams said. "I knew I had broken the record."

Williams, a favorite to join Dorsett as a Heisman Trophy winner, finished with 259 yards on 44 carries and 6,279 yards for his career. Dorsett rushed for 6,082 at Pittsburgh from 1973-76.

After the game, Texas fans chanted "Heisman" and a two-minute video chronicling Williams' years at Texas played on the stadium TV screen.

Texas officials presented the game ball and Williams' jersey to Dorsett and two other Heisman winners — John David Crow of Texas A&M and Earl Campbell of Texas. The jersey and the ball will be taken to the college football Hall of Fame in South Bend, Ind.

"It's special to me that those guys were on the sideline to watch me play," Williams said. "Hopefully I can



Texas running back Ricky Williams, right, receives congratulations from Tony Dorsett, left, after Williams broke Dorsett's all-time Division I-A rushing record during Texas' 26-24 win over Texas A&M Friday in Austin.

be considered one of the best."

Williams came into the game needing 63 yards to break Dorsett's mark and shattered the record in dramatic fashion.

After gaining 52 yards on 13 carries, he took a handoff from quarterback Major Applewhite on first-and-10

Please see **RECORD/4B**

Stockton's foot saves Williams' day



Texas kicker Kris Stockton runs toward the sideline as his teammates and Longhorn fans celebrate his last-second field goal, which gave Texas a 26-24 win Friday in Austin.

By Michael A. Lu tz
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN — Ricky Williams got to be the hero and almost the bad guy.

Williams became the NCAA Division I-A career rushing leader, but it took four field goals by Kris Stockton, the last with five seconds to play, and a fierce defense for Texas to beat No. 6 Texas A&M 26-24 Friday.

The loss snapped the Aggies' 10-game winning streak. Williams entered the game with 6,020 yards, needing 63 to break Tony Dorsett's record of 6,082. He finished with 259 yards on 44 carries for a career total of 6,279. He broke the record on a 60-yard touchdown run in the first quarter.

Williams also lost two fumbles that led to Aggies touchdowns, the second coming in the fourth quarter when the Aggies scored 17 points and took a 24-23 lead before Stockton got the game-winner.

"I hope I'm considered one of the best," Williams said. "I'm just happy that I can make people proud of me, but I never thought when I was a freshman that things would turn out this way."

Please see **GAME/4B**

Bufs biact undefeated Albany, 35-7

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

SWEETWATER — Albany was just one of the many obstacles left for Stanton on the way to a repeat Class 2A title.

The Lions were undefeated, possessed a swarming defense and a dangerous passing quarterback.

So much for this obstacle as the Stanton Buffaloes leaped over the Lions by containing them to 83 total yards in a 35-7 regional round win Friday night.

"Defensively we really played well. The defense has really stepped up its intensity over the past few weeks," said Stanton coach Mark Cotton, who will guide his team into the quarterfinals next Friday at a place to be determined. "Tonight, I felt like we struggled at times offensively. They (The Lions) were playing all kinds of games up there."

The Lions (12-1) kept Kyle Herm's passing contained to just 55 yards passing and one touchdown. But Albany couldn't contain Stanton's running game and the alternating backfield of James Jenkins, Jeremy Hull, Adrian Hernandez and fullback Jody Louder — all of whom helped the Bufs gain 213 yards on the ground.

"I feel we've got some outstanding running backs and they all bring something different to the game," Cotton said. "If you're looking for pure speed, the sophomore Hull has got the speed. And if you're looking for

Please see **STANTON/6B**

Hill pulls out overtime win against Chaps

By Aaron Gutierrez
MRT Correspondent

Hill College stunned Midland College by pulling out an overtime victory on the first day of the Chap Shoot-Out at the Chap Center, 70-67.

The Chaps (5-4) couldn't get rid of the pesky Runnin' Rebels and eventually found themselves scratching their heads as to why they lost.

"We got comfortable with our lead and they (Hill College) wouldn't go away," said Midland College coach Pat Rafferty. "They kept it close and we were never able to put them away."

The Chaps had some chances to put some distance between themselves and Hill College but they let the Rebels stay within a few points due to costly turnovers and poor execution.

The Chaps shot themselves in the foot by committing 21 turnovers to the nine turnovers of Hill College.

"We played a tough team tonight and we

Please see **CHAPS/6B**

Red has passion for Purple

■ San Antonio billionaire Red McCombs is enjoying his recent purchase: the Minnesota Vikings.

By Brad Townsend
The Dallas Morning News

SAN ANTONIO — Anyone who has met Billy Joe "Red" McCombs, even briefly, can attest that the name epitomizes the personality.

But those who know McCombs, the 71-year-old auto dealership magnate and first-year Minnesota Vikings owner, realize the truer reflection of this billionaire is what he eats, and how he eats it.

On this Wednesday, McCombs' lunch fare is a submarine club sandwich. Takeout. For flavor, McCombs has added his own condiments: Tabasco sauce, extra bell peppers and chili-pepper powder.

McCombs' ranch house-decor office, overlooking the showroom of his northwest San Antonio Ford dealership, is so cluttered that he has to clear room on his desk for his plate of tortilla chips (doused with Tabasco) and diet cola.

This is the office from which McCombs runs his dealership chain, more than 100 other businesses, and now, his \$327 million July acquisition: the Vikings.

McCombs, wearing khaki slacks and a purple Vikings short-sleeved shirt, has just signed off on a ticket-price increase for 1999. A barrage of media calls is imminent. The Vikings are four days from a division showdown against Green Bay.

But McCombs is day-dreaming ahead, to Vikings-Cowboys on Thanksgiving Day.

"How, in my first year, do I get this huge game?" he asks. "Hey, here's Red McCombs, with the Vikings. Against the Cowboys. And Jerry Jones. In Texas Stadium. On Thanksgiving."

"To me, that's a goose-bump kind of feeling."

To say that McCombs mentally circled Thanksgiving on the day he purchased the Vikings would be only partly true. In reality, it is a date, a dream, more than 40 years in the making.

But finally getting an NFL team is one thing. Buying a team and watching it blossom to an NFC-best 11-1 record is quite another. McCombs admits he hasn't stopped floating since the Vikings' season-opening, 31-7 win over Tampa Bay, after which the players voted him the game ball.

Some would say McCombs purchased the Viking: a lucky time. But many Vikings say their fortune turned the day McCombs took over. They say he has infused vibrancy, and money, into what used to be one of the NFL's most fragmented, underachieving franchises.

"Red's enthusiastic leadership has meant more to us than anyone can imagine," says Minnesota coach Dennis Green, who received a surprise, three-year contract extension from McCombs on the

eve of the opener. "What's happened is a tribute to Red. He put up a lot of money for the team. He's proud of the team. He's told people they should be proud, too."

To Minnesotans, McCombs is a walking, talking Texan caricature, hooting, high-fiving and extolling "Purple Pride" to fans at every Vikings home game. Back home in San Antonio, 1,100 miles away, he is, simply, ol' Red.

He is the old car salesman who moved from Corpus Christi to San Antonio in 1958, bellowing on TV ads: "No payment 'til June!" and "All '58s must go!"

He is the former owner of pro basketball's San Antonio Spurs (1973-82 and 1988-93) and Denver Nuggets (1982-86) whose sentences, much like his sandwiches, are peppered with exclamation points.

McCombs is the 6-1 grandfather of eight whose low, booming voice and, uh, blunt enthusiasm, to this day make him a commanding presence in any room.

He is a native of the small West Texas town of Spur whose rise from modest youth, to law-school dropout, to Edsel dealer, to entrepreneur, to billionaire is a McMurtry-like folk tale. Now, finally, he has the portfolio piece that he always wanted - an NFL team.

"There are 31 of these 1/8NFL teams 3/8 in the world," he says. "That's pretty swift current. For several years, I had the sixth-largest automotive dealer group in the U.S., but never did I go anywhere that anyone recognized me as such."

"But from the day I bought the Vikings, wherever I am, I hear, 'Hey, that's the guy who bought the Vikings.' That's not because of me. That's because of the Vikings."

McCombs' path to NFL ownership is a testament to his car-salesman persistence and a history lesson in sports economics.

In 1953, as a 26-year-old car salesman, McCombs co-bought the Corpus Christi Clippers of the Class B Big State baseball league, with University of Texas classmate Bob Hamric. McCombs' initial stake: \$10,000. "That was every nickel I had and every nickel I could borrow."

In 1967, McCombs approached then-NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle about getting an expansion team in San Antonio. Rozelle said the NFL was more interested in the Mexico market, so McCombs bought and operated a semi-pro football team in Monterrey.

In 1968, McCombs and San Antonio beer distributor John Monfrey negotiated to buy the Denver Broncos, coming, as McCombs says, "within a hair of buying the Broncos and moving them to San Antonio."

In 1973, McCombs was the "money man" in the group of 23 San Antonio investors that leased the ABA Dallas Chaparrals (who became the Spurs) for \$800,000. McCombs' stake was \$264,000, and

he recalls his wife, Charline, having to talk him into the deal.

In 1988, after selling the Spurs in 1983 in order to purchase the Nuggets, McCombs re-purchased the Spurs for \$47 million. Five years later, he sold the Spurs for \$90 million.

In 1993, McCombs' bid to bring an NFL expansion team to San Antonio failed when the city didn't make the list of four finalists.

So, understand McCombs' reasons, emotionally and economically, for taking a hands-on approach in running his new \$327 million toy. McCombs recalls one of his first conversations with Green:

"I said, 'I'm not an investor; I'm an owner. And I'm going to be involved.'"

McCombs also informed Green that he is "a locker-room kind of guy," and asked whether Green had a problem with that.

"Heck, I don't have any problems with it," answered Green, as if he had a choice. "I'm glad you're interested."

Asked whether he is as involved as his friend, Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, McCombs laughs and says, "Well, I don't think any of us are."

Still, Vikings players haven't forgotten McCombs, before a training camp scrimmage, grabbing a microphone to thank the 7,000 fans who came to the 5,000-seat facility. Then, seeing his players huddled for the first play of the scrimmage, McCombs joined in.

"I just decided to hear what they were talking about," he says. "That was about the middle of training camp. By that time, I was pretty well into the clouds."

Says veteran Vikings receiver Chris Carter: "Red is real people. He has embraced us, and we have embraced him."

The same goes for Charline, McCombs' wife of 48 years. When Red owned the Spurs and Nuggets, Charline had a percentage, too. She quickly became a favorite of the players, often sending cookies and other gifts on special occasions.

When quarterback Brad Johnson, the Vikings' season-opening starter, fractured his right fibula the second game, he was touched when McCombs left a message on his answering machine.

And when quarterback Randall Cunningham injured his ankle and knee two weeks ago, Charline says, "It really got me. I was so upset. I'm so fond of him and his wife. It was really a shocker."

The next day, Cunningham had arthroscopic surgery. At about 7 p.m., Green called Charline, not Red, to update her on Cunningham's condition.

"He said that Randall was going to be fine, that he was walking," Charline says, "and that Randall wanted me to know that everything was going to be all right."

Charline was staying in the McCombs' Colorado ranch house when Red called to say, "You'd better start buying purple."

McCombs had been negotiating for more than a year. His initial bid of \$178 million had been topped by best-selling author Tom Clancy.

When Clancy didn't have the money to back up his bid, McCombs was given another chance. He had underestimated the size of the NFL's new TV con-

tract, which enabled him to increase his next bid. The added stability of a new labor agreement was another significant factor, McCombs says.

"The only thing I was a little bit concerned about," says Charline, "was, 'Where are we going to find the time to do this?' And, 'Why are we doing this now, at this stage of our lives?'"

But any reticence, Charline says, was erased when she and Red arrived in Minneapolis for the first game. And when she saw Red's "exuberance" of being an owner.

And after all those years of trying to get an NFL team for San Antonio, McCombs didn't consider moving the Vikings because he believed the team was distinctly Minnesotan.

Before the Vikings came along, the McCombses indeed were enjoying a less-heretic time in their lives. In 1997, they donated \$6 million to Red's first college, Southwestern University, and \$3 million for a new women's softball complex at Texas.

McCombs joked that the reason he donated so much money to Southwestern was because it was the only school that let him play football. In 1945, as a 17-year-old, he had hitchhiked from Corpus Christi to Rice, then Texas A&M, then SMU, then TCU, then Baylor, looking for a place to play football.

After McCombs practiced for three weeks at Baylor, the athletic director, Bill Henderson, told McCombs he appreciated his hard work but that he didn't have room for him.

Henderson called the coach at Southwestern, and McCombs hitchhiked there, his belongings in a small bundle and less than a dollar in his pocket.

"I never set a goal involving money in my life," McCombs says. "I just always liked to do well in what I was doing. But along the way, I picked up a sack full of money."

As he talks, McCombs is driving to San Antonio's far north side, to Mary Hull Elementary School. McCombs took interest in the school several years ago after reading that the school had been vandalized.

At the time, the school, full of at-risk students, was in danger of being shut down. Two years later, in 1996, Mary Hull was the only San Antonio elementary honored as a U.S. Blue Ribbon winner for academic excellence.

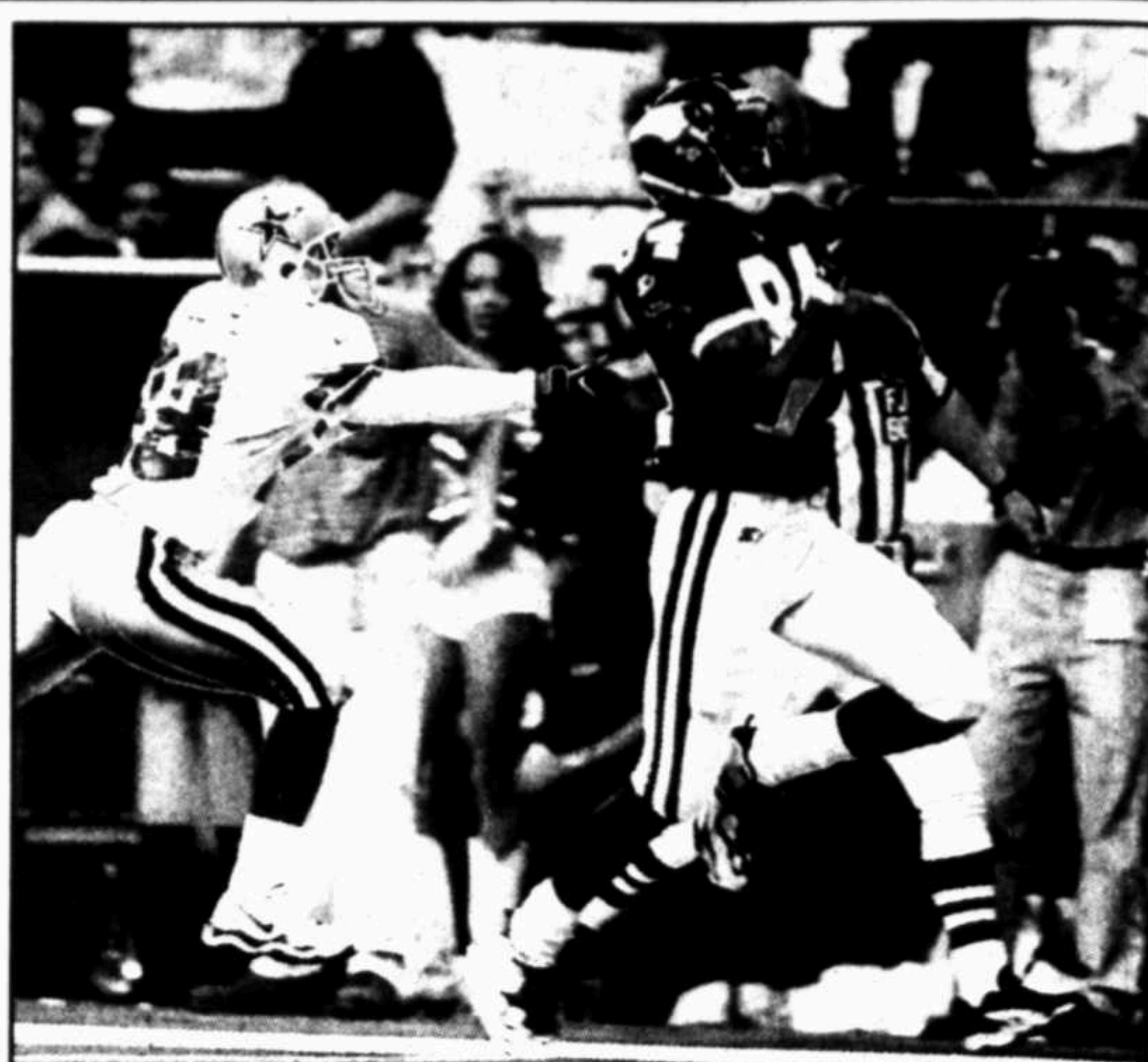
On this day, McCombs comes to read to one of the classes. As soon as he steps on the school grounds, students yell, "Mr. McCombs! Mr. McCombs!" and run up to hug him. The principal, Roberto Zarate, wearing a Vikings tie, has tears in his eyes as McCombs leaves.

"We've had a real love affair, and we appreciate it, let me tell you," Zarate says to McCombs. "We couldn't have done it without you."

San Antonio is still a Cowboys city, but McCombs' Vikings have become a strong No. 2. No wonder. McCombs, the salesman, convinced the local Fox TV affiliate to show Minnesota games when they don't conflict with Dallas games.

And, at the rate McCombs is going, handing out Vikings shirts, hats and Purple Pride towels to everyone in sight, half the city will be dressed in purple.

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Minnesota Vikings wide receiver Randy Moss (84) runs away from Dallas Cowboys cornerback Terry Billsups on his 56-yard touchdown during the Vikings' 46-36 win Thursday in Irving.

'Boys hope for rematch with Vikings in playoffs

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — The Dallas Cowboys hope they can play the Minnesota Vikings again in the NFL playoffs in January with a healthy Deion Sanders at cornerback.

But would it do any good against sensational Randy Moss, the wide receiver the Cowboys wouldn't take because of his off-the-field problems?

Moss burned the Cowboys for three touchdowns on only three receptions in a 46-36 Vikings victory Thursday.

Greg Ellis, the defensive end who was picked in the first round of the NFL draft by the Cowboys instead of Moss, said the Vikings "are the most explosive offense that we've faced."

And that includes unbeaten Denver, which beat the Cowboys earlier in the season.

"They aren't the type of team that will drive the field on you," Ellis said. "They go for it and try for the big play. We knew it and didn't stop it."

Ellis said the Cowboys shouldn't be blamed for not taking Moss.

"There is no comparison between me and Moss," he said. "It's my belief that Mr. (Jerry) Jones and the entire Cowboys organization needed a defensive lineman. They would have taken someone like Andre Wadsworth, but he wasn't available, so they took me."

Dallas coach Chan Gailey was

impressed by the Vikings.

"They are a scoring machine," he said. "But I didn't think they would score that many against us."

Randall Cunningham threw four touchdown passes as Dallas crumbled without the injured Sanders in the secondary.

Another Vikings victory or a Green Bay loss would wrap up the division crown for Minnesota which has an NFC-best record of 11-1. Dallas dropped to 8-4 but still has a 1 1/2-game lead over Arizona in the NFC East.

Moss caught two touchdown passes for 56 yards and another for 51. He also drew a 50-yard interference penalty that set up another score. Cunningham also had a 54-yard TD pass to Chris Carter.

"It would have been a different game if we were healthy," Ellis said. "But we should have won anyway."

Dallas linebacker Randall Godfrey said the Cowboys are hoping for another shot at the Vikings in the playoffs.

"Hopefully, we'll see them again," Godfrey said. "If we do, we'll be ready."

Running back Emmitt Smith, who scored three touchdowns and tied Marcus Allen for the all-time NFL career mark with 123 rushing scores, said the Cowboys need to forget the Vikings quickly.

"The big picture is we still have an opportunity to get into the playoffs," Smith said. "Maybe we'll see the Vikings again."

Jeffers offers bright spot for Dallas' receiving corps

N.Y. Times News Service

IRVING — The Cowboys continue to lose receivers to injuries. But their passing game seems to be in good hands.

Jeff Ogden suffered a right shoulder bruise in the first half of yesterday's 46-36 loss to the Minnesota Vikings, joining Ernie Mills and Deion Sanders on the Cowboys' receiver hit list. But Patrick Jeffers stepped in to add to his local-boy-makes-good legend, making three catches for 92 yards, including a 67-yard touchdown for the Cowboys.

"Pat did a nice job," Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman said of the Fort Worth Country Day graduate. "I have a lot of confidence in him. He makes plays and runs excellent routes."

Jeffers, who came to the Cowboys in a trade with Denver before the season, was inactive for eight of the

Cowboys' first nine games. He caught his first pass against Arizona Nov. 15, and Sunday against Seattle he nearly scored on a pass from Aikman at the end of the first half.

With 2:32 left in the first half yesterday, he beat Vikings defensive back Jimmy Hitchcock on a post route and won a foot race to the end zone.

"On the touchdown play, I was just hoping (Hitchcock) wouldn't dive to trip me up," Jeffers said. "I just looked for the ball and ran as fast as I could."

After the game, the 6-foot-3, 217-pound Jeffers heard comparisons to Broncos receiver Ed McCaffrey, who leads the AFC in receiving yards. He doesn't seem to mind such talk.

"There's always going to be comparisons to Ed," Jeffers said. "He's the standard for tall white guys."

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Philadelphia	10	7	4	24	56	46	+10	(pp)	
Pittsburgh	9	8	5	23	58	47	+11		
N.Y. Islanders	10	7	3	23	58	47	+11		
N.Y. Rangers	9	7	7	25	51	47	+4		
NORTHEAST DIVISION									
Toronto	10	7	3	23	58	47	+11		
Boston	10	7	3	23	58	47	+11		
Ottawa	10	7	3	23	58	47	+11		
Buffalo	10	7	3	23	58	47	+11		
Montreal	10	7	3	23	58	47	+11		
SOUTHEAST DIVISION									
Carolina	10	7	3	23	58	47	+11		
Florida	10	7	3	23	58	47	+11		
Washington	10	7	3	23	58	47	+11		
Tampa Bay	10	7	3	23	58	47	+11		
WESTERN CONFERENCE									
Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	Diff	Goalies	Notes
St. Louis	10	7	3	23	58	47	+11		
San Jose	10	7	3	23	58	47	+11		
Edmonton	10	7	3	23	58	47	+11		
Vancouver	10	7	3	23	58	47	+11		
Colorado	10	7	3	23	58	47	+11		
Calgary	10	7	3	23	58	47	+11		
CENTRAL DIVISION									
Detroit	10	7	3	23	58	47	+11		
St. Louis	10	7	3	23	58	47	+11		
Nashville	10	7	3	23	58	47	+11		
Chicago	10	7	3	23	58	47	+11		
NORTHWEST DIVISION									
Edmonton	10	7	3	23	58	47	+11		
Vancouver	10	7	3	23	58	47	+11		
Colorado	10	7	3	23	58	47	+11		
Calgary	10	7	3	23	58	47	+11		

All-Big 12 Team

DALLAS (AP) — The All-Big 12

Conference football team, as selected by the league coaches and released on Friday.

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

Tight End: Derek Lewis, Texas, 6-2, 235, Sr., New Orleans, La.

Offensive Line: Ryan Young, Kansas State, 6-6, 330, Sr., St. Louis, Mo.; Rob Ritt, Missouri, 6-3, 285, Jr., St. Louis, Mo.; Craig Hammer, Missouri, 6-3, 313, Sr., Belleville, Ill.; Josh Hawley, Nebraska, 6-3, 290, Sr., Mustang, Okla.; Jay Humphrey, Texas, 6-7, 300, Sr., Richardson, Texas.

Wide Receiver: Darnell McDougal, Kansas State, 6-3, 200, Sr., College Park, Md.; Wayne McGarity, Texas, 5-10, 180, Sr., San Antonio.

Quarterback: Michael Bishop, Kansas State, 6-1, 205, Sr., Willis, Texas.

Running Back: Devin West, Missouri, 5-2, 225, Sr., Moberly, Mo.; Ricky Williams, Texas, 5-9, 185, So., Liberty, Mo.

Punt Returner: David Allen (also RB), Kansas State, 5-9, 185, So., Liberty, Mo.

Placekicker: Martin Gramatica, Kansas State, 5-9, 175, Sr., Buenos Aires, Argentina.

End/Outside Linebacker: Darren Howard, Kansas State, 6-2, 270, Jr., St. Petersburg, Fla.; Monte Reagor, Texas Tech, 6-2, 270, Sr., Waxahatchie, Texas.

Interior Line: Justin Wyatt, Missouri, 6-4, 275, Sr., Hermann, Mo.; Kelly Gragg, Oklahoma State, 6-2, 285, Jr., Edmond, Okla.; Taurus Richard, Texas Tech, 6-2, 255, Jr., Denison, Texas.

Linebacker: Jeff Kelly, Kansas State, 6-0, 250, Sr., LaGrange, Ga.; Dat Nguyen, Texas A&M, 5-11, 221, Sr., Rockport, Texas.

Defensive Back: Ralph Brown, Nebraska, 5-9, 180, Jr., Hacienda Heights, Calif.; Lamar Chaparral, Kansas State, 6-0, 180, Jr., Liberal, Kan.; Jarrod Cooper, Kansas State, 1-205, So., Pearland, Texas; Harold Piersey, Missouri, 6-2, 202, Sr., Kansas City, Kan.

Punter: Shane Lechler, Texas A&M, 6-2, 220, Jr., East Bernard, Texas.

Kick Returner: Ben Kelly (also DB), Oklahoma State, 5-10, 185, So., Cleveland, Ohio.

Tight End: Sheldon Jackson, Nebraska, 6-4, 245, Sr., Diamond Bar, Calif.

Offensive Line: Derrick Fletcher, Baylor, 6-6, 344, Sr., Aldine, Texas; Jeremy Offutt, Oklahoma State, 6-5, 295, Sr., Pans, Texas; Adam Davis, Oklahoma State, 6-4, 274, Jr., Hobart, Okla.; Ben Adams, Texas, 6-5, 315, Sr., LaGrange, Ga.; Stephen Davis, Texas Tech, 6-5, 327, Jr., Stephenville, Texas.

Wide Receivers: Darin Chavon, Colorado, 6-3, 198, Sr., Denver, Colo.; Mattie Brown, Iowa State, 5-10, 175, Sr., San Bernardino, Calif.; Donnie Hart, Texas Tech, 6-1, 197, Sr., Wolffort, Texas.

Quarterback: Corby Jones, Missouri, 6-1, 222, Sr., Columbia, Mo.; Running Back: Ricky Williams, Texas Tech, 5-9, 185, So., Liberty, Mo.; Defensive Back: Nathan Simmons, Oklahoma State, 5-10, 200, Jr., Boulder, Colo.

Placekicker: Kris Brown, Nebraska, 5-10, 205, Sr., Southlake, Texas; Kick Returner: Joe Walker, Nebraska, 5-10, 200, So., Arlington, Texas.

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

End/Outside Linebacker: Chad Kelsay, Nebraska, 6-3, 250, Sr., Auburn, Neb.; Mike Rucker, Nebraska, 6-6, 260, Sr., St. Joseph, Mo.

Interior Line: Aaron Marshall, Colorado, 6-4, 280, Sr., Chicago, Ill.; Darnell McDougal, Kansas State, 6-4, 280, Jr., Hollywood, Fla.; Cedric Brown, Texas Tech, 6-1, 300, So., Galveston, Texas.

Linebacker: Mark Simoneau, Kansas State, 6-0, 240, Jr., Smith Center, Kan.; Kenyatta Wright, Oklahoma State, 6-1, 235, Jr., Vian, Okla.

Defensive Back: Gary Baxter, Baylor, 6-1, 193, So., Tyler, Texas; Wade Perkins, Missouri, 6-1, 189, Sr., Las Vegas, Nev.; Kyle Attebery, Baylor, 6-0, 174, Jr., Kingwood, Texas.

Punter Returner: John Norman, Texas Tech, 6-1, 210, So., Midland, Texas.

THIRD TEAM OFFENSE

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College Basketball

Men's Scores

SOUTHWEST

Ark.-Monticello 77, Lyon 71

Houston Baptist 100, Sul Ross St. 76

Incarnate Word 81, Texas Coll. 43

Oklahoma Baptist 72, Park 70

Oklahoma City 104, Huston-Tillotson 66

S. Nazarene 85, St. Edwards 70

SE Oklahoma 92, Jarvis Christian 58

Texas A&M Commerce 75, Texas Wesleyan 58

W. Texas A&M 105, C.W. Post 52

EAST

Connecticut 111, Wagner 46

Kansas St. UNLV 50

Miami, Ohio 70, Boston U 53

St. Bonaventure 61, Rider 58

Villanova 71, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 68

SOUTH

Miami 78, N. Iowa 69

N. Carolina St. 93, Charleston Southern 57

Wake Forest 59, Davidson 58

FAIR WEST

Wyoming 70, Montana St. 76

TOURNAMENTS

Carnegie Mellon 52

Consolation Bracket

Alaska-Anchorage 88, North Darme 82

CLASSIC

St. Mary's, Cal. 85, Utah 77

Citibank-Alaska Big Island

Invitational

First Round

Georgia Tech 65, New Orleans 62

EAST

St. Louis 85, Evansville 55

Coca-Cola Spartan Classic

First Round

Illinois St. 50, Missouri-Kansas City 40

SOUTHERN

Southern Miss. 61, Holston 60

Valdosta State 61, Baylor 61

IGA Super/Thriller Shootout

First Round

Murray St. 91, Ark.-Little Rock 66

Oklahoma 102, W. Virginia 66

Pepsi-Marlet Classic

First Round

Marquette 68, Colgate 54

Vermont 61, Colgate 54

Preston-NIT

Championship

North Carolina 49, Connecticut 49

Third Round

Purdue 70, St. John's 69

Purdue St. John's Shootout

First Round

San Francisco 62, American U. P.R. 46

Xavier 74, Colorado 61

Semifinals

Maryland 70, UCLA 54

Pittsburgh 68, Kentucky 56

Top 25 Boxes

No. 2 Connecticut 111, Wagner 46

WAGNER (0-2): Read 15-0-0-2, Perry 15-0-0-2, Jones 15-0-0-2, Moore 15-0-0-2, DeBlasi 15-0-0-2, McClinton 15-0-0-2, Kabore 15-0-0-2, Myrland 15-0-0-2, Kauder 15-0-0-2, Bok 15-0-0-2, Moore 15-0-0-2, Ahrendt 15-0-0-2, Moore 15-0-0-2, Totals 19-57-14-46

CONNECTICUT (0-0): Freeman 5-0-10-0, Hamilton 8-15-4-22, Voskuhl 5-1-1-7, Rock Moore 3-4-2-3, El-Amin 5-1-2-5, Jones 2-0-1-6, Sanders 10-0-2-0, Mouring 6-9-0-2-14, Tonelli 1-0-0-2, Harrison 0-1-0-0, Wane 3-0-0-5, Rich Moore 0-1-0-0, Saunders 5-5-5-6, Totals 43-68-19-27-111

Halftime—Connecticut 63, Wagner 23

3-Point Goals—Wagner 4, 16

Myrland 2-5, Kabore 1-3, Kauder 1-

RECORD: Williams tops Dorsett's mark on 60-yard TD run

(From 1C)

from the Texas 40, broke a tackle by linebacker Warrick Holdman and ran down the left sideline.

He got help near the goal line when receiver Wane McGarity blocked Texas A&M's Brandon Jennings out of bounds. Williams carried defensive back Jason Webster into the end zone.

The touchdown gave Texas a 10-0 lead with 1:45 left in the quarter.

It was the longest scoring play against Texas A&M this season and typical Williams. A senior, Williams has 10 touchdown runs of 50 yards or more in his career.

"It was vintage Ricky," Texas center Russell Gaskamp said. "What a great way to break the record."

Dorsett, who was on the sidelines, congratulated Williams after the record-breaking run. Williams was mobbed by his teammates on the sideline as he pumped his fist into the air.

"I just congratulated him," Dorsett said. "We just embraced. I feel almost like this is my child, being able to witness something like this. This is history."

Williams finished the season

with a school-record 2,124 yards, the fifth-highest single-season mark in NCAA Division I-A history. He broke his own school record of 1,893 set last season.

Williams also fumbled twice, both setting up A&M touchdowns. The last one allowed the Aggies to pull within 23-17 with 7:39 to play.

But Williams got the ball again on Texas' final drive, after Texas A&M had taken a 24-23 lead. He gained seven yards and a first down before running out of bounds to set up Kris Stockton's game-winning 24-yard field goal.

"Ricky just shrugs off mistakes," Applewhite said.

With the Big 12 title game between Texas A&M and Kansas State already set, Williams' run at the record had become the focus of Friday's game. Even Texas A&M players had said during the week they hoped Williams would break the record as long as they could win the game.

"He's one of the great backs and he had a good day," A&M linebacker Dat Nguyen said. "I told Ricky great job and congratulations."

Applewhite said he paid as much attention to the record as the score



AP Photo
Texas A&M linebacker Dat Nguyen, right, greets Texas' Ricky Williams after their game Friday in Austin. Texas won 26-24.

early in the game.

"I kept looking back (on hand-offs) to see if that was going to be the play," Applewhite said.

"I thought we relaxed some," Texas coach Mack Brown said after Williams had set the mark. "But I wasn't going to give the record back. I wasn't going to say 'Ricky, lose 60 yards so we can start all over again.'"

Williams reached the mark on the 981st carry of his career, 93 fewer than Dorsett (1,074).

Friday's game was Williams' last chance at the record because bowl games do not count as part of career stats.

Williams owns 16 NCAA records, including career touch-

downs (75) and points (452).

Williams had been aiming at the 1,928 yards needed to be No. 1 since announcing in January he was returning for his senior year. He began the year 37th on the all-time list.

Williams is the 14th major-college rushing leader since the NCAA began keeping statistics in 1937. Dorsett's 22-year reign, which began about six months before Williams was born, was a decade longer than any of his predecessors.

The overall NCAA rushing record is held by Brian Shay of Division II Emporia State with 6,958. Jerry Azumah of New Hampshire holds the Division I-AA mark at 6,193.

Cornhuskers' Rucker disrupts Buffaloes' offense in 16-14 win

By Tim Korte

AP Sports Writer

LINCOLN, Neb. — Mike Rucker got his first sack of the year, Kris Brown got an NCAA kicking record and Nebraska coach Frank Solich got nine victories in his first season.

Rucker forced two second-half fumbles, including one that led to Brown's third field goal, as No. 14 Nebraska beat Colorado 16-14 Friday.

The victory prevented the Cornhuskers (9-3, 5-3 Big 12) from having four losses for the first time since 1968 and gave Nebraska at least nine wins for the 30th straight year.

"The players wanted that very badly, especially when they found out they'd have to go back almost to my era to find a team that didn't get nine wins," said Solich, who played fullback for Nebraska from 1963-65.

The victory also was extraordinary for another reason. It was the first time in the modern era that the Huskers won without scoring an offensive touchdown. Records are incomplete before 1961.

A 25-yard field goal by Brown with 8:48 to play was the difference, capping a 10-play, 49-yard drive that started for the Cornhuskers when Rucker sacked Colorado quarterback Mike Moschetti.

With the Buffaloes (7-4, 4-4) facing third-and-22 at their own 35, Moschetti went back to throw. Rucker got a hand on Moschetti's throwing arm as the pocket collapsed, knocking the ball loose.

"It felt real great, being my last game," said Rucker, a senior. "Being here, you always want to go out with a big win."

Jeremy Slechta recovered for the Huskers at the Nebraska 43.

"You cannot give up sacks. You cannot get hit from the back-

side and give up those kinds of plays," said Colorado coach Rick Neuheisel.

Brown set an NCAA record with his 217th career extra point after Nebraska's only touchdown, a 42-yard interception return by Clint Finley in the first quarter.

Brown broke the NCAA record set by Derek Mahoney of Fresno State from 1990-93. On the same kick, Brown also tied Mahoney's record for attempted PATs, at 222.

When the season began,

Brown seemed a lock for those records but they didn't come easy. Earlier this fall, he saw the end of two streaks: 17 straight field goals without a miss and 125 straight successful PATs.

"Over the course of my four years, the team has got the ball in the end zone a lot of times," Brown said. "It's an honor for me because I feel I represent the guys who put the ball in the end zone."

The Buffaloes got a last chance, starting at their own 9 after Bill LaFleur's 58-yard punt pinned them back deep.

The drive didn't last long. Moschetti was sacked by Chad Kelsay for an 8-yard loss on second-and-7 at the 34, then threw two incompletions.

Nebraska 16, Colorado 14	
Colorado	7 0 7 0-14
Nebraska	7 0 7 0-14
First Quarter	
Nebraska—Finley 42 interception return (K. Brown kick), 1:19.	
Colorado—Green 17 pass from Moschetti (Aldrich kick), 6:17.	
Second Quarter	
Nebraska—FG K. Brown 30, 11:29.	
Colorado—Peele 15 pass from Moschetti (Aldrich kick), 2:02.	
Third Quarter	
Nebraska—FG K. Brown 25, 8:48.	
Colorado—Peele 15 pass from Moschetti (Aldrich kick), 2:02.	
Fourth Quarter	
Nebraska—Brown 25, 8:48.	
Colorado—Peele 15 pass from Moschetti (Aldrich kick), 2:02.	
First downs	Nebraska 18, Colorado 12
Plays-Yards	Nebraska 48-112, Colorado 37-131
Passing	Nebraska 13-18-1, Colorado 13-18-1
Run-Yards	Nebraska 43-102, Colorado 22-102
Comp-Att-Int	Nebraska 13-18-1, Colorado 13-18-1
Punts	Nebraska 5-38-2, Colorado 5-31-0
Fumbles-Lost	Nebraska 3-2-1, Colorado 2-1-0
Penalties-Yards	Nebraska 3-20-2, Colorado 2-18-0
Time of Possession	Nebraska 33:42, Colorado 26:18

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS	
RUSHING—Colorado, Barnes 25-102, Cherington 6-38, C. Johnson 2-4, Moschetti 13-102, C. Johnson 1-4-0, Nebraska, Crouch 10-22-1-12, Crouch 17-18.	
PASSING—Colorado, Moschetti 12-18-1-132, C. Johnson 1-4-0, Nebraska, Crouch 10-22-1-12, C. Johnson 1-4-0, Nebraska, Crouch 10-22-1-12, C. Johnson 1-4-0, Nebraska, Crouch 10-22-1-12.	
RECEIVING—Colorado, Green 5-72, Siggers 4-28, Peele 1-15, C. Johnson 1-13, Cherington 1-7, Moschetti 1-2, Nebraska, Wiggins 4-42, Buchhalter 3-29, Davison 2-31, S. Jackson 1-11, Cherington 1-10.	

GAME: Stockton's kick provides difference

(From 1C)

This season, Williams has rushed for 2,124 yards, the fifth-best total ever, behind Barry Sanders (2,628), Marcus Allen (2,342), Troy Davis (2,185) and Mike Rozier (2,148).

Stockton had field goals of 22, 24, 49 and the 24-yard game-winning after A&M rallied from a 23-7 deficit. The Texas defense held the Aggies to 173 total yards, their third-lowest of the year.

"I felt like all year that I've been a part of history, because Ricky has been setting records pretty much every game," wide receiver Kwame Cavil said. "As soon as he took off on (the 60-yard touchdown run) I knew he was going to get into the end zone."

Williams got the rushing record early. After gaining 52 yards on his first 13 carries, he ended the suspense late in the first quarter with his big touchdown run.

He slipped a tackle attempt by linebacker Warrick Holdman near the line of scrimmage, then cut to his left and down the sideline after eluding safety Setrick Curry.

Williams was met near the goal line by Brandon Jennings and Jason Webster. But Texas wide receiver Wane McGarity blocked Jennings and Williams carried Webster with him into the end zone with 1:45 left in the period.

"When it was time to crank it up

Texas 26, Texas A&M 24	
Texas A&M	0 7 0 17-24
Texas	10 0 0 10-26
First Quarter	
Texas—FG Stockton 22, 4:44.	
Texas—Williams 50 run (Stockton kick), 1:45.	
Second Quarter	
A&M—Spiller 20 pass from McCown (Bynum kick), 14:49.	
Texas—FG Stockton 24, 8:36.	
Texas—FG Stockton 49, 3:37.	
Third Quarter	
Texas—Cavil 10 pass from Applewhite (Stockton kick), 9:48.	
A&M—FG Bynum 30, 8:29.	
A&M—Spiller 17 pass from McCown (Bynum kick), 7:39.	
A&M—McCown 1 run (Bynum kick), 2:20.	
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Individual Statistics	
RUSHING—Texas A&M, Parker 1-8, Hall 10-5, Toombs 4-4, McCown 10-minus 27, Texas, Williams 50-259, Mitchell 2-5, Applewhite 6-minus 3, Cavil 1-minus 10.	
PASSING—Texas A&M, McCown 11-24-0-180, Applewhite 24-34-2-282.	
RECEIVING—Texas A&M, Spiller 4-51, Cole 3-30, Bumgarner 1-16, Hodge 1-11, Parker 1-7, Oliver 1-5, Texas, McGarity 5-58, Cavil 5-78, Williams 5-58, Nantz 4-35, White 3-16, Lewis 1-6.	

against the No. 2 defense in the country, he did it and proved that he is the best player in the country," Texas coach Mack Brown said.

A record crowd of 83,687 cheered wildly after Williams' dash. He

was mobbed on the sidelines by his teammates and received congratulations from Dorsett. After the game, Heisman Trophy winners John David Crow, Earl Campbell and Dorsett joined in honoring Williams.

Williams also became the eighth player in NCAA Division I-A history to rush for 2,000 yards in a season and he tied Allen for most 200-yard games in a career with 11.

Williams had 295 all-purpose yards for a career total of 7,206, breaking the career record of 7,172 by Napoleon McCallum of Navy.

"He's one of the great backs and he had a good day," A&M linebacker Dat Nguyen said. "You give him any creases and he will take it. You can't give him the big plays, because he will break it back."

In winning, Texas (8-3, 6-2 in the Big 12) overcame a strong comeback by the Aggies.

Texas A&M (10-2, 7-1) scored 17 points in the final 8:29 and went ahead 24-23 with 2:20 left on a 1-yard touchdown run by Randy McCown.

The Longhorns started their winning drive with 2:12 left. The big gainer was Major Applewhite's 25-yard pass to Cavil to the Aggies 20. Applewhite completed seven passes in the march.

"That drive epitomizes what our offense has been the whole year," Applewhite said. "There was nev-

er a doubt that we would win the game. Our offense was poised and we just got it to a spot where Kris could win the game for us."

The Aggies began their rally from 16 points down on Russell Bynum's 30-yard field goal. McCown then hit tight end Derrick Spiller with a 17-yard touchdown pass with 7:39 to play on a short drive set up by Williams' second fumble of the game.

Williams' first fumble came on his first carry after his record run. A&M's Cornelius Anthony recovered at the Texas 19, setting up McCown's 20-yard touchdown pass to Spiller with 14:48 left in the second quarter.

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Arizona nips Sun Devils; Hogs roll

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — If the Rose Bowl wants big plays, Arizona should be headed to Pasadena. Trung Candidate shattered Arizona's single-game rushing record with 288 yards in 18 carries, including touchdown runs of 80, 66 and 48 yards, as the seventh-ranked Wildcats held off Arizona State 50-42 Friday night to complete their best regular-season ever.

It was biggest shootout ever in the fierce intrastate rivalry.

Arizona State's Ryan Kealy completed 33 of 56 passes for 511 yards, the third-most in Sun Devils' history. Four of his throws went for touchdowns, including two to Todd Heap.

Kealy threw a 17-yard TD pass to Heap on fourth-and-10 with 5:55 to play to cut the lead to 43-35 and a 23-yard scoring pass to Lenzie Jackson with 1:52 remaining to cut the lead to 50-42.

In between, Candidate, a junior who grew up in Phoenix just a few miles from the Arizona State campus, dashed 48 yards down the right sideline to put the Wildcats ahead 50-35 with 4:02 remaining.

After Kealy's last TD pass, Arizona's Brad Brennan recovered ASU's onside kick attempt.

After Arizona punted the ball away with less than a minute to play, Kealy drove the Sun Devils from their 20 to the Arizona 28, but Kelvin Hunter knocked down the final pass in the end zone to save the victory.

Candidate, who has nine career touchdowns of 48 yards or more, broke the single-game

record of 232 set by Jim Upchurch against UTEP in 1973. Candidate's 80-yard run gave Arizona the lead for good 26-22 with 1:37 left in the first half. His 66-yard run put the Wildcats up 42-28 with 1:35 to play

Top 25 Football

in the third quarter.

Arizona (11-1) must wait until next weekend to see if Pac-10 champion UCLA beats Miami and advances to the national championship game at the Fiesta Bowl. If that happens, the Pac-10 runner-up Wildcats would be a leading candidate for their first-ever Rose Bowl berth.

But under the new Bowl Championship Series format, the Rose Bowl does not have to pick a Pac-10 team and might opt for Notre Dame instead.

Scouts from the Rose, Sugar and Holiday bowls were among those watching the wild game.

The Sun Devils (5-6), expected to be Pac-10 contenders when the season began, were eliminated from any bowl consideration. Arizona won 11 games for the first time ever.

No. 13 Arkansas 41, LSU 14

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Clint Stoerner completed 19 of 25 passes for 232 yards in the first half as No. 13 Arkansas built a 21-point lead on its way to a victory that completed a dramatic turnaround under first-year coach Houston Nutt.

The Razorbacks (9-2, 6-2 Southeastern Conference) earned a share of the Western Division title with Mississippi State after two

straight 4-7 seasons. But Mississippi State will play Tennessee in the SEC title game because the Bulldogs beat Arkansas 22-21 last week.

LSU (4-7, 2-6) had its first losing season in four years under Gerry DiNardo.

The Tigers had a chance to tie the game 14-14, but ended up trailing 21-7 a few moments later.

From the LSU 12, Stoerner threw toward the left sideline. Mark Roman flashed in front of the intended receiver, but missed the interception with nothing but open field in front of him. On the next play, Arnold Miller blocked Todd Latourette's 29-yard field goal attempt and the ball caromed high. LSU's Aaron Adams tried to catch the deflection, but fumbled it and Arkansas offensive guard Brandon Burlsworth recovered at the 1.

Chrys Chukwuma scored his second touchdown two plays later.

LSU closed to 28-14 early in the third quarter, but Chukwuma broke a 37-yard run up the middle to set up a 45-yard field goal by Latourette. Chukwuma carried 17 times for 141 yards in the second half and finished with 29 for 166. Stoerner completed 27-of-38 for 334 yards.

Chukwuma's 5-yard run and Stoerner's 4-yard pass to Emanuel Smith gave Arkansas a 14-0 lead in the first quarter.

Chukwuma's first TD ended a 49-yard drive that included two big passes by Stoerner — a leaping 17-yard catch by Michael Williams on third-and-6, and a sliding 18-yard reception by Joe Dean Davenport that gave Arkansas a first-and-goal at the 5.

Top 25 Boxes

No. 7 Arizona 50, Arizona State 42

Arizona St. 15 7 8 14 — 42

Arizona 7 19 17 7 — 50

First Quarter

ASU—FG Baker 26, 11-14.

Ar—Brennan 72 pass from Smith

(McDonald kick), 10:54.

ASU—Pauk 1 run (kick failed),

6:59.

ASU—Spann 14 pass from Kealy

(pass failed), 3:22.

Second Quarter

Ar—Wendler 1 run (pass failed),

10:47.

Ar—Sprotte 12 fumble return (run

failed), 4:11.

ASU—Redmond 2 run (Baker

kick), 1:50.

Ar—Candidate 80 run (McDonald

kick), 1:37.

Third Quarter

Ar—Jenkins 13 run (McDonald

kick), 11:38.

ASU—Heap 23 pass from Kealy

(pass failed), 9:23.

Ar—FG McDonald 21, 4:58.

Ar—Candidate 66 run (McDonald

kick), 1:35.

Fourth Quarter

ASU—Heap 17 pass from Kealy

(Baker kick), 11:38.

Ar—Candidate 48 run (McDonald

kick), 4:02.

Ar—L. Jackson 23 pass from

Kealy (Baker kick), 1:52.

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33-56-2 8-19-2

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13-90 8-86

Time of Possession 28:04 32:00

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Arizona St. Redmond

15-71, Highlander 5-10, Pauk 2-2,

Green 2-minus 3, Kealy 6-minus 29,

Arizona, Candidate 18-288, Jenkins 10-

64, Eaton 12-20, Wendler 2-3, Sprotte

1-2, Smith 8-1, Northcutt 2-minus 4,

PASSING—Arizona St. Kealy 33-

56-2-511, Arizona, Smith 5-8-1-173,

Jenkins 3-11-1-60,

RECEIVING—Arizona St. Mitchell

9-170, Spann 9-108, Heap 4-84, Jack-

son 4-55, Redmond 2-27, Forth 2-13,

Highower 1-23, Bates 1-22, McDon-

ald 1-9, Arizona, Northcutt 4-71, Bren-

nan 3-111, McDonald 1-51

Time of Possession 24:23 35:37

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—LSU, Faulk 20-94,

Mealey 3-38, Nail 8-minus 13,

Arkansas, Chukwuma 22-166, Hill 8-

22, Stoerner 4-minus 13,

PASSING—LSU, Nail 15-30-1-

147, Arkansas, Stoerner 27-38-0-334,

RECEIVING—LSU, Foster 7-66,

Kippes 2-32, Booty 2-26, Banks 2-15,

Robinson 2-8, Arkansas, Davenport 6-

69, Williams 6-86, Lucas 5-59, Smith

5-57, Chukwuma 2-9, Hill 1-21, Lou-

dermilk 1-9, Branch 1-4.

Second Quarter

LSU 0 7 7 0 — 14

Arkansas 14 14 3 10 — 41

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Ar—Chukwuma 5 run (Latourette

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LEE: Rebels await their next opponent

(From 1B)

You could tell Neatherlin knew about the record then, he wasn't giving it up.

"I had to take the ball away from the guy, but I wanted that one. I plan on taking over the record over the next three games," Neatherlin said, making sure the listener knew he was talking about the number of games left to win a state championship.

Sophomore running back Cedric Benson rushed for 167 yards, giving Lee double 100-yard rushers for the second week in a row. This week it was the junior McNutt and Benson. Last week, it was Benson and Allen Griffith, both sophomores.

One mark that did fall for the defensive Rebels came from Bulldog running back Vontez Duff. Duff had 234 yards rushing on 33 carries. That is the first time this year for a running back to break 100 yards in a single game against Lee this season.

"He's the best back I've ever seen," said Lee linebacker Drew Anderson.

Lee defensive coordinator Kelvin Ratliff said, "Well, you really hate to see that streak end for us, but I guess if you give up 234 yards and you win by 26, you can live with it. But Duff is a good one."

The Cove goes out at 10-3 while Lee advances at 12-1, needing just

one more victory to match the most wins in one season.

"We had a great year with a young team and we're going to keep on getting better," said Jack Welch, the Copperas Cove coach. "We snuck up on one big team (a first round win over No. 4 Arlington Lamar), but we didn't sneak up on anyone tonight. Lee is very solid and they can do a lot of things well on offense. It's very hard to cover all they have out there."

Lee is now 4-6-1 in the third round of the state playoffs. They were 1-6-1 in the last eight tries.

"That was all in the past and has nothing to do with this team," said Lee offensive lineman Steve Subia. "I think we're ready. I really expected this game to be a real challenge, but we were ready. You just have to believe, so don't sell this team short."

Lee will now spend the day waiting on the outcome of the Amarillo High-South Grand Prairie game, which is being played in Amarillo this afternoon. If Amarillo High wins, Lee will host the Sandies at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Memorial Stadium in Midland. If SGP wins, Lee will travel to Irving's Texas Stadium next Saturday for a 4 p.m. game.

Copperas Cove			Midland Lee	
237	First Downs	23		23
110	Yards Rushing	297		
17-5-4	Yards Passing	48		
2	Att.-Comp.-Int	7-3-2		
3-36.0	Fumbles Lost	2		
4-35	Punts-Avg	1-51.0		
	Penalties-Yds	2-10		
	Scoring			
Midland Lee	14	22	7	0-43
Copperas Cove	0	7	7	17-17
	First Quarter			
	L-Clint McNutt, 2 run (Matt Segulick kick)			
	CC-Bryan Mickan, 49 field goal			
	L-McNutt, 14 run (Segulick kick)			
	Second Quarter			
	L-McNutt, 1 run (Segulick kick)			
	L-McNutt, 38 run (Segulick kick)			
	L-Cedric Benson, 4 run (Benson, pass from Scott Worley)			

Fourth Quarter	CC-Duff, 77 run (Mickan kick)
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS	
Rushing:	Copperas Cove: John McDonald, 3-minus 9; Aaron Mickens, 1-3; Vontez Duff, 33-234-1; Charles Tillman, 2-11; Brian Harrison, 1-3; Jamal Cato, 1-minus 5; Lee Jon Rogers, 1-0; Clint McNutt, 11-161-4; Cedric Benson, 24-167-2; Allen Griffith, 10-66; Isaac Washington, 1-12; Chris McCullough, 1-minus 9.
Passing:	Copperas Cove: John McDonald, 14-34-32-0; Vontez Duff, 3-2-0-78-1; Lee Jon Rogers, 5-3-1-48-0; Cedric Benson, 1-0-1-0-0; Chris McCullough, 1-0-0-0-0.
Receiving:	Copperas Cove: Jason Mathenia,

Belle nears agreement with Orioles

By RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Albert Belle and the Orioles essentially reached agreement Friday night on a contract that will bring the free agent outfielder to Baltimore. The Associated Press learned.

While there was no announcement by the Orioles, a source speaking on the condition he not be identified said Baltimore and Belle were "very, extremely close" to an agreement and he expected the deal to be announced in the next few days.

The source said that the money part of the contract had been agreed to but the rest of the deal had not been finalized. The source said the contract "was in the neighborhood" of the \$65 million, five-year offer the Orioles had made earlier this week.

Belle's agent, Arn Tellem, was on vacation until Monday and could not immediately be reached for comment. Orioles spokesman John Maroon also could not be reached for comment.

Belle, 32, may be the most powerful right-

handed hitter in baseball, but also has been suspended six times and fined twice for a variety of incidents and outbursts.

He will take over in left field from B.J. Surhoff, a free agent sought by both the New York Mets and the Pittsburgh Pirates. Belle was courted by the New York Yankees, who withdrew their offer after re-signing Bernie Williams on Wednesday night.

Boston also had wooed Belle, but dropped out of the competition Wednesday night, leaving Baltimore as his only alternative other than returning to the Chicago White Sox.

Belle hit .328 this year with 49 homers and 152 RBIs, but failed to turn the White Sox into a contender during his two years in Chicago.

After helping Cleveland win the AL pennant in 1995, Belle became a free agent following the 1996 season and signed a \$55 million, five-year contract with the White Sox — a baseball record at the time for total dollars and average salary.

But the deal had a special clause saying Belle could become a free agent again if his average salary dropped out of the top three in baseball.

Chicago, which still owed him \$35 million over the next three seasons, refused his demand for a \$4.25 million raise over three years and he hit the market.

Belle has until Wednesday to return to his deal with the White Sox.

In eight full seasons in the majors, Belle has a .296 average with 321 homers and 1,019 RBIs.

But he's also been suspended for destroying part of a bathroom, hitting a taunting fan in the chest with a thrown baseball, twice charging the mound, using a corked bat and hitting an infielder with his forearm.

He's been fined for a profane tirade at a television reporter during the 1995 World Series and making an obscene gesture to fans, and was ordered to undergo counseling after hitting a photographer with a baseball.

In addition, he got into legal trouble in 1995, charged with willful disregard of safety and fined \$100 for using his vehicle to chase trick-or-treating teenagers who had thrown eggs at his house.

STANTON: Buffaloes get Spearman next

(From 1B)

senior leadership, James Jenkins was a 1000-yard rusher last year. They all bring something different to the table.

"Our running backs do a great job," Herm said. "I don't know how many rushing yards we had last night but it felt like we had a lot. I'm glad because I wasn't throwing the ball well tonight."

The first two Stanton drives, which saw the Buffs take a 13-0 lead, had them run just three passing plays and 11 running plays as Jody Louder and Adrian Hernandez each capped off the drives with 1-yard scoring runs.

"I got off to a feeling when we were up 13-0 that maybe it was too easy," Cotton said. "But you've got to give credit to Albany because they came back and played well."

The biggest key for Stanton (12-1) coming into the game was keep-

ing senior Albany quarterback Tony Wheeler contained. The Buffs accomplished that mission by limiting Wheeler to 9-of-21 for 69 yards passing and picked off two of his tosses.

"They've got a high-powered offense and we knew the defense had to step it up," said defensive end Chad Smith, who looked like the road warrior with no-glare paint around his face. "We knew we had to put pressure on their quarterback because we knew he was quick and very dangerous."

"That's the most pressure I've seen all year," Wheeler said. "That's the same defense we saw on film but they were much quicker in person. I thought their defensive pressure was a key to them winning the game."

Wheeler was the only Lion to get into the end zone with a 1-yard sneak to start the second half. That

score cut Stanton's lead to 19-7.

The Buffs then put the game away, starting with a safety as Albany fullback Brian Barbee was tackled by a mob of Stanton defenders.

"I thought that safety re-energized us but I felt we had the game in control at that time," Cotton said. Stanton added a 21-yard burst up middle for a score by Jeremy Hull and a 1-yard TD toss from Herm to Chad Smith. Herm now has 79 touchdown passes in his career to place him four back of Mission's Lupe Rodriguez.

Next week, the Buffs will meet Spearman, a winner 27-21 winner over Seagraves in triple overtime. That game is expected to happen next Friday night at Lubbock's Lowrey Field. No matter who they play, the Buffs defense will again have to rise to the challenge.

"That's the way it's got to be get-

ting this deep in the playoffs," Smith said. "We've got to be better each and every week if not we won't be playing anymore."

The Buffs hope to keep leaping these hurdles for at least three more weeks.

more weeks.

Game Statistics		Stanton
Albany	First Downs	21
9	Yards Rushing	213
14	Yards Passing	55
69	Comp. - Att. - Int.	12-8-0
21-9-2	Fumbles lost	1
0	Punts-Avg.	3-34-0
7-33-0	Penalties-Yards	0-0
2-15	Scoring	
Albany	0	7
Stanton	13	6
		2
		14-35
First Quarter		
S — Jody Louder 1 run (Will Harris kick), 8:53		
S — Adrian Hernandez 1 run (kick failed), 1:49		
Second Quarter		
S — Kyle Herm 4 run (kick failed), 3:38		
Third Quarter		
A — Tony Wheeler 1 run (Rob Harris kick), 8:17		
S — Safety, 5:41		
Fourth Quarter		
S — Jeremy Hull 21 run (Harris kick), 9:04		
S — Chad Smith 1 pass from Herm (Harris kick), 7:53		

CHAPS: Midland College loses in tourney

(From 1B)

were able to stick around throughout the game," said Hill College coach Greg Young. "I just told our guys that if we hit our free throws and took care of the ball, we would have a good chance of coming into their place and taking this game."

The Rebels who trailed 38-26 at halftime, came roaring back in the second half, led by sophomore Kenneth Johnson who poured in 21 points. But the hero of the day was Estrada Murray.

Murray, the Rebels' sophomore point guard, put a dagger into the heart of the Chaps with his overtime performance. He hit a key three pointer which gave the Rebels the lead and made a steal to kill the Chaps hopes.

"I just did what the coaches had been telling us the entire season,"

said Murray. "I just guarded the passing lanes and watched for the ball."

A bright point for the Chaps on the night was the play of sophomore power forward, Mike Cummings, who finished with 21 points and 8-for-11 shooting. He also did his share at the charity stripe with a 5-7 performance.

The Chaps now must hobble into their final match of the Shoot-Out against Western Oklahoma at the Chap Center before heading to compete in the WJAC Classic which will be held at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum in Big Spring.

Western Oklahoma lost to Odessa College 83-77 in another overtime game to open the evening Friday.

Hill College 70, Midland College 67
Hill College: Kenneth Johnson 5-11 5-10 21, David Peoples 6-15 0-0 16, Estrada Murray 3-5 3-6 10, Shay Cohen 2-5 5-8 9, Gerald McCaslin 1-1 0-0 3, Ryan Rollen

1-1 2-3, Torrey West 0-2 2-4 2, Nelson Williams 1-1 0-0 2, Malt Yavner 1-2 0-0 2. Totals: 20-43 16-30 70.
Midland College: Mike Cummings 8-12 5-7 21, Thyl Dunn 7-8 0-1 15, Teohi Conner 3-6 1-1 7, Eugene Costello 2-6 1-1 8, Alvin Brooks 2-4 1-2 6, Ivan Gatto 2-6 0-0 5, Mike Stewart 1-2 2-3 4, Ricky Duff 1-2 1-2 3, Armon Whitaker 0-0 0-0 0, Carl Alexander 0-0 0-0 0. Totals: 26-48 11-17 67.
Halftime: MC 38, HC 26. 3-point field goals: HC 11 (Peoples 4, Johnson 3, McCaslin, Murray) MC 4 (Dunn, Gatto, Costello, Brooks) Total Fouls: HC 21, MC 22. Fouled Out: HC (Johnson, Cohen), Rebels: HC 21 (Murray 4, Cohen 4), MC 18 (Dunn 4), Assists: HC 10 (Murray 3), MC 12 (Brooks 4), Turnovers: HC 9, MC 21.

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Rodman sues WCW over breached deal

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Dennis Rodman has capped off a bizarre month by suing World Championship Wrestling.

The eccentric basketball star who has been married, separated, and sued in the last two weeks, alleges he wasn't fully paid under two pay-per-view contracts with WCW.

According to the suit filed in Orange County Superior Court and moved Wednesday to federal court in Los Angeles, Rodman claims under one contract, he was to be paid a base amount of \$750,000 to be host for an event in Charleston, S.C., and to wrestle in Daytona, Fla.

Rodman, 37, was to get half of all gross cable sales revenue more than \$3.9 million for each event, the suit charges.

Richard Howell, a lawyer for Rodman, said the WCW has "given us different sets of numbers that confuse us and appear to be in conflict with other numbers that we have been provided."

Howell said the WCW also now claims Rodman is entitled to a percentage of the pay-for-view cable TV sales but not the cable satellite sales.

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"We strongly disagree with that," Howell said.

The suit also alleges a second similar contract covered an event in Detroit as well as the "Bash at the Beach" in San Diego last July, where Rodman, Karl Malone, Hulk Hogan and Diamond Dallas Page wrestled.

WCW officials could not be reached for comment.

Exhibition in planning stage
TORONTO — Locked-out NBA players are reportedly in discussions about holding a charity exhibition game to be played in Canada next month.

Prominent player agent David Falk — who represents Michael Jordan and players' association president Patrick Ewing — has approached officials in Hamilton, Ontario, about holding the game, Copps Coliseum CEO Gabe Macaluso told the Toronto Sun.

"I believe they are very (eager) to stage a game," Macaluso said Thursday. "Falk said that the game would feature what he called an all-star format and wouldn't be a money-making venture for the players, but would go to charity."

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Washington Capitals goalie Olaf Kolzig (37) and Calle Johansson (6) defend against the Dallas Stars' Tony Hrkac (41) during the first period of the Stars' 4-0 win Friday in Dallas.

Thanksgiving practice pays off big for Stars

DALLAS (AP) — A punishment practice on Thanksgiving Day only made the Dallas Stars work harder.

Coach Ken Hitchcock's holiday punishment detail Thursday netted the desired results as the Stars scored goals on their first two shots and went on to a 4-0 victory over the Washington Capitals on Friday night.

The Stars were criticized by Hitchcock on Wednesday after falling behind 3-0 in the first period of a 5-2 home loss to the New Jersey Devils. Dallas had been behind after the opening period in each of its previous two games.

"It was real important for us to play better early and get the lead," said Stars forward Jamie Langenbrunner, who had two assists. "It (the Thanksgiving practice) was a big wake-up call for us. We were embarrassed against New Jersey. We got beat up in our own building. We practiced hard and came back with one of our best team games of the season."

Mike Modano had two goals and an assist and Derian Hatcher scored twice for the Stars.

Hatcher particularly needed a better effort after being on the ice for the Devils' first three goals on Wednesday. "Through the last two seasons, we've always bounced back from a bad game," said the Stars' captain. "We played a much better positional and defensive game tonight. You can't fall behind all the time and expect to catch up. You can't play like that all season."

Ed Belfour stopped 15 shots to register his first shutout of the season and 41st of his career. Belfour was taken out of the game on Wednesday after giving up three

goals on the first five shots. "Knowing Belfour, the way he played tonight didn't surprise me," Hitchcock said.

The Stars held their own late in the game when the frustrated Capitals initiated rough stuff that resulted in four fights and several other shoving matches.

"It was good for us," Hitchcock said. "We responded. That's been their (the Capitals') pattern, that when they get down, frustration sets in."

Richard Matvichuk also had two assists each for the Stars, 9-2-1 at home and 5-1-1 in their last seven games.

Washington is 1-3-0 in its last four games. Capitals coach Ron Wilson said several of his key players did not play well at the start.

"It doesn't matter who you play when your guys don't show up," Wilson said. "We had key guys who weren't ready for this game and that put us behind the 8-ball right off the bat."

The Capitals thought they had ended Belfour's shutout bid with 57.8 seconds left on a rebound by Steve Konowalchuk, but the goal was overturned on replay because Konowalchuk was in the crease.

The Stars reversed their recent series of slow starts, taking a 1-0 lead when Modano skated down the left side, faked Capitals goalie Olaf Kolzig out of position, and put the puck into an open net at 1:10.

Dallas made it 2-0 at 3:57 of the first period when Hatcher fired into the upper right corner from the middle of the right circle.

Modano's seventh goal on a power-play rebound at 9:00 of the second period boosted Dallas' lead to 3-0.

MHS suffers another loss in Alamo City

Staff Report

SAN ANTONIO — They might not remember the Alamo, but the Midland High Bulldogs might want to forget about San Antonio — it seems like that's the only place they can lose.

After winning 34 straight games on the court (with a forfeit loss to Odessa Permian included for using an ineligible player), Midland High returned to the last place it suffered a loss Friday in the first round of the San Antonio Northside Tournament. The Bulldogs again suffered the post-Thanksgiving blues in San Antonio, losing to San Antonio Marshall 76-75 on a bank shot from the free throw line by Rodrick Terrell at the buzzer.

Last Nov. 29, Midland High lost the championship game of the tournament to San Antonio Taft 70-60. Even that had a silver lining in the Bulldogs' season though, as MHS faced Taft again for the Class 5A state championship in Austin over three months later and pulled off a 63-51 victory to exact revenge.

It's obvious that the Bulldogs (3-1) don't

make the trip to San Antonio to fatten up their pre-District 4-5A record.

"They played very well," said Midland High coach Jack Stephenson of Marshall. "They just the ball very well and we didn't. We did some good things and some things that weren't so good."

Among the good things for the Bulldogs were, as usual, Charles Tatum and Jay Christian. Tatum hit six three-pointers and scored a season high 35 points while Christian scored 22 points.

Yet, the Bulldogs were hurt by foul trouble, as another returning starter from last season, Blake Johnston, fouled out. Johnston finished with nine points.

Chris Terragas led Marshall with 27 points while Jack Ingram added 25.

As was the case last season, Stephenson hopes that the tournament will have benefits for his team down the line when the Bulldogs prepare for the postseason.

"There are some good teams down here,"

Stephenson said. "Everybody just plays a little bit harder against us."

That's part of the price of being a defending state champion, as well as the shattering of expectations that the Bulldogs might go through the regular season unbeaten.

"Certainly it doesn't feel good," said Stephenson of the loss. "Our kids aren't used to losing. But we'll learn from this and come back and fight tomorrow."

The Bulldogs will play San Antonio Madison at 9 a.m. this morning.

S.A. John Marshall 76, Midland High 75	
Midland High (13-1): Charles Tatum 11 7-10 35, Chris Oldham 0 0-0 0, Thomas Tennon 0 0-0 0, Blake Johnston 2 4-6 8, Jesse Nicholson 0 0-0 0, Jay Christian 8 6-6 22, Taylor Moody 0 0-0 0, Brent Winter 1 0-0 2, Steve Sanon 0 0-0 0, Weldon Cooks 0 0-0 0, Ronnie Brewster 0 0-0 0, Randy Gardner 1 5-9 7 Totals 23 23-31 75	
Marshall (6-1): Brian Mitchell 10-0-2, Ronnie Webb 4 0-0-9, Rodrick Terrell 3 1-2 7, Chris Terragas 8 9-9 27, Marquez Alston 3 0-0-6, Jack Ingram 11 5-25 Totals 36 13-18 76	
Score by Quarters	
Midland High	19 18 18 20 —75
Marshall	17 19 19 21 —76
Three-point goals: MHS 7 (Tatum 6, Johnston 1), Marshall 3 (Terragas 2, Webb 1) Total Fouls: MHS 17, Marshall 20 Fouled Out: Johnston, Technical Fouls: Christian	

Lady Rebels pound two 3A opponents

Staff Report

HARLINGEN — In the first day of the Dr. Keillor Classic, the Midland Lee girls basketball team clearly had its competition outclassed.

The Lady Rebels took on a pair of Class 3A opponents Friday and the results were predictable. Lee crushed Lyford 71-25 in the first game of the day then hammered Raymondville 80-46 in the second game to reach today's semifinals. The Lady Rebels will face Harlingen High today at 11 a.m. with the winner going to the championship game at 6:30 p.m.

Lee (5-2) will carry two lopsided wins into today coming off the heels of an overtime loss to Lubbock Monterey Tuesday.

"We thought we could come down here and definitely get some wins," said Lee coach Elise Kail. "It's helped our confidence level of the kids. Our teamwork has increased."

In the first game of the day, the Lady Rebels had no trouble with Lyford. KeKe Strambler was one of four Lee players in double figures, scoring 11. Valerie Morgan also had 11 while Christina Brown and Danielle Dickey had 10 each.

The game got so bad for Lyford that it decided to stall in the fourth quarter, racking up no points in the final period.

Lee had only a slightly tougher time with Raymondville. The Lady Rebels actually trailed 11-10 at the end of the first quarter but outscored Raymond 27-11 in the second quarter to permanently take momentum.

Strambler again led the way with 17 while Morgan added 12. Harlingen figures to be foe on more even footing with the Lady

Girls Prep Hoops

Rebels

"We're going to have to come out of the starting gate a lot quicker," said Kail. "We have more depth than they do."

Lady Dawgs split in San Antonio — Like their boys counterparts, the Midland High Lady Dawgs suffered the first blot on their ledger this season in San Antonio at the Northeast Tournament.

Unlike the boys, though, the MHS girls also came out of Friday with a victory. The Lady Dawgs opened the day by defeating San Antonio MacArthur 74-60, but fell in the second game to San Antonio Clark 57-53 to stand at 7-1 on the season.

Sophomore Edrea Rogers scored 11 of her team high 15 points in the third quarter to help the Lady Dawgs pull away against MacArthur. Heidi Lange and Nina McAlister each added 13 points.

Against Clark, MHS ran into foul trouble, committing 28 fouls as Clark made 21 of 36 free throws. The loss nullified fine efforts by Rogers and Lange, each of whom scored 18.

The Lady Dawgs conclude the tournament today at noon against San Antonio Taft.

Midland Lee 71, Lyford 25	
Lyford: Jackie Garcia 5 2-2 12, Enca Moreno 2 0-0 4, Michelle Zapata 1 0-0 2, Cindy Zapata 2 1-2 5, Crystal Chavez 0 2-5 2 Totals: 10 5-25	
Midland Lee: Clarissa Valenzuela 1 0-0 2, Dee Frazier 1 1-4 3, Andrea Long 2 0-0 6, Debbie Yee 1 0-0 2, Rochelle Warren 2 0-0 4, Maureen "Kake" Strambler 5 0-0 11, Heather Wells 2 0-0 4, Valerie Morgan 5 1-1 11, Julie Jay 3 0-0 6, Danielle Dickey 4 2-2 10, Courtney Creswell 1 0-0 2, Allison Newton 0 0-0 0, Christina Brown 5 0-0 2 Totals: 32 4-9 71	

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Lyford	
Midland Lee	10 9 6 0 —25
3-Point Field Goals: Lyford 0, Lee 3 (Strambler 1, Long 2) Total Fouls: Lyford 9, Lee 17 Fouled Out: Liz Moreno Technical Fouls: None	
Midland Lee 80, Raymondville 46	
Midland Lee (5-2): Valenzuela 1 0-0 2, Frazier 0 2-2 2, Long 2 0-0 5, Yee 0 0-0 0, Warren 2 0-0 4, Strambler 8 1-2 17, Wells 3 0-0 6, Morgan 5 2-2 12, Jay 5 0-0 10, Dickey 1 0-0 2, Creswell 3 1-2 7, Newton 2 0-0 4, Brown 4 1-2 9 Totals 36 7-10 80	
Raymondville: Wolfe 4 1-1 9, Rains 6 6-7 18, Barron 0 3-5 3, Chapa 4 0-0 9, Salinas 0 3-6 3, Beddia 1 2-4 4 Totals 15 15-23 46	
Lee	10 27 24 19 —80
Raymondville	11 11 13 11 —46
Three-point goals: Lee 1 (Long), R1 (Chapa) Total Fouls: Lee 19, R5 Fouled Out: None Technical Fouls: Kail	
Midland High 74, S.A. MacArthur 60	
MacArthur: Myra Lim 0 2-2 2, Jennifer Grota 1 0-0 2, Ryan McFarland 1 0-0 2, Kristin Vaughn 1 2-2 4, Janene Speer 0 1-2 1, Maranda Whitlow 4 5-6 13, Denise Trevino 1 1-2 3, Ebony Cooper 2 2-6 6, Vicki Cruz 6 4-5 19, Julia Ashcroft 0 2-2 2, Nisha New 3 0-0 6 Totals: 19 23-20 60	
Midland High: Clarissa Leonard 3 1-1 7, Michelle	

Acosta 1 0-2 2, Edrea Rogers 7 0-1 15, Jenny Jones 1 1-2 1, Heidi Lange 6 1-3 13, Nina McAlister 5 3-3 13, Laura Koch 3 2-2 8, Lindsey Leaverton 1 0-0 2, Morgan Kelley 4 0-0 8, Latrice Jackson 2 1-2 5, Terr Meldrum 0 0-0 0, Tawney Foy 0 0-0 0, Becky Valdez 0 0-0 0, Hilary Davis 0 0-0 0, Page Price 0 0-0 0 Totals: 22 6-16 74	
MacArthur	
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MacArthur	13 15 10 22 —60
3-Point Field Goals: MacArthur 3 (Cruz 3), MHS 1 (Rogers) Total Fouls: MacArthur 17, MHS 22 Fouled Out: None Technical Fouls: None	
S.A. Clark 57, Midland High 53	
Clark: Samantha Peden 2 3-6 8, Stephanie Gustafson 1 3-6 5, Molly Bush 0 2-2 2, Erin Griffin 6 6-10 18, Nathasha Avey 3 6-9 13, Monique Almazan 2 1-2 5, Daja Adams 3 0-1 6 Totals 17 21-36 57	
Midland High (7-1): Acosta 1 0-0 2, Rogers 5 8-8 18, Lange 8 2-3 18, McAlister 1 6-12 8, Foy 2 0-0 5, Kelley 1 0-0 2, Leonard 0 0-0 0, Meldrum 0 0-0 0, Jones 0 0-0 0, Koch 0 0-0 0, Leaverton 0 0-0 0, Valdez 0 0-0 0, Davis 0 0-0 0, Price 0 0-0 0, Jackson 0 0-0 0 Totals 18 16-32 53	
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Midland High	10 12 17 14 —53
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Staff Report

ALEXANDRIA, La. — Shayne LeBreton scored a pair of goals Friday night to lead the Odessa Jackalopes to a 4-3 win over the Alexandria Warthogs.

Both of LeBreton's goals gave the Jacks (10-7-3) the lead, the second one giving them the lead for good. The first goal, which came on a power play late in the first period, gave Odessa a 2-1 lead.

That advantage held up through the second period, which was scoreless. Early in the third period, Alexandria's Jeff Petruic scored to tie the game at 2-2, but LeBreton scored less than five minutes later to give the Jacks a lead they never relinquished.

Sami Laine scored an insurance goal midway through the third period which helped put the game away. Alexandria scored an empty net goal with 32 seconds left for the final goal.

Ryan Equale earned assists on both of LeBreton's goals. Jacques Rodrigue scored the first goal of the game for Jacks on a power play.

The Jacks will stay on the road today when they travel to Arkansas for a 7 p.m. face off.

Odessa Jackalopes 4, Alexandria Warthogs 3	
Alexandria	1 0 2 —3
Odessa	2 0 2 —4
First Period — 1 O. Rodrigue (Dunn), 8:10; 2 A. Tortoff (Weichelbauer, Slater), 16:04; 3 O. LeBreton (Lavigne, Equale), 16:04	
Second Period — None	
Third Period — 4 A. Petruic (Plaquin, Weichelbauer), 2:14; 5 O. LeBreton (Morque, Equale), 7:08	

LOCAL SPORTS

Phillips aces at Hogan Park

Tim Phillips, a former champion of the Midland City Golf Tournament, scored his first ever hole-in-one Wednesday at Hogan Park's No. 10 hole. Phillips, who shot a 63, aced the 185-yard hole with a six-iron. Witnesses were Thomas Brantley, Charles Killinen, Ronnie Jumper and Fred Weiss.

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WEEKLY MATCHUPS

Tampa Bay (4-7) at Chicago (3-8)

TIME/TV — Noon, FOX
OPENING LINE — Packers by 17
RECORD VS. SPREAD — Buccaneers 4-7;
Bears 4-7

SERIES RECORD — Bears lead 30-11

LAST TIME MET — Bears beat Packers 27-15 on Sept. 19 at Tampa Bay

LAST WEEK — Buccaneers lost to Lions 28-25

LAST WEEK'S STARS — Buccaneers QB Trent Diller was 16-for-30 for 283 yards and 2 TDs. Bears DE Mark Lee had 1 sack and returned fumble 15 yards to TD.

BUCCANEERS OFFENSE — RUSH (No. 9), PASS (No. 24), OVERALL (No. 14)

WR Jacques Green had 3 catches for 99 yards, including 45-yard TD. TE Dave Moore had 8-yard TD reception. WR Bert Emanuel had 4 catches for 80 yards. WR Raula Anthony also had 4 catches. RB Warren Sapp had 73 yards on 14 carries. FB Mike Alstott had 68 yards, including 5-yard TD, on 20 carries.

BEARS OFFENSE — RUSH (No. 15), PASS (No. 18), OVERALL (No. 16)

Held to 210 total yards. Backup QB Steve Stenstrom, in for injured Eric Kramer, was 7-for-18 for 109 yards and three TDs. Kramer, sidelined with 3 games with strained rotator cuff and tendinitis in throwing shoulder, is questionable. RB Edgar Bennett had 69 yards on 17 carries. WR Curtis Conway (3 catches for 64 yards), WR Bobby Engram (3 for 42) and FB Ty Hallock (1 for 3) accounted for all of Bears' receptions.

BUCCANEERS DEFENSE — RUSH (No. 13), PASS (No. 6), OVERALL (No. 5)

S. Charles Minny had 10 tackles and 2 passes defended. CB Ronde Barber had 10 tackles, 9 solo, and 1 pass defended. LB Jamie Duncan had 10 tackles. LB Derrick Brooks had 8 tackles. S John Lynch had 7 tackles. DT Warren Sapp had 3 tackles with 1 sack. CB Brian Kelly had 3 tackles with 2 passes defended. LB Hardy Nickerson sat out and will miss at least 4 games with inflammation of sac around heart. CB Donnie Abraham sprained left knee but is probable.

BEARS DEFENSE — RUSH (No. 25), PASS (No. 10), OVERALL (No. 22)

DT Mike Wells had 5 tackles with 2 sacks. S Marty Carter had 12 tackles. LB Sean Harris had 8 tackles and 1 pass defended. CB Walt Harris had 5 tackles. S Tony Parrish had 4 tackles and forced fumble. CB Terry Cousin had 3 tackles, 2 passes defended and fumble recovery. DT Jim Flanagan had 1 sack and 1 fumble.

SPECIAL TEAMS — Green leads NFL with 17.2 punt return average. Buccaneers RB Jerry Ellison had 4 special teams tackles. Bears K Jeff Jaeger had 35- and 32-yard FGs. Bears KR Glynn Milburn is third in NFL with 14.4 punt return average. Milburn also had a 47-yard return on second-half kickoff to set up FG.

KEY MATCHUPS — WRs Emanuel and Anthony vs. CBs Harris and Cousin; KRs Green and Anthony vs. KR Milburn.

STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Buccaneers have rushed for 651 yards in last 4. Buccaneers are 7-0 when Alstott has 100 yards from scrimmage. Dunn needs 256 yards rushing for first 1,000-yard season. Buccaneers have allowed 176 first downs, second best in conference to Green Bay's 168. Engram has 40 receptions and needs 6 to top career high. Engram leads NFL with 20.1 yards per third-down catch.

Atlanta (9-2) at St. Louis (3-8)

TIME/TV — Noon, FOX
OPENING LINE — Rams lead 39-22-2

SERIES RECORD — Rams lead 39-22-2

LAST TIME MET — Rams beat Packers 37-15 on Nov. 1 at Atlanta

LAST WEEK — Falcons beat Bears 20-13. Rams lost to Panthers 24-20

LAST WEEK'S STARS — Falcons QB Chris Chandler was 18-for-27 for 272 yards and 1 TD. Rams DE Kevin Carter had 7 tackles with 3 sacks.

FALCONS OFFENSE — RUSH (No. 21), PASS (No. 15), OVERALL (No. 19)

Chandler, third in NFL with 93.2 rating, sprained right knee and ankle in fourth quarter and is doubtful. Chandler extended team record by throwing TD pass in 22nd consecutive game. Untested Tony Grazianni and 44-year-old Steve DeBerg are backups. DeBerg finished with Rams and was 2-for-3 for 14 yards. WR Terance Mathis had 5 catches for 76 yards, including 13-yard TD. WR Tony Martin had 6 catches for 100 yards. WR Todd Kinchen had 11-yard TD reception. RB Jamal Anderson, second in NFL with 1,138 yards rushing and 1,378 yards from scrimmage, played with sore ankle and had 72 yards on 24 carries. Anderson leads NFL with 17 TDs.

RAMS OFFENSE — RUSH (No. 25), PASS (No. 19), OVERALL (No. 25)

QB Tony Banks, who missed most of game with sprained ankle, is questionable. Banks has started 40 consecutive games. Backup Steve Bono, who was 16-for-33 for 221 yards and 1 TD, worked first start since 1996 if Banks can't go. WR Ricky Proehl had 4 catches for 75 yards. Held to 42 yards rushing. RB Jerald Moore had 34 yards and 1 TD on 15 carries. Long snapper Jeff Robinson, announcing comeback, recovered 44-yard TD reception. WR Isaac Bruce sat out with hamstring injury, and has played just 1 quarter over last 5 games.

FALCONS DEFENSE — RUSH (No. 20), PASS (No. 16), OVERALL (No. 19)

S. William White had 6 tackles and 1 pass defended. DT Shane Dronett had 4 tackles with 1 sack. DE Chuck Smith had 5 tackles and forced fumble. S Eugene Robinson had 4 tackles. LB Cornelius Bennett had 3 tackles and fumble recovery. CB Ray Buchanan had 3 tackles and INT. CB Ronnie Bradford had INT.

RAMS DEFENSE — RUSH (No. 21), PASS (No. 4), OVERALL (No. 8)

LB Roman Phifer had INT and returned ball 41 yards for potential game-winning TD, but had ball stripped at 5-yard line and Carolina recovered. Phifer also had 5 tackles. S Billy Jenkins had 12 tackles and 1 sack. LB Eric Lyle had 10 tackles and forced fumble. DT Marco Farris had 1 sack and 1 pass defended. S Keith Lyle had 7 tackles. DT Ray Agnew had 6 tackles.

SPECIAL TEAMS — Falcons' P Dan Strzyzski, last in NFL with 35.6 punting average, had 4 punts for 38.3 average. Rams P Rick Tuten punted 5 times for 52.0 average. Rams KR Tony Horne returned 4 kickoffs for 123 yards. Rams PR Eddie Kennison returned 2 punts for 28 yards and became third Rams player with 1,000 yards in career on punt returns, joining Henry Ellard and LeRoy Irvin.

KEY MATCHUPS — RB Anderson vs. LB Hill; WRs Mathis and Martin vs. CBs Todd Lyght and Ryan McNeil.

STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Falcons can clinch playoff berth with win or New Orleans loss and Detroit loss or tie. Falcons set team record with eighth straight home victory. Chandler had 25 yards on 2 carries, giving him 1,000 yards rushing for career. Falcons are 14-3 in last 17. Falcons have won last 12 games when holding opponents to 20 points or less. Anderson needs 2,100-yard game to tie Gerald Riggs' single-season team record (2,019). Anderson had 203 yards from scrimmage vs. Rams in Week 9. Rams are 8-19 under coach Dick Vermeil. Rams clinched 10th time in 11 home games. Rams RB Amp Lee is second among NFC RBs with 40 receptions.

Philadelphia (2-9) at Green Bay (7-4)

TIME/TV — 3 p.m., FOX
OPENING LINE — Packers by 17
RECORD VS. SPREAD — Eagles 4-6; Packers 5-4

SERIES RECORD — Packers lead 20-9

LAST TIME MET — Eagles beat Packers 10-9 on Sept. 7, 1997 at Philadelphia

LAST WEEK — Eagles lost to Giants 20-17. Packers won to Vikings 28-14

LAST WEEK'S STARS — Eagles RB Duane Davis had 101 total yards. Packers TE Tyrone Slaton had 2 TD receptions.

EAGLES OFFENSE — RUSH (No. 17), PASS (No. 30), OVERALL (No. 30)

Held to 214 total yards. Slaton had 52 yards on 14 carries and 4 receptions for 49 yards. QB

Bobby Hoving was 14-for-28 for just 121 yards and 2 INTs. Hoving's 45.6 rating is lowest in NFC. Hoving has thrown 224 passes this season without a TD. RB Charlie Garner, who has 221 yards rushing over last 3 games.

PACKERS OFFENSE — RUSH (No. 6), PASS (No. 13), OVERALL (No. 7)

LB George Koonce had 4 tackles with 1 sack. LB Bernardo Harris had 3 tackles with 1 sack and 1 pass defended. LB Brian Williams had 7 tackles. S Darren Sharper had 6 tackles and 1 pass defended. CB Tyrone Williams had 5 tackles and INT. CB Craig Newsome had 3 tackles and 1 pass defended. DE Reggie White, tied for NFL lead with 14 sacks, had 3 tackles. DT Santana Dotson had 3 tackles and 2 passes defended. DE Vonnie Holliday had 3 tackles, but has ankle injury and is questionable.

SPECIAL TEAMS — Eagles K Chris Boniol has made 7 of 10 field goals in 11 FG attempts. Packers KR Rudi Preston is second in NFL with 28.5 kickoff return average.

KEY MATCHUPS — OT Richard Cooper vs. DE White; DEs Jefferson and Hugh Douglas vs. QB Brett Favre; CBs Vincent and Bobby Taylor vs. WRs Freeman, Schroeder and Brooks.

STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Eagles are 0-6 this season on road, and are winless (0-14) in last 15 road games. Eagles were shut out three times this season, most since 1942. No Eagles WR has a TD reception this season. Eagles have been outscored 253-92. Eagles' pass defense is first in NFL (155.1). Favre needs 67 yards passing to join Dan Marino and

John Elway as only players with 7 straight 1,000-yard passing seasons. Freeman is tied for NFL lead with 42 first-down receptions. Packers have allowed league-low 8 first downs by penalty. White played for Eagles from 1985-92 and is team's career sacks leader.

NEW YORK GIANTS (4-7)
at San Francisco (8-3)

Monday, Nov. 30
TIME/TV — 7 p.m., ABC
OPENING LINE — 49ers by 12 1/2
RECORD VS. SPREAD — Giants 4-7; 49ers 3-8

SERIES RECORD — Series tied 11-11

LAST TIME MET — 49ers beat Giants 20-6 on Oct. 1, 1995 at San Francisco

LAST WEEK — Giants beat Saints 31-20

LAST WEEK'S STARS — Giants RB Gary Brown had 96 yards and 1 TD on 27 carries. 49ers QB Steve Young was 22-for-31 for 290 yards and 4 TDs.

GIANTS OFFENSE — RUSH (No. 23), PASS (No. 29), OVERALL (No. 29)

Brown's TD run snapped team's TD drought of 178 minutes, 35 seconds, dating to second half of game vs. Washington in Week 9. QB Kent Graham, in first start of season, was 10-for-21 for 153 yards and 1 TD. RB Tiki Barber had 8-yard TD reception. WR Joe Jurevicius had 2 catches for 65 yards, including 59-yarder. WR Chris Calkins had 1 catch to extend streak to 42 consecutive games with at least 1 reception.

49ERS OFFENSE — RUSH (No. 7), PASS (No. 1), OVERALL (No. 1)

Young, second in NFL with 101.5 rating, leads NFL with 27 TD passes. RB Garrison Hearst had 4 catches for 103 yards, including 81-yard TD. Hearst, fifth in NFL with \$39 yards rushing and third with 1,364 yards from scrimmage, had 90 yards on 25 carries. WR Terrell Owens, leading NFL with 9 TD receptions and second with 10 total, had 4 catches for 42 yards and 2 TDs. WR Jerry Rice, leading NFL with 61 receptions and second with 1,003 yards receiving, had 3 catches for 27 yards and 1 TD. WR J.J. Stokes had 6 catches for 72 yards.

GIANTS DEFENSE — RUSH (No. 22), PASS (No. 11), OVERALL (No. 20)

LB Jesse Armstead had 10 tackles, 8 solo, with 2 sacks and 1 pass defended. S Tito Wooten had 6 tackles with 2 sacks. DE Chad Bracken had 6 tackles with 1 sack. DE Michael Strahan had 3 tackles with 1 sack. CB Phillip Sparks had 2 INTs. S Sam Gary returned to lineup for first time in 5 games after foot injury and had 6 tackles. LB Corey Wooten had 6 tackles and 1 pass defended. LB Scott Galtion had 4 tackles and forced fumble. DT Kevin Hamilton, arrested for speeding and drug charges several hours after game, had 4 tackles.

49ERS DEFENSE — RUSH (No. 7), PASS (No. 27), OVERALL (No. 21)

DT Bryant Young had 4 tackles with 2 sacks. S Tim McDonald had 5 tackles with 1 sack, 1 pass defended and 2 fumble recoveries. DE Chris Odoms had 1 sack and is tied for third in NFL with 12 1/2 S. Merton Hanks had 5 tackles, 1 INT and 3 other passes defended. LB Winfred Tubbs had 5 tackles and 2 forced fumbles. S Zack Bronson had 4 tackles and INT. CB R.W. McQuarters and LB Lee Woodall each had 4 tackles and 2 passes defended.

SPECIAL TEAMS — Giants K Brad Daluiso kicked 40- and 49-yard FGs. Giants KR Amani Toomer returned 4 punts for 55 yards. Giants P Brad Maynard leads NFL with 45.3 average and 28 punts inside 20-yard line. 49ers P Reggie Roby punted 3 times for 43.7 average.

KEY MATCHUPS — CBs Sparks and Conrad Hamilton vs. WRs Rice, Owens and Stokes; DEs Strahan and Bratke vs. QB Young; LBs Armstead, Widmer and Marcus Buckley vs. RB Hearst.

STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Matchup of NFC's top teams in sacks: 49ers have 44 and Giants have 41. Giants recorded first shutout since 1990. Bratke has career-high 9 sacks. Dave Meggett holds Giants record with catches in 46 straight games. 49ers can clinch playoff berth with win and New Orleans loss and Detroit loss or tie. 49ers got team-record 14th straight regular-season home victory. Young has sixth career 3,000-yard passing season. Young needs 3 TD passes for second career 30 TD season. Young is 85-31 since becoming 49ers starter in 1991. Hearst needs 61 yards rushing for second straight and second career 1,000-yard season.

CARDINALS (No. 16), OVERALL (No. 16)

Nearly blew 3-0 lead with 2 sacks. DT S. Pat Till had 5 tackles. RB Jeff Thomas had 3 catches for 24 yards and 1 TD. Cardinals lead NFL with 10 receptions for 174 yards and 1 TD in last 3 games. Cardinals have 8 sacks in last 3 games. Cardinals have 10 sacks in last 3 games. Cardinals have 10 sacks in last 3 games.

KEY MATCHUPS — Cardinals RB Ed McCaffrey vs. Bears DE Mark Lee; Cardinals WR Steve Watson vs. Bears CB Brian Kelly; Cardinals QB Kurt Warner vs. Bears QB Trent Diller.

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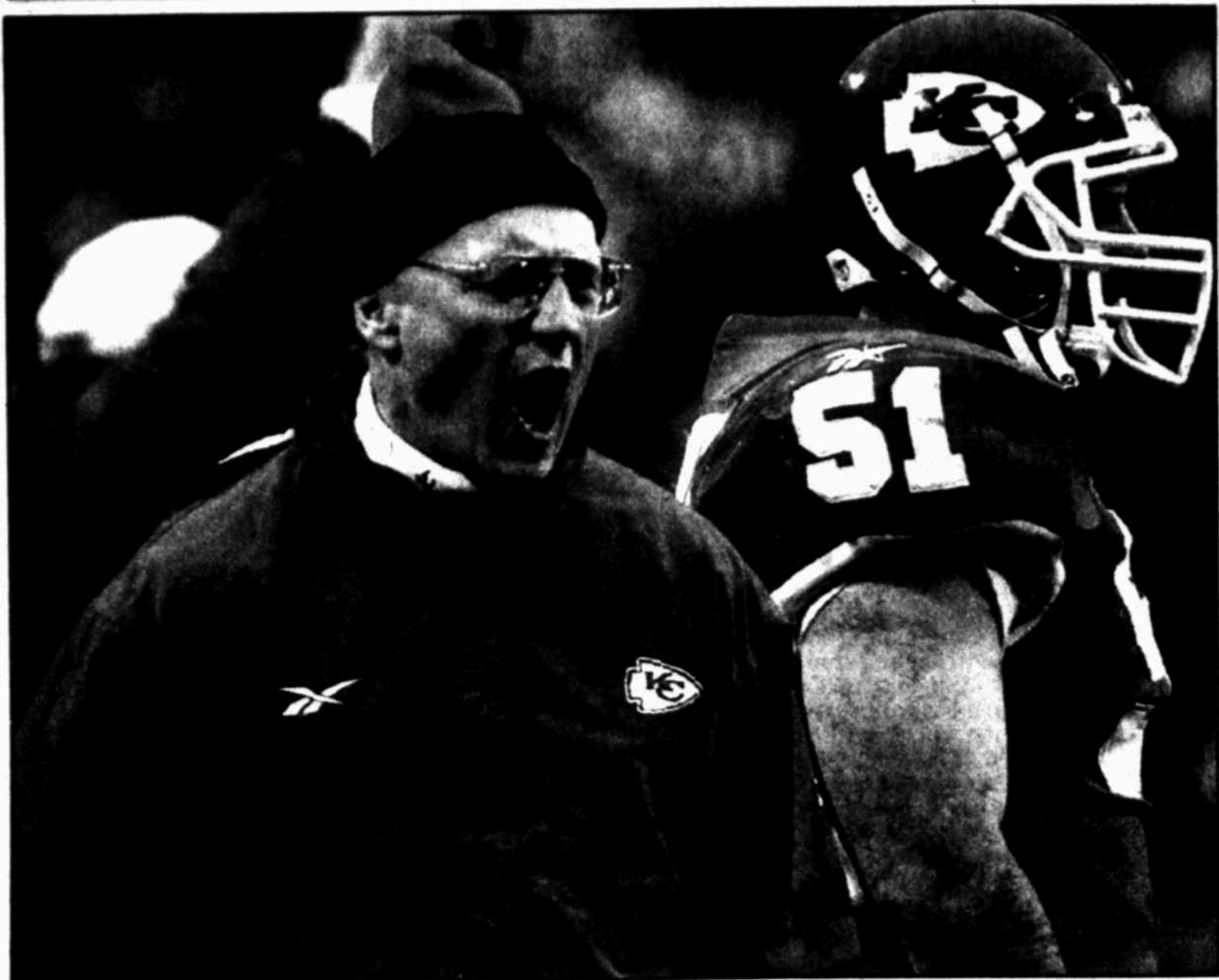
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AP Photo
Kansas City Chiefs head coach Marty Schottenheimer shouts his displeasure to a call in the game against the Denver Broncos last season. This year, Schottenheimer has had more to be outraged about. Not in three full seasons at Cleveland and nine in Kansas City has any Schottenheimer-coached team lost six games in a row — until this season. Now, the outfit that was 13-3 last year and is 4-7 this year.

Kansas City Collapse

Chiefs, Schottenheimer suffer through rare slump, look to end 6-game streak

By Doug Tucker
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The last time this happened to the Kansas City Chiefs, Ronald Reagan was in the White House and the Royals were World Series champions.

The last time this happened to Marty Schottenheimer — well, this has never happened to Marty Schottenheimer. Not in three full seasons at Cleveland and nine in Kansas City has any Schottenheimer-coached team lost six games in a row.

Yet, the outfit that was 13-3 last year and picked by so many experts for this season's Super Bowl has not walked off the field a winner since Oct. 4. In the ensuing seven weeks, including a bye week, they've been humiliated and humbled, disgraced and broken-hearted. They've plunged from a confident 4-1 to an unnerved 4-7.

New England and Denver blew them out. San Diego beat them by one point in the second-biggest fourth-quarter comeback in Chargers' history.

They've changed quarterbacks and running backs, suspended players and waived players.

About the only things they haven't changed are coaches and luck.

Two of the losses were in Monday night showcases, including a 30-7 whipping by the Broncos in which a couple of players, most notably Pro Bowl linebacker Derrick Thomas, drew five personal fouls on Denver's last touchdown drive.

Schottenheimer said it was a shocking display of immaturity and lack of character, "the most disappointing experience of my coaching career."

Owner Lamar Hunt, who hardly ever says a bad word about anybody, said the Chiefs "disgraced not only the entire organization but the community as well."

The next day, linebacker Wayne Simmons was released and Thomas was suspended for a game.

Not counting the strike season of 1987, this is the longest losing streak for Kansas City since the directionless Chiefs of John Mackovic lost seven in a row in 1985.

Unless they win three of their last five, which includes a trip to unbeaten Denver, Schottenheimer is soon to suffer his first losing season as a head coach.

"This is a very uncharacteristic feeling for this football team,"

said Schottenheimer, holding up remarkably well for a man who has fans jamming the airwaves every night demanding his dismissal.

So what has caused this amazing train wreck of a season?

Five games into it, they were 4-1, which made them 17-4 going back to the beginning of last season. Reasons for optimism were everywhere. After leading the NFL in 1997 in fewest points allowed, they signed four-time Pro Bowl defensive lineman Chester McGlockton from Oakland, picked up former Pro Bowl defensive end Leslie O'Neal and bolstered their offense with wide receiver Derrick Alexander, who was coming off a second straight 1,000-yard season with the Ravens.

Signs of trouble were there, however. The retirement of Marcus Allen and the departure of Greg Hill left the Chiefs without a proven running back. This became a glaring weakness.

Injuries swamped the Chiefs. Lost for part or all of the season were All-Pro left guard Dave Snitz, Pro Bowl cornerback Dale Carter, quarterback Elvis Grbac and McGlockton.

But perhaps most damaging problem — and most uncharacteristic of Schottenheimer teams — have been turnovers. The Chiefs lead the NFL in takeaway-giveaway differential for the decade; this year, they are just about average at plus-one.

And then there are penalties. Twice this season the Chiefs have broken their team record for penalties in a game. They will go into their next-to-last home game against the Cardinals Sunday with a league-leading 112 infractions for almost 1,000 yards.

"Maybe," said linebacker Donnie Edwards, a bewildered look on his face, "we aren't as good as we thought we were."

Nevertheless, fans calling for Schottenheimer's scalp are almost sure to be disappointed. He and president-general manager Carl Peterson could decide on their own to move on. But both men, who have long-term contracts, retain the confidence of their owner.

"I have great confidence they're going to get us turned around and going in the right direction," Hunt said from his office in Dallas. "When we started the season 4-1, it tied for the best start in team history. Thinking about making a change after losing six games

would be the equivalent of giving somebody a 10-year contract after a 4-1 start. Neither move would make any sense at all. I am very confident in the two of them."

The Chiefs' young offensive assistant feels the same way.

"He hasn't had too many tough times like this," Brian Schottenheimer said as his dad met with reporters after practice one day this week. "We're being tested. Only the strong will survive. But he's a very strong-willed individual and he's got all the support he needs with my mom and our family."

Schottenheimer can come back

Coaching vacancies for '99 season should be numerous

By Dave Goldberg
AP Football Writer

We already know there's at least one coaching vacancy to fill — expansion Cleveland, where Carmen Policy, the new president, has already let it be known he'd love to have Mike Holmgren.

Add another half-dozen casualties and maybe more. In order of probability:

—Philadelphia. Owner Jeff Lurie made it clear last week that Ray Rhodes is out. Lurie's more at fault than Rhodes — he brought in 17 marketing people, but ignored personnel, and Rhodes got under-talented teams to the playoffs his first two seasons. But the Eagles are pathetic. They've scored 92 points and have an excellent shot at breaking the worst-ever point total of 140 for a 16-game season, set in 1992 by Seattle.

—Washington. This is Norv Turner's fifth season without making the playoffs and the team backslid after starting with high expectations. If John Kent Cooke retains the team, he'll probably keep general manager Charley Casserly and let Turner go. Any new owner is likely to dispense with both.

—San Diego. June Jones replaced Kevin Gilbride as "interim" coach. Jones has done reasonably well, but he's been a head coach and being a quarterback guru brings a lot more job security.

—Seattle. Dennis Erickson had to make the playoffs. He won't. He's been 8-8, 7-9 and 8-8 and is 5-6 now. Owner Paul Allen has spent a lot for free agents, and lingering around 500 won't cut it.

—Baltimore. Ted Marchibroda is 67, the team is 4-7, and he'll probably retire or be retired after the season. Art Modell knows what bad public relations is like and Marchibroda has deep roots in Baltimore, so he'll be let down easily.

Other possible casualties or resignations include Holmgren. He is likely to leave the Packers. Ron Wolf, Green Bay's general manager, has said publicly there's only a 20 percent chance Holmgren will be back and Holmgren has permission to pursue a coach-general manager position elsewhere. Then there's Marty Schottenheimer, whose Chiefs have collapsed.

Schottenheimer can come back

if he wants. But he might be wise to take the advice tendered by Jim Mora after he left New Orleans: 10 years is too long in one place. He's sure to end up somewhere else if he wants.

There's also a chance Dick Vermeil might leave St. Louis. The Rams probably won't get much better as long as Georgia Frontiere and John Shaw are in charge.

Dave Wannstedt got another vote of confidence in Chicago a few weeks ago. That can be fatal. On the other hand, the untalented Bears have played hard every week.

And the San Francisco situation is in such flux that Steve Mariucci could go elsewhere (Cleveland or Green Bay?) if he doesn't get the contract extension he's seeking.

AND THE CANDIDATES ARE: With the likely coaching vacancies come candidates to fill them. There are retirees, likely suspects and minority candidates, who overlap in both categories.

With Rhodes on his way out, there will be a major firestorm if there isn't a new black coach with some team.

The retirees are Holmgren and Schottenheimer — Holmgren could certainly go to Cleveland, Seattle, Washington or San Francisco.

Rhodes, who was coach of the year in 1995, should get another shot, but probably not this year.

George Seifert is sitting in the television waiting for a job, probably in Seattle. And there's Rich Brooks, Atlanta's defensive coordinator, who looks a lot better now than Brooks did in St. Louis, where he was 13-19 in two seasons.

Gary Kubiak, Denver's offensive coordinator, is almost sure to land a job if he wants one. Greg Robinson, the Broncos' defensive coordinator, also is high on the list of prospects. But as Jerry Jones, demonstrated when he plucked Chan Gailey instead of someone from a group of better-known candidates for Dallas, there are a lot of obscure assistants who could be head coaches.

One problem is that candidates are tied to the fortunes of their teams.

Mike Nolan, Washington's defensive coordinator, has always looked like a hot prospect. But the Redskins' 2-9 record and a defense that's ranked 24th in the NFL will hurt him.

Emmitt Thomas, Philadelphia's defensive coordinator (see minorities) has impressed some owners in past interviews. But what owner can impress his fans by hiring an assistant from the worst team in the league?

The most obvious minority candidate is Sherrill Lewis, the Green Bay offensive coordinator who's been pushed for jobs and interviewed a few times the last two years. But it doesn't look like Lewis will get Holmgren's job if that opens up — he's not a favorite of Wolf's. And there's a certain shelf life to the mentioning and interviewing process. Once a coach goes through it a couple of times, owners begin to wonder why he wasn't hired somewhere else in the first place.

Right now, the two hottest minority names are Willie Shaw, the Raiders' defensive coordinator, and Tyrone Willingham, the Stanford coach.

Despite Stanford's usually mediocre record, it's provided such NFL coaches as Seifert, John Ralston, Bill Walsh, Dennis Green, Jim Fassel and Ray Handley (hardly one to brag about). Willingham has NFL experience as an assistant to Green in Minnesota. Shaw, who has taken a defense that was last in the NFL last season and improved it to second, is an ex-Stanford assistant, too.

One other note on minorities. Art Shell, the first black coach in modern NFL history, is the offensive line coach of the Falcons, who are, of course, a hot team. Shell was 56-41 with the Raiders, and some blacks around the league question why white coaches get recycled, but Shell doesn't.

DIRTY DOZEN: The top six and bottom six teams in the NFL based on current level of play (excluding Thursday's games).

1. Denver (11-0) — Three soft games, then a showdown in Miami.
2. Minnesota (10-1) — Randy Moss back on track.
3. Atlanta (9-2) — A totally different team if the QB is Tony Gonzalez or Steve DeBerg.
4. San Francisco (8-3) — People talk about 49ers' "troubles." Most teams would love to have them.
5. Jacksonville (8-3) — The loss in Pittsburgh was predictable.
6. New York Jets (7-4) — Bounced back nicely.
7. Carolina (2-9) — Best 2-9 team in the league.
8. Kansas City (4-7) — Might not win again.
9. Washington (2-9) — At least the Redskins try.
10. St. Louis (3-8) — Need new ownership.
11. Cincinnati (2-9) — No second-half surge yet.
12. Philadelphia (2-9) — Fewer points all season (92) than Denver has in first quarters (117).

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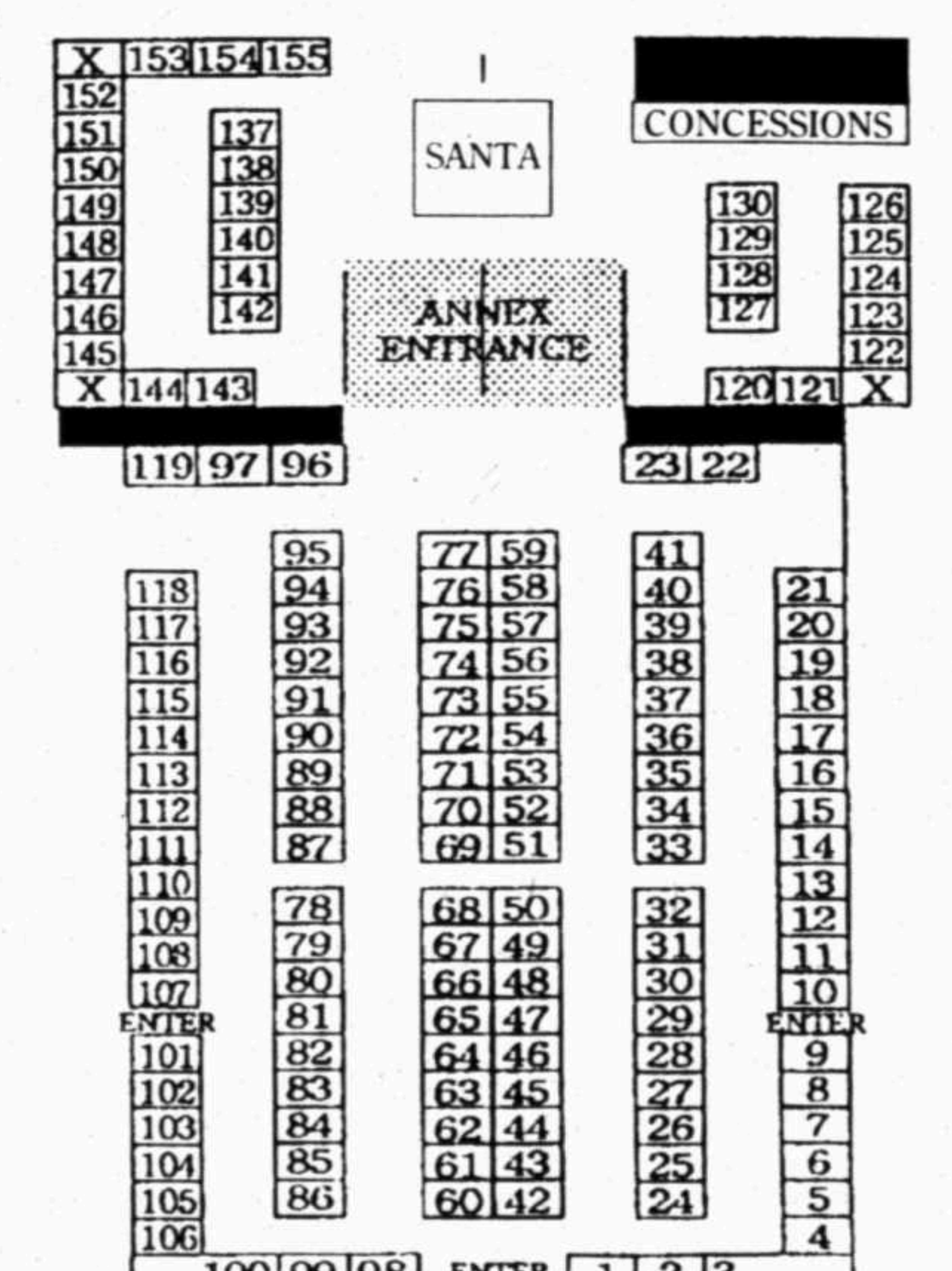
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Whether heads or tails, Steelers lose

By Alan Robinson
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — It sounds like the most incredible tall tale ever: An NFL team loses because the referee apparently misses the easiest call in football, the coin flip.

The Pittsburgh Steelers believe it following one of the most bizarre finishes in league history, one that someday may rank on the improbability scale alongside the Immaculate Reception.

Tails, they lost.

The disconsolate Steelers were scattered among all corners of the United States on Friday, celebrating a late Thanksgiving and cursing a 19-16 overtime defeat Thursday in Detroit — and perhaps the first blown coin toss in NFL history.

"It was the weirdest game I've ever been involved with," running back Jerome Bettis said.

There is no such thing as appealing a defeat in the NFL, but the Steelers probably feel like asking for a hearing — if only to question referee Phil Luckett's hearing.

The NFL said Friday it would have no comment on the coin flip controversy, but is conducting a review of the events surrounding the coin flip and expects to conclude that review next week.

As captains Carnell Lake and Bettis lined up for the overtime coin flip, Luckett asked which captain would make the call. Bettis volunteered.

As Luckett flipped the coin, CBS-TV replays disclosed a slight pause before Bettis said, hurriedly but distinctly, "Tails."

Luckett picked up the coin, turned to the Lions captains, acknowledged it was tails — and asked if they wished to kick or receive. The Lions subsequently drove for Jason Hanson's game-winning 42-yard field goal, and the Steelers never saw the ball again.

Luckett explained later he heard

someone say "heads" before Bettis said "tails." Bettis and Lake vehemently denied that.

However, radio station KDKA in Pittsburgh said Friday it enhanced the audio of a CBS-TV tape and detected someone faintly saying "heads" before Bettis called "tails." The station could not determine who uttered "heads" — either one of the Steelers or Lions.

Still, Steelers linebacker Earl Holmes said, "How can you blow the coin toss?"

"It will be interesting to see the league's stance on this," Bettis said. "Will they say something is wrong or will they try to brush it under the carpet? Whenever you make that kind of call, it leaves a lot of question marks."

Just as there are many questions about the Steelers (7-5), who must hope that Jacksonville (8-3) collapses down the stretch if they are to win a fifth consecutive AFC Central title.

Cowher was so incensed with the call, he and several assistant coaches screamed loudly at the officials as they ran off the field, blaming them for the defeat.

Asked later to recap what happened at midfield, Bettis said, "I won — and we lost."

They might have lost more than a game, too. If they don't win the division, the Steelers' chances of advancing to the playoffs as a wild card are diminished because of their 5-4 conference record and 3-3 division record.

Still, the Steelers couldn't stop talking about the most debated coin flip call since the 1962 AFL championship game between the Dallas Texans (now the Kansas City Chiefs) and Houston Oilers. Dallas' Abner Haynes nearly cost his team the championship by winning the coin toss, only to mysteriously choose to kick — into a 40-mph wind.

"We'll kick to the clock,"



Pittsburgh coach Bill Cowher, left, gives an earful to line judge Dale Orem after the Steelers were penalized 15 yards in the overtime period. That wasn't the only thing the Steelers were complaining about after the game.

Haynes said.

Now, a different clock is ticking on the Steelers, who are 7-5 for only the second time in Cowher's seven-season tenure. The last time, 1993, they sneaked into the playoffs with a 9-7 record, but lost a wild-card game to the Texans, err, Chiefs.

They can blame the coin toss all they want, but the Steelers easily could have and probably should have won Thursday before overtime.

They crossed the 50 on their first six possessions, only to settle for two field goals. They blew a 13-3 lead. And they gave the Lions a gift score by inexplicably calling for a kickoff return reverse that was fumbled away by Richard Huntley, who leads the league with five fumbles.

Also, Bettis, who rushed for 1,665 yards last season, was ineffective again with 67 yards on 26 carries and now has only 418 yards on 144 carries in his last six games. And Lake, a four-time Pro Bowl defensive back, was in coverage for most of Herman Moore's eight catches for 148 yards.

"I hear guys talking about the coin toss," safety Lee Flowers said. "I don't know what's going on with that, but we need to know how to put a team away. It shouldn't have gotten to overtime in the first place."

Holmes said, "The question is: Where do the Steelers go from here? We've got a much harder fight now to make the playoffs."

Like McGwire in baseball, Davis closes in on record

By Aaron J. Lopez
AP Sports Writer

DENVER — When Mark McGwire was pursuing Roger Maris' 37-year-old home run record, Denver running back Terrell Davis was paying attention.

Davis, on pace to break Eric Dickerson's single-season NFL rushing record, said he has adopted the approach that McGwire used to shatter Maris' mark of 61 homers.

"Early on, he was kind of nonchalant about it and acted like he didn't care about the record," Davis said Wednesday. "But once he got close to it, then he started to really focus down on it and really started to play with it, have fun with it."

"Right now, I still have five more games to go. If I'm close, within the last game or so, then maybe I'll come out and talk a little bit more about it. But five games, anything can happen within those five games."

Dickerson had 2,105 yards for the Los Angeles Rams in 1984, and Davis would finish with 2,140 at his current pace of 135.6 yards per game.

That average could take a beating in San Diego on Sunday when the Broncos (11-0) face the league's top defense for the second time in four weeks.

The number-crunching Chargers yield just 66 yards rushing per game and held Davis to 69 yards on 20 carries in a 27-10 loss at Denver on Nov. 8. No running back has cracked the century mark against San Diego this season.

"It's human nature to look back at the game we played here," Davis said. "I want to go out there and be productive this game, definitely. It's a personal challenge for me to go out there and get more

yards. I'm conscious of that."

Davis needs just eight yards to reach the 1,500-yard mark for the third straight year, a feat of consistency accomplished only by Barry Sanders, who is seeking a fourth straight 1,500-yard season.

The next hurdle will be 2,000 and a shot at Dickerson's record, but Davis is unwavering in his approach toward history in the midst of a season that is seeing Denver seemingly rewrite it every Sunday.

"I've thought about it," Davis said. "But I've always said that in the process of me going ahead and doing the things to help this team... if I get it, then that's fine. It's just icing on the cake. But I won't do anything extra to go out there and try to get the yardage."

San Diego coach June Jones is hoping the Chargers can slow Davis' record pace by repeating the performance of three weeks ago when he was held in check by an active defense led by maniacal linebacker Junior Seau.

"Well, that's somewhat of a miracle, holding him under 100 yards," Jones said. "You have to get 11 guys to the football because he's going to make a lot of guys miss, and he's going to run through a lot of tackles."

The Broncos don't plan to back down from San Diego's relentless ball pursuit. John Elway is healthy and capable of beating teams through the air, but Davis is option No. 1 until the Chargers can prove otherwise.

"We're going to make them stop Terrell again," tight end Shannon Sharpe said. "That's our bread and butter. We're going to make them prove that they can stop him twice. Until they prove that they can stop him on a consistent basis, we've got to give Terrell the football."

COWBOYS COMMENTARY

Vikings' Moss becomes Dallas' loss

■ Rookie wide receiver makes silent statement about Dallas' draft decision.

By Gil LeBreton
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

IRVING — They were gathered 'round a table, gnawing on turkey legs and chilling, being interviewed by Madden and Summerall, just the way the original pilgrims did so many years ago.

Between bites, Randy Moss, out-of-place dude in the purple blazer could hear the Minnesota Vikings fans gobbling.

The man in the blazer, new owner Red McCombs — NBA dropout, NFL drop-in — was clearly enjoying himself.

"What a Thanksgiving Day in Texas!" proclaimed McCombs, whose Norse roots go all the way back to the fjords of San Antonio.

Indeed, it was a great day to be a Lars, a Red or a Randy.

Young, misunderstood Moss, making a statement of sorts, had slipped behind and around the Cowboys' secondary just enough to catch three passes, chew up 163 yards and score three touchdowns.

"Herschel Payback Time!" a handmade sign in the Vikings' fans section read, after the visiting plunderers' 46-36 victory.

"Vikings thank Dallas for Moss," chirped another.

For Cowboys fans, today the truth hurts. Moss is the real deal. And then some.

Ignored by the Cowboys in the April draft because of his alleged questionable character, Moss took rampant advantage yesterday of a bad situation — i.e., the Cowboys' injury-riddled secondary.

What was left was no contest. What's to come in January, however, might not be much of a fair fight, either. Moss looked that good.

"I don't think it was anything personal against the Dallas Cowboys," Vikings coach Green said. "I think Randy just wants to come out and show everyone that he can play."

On the fourth snap of the afternoon, clearly mindful of Moss, Cowboys defenders Darren Woodson and Kevin Smith had made the mistake of taking the bait on an apparent running play to Robert Smith. The brief misstep allowed Moss to lope downhill where, after Smith lateraled back to the quarterback, he gathered in Randall Cunningham's pass and hopped in for his first touchdown.

That one carried 51 yards. The one at the end of the first quarter, where he outfought cornerback Kevin Smith, went 56 yards. The one in the third quarter, also for 56 yards, vaulted the Vikings into a commanding, 39-22 lead.

"Randy Moss is a great wide receiver," said someone named Terry Billups, stand-in Cowboys cornerback. "He goes out and makes big plays. They throw the ball up, and if he's covered or not, he goes up and gets the ball."

"We had guys in position, and he still went up and got the ball."

Just like the scouting report said, in other words, Moss was everything he was advertised to be, except for the disreputable headlines he was supposed to bring.

And that remains a bum rap. Vikings coordinator Brian Billick said.

"He has gotten criticism from people who've never met him," Billick said. "That has to be a motivation."

Moss himself declined to say. After the interlude with John Madden and the turkey leg, Moss retired to the dressing room and, when he emerged, elected not to speak. He does this sometimes, the Minnesota writers say.

Besides, it's too late for the Cowboys to declare Greg Ellis a mulligan. They missed on Moss, as did 19 other teams.

But as owner Jerry Jones said yesterday, one more time, "I stopped a long time ago dwelling on a player that we could have drafted and what he could have done for us. Don't forget that we picked Troy Aikman over Barry Sanders."

"When it came to making the pick, it was very important, in such a high profile situation, that we show a sensitivity."

No convicted criminals, in other words. It was the right attitude and the wrong decision, all rolled into one.

Maybe things will be different, should January's chill find the two teams meeting again.

But as coordinator Billick said, "You can't lose a Deion Sanders and have it not affect you. But it's just like us losing Jake Reed. It scares me to think how we would have done today if we had had Jake."

If Billick is equating losing Count Do-Rag with the Vikes losing their No. 3 receiver, that's wrong. But the Cowboys' secondary is in such disarray, who's to say what a rematch would bring?

Like the fans' banner above the postgame turkey celebration read, "Anything is Moss-ible."

Or the best one — "Our Moss — Dallas' Loss."

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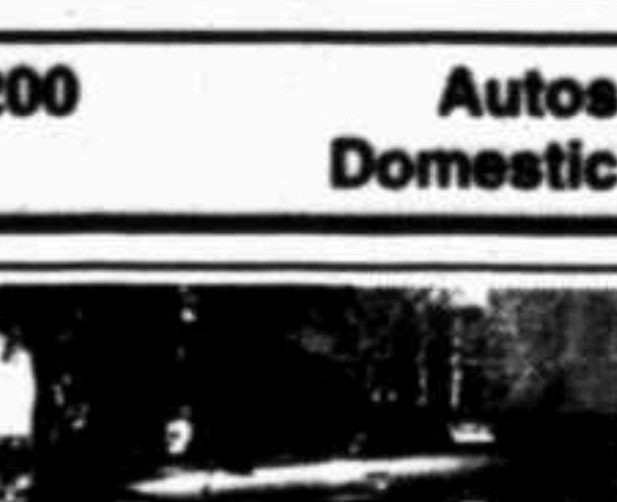
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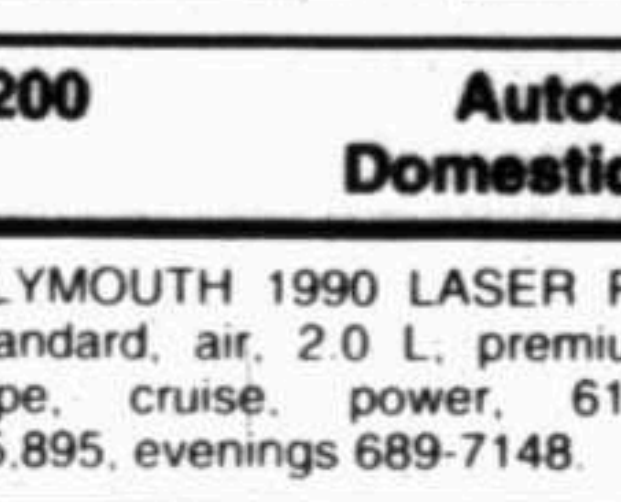
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Choosing The Right RV

Ever since I first started writing this column, I have tried to focus some of my attention on buying RVs. Through the years I have talked about what to look for in both new and used RVs and tried to always give the best advice I could. Time and experience are great teachers, and as I gain new insight into the world of RVing, I like to pass along what I have learned.

My latest lesson came when I had a chance to evaluate a much larger RV than what I am used to. I had the loan of a 34-foot, slide out, wide-body Class A motorhome. The rig we own is old, almost an antique, but it serves us well. I've learned to handle its 28-foot length with minimal difficulty, if not ease. But the jump from a 28-foot to a 34-foot rig is a bigger transition than it may sound.

That's what made me realize you have to start selecting your RV by looking at the way you're going to use it. Most people think of choosing a rig, whether it be a pop-up camper, hard side trailer, fifth-wheel, or Class C or A motorhome, in terms of cost, physical layout, engine and chassis preference, exterior appearance, accessories and options.

While all of these are valid criteria, it is just as important to examine how you're going to use the rig. I don't just mean as a vacation home or a camping companion, either. The number of people you carry, the places you go, the highways you take, the way you drive, the time you have, and the campgrounds in which you stay are all important in selecting the right rig for you.

Let's start with one of the most basic, but nonetheless one of the most crucial, parts of RVing — driving the beast. If you've never driven anything but small or mid-size cars, or even if you have driven full-size cars, the view from behind the wheel of a Class A motorhome or one-ton pickup hooked up to a 30-foot fifth-wheel is a whole lot different than what you see behind the wheel of a Plymouth Neon, Ford Escort or even Chevrolet Caprice.

You're higher off the ground. The windshield is the size of Oklahoma. Your spouse is in the next county. If you're easily intimidated or if you'd like to take some time and work your way up to the bigger stuff, then I'd suggest starting off with a Class C motorhome or a pop-up camper you can tow behind a small car.

The Class C motorhome will have a more familiar look and feel. It's based on a full-size cargo van chassis, making it a roomy vehicle, but with an instrument panel that looks like an instrument panel (and one that isn't four feet away) and only a small leg-stretch up into the seats.

If you're a bit more adventuresome, aren't intimidated by driving larger vehicles, and enjoy a challenge, go for a Class A rig. It's big, it's long, it's heavy, it's slow — it's a whole new world of motor-ing. You'll learn to love rear view mirrors. Patience will become not only a virtue, it will be a survival trait. You'll learn to plan ahead and watch traffic a lot closer.

It may take some time to get comfortable with your new Class A, but a shopping mall parking lot on Sunday afternoon is a good place to learn to drive the rig. There's lots of room, with just a few birds and the occasional curious security guard.

One last thing to consider is how you drive when you're on the road. If you're an interstate flyer you probably should go for a diesel-powered rig, if you can afford it. Diesel is also a better choice if you travel 20,000 or more miles each year. On the other hand, if you like the interstates but tend to stay down around the speed limit, and record minimal mileage, a gasoline-fueled rig is probably your best bet.



Turning up the Fun-Meter

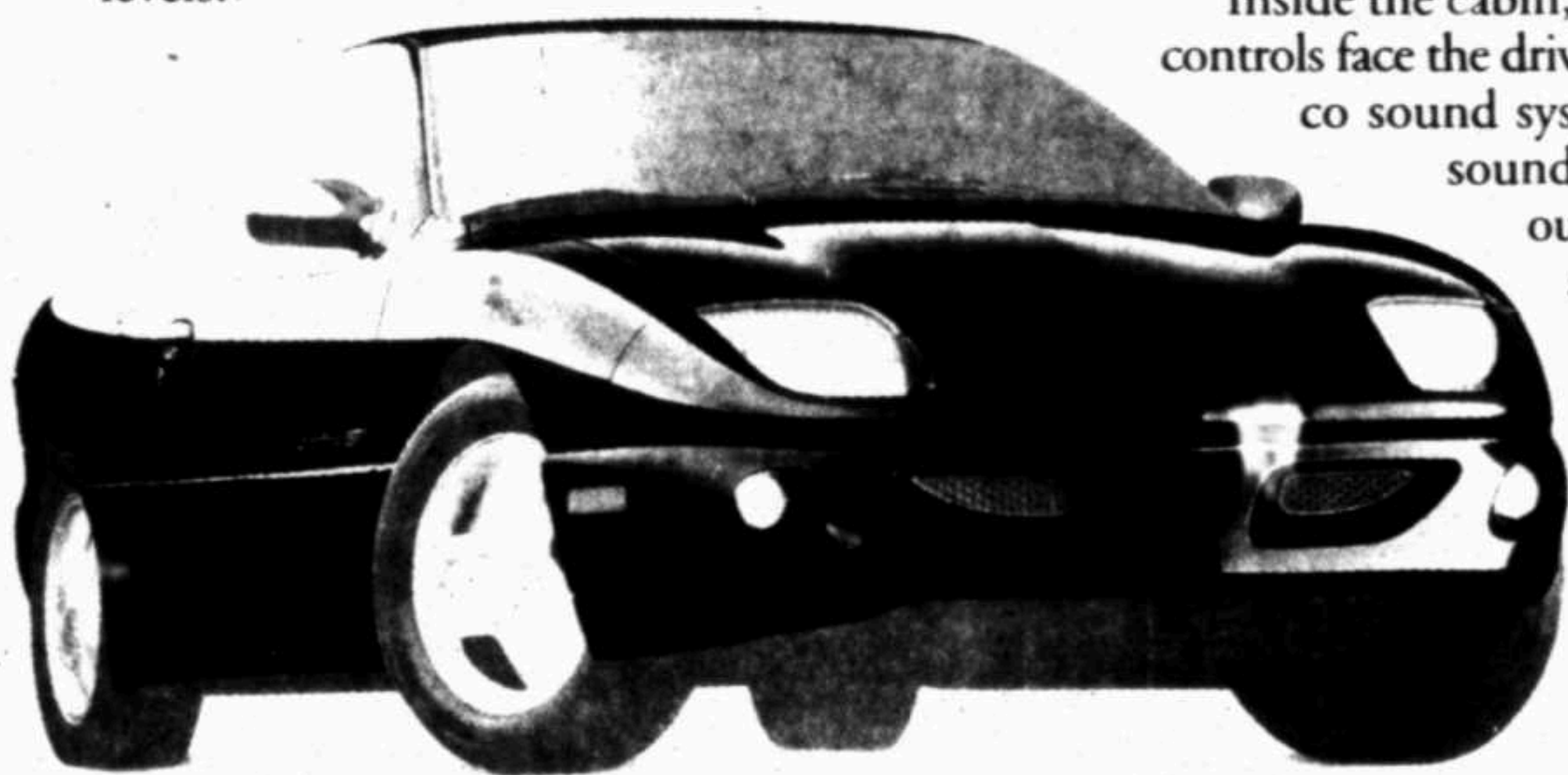
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by Ken Chester, Jr.

'99 Pontiac Sunfire GT coupe

Ever since its debut in October 1994 as a '95 model, the Pontiac Sunfire has increased its popularity with consumers.

Fun, fast and unique, the Sunfire continues to build on its youth-oriented image. Built by General Motors in Lordstown, Ohio alongside its mechanical twin, the Chevrolet Cavalier, the Sunfire coupe is available as a coupe, convertible or sedan in SE and GT trim levels.



The base SE coupe is equipped with a 2.2-liter four-cylinder engine joined to a five-speed manual transmission. The GT coupe is equipped with the lethal 2.4-liter Twin Cam four-cylinder engine.

Performance numbers range from 115 horsepower at 5,000 rpm and 135 lb/ft of torque at 3,600 rpm for the 2.2-liter engine and 150 horsepower at 5,600 rpm and 155 lb/ft of torque for the 2.4-liter Twin Cam.

Consumers can select a three-speed (\$600) or four-speed (\$210, SE; \$810, GT) automatic transmission, if preferred.

On the road, the Sunfire GT delivered awesome throttle response and handling. The suspension pieces, aided by meaty 205/55R16 Goodyear Eagle RS-A tires, kept the car glued to the road no matter what. The standard rear spoiler adds a sporty appearance to the overall package.

Inside the cabin, well placed displays and controls face the driver, with the optional Delco sound system delivering excellent sound. The driver enjoys good outward visibility. The seats are comfortable, with a nice center armrest. Switches for the power windows are located in the center console. A huge glovebox makes up for the lack of cubbyholes.

In the rear seating area, the single piece fold down rear seat back makes the most of the small trunk. The back seat is snug, but comfortable for two adults. Dual cupholders for the rear seat passengers make it more hospitable for extended periods.

Underhood fluids are easy to reach and clearly marked. I do have a few gripes, however. The trunk opening is very small, there is no remote trunk release located in the sedan — just the remote keyless entry fob, and the optional steering wheel-mounted radio controls are not placed conveniently for driver use.

By the numbers

Standard safety equipment for the Sunfire sedan includes dual airbags, four-wheel anti-lock brakes, low speed traction control (when equipped with the optional four-speed automatic transmission), side impact door beams and daytime running lights.

EPA fuel economy for the Sunfire ranges from 25 city/37 highway for the 2.2-liter engine/five-speed manual to 22 city/32 highway for the 2.4L engine/four-speed automatic.

Retail sticker price for the coupe starts at \$12,745 for the SE and \$15,745 for the GT. Destination charge adds \$510.

Pontiac currently has a \$500 cash rebate on the Sunfire coupe that ends Dec. 31. This rebate program is not available in California, Washington, Oregon or Idaho. ■

Say Hello to the Edsel

Amidst all the fanfare and hoopla surrounding new-car introduction time, let us take a moment to remember those worthy, but underappreciated cars that are no longer glistening in your dealer's showrooms. These are the forgotten ones, the fallen, never to feel an MSRP sticker on their windows, or be detailed and dealer prepped for some wide-eyed, leveraged-to-the-hilt buyer of dreams and fancy.

These are the fallen:

Lincoln Mk VIII - It was fast, it was luxurious, it was sleek. But that still wasn't enough to entice buyers to this, the last (for now) of the Marks. The LSC model boasted 290 horsepower, but the public appetite for coupes seems to be waning. And at \$40,000 a pop, the Lincoln was the victim of changing tastes from a more practical car-buying public.



Eagle Talon - The Eagle has landed - shot out of the sky, actually, never again to soar. This brilliantly-executed design looked fast even when it was perched on the hoist down at the local Quik Lube. The Talon's variety of power rat-

ings, but the one that stirred the soul was the turbocharged version of the 2.0-liter engine stuffed into the AWD Eagle TSi that produced 210 horsepower and could blister the tires from 0-60 mph in less than seven seconds. Everybody loved the Talon, it seems, but not enough to keep it in production.

Toyota Supra - Do we see a pattern here? Why has the world suddenly got it in for sports cars. In our view they're good for your mental health, and probably cheaper than several sessions with your local therapist. The Supra started life in the late '70s as size large Celica, and wound up a big, bulbous and expensive toy for people shopping for Corvette alternatives. The Corvette ultimately won that battle, leaving the Supra, and its 320-horsepower inline six-cylinder turbo motor begging for mercy (and a few more sales). None was given, leaving the fastest Toyota this side of Ironman Stewart's Baja-basher DOA.



Nissan 240SX - Ah, c'mon, not another dead sports coupe? Afraid so, my friend. Just when your back was turned, along comes this dude wearing a hooded, black kimono, and packing the big knife on a stick and POOF! No more 240SX. True, it didn't have an exotic engine under the hood, and interior space was less than limo-like. But the car looked great, and handled even better. And at under \$23,000 you got your money's worth. If only Nissan had stuck a V6 in it and maybe even a little turbo action. Oh well, there's always the Sentra (?).



Nissan 200SX - We won't make a huge fuss over this one. The 200SX was an honest little coupe, well made, OK on fuel and kinda cute. The only problem here is that there are so many other marques around that can do it just as well, or better. It boils down to advertising bucks. In this instance, GM, Ford and Chrysler plastered their 200SX competitors all over the mass media. Nissan

finally decided to stop hitting its corporate head against a marketing brick wall and compassionately put the 200SX out of its misery.

Suzuki X90 - You gotta wonder about the decision-making process that rubber-stamped this one into production. Sort of reminds us of the kiddie-cars the Shriners drive in parades. It goes to show you why new car focus group sessions should be, well, focussed. This car started with all the right ingredients, such as a sturdy chassis, optional four-wheel drive and a comfortable, if tight-fitting interior. But the idea of a SUC (sport utility car - we just made that one up) never caught on with the public. Now if only the Grand Vitara product planners had developed this vehicle, we'd all be driving one.



Buick Riviera - Like the Lincoln Mark VIII, the big Riv was gorgeous to look at, quick on the draw with its 240-horsepower super-charged V6, and armchair comfortable. It was also a very cool set of wheels in which to be seen. But Buick never did hit it off with the Riviera's intended target buyer, the young, upwardly-mobile types. They went looking elsewhere for wheels, leaving the 60 plus group to carry the automotive load. This group of empty-nesters has never given up its passion for big four-door iron, taking a pass on Buick's personal luxury machine. Poor sales equalled no chance for the Riviera, and it departs the scene after a 35-year run.



There are a few more cars we didn't report on, such as the Toyota Paseo, Audi Cabriolet, Olds Achieva and Toyota Tercel. And some manufacturers may yet pull the plug on one or two more we're not yet aware of. But from the ashes of the recently departed, there has risen a number of new makes for us to consider, look carefully at, tire-kick and perhaps purchase or lease in such abundance as to guarantee them a bright and secure future. Just remember, if you just have get your hands on one of these treasures, there's always the used-car lot.

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- 2.5L EFI I-4 Engine
- 5-Spd. Man O/D Transmission
- P225 Steel OWL A/Season Tires
- 3.73 Ratio Regular Axle
- Front License Plate Bracket
- Speed Control/Tilt Strg. Wheel
- Air Conditioning-CFC Free
- Elec. AM/FM Stereo/CLK/CD Play
- Cloth 60/40 Split Bench Seat
- Flareside Box
- Stk. #90112

\$234⁵⁶ MO.
\$1,000 down, 36 months Red Carpet Option @ 4.50% APR to qualified buyers. \$1,000 rebate to dealer. Residual \$8,516.90. Sale Price \$15,999 + TT&L.

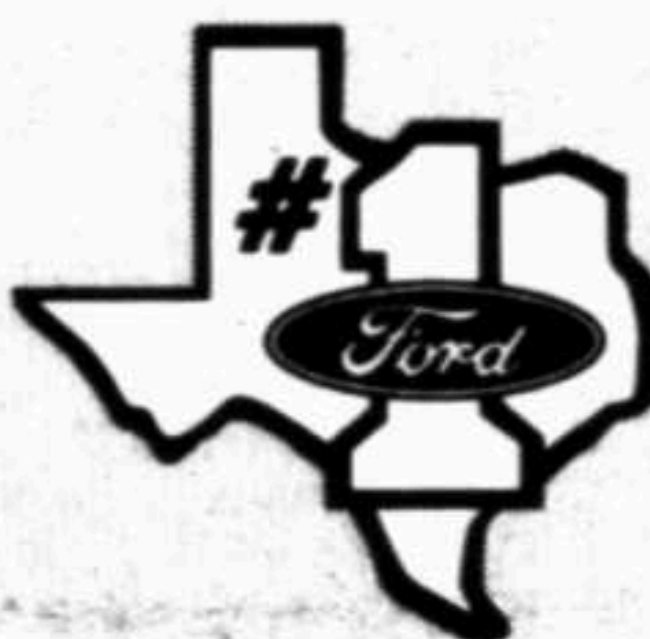


\$318⁴¹ MO.
\$2,000 down, 24 months Red Carpet Option @ 4.5% APR to qualified buyers. Residual \$15,204. Sale Price \$20,999 + TT&L.

'99 FORD F-150 SUPERCAB XLT

- XLT Series
- AM/FM Elect. Stereo/Cass/Clock/CD
- 4.2L EFI, V-6 Engine
- 4-Spd. Auto Transmission
- P235/70R-16 OWL All-Season
- 3.31 Ratio Regular Axle
- Lower Two-Tone Paint
- Front License Plate Bracket
- 6,000 GVWR Package
- XLT 4x2 Special Appearance Pkg
- Power Color-Keyed Mirrors
- Air Conditioning - CFC Free
- 4-Wheel ABS
- Stk. #90995

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'99 FORD EXPLORER SPORT

- Cloth Sport Bucket Seats
- Sport Tires
- 4.0L EFI V6 Engine
- 3.73 Ratio Regular Axle
- Front License Plate Bracket
- Cassette/CD
- Premium Sport Package
- Step Bar
- Fog Lamps
- Full Face Chrome Wheels
- Convenience Group
- Floor Mats, Color-Key Carpet
- Speed Control
- Tilt Wheel
- Cargo Area Cover
- Comfort Group
- Keyed/Autolock/Puddle Lamps
- Illuminated Auxiliary Vents
- Front Overhead Console
- Electronic Mirror
- 5-Speed Automatic Overdrive Trans.
- P235 OWL All-Terrain Tires
- Stk. #90864

\$325⁹² MO.
\$1,000 down, 36 months Red Carpet Option @ 3.25% APR to qualified buyers. Residual \$13,421.25. Sale Price \$22,467 + TT&L.



'99 FORD EXPLORER XLT

- XLT Trim
- Luggage Rack
- Luxury Group
- Electronics Group
- Front Overhead Console
- Hi-Series Floor Console
- Fog Lamps
- Floor Mats/Cargo Cover Group
- Floor Mats, Color-Key Carpet
- Cargo Area Cover
- 4.0 SOHC Engine
- Automatic Overdrive Trans.
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- Front License Plate Bracket
- Cassette CD
- Cloth Sport Bucket

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'99 CONTOUR SE 4-DR SEDAN

- 2.3L DOHC I-4 Engine
- Auto Overdrive Transaxle
- P205/60R15 BSW Tires
- Front License Plate Bracket
- Smoker's Package
- SE Sport Group
- 15" 8-Spoke Alum. Wheels
- Tachometer
- Leather Wrapped Steering Wheel
- Rear Spoiler
- Sport Floor Mats
- Variable Interval Wipers
- Fog Lights
- Leather Shift Knob
- Illuminated Vanity Mirror
- Sport Belts
- Cladding
- AM/FM Stereo/CD Player/Premium Sound
- Stk. #96310

\$299⁹⁸ MO.
\$1,000 down, 36 months Red Carpet Option @ 5.25% APR to qualified buyers. \$500 rebate to dealer. Residual \$7,961.80. Sale Price \$16,811.10 + TT&L.



'98 FORD EXPEDITION XLT

- Preferred Equipment Pkg. 685A • Popular Equipment Group
- XLT Trim
- Speed Control
- Bright Electric Mirrors
- Premium Electronic AM/FM Stereo Cassette
- 16" Cast Aluminum Wheels
- 4.6L EFI V-8 Engine
- 4-Speed Automatic Transmission
- P225/70R-16 OWL All-Terrain Tires
- 3.31 Ratio Regular Axle
- Appearance Group
- Third Row Seat
- Aux. Heater/Air Conditioner Rear
- 6-Disc CD Changer
- P225/70R-16 OWL All-Terrain Tires
- Front License Plate Bracket
- Stk. #90589

\$27,998 Plus TT&L



'99 FORD ESCORT ZX2 2-DR. COUPE

- 2.0L DOHC 16V Zetec Engine
- Automatic Transaxle
- P185/65R14 BSW Tires
- Cool Series
- Floor Mats, Front and Rear
- Rear Window Defroster
- CFC-Free Air Conditioning
- AM/FM Stereo Cassette Radio
- Stk. #96327

\$250⁶² MO.
\$1,000 down, 36 month Red Carpet Option @ 5.25% APR to qualified buyers. \$500 rebate to dealer. Residual \$6,329.25. Sale Price \$13,999.



'99 ESCORT SE 4-DR. SEDAN

- 2.0L SPI Engine
- Automatic Transaxle
- P185/65R14 BSW Tires
- Floor Mats, Front and Rear
- Comfort Group
- Tilt Steering Column
- Speed Control
- Dual Map Lights
- Power Group
- Power Side Windows
- Power Locks
- Sport Group
- Stk. #96322

\$286¹⁴ MO.
\$1,000 down, 36 months Red Carpet Option @ 6.25% APR to qualified buyers. \$500 rebate to dealer. Residual \$5,853.90. Sale Price \$14,499 + TT&L.

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P.O. Box 2237
Midland, TX 79702
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311 Medical Help Wanted

GROWING HOME CARE Company seeks qualified candidates for intake coordinator. Experience preferred but will train right person. Qualifications will include RN/LVN, Knowledge of Medicare/Medicaid and third party, insurances. Good communication and organizational skills required. Send resume to 501 Andrews Hwy, Midland, TX 79701. Or fax to (915)620-6675.

312 Professional Help Wanted

PERMANENT BASIN Center for Battered Women and Their Children has an opening for a Development Director to plan, organize and implement fund development including special events and public relations. Prefer a Bachelors Degree in Journalism, English, Public Relations or Related field with demonstrated experience in fund raising. Requires excellent written and oral communication skills. Fax resume to: Personnel at 915-686-7186 or mail to PO Box 2942, Midland, Texas 79702.

PRE-SCHOOL Teacher for 3 year old children. Two years experience. CDA Track or better. Benefits package. Interviews Monday, Wednesday, Friday-8:20-9:30 Tuesday/Thursday 12:30-2:30. 3220 W. Illinois. Salary DOE.

VOLUNTEER Coordinator/ Home Bound Services Coordinator, non-profit agency with large volunteer base seeking coordinator. Human resources degree or experience in social services field. Good communications and interpersonal skills. Must have experience in Word and Excel. Full time with benefits. Send resume to 3301 Sinclair Ave., Midland, Texas 79707.

313 Medical Help Wanted

MEDICAL - Midland Dialysis Center is accepting applications for full time RN Dialysis experience preferred. Great salary and benefits. If interested apply at 731 W. Wadley Bldg K, Suite 130, Midland, Texas or fax resume to 915-687-5008 or contact Barbara Vaughn at 915-687-1201.

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Midland, Texas 79701

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San Angelo Bank seeks candidate for officer level supervision of trust operations for mid-sized trust department. 4+ years experience preferred in areas of securities custody, trust accounting and reconciliations. Submit resume to: Personnel Department, P.O. Box 3186, San Angelo, Texas 76902 EOE A/A

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WILL SIT with the elderly in their home. Excellent references. 3 Days/Week, 6-8 Hours/Day. Call 689-0676.

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CHRISTIAN MOM will keep kids in my home. Any days - any hours. Morning and evening snacks provided. Reasonable rates. 528-9337, 520-8192.

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WOULD LIKE to baby sit in my home, any hours Monday through Friday. 686-9847.

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350 Business Opportunities

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351 Business Opportunities

Fisher's Holiday Auction.

Public auction November 28th 10 am. Barn E. Ector County Coliseum. Partial listings original G. Harvey oil on canvas, dated 1960, 1934 Ford completely restored show car, 1979 Corvette 7 piece leather service purchased, Neiman Marcus 1954, nice selection of stained glass, old cowboy spurs, beautiful Mission oak china cabinet, assorted guns (Winchester, Remington, Martin, Savage) fine jewelry, Vendo 39 Coke machine, 3 Coke boxes, other great soda pop items, wonderful old mantle, 1800's Hunt chair, Armiores, dressers, petroleum collectibles, wooden fishing

352 Business Opportunities

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435 Household Appliances

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GREAT BUY! Philips Magnavox big screen TV console 64". \$1,400 negotiable. 2 Nightstands, \$100 each. 697-6908.

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MESQUITE FIREWOOD. Seasoned. \$175 per cord delivered. Please call (915)347-5020 for more information.

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JIM'S GOLF Clubs. Adams "Tight Lie" (clone) woods \$60. King Cobra II irons (clone) \$184 set. Reshaft, regrip, lowest prices. 3115 Haynes. 694-1334.

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NORDTRAC, ski exerciser with computer, good condition. \$275. Please call 699-4568.

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PING PONG table for sale. Good condition, with paddles. Asking \$150. Please call 756-2616 after 6 pm.

COLT KING Cobra, 357 Magnum. Stainless Steel. Please call 694-9450 for more information.

460 Antiques & Arts

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UNWANTED Kittens & Puppies often suffer from the West Texas heat, malnutrition, neglect, and other abuse. Then, after all that, they may be taken to a shelter & put to sleep. Be kind to our furry friends, spay or neuter your pets.

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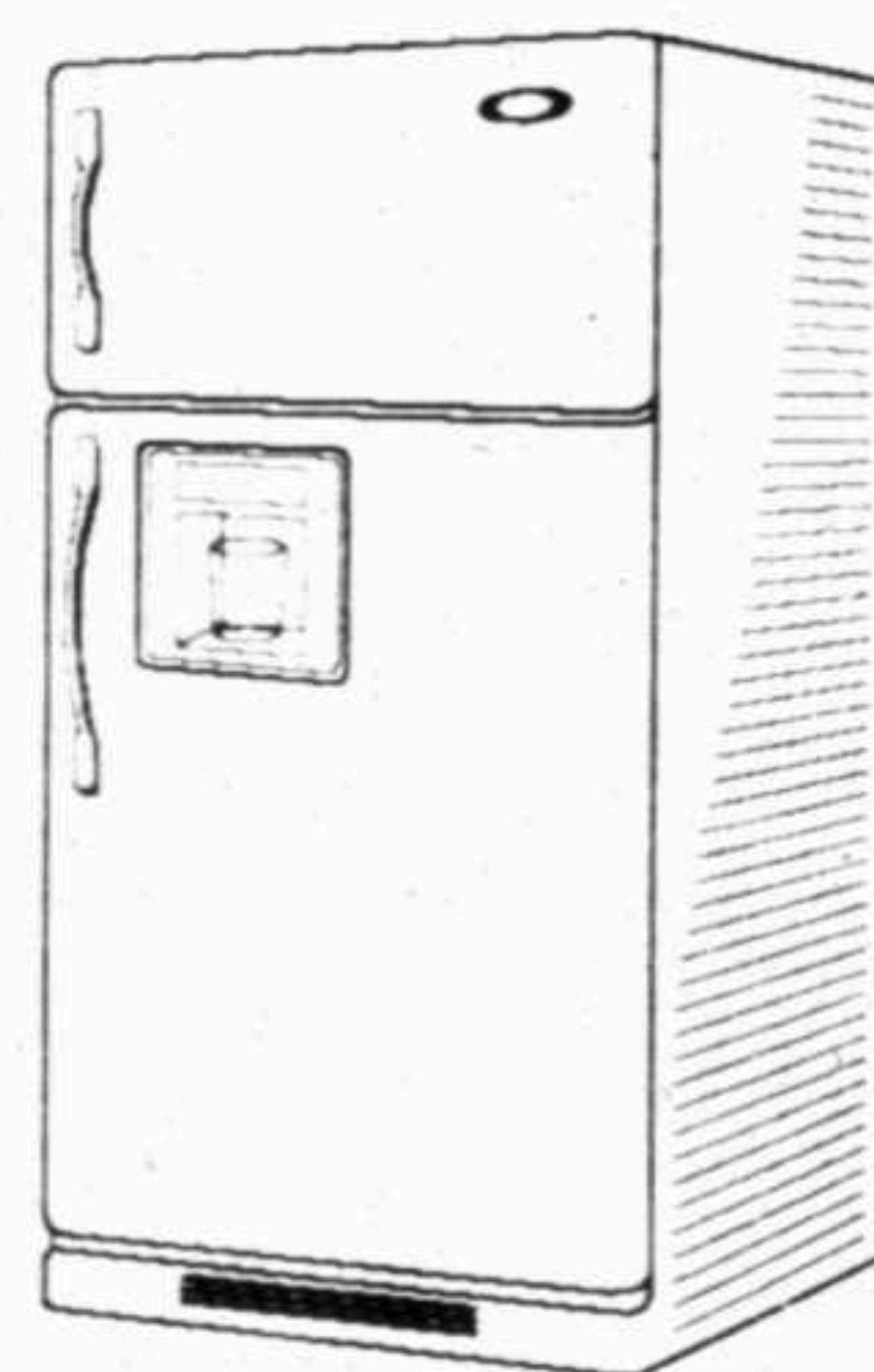
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10. No rain, no rainbows.

— Anonymous

Sunday

✓ Reverend speaks

The Rev. W. Earl Bledsoe of Houston will speak at **Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church**, 303 E. Shandon St., at 10:45 a.m. Sunday.

Bledsoe is senior pastor at Cypress United Methodist Church, a growing 1,900-member congregation in the suburbs of Northwest Houston. Prior to serving at Cypress, he was director of Teaching Ministries for the Texas Conference.

He received a bachelor of arts degree in English and Spanish from West Texas State University (now West Texas A&M), Canyon, a master of divinity degree from Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, and a doctorate of ministry degree from Drew University, Madison, N.J.

In 1992, he and his wife, Leslie Jean, were invited by the Bishop of Burundi to teach in Africa. They taught more than 65 new pastors and 500 lay persons for ministry in Burundi. Many of those pastors were killed in the recent struggles between the Hutu and the Tutsi tribes.

Mrs. Bledsoe is completing a degree in social work at Prairie View A&M University. They have a daughter at home, Letitia Gail, age 8.

More Sunday events in "The Week Ahead"/4E

CCM Playlist

The following songs are in the Heavy Rotation at Contemporary Christian Music station KLOVE (99.1 FM). For more information, visit their web site, www.klove.com.

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"Strollin' on the Water," Bryan Duncan
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"Prayin', Sowin', Reapin'," Layton Howerton
"Let There Be Light," Michael O'Brien
"Missing Person," Michael W. Smith
"Walk By Faith," Out of the Grey
"Saving Grace," Point of Grace
"Pray," Rebecca St. James
"Higher Faith," Rhonda Gunn
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"Every Word You Say," Wayne Watson

✓ Medium Rotation

"Father's Love," Bob Carlisle
"Every Word You Say," Erin O'Donnell
"One of These Days," Far From Home
"Elijah," Gary Chapman
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"Christ of Hope," Michelle Tummes
"If You Believed," Rick Elias

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Monks, nuns get back to roots with computers

Electronic Scriptorium takes advantage of monks' accuracy, intelligence

By Jennier Brown
Associated Press Writer

DEVON, Pa. — In the Middle Ages, monks labored with quill pens and parchment paper to transcribe manuscripts. Today, monastics again are preserving our collective memory with the tools of the time —

a keyboard and mouse.

The Electronic Scriptorium is an agency based in Leesburg, Va., that contracts with nuns and monks to create computer archives for newspapers, libraries and museums. While providing a small income on a flexible schedule for the often reclusive religious communi-

ties, the jobs also take advantage of the monastics' 1,000-year-old reputation for accuracy and intelligence.

"It really appealed to us because it seems right in line with what monks and nuns have been doing for cen-

Please see COMPUTERS/3E



Sister Mary Bruna, 57, of Singapore, enters data into a computer at the Regina Mundi Priory in Devon, Pa., one of the Benedictine monastics converting card catalog files into an electronic database for the Piermont Morgan Library.

Happy New Year! (Liturgical year, that is)



The signs of the season were noticeable this week at First Presbyterian Church.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Advent: A time to prepare

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

With the Thanksgiving turkey now relegated to leftovers, many Midlanders will begin putting up Christmas trees and lights and shopping for presents.

But many Midlanders will also be taking time to reflect on the reason for the season, Jesus Christ, and His birth, as Advent gets under way Sunday.

"It's a time we prepare for the birth of Christ, and also to

'As the world celebrates Christmas earlier and earlier, Advent says, 'not yet.'

— Rev. Jon Stasney,
St. Nicholas Episcopal Church.

focus on His second coming," said Rev. Stockton Williams of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. "It's a time of hopefulness and anticipation. It's also a time when we prepare for His coming in our daily lives."

Because the business of the

Christmas season "can make us lose sight of its spiritual aspect, which is Jesus Christ, we schedule time for quiet events to allow time for reflection," he said.

In keeping with that philos-

Please see ADVENT/3E

First Week of Advent

... the first week of Advent symbolizes HOPE and the first candle on the Advent wreath reminds us of the LIGHT OF HOPE as when the Old Testament prophets predicted the coming of the Messiah.

— Rev. Molly Krueger, First United Methodist Church.

Breaking souls or breaking chains? Being gay and Christian not an easy task

By Barry Schlachter
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

DALLAS — For years, Debbie Walden believed that Christ could set her free from homosexuality.

Two failed marriages, two emotional breakdowns and numerous Christian "gay healing" sessions later, Walden said she finally has accepted that her lesbian orientation is as much a part of her as her eye color — and that she can still be a good Christian.

"It's pretty sad when you're 44 and just becoming able to accept yourself," said the Plano resident.

Please see SOULS/4E

Christians catch Bible Code fever

By Richard N. Ostling
AP Religion Writer

Are Evangelical Christians joining the "Bible Code" craze? That would have seemed highly unlikely until this fall, when Word Publishing of Nashville, Tenn., a major player in Evangelical commerce, issued a book that lavishly promotes the fad.

"Code-ology" originated with three Israelis who teach computer science and mathematics and their 1994 article in a U.S. journal called Statistical Science. Physician Jeffrey Sattin then popularized their work in Bible Review magazine and the book "Cracking the

■ Testaments

Bible Code." Some mathematicians were intrigued; the Internet went nuts. The big splash came with journalist Michael Drosnin's 1997 best seller, "The Bible Code."

What's missing so far is a single important biblical scholar who takes any of this seriously.

Here's how the code works: The Bible's Hebrew text is turned into a long string of letters minus spaces. Using computers, code hobbyists try to find a word that turns up if one picks, say, every 10th letter as

the letters are grouped into columns of various widths. Words can be traced horizontally, vertically or diagonally. It's called "equidistant letter sequence" or ELS. A hit occurs if a "coded" word intersects with a Bible verse on a related topic.

The Israeli trio, for example, processed Genesis and found the 66 names with the longest entries in a Jewish biographical work intersecting with each person's birth or death date (expressed in letters rather than numerals).

Please see CODE/3E

VINCENT MULI WA KITUKU

Gratitude: Twice on my mother's back

Sometimes the words, "Thank you" are not adequate in expressing what is in one's heart. In this time of Thanksgiving, I have pondered how vulnerable the pilgrims were before as they struggled to survive their first winter in a new place.

Thoughts of their vulnerability reminds me of an incident when I was nine years old. My left leg became so swollen that I could not bend it or even stand up. I had to crawl to get around. I was taken to the local hospital once a week. My father would borrow a bicycle from our

neighbor to take me to the hospital. When the bicycle was not available, my mother would carry me on her back. She had carried me as baby, but this time, I was grown, and she was pregnant. My illness occurred just a few weeks before my sister was born. My mother carried me because in my native Kenyan culture, men don't carry children on their backs.

Months later, I had an operation, and my leg healed well. My mother's kindness and willingness to sacrifice during my time of vulnerability even at the risk of her own health and that of my unborn sister can not be repaid with a simple "Thank you." Years later, I find myself asking, "What could have happened to me if my mother would not have made her sacrifice? What could I ever do for my mother to show how much I

deeply appreciate her choice? Should I wait for a day once a year to express my thanks?"

Such an act might have been done for you by a relative, teacher, pastor or even a stranger. Let's take the opportunity during Thanksgiving season to reflect on those whose sacrifices made a difference in our lives.

It is also an opportunity to be thankful for God's plan of salvation, which is the greatest gift the human race has ever received. Irrespective of our diverse social and biological backgrounds, all of us can enjoy this gift and its benefits. God's grace abounded at our most vulnerable spiritual state. His son died for our sins while we were still sinners.

Hope of eternal life, health,

Please see KITUKU/4E

The Good Book: Esther (Part 15 of 52)

Overview

The book of Esther recounts a particular experience of exiled Jews under the reign of the Persian king, Ahasuerus. Esther, an exiled and orphaned Jew is chosen by King Ahasuerus to be his queen. During her reign as queen, Esther courageously thwarts a subtly planned anti-Semitic pogrom and saves her people from destruction. The Jewish festival of Purim is inaugurated in Esther as a commemoration of the Jew's deliverance from and destruction of their enemies. Although God is never mentioned, the divine presence is felt throughout the story as Esther is used to save her people.

Theme passage

Esther 4:14-16 Mordecai to Esther: "Do not think that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this."

— Sources: Oxford Annotated Bible. Rev. Bill Clark, Grace Presbyterian Church.

COMPUTERS: Scriptorium takes advantage of monks' accuracy

(From 1E)

tures," said Sister Zita Wenker, a nun at a priory in this town outside Philadelphia and one of 60 monastics from around the country who helped computerize captions for some 2 million photos in the New York Daily News archives.

The mainstay of the Scriptorium's business is library conversion — transferring card catalogs into computer databases. The 8-year-old company works on about 60 projects a year for Fortune 500 companies, research businesses and major libraries, said founder and president Ed Leonard.

The Scriptorium has taken on photo cataloging projects for Time Warner, U.S. News & World Report and Conde Nast, Leonard said.

"To me, it felt like going full circle ... in having the monks using this tradition in transmitting to the future," said Rodica Preda of The Frick Collection in New York City. She is directing the electronic conversion of card catalogs at the Frick Art Reference Library. The 70,000 cards list auction catalogs dating back to 1616.

For the Daily News, the Scriptorium workers spent about two years editing and rewriting captions, sometimes checking names and correcting typos, said photo director Eric Meskauskas.

"We couldn't just use clerk typists, we needed somebody with a brain who could look at these (pictures) and make some assumptions," Meskauskas said. The monks and nuns, he added, "are educated people who can

use their brain and do that."

About half the members of Benedictine communities have college degrees, speak several languages and have excelled in other disciplines before joining the church, Leonard said.

Fluency in five languages was useful to Sister Mary Bruna as she helped convert the Pierpont Morgan Library catalogs in New York; about every fourth card lists a translation.

"It's a challenge, and I like that. You need to be smart, and use your head," said Sister Bruna, who was a part-time teacher in England, Germany and Singapore before joining the priory in Devon.

The Scriptorium, named for the writing room used by monks during the Middle Ages, began in 1991 when Leonard met a community of monks in

Berryville, Va. Leonard was looking for a career change — he had been an environmental activist, among other things — and the monks needed a new source of income to supplement their seasonal fruitcake business.

"The monasteries went through a period of hundreds of years where they were the primary businessmen," Leonard said. "Now they are finding there is competition from large commercial businesses. They are trying to live a simple life, and marketing doesn't fit into it."

Since then, he has contracted regularly with about a dozen monasteries, peaking with a total of about 60 monastic workers during the Daily News project.

Participating monasteries,

besides Berryville, are in Chicago; Scituate, Mass.; Independence, Mo.; Corpus Christi, Texas; Pittsburgh and Erie, Pa. Communities in Arkansas, California and North Carolina also participated but asked that their locations not be revealed in order to preserve their seclusion.

In Scituate, Mass., two nuns share the Hermitage of the Advent, a particularly solitary order of monastics who rarely leave their estate.

"It fits into the rhythm of prayer and work that we keep," Sister Mary Wolf-Salin said.

The Scriptorium works almost exclusively with members of the Benedictine order, a Roman Catholic community noted for its piety and encouragement of education. In addition to following a devout spiritual life, Benedictine

monks must make a living.

Scriptorium jobs pay about \$10 to \$14 an hour per person, though each monastery works at its own pace and is paid per project. For the Morgan Library conversion — a complicated database that includes more than 500 possible fields per card — the Devon sisters complete about 13 cards per hour.

"We always insist that the work fit into our life, rather than the prayer life fit around the work schedule," Sister Wenker said. "It's not that easy here, either."

End Adv Fri PMs, Nov. 20

ADVENT: Parishioners observe a time of penitence, prayer, giving

(From 1E)

ophy, First United Methodist Church dedicates one Sunday to families staying home and spending time together, according to Rev. Molly Krueger, assistant pastor.

"We provide a worship guide and let them worship at home and have time to slow down," she said.

As with the Episcopalian church, Advent is a time of preparing for and celebrating Christ's birth, she said, with the church offering a variety of worship experiences that allow parishioners of all ages to participate.

"It's a time that people come back to the church — it stirs up memories and stirs the soul," she said.

Services include music and outreach, with church members working with community organi-

zations that include the Salvation Army and A.M.O.S. and delivering food baskets.

Rev. Jon Stasney of St. Nicholas Episcopal Church sees Advent as a penitential season.

"As the world celebrates Christmas earlier and earlier, Advent says 'not yet,' he said. "The real celebration begins December 25 and lasts 12 days. Advent is a preparatory time. We work the reverse of the rest of the world, where you party now and pay later with a hangover. For Christians, we fast first to get ready and then pull out all the stops."

Reflecting on the season as preparation for Christ's second coming, he said, "We are living in end times. All time between the first and second coming is end times and we're to live our lives with that kind of expectancy."

Pastor Glenn Kramer of Midland Lutheran Church says that

for his congregation, Advent is "a preparation time through repentance and getting your life in order for the coming of Christ. Our themes are to prepare for Christ's birth and His second coming, and our lessons and emphasis are on those themes."

Scriptures include John the Baptist's teachings on repentance and the church adds extra worship services, holding mid-week services during Advent.

Sister Mary Brian of St. Ann's Catholic Church said the Catholic Church sees Advent as a time of hope and expectation.

"We have hope in Christ's first coming to save us from sin and expectation in His glorious coming at the end of time," she said.

Parishioners observe Advent as a time of penitence, prayer, repentance and alms giving, she said.

The Presbyterian Church also looks to Advent with expectancy and preparation for celebrating

the nativity of Christ, "referring to God coming into the world through Jesus Christ," said Rev. Jerry Hilton of First Presbyterian Church.

It is a time of expectancy and preparation and reflection for Presbyterians, he said.

He added that while church services will include a musical by the children's choir and a family service on Christmas Eve, single parishioners won't be overlooked.

"They're part of the church family," he said. "The holidays are seen as a time for family, but Christ's birth wasn't God's gift to the family, it was God's gift to the world."

The symbol of the season is the Advent wreath, which includes four candles and one central candle, known as the Christ candle, "the light of the world." Over the next four Sundays, a candle will be lit, culminating in the lighting of the

Christ candle Christmas Eve.

Rev. Krueger of First Methodist explained that the first week symbolizes hope and the first candle "reminds us of the light of hope as when the Old Testament prophets predicted the coming of the Messiah."

The second week is The Way and the second candle is the Bethlehem candle "to remind us of Mary and Joseph finding a play to stay at the inn and to

offer hospitality."

The third week is joy and the Shepherd's candle honors the shepherds who first visited the newborn Christ and "were the first to see the light and joy of this time for all the people of the world."

The fourth week is peace and the Angel's candle symbolizes the Star of Bethlehem and the Three Wise Men who followed it to Christ's manger.

SUNDAY: New liturgical year begins with Advent

(From 1E)

Not every church follows the liturgical calendar. Baptists, churches of Christ, nondenominational, Evangelical, Pentecostal and Apostolic churches, for instance, do not.

Catholics, Episcopalians, Methodists, Lutherans and Presbyterians do follow the calendar.

"The liturgical year echoes what God imbued into our planet from the beginning and that is seasons," said Tom Burke, pastoral associate at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Seasons are analogous to the transitions and

the movements in our lives.

"Consequently the church has adopted these natural transitions in its liturgy. Beginning with Advent season, moving into Christmas season, on into Ordinary Time, when we are nourished by the living word of God, into the season of Lent, then into the Easter Triduum, then into Easter season and back into Ordinary Time. These movements become part of life's harmony. We are a pilgrim people who are always progressing forward, and as we move from one season to the next we grow in Christ."

According to the *Christian Book of Why's*, "The liturgical year was created by leaders of the Early Church as a guide for worship throughout the year. It listed dates and seasons which highlighted the life and teachings of Jesus, plus reviewed the dimensions of the ideal Christian life."

"The liturgical year contains prescribed readings from the Scriptures and prayers that are meant to be used on a particular Sunday in every liturgical church throughout the world."

As is the case with many aspects of religion, there are two sides to the liturgical year issue,

even among those bound to observe it by their church.

According to the *Book of Why's*, ministers who follow the calendar say the ancient guidelines compel them to preach on a variety of subjects within the course of a year. A Methodist minister, now dead, once said, "I cannot become excited about some of those themes that were so important to Christians 2,000 years ago. There is so much more that the Bible has to offer us today. To follow the so-called liturgical year would bind my hands as a preacher as well as those of my people."

CODE: Christians catch fever for book

(From 1E)

Drosnin, making no claims about God, unearthed codes in the Pentateuch that predicted the assassinations of John F. Kennedy and Yitzhak Rabin, Nixon's resignation, the Holocaust, even the Oklahoma City bombing. Drosnin also announced that the Bible foretells of a Los Angeles earthquake in 2010.

As might be expected from those who champion the plain meaning of scriptural writings, various Evangelicals excoriated the code as superstition. However, "Decoding the Bible Code," published by an Evangelical publisher, Harvest House, cautiously assessed both pros and cons. Now comes Word's "The Mysterious Bible Codes" by code enthusiast Grant Jeffrey, an ex-businessman who produces Bible prophecy materials out of Toronto.

Jeffrey's book assails Drosnin for attempting to forecast the future, thus violating the teaching of the Bible itself (see Deuteronomy 18:9-12). But he fairly gushes about supposed ancient predictions of events that have already occurred, such as the death of Princess Diana.

Just what could God have been thinking? Why inspire biblical writers to install secret codes for individuals and events millennia later that could not be discovered until advanced computers were invented? Jeffrey sees the codes as a divine plan to confound modern skeptics and prove that the Bible is the inspired Word of God.

Adding a Christian slant, Jeffrey and colleagues trolled the Old Testament for predictions about the coming messiah that intersect with the coded name of Yeshua (Hebrew for Jesus). They also processed the New Testament as a string of Greek letters to find key verses encoded with "Jesus."

But two can play this game: Orthodox Jews found a Bible code saying "Jesus is a false messiah."

Meanwhile, a droll skeptic discovered this message embedded in Satinover's pro-code article: "No. No. No. A Lie." And Australian mathematician Brendan McKay said the trick works with any large body of text. For instance, he found 13 assassinations "predicted" in the text of "Moby-Dick," which no one claims to be the Word of God.

The most damaging critique

came last year in Bible Review, the very magazine that helped launch the code balloon. Articles by Ronald Hendel, a Hebrew Bible expert at Southern Methodist University, and Shlomo Sternberg, an Orthodox rabbi who teaches math at Harvard, raised many quibbles and this one huge problem:

As the experts realize, there is no such thing as "the Hebrew text" or "the Greek text." That is, there is no single, letter-for-letter version of the Scriptures as originally written. The ancient manuscripts that underlie today's Bibles generally have the same contents, but not the same precise letter sequences. And if the location of even one letter changes, a code collapses. Hendel thus called the Bible code a "hoax" and Sternberg pronounced it a "scam."

Jeffrey's book does not respond to either scholar.

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SOULS: Being gay and Christian not easy for most who are both

(From 1E)

Raised a strict Southern Baptist, she now is one of 2,400 weekly worshippers at Cathedral of Hope, a predominantly gay and lesbian congregation in Dallas that is part of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches.

Some Christian groups disagree with Walden's assessment. Certain that homosexuals can change their lifestyles, they are pushing programs that blend evangelism with 12-step counseling to try to convert gays to heterosexuality.

The programs received national publicity this summer in a series of full-page advertisements in major newspapers including The New York Times and USA Today. The ads claimed that the programs had helped "tens of thousands" to "walk out of homosexuality ... into sexual celibacy or even marriage." The \$500,000 campaign was sponsored by the American Family Association, the Christian Coalition and other groups.

Jane Folger, national director of the Center for Reclaiming America, who first suggested the ads, rejected as "irresponsible" criticism from gay rights groups that the campaign nur-

tered the climate that led to the beating death of a gay Wyoming student.

"Our campaign is not about hate," Folger said. "It's about hope."

Now the coalition of mainly religious-right groups are planning to follow up the ads with two TV commercials to underscore their belief that homosexuals can become heterosexual, she said.

"We don't use the word 'cure,'" stressed Eddie Traugher, co-director of Living Hope Ministries of Arlington, a local program that offers counseling and support groups based on a 12-step approach. "The way we see healing taking place is when an individual's relationship with God grows deeper."

But the push for "gay healing" has brought a backlash from some in the psychiatric community and from a new group of ex-ex-gays, like Walden, who say that Christian therapy programs only added to their personal confusion.

"Most people who have worked with gays and lesbians know you cannot change homosexual orientation any more than you can change heterosexual orientation," said Dr. Marshall Forestein, assistant professor of clinical psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. "There are

a small group of people who are bisexual who can focus their orientation one way or another."

Matt Pierce, 28, a charismatic Christian gay, said he underwent fasts, prayer vigils and the laying on of hands by Pentecostal ministers to "cast out the foul demons," but nothing changed his sexuality. Such efforts led only to desperation, and depression, said Pierce, who has since joined Fort Worth's Angel of Hope Church, a Disciples of Christ-affiliated congregation which has both gay and heterosexual pastors.

Dallas animator Charlie Rose said he struggled with his homosexuality for decades, endured a seven-year stretch of celibacy, sought out friendships with women that never evolved into romances and joined fundamentalist churches that condemned homosexuality as against the will of God.

But Rose, like Walden, said his "healing" wasn't permanent. He ended up dating a gay he met at a "healing" gathering.

"It was like a 12-step program for people who are Christian and either came from a gay lifestyle or had questions about their sexual orientation," Rose recalled.

"You couldn't wear shorts or thongs — had to wear pants. You could share a ride but couldn't socialize. But a lot of people left

because they met new boyfriends there."

A handful of Christian "healing" programs have operated in the Metroplex for several years. Typically not affiliated with any major religious denomination or church, they are part of a national network of small groups that operate with limited resources. Two in North Texas are affiliated with Exodus International, a 22-year-old, Seattle-based organization that endorses conversion programs that meet its expectations.

In Arlington, Living Hope Ministries operates on a \$20,000 budget and offers support groups and counseling based on 12-step programs akin to Alcoholics Anonymous, said Randy Thomas, its co-director.

Its participants — he says there are 30 to 40 — are urged to accept that homosexuality is a problem that can't be overcome without Christ. Stressed are Bible readings indicating that homosexuality is a sin that can be beaten.

Traugher, a licensed family and marriage therapist with a master's degree, estimated a success rate of "30 to 40 percent" but said he has not tracked participants during the past nine years.

After years as an active homosexual, Thomas says he changed

to a heterosexual orientation after attending the program, although he still acknowledges an occasional erotic thought about men.

In the past year, Thomas said, he became engaged to a woman, but it didn't last. He said he and his fiancée never had sex, never kissed, never went beyond holding hands. But the experience "showed me I could have a good, godly relationship with the opposite sex. So when I do meet my future wife, I've learned important relational skills."

On the edge of downtown Dallas, the Rev. Terry Wier uses more unconventional methods when working with gay people.

Wier runs the nondenominational Isaiah 56 Ministries and claims a 98 percent success rate "healing" gays. He said he's too busy to do any follow-up studies, however.

"We heal everything from androgyny to zoophilia. I guess I've counseled 5,000," said Wier, a 50-year-old former fashion photographer who jokingly refers to himself as a "redneck from Odessa."

Healing takes place by opening spiritual pathways to bring God, he said. Then, if someone has an urge to have anonymous gay sex, he prescribes aversion therapy.

"We have them drop a mint-

sized bitter pill in their mouth or open a small bottle of rotting hamburger," he said. "We ask them to smell it and put their mind to God by singing a worship song."

That technique drew criticism from one of the leading practitioners of gay therapy, California psychologist Joseph Nicolosi, who heads the California-based National Association for Research and Therapy of Homosexuality.

"Rotting hamburger? That's ridiculous," he said.

Nicolosi said many clerics don't have the proper background to be counseling gay people in this area. Nicolosi says chances for a conversion are best when the therapist is involved in the patient's life, almost like a surrogate father who works to spur masculine identification, he said.

But Rose and Walden think that any such efforts are futile and that sexual orientation is not a matter of choice.

Said Walden: "If I could be a whole heterosexual, I wouldn't choose a homosexual lifestyle. I don't know anybody in their right mind who would choose a lifestyle that would guarantee them rejection, fear and pain. You fear for your job, your children."

The Week Ahead: Faith Opportunities in the Permian Basin, Nov. 29-Dec. 6

Sunday

✓ Habitat speaker

Dan Smith, Pacific Regional Director for Habitat International-South Pacific, will be speaking at 9:30 a.m. Sunday at Grace Presbyterian Church, 2801 N. Garfield St.

Smith first became involved with Habitat here. He worked in New Guinea and is now based out of Fiji. Mabel Kuizon of the Philippines Habitat will accompany him on his visit to Midland.

Habitat for Humanity International is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian organization dedicated to eliminating poverty housing worldwide. Habitat works in partnership with people in need throughout the world building simple, decent shelter that is sold to them at no profit through no-interest loans. To date, the organization has built over 66,000 homes worldwide.

For information about the Midland Habitat for Humanity call Alynda best, 686-8877.

✓ Scout honored

David Bingham will be presented with the "God and Family Award" on Sunday at First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas

Ave., by the Rev. Jerry Hilton.

David is a Webelos II Cub Scout with Pack No. 22 at Trinity Presbyterian Church. The "God and Family Award" is a religious award program that requires both bible study and service projects. David organized visitation with homebound church members with other Cub Scouts, met with Hilton for bible study, researched his family's genealogy and assisted the ushers at Sunday services.

✓ Spanish Eucharist

La Santa Eucaristia, the Holy Eucharist in Spanish, will be celebrated at St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church, 2900 Princeton Ave., Sundays at 5 p.m. beginning the first Sunday of Advent.

The Rev. Bernardo Martinez, vicar of St. Michael the Archangel Episcopal Church, Odessa, will preside and preach at the service. For more information call the parish office, 694-8856.



Bingham

Monday

✓ Widows' group

A widows' support group and Bible study meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays. The group is being led by Connie Staton. For more information and to find out where the group meets call Ms. Staton, 686-7638.

Wednesday

✓ Advent service

Midland Lutheran Church, 2705 W. Michigan Ave., will begin its observance of the Advent season at 7 p.m. Wednesday with a special service, "Making Room for Jesus."

A meal will be served at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall by the education committee. A free will offering will be taken for the meal to benefit the Confirmation Camp Scholarship Fund. For more information on this or other programs call the Rev. Glenn Kramer, 694-1373.

✓ Women Aglow

ODESSA — The Odessa Women's Aglow monthly meeting is set for 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Lincoln Towers ballroom, 311

W. 4th St.

The speaker will be Claudine Chaney of Colorado City.

Thursday

✓ Miracles course

A Course in Miracles group is meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays. Those interested in joining the group are asked to call 697-3593 for more information or the location.

✓ Weigh Down session

A new Weigh Down session will start at 6:45 p.m. Thursday at the Westside Church of Christ building, 4410 W. Illinois Ave. The session is being offered by Jan Hibler. For more information call Ms. Hibler, 520-8855.

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✓ Talent show

Talent is being sought for True-Lite Christian Fellowship's community talent show set for Dec. 5 at Christian Life Center, 2901 W. Kansas Ave.

The show's theme is "Breaking Divided Walls." No admission will be charged. Those interested in participating are asked to call Miranda Wallace, 689-5014

between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. or Albert Hall, 683-2760, between 6 and 10 p.m.

Upcoming Events

✓ Gospel Jubilee

A Gospel Jubilee is planned for 7 to 9 p.m. Dec. 5 at the Midland Suburban Lions Club.

Food will be served by the Lions club from 6 to 7 p.m. Dinner includes dessert and tea or coffee and costs \$3. All proceeds go toward the club's community projects.

For more information call Pat Merritt, 682-9844, or Leonard Hanson, 684-7233.

✓ Groundbreaking

Led by Bishop Wallis Ohi, the members of St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church will hold a ground-

breaking ceremony at 2:30 p.m. Dec. 6 on the Loop 250 site where their new church will be constructed.

The seven-acre tract is located between Crestway and Crestfield streets, east of Big 5 Sports. Parking will be available on the church's property on the east side of Crestway at Loop 250. All are welcome to attend the event.

✓ Chanukah lesson

ODESSA — Dr. Mike Moshe Nangle will meet with a group discussing "Understanding the Torah in the Light of the New Covenant" from 7 to 9 p.m. Dec. 17 at Cassidy Sub Shop, 947 N. Grandview Ave.

This month's lesson is "Chanukah and the Light of the World." Those attending are asked to come early for fellowship over coffee.

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KITUKU: Sometimes 'Thank you' not adequate

(From 1E)

families, neighbors, physical nourishment, shelters, jobs, transportation, rainfall, sunshine and wonderful scenery are some of the blessings we enjoy from God every day. All these add to our enjoyment of life.

David expressed his thankful-

ness without reservation when he said, "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name ... and forget not all His benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases ... redeemeth thy life from destruction ... crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies...satisfieth thy mouth

with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's" (Psalm 103:1-5).

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Rooftop ministry

Senior Pastor Ed Young stands on a 150-foot roof sign atop the Fellowship Church in Grapevine, Texas earlier this month. Young hopes the name of the 6,000 member church reaches out to some of the thousands of passengers who fly into Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

AP Photo

VeggieTales videos teach God to children

N.Y. Times News Service

No offense to Billy Graham, but the next generation's celebrated evangelist may be a manic cucumber who sings silly songs.

In VeggieTales videos, computer-animated Larry the Cucumber leads a cast of crisper-drawer friends as they teach children about forgiveness, thankfulness, truthfulness and God in a way that captivates kids enamored of Disney and does not send parents fleeing from the living room.

The writers poke fun at popular culture, take artistic license - OK, the children of Israel did not really get Slushies dropped on their heads as they marched around Jericho - and always end with "Remember kids, God made you special, and he loves you very much."

Whether learning to love your neighbor on a spaceship called the USS Appleships or learning you can't buy a happy heart at Stuff-Mart, these are no ordinary vegetables on an ordinary mission.

The goal of VeggieTales, Chicago creators Phil Vischer and Mike Nawrocki say simply, is to nudge the entire culture toward God.

"We're becoming brutal and less tolerant and more sarcastic as a society," says Vischer, the voice of Bob the Tomato, Larry's more serious companion and the one who makes sure the lesson gets wrapped up before the half-hour videos end.

"The solution, we believe, is to look back at what made people good in the first place, the knowledge of a loving God. If we can return that knowledge to popular culture, we think we can improve people's lives."

Vischer and Nawrocki, both in their 30s and both with Gen X sensibilities, believe that nudge has to come with a liberal dose of goofiness and appeal to adults and children.

As a story line verges on the edge of serious, Larry will pop in, maybe in a cowboy hat singing "Everybody's got a water buffalo, where did they get them I don't know" or perhaps in pirate's garb singing "We're the pirates who don't do anything. We just stay home and lie around."

Vischer and company at Big Idea Productions also want everyone to think about the spiritual side of life. That's why they declined early offers to distribute VeggieTales, then only available in Christian stores, to the general market if the references to God were removed.

"Evidently God wasn't funny enough for popular media," Vischer says.

Current religious children's videos were nothing to laugh out loud about and lacked the production values children expect, Vischer says. Big Idea Productions wanted to fill the gap between Sunday morning church and Saturday morning cartoons.

But don't call Big Idea Productions a Christian company. It's a company with a Christian world view and with a long-term goal to be a top children's entertainment company, in the same league as Disney and Warner Brothers.

The VeggieTales-related products are an important part of that mission, Vischer says. The products from T-shirts to ties to stuffed veggies made by Gund point people to the videos. And they give children an alternative to Power Rangers or other violent toys.

Since 1997, the number of VeggieTales related products have proliferated to more than 100, from T-shirts to wall clocks to place settings to lunch boxes. More than 30 are designed by Phoenix-based Revelations.

With little advertising and no television exposure, VeggieTales has crept into the popular consciousness.

It's not just the 150,000 people across the country who showed up

to watch a VeggieTales video premiere at movie theaters this August.

Or the 800 people toting cameras and camcorders who showed up at Christian Books & More in Mesa for a photo op with a giant Larry and Bob in January.

Or the college students who vegetable-napped Larry the Cucumber from the Baptist Student Union at Arizona State University, then sent photos and ransom notes.

It's the week in May when the first VeggieTales video released to the general market was the No. 2 seller on the national Children's Video chart, behind "ELMOPALOOZA!" and ahead of Barney and Rugrats.

It's the week in June when VeggieTunes and VeggieTunes 2 held the two top spots on Billboard's Top Kid Audio chart.

Now, past the starving college student phase, VeggieTales' 10 titles have sold more than 5 million videos, with 4 million sold in the past 18 months. Big Idea has 50 employees in well-heated Chicago offices.

At ASU's Baptist Student Union, VeggieTales' clips have been used during Bible studies and college students have become big fans, said Jan Lows, the associate director whose Larry the Cucumber disappeared for three months.

"I don't want to psychoanalyze too much but I think they like the return to innocence," she said. "It's encouraging and reaffirming to their faith."

Four-year-old Mary Baumann of Tempe has another explanation as she sits discussing favorite story lines with her sisters and friends: "Because the cucumber is silly," she whispers.

Jennifer Baumann, a stay-at-home mom with five daughters, says the children do pick up on the messages. There was a time at the Baumann house when the girls were scared about sleeping in their bedroom, similar to Junior Asparagus' experience in "Where Is God When I'm Scared?"

"We would start singing, 'God is bigger than the boogie man,'" says Jennifer, who admitted that as much as she appreciates the videos' message, the opening theme song wears on her nerves after a while.

She'll only be hearing it more often. In October, Big Idea announced its first television show, a VeggieTales Christmas special on Pax TV in late December. Pax TV is expected to be picked up by Valley cable channels in December. Also, two area Christian bookstores plan to rent theaters for the release of the 11th VeggieTales video, "Silly Sing-Along 2," on Nov. 21.

Vischer says, there's a backlog of videos to be released into the general market, new videos to create and serious talks about more television and a real movie.

Publisher now offers set of biblical books in separate volumes

Associated Press

It's a fact and a cliché: The Bible is the world's best-selling book.

But stupendous sales haven't stopped publishers from devising ever new ways of reaping ever greater revenues from ever new audiences.

The latest repackaging venture? Building up the Bible by tearing it down.

It started when a businessman in Ireland wanted to give his girlfriend a copy of the Bible's erotic Song of Solomon for Valentine's Day. But it wasn't available separately, only in a full Bible. He mentioned this to the publisher of Canongate Books in Edinburgh, Scotland, who grabbed the idea.

Thus, in October, did Canongate issue its "Pocket Canons," 12 biblical books bound separately as cheap paperbacks. Yes, the Song of Solomon is one of the volumes. Each paperback features an artsy cover photo, the King James text, and an introduction to the biblical book.

Oh, those introductions!

Rather than having them written by biblical authorities or pious Jews and Christians with a more popular flair, Canongate picked secular literary types in hopes of luring secularized readers. Many of the contributors take pride in scorning the Bible and the faith it represents.

One distributor refused to ship the paperbacks to 650 religious bookstores. He also wrote 18,500 parishes, asking churchgoers to lobby Canongate to pull the most offensive introductions.

What's the fuss about?

Novelist Louis de Bernieres ("Captain Corelli's Mandolin") says that in the book of Job, God is a "frivolous trickster," and comes off elsewhere in the Jewish Bible as "a mad, bloodthirsty, and capricious despot," if not the devil himself.

Another novelist, Will Self, uses a four-letter vulgarity. And he brands Revelation a "sick text" that expresses "visceral repulsion" toward the sensual and sexual. "In its vile obscenity it is its baneful effect," he charges. Revelation is "a guignol of tedium, a portentous horror film." It seems Self had a friend who became fixated on the book after his sanity drowned in a sea of acid, speed, heroin, hashish and cocaine.

Writing about John, poet Blake Morrison says we can understand why people wished Jesus dead. "When he's not speaking in riddles, he's argumentative. He hectors. He harangues. He throws out insults and reproaches. He pulls rank, advertising his credentials as Son of God."

Genesis was consigned to someone who had never even read it, biologist Steven Rose, an Orthodox Jew turned atheist. If we see these "disjointed episodes" as modern professors do, "non-believers like me would do better to pass them by," he thinks, pondering instead the mysteries of free will and "our problematic religious inheritance."

One ecclesiastic, Edinburgh's Bishop Richard Holloway, was hired. He takes a mildly appreciative tack on Luke, but opines that "many of the sanest minds in history have been wary of religion and its explosive, but unsustainable claims."

Biographer A.N. Wilson, an ex-Christian who has debunked St. Paul and C.S. Lewis, sounds almost friendly by comparison. Sure, there's all that unfortunate supernatural stuff in Matthew, Wilson writes, but don't let that keep you from exploring "one of the most disturbing and extraordinary books ever written."

Doris Lessing praises Ecclesiastes for "some of the most wonderful English prose ever written." And the lone American contributor, University of Washington English professor Charles Johnson, a Buddhist who was raised Christian, is appreciative toward Proverbs.

The believer in the bunch turns out to be Australian rock musician Nick Cave. Reflecting on Mark's Gospel, he says: "Christ understood that we as humans were forever held to the ground by the pull of gravity - our ordinariness, our mediocrity - and it was through His example that He gave our imaginations the freedom to rise and to fly. In short, to be Christ-like."

The "Pocket Canons" fuss isn't over. Canongate will issue 12 more biblical books in Britain next year. And Grove Atlantic plans to release the first 12 volumes for the U.S. market around Easter, so Americans, too, can join in the cheering, and sneering.

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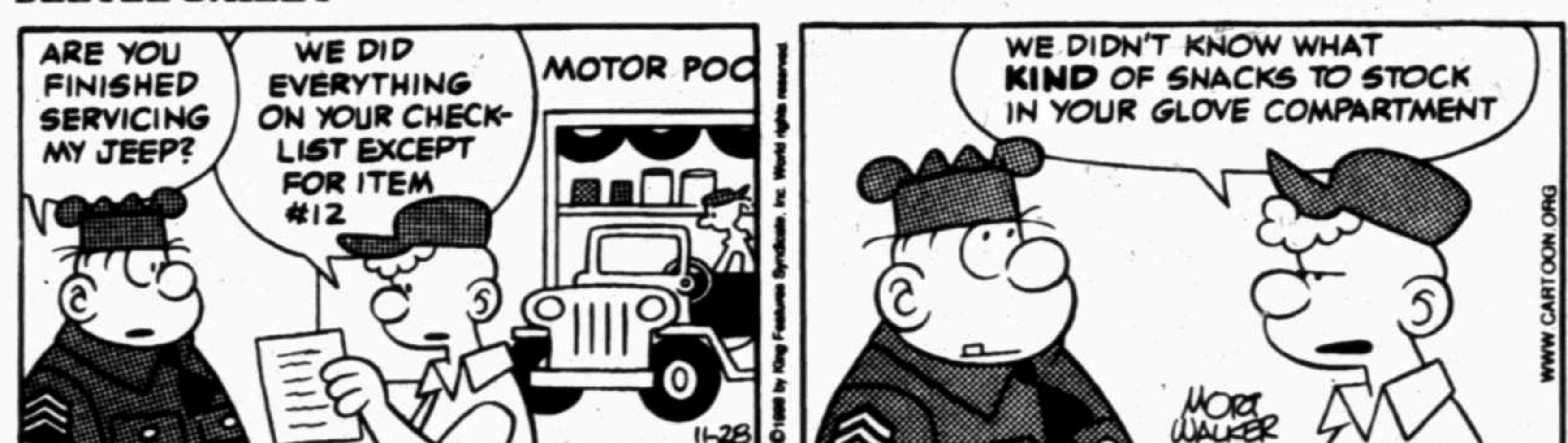
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ***** Take your time getting together; by afternoon, plans become clearer. Your involvement in a cause seems inevitable. Listen to suggestions offered in a phone call. Your helpful energy is instrumental to a project. Don't let someone's opinions get to you. Tonight: What you want. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)
 ***** Get going early, before anyone can block your path. Remain upbeat. Be intuitive. Caring abounds. Allow others to give you feedback, but don't get cornered. You could be overly tired. Take time for yourself later in the afternoon. Tonight: A night just for yourself. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)
 ***** Accept important news. Rearrange your schedule accordingly. Whatever you do proves inspirational. Follow instincts, and allow yourself more self-expression. Join friends; get together with others. A loved one wants you to himself. To night: Where the action is. **CANCER** (June 21-July 22)
 ***** Make plans to meet someone halfway. Listen carefully to what he says. You might not initially hear how much he cares about you. Talk about a long-distance trip. Remain clear about what to do. Take time for a must appearance. Tonight: Out and about. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ***** Let others express their feelings. New beginnings are possible. One-to-one relating breeds closeness. A partner is unclear. Tempers flare when you least expect it. Be willing to make an adjustment if necessary. Take a broader overview. Tonight: Try a new restaurant. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ***** Others reach out to you. Let them express what they want. On some level, you could interpret their thoughts as a demand. They are simply sharing, and nothing more. Take time with a special friend. It is time to catch up on news. Tonight: Go for togetherness. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ***** Your temper flares easily. You have pushed hard and aren't aware of the effect of the stress. Relax, and look at what has happened. Be self-supportive; create more of what you want. Others seek you out; enjoy yourself as well. Do what you want, too! Tonight: Where the action is. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ***** You get a better sense of what to expect from a loving tie. If you are single, a new friendship could quickly become a lot more. Your instincts are right on; don't diminish their importance. Keep the flow of feelings open from all directions. Tonight: Take a night off. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ***** Your festive side emerges with a child or loved one. Let go and worry less. A friend might be overloading you with ideas, trying to push you in the direction he wants you to go. Follow through on a strong feeling. Loving and caring mark your relationships. Tonight: Play away. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ***** Talk to family members, and get to the bottom of a problem. Be honest about your feelings. Withholding simply won't work. Combine your intuition about security and money with a reality check. Pressure from someone in charge could upset you. Tonight: Put your feet up. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ***** Continue to openly express your feelings. Don't sell yourself short or think that others automatically understand. Be realistic. A conversation with someone who is at a distance could be disturbing. Maintain your perspective. You don't have to tackle every problem! Tonight: Visit friends. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ***** Use care with finances. You easily could go overboard. A discussion with a respected friend will help. Intuition guides you in determining an expenditure. Check out a major purchase. Not all will agree with you; in fact, a partner probably won't. Tonight: Keep costs down.

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 What do you bid now?
Q 2 - Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
 ♠ K Q 7 ♥ A K 9 6 5 2 ♦ Q 3 ♣ Q 6
 The bidding has proceeded:
 NORTH WEST NORTH EAST
 1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
 1♥ Pass ?
 What do you bid now?
Q 3 - Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
 ♠ A 9 8 6 ♥ A 9 8 6 5 ♦ K Q 7 3 ♣ Void
 The bidding has proceeded:
 NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
 1♠ Pass 3♠ ?
 What do you bid now?
Q 4 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:
 ♠ 7 6 2 ♥ A K Q 10 ♦ 9 6 2 ♣ 8 5 4
 The bidding has proceeded:
 NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
 1♠ Pass 1♥ Pass
 1♠ Pass ?
 What do you bid now?
Q 5 - East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:
 ♠ 6 5 2 ♥ K Q 6 5 ♦ 7 6 5 ♣ Q 10 6
 The bidding has proceeded:
 NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
 1♠ Pass 1♥ Pass
 1♠ Pass ?
 What action do you take?
Q 6 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:
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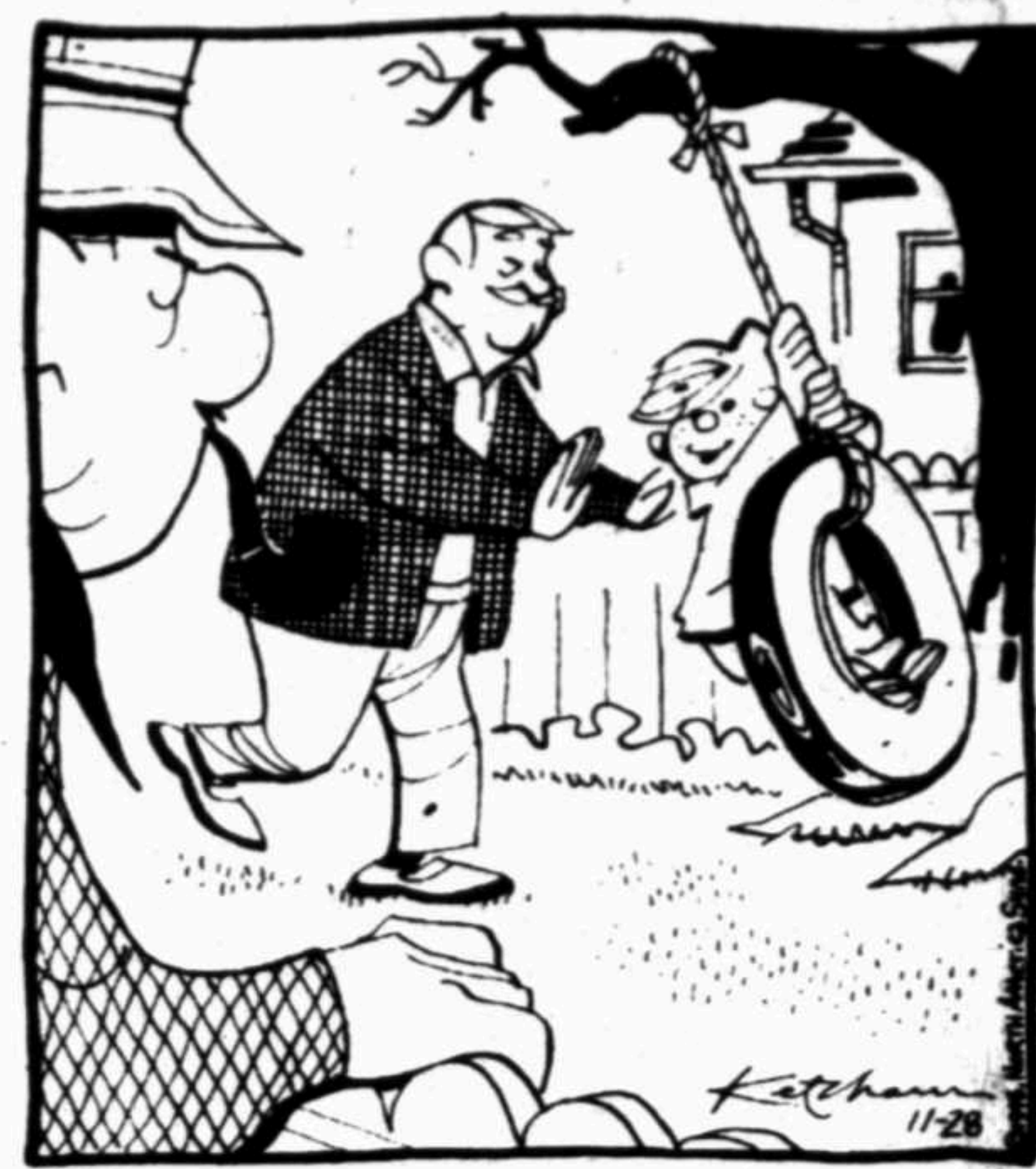
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PEOPLE TODAY

Slater says role doesn't reflect his life

NEW YORK — Actor Christian Slater urges moviegoers not to confuse his role in "Very Bad Things" with his own sometimes troubled life.

"Let's not read too much into that," he told the New York Post in a story published Wednesday. "Remember this is show business, and these are the parts I'm playing."

He calls "Very Bad Things," a black comedy that opened Wednesday, "a great opportunity to play the kind of maniac that I love to play."

The 29-year-old actor also said he's on an upswing after being sentenced to three months in a minimum security prison following a bout with alcohol and cocaine. The prison time followed earlier arrests for carrying a gun on a plane and drunken driving.

"Drugs and alcohol aren't a good way to go, and guns are stupid," he said.

CLEVELAND — Kate Mulgrew, captain of television's Starship Voyager, will soon be boldly going down the wedding aisle.

The actress became engaged to Tim Hagan, a Cuyahoga County commissioner, over the weekend in California. The Plain Dealer reported Wednesday.

The wedding will take place "as soon as she gets back from Delta Quadrant," joked Hagan, referring to the "Star Trek: Voyager" story line.

Actually, the couple plan to marry during the show's hiatus next spring.

Mulgrew, 43, and Hagan, 52, met five years ago at the U.S. embassy in Ireland where Hagan's friend, Jean Kennedy Smith, was ambassador. Mulgrew's mother fixed them up because she thought Hagan would be just right for her daughter. Both were previously married; Mulgrew has two sons.

NORFOLK, Va. — A painter claims makers of the film "What Dreams May Come" stole a slice of his heaven. Now he wants a slice of their cash.

Louis Jones filed a \$1 million copyright infringement lawsuit this week against the maker and distributor of the recently released movie featuring Robin Williams and Cuba Gooding Jr.

"I would like to get credit for my work," Jones said Tuesday. "It's just that simple."

Jones said he believes the movie's producers stole depictions of two of his landscape paintings, which previously have appeared on the covers of two books.

The allegedly stolen images are central to the film, in which Williams plays a character who dies and then realizes that heaven is a scene from one of his wife's paintings.

The suit names Polygram Filmed Entertainment Distribution Inc. and Interscope Communications Inc. as defen-

dants. Representatives of those companies did not return phone calls seeking comment.

Jones said a lawyer for Interscope responded that the paintings in the movie were created by another artist and were inspired by Glacier National Park in Montana.

BALTIMORE — Mohamed Al Fayed, whose son, Dodi, was killed with Princess Diana in a Paris car crash, was reported in good condition after undergoing a checkup at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Al Fayed, whose holdings include Harrods department store in London, was in the hospital for a regular checkup, said Al Fayed's spokesman in London, Laurie Mayer.

"It's something he has done every six months and takes a few days," Mayer said. "He went to Baltimore a couple of days ago."

The wealthy Egyptian native has lived for more than three decades in Britain, where he owns a Scottish castle and a 500-acre country estate.

NEW YORK — Fresh off mainstream recognition at the Country Music Association Awards, the Dixie Chicks have no plans to tone down their nonconformist image. "We're doing what we want to do, we're playing what we want to play, we're looking like we want to look, we're saying what we want to say," lead singer Natalie Maines tells USA Weekly magazine for its Nov. 27 issue.

"In rock that's done a lot, but in country it's not... You've gotta be that all-American, just-happy-to-be-here type."

Sisters Emily Erwin and Martie Seidel formed the Dixie Chicks in 1989, and Ms. Maines joined in 1995. They landed a recording contract the following year.

In September, they were named Vocal Group of the Year at the country music awards ceremony.

CARSON CITY, Nev. — John Wayne Bobbitt was back in court, this time to enter plea bargains to three traffic charges.

Bobbitt agreed in Carson City Justice Court on Tuesday to pay \$30 to settle the tickets.

Nevada highway troopers stopped Bobbitt on Nov. 12 after he allegedly pulled too far into a traffic intersection. He was cited for failure to obey a traffic signal, failure to wear a seat belt while operating a vehicle and possessing two driver's licenses.

Bobbitt, 31, gained notoriety in 1993 when his then-wife, Lorena, cut off his penis, which was surgically reattached.

He currently works as a bartender at a brothel just east of Carson City.

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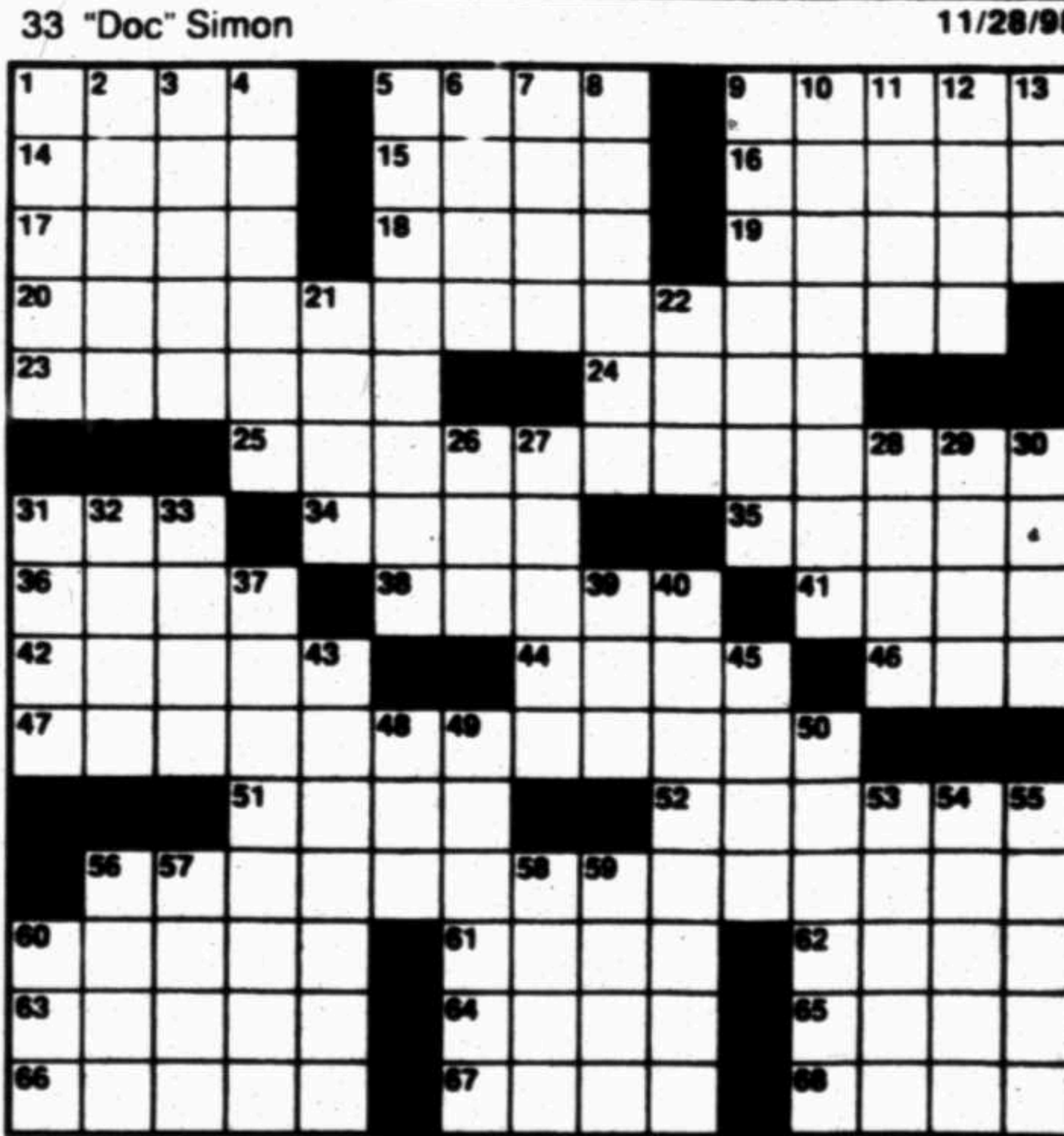
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Success of religion section spurs Christmas special

By Jimmy Patterson
Staff writer

When we made the decision to begin a religion section at the Midland Reporter-Telegram, we knew it had the potential to be big. The list we put together in the beginning to demonstrate there would be plenty of local religion stories has only grown - at times at an alarming rate.

In fact, it often changes daily. A lot of that is due to the story ideas you tell us about through various means.

It's safe to say that the special Christmas section that you are holding in your hand is a direct result of the success we've been fortunate enough to have with our religion section.

The idea of a religion section was first proposed in February of 1997. After several discussions, we decided that we'd kick it off the week after Easter this year. It has been fascinating to see the number of stories that exist locally that deal with various aspects of faith, spirituality, Christianity, Judaism, and other areas of the many religions we have locally.

I have to be honest with you. Like many people, I grew up in one church and married into another. The extent of my religious education encompassed those two faiths before we unveiled our religion section. I hope your knowledge of differing faiths has grown half as quickly as mine has. It has been a very educational journey to this point.

We have found people enjoy most of all our simple question-and-answer sessions we have with representatives of faiths that may be different from their own. We call it, "What it Means to Be ..." and we are finding people are very intrigued by other beliefs, which is refreshing. We plan to continue those question-and-answer pieces. So far, we've focused on faiths that maybe don't boast as many members as the Baptist, Lutheran or Methodist churches, but whose members are just as devout.

In 1999, we plan to begin a year-long look at the Book of Revelation. It will be a detailed assignment, because as most of you know, the Book of Revelation is not light reading.

For now, though, we hope you enjoy the section you are reading today. We wanted to give churches the opportunity to tell you what they are doing during the Advent and Christmas seasons. As you can tell when you read any of the articles inside, there's plenty going on in sanctuaries and fellowship halls, in the malls and in the retirement centers this coming month of December.

We hope to be able to undertake the same type project for the Easter season.

One thing is for sure, though: you can make certain that the commitment we've made to our religion section will continue at its current pace. There's no end in site, and we thank you and extend to you the invitation to contact us either by traditional mail (Midland Reporter-Telegram Religion Section, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX, 79702), by fax (570-7650), or by email (jpatterson@basinlink.com).

From our family to yours, Merry Christmas.



First Baptist's Christmas ministries far reaching

By Jimmy Patterson
Staff writer

Most everyone in Midland is familiar with the live Nativity Scene presented each year by First Baptist Church. But the church's Christmas work reaches much farther than the popular attraction, found every year at the high-traffic area of Garfield and Louisiana.

"We have some key local missions and ministry events, such as our Christmas Store, which is a three-day event when we help provide gifts for the children of needy families," said Gary Dyer, pastor at First Baptist Church.

The store is opened during daytime business hours on December 15-17. Those who have been prescreened and selected by the church come to FBC's activities building and do their "shopping" at the church, although there are no purchases made. Everything is free for those who have been selected to come to the store.

Another big ministry is the White Christmas effort, conducted this year on December 20 at the 6:30 p.m. service.

"The White Christmas collection is when the church brings canned and staple food items wrapped in white," Dyer said. "They fill up the altar and overflow it so that on the next day we deliver complete Christmas dinners with turkey and the whole nine yards to a couple hundred families. This is done row by row at the end of the service and by the hundreds they come and place their food gifts on the altar.

It's really very impressive to see."

This year's Christmas Dinner Theater, "Christmas Around The World," will be Thursday and Friday, Dec. 10-11. Presented by the First Baptist music ministry, it will be presented in the church's Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m. those days.

The children's combined choirs will present a program of Christmas music on December 13, at the 6:30 p.m. service.

This year's Live Nativity Scene will Dec. 15-17 and the Children's Talking Nativity on Dec. 19. At the children's Nativity, "we actually share the Christmas dialogue. Angels speak, shepherds and Mary and Joseph talk. It's really more a quaint surrounding than a spectacle," Dyer said.

A Family Christmas dinner is set for December 16.

On December 20, the church's morning worship is entitled, "Home For Christmas." Congregation members dress in Christmas sweaters and other seasonal attire that morning. The service is followed by Christmas refreshments in the fellowship hall between. "It gives people a chance to let their hair down and relax as a church family," Dyer said.

Christmas Eve services this year are at 6 and 10 p.m. These are traditionally very popular services. As many as 3,000 attend the standing room only services, which feature Christmas music and a short devotional.

"It's a very special way to spend Christmas," Dyer said.



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Holy Cross celebrates "Christmas is About Family"

By Jimmy Patterson
Staff writer

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 5400 N. Big Spring, celebrates the season of Advent beginning Sunday. Service times throughout the season are at 9 a.m. Sunday School follows.

Throughout the Advent season, Thursday services will be held at the church with the theme of "Christmas is About Family."

"The first two (Thursday) services (Dec. 3 & 10) will be focusing on how God affects our families," Pastor Phil Konz said. "On December 17, we'll have our children's Christmas program. All of the programs will start at 7 p.m. And all of them have the theme of a Family Christmas."

Holy Cross will have a special Christmas day service, celebrating the birth of Christ, beginning at 10 a.m.

In the first of the Advent Thursday services, "we talk about how Jesus came an obedient child and models being an obedient child to the heavenly Father. The second Thursday, we'll emphasize the idea of Christ as our brother because he remains sinless. We are made holy and the fellow children of God. He also shares our feelings and understands our needs," Konz said.

The emphasis of the Christmas

day service, Konz said, is how Jesus "came to be the head of our family of God."

Konz is also pastor at Emmanuel Lutheran in Odessa, where similar services will be held throughout Advent.

This year's candlelight Christmas Eve service, featuring carols, will be at Emmanuel, with the Christmas Day worship at Holy Cross.

Advent services at Emmanuel in Odessa will be Dec. 2, 9 & 16, each Wednesday through the season.

Sunday's worship theme during Advent is "Jesus' Coming -- From Grace to Glory."

"I'm emphasizing the need to receive grace if we would receive glory. To receive grace means you have to be humble enough to receive it as a gift, because you can't earn it," Konz said.

Konz said the Lutheran church changed the one Advent wreath candle from purple (denoting repentance) to blue, which symbolizes hope.

Holy Cross has nothing planned for Epiphany, Jan. 6, except that, according to Konz, "We do emphasize the inclusiveness of all people in the family of God at that time. We go more with the cross-cultural missions theme" during Epiphany.

Crestview handbell team has performances planned as highlight of the holidays

By Jimmy Patterson
Staff writer

Given the opportunity, Dr. Larry Ashlock, pastor at Crestview Baptist Church, would express his pride at any number of ministries within his church, located at 3300 Thomas. During the holiday season, Ashlock points to his team of handbell performers.

"Our handbell team shares seasonal music not only here at Crestview, but also at Midland Community Theater and Midland Park Mall," Ashlock said. "In fact, every season, we have a number of our music ministry groups that present seasonal music, not only at the church, but in the community."

The focus of the season, as Ashlock said, remains the birth of Christ, and all ministries and services in the season point to that most significant occurrence in the Christian faith.

"Each of the church ministries point to this event," Ashlock said.

On December 20, the adult choir ministry at Crestview presents its Christmas program at the Sunday morning service. Worship times are at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. The program, entitled, "I Have Seen The Light," features choir, keyboard/percussion orchestra, children and a narrator that together present the Christmas story in both traditional and contemporary styles.

At 6:15 p.m. the evening of the 20th, the Ensembles Christmas Music will be presented. Included are five select groups in an evening of music praise.

The Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve is what Ashlock describes as a time that has become, "a time of family, celebration, and church family celebration. We find that people invite their family members who have come into town for the holidays to join with them in a worship service at Crestview. It has become one of the high points of our Christmas calendar."

"On that evening we have a candlelight service that not only captures the symbolism of Christ being a light to the world," Ashlock said, "but we also see in that a reason to have hope in the coming year because we believe that Christ has indeed come into this world and he is alive."

Crestview's Christmas Season complete Calendar of Events includes:

- Dec. 10, 7:15 p.m.: Master's Ringers Handbell Team at Theatre Midland (30-minute concert in theater foyer prior to 8 p.m. performance of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever.")
- Dec. 12, 11:30 a.m.: Master's Ringers Handbell team at Museum of the Southwest (30 minute concert as part of Christmas at the Mansion.)
- Dec. 13, 6:15 p.m.: Children's Choirs Christmas Music, at Crestview, features six choirs, age 3 through 6th grade).
- Dec. 14, 6:30 p.m.: Master's Ringers Handbell Team at Midland Park Mall.
- Dec. 14, 7:15 p.m.: Crestview Baptist Church Orchestra at Midland Mark Mall.
- Dec. 16, 12:05 p.m.: Master's Ringers Handbell Team at First United Methodist Church (30 minute performance as part of December Noontime Noel series).
- Dec. 20, 8:30, 10:50 a.m.: Worship Choir Christmas Music Service, "I Have Seen the Light," at Crestview.
- Dec. 20, 6:15 p.m.: Ensembles Christmas Music Service, at Crestview.
- Dec. 24, 5 p.m.: Candlelight Service at Crestview.

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Dec. 13	6:15p.m.	Children's Choirs Christmas Music (6 groups)
Dec. 20.	8:30a.m.	Worship Choir Christmas Musical
	& 10:50a.m.	"I Have Seen the Light"
Dec. 20	6:15p.m.	Ensembles Christmas Music (5 groups)
Dec. 24	5:00p.m.	Candlelight Service
		(one hour of carols and candles)

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First United Methodist celebrates a season of promise and peace

By Jimmy Patterson
Staff writer

"Advent ... Season of Promises and Peace" begins Sunday at First United Methodist Church, 301 N. Baird, with traditional worship services at 8:30 and 10:35 a.m.

One of the more festive events of the early part of Advent is the Hanging of the Greens, which will be celebrated Sunday night beginning at 5 p.m.

The second Sunday of Advent, Dec. 6, Dr. Donald Davis, a nationally-known United Methodist minister and storyteller will deliver the message in both the 8:30 and 10:35 a.m. traditional services. From 6-7:30 p.m., the Sprouts (2nd and 3rd graders) will have their Christmas parties, as will the M-Kids (grades 4 and 5).

"Joy Breaks Through," a service of healing and Holy Communion will be held in the Glass Chapel Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 6:30 p.m.

At the 8:30 a.m. service on Dec. 13, the third Sunday of Advent, "Gloria! A Proclamation in Music" will be presented by the Chancel Choir and First Light. "Gloria" will feature music from Vivaldi's "Gloria," Handel's "Messiah," and "A Fantasy on Five Christmas Carols," by Mark Hayes. Joan Lucas and Carol Hall will be the featured pianists.

At the 10:35 a.m. worship that morning, the musical

drama, "Calling All Angels," by Helen Kemp, will be presented by the Combined Children's Choirs in the sanctuary. A second presentation of "Gloria!" will be featured at the Community of Joy service, at the Cole Theatre on Wadley, also at 10:35 a.m.

At 5:30 on the evening of the 13th, First United Methodist will present, "The Giving Factory: An Advent Activity for the Entire Family." Divisions of the Giving Factory include, the Food Basket (the group will pack up Christmas food boxes to deliver to those in need); Chop Til You Drop (helpers make homemade soup for the Midland Soup Kitchen); Cookie division (make and decorate sugar cookies with the children's choirs, who will take cookies to nursing homes); the Brown Bag division (pack and decorate gift bags of toiletries for Senior Services, and the Toy Division (donations go to the Battered Women's Center).

Sunday, Dec. 20, the 4th Sunday of Advent will feature the regular schedule of services and the suggestion from the church staff to, "take this evening for your own family activities centered on preparing for the coming of Christ. Also on that evening, at 5 p.m., will be youth caroling and a Christmas party.

Christmas Eve Services on Thursday, Dec. 24 include:
• 4 p.m., Candlelight and Communion Christmas

Service in the Fellowship Hall with music provided by the Combined Children's Choir. Rev. Molly Krueger will preach; children are encouraged to bring a stuffed animal for participation in the service.

• 5 p.m., The Music of Christmas, pre-service Christmas by Celebration Singers, Wesley and DOC Ringers and Alpha Brass.

• 5:30 p.m., Traditional carols, Candlelight and Communion Service in the Sanctuary. Music by the Chancel Choir and First Light with Lane Boyd preaching.

• 10 p.m., Traditional Carols, Candlelight and Communion Service in the Sanctuary. Music by Suzanne, Robin and Gabriel Care; College Ensemble and Handbell Ensemble. Rev. John Rech will preach.

The season culminates with regular worship times on Dec. 27, the First Sunday of Christmastide.

Schedule for the Noontime Noel programs, a lunch and music program is:

~ Dec. 2, 12:05 p.m.: The Midland High School Concert Choir.

~ Dec. 9, 12:05 p.m.: Suzanne Cate and Friends.

~ Dec. 16, 12:05 p.m.: The Master's Ringers from Crestview Baptist Church.

Drive-Thru Nativity in Big Spring features 17 scenes

By Jimmy Patterson
Staff writer

BIG SPRING -- One of the best-kept holiday secrets in West Texas is the Drive-Thru Nativity Scene, now in its 12th year. The 1998 edition of the Nativity, presented each year by Big Spring's First Church of the Nazarene, will offer motorists 17 individual scenes spread over one-third of a mile on church property. Visitors receive audio cassettes or CDs with narration upon arriving. The tapes provide dialogue to go along with the live scenes.

This year's Nativity will be presented from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on December 10-13.

"As far as we know, this is the largest drive-thru Nativity Scene of its kind in West Texas, maybe even the state," said J. Roger Huff, pastor at First Church of the Nazarene. "This year we've added two scenes -- a family talking about Christmas and how it came about from a biblical perspective. Another new scene shows the prophets that foretold the birth of Christ, and another one depicts the angel coming to Mary and telling her she will bear a son."

"We have a wonderful traveling scene with a live donkey," Huff said. "And we have an inn scene where Joseph and Mary are told that there's no room for them."

The Nativity scene has a variety of animals, but this year, no camels, which, Huff said, have been impossible to deal with in years past.

For those traveling to the nativity scene from Midland, motorists should take the Business 20 exit. Turn right on FM 700, then left on Martin Luther King Drive.

Approximately 6,200 made the trek through the Drive-Through Nativity Scene last year. People come from as far away as San Angelo, Abilene and Lubbock, and mailers

have been sent to church's throughout West Texas promoting the event.

"We start planning in about August," Huff said. "We've been remodeling, repainting and redesigning the scenes, and we're almost done with all of it now. The costumes are very authentic, and are actually quite incredible. And we've put a lot into the lighting this year. Much more than in years past."

The one-third mile route takes visitors around the church parking lot, behind the church, with motorists exiting at the side of the church facilities. The route is well-lit by luminaries to make the journey easier for those who may not be able to see as well at night.

As many as 150 volunteers from construction to set design and cast are involved in the staging of the event this year.

The Nativity is described as non-denominational, and enjoyable to anyone who is a Christian and who "enjoys being reminded of the reality of Christmas," Huff said.

The model for the Drive-Through Nativity has been copied and will be staged this year at a Nazarene church in Lubbock. Huff also said the church's web page (www.xroadstx.com/~nazarene) has been visited by an Ohio church inquiring about setting up a similar Nativity there.

First Church of the Nazarene is located at 1400 Lancaster in Big Spring.

Other events this Christmas season at the church include the Hanging of the Greens (Nov. 29, 6 p.m.), "A Star is Born" -- A Children's Christmas Musical (Dec. 6, 6 p.m.), "A Light Still Shines, featuring the ReJoyce Choir (Dec. 19, 7 p.m.; Dec. 20, 6 p.m.), and the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Dec. 24, 7-8 p.m.).



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Second Baptist continues its "Baskets of Blessings" holiday tradition

By Jimmy Patterson
Staff writer

Second Baptist Church is preparing again for its "Baskets of Blessings" Christmas ministry. Through the program, baskets of food will be delivered to pre-selected families in need on Tuesday, December 22. Collection of donated food products began November 28. Items needed include boxed macaroni and cheese, boxed stuffing mix, canned corn and green beans, boxed cake mixes with canned frosting, 10 lb. bags of potatoes and frozen turkeys.

"This is the fourth year we've done our Baskets of Blessings program," noted Tom Revilla, music minister at Second Baptist Church.

New with the 1998 Baskets of Blessings ministry is the addition of a separate toy collection. Revilla said several people brought toys last year and the official inclusion of toy distribution began this year.

"Last year, the children at the church started asking us why we didn't do toys," Revilla said. "So this year we set up a toy funding program separately, and now everyone that has families will get toys instead of just a few families."

Revilla said families that benefit from Baskets of Blessings are recommended through church members.

"Someone from the church will tell us, 'My neighbor down the street is having a tough time this year and I'd like to do something to help out a little,'" Revilla said. "We realize that these folks have a diversity of needs, physically and emotionally as well as spiritually. When Jesus ministered to people he met them where they lived. Our pastor likes to say that we are called to be the light of the world. Not to be sanctuary lights, but rather street lights. That way we'll light the streets as God's lights."

For more information, please contact the church office at 694-9856.

In addition to its outreach to the needy, Second Baptist plans a variety of holiday events. The schedule includes:

- Sunday, November 29 -- Food and toy collections for Baskets of Blessings begin.
- Tuesday, December 1, 7:30 p.m. -- Secret Sister Christmas Fellowship.
- Sunday, December 13, 6:30 p.m. -- "The Night Before Christmas Caper" children's Christmas musical.
- Sunday, December 20, 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. -- "A Time For Joy", an adult choir celebration.
- Tuesday, December 22, 6:30 p.m. -- Candelight Communion Service; delivery of Baskets of Blessings.

Holy Trinity opens Advent season with Intergenerational Advent Event Sunday

By Jimmy Patterson
Staff writer

Midland's Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, 1412 W. Illinois, begins its celebration of the Advent season Sunday with an Intergenerational Advent Event at 10:05 a.m. in St. Frances Hall. The event will feature bagpipes, wreath making, candles, a Jesse Tree and refreshments. The Intergenerational Advent Event will replace Sunday School and the adult classes this Sunday.

Additionally, Advent candles will be available for purchase outside Holy Trinity's bookstore.

Stockton Williams, Rector at Holy Trinity, said the first Sunday of Advent is traditionally light in attendance and the intergenerational event, "gets families together for that first Sunday and it's a lot of fun."

"We are entering my favorite time of year," Williams said in a piece of church literature. "I find it fun, joyful, peaceful, hopeful, reverent, at different times and at the same time. And yet we can lose all its meaning and impact if we don't take the time to savor it. We can be put to sleep to the spiritual meaning and content, which is Jesus, not just by falling asleep but by our busy-ness."

At noon on Tuesday, December 8, Holy Trinity will be the site of an Advent Concert featuring the adult handbell choir. The music will be followed by a brown bag lunch.

The third Sunday of Advent is also a popular day at Holy Trinity.

"We always have a big thing open to the public on the Third Sunday of Advent, this year on the 13th," Williams said. "It's our 16th annual Candlelight Carol Service at 5:30 p.m. All the choirs, singers, and handbells will present a special music program. There'll be a few Scripture readings, but it will mostly be music. Darrell Knapp started it when he came here as our music director."

A reception will follow in Holy Trinity's parish hall.

On the 4th Sunday of Advent, December 20, Holy Trinity parishioners will have their annual event of caroling for the homebound members of the church. Caroling begins at 6:30 p.m., and will be followed by the Hanging of the Greens where parishioners finish decorating the church for Christmas.

Christmas Eve services are at 5 p.m. (Christmas pageant and Holy Communion); 8 p.m. (The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two), and 11 p.m. (The Holy Eucharist, Rite One, with Station at the Christmas Creche). The church nursery will be open for the 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. services.

Christmas Day Eucharist (Rite One) will be celebrated at 11 a.m.

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity will observe its regular worship schedule throughout the seasons. Sunday Eucharists are at 8, 9 and 11:05 a.m., and 5:15 p.m. Weekday Eucharists are Monday at 5:15 p.m.; Tuesdays (except Dec. 22 and 29) and Wednesdays at 7 a.m., and Thursdays at 11 a.m.

The Christmas season culminates with the celebration of Epiphany, 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 6.

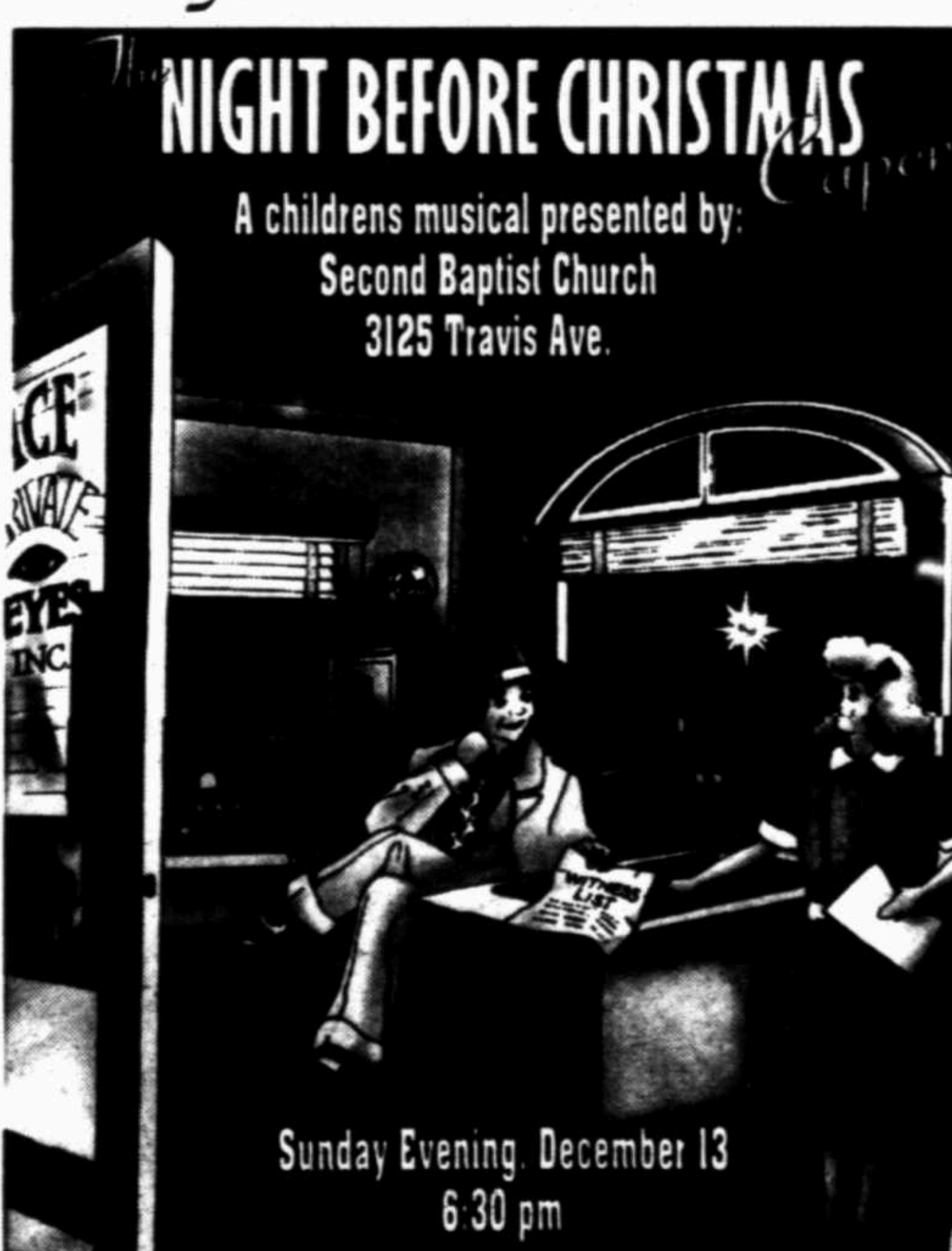
"That's when we'll have the burning of the greens, and not only do we burn the greens, but each family is encouraged to bring a small branch from their Christmas tree," Williams said. "The symbolism being the coming light of the world."

"Following a brief evening prayer service where the youths are the readers, parishioners go to the parish hall for an Epiphany party. At the party, kids leave their shoes off when they go into the church, and supposedly the Kings come in on their camels, the camels eat the straw and the kids find the candy that the kings leave them."

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Six special services set for First Presbyterian

By Jimmy Patterson
Staff writer

First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas, in downtown Midland, has six major events during the seasons of Advent and Christmas, which begin Sunday with the first Sunday of Advent.

The first formal program at the church will actually be the Second Sunday of Advent, Dec. 6, at 6:30 p.m., when the Children's Choir presents its musical program, entitled, "Wise Guys and Starry Skies," written by Hill.

A week later, on Sunday, December 13, the Third Sunday of Advent, the Sanctuary Choir, accompanied by orchestra, soloist and organ will present a program of Christmas masterworks, combined with favorite carols and highlighted by a presentation of Poulenc's "Gloria."

On December 20, the Fourth Sunday of Advent, "We celebrate our around the table Carol Sing, which is a fun time for us," according to Jerry Hilton, pastor at First Presbyterian. "We'll have Christmas dinner, followed by the singing of the carols with such fun songs as 'The Twelve Days of Christmas.'" The festivities on December 20, begin at 6 p.m.

Two services will highlight worship opportunities on Christmas Eve. First Presbyterian's Family Christmas Eve service begins at 7:30 p.m.; at 9 p.m. that evening, it's the traditional Candlelight Communion service.

Throughout the advent season, each Sunday morning service will feature the lighting of the advent candle.

To bring the season to a close, the three Presbyterian churches in Midland -- First, Grace and Trinity -- will join together for a joint service January 6 to celebrate Epiphany.

"We'll sing the Epiphany carols that are drawn from all over the world," Hilton said. "Some from the Orient, others from Central and South America."

First Presbyterian just completed the first major phase of its project 2000 expansion and renovation effort with the unveiling of its New Family Life Center, directly across Illinois St. from the main entrance to Midland High School. The Family Life Center offers a facility for the community and features a walking track, new nursery facilities and a new kitchen, among other improvements.

Built not just for the church but for the entire community of Midland, the Family Life Center has classrooms and meeting rooms, as well as a basketball court. In a partnership with Midland High, teacher luncheons and the girls basketball team has practiced at the facility.

St. Ann's to open Advent season with workshop

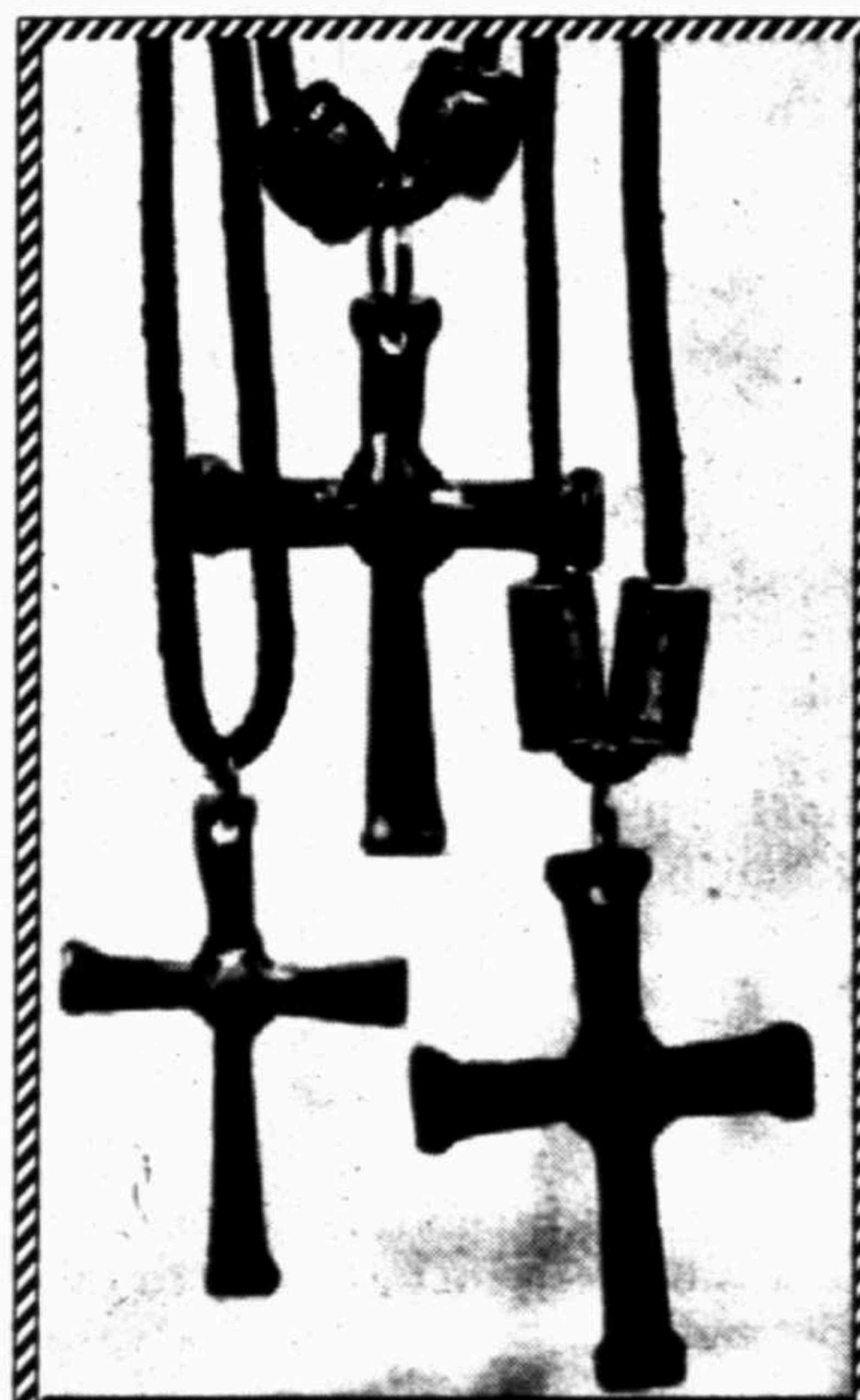
By Jimmy Patterson
Staff writer

St. Ann's Catholic Church, 2000 W. Texas, will open the Advent season with an Advent Workshop, 7 p.m., December 2. The workshop, focusing on the spiritual aspects and the meaning of the season, will be hosted by Sr. Mary Brian Overfield, SSND. Titled "God So Loved The World: An Evening of Advent Reflection," the workshop will be in the church's parlor.

Students at St. Ann's school will have an Advent presentation on December 15, and then on December 23, a community wide Advent Reconciliation service will be conducted at the church. Priests from throughout town will hear confessions beginning at 7 p.m. on the 23rd. A similar service was held during the Lenten season earlier this year.

A children's liturgy will be presented December 24 at 5:30 p.m. Christmas Vigil mass is at 8 p.m., and the church will once again celebrate midnight mass on Christmas Eve.

St. Ann's will also celebrate Christmas Day mass at 10 a.m. the 25th.



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Advent Calendar



Sunday, December 6, 1998 - 6:30 p.m.
Our children's choirs present their offering to the Child, which includes the musical "Wise Guys and Starry Skies".

Sunday, December 13, 1998 - 5:30 p.m.
"Sounds of the Season" Concert, with the Sanctuary and Celebration! choirs, featuring the *Gloria* of Francis Poulenc. The choirs will be accompanied by a full orchestra.

Sunday, December 20, 1998 - 6:00 p.m.
The annual Round-the-Table-Carol-Sing is a fun fellowship time and dinner - lots of singing. This promises to be a great evening - you won't want to miss!

Thursday, December 24, 1998
Christmas Eve service celebrates the birth of our Lord with Lessons, Carols and Candlelight.

5:30 p.m.
The children's choirs will sing for this first celebration of the birth of our Savior.

9:00 p.m.
The Sanctuary Choir will sing for this service, at which the sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated.

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Thursday, December 24, Christmas Eve

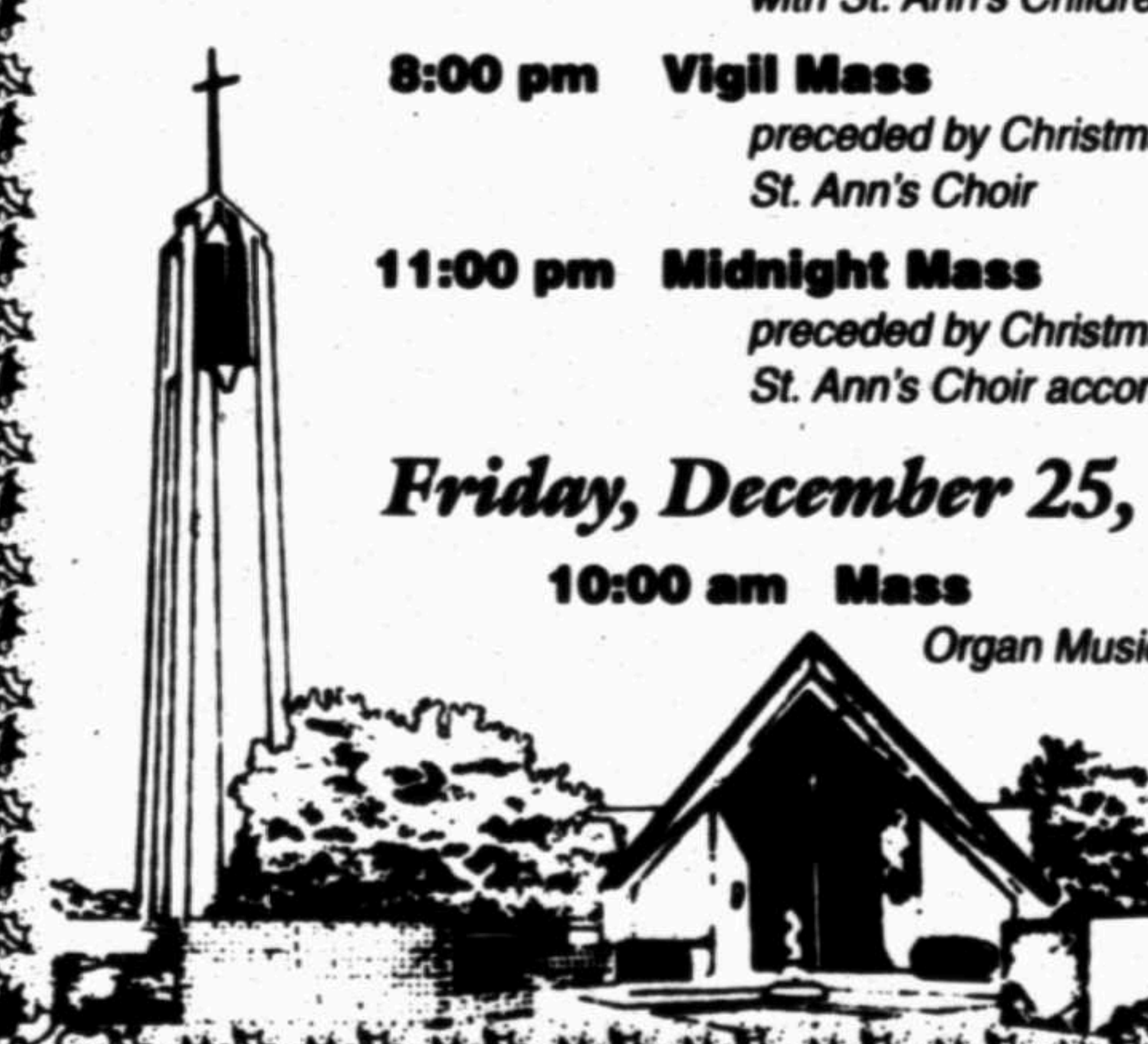
5:30 pm Children's Mass
with St. Ann's Children's Choir

8:00 pm Vigil Mass
preceded by Christmas Carols at 7:15pm by
St. Ann's Choir

11:00 pm Midnight Mass
preceded by Christmas Carols at 10:15pm by
St. Ann's Choir accompanied by Lone Star Brass

Friday, December 25, Christmas Day

10:00 am Mass
Organ Music by Mr. Jeff Fentem



St. Ann's Catholic Church
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December Church Calendar of Events



December 13

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
7:00pm - Grace Lutheran Church

16TH ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT CAROLS SERVICE
5:30pm - Holy Trinity Church

JOY STORY: A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS JOY
6:30pm - Combined Children's Choirs of First Baptist Church, in the Worship Center

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS CHRISTMAS MUSIC
6:15pm - Crestview Baptist Church

"A STAR IS BORN"
6:30pm - 3rd - 6th grade choirs, Kelview Heights Baptist Church

"THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS CAPER"
6:30pm - A Children's Christmas Musical, Second Baptist Church

"CHRISTMAS FANTASIA"
10:50am - Sanctuary Choir and JuBELLation! Handbells, Memorial Christian Church

"SOUNDS OF THE SEASON"
5:30pm - Concert, choirs and orchestra, First Presbyterian Church

"GLORIA!"
8:30am - A Proclamation in music presented by Chancel Choir and First Light, First United Methodist

"CALLING ALL ANGELS"
10:35am - A musical drama, First United Methodist

"GLORIA!"
10:35am - Community of Joy Service, Cole Theatre on Wadley

December 1

SECRET SISTER CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP
7:30pm - Second Baptist Church

ECW TREE DECORATING
9am-noon - Holy Trinity Church

December 3

"CHRISTMAS IS ABOUT FAMILY"
7:00pm - Jesus' coming as the obedient child of our Heavenly Father, Holy Cross Lutheran

December 6

"A STAR IS BORN"
6pm - Children's Christmas Musical, First Church of the Nazarene

"THE WONDER OF CHRISTMAS"
9 & 10am - Adult Choir Presentation, Kelview Heights Baptist Church

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20 foot Christmas tree adorned with Christmas, will remain up until Jan. 2, 1999

"WISE GUYS AND STARRY SKIES"
6:30pm - Children's Musical, First Presbyterian Church

December 7

DAUGHTERS OF ZION PRAYER MEETING
Jesus' Name United Pentecostal Church

December 8

ADVENT ADULT HANDBELLS CONCERT
12 Noon - followed by brown-bag lunch, Holy Trinity Church

December 9

KIDS PLUS CELEBRATION
6:30pm - St. Frances Hall, Holy Trinity Church

"JOY BREAKS THROUGH"
6:30pm - A service of healing and Holy Communion, Glass Chapel, First United Methodist

December 10

CRESTVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH MASTER'S RINGERS HANDBELL TEAM
7:15pm at Theatre Midland

CHRISTMAS CAROLING AT MANOR PARK AND SADDLERIDGE LODGE
6:00pm - led by the Fellowship Board of Grace Lutheran Church

"CHRISTMAS IS ABOUT FAMILY:
7:00pm - Jesus' coming to be our brother, Holy Cross Lutheran Church

December 10 - 11

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORD: DINNER THEATRE 1998
6:30pm - Fellowship Hall, First Baptist Church (by advance reservations only)

December 10 - 13

12TH ANNUAL DRIVE-THROUGH NATIVITY
6:30 - 9:30pm - First Church of the Nazarene, Big Spring

December 11 - 12

LIVE NATIVITY SCENE
7:00 - 9:00pm - Christian Church of Midland

December 12

CRESTVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH MASTER'S RINGERS HANDBELL TEAM
11:30am at Museum of the Southwest

"CAMELS FOR RENT"

6:30pm - Preschool Choir, Crestview Baptist

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

8:30am - Chapel Worship, 9:30am - Sunday School, 10:45am - Sanctuary Worship

"A TIME FOR JOY"

8:30 & 10:50am - An Adult Choir Celebration, Second Baptist Church

FAMILY CHRISTMAS CAROLING

6:30pm - Followed by the 'Hanging of the Greens', Holy Trinity Church

"CODE RED: AN E.R. CHRISTMAS"

6:30pm - Youth Musical, Memorial Christian Church

ROUND-THE-TABLE-CAROL-SING

6:00pm - First Presbyterian Church

ADULT CHOIR CANATA

8:30 & 11:00am - Christian Church of Midland

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSIC PROGRAM

6:00pm - Christian Church of Midland

December 22

CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

6:30pm - Delivery of the Baskets of Blessings, Second Baptist Church

December 24

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
7:00 - 8:00pm - First Church of the Nazarene

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

5:00pm - Crestview Baptist

CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION WORSHIP SERVICE

6:00pm - First Christian Church

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE OF SCRIPTURE READINGS AND CAROLS

7:00pm - Grace Lutheran Church

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

5:00pm - Christmas Pageant and Holy Communion;
8:00pm - Holy Eucharist, Rite Two;
8:00pm - Holy Eucharist, Rite One with station at the Christmas Creche

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

6:00 & 10:00pm - First Baptist Church

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT CAROLS AND COMMUNION SERVICE

7:00pm - Memorial Christian Church

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

5:30pm - Children's Choirs sing for celebration of the birth of our Savior;
9:00pm - Sanctuary Choir and Sacrament of Communion, First Presbyterian Church

CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

7:00pm - Christian Church of Midland

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

4:00pm - Candlelight and communion Christmas Service, music provided by Combined Children's Choir
5:00pm - "Music of Christmas" by Celebration Singers, Wesley and DOC Ringers and Alpha Brass
5:30 & 10:00pm - Traditional Carols, Candlelight and Communion Service

December 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE VESPER SERVICE WITH COMMUNION
5:00pm - Grace Lutheran



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Jesus Name United Pentecostal Church returns to carol for seniors

By Jimmy Patterson
Staff writer

A continuing Christmas tradition at Jesus Name United Pentecostal Church is the annual caroling for senior residents at the Courtyard Care Center. This year's caroling will take place on Dec. 13, according to Mary Wallace, who along with her husband, Audice, have pastored Jesus Name since 1994.

"We try to do something at one of the nursing homes every year," Mrs. Wallace said. "Our Sunday School children make up little cards and attach candy canes to them and give them to each of the residents."

The caroling effort is actually the second event of the holiday season that congregants at Jesus Name will celebrate. The first comes two days earlier, Dec. 11, when Jesus Name has its annual church banquet at Furr's Cafeteria.

The church's annual Christmas program will be during the morning worship on the Sunday preceding the commemoration of Christ's birth, Dec. 20.

Another thing recently started at the church is Daughters of Zion, which is observed on the first Monday of each month, including Dec. 7. During the meeting, prayers are offered for children both in and out of the Jesus Name church. The meetings have been having 10-12 women in the first couple of months, a number Mrs. Wallace feels will grow over time.

Jesus Name started off humbly, in a mobile home living room.

"Then, we moved to Pecos St., and rented a building," Mrs. Wallace said. "Then we moved onto Front Street for a year and a half, then two years ago in August we bought a metal building and turned it into a real nice church facility. Last week we finished a 25x45 foot extension onto the back of the church. The Lord has really blessed us."

Jesus Name's present facility is located at 3110 W. County Road 116, just off S. Midkiff, a half mile south of I-20.

Growth at the church can be credited to both advertisements and word of mouth. Today, church membership hovers around 60.

Another program this Christmas season will have congregants caroling on a flatbed trailer throughout the S. Midkiff area adjoining the church.

Audice and Mary Wallace have three children: Daughter Elaine and her husband, Steve, are assistant pastors at Jesus Name; Leon Wallace, a pastor in Lufkin, and his wife, Tammy; and son Raymond and his wife Barbara of Midland. The couple also has one foster son, Michael Byrd. Mrs. Wallace's parents, Frank and Grace Harrison, are 40-year residents of Midland.

Weekly Sunday School at Jesus Name is at 10 a.m. preaching is at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., and then again at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

First Christian Church stresses education throughout Advent

By Jimmy Patterson
Staff writer

During the Hanging of the Greens, November 29, which marks First Christian Church's (Disciples of Christ) celebration of the Advent season, the worship centers at the church are prepared for the coming of Christ, according to Tommy Potter, senior minister at First Christian. In addition to the traditional services and seasonal music celebrations, Potter said his church hopes to teach people about Christ during advent.

"We seek to be educational during Advent by helping people discover and understand how best we can prepare ourselves for this event that is so special and central in the life of the Christian church," Potter said. "We interpret why we do the things we do, the colors and appointments of the candles and wreaths and Chrismons. A long-standing tradition in the Christian Church is that the children in our congregation will place Chrismons on the tree after they learn what it's all about."

First Christian has an Advent festival Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. Families gather and make the Chrismons and then go to the sanctuary and chapel for a service of decorating the Christmas tree.

Chrismons are tree ornaments that represent Christian images, such as doves, fish and the cross.

On Wednesday, Dec. 16, First Christian will hold its annual Christmas Potluck Dinner. It will be followed by an all-church Christmas caroling effort, where members are invited to go caroling at the homes of homebound church members.

"One of the new traditions we have is that we purchase poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary on December 20 and 24," Potter said. "People are also invited to give

the same amount of money to purchase beans to send to our Good Samaritan Project in the valley, which we sponsor. The Good Samaritan effort is an organization that provides care and education, and the needs of people who come across the border seeking asylum and citizenship. We send beans and rice, and at Easter we sell lilies and rice; at Christmas, it's poinsettias and beans."

Another effort the church takes part in is the collecting of white gifts for the elderly residents of the Juliette Fowler Homes in Dallas. The Juliette Fowler Home is a ministry to the aged, providing a nursing home, intermediate care facility and retirement home for people in the Christian Church. Items requested for the drive include powder and other toiletries.

"This has been a tradition of this church for years," Potter said. "We've heard stories that many years ago, ranchers would once a year gather and decide how many head of cattle they would donate to the Juliette Fowler Homes."

The church will have numerous choir presentations throughout the season, and on Christmas Eve will have its traditional 6 o'clock Candlelight Communion Service. The service will feature something started just last year, affectionately called the Bathrobe Pageant.

"The Bathrobe Pageant features young children of the church who remember the importance and value of events that happened in Bethlehem so long ago," Potter said. "They act out in a very simple way with homemade costumes and Burger King crowns for the kings. It's a wonderful event to see children remembering how holy that night really was."

Worship services at First Christian Church are at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.

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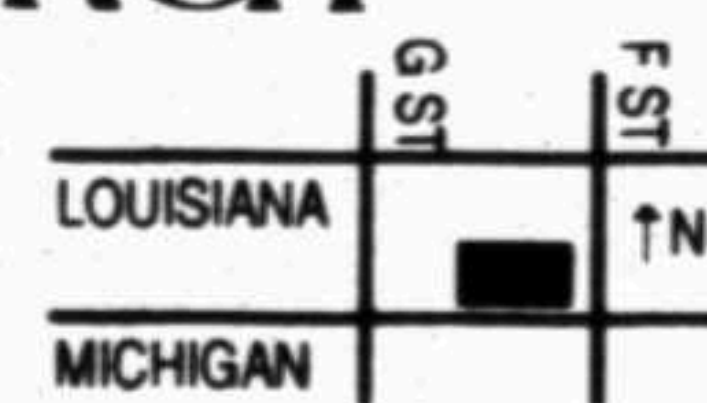


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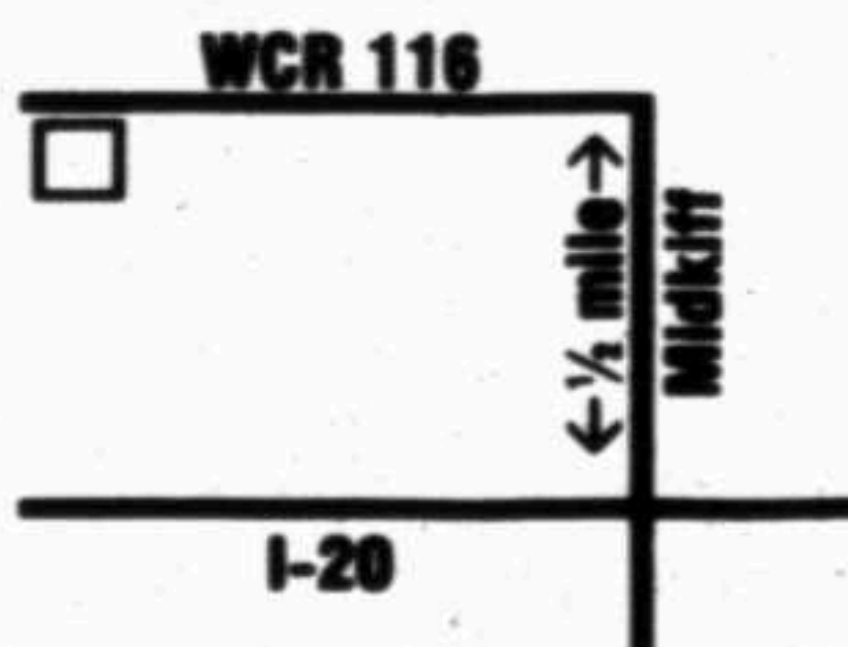
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Grace celebrates tradition of Christmas beginning Dec. 6

By Jimmy Patterson
Staff writer

Through a full slate of Christmas-related activities to be presented at Grace Lutheran Church, 3000 W. Golf Course, tradition is a recurring theme this, and every, year.

The season starts on December 6 with the decoration of the church's traditional 20-foot Christmas tree, adorned with Chrismons and placed in the front of the church, where it will remain until Epiphany, January 6.

Chrismons are decorative Christian symbols, such as doves, fish and crosses that take the place of the more secular ornaments that are found on many trees.

Four days later, on December

10, congregants at Grace will sing Christmas carols at retirement centers.

"We've done this in years past," said Carrie Fedro, who handles public relations for the church. "The fellowship group gathers with the choir and anyone who just likes to sing. We've gone to visit people who have been sick in their homes before, but this year we're going to visit Manor Park and Saddle Ridge Lodge. Carolers leave for the centers at 6 p.m. the evening of the 10th.

The annual children's Christmas program is set for Sunday, December 13 at 7 p.m. "This year's program is being run by Kathy McCown," Fedro said. "It's for the children of the church and they act

out scenes, but the whole service is geared toward the whole family."

The program will feature children dressed as angels, shepherds, animals, Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus. Refreshments, provided by the Fellowship Board, Parish workers and Grace Guild, will be available after the service.

Christmas Eve, at 7 p.m., will be Grace's annual candlelight service, and then on Christmas Day, at 10 a.m., the church will host a traditional Lutheran service, much like a Sunday service.

Grace will also host a late afternoon (5 p.m.) Vesper Service on New Year's Eve. "We do this to give thanks and to pray for the coming year and for God to work in our lives through the next year."

"This is kind of an unusual Christmas for us," Fedro said. "We're in the call process. Pastor Hoffmann, who used to be pastor for many years, has been filling in."

The search committee has narrowed its decision to 2-3 finalists. Larry Kruger, Grace's former pastor, left in the summer to take a ministry position in College Station.

The church also just completed construction and renovation efforts, which include a new fellowship hall and classroom expansion in October.

Regular worship times at Grace Lutheran are Sundays at 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School begins at 9:15 a.m.

Nativity scene presented again this year at Christian Church of Midland

By Jimmy Patterson
Staff writer

As it has been for most of the 1990s, the live nativity scene will again be one of the highlights of the Christmas season at the Christian Church of Midland.

The nativity scene will be presented Dec. 11 and 12 from 7-9 p.m. in front of the church building, located at 2608 Neely.

Bobby Duncan has been senior minister at the church since 1990; he began his ministerial duties at the church as an associate minister in 1981.

"The casting is based upon the members in the church," Duncan said of the live nativity. "We've done this for at least five years. The gathering of the animals and costumes takes a lot of work during the days in December prior to the eleventh."

Cast members are sometimes rotated in and out depending on the weather on the nights the nativity scene is staged. The uncertainty of the weather prohibits the church from using a live baby to play the role of the Baby Jesus; instead, a doll is used.

Duncan's wife, Connie, the church's music director and worship team leader, coordinates the live nativity scene.

Christian Church of Midland will also present a musical program

called the Adult Choir Cantata, December 20 at both the 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. On the evening of December 20, a children's Christmas music program begins at 6 p.m.

On Christmas Eve, a Candlelight Communion service will be offered at 7 p.m. There will be no Christmas Day service this season.

Not only during the Christmas season, but throughout the year, Christian Church of Midland offers Fellowship Care groups, which Duncan described as nurturing type groups that meet in people's homes. The groups take the place of the more traditional prayer type meetings that many churches have on their church campuses.

"It's a pretty neat way to get acquainted with each other," Duncan said.

The Christian Church of Midland, the only one of its denomination in town, is an independent Christian congregation. Described as a middle of the road church by Duncan, the pastor said the group is theologically sandwiched in between the Disciples of Christ Christian churches and the churches of Christ. All three churches were sprung from the same roots.

The Christian Church's weekly worship schedule is at 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays. Sunday School is from 10-10:45 a.m.

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Music a key part of Christmas at Kelview

By Jimmy Patterson
Staff writer

Music is the key word during the Christmas season at Kelview Baptist Church, 402 W. Scharbauer, according to Youth Minister Shane O'Brien and Minister of Music Russ Hale.

The Christmas celebrations begin on Sunday, December 6, with the season's major concert, "The Wonder of Christmas." Worship services at 9 and 11 a.m. that day will feature the adult choir's performance.

Kelview's 3rd-6th grade choirs will perform at 6:30 the evening of December 13, and the 1st-2nd grade choir will sing with the adult choir on the morning of December 6. On the 20th of December, the youth choirs will perform at 9 and 11 a.m.; the preschool choir will be featured at the 6:30 p.m. that same day.

"During 'The Wonder of Christmas,' the choir will be dressed in tuxedos and sequined gowns," said Hale. "We'll have special lighting with candles, and we invited all of our people to share in that. We'll have a carol sing time during part of the program and we invite people to join in with the choir during that portion."

Hale said the performance also features a manger scene with Mary, Joseph and shepherds.

"The music itself is very diverse in its style," Hale said. "It includes both contemporary and very traditional praise and worship songs. Praise and worship music is rare during the Christmas season. There's just not a lot of praise and worship music written for Christmas."

The praise and worship genre of hymn began within the last 25 years and not much Christmas music has been written to this point. "Praise and worship music is a category that typically has a very singable melody line," Hale said. "It has a very easy and pure harmony and it tends to have more of a contemporary folk style to it."

Hale said praise and worship songs are almost always songs to God or Jesus Christ, whereas as a majority of traditional hymns are about Jesus Christ or God.

Two examples include "Majesty," written by Jack Hayford, a pastor in California, "and another very popular one, Hale said, "is 'As The Deer.'"

"Most praise and worship music has a very scriptural feel, as the words are often simply direct quotes from Scripture. 'As The Deer' is taken from the Psalms, and includes the line, 'As the Deer pants for water, so my soul longs for you,' which is taken from Psalms. It's a love song to God."

Golf Course Road Church of Christ plans four major events in December, January

By Jimmy Patterson
Staff writer

Golf Course Road Church of Christ, 3500 W. Golf Course, will offer a variety of events in the next two months. Events that run the gamut from music to spiritual renewal, from a family ministry to ringing in the New Year.

Noted Fort Worth minister and family speaker Ron Rose will conduct a series of Wednesday night lectures on Dec. 2, 9 and 16.

Rose's series is entitled, "Passing the Baton: Your Wonder, Your Adventure, Your Wisdom. The presentations focus on three gifts from God that must be handed down to the next generation.

On December 31, Golf Course Road will host its 5th Annual New Year's Eve Party, from 11 p.m. to midnight, at the church.

"It's a time of worship and praise," said Kyle McGraw, deacon of special projects at the church. "And it's an alternative. There's often not a lot of opportunities to bring in the New Year praising God."

On January 15-17, Golf Course Road hosts what it considers to be one of its biggest events of the year. It's the church's Super Bowl weekend, as McGraw refers to it.

"That weekend is spiritual renewal weekend at our church," McGraw said. "We're calling it 'Streams in the Desert' and I do think spiritual renewal is the best way to describe it. This year, we'll again have the Hallel Music Ministry, and Rick Atchley, of Fort Worth, who is one of the finest pulpit preachers in the nation."

Last year, Golf Course Road had 1,500 people come from multiple states to attend the weekend.

Finally, as part of the spiritual renewal weekend, Golf Course Road will bring to town 16-year-old Nikki Leonti, a Christian singer whose, "It'll Be Alright" is currently on K-Love's Top 20 Contemporary Christian singles chart. Leonti will be in concert on Saturday, January 16. Ticket information will be made available at a later date.

Thanksgiving Service a Success: The 8th annual Community Thanksgiving Service, held Nov. 1 at Chaparral Center was again a very big success, drawing over 3,000. Golf Course Road, which always plays a key role in the organization of the event, said registration cards were taken at the event from over 120 churches in 18 cities.



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Midland Community Theater stages 'Best Christmas Pageant Ever'

Staff Report

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever", a play by Barbara Robinson, will be produced by the Midland Community Theater from Dec. 4-20. The production will be staged in the Cole Theatre's Davis Theatre I.

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" is a story and a bedtime favorite of many children. Robinson has brought her characters from page to stage and created a classic holiday tale for the whole family. Jane Moore, drama teacher at San Jacinto and veteran local thespian, will serve as director of the play.

Beth Bradley (Mary McLaughlin) is the narrator. She tells of a very special event in her young life that begins when the poor Mrs. Armstrong (Maureen Dunn) breaks her leg just a few weeks before Christmas, leaving the Ladies Aid Chapter at her church to organize a bazaar, a potluck supper and a Christmas pageant. Mrs. Armstrong's mother, Grace Bradley (Tammy Carhart), is drafted to take charge of the pageant with the reluctant support of her father, Bob (Stan Hicks). "It's always the same old story, the same old carols, the same Mary and Joseph, and that's what Mother was stuck with!" That, and Mrs. Armstrong on the sidelines.

Then, her younger brother Charlie (Justin Henry) tells Leroy Herdman (Sawyer Stoltz), one of the nastiest kids in school, "I don't care if you steal my lunch -- I get all the dessert I want in Sunday School!" The next Sunday, the whole Herdman tribe -- Leroy, Claude (Josh Cooley), Ralph (Michael Carr), Imogene (Kourtney Graves), Ollie (Kyle Brasher) and Gladys (Cami Leach) -- show up just in time to hear about the Christmas pageant and bully their way into starring roles. Rev. Hopkins (John Comeaux) tries to be welcoming and supportive.

The Ladies Aid group, consisting of Mrs. Slocum (Mary Beck), Mrs. Clark (Paula Henry), Mrs. Clausen (Deena Gordon) and Mrs. McCarthy (Cindy Gill), are far from supportive and a little more than curious.

The other children of the parish -- Doris (Julie Comeaux), Maxine (Katie Coffin), David (Mason Littlejohn), Chris (Danny Wakefield), Marjorie (Constance McPherson), Jason (Todd Gordon), Mason (William Gordon), Helen (Courtney Beck), Jeanne (Kimberly Edwards), Lily (Christian Jones), Shirley (Meredith Madden), Juanita (Melanie Walton) and Larry (Malcolm McPherson) -- can't quite believe this is all happening, especially when the firemen (Bill Schammel and Dylan Moore) are called to the scene.

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Christmas pageants: Not high art, just fun

By Jimmy Patterson
Staff writer

'Twas the week before Christmas when all 'cross the stage
Not a creature wasn't stirring, not at 4 years of age.
The parents all shuffled, some moms shed a tear,
Some stomachs were knotted as curtain call neared.

They squirmed and they wriggled and they all grinned with glee,
As the girls yelled out loud, "Hey mom, look at me!"
The dads gave up seats to run all of the cams,
So their sons smiled real big and acted like hams.

There was Mary and Joseph and Gabe and an Angel,
And a babe who was swaddled away in a manger.
But this scene was different and unlike any other:
For the actors rose no taller than the knees on their mother.

Mary, her nose was a bit moist that day,
As a cold ripe with sniffles had held her at bay.
She coughed and she hacked and she sneezed and she sputtered
Had she had any lines, they'd have only been muttered.

Joseph wore Dockers; his Reeboks did glisten
And he said to his dad he hoped all folks would listen.
But put him on stage and his eyes they did wander:
For his pals back at home told him, "They don't you blunder!"

The big kid on the block was a boy they called Jake,
And everyone thought what a great Caesar he'd make.
(Except for his beard, which looked really quite fake.)
The bad news was Jake was quite trembly 'round stages,
So his nerves got the best of him, and he hurled on his pages.

A shepherd named Timmy had his parents a hopin'
It wouldn't be apparent his barn door was wide open.
But Tim felt a draft and his face soon flushed red,
A lot like the paint on ol' St. Nick's sled.

Before act one started some hay had been placed
To heighten the realism, to add to the taste.
But then on came Jason, our shepherd this year,
Who tossed and who flung and who heave-hoed the hay.

You'd think the way Jason maneuvered the straw
That flying a jet fighter plane was his call.
He took off and cruised and vroomed the dried grass,
And came in for a landing as a sound came from brass.

'Twas Gabriel who harkened all those in the crowd,
[A baby's among us, please cease to be loud.
'Unto us this day,' the announcement was made,
'A saviour is born' so they formed a parade.

The presents were brought by the Wise Men Three.
They brought in the gold and the frankensence, see.
They laid them down carefully, oh to be sure
And a 3-year-old blurted out, "Hey mom, what's myrrh?"

So when we all celebrate Christmas next week,
Just remember it's mainly for those who are meek.
Kids give us grand joy, they give us great grins,
So give them some love, that way everyone wins.

Jimmy Patterson is a staff writer for the Reporter-Telegram.

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Holy Eucharist 8, 9, & 11:05am & 5:15pm
Christian Educ. 10:05am • Weekday Service
• Mon. 5:15pm • Tues. & Wed. 7am
Th. 11am • Rev. Stockton Williams

FAIRMONT PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST
3813 N. Midland Dr. • 8:15am First
Worship • 9:30am Bible Class • 10:30am
Second Worship • 6:00 Evening Worship

FAITH APOSTOLIC CHURCH
4001 W. Illinois Ave. • Pastor Paul Guzzardo
520-5371 • Thurs. Serv. 7:30pm
Sun. Morn. Service 10:30am
Sun. Eve. Service 7:30pm

FANNIN TERRACE BAPTIST
2800 Mogford • 8:20am Traditional
Worship & Bible study • 9:40am
Contemporary Worship & Bible study
11:00am Contemporary Worship

FELLOWSHIP COMMUNITY CHURCH
2215 N. Midland Dr. (Mesa Verde
Shopping Ctr.) 699-6068 or 694-8034
9:30am Family Bible Hour
10:45am Morning Celebration

FIRST APOSTOLIC CHURCH
710 S. Baird St. • Rev. Lowell Cessna
Sun. School 10am • Sun. Worship 11am
& 7pm • Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:30pm

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD
100 W. Wadley, Midland • 684-4613
Sun. Morn. Worship 10am • Eve. Praise
Rally 6pm Wed. Family Night 7pm
Pastor Sammy Hayes

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
2104 W. Louisiana • 683-0600
Sun. School 9:40am & 11am • Worship
Serv.: 8:15, 9:40, 11:00am & 6:30pm • Wed.
7:05pm • Pastor Gary Dyer

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
1301 W. Louisiana • 682-2541 • 8:30am
Worship (Chapel) • 9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship (Sanctuary)

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
800 W. Texas • 684-2821 • Sun. School
9:45am • Worship Serv.: 8:15am & 11:00am
Sun. 12-Step Program • Wed. Gathering
5:30pm • Thurs. Healing Service 5:30pm

FIRST REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN
921 N. Midland Dr. • Sun. School 9:30am
Worship 11:00am & 6:30pm • Wed. 7 pm
Sid Van Camp Pastor • 520-2774

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
1208 W. Wall • Sun. School 9am
Worship 10am & 6pm • Wednesday 7pm
David Becker, Pastor • 682-4584

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Main & Ohio St. • 682-9701 • Worship
Services 8:30am & 10:30am • Sun. School
9:30am • Wed. Night Live 8:30pm

1ST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
600 N. Goldsmith St. • P.O. Box 82
Goldsmith, TX 79741 • 915-368-1212
915-553-2117 • Sun. Worship 9am
Pastor Jimmy R. Cameron

FIRST UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
5111 W. Illinois Ave. • Midland, TX 79703
915-697-4007 • Sunday School 10am
Worship 11am • Evening Service 6pm
Wed. 7:30 pm Pastor T.H. Chapman

GOOD SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
3800 Bradford Lane • 694-4971 • Sun. Sch. &
Bible Class 9am • 1st & 3rd Sun. Services at
6:30pm • 2nd, 4th & 5th Sun. Worship at
10:30am • VISITORS WELCOME!

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
3000 W. Golf Course • 697-3221
Sunday School 9am • Worship 10:30am
Rev. Donald V. Hafemann, Pastor

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2801 N. Garfield • 684-6542
Church School 9:30am • Worship 11am
Rev. Bill Clark, Pastor

GREAT WORD OF FAITH MINISTRIES
1019 N. Main • 682-9203 • Prphrt Rodney
Ransom, Sr. Pastor • Prophetess-Alunda
Ransom • Tues.-Intercessory Prayer 7pm
Fri. Break-thru Eva. Ser. 7pm • Sun. Schl.
10am • 11:30am Worship serv. Services
Starting Oct. 1st 10:00 am

GREENWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH
10908 Hwy. 307 • Wayman Swopes
Morn. Worship 8:30am & 11am • Eve.
Worship 7pm • Sunday School 9:45am

GOLF COURSE ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sun. Worship 8 & 10:30am • Bible Class
9:30am Evening Worship 5pm • Tues.
Man's Prayer Breakfast 6:30am • Ladies'
class 9:45am • Wed. Bible Classes 7pm

HARVEST TIME CHURCH
8300 W. Hwy. 191 • 563-5683 • Rev. Mike
Benson Pastor • Sun. 10:15 am • Evening
6:00 pm • Wed. 7:00 pm
"LOVE LIVES HERE"

HOLLOWELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
400 South Marshall St. • 682-1574 • Sun.
School 9:30am • Worship Serv. 11am
Bible Study, Prayer & Praise- Wed. 7pm
Pastor Gilbert T. Cowley

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMS
5400 N. Big Spring • 570-8149 • Worship
9am Sun. Sch. 10:30am • "A Home for
God's Children" Rev. Phil Knoz, Pastor
www.lx.net/Holy_Cross

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
2003 North A St. • Sunday School 9:20am
Worship 10:30am • Eckhard Grimm, Pastor

IGLESIA ADVENTISTA DEL SEPTIMO DIA
110 W. Pennsylvania • Cerra de Big
Springs • 9:30am Sabbath School • 11am
Culto Divino 7pm Culto de Miercoles
Pastor Hector M. Cerritos • 620-8882

IGLESIA BATISTA "ANTIOQUIA"
Illinois y Midkiff • Family Dollar
Store • 9:45am Escuela Dominical • 41am
Culto de Adoracion • 6pm Culto
Pastor Samuel Rodriguez

IGLESIA DE CRISTO
1301 E. Cherrylane • Sunday School
9:45am Worship 11am & 6pm
Wed. 7:30 pm
Pastor Fernando Prado • 697-0435

JESUS NAME UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
3410 W. C.R. 116 • 694-8702 • 686-1962
Sun. School 10am, Worship 11am • Eve.
Service 6pm • Wed. 7:30pm • Pastors:
Audice & Mary Wallace & Steve Weaver

JESUS WAY HOUSE OF PRAYER
3600 Andrews Hwy. • 520-0857
Sun. 10am & 7pm • Tues., Thurs. & Fri.
9am Pastor James Williams • 682-9802

KELVIEW HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH
402 W. Schenbauer • Sunday Service 10am,
11am & 6pm • Bible Classes 10am
Pastor James Williams • 682-9802

LEE ST. CHURCH OF CHRIST
101 N. Lee • 682-9802 • Bible
Study 7:30pm • Pastor James Williams

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH
201 S. Carver • Church 682-7120 • Pastor's
ofc. 682-8863 • Sun. School 9:30am • Worship
11am • Training Union 12:00pm • Eve.
Worship 7pm • 8:00am worship 7:00pm

MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST
101 W. Parker (Corner of Parker & Main)
Sun. Services 10:30am & 5pm • Wed. Serv.
7:30 pm Bible study-groups throughout
week • Call Church for info. 570-1212

MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
1001 Andrews Hwy. at Cuthbert
694-5321 • Sun. School 9:30am • Worship
Service 10:50am Children/Youth/Adult
Activities Sundays - 4:30-6:30pm

MIDLAND BAPTIST TEMPLE
3001 N. A. Street • Sun. School 9:30am
Worship 10:30am • Sun. evening 6:30pm
Wed. 6:30 IWANA • 7:30 Bible Study
Pastor Verl Gunter

MIDLAND BIBLE CHURCH
2800 N. A. Street • Sunday School 9:30am
Worship 10:45am

MIDLAND CHURCH OF CHRIST
3416 Thomson Dr. • 694-3882 • Jay
Bowman, Pastor • Sun. Worship 10am &
6pm • Bible Study 10:45am • 12:00pm

MIDLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)
Rev. Glen Kuehn, Pastor • 682-1312
Sun. School 9:30am • 10:30am • 11:00am
10:30am • 11:00am • 11:30am

MOCKINGBIRD HEIGHTS CHURCH OF CHRIST
2001 Midland Dr. • 689-0722 • Sun.
School 9:30am • 10:30am • 11:00am
Worship 10:30am • Wed. 7:00 pm

MT. ROSE BAPTIST CHURCH
211 N. Tyler • Sun. School 9:30am
Worship 11am • Wed. 7:00 • Pastor William
Palmer, Pastor • 682-9802

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
913 S. Garfield St. 79701 • 915-684-4992
Sun. School 10am • Morn. Worship 11am
Sun. Eve. Worship 7pm • Wed. Eve. 7pm

NEW LIFE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)
1002 West Loop 250 • Sun. School 9:30am,
Worship 10:45am • Visitors welcome.
520-6572

NOBLES STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST
502 E. Nobles • 683-5045 • Sun. School
9:30am • Worship 11am & 6:30pm
Wednesday 7:00pm

NORTH "A" CHURCH OF CHRIST
506 San Angelo St. • Midland, TX
682-9803 • Sun. Morning 9:30am
Worship 10:30am Sun. Night 6pm
Wed. Night 7pm

NORTHSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST
Bible 9:30am • Worship 10:30am • Sun.
Eve. 6pm Wednesday 7:30pm 682-1553

NORTHWESTERN BAPTIST CHURCH
3901 Mockingbird Lane • Sun. School
9:45am Worship 11am & 6:30pm
Discipleship Training 5:15pm

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CATHOLIC CHURCH
1405 Garden • 682-2581 • CCD Office
683-8908 Mon.-Fri. 6:30 (English)
7:00pm (Spanish) • Sat. 8am (English)
5pm (Spanish) • Sun. 8am (Spanish) • 10am
& 12pm (English) 5:30pm (Bilingual)

OUR LADY OF SAN JUAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
1008 W. New Jersey • Sat. 4:30pm English
Spanish • Sun. 8am & 12 pm, Spanish
10am English • Pastor Thomas J. Kelly

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
3309 Neely Ave. • 694-4527 • Sun. School
9:30am Worship 8:30am & 10:45am
Pastor James Williams

RANCH AND HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH
Located on I-20 at I-10 • Midland, TX
79706 • 682-4571 • Pastor Robert Kepple

REBURNING UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
3001 W. 5th St. • P.O. Box 214 • Odessa,
TX 79769 • 915-35-1219 • 353-5272
Sunday School 10am • Worship 11am
Rev. Pastor Jerry R. Cameron

SALVATION ARMY
3500 Parklane • Captain Albert Villafuerte
697-7264 • Sun. School 9:45am • Worship
11am & 6pm • Wednesday 6:30pm

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH
Early Worship Service 8:30am • Morn.
Worship 11am • Bible Study for all ages 10am

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
3114 Travis • 694-2746 • Ken Davis-Pastor
520-4128 • Saturday Services 9:30-11am
Tues. Prayer meeting 7pm

SOUTH MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
1700 West Carter • Midland, Texas 79701
915-682-5733 • Sun. Morning Worship
Services 11am • Sun. Eve. Worship 6pm

SPANISH CHURCH OF CHRIST
Orchard Lane & Loma Vista
Sun. Worship 10am & 6pm • Wed. Serv.
7pm • Benigno Tarazona, Minister

ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Midland • 682-6383
Masses: 8:00am, 9:00am, 10:00am, 11:00am,
12:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm
Rev. Fr. James H. Murphy, Pastor

ST. JAMES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
301 West 10th • 682-9777 • Sun. School
9:30am • 10:30am • 11:00am • 11:30am
Worship 10:30am • Wed. 7:00 pm

ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1701 N. Main • 683-9832
Sun. School 9:30am • Worship 11am
Pastor James Williams

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
2900 Princeton • 682-9800
Sun. Services 8:00am & 10:00am
Sun. School Ages 3-12, 9:15am

ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
3001 W. Golf Course • 682-4088 or
563-0720 (rectory)
Holy Communion 10:30am

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
5301 Thomson • Services: Traditional
8:30am & Contemporary 11am

ST. STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
4601 Neely Ave. • 520-7394
Sat. evening Mass 5pm • Sunday Masses
8am, 10:30am & 5:00pm Weekday Masses:
Monday thru Friday 5:30 pm
All Non-Catholics Welcomed

TALL CITY BAPTIST CHURCH
3500 Anetta Drive • 694-7515
"Where Every visitor is an Honored
Guest" Sun. Serv. 10am • Morn. Worship
11am
Eve. 5:30 pm & 7pm
Pastor W.R. Simpson • 694-2832

TEEN CHALLENGE
6901 So. County 1200 (Cottonflat Rd.)
Midland, Texas 79702 • 687-0348
Services-Tues. 7:30pm • Rev. Chuck Redger
Changing Lives through Christ

TEMPLO SILOE
907 S. Terrell • Pastor Saul G. Luna
Sun. Worship 9:30am
Sun. Evening Service 7pm • Wed. serv. 7
pm • 682-4571

THE CHURCH OF GOD
6100 W. Wall • 682-9802 • Sun. School
9:30am • 10:30am • 11:00am
10:30am • 11:00am • 11:30am
7pm • 8:00pm • 8:30pm
Friday Bible Study 7pm

THE UNHARMAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
3301 Neely • 694-4308 • Relig. Educ.
9:45am Worship Service 11am

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2800 W. Louisiana • 682-
Sun. School 9:30am • Worship 10:55am
Dr. Fane Downs, Pastor

TRULIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
1201 Tejas • Midland, TX. 79705
Dev. starts 9:15am • Sun. School
9:30-10:30am • Morn. serv. 11-1pm
Sun. Evening Serv. 5-6:15 pm
Pastor: Roy L. Smith • Church 687-3077

VALLEY VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
5500 FM 1213-Midland, TX • Robert Frazier
Sunday: Sun. School 10am • Morn. Worship
11am Eve. Discipleship Training 6:30pm •
Eve. Worship 7pm • Wed. Choir Practice
7pm • Prayer Meeting 7pm

VICTORY FAMILY CHRISTIAN CENTER
5600 W. Illinois • 689-7408 • Sun.
Worship 10am & 6pm
Wed. Worship 7pm
Pastor Bob Miller

WEST KENTUCKY BAPTIST CHURCH
1507 W. Kentucky Ave. • Sun. School
9:45am Worship Service 11am
Evening Service 7pm

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
101 W. Illinois • Sun. School 10am
Worship 11am • 6:30pm
Pastor James Higgins • 697-1521

WESTSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST
4101 W. Wall • 694-3674
Sun. School 9:30am • 10:30am • 11:00am
Worship 10am & 5pm
Family Bible Classes Sun.-9am

WESTWAY CHURCH OF CHRIST
1010 W. Wall • 682-6508 • Sun.
Worship Services 10am & 6pm • Wed.
Worship 7:30pm
Sponsor of Bible Talk • 520-0381

WILSHIRE PARK BAPTIST
801 S. Bentwood • 915-694-7787
Prayer Line 689-7729 • Steve Tims

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TEMPLE BETH EL
1501 N. Grandview • Odessa, TX 79761
915-550-5111 • Rabbi Sidney Zimelman
Services Friday Evenings 8pm