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Midland marks first homicide

Early-morning slaying occurs not quite three hours into 1996

■ Police find former Midlander lying face down in backyard of southeast home.

By Myra Lee Salcedo
Staff Writer

It wasn't quite three hours into 1996 when police officers were immersed in investigating the first homicide of the year. After the Midland Police Department closed the book on a year in which there was an increased number of homicides, it was 2:45 a.m. Sunday when they arrived at a Midland house to find a man dead in the backyard.

Former Midlander Ruben Tagle, 30, was found lying face down in the backyard of 106 E. Parker Ave. Officers said that a possible gunshot wound in his upper left torso may have been caused by a small caliber weapon.

Police were initially called to the scene by residents of the house who heard noises outside and at the backdoor.

"The homeowner called to report a burglary-in-progress," said police Sgt. David Garcia. "When we arrived at the house we found Tagle unresponsive and dead at the scene. We have more questions than answers."

The homeowner, Oscar Ceniceros, called to report someone was banging at his backdoor and possibly trying to get in.

Garcia said Tagle may have been seeking help from residents at 106 E. Parker when he collapsed.

"He may have been seeking assistance or fleeing an attacker. We really don't have that information yet," Garcia said.

"We have little information as to where the incident occurred or what led up to this individual being killed. We are investigating this as a homicide until further evidence indicates it isn't a homicide," the police spokesman said.

Garcia said Tagle moved to Arlington from Midland. He speculated that Tagle may have come to Midland to visit relatives for the holidays.

Tagle's body was sent to Lubbock where an autopsy is being performed to determine cause and time of death, Garcia said.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call the police at 685-7108 or Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS.

TUESDAY

News Watch



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New Sarajevan

Sabina Hamzic, 25, cradles her infant daughter Monday, in a hospital in Sarajevo. The baby girl, not yet named, is the first baby forn in Sarajevo in 1996 and was deliverd at 3:30 a.m. Meanwhile, in Croatia, Army engineers spent New Year's Day dumping gravel on a mud-slick bank of the Sava River, securing the way for U.S. tanks and fighting vehicles lined up and waiting to cross the new bridge into Bosnia. Story, page 3A.

Teapot revisited

Washington — Embroiled in scandal 75 years ago, a government-owned oil field in California is again the focus of controversy. The government wants to sell it, but critics charge a sale will mean a windfall for one or two oil companies and cost the government in the long run. **Page 2A.**

States & Congress

Washington — As they prepare to meet, state legislators across the country are expressing immense frustration with Congress and its failure to give them clear guidance on the future of Medicaid and other welfare programs. **Page 2A.**

Gift of reading

DALLAS — A few dozen librarians grew concerned that Spanish-speaking children and adults were left unaware of the books, government guides and materials available in Dallas-area public libraries. So they decided to do something about it. **Page 1B.**

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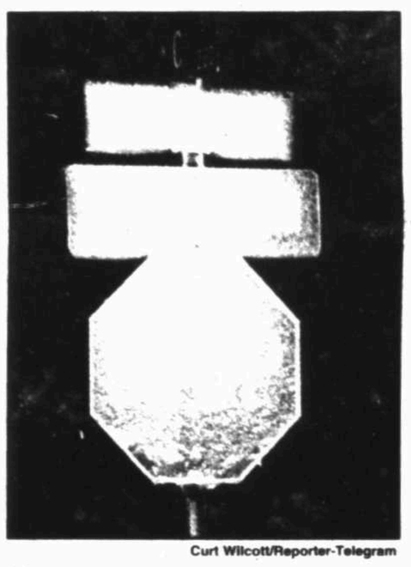
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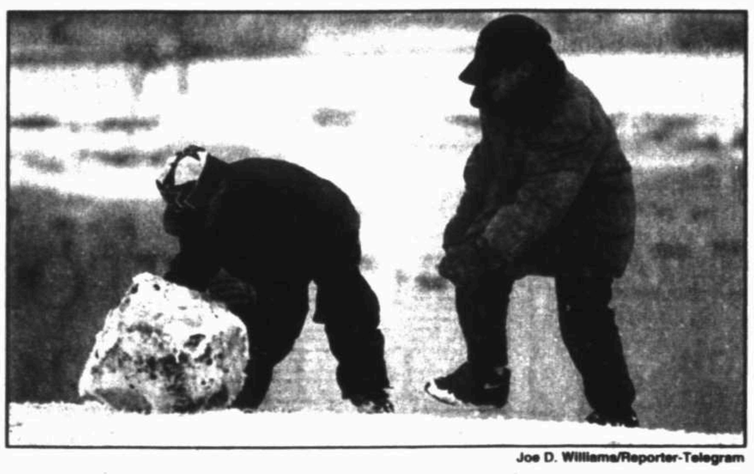


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Above, snow covers a stop sign and street signs at C Street and Texas Avenue. Right, Albertson's sacker Michael Dahl covers his face against the fierce wind and snow as he takes out a customer's groceries Monday at the store on Andrews Highway. Below right, Adam Keil, 11, left, and James Carter, 12, play in the snow Monday at Wadley-Barron Park. More photos, page 1B.



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Holiday snow covers city; more predicted

By Myra Lee Salcedo
Staff Writer

Out: a rather dry 1995. In: snow, snow flurries and drizzle.

While 1995 ended on a "definitely drier" note, 1996 started out with snow and drizzle — and snowman-building — for Midlanders.

The year closed with the Tall City receiving 10.7 inches of rainfall — more than 4 inches less than the average rainfall of nearly 15 inches — (14.96), which translated to a significantly drier and warmer year for cotton farmers.

However, the first day of 1996 was ushered in by snowflakes. About 1 inch of snow had fallen by 7 p.m. Monday, a forecaster said.

Snow accumulated in yards, but much of it melted into pools in street intersections.

"Much of the snow is melting, so we

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Federal workers ring in new year with frustration, partial checks

WASHINGTON (AP) — For thousands of federal workers like Chuck Job, 1996 is beginning with partial paychecks and frustration over a budget impasse that may force them to pay bills with their savings.

Job, a specialist in protecting water supplies, says he's disheartened, not only by his financial dilemma but by views of some lawmakers that furloughed workers aren't even missed.

Congressional leaders and President Clinton took a one-day break Monday after three consecutive days of White House negotiations on a seven-year balanced budget. The stalemate has left the government partially closed since Dec. 15.

The House and Senate also recessed for New Year's Day, after failing to compromise on a plan to send federal employees back to work. Republicans and Democrats left town blaming each other.

Job, with the Environmental Protection Agency; Karen Wakefield, with the United States Information Agency; and Alan Hobbs of the Justice Department are among 760,000 employees in unfunded federal agencies.

Some 280,000 of them, including Job and Wakefield, have been furloughed the past two weeks. The other 480,000, including Hobbs, were declared "emergency" workers and kept on the job. All three live in the Washington area, where thousands of lives have been disrupted, even though congressional leaders have said the workers eventually would be paid.

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One indication of the workers' plight came from the Federal Employee Education & Assistance Fund, which loans money in normal times to government workers with emergency needs.

Executive Director Steve Bauer said

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Researchers discover gene that influences human personality

NEW YORK (AP) — Scientists say they've identified a gene that influences how impulsive, excitable, quick-tempered and extravagant you are, a possible step toward unraveling the genetics of personality.

Two studies provide the first confirmed association between a particular gene and a normal personality trait — in this case, a characteristic scientists call "novelty-seeking" which includes impulsiveness, excitability and the like.

Previous studies have shown more generally that genes influence personality, as do a person's life experiences.

As scientists discover more individual genes that affect particular traits, it might open the door to identifying people at risk for problems like drug abuse and counseling them on how to lower their risk, said researcher Richard Ebstein.

It might also add a twist to the issue of who's entitled to know about a person's genetic makeup.

An insurance company might want to know that "genetically you're a thrill-seeker and enjoy jumping out of airplanes in a skydiving club, and taking risks in general," said Ebstein, director of research at the Sarah Herzog Memorial Hospital in Jerusalem.

Ebstein is the lead author of one study of the gene in the January issue of the journal Nature Genetics. The second study reproduced Ebstein's results in a different population.

"This is major news," said psychologist Brian Gladue, who studies the biology of behavior at the Institute for Policy Research at the University of Cincinnati.

"This is going to open up a whole new field of molecular personality research," he said.

The discovery provides "the first missing link" between genes and personality by implicating a particular communication system in the brain, Gladue said.

In that communication system, brain cells signal each other with a chemical messenger called dopamine. Dopamine is secreted by a signaling cells, and delivers its message by binding to receptors on the surface of receiving cells.

The gene identified in the study tells cells how to make one kind of dopamine receptor.

The studies found that, on average, people with a particular version of the gene score about 10 percent higher for novelty-seeking on personality tests than people

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NATION IN BRIEF

■ Retired Navy commander Burke dies

WASHINGTON — Retired Adm. Arleigh Burke, a former chief of naval operations and celebrated for his exploits as commander of a Pacific destroyer squadron during World War II, died today. He was 94.

Burke died at Bethesda Naval Hospital, said Navy Lt. Cmdr. Ed Austin.

"The nation has lost a true hero," said Navy Secretary John H. Dalton. "Arleigh Burke was a patriot in the most classic tradition."

The 42-year Navy veteran retired from active duty in 1961 after an unprecedented three terms as chief of naval operations.

When the destroyer USS Arleigh Burke was commissioned in 1991, it was only the third Navy ship ever named after a living individual.

Burke probably was best known for leading the "Little Beavers" destroyer squadron, which fought 22 combat engagements in four months in the Pacific. The squadron's high-speed dashes earned him the nickname "31 Knot Burke."

■ Driver hits 20 in New Year's crowd

BOSTON — A driver surrounded by pedestrians heading to a New Year's fireworks display backed into one person, then surged forward into the crowd and hit another 20 people minutes after midnight Monday, police said.

None of the injuries were life-threatening, police said.

Anthony Brooks, 26, of Malden, faces multiple charges of assault with intent to murder and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, police Sgt. John Greland said. He was held for arraignment today.

Police spokesman Jim Browning said investigators wouldn't speculate on Brooks' motive. Greland indicated it was willful, but didn't say why Brooks drove into the crowd.

"He made statements to the fact he was going to drive over these people and that's exactly what he did," Greland said. "He drove right into the crowd and he floored it."

Brooks was not drunk, but did not have a license to drive, Greland said.

■ Analysts: '96 won't be hot or cold

WASHINGTON — Goldilocks found her favorite porridge not too hot and not too cold — and that's the way analysts are finding the American economy as it heads into the new year.

They are forecasting that 1996, which will be the sixth year of expansion since the last recession, will produce economic growth at a moderate pace — not too strong and not too weak.

That is just what Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues at the central bank were aiming for when they pushed interest rates up seven straight times, seeking to slow an overheated economy as a way of prolonging the expansion.

The formula seems to be working. After expanding by 4.1 percent in 1994, the fastest pace in a decade, the economy as measured by the gross domestic product has been growing at an annual rate of about 3 percent this year.

Analysts are predicting even slower growth in 1996 of around 2.6 percent. That slowdown will be accompanied by continued good news on inflation, meaning that dangerous cost pressures that often trigger recessions are nowhere to be seen.

■ NAFTA doesn't meet billing, group says

WASHINGTON — Two years into the North American Free Trade Agreement, the pact has yet to live up to its boosters' billing of cleaner air, purer water and an improved environment along the polluted southwestern border, an anti-NAFTA group contends.

Public Citizen, which lobbied furiously against NAFTA's passage, argues in a new report that the trade agreement has caused new damage to an already overburdened border environment.

"After two years of NAFTA, this report documents that not only have the promises for environmental and health improvements not occurred, but in fact the conditions along the U.S.-Mexico border have gotten significantly worse," said Lori Wallach, head of Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch and a co-author of the report.

Supporters of the trade pact counter that it's far too early to assess its effects.

Public Citizen said illegal dumping of industrial wastes in Mexico has increased, air pollution has worsened, and hepatitis, dysentery and other diseases still exist in rates far higher than elsewhere in the United States.

Expectations that NAFTA would result in industrial expansion away from the border, into the interior of Mexico, also have failed to materialize, the Ralph Nader-founded group said.

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Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

State lawmakers are in limbo with budget impasse

By Robert Pear
N.Y. Times News Service

WASHINGTON — State legislators across the nation convene this month as virtual captives of the budget impasse, with no idea how much federal money they will receive for Medicaid and welfare, how much flexibility they will have in spending it or how much state money they must contribute.

In addition, many states cut taxes in 1995, often with the same desire to reduce the scope of government as congressional Republicans have had. For the first time in a decade, the total amount of state tax cuts exceeded the amount of state tax increases. As a result, states will have difficulty if they want to make up a loss of federal money from their own treasuries.

Frustration is running high because Republican members of Congress raised the expectations of state officials, promising a reversal of the trends that concentrated power in Washington for 60 years.

"I wish the members of Congress would hurry up and do it — send states the money and let us manage it," said Mark W. Killian, the speaker of the Arizona House of Representatives, and a Republican. "They ought to quit fooling around and get it done."

Most state officials expected that by now, three months after the start of the federal fiscal year, Congress would have transferred federal money and decision-making power to the states. The states could then chart a new course in social-welfare policy, rewriting state laws that define eligibility and benefits for Medicaid and cash assistance to the poor.

Instead, state legislators are convening without knowing whether they will receive lump-sum payments, or block grants, of federal money, as promised by Republicans in Congress. And they do not know whether the changes in Medicaid and welfare will be retroactive to Oct. 1, as some Republicans want.

Proponents of block grants say states can get along with less federal money if they have more freedom to decide how it is spent. But for many, there will also be less state revenue.

In 1995, according to a report to be issued this month by the National Conference of State Legislatures, 25 states cut taxes by a combined total of $2.1 billion, while 14 states increased taxes by a combined total of $910 million.

The only major state taxes that were raised significantly in 1995 were those on hospitals, nursing homes and other health-care providers, the conference said. States use such revenues to help pay their share of Medicaid, one of the fastest-growing items in state budgets.

Jane L. Campbell, a Democrat who is assistant minority leader of the Ohio House of Representatives, said: "We're in this never-never land, an extraordinary budgetary limbo. The dominant issue in the next session of the legislature here is how we're going to respond to the changes in Washington. If we could figure out what those changes are, it would be much easier to plan.

"If there is a block grant, the money still has to be spent in accordance with state law," Ms. Campbell said. "Without some clarity about the level of federal financial participation in Medicaid and Aid to Families With Dependent Children, we as a state cannot make a determination about how to proceed."

Under current law, anyone who meets eligibility criteria for Medicaid and welfare is entitled to assistance; federal aid increases automatically when the need expands. By contrast, under the proposals by Republicans in Congress, each state would receive a fixed amount of money for each of these programs. Medicaid grants would be set by a complex formula that would take account of need and population grow

Congress approved such changes as part of a huge budget bill that President Clinton vetoed on Dec. 6. Now states are waiting to see how much of the original bill will survive. Until Clinton and the leaders of the Republican majority in Congress agree on a compromise, states cannot be sure how much money they will receive for Medicaid and welfare or whether it will be in the form of block grants.

Medicaid is one of the thorniest issues in the budget negotiations between Congress and the White House. Under a possible compromise, Congress would limit Medicaid spending, as Republicans want, while still guaranteeing health benefits for most of the people now covered, as Democrats want.

Oil field is focus of controversy 75 years after Teapot Dome

WASHINGTON (AP) — Embroiled in scandal 75 years ago, a government-owned oil field in California is again the focus of controversy. The government wants to sell it, but critics charge a sale will mean a windfall for one or two oil companies and cost the government in the long run.

Stretching over 48,000 acres in California's San Joaquin Valley, the Elk Hills Naval Petroleum Reserve is the country's 10th-largest oil field and has made money each year for the past 19 years, clearing $172 million for the government last year.

But the Energy Department and Congress are determined to try to unload it, eyeing revenue from a sale — at least $1.5 billion — as welcome cash when everyone is trying to balance the budget. And, they argue, the government has no reason to be in the commercial oil business, anyway.

But will the taxpayer end up a chump or a champion when a final deal is made? That's been the subject of intense discussion in recent weeks.

Assistant Energy Secretary Patricia Godley, whose office developed the Elk Hills sales strategy proposed to Congress, acknowledges there are "very few properties of this quality" anywhere in the country. But she says the government is ill-suited to run a commercial oil field with its red tape, restrictions and uncertain cash flow from year to year.

"There is no governmental purpose for running a commercial oil field," said Ms. Godley in an interview. In any case, insists Godley, if bids come in too low, the government doesn't have to sell it.

A provision to dispose of the field is included in a Republican-proposed seven-year deficit reduction plan that is the subject of intense discussions between Congress and the White House.

But why sell it, asks retired Navy Capt. Alan Meeks, who ran the Elk Hills operation for three years before leaving the Navy 18 months ago. "It is one of the most efficient programs in the entire government and without dispute the most profitable part of the government," he insists.

Since 1976 the government has received $16.1 billion in oil revenue from Elk Hills, while paying only $3.2 billion for operations. And while no one knows for sure how much oil is left, estimates have ranged from 366 million barrels to more than 1 billion barrels. And there's 1.2 billion cubic feet of natural gas yet to be recovered.

"Why would anyone in their right mind want to get rid of something like that," says Meeks, who was responsible for Elk Hills operations at the Energy Department from 1991 to mid-1994 when he retired from the Navy.

Set aside by the government in 1912 to ensure oil for U.S. Navy ships, Elk Hills became the focus of scandal in the early 1920s. President Warren G. Harding's interior secretary, Albert Fall, sold the field, along with another one in Wyoming known as Teapot Dome, to the Sinclair Oil Co. In return, he received a $300,000 kickback. Fall was forced to resign and went to jail for accepting the money. The government eventually sued and canceled the sale.

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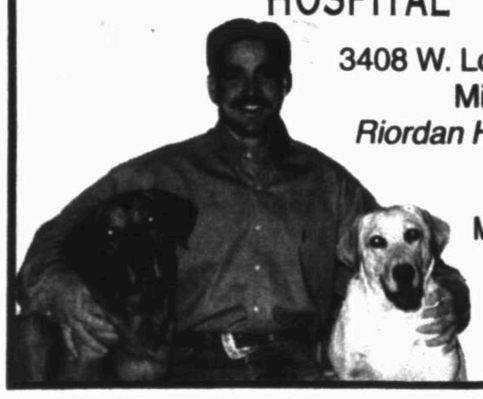
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Southern Africa becomes new gateway for global narcotics smuggling

By Patrick McDowell
Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — When apartheid ended, the forecast of a new era for South Africa failed to include places like 10 Abel Road in the seedy neighborhood of Hillbrow.

There, in a recent raid, Johannesburg's vice squad found another bag of crack cocaine, a drug unknown here until a few months ago.

The seizure was one more grain of proof signaling that South Africa and its neighbors are fast becoming a global gateway for drug traffickers to ship cocaine, heroin and marijuana to the United States and Europe.

To a growing number of diplomats and drug experts, the future no longer looks so golden.

The southern African connection stretches from Asia's opium fields to South America's cocaine waystations. Drugs pass through poorly watched African harbors and airports, then move on to New York, Rotterdam or London with less risk of seizure than direct shipments from Colombia or Thailand.

Some of the drugs are being left behind to create a new market. The raid on the garbage-strewn apartment building on Abel Road, home to West African immigrants, local hustlers and prostitutes, was the third in three weeks. Police found crack each time.

"If I was a lawyer for the Cali cartel, I would advise them to look at Africa," said Jean-Francois Thony, a United Nations expert in money-laundering. "Why? Because the population is huge and the controls and laws are very weak. There is practically no risk."

Thony participated in a recent conference of officials of the European Union and 12 southern African nations seeking to get a grip on smuggling.

The challenges go beyond the rising numbers of addicts. Diplomats and politicians fear drug money could eventually lead to widespread corruption in the region, even in relatively wealthy South Africa, undermining fledgling governments and stability.

Since President Nelson Mandela's election in April 1994, South Africa has tried to lure foreign investment by touting first-class telecommunications, air connections, roads and harbors as a springboard to doing business in Africa.

The drug cartels apparently listened.

Police report that 136 known drug syndicates were operating in and from South Africa by the beginning of 1995, more than half working internationally. In 1994, $2 billion worth of illegal drugs were seized and destroyed — seven times the amount of the previous year.

Cocaine and heroin have been seized in shoes, baby powder bottles, aerosol cans and false-bottomed bottles of wine. Mandrax — a depressant smoked with marijuana — is secreted in shipping containers from India and Kenya and unloaded in Durban, the busiest port in sub-Saharan Africa and a nightmare for overworked South African customs officers.

Nigerian syndicates, which experts say move half of the world's heroin, top everybody's list as Africa's worst traffickers. They shifted routes through southern Africa after the United States banned direct flights from Nigeria.

The smuggling infrastructure was already waiting, developed over the past two decades to smuggle weapons and poached ivory.

South Africa's first-world trappings — like financial services perfect for money laundering — lie next door to chaotic, corrupt or non-existent customs and immigration controls in poorer countries. When South Africa won't do, Mozambique or Lesotho often will.

Southern African nations have few rehabilitation facilities to wean addicts off drugs. The sole program in Swaziland — dealing with alcohol and tobacco as well as Mandrax and crack — is in danger of closing for want of $10,000 to keep operating.

African laws are often woefully inadequate to cope with modern drug trafficking. Thony, the U.N. expert, said a heroin-trafficker got off because one country's only drug statute — dating from 1913 — prohibited opium and nothing else.

At the recent European-African conference on drug trafficking, officials agreed to strengthen their laws and to share information to make the region less friendly to smugglers. But any solutions are a long way off.

"Countries begin to think they have a problem only when they start intercepting really big shipments," Thony said. "By then, it's too late."

Engineers work to strengthen bridge for big push today

ZUPANJA, Croatia (AP) — Army engineers spent New Year's Day dumping gravel on a mud-slick bank of the Sava River, securing the way for U.S. tanks and fighting vehicles lined up and waiting to cross the new bridge into Bosnia.

More than 100 American vehicles crossed the span on Sunday after engineers finished the pontoon bridge. Flooding from rain and melting snow had delayed construction, and on Monday the same elements muddied a strip of land where engineers feared vehicles could get stuck.

The army built the bridge in two parts: The first covers the river and the second covers a flood plain on the Croatian side. In between is an ever-muddier stretch of dirt. Trucks dumped gravel there, and military vehicles smoothed it, firming up the route.

About 75 vehicles crossed on Monday, and about 100 more were expected to cross today — armored vehicles, field artillery transports and other vehicles, some of them already in line to go.

Eventually, most of the 20,000 American soldiers taking part in the NATO peace-enforcing mission will have to cross the bridge to reach U.S. headquarters around the northeastern Bosnian city of Tuzla.

"The bridge is holding up well," said Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Jim McPherson.

Overall, Bosnia enjoyed a quiet New Year's. Apart from one reported incident, it seemed the only gunfire came from jubilant soldiers shooting into the air.

Croat police in the city of Mostar, in southwestern Bosnia, shot at a car with license plates from the Muslim half of the city, killing Alen Muftovic, an 18-year-old Muslim man.

He was with three other young men who drove into the Croat-held side of town. Croat police fired at the car after it failed to stop when they chased it. The incident was likely to heighten tensions further in the divided city.

Wartime suspicions were evident, too, in a Serb-held village in northern Bosnia, where police detained an Associated Press reporter and photographer because their car had Croatian license plates.

Police released them unharmed after a senior Serb police official explained that the route they were using is under NATO patrol and should be open for such traffic.

Under the peace agreement signed in Paris on Dec. 14, there must be complete freedom of movement across Bosnia by Jan. 19. By that date, Serb, Croat and Bosnia forces are to have pulled back 2 1/2 miles from front lines and NATO forces are to be patrolling there.

Army doctors said the first U.S. casualty, 23-year-old military policeman Spc. Martin John Begosh, was making good progress. He suffered leg and foot injuries when his vehicle struck a snow-covered mine Saturday during a reconnaissance patrol in northern Bosnia.

While many people on the Bosnian government side of front lines had reason to view 1996 with hope, tens of thousands in Serb-held parts of Sarajevo were apprehensive at best about what the new year has in store for them.

Under the peace agreement, the Bosnian Serb army has to pull out of Sarajevo beginning in the first week of February, and the city is to be reunited under Bosnian government control by March 19.

Many Serbs fear reprisals for nearly 3 1/2 years of shelling and bombing by their army's gunners, who surrounded the city.

Bus crash in Northern Mexico kills 26, injures 22

SONOITA, Mexico (AP) — A bus crossed into oncoming traffic and rammed another bus head-on at dawn Monday in northern Mexico, killing 26 people and injuring at least 22. Six of the dead were children.

The accident, about 12 miles south of the U.S. border, spilled bodies, luggage and twisted metal onto the highway.

"I'd never seen such an accident, so many dead and injured," said rescue worker Juventud Felix Solis. "You feel just like crying but you know you've got to just get to work administering first aid."

It was unclear what caused the bus to drift into the opposite lane near Sonoita. The impact of the crash crushed the entire front half of one of the buses, Sonoita police said.

Sonoran state prosecutor Vicky Salazar said several passengers had noticed brake problems, but their complaints were ignored by the two drivers on board.

"They asked that the brakes be checked and they paid them no attention," she said.

Sonoita police said at least 26 people were killed, including six children. The injured were taken to hospitals on both sides of the border, but the extent of their injuries were not known.

The two buses were carrying a total of 52 passengers, according to the Mexican news agency Notimex.

Antonio Vega Perez, 33, of Los Angeles, fractured his ankle and spent 10 minutes freeing himself from the wreckage.

"I woke because I heard shouts of pain and shouts of people asking for help and children crying out to their parents," he said. "There were things — seats — and I think even a person on top of me."

Sonoita police said one of the buses was traveling from the border city of Tijuana to Guadalajara in west-central Mexico, and the other from Mexico City to Tijuana.

A van crash two hours later in the same area, involving a California family, caused some confusion because victims of both accidents were flown to some of the same Arizona hospitals.

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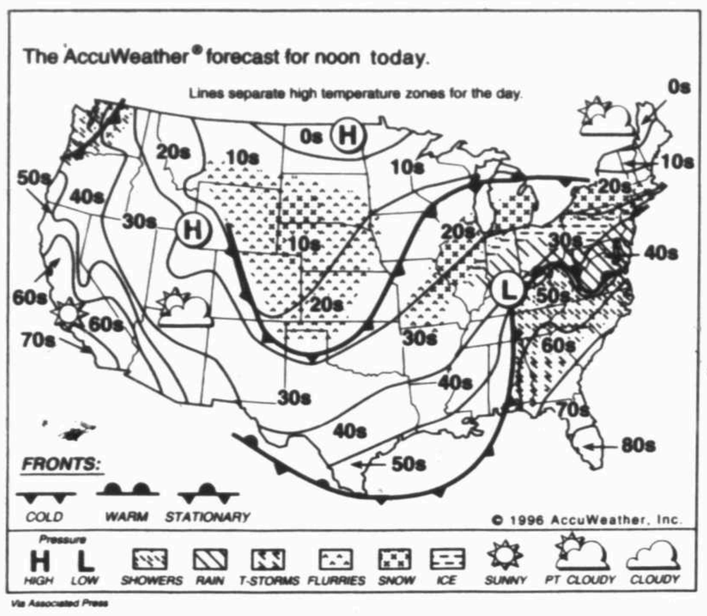
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WORKERS: Some employees prepare to dip into savings

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the group has had so many requests for help that it's in danger of running out of money.

Job said he's most upset by some lawmakers' comments "that we furloughed these people and haven't heard that any bad things happened."

In fact Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, running for the Republican presidential nomination, said on ABC's "This Week With David Brinkley on Sunday:

"I mean, doesn't it strike you funny that 280,000 government employees are furloughed, large segments of the government are shut down? I think this proves beyond the shadow of a doubt that we need to go back and eliminate another 150,000-200,000 bureaucratic positions in the federal government."

"That's very shortsighted," Job said. "There are many things my office does to protect the nation's drinking supply of a long-range nature."

Job is "making provision to take money out of savings. The mortgage payment is due by the 15th. This has even caused me to look down the road at spring and summer vacations. It's going to eat away at college savings for my daughter."

Employees have tried to express their frustration directly to lawmakers, often without satisfaction. Job has tried to call his congresswoman, Constance Morella, R-Md., but always gets a busy signal. Wakefield, a computer specialist, sent an electronic message to Speaker Newt Gingrich to express her anger and got no response.

However, she did receive an electronic message from the USIA offering to help furloughed employees apply for unemployment. Of course, the advice only reached "to those who dialed in to get e-mail. We were encouraged to advise those who didn't have e-mail."

Hobbs, who has "tried to watch expenditures," isn't happy with his partial paycheck but had a more sanguine attitude than many federal employees.

"We're all optimistic it's going to be straightened out," he said. "I recognized early on my job is controlled by the federal government and politics plays a part in it. I don't like being caught in the middle but it goes with the territory."

Hobbs added, "I would feel more comfortable if congressional staff and the White House staff was feeling the same pinch as I am."

While some lawmakers have said they would not take their salaries during the partial shutdown, House Republicans have killed efforts to stop all members of Congress and the president from being paid when the government is shut. The Senate has passed such a measure three times.

President takes break at Renaissance Weekend

HILTON HEAD, S.C. (NYC) — After three days of number-crunching with Republican congressional leaders, President Clinton once again sought surcease from sorrow this New Year's weekend in the wonkish way he loves best: at the saturnalia of soul-searching by the sea known as Renaissance Weekend.

And some of the 1,200 old and new movers and shakers who heard Clinton's half-hour, off-the-record holiday homily on Sunday night said he had told them that after hours spent negotiating with Bob Dole and Newt Gingrich, it was "good to come from the Dark Ages to the Renaissance."

That was partly a dig at the Dark Ages Weekend, a conservative counter-retreat organized in Florida this year that Gingrich initially planned to attend, until the budget talks waylaid him. But it also reflected the truth that Clinton simply cannot get enough of these annual get-togethers, which he and his wife, Hillary, have been attending for 12 straight years.

The Clintons and their daughter, Chelsea, arrived on Sunday afternoon, over the objections of many of the president's senior aides, who cringe at the event's image of earnest elitism, mock its seminars on self-improvement as so much self-important flapdoodle and worry that it would do Clinton no good to tarry here while federal workers remained off the job because of the budget standoff back home.

On Monday morning, as Clinton shouted, "Happy New Year," to reporters, they asked if he had stayed up late partying. The president, a very light drinker who left the New Year's banquet about 2:15 a.m., smiled and replied, "I was up late last night — talking, visiting."

Asked if it was nice to have a break from the budget, he paused just a moment, then held up a single finger to say, "One day."

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— Ann Lewis, deputy manager of Clinton's re-election campaign

Clinton is to be back at the White House for budget talks on today, and even some onetime skeptics said that when they had heard the president's reflections on Sunday night, they had been convinced that he was right to come here to meet, greet and breathe a bit.

Listeners said he had spoken with feeling of issues he has often addressed in recent months: the pace of historical change as the millennium approaches, and the high stakes and honest differences in the budget debate.

"This is one of the few times of year he can just see people as people," said Ann Lewis, the deputy manager of Clinton's re-election campaign. "This stands for something important for him, the idea that families have been coming here together for years. The other thing is it is an information source from a whole lot of different people."

The invitation-only crowd is "A list," ranging from Charles Murray, the conservative author, and Edwin Moses, the Olympic gold medalist and investment adviser, to George Takei, who played Mr. Sulu on "Star Trek," and Richard Riley, the education secretary.

The 275 programs and panel discussions over four days included such diverse topics as "Beating Cancer" and "Politics, Media and the Decline of Civility." Clinton did not join any of them, preferring instead to rest, chat and get in 18 holes of rain-kissed golf on Monday.

The retreats were founded in 1981 by Philip Lader, a real-estate developer who now heads the Small Business Administration, and his wife, Linda LeSourd Lader. Mrs. Lader's father was the editor of Guideposts, a Christian magazine, and the weekend is infused with themes of spiritual renewal.

"The conversations are lively," Mrs. Lader said in a press release. She warned, "Partisanship is frowned upon, and commercialism is banned."

For all that, fun is apparently allowed. At the New Year's dinner, witnesses said, a musical parody of the travails of Prince Charles set the president howling.

At midnight, said a White House spokeswoman, Ginny Terzano, the Clintons toasted each other with champagne and hugged and kissed in the banquet hall of the Hyatt hotel. They spent the night in a rented house just down the beach.

COVERS: Area could see more snow

(From 1A)

have wet — not icy streets," said a spokesman for the Department of Public Safety. "We have had some minor accidents and we have trucks out sanding bridges,"

A worker at Southwest Airlines said visibility had caused some flight delays, but no cancellations at Midland International Airport.

While there were only minor accidents in Midland because of the snow on the streets, DPS officials said Lubbock residents experienced treacherous travel conditions because of icy roads.

"There are winter storm watches in the Panhandle due to low pressure systems over New Mexico," a NWS forecaster said.

He said a 30 percent chance of snow is in store for Midland today "due to a disturbance through Colorado and winter storms expected moving over the Guadalupe Mountains."

The weather forecaster said that the Permian Basin is on the edge of winter storm activity and that today's lower temperatures are more conducive to snow accumulations. "Less snow is expected to fall, but you might see some stick to the streets; more snow accumulation is expected west of the area."

Today's forecast is for colder and cloudy skies with a high near 30 and a 30 percent chance of snow and winds northwest 10-20 mph, according the NWS at Midland International Airport.

Tonight's forecast is for mostly cloudy skies and a low near 12.

Wednesday's forecast is for mostly cloudy skies with a high in the mid-30s.

After an overnight low of 49, Monday's high was 48, compared to the record high of 73, set in 1965. The record low for today's date is 5, set in 1979.

STATE

North and West Texas got a nasty New Year's greeting Monday in the form of rain, drizzle and snow, as a cold front swept in from New Mexico.

Snow was on the ground by afternoon in Midland and Lubbock, which had some electrical lines down.

The Department of Public Safety discouraged travel in the Lubbock area.

"It is very icy and snow-packed ... travel is treacherous," said DPS dispatcher Dewain Collins.

Elsewhere in Texas, 2 inches of snow had been recorded at Lubbock International Airport by midday, and up to four more inches were expected. Levelland and Brownfield had up to 3 inches of snow.

By Monday evening, the DPS was reporting poor driving conditions across several north-central Texas counties. Slick roads and several accidents were reported in Callahan, Clyde and Baird counties.

About a dozen accidents were reported across Nolan County, including a five-vehicle pileup at the Interstate 20-U.S. 84 interchange near Roscoe during a period of reduced visibility caused by blowing snow.

Arilinda Williams, a spokeswoman for the Callahan County Sheriff's Department, said the roads were still "passable" about 8 p.m.

"But if it gets any colder, there are going to be big problems," she said.

The winter weather was expected to spread across the northern half of Texas through today.

By early Monday night, widespread rain and drizzle developed across North Texas. Snow began falling in parts of the Dallas area about 7 p.m.

The rain was expected to change to snow by midnight, with snow accumulations of 1 to 3 inches possible by this morning.

Dallas Fort-Worth International Airport was under a weather alert, but flights were arriving and departing on time Monday night, said airport spokeswoman Angel Biasatti.

Rain, blustery winds and temperatures in the mid-40s greeted Oregon and Colorado fans at the Cotton Bowl game in Dallas. The bad weather and the lack of a local team kept the announced attendance to 58,214. Actual attendance was closer to the low 30,000s.

A heavy snow warning was in effect through Monday night for the central and southern South Plains and northern sections of the Permian Basin.

A snow advisory was issued for the Panhandle, and parts of the South Plains, Permian Basin and Guadalupe Mountains.

Midland statistics

FORECAST
Today: Colder and cloudy, 30 percent chance of snow, high near 30, northwest winds 10-20 mph and gusty.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy, low near 12.
Wednesday: Mostly cloudy, high in the mid-30s.
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS:
Yesterday's High50 degrees
Overnight Low 33 degrees
Sunset today ..5:56 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:49 a.m.
Precipitation:
Last 24 hours00.04 inches
This month to date 00.04 inches
Year to date .00.04 inches
LOCAL TEMPERATURES:

6 p.m.	60	6 a.m.	40
7 p.m.	56	7 a.m.	37
8 p.m.	54	8 a.m.	35
9 p.m.	52	9 a.m.	34
10 p.m.	56	10 a.m.	35
11 p.m.	50	11 a..m.	35
midnight	49	noon	33
1 a.m.	48	1 p.m.	33
2 a.m.	48	2 p.m.	33
3 a.m.	43	3 p.m.	33
4 a.m.	42	4 p.m.	34
5 a.m.	41	5 p.m.	34
		6 p.m.	34

Area forecast

WEST TEXAS: Permian Basin — Winter storm watch in effect for reeves county and upper trans pecos late tonight and Tuesday. Tuesday, cloudy with a chance of snow. Highs 25-30. Tuesday night, mostly cloudy. Lows around 12. Wednesday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid to upper 30s. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Lows around 20. Extended forecast, Thursday, partly cloudy. Lows around 20. Highs 35-40. Friday, partly cloudy. Lows from the mid teens to around 20. Highs around 40. Saturday, partly cloudy. Lows in the 20s. Highs in the 50s.

Border forecasts

NEW MEXICO — Today, snow gradually ending north and west, but increasing southwest and southcentral. Breezy and colder eastern plains with scattered snow showers. Highs 20s mountains and north, mostly 30s elsewhere. Tonight, clear north. Clearing south. Much colder statewide. Lows from 15 below zero to near zero mountains. Zero to 15 above at the lower elevations. Wednesday, partly cloudy north with scattered snow showers northern mountains. Fair south. Continued cold. Highs mostly 20s mountains to the low 40s lower elevations southwest. Wednesday night, partly cloudy north and fair south. Cold. Lows 10 below zero to 5 above mountains, 5 above to near 20 elsewhere. Extended forecast, Thursday, partly cloudy north with a few snow showers and fair south. Highs 30s north to 40s south. Friday and Saturday, partly cloudy. Warmer daytime temperatures Saturday. Highs 30s to mid 40s mountains and north with 40s to mid 50s lower elevations south. Lows 5 below to the teens mountains and north with 20s lower elevations south.

OKLAHOMA — Today, mostly cloudy with scattered snow flurries. Highs in the 30s. Tonight, mostly cloudy southeast with a slight chance of flurries. Partly cloudy elsewhere. Lows from around 10 above northwest to the lower 20s southeast. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the 30s. Wednesday night, mostly cloudy. Lows upper teens to upper 20s. Extended forecast, Thursday, a chance of rain southeast, snow elsewhere. Highs in the 30s. Friday, partly cloudy. Lows 10 to 20. Highs mid 20s to lower 30s. Saturday, fair. Lows upper teens to upper 20s. Highs mid 30s to mid 40s.

Weather elsewhere

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:30 p.m. EST.

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albuquerque	41	28	.11	cdy
Anchorage	27	21	clr	
Atlanta	53	50	.61	cdy
Baltimore	41	38	.05	rn
Boston	36	32	sn	
Charleston,S.C.	63	55	cdy	
Chicago	38	32	sn	
Cincinnati	44	37	.02	rn
Denver	28	22	.02	clr
Detroit	36	33	sn	
Flagstaff	43	30	cdy	
Grand Rapids	32	28	sn	
Honolulu	83	66	clr	
Indianapolis	36	34	.02	sn
Kansas City	34	32	sn	
Las Vegas	61	50	clr	
Little Rock	47	46	.63	sn
Los Angeles	75	58	clr	
Miami Beach	82	75	cdy	
Nashville	51	45	.02	rn
New Orleans	68	60	1.25	rn
New York City	41	38	sn	
Oklahoma City	37	37	cdy	
Orlando	70	67	1.84	rn
Philadelphia	43	34	rn	
Phoenix	67	42	clr	
Portland,Ore.	51	40	rn	
Reno	48	21	cdy	
St Louis	36	35	.02	sn
Salt Lake City	39	29	cdy	
San Diego	74	51	clr	
San Francisco	71	51	clr	
Santa Fe	38	27	cdy	
Seattle	50	45	.03	rn
Shreveport	53	48	.49	sn
Tucson	82	39	clr	
Washington,D.C.	41	37	.05	rn

Texas temperatures

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

	Hi	Lo	Pcp.
Abilene	53	32	0.21
Amarillo	37	29	
Austin	58	47	
Beaumont-Port Arthur	76	60	0.19
Bryan-College Station	64	48	0.01
Corpus Christi	76	57	
Dallas	56	38	0.14
El Paso	47	38	0.03
Fort Worth	53	36	0.23
Houston	74	56	0.01
Laredo	75	50	
Lubbock	38	31	0.04
Marfa	47	33	M
San Angelo	57	34	0.06
San Antonio	63	46	
Victoria	71	54	
Waco	56	39	0.38
Wichita Falls	45	29	0.62
Wink	51	32	0.24

Pick 3 Texas

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

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FIND: Discovery is 'first missing link' between genes, personality

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who lack that version.

People who are above average on novelty-seeking are impulsive, fickle, excitable, quick-tempered and extravagant, while those scoring below average tend to be reflective, rigid, loyal, stoic, slow to anger and frugal.

About 15 percent of people in Israel, Europe and the United States carry the novelty-seeking form of the gene. But just why it would encourage novelty-seeking is still a mystery, Ebstein said.

About half the novelty-seeking variation between people is thought to be due to genes, and the gene in the study accounts for about one-fifth of this genetic component, Ebstein said.

The gene's effect is too small to help an insurance company or prospective employer judge an applicant, said Dr. Jonathan Benjamin, lead author of the second study. And he said he believed they shouldn't have access to such information.

Richard Coorsh, spokesman for the Health Insurance Association of America, said health insurers don't intend to require any genetic testing for coverage. But if people who seek coverage as individuals rather than through a group plan get such tests on their own, the results would be part of their medical records that would be available to insurance companies, he said.

Ebstein's results came from 124 adults in Israel who filled out a personality questionnaire and gave blood samples so their genes could be analyzed.

Ebstein's findings were reproduced in a study of 315 Americans by Benjamin and colleagues at the National Institute of Mental Health and the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Md. Benjamin is now assistant director of psychiatry at Soroka Hospital in Beersheba, Israel, and a lecturer in psychiatry at Ben Gurion University in Beersheba.

Considering past disappointments in behavioral genetics, Benjamin said, he'd like to see more confirmation of their finding. "That would clinch it in my mind," he said.

Opening arguments in Jordan slaying to begin

LUMBERTON, N.C. (AP) — Whether jurors will see a videotape of two men showing off a National Basketball Association ring and Chicago Bulls watch is still at issue as one defendant goes on trial on a charge of killing basketball star Michael Jordan's father.

Daniel Andre Green could face the death penalty if convicted of the July 22, 1993, killing of James Jordan, whose body was found in a South Carolina swamp.

A hearing on final pretrial motions, including whether the tape can be shown, is scheduled today, and opening arguments are scheduled to begin Wednesday. The jury has already been chosen.

"I've been counting the days," Green said last week in a jail interview. "This has been the longest week I've been in here."

Michael Jordan has said he doesn't want to turn the trial into a media circus by attending. He will be in North Carolina when the trial opens, however, because the Chicago Bulls are scheduled to play the Charlotte Hornets on Thursday.

Green, 21, and his boyhood friend, 20-year-old Larry Demery, were arrested more than three weeks after the slayings. Since then, Demery has pleaded guilty and agreed to testify against Green. Demery also could face the death penalty.

"I'm not worried about it," Green said of the prospect that Demery would testify against him.

In a statement to police, Demery said he and Green were looking for someone to rob when they came upon Jordan napping in his Lexus coupe parked along the side of U.S. 74 in Robeson County.

Demery says Green told him to go home and later showed up in the car with Jordan's body in it. The pair drove to South Carolina, dumped the body in a Marlboro County swamp, visited friends and made calls on the car's cellular telephone, he said.

Telephone records led police to Green's half brother, David Moore of neighboring Cumberland County. Moore said Green and a man named Larry showed up with a Lexus, the Bulls watch, NBA ring and Jordan's golf clubs. They also had an old .38-caliber pistol, authorities said. The Lexus was later abandoned near Fayetteville.

One of the pretrial issues still to be decided is whether the prosecutor can show a home videotape of Green and Demery with Jordan's possessions. The tape hasn't been shown before in court, and the defense wants it suppressed on the grounds it is prejudicial to Green.

Green contends there is no evidence that a bullet found in Jordan's body came from the .38-caliber pistol linked to him.

District Attorney Johnson Britt has a different view.

"I think it's a pretty straightforward murder case," Britt said. "He's putting things in a light that is very favorable to him. There's some evidence that's going to tie the bullet and the gun with him."

Green has changed his name to Lord D. Assaddiq Al-amin Sallam U'allah, to reflect his Muslim faith. He is referred to in court documents as "Daniel Andre Green a k a As-saddiq Al-amin Sallam U'allah" and simply as Green by the judge and attorneys.

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A town tries to recover from fall of steel

By George Esper
Associated Press

NORTH BRADDOCK, Pa. — This is the kind of town where life was once simple and just about everyone lived well.

This is a town that once was as strong as the steel it produced. But this also is a town the steel industry nearly killed, a near-death experience North Braddock is still trying to overcome.

Too many streets are in disarray, too many homes and businesses blighted and abandoned, the town's tax base severely eroded. Built with can-do immigrant spirit — Czech and Irish, Polish and Italian — North Braddock serves as a test of whether that can-do spirit endures.

The town's people have the desire to make it a vibrant place once again. But no one knows whether they — or anyone — can do it; they have given up on their local government, and have put their faith in a state takeover.

"We don't have nothin'," says Sarah McWhite, who operates the town's boarding home for the ill and elderly. "We need more activity. We need like a supermarket. Somebody should put somethin' here."

"Take that building, make it a little mall," she says, pointing across Sixth Street to an old red brick building.

Once, this was the Meyer & Powers Ice Cream factory, in the days when 13,000 souls lived in North Braddock, in the days when Westinghouse Electric and the U.S. Steel Duquesne Works kept the economy humming.

But the ice cream plant closed, and so did the larger factories, taking with them nearly 25,000 jobs. Assessed property valuation fell from $30 million to $13 million, and the town's population dropped to 7,000.

The only visible signs of economic life are the white smokestacks rising from the Edgar Thomson steel plant of USX Corp. Even that plant is operating at reduced capacity from the days when steel was king, and it cannot make up for the other losses.

Robert A. Beauregard, an urban policy professor at the New School for Social Research in New York City, notes that North Braddock and other distressed towns around Pittsburgh were highly dependent on a single industry — steel — and usually a single factory.

Beauregard says that between the early to mid-1980s, the Pittsburgh region lost 700,000 jobs, and 100,000 of those were in steel.

"The steel industry case is quite unique," he says. "It was an industry that was restructuring to a great extent and shedding labor and plants. ... The small towns that are in the most difficult situation are those that are dependent upon manufacturing."

In North Braddock, the declining tax base led to a mounting budget deficit. Ultimately, it reached $700,000 — the total annual budget is $1.6 million — and the citizenry came to believe the town council was unable to resolve the fiscal crisis.

So the people themselves took the unprecedented step of petitioning the state of Pennsylvania to declare North Braddock a distressed town.

Typically, a municipality itself asks for that designation, which is made when severe money problems could affect a town's health, safety and welfare.

Pennsylvania put North Braddock on the distressed list, loaned it $700,000 to cover its deficit and appointed a consultant to develop a recovery plan. It will also get grants and other help.

Councilman Andrew Skladany says council members had been counting on collecting back property taxes owed the town and on amusement taxes from a new golf course to cut the deficit.

"We went out individually to people and tried to get them to pay, but we found out that the properties were abandoned and people had gone and we were stuck," he says.

"We lost quite a few taxpayers, older people who weren't able to pay. Most of them have left the borough. We thought we were in much better shape than being a distressed area."

Marilyn Zoltak, a long-time resident who was among those who petitioned the state for relief, says her neighbors had only to look at the ground for proof that North Braddock needed help.

"North Braddock used to be a clean town," she says. "We have no street sweeping. You start with basic cleanliness and sanitary conditions."

"The storm sewers aren't cleaned out," says Philip Janocko, another resident who signed the petition. "We used to have people do that on a regular basis. There just isn't the money. They do a little bit each year."

Adds Mrs. Zoltak: "Our infrastructure is in need of maintenance and we have lots of abandoned homes. And those that have been torn down and property ceded to the borough are weed-infested. The area is disgusting and disgraceful."

Most of Pennsylvania's 15 distressed towns are in steel country; most of them agree on the solution to their distress. "Obviously, the buzz word when you talk about solutions is economic development," Beauregard says.

But Joseph M. Hohman, president of Resource Development and Management Inc., which was appointed by the state to develop North Braddock's recovery plan, says the town is scattered, and unsuitable for economic development.

He is looking at putting money into rehabilitating existing housing and into cleanup work to make North Braddock attractive to first-time home buyers and increase the tax base.

"Try to turn the population over," Hohman says. "As houses free up, have younger people come in. It's a very difficult cycle they face. It will be a slow process."

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Candidate Lugar doesn't possess needed charisma, some critics say

N.Y. Times News Service

WASHINGTON — Consider the resume: two-term mayor of Indianapolis; U.S. senator for nearly two decades; a Senate leader in the campaigns to rescue New York City and Chrysler Corp. from financial collapse; former chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee; three times on the short list to be the running mate of the Republican presidential nominee.

By a number of measures, Sen. Richard Lugar of Indiana is among the most qualified candidates ever to run for president of the United States.

"Everything a President Should Be," goes the slogan for his campaign.

Everything but charismatic, that is.

Despite his credentials, the brainy and statesmanlike Lugar remains virtually unknown outside his home state. Polite, wordy and bland, he also remains far back in the Republican presidential pack, badly trailing Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas, Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas and a host of other candidates who are tougher-talking, more glib and more telegenic.

"I suppose for the purposes of a campaign," Lugar, 63, conceded in an interview the other day, "it might be more useful to get more of a thunderbolt quality."

That lack of flash is not the only thing working against the senator. His campaign is both underfinanced and understaffed, and he started many months behind most other Republican candidates.

When he finally did make the formal announcement of his candidacy on April 19, it was all but drowned out by the Oklahoma City bombing that very day.

Lugar has also bucked the times with his choice of a campaign theme. In a period when tax cuts, a balanced budget and less intrusive government are issues that resonate with the voters, he has opted to stake his candidacy on his foreign policy experience in the Senate, where he was chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee a decade ago, served for much of the period since then as the committee's ranking Republican and is now second among its majority only to the current chairman, Jesse Helms.

His quest is to persuade the American people that their choice for president should be the candidate best able to lead the country in the changing world of the post-cold-war era.

"Foreign affairs is not a strong suit for any of the rest of them," he said of the other candidates. "They would prefer to talk about taxes and spending and budgets. But the unique role for the president of the United States is commander in chief, the person most responsible for the security of the country."

Lugar has been a leader in fighting for the United States and Russia to pare their stockpile of nuclear weapons. He voted for this year's broadening of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and for the North American Free Trade Agreement.

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India flirts with test of nuclear arms

With chances improving for completion of a nuclear test-ban treaty next year, France and China have arrogantly defied world public opinion and conducted more nuclear tests to get in under the wire.

Now comes word that India, which conducted its one and only nuclear test in 1974, is considering some testing of its own. Even worse, India now suggests it may not sign the test-ban treaty, despite longstanding support for such an agreement.

These moves can only raise tensions in South Asia, damage the cause of nuclear nonproliferation and undercut the goals India says it espouses.

In December it was reported that U.S. intelligence experts suspected that India was preparing for a nuclear test. They based their view on a surge of activity at the Pokaran test site in the Rajasthan desert, picked up by spy satellites. India denied that it had any such intention.

The government of Prime Minister Narasimha Rao has been weakened by a series of electoral defeats, and the main Hindu nationalist opposition party is enthusiastically pro-nuclear. A recent poll by India Today, a respected news magazine, showed that 62 percent of the public would approve a nuclear explosion.

India should resist these domestic pressures. Testing, among other things, would hurt India's standing in other developing nations that oppose testing by any country. India values the support of many of these counties in its feud with Pakistan.

India has long opposed signing the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, which limits the spread of nuclear weapons and bomb technology, on the ground that it discriminates against countries that do not have nuclear arsenals.

Its arguments were at least made more credible by its expressed willingness to sign a comprehensive test-ban treaty that applied to all nations equally. Now India is suggesting that it will not even sign such a treaty unless all the existing nuclear powers agree to a timetable for disarmament. Such a demand is understandable but unrealistic, and it should not be used as a loophole for getting out of signing a treaty that it has advocated since 1954.

Tensions in South Asia have been aggravated by the willingness of both India and Pakistan to stockpile nuclear materials and develop missiles capable of delivering nuclear warheads. A nuclear test by India will only escalate the nuclear competition and could spill over into the ferocious territorial dispute over Kashmir that has been at the heart of three wars since independence and partition in 1947.

In pressing Rao to forgo a test, the United States might consider offering some help on Indian security issues or trade and technology transfer concerns. But India should recognize that a stepped-up nuclear arms race cannot be won and can only damage its security interests.

ANOTHER VIEW

Justice benefited from judge's respect

Franklin Dupree could be a stern stickler for fairness — and that earned him the respect of attorneys who appeared before him in his 25 years as a federal district judge. But Dupree, who died at his Raleigh home Dec. 17 at 82, also had a disarming smile and a merry sense of humor — out of court, that is — which earned him the affection of many friends.

Dupree had been an active Republican in North Carolina over the many years when that political breed was rare. He was not, though, a man of harsh partisanship, or of meanness.

As a jurist, he proved to be of high integrity. He was diligent and serious about his task, often working 12 or 14 hours a day (he sometimes saw attorneys at home in the evening, wearing a green eyeshade while he researched a point of law), and he expected the same of attorneys who appeared before him. Yet while he demanded much of lawyers, he never demeaned them in his courtroom; he believed in mutual respect.

He brought to the federal bench — after appointment by Richard Nixon in 1970 — a generous measure of common sense. And he tolerated no courtroom shenanigans. For proof of that, one need only read accounts of the Jeffrey MacDonald trial, the celebrated case of the Green Beret doctor convicted in the murder of his wife and children. Dupree insisted on decorum, not out of a sense of maintaining his own authority, but to guarantee fairness to the defendant.

The country's federal courtrooms would be the better if all of their presiding officers had a generous measure of the qualities Franklin Dupree brought to the bench. Justice would be well-served, as it was during Dupree's quarter century of faithful effort.

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WILLIAM MURCHISON

Service in Congress leaves no room for life

Amid the tumult and shouting over budget balancing, let us pause in sympathy for our congressmen. No kidding. This matter is serious.

Service in our national legislature is not all joy and gaiety. Consider two Texas congressmen, Jack Fields, a Republican from the Houston area, and Pete Geren, a Fort Worth Democrat. Both men are retiring when their present terms expire. They want more time to spend with their families. Congressional service doesn't permit such indulgences. The nation's business needs attending to nearly every minute of every day.


Murchison

"I was touched several years ago," Fields said, "when another member retired and said that his one regret was that his wife raised their children and that he felt the most important part of his life had been missed and could never be retrieved."

A long story on Geren by The Dallas Morning News shows how life in Congress becomes life period. On Aug. 2, it is recorded, Geren began his day with a 6:45 a.m. jog. Then followed meetings of every description — a gathering of fellow Democratic moderates, a Small Business Committee hearing, a meeting about the V-22 tilt-rotor aircraft, the weekly luncheon of Texas House Democrats, a conference call concerning a proposed NAFTA superhighway, and chats with constituents and reporters off and on throughout the day.

At 7:15 p.m., the congressman was in his office, answering mail. There were five roll-call votes at 9:40 p.m. A debate on the telecommunications bill spilled over into the post-midnight hours. At 1:47 a.m., Geren headed for his rented bedroom. His wife lives with his children in Fort Worth. He spoke with her by phone at 7:30 p.m. His appointments for Aug. 3 were to begin at 8 a.m.

This is not life. This is a robotic existence — a blur of activity that passes for thoughtful, deliberative labor. But all for the greater good of the United States of America, yes?

One wonders. Just what *is* being accomplished at this level of, ah, service? Is anything? The government, notwithstanding the gridlock and shutdowns, goes on. But the deeper question is: Must it? Is so much government, so much whirl and blur and fevered doing, necessary to the republic's well-being?

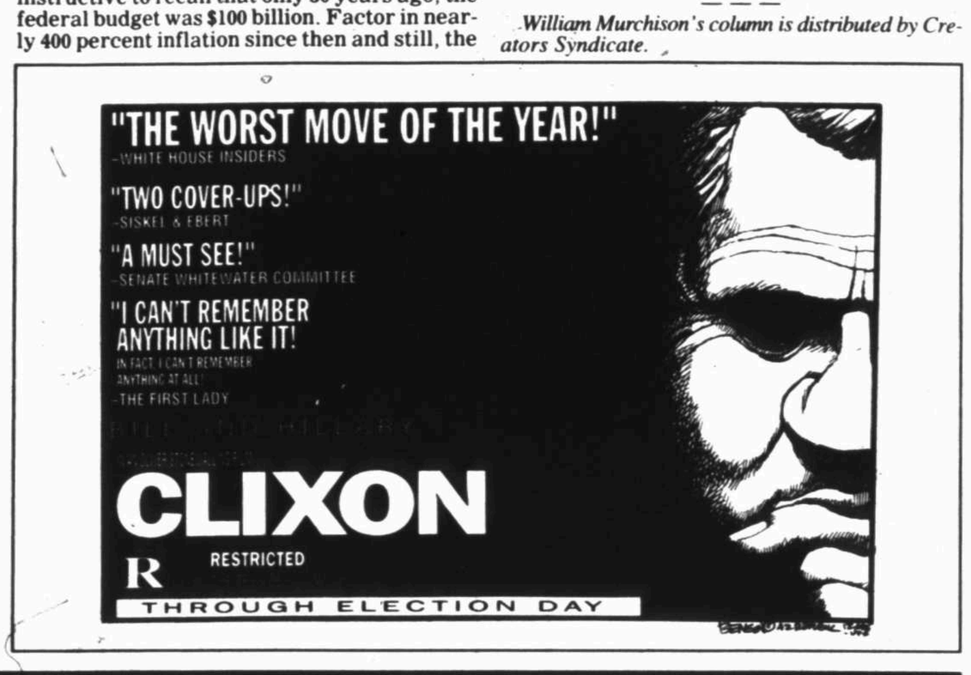
It didn't used to be, and we managed to get by. Of course, there didn't used to be so many Americans — a third more now than in the 1950s — requiring protection or service. But more than the population has grown since then. As we head toward the $2 trillion budget, it is instructive to recall that only 30 years ago, the federal budget was $100 billion. Factor in nearly 400 percent inflation since then and still, the federal government's growth astounds. You wonder how we peons got along for 175 years with a government we noticed only intermittently! Somehow, we did.

Congress chews up and spits out members like Fields and Geren because Congress undertakes too many projects, legislates too much and spends too much. How can a normal human understand and deal intelligently with the range of problems to which Congress routinely addresses itself? A normal human can't. What, accordingly, do we get in Congress too much of the time? Abnormal humans.

You have to wonder long and hard about people who would want to serve — or at least serve long — in such an institution. Are they sick? Some certainly are. Heaven help us, these folk are making our laws!

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CHARLEY REESE

Equal rights doesn't guarantee equal results

We might live more harmoniously if we all understood the differences between equal rights, equal opportunities and equal results.

Equal rights is a fundamental America ideal. It means each American stands precisely equal before the law. It is an ideal that has not always been realized.


Reese

The civil rights revolution in the 1950s and '60s was about equal rights. At that time, not all citizens did stand equal before the law. The law itself in many places denied black Americans their full rights as citizens.

At that time in many places, by law, black Americans could not attend the school of their choice, could not sit down in a restaurant, could not drink from white-designated water fountains, often could not vote, could not use public facilities such as parks and beaches and could not stay in certain hotels or sit where they pleased on public transit vehicles.

Despite the turmoil, the civil rights revolution succeeded because it had great moral force behind it. Everyone, including those who opposed it, knew in their hearts it was morally wrong to deny black Americans their complete rights. Those laws were struck down. New laws were written which prohibit denying an American his rights based on skin color.

So equal rights is an ideal that is now fully realized in so far as it is possible through legislation and government action. Nowhere within the borders of the United States is there a law that discriminates against citizens on the basis of race. Everywhere, there are laws which prohibit such discrimination.

At the same time, the nation also sought to do something about the separate issue of equal opportunity. Private businesses and individuals are now prohibited by law from discriminating against citizens on the basis of race. Those laws are being enforced.

Still, in reality, opportunity is not equal, though it has nothing to do with racism or government. A newborn child who discovers his name is Rockefeller and his house is a mansion obviously, on the practical level, will have more opportunities than a kid who discovers his name is Smith and his house is an apartment in a slum.

But that kind of inequality cannot be helped any more than it can be helped that some children's genes will make them tall and some children's genes will make them short. Diversity, not uniformity, is the characteristic of nature.

Which leads us to the final concept — equality of results. This is an impossible and false ideal, and when egalitarians continuously preach it, they just set the stage for disappointment and frustration.

Human beings, in terms of intelligence, ambition, energy level, metabolism, etc., are anything but equal. Human beings are not equal in the circumstances of their birth. Human beings are not equal in their luck.

No matter what we wish, no matter what economic system we have, no matter what laws we pass, we will never see equality of results. That has to do with the natural order of things and nothing to do with racism or ideology or economics.

Take the nation's lawyers, for example. There are about 700,000. They all have law degrees. They all have the opportunity to practice law. But some are very successful and some are not; some are wealthy and some are not; some are very good in the courtroom and some are inept; some like practicing one kind of law and others have different preferences; some prefer large firms, some prefer small practices; some have good luck and some have bad luck.

And so it is with all of us. We have achieved the ideal of equal rights; we have done what it is possible to do to ensure equal opportunity.

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MIKE ROYKO

Some mass-produced machines deserve to die

Editor's note: Mike Royko is on vacation. In his absence, we are reprinting some of his favorite columns. This column originally appeared on Jan. 9, 1980.

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A friend of mine swears this happened. It was shortly before midnight and he heard some loud voices outside the window of his first-floor apartment in the city.

He looked out and saw two men standing at the curb quarreling.


Royko

One of them held a pistol in his hand and was saying: "I told you that I was going to shoot the sonofabitch, and I'm gonna do it."

The other man said: "You shouldn't oughta do it."

The man with the gun said: "No, I told you that if it happened one more time, I was going to do it and I'm going to. Now get out of the way."

With that, he raised the pistol and calmly blasted several holes into the hood of an old Pontiac parked at the curb.

Shoving the smoking pistol into his pocket, he snarled at the car. "There, you sonofabitch, I'm through with you."

And the two of them walked away.

My friend called the police and they rushed to the scene about a half an hour later. They wrote down the license plate number and presumably they are trying to trace the man who shot his car.

I'm not sure what they will do when they find him. It seems to me that a person ought to have the right to shoot his own car if the thing deserves being shot.

And without knowing anything more about the case than these few sketchy facts, my guess is that the police will find a man who is now at peace with himself.

There comes a point in trying to deal with mechanical objects, especially those mass-produced today, when the only answer is violence, even murder.

I've murdered several such objects myself over the years and have felt better for it.

I killed a TV set once, and my conscience doesn't bother me.

The TV had developed the vicious habit of flipping just when the Cubs game was in a crucial situation, which was almost all the time.

I'd haul it to the repair shop, the man would tinker with it, and I'd haul it back. It would work fine for a while. Then Ernie Banks would come to bat in the last of the ninth with the score tied, dig in, wiggle his fingers; the pitcher would shake off a signal, nod his head, go into his windup. And the TV picture would start flipping.

I'd turn the horizontal control and for a moment it would stop flipping. But as soon as I sat down, it would begin again. It was as if it had a brain of its own and was trying to torture me.

It reached a point when I'd sit there, not thinking about the game, but just swearing at the TV, calling it every filthy name I could think of. And the more I swore, the more it flipped.

So one day I just pulled the plug and carried it out to the back porch.

I yelled to the people from the first floor, who were sitting in the yard, to get out of the way.

"Don't jump." they said, scrambling out of their chairs.

I threw it, and as it dropped I shouted, "Die, you lousy -------!"

Oh, it felt good when it shattered with a loud noise. And the downstairs neighbors stared up at me for a moment, went inside, and didn't sit in the back yard again for the rest of the summer. They were probably afraid I'd get mad at the washing machine.

I killed a typewriter once, too, and that isn't easy. Typewriters have a great will to live.

This one had developed all kinds of evil habits, especially when I was nearing a deadline. The ribbon wouldn't reverse. The 'c' would stick. It would single-space when it was supposed to double-space. Then the 'k' started sticking, too. Finally it did everything all at once.

First I tried tearing it from limb to limb, but typewriters are strong. Once I had torn off the top shield, it really resisted. I tried ripping out the keys, but they just bent a little. So I tried tearing out the letters, but the 'u' or maybe it was the 'f', gashed my hand in retaliation.

I managed to yank off the carriage return, but that was about it. So I just picked it up and threw it at the wall, spraining my back.

Finally, I raised it above my head and smashed it to the floor. That really did it. Pieces flew all over the office. And my instep, where it landed, was swollen for a month.

The last machine I killed was a cassette recorder, and no machine ever deserved execution more.

I had used it while I interviewed a presidential candidate, and he had said some of the most wonderfully stupid things I had ever heard. But when I played the interview back, the cassette was blank. All that stupidity was lost to history.

I put it on the floor and jumped on it, and laughed as its Japanese innards came squirting out.

That was the last machine I killed, but I've beaten up several others. Mostly coffee machines and other mechanical thieves.

Some readers may recall a column a few years ago in which I recommended not letting coffee machines and other vending devices get away with taking your money and not giving you anything. I recommended the best way to kick them. (Not with your toe. With the bottom of your foot, as if kicking down a lady's door.)

In that column, I said kicking it wouldn't get you your money back but you'd feel better.

The response was heartwarming. Hundreds of people wrote about how much better they felt after kicking a cheating machine.

However, one young man wrote and said that he followed my advice and was happily kicking the office coffee machine when his boss came by and fired him.

"Your crazy advice cost me my job," he said. "Now what should I do?"

I told him to put my column on the floor, face up, and jump up and down on it and he'd feel better.

He said he'd try. Then he called back and said: "You're right, I feel better."

Good, I said.

"Yeah, but the landlord lives downstairs and because of all the noise, he says he wants me to move out."

Some people just can't be helped.

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TUESDAY

DAY WATCH

Traffic watch

The Midland Police Department will be watching for traffic violations at certain intersections and streets. A priority will be placed on red light violations. Extra officers will be watching these areas at various times during the day:

- Today: Andrews Highway, from Wall to Illionis avenues;
- Wednesday: Andrews Highway from Cuthbert Avenue to Midkiff Road;
- Thursday: Front at Garfield streets;
- Friday: Andrews Highway from Ohio to Louisiana avenues; and
- Saturday: Garfield Street and Wadley Avenue.

Gun law begins

AUSTIN — As 1996 dawned Monday morning, only about 1,200 Texans had finished the training and paperwork resulting in legal permission to carry concealed handguns.

The new era began quietly, with major law enforcement agencies reporting no incidents related to concealed handguns.

Mike Cox, a spokesman for the Department of Public Safety, said that starting today, Texans could expect to wait the entire 90 days allowed by law to receive their handgun permits.

Some 1,200 concealed carry permits, which cost $140 for each four-year license or $70 for a two-year permit, had been issued as of Friday. More than 36,324 Texans have applied for those licenses.

Today's Agenda

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

Midland Chess Club, 7 p.m., Memorial Rehabilitation Hospital.

Divorce Support Group, 7 p.m., 2104 W. Louisiana Ave., parlor of First Baptist Church, 683-0609.

Better Breathing Club, noon, Westwood Hospital's lecture hall, 522-2273 or 682-4229.

Batterers Anonymous support group, 6:30 p.m., 689-8428.

Midland Mothers of Twins Club, 689-6775.

Permian Basin Depressive & Manic-Depressive Association, information, 366-7317 or Tammy, 362-7521.

Beyond Choice support group, for those dealing with post-abortion issues, 7 p.m., Dot, 683-3775 or Debbie, 1-915-367-8521.

La Leche League, 7:30 p.m., Grace Presbyterian, 2801 N. Garfield St., 694-2018, 697-0539.

Battered Women's support group, 6:45 p.m., 683-1300 or 1-800-967-8928.

Texas TOPS Morning Chapter, 8:30 a.m., Grace Presbyterian Church.

Morning Lions Club, 6:45 a.m., Carrow's, 2201 W. Wall Ave.

Pop-Up Toasters, 6:30 a.m., Kay Sutton Realtors, 702 Andrews Highway, 694-4271 or 694-3716.

55-Plus Dance Club, 7:30-10 p.m., Eagles Club, 697-3131.

Midland Outreach Aglow Fellowship, 6:30 p.m., Rodeway Inn, 3601 W. Wall Ave., 756-3688, 332-9151.

Midland West Rotary Club, noon, Furrs Cafeteria.

Norman Read Chapter No. 1010 Order of Eastern Star, 8 p.m., Masonic Temple.

Permian Basin Press Club, 7 p.m., Coors Hospitality room.

District 21, Texas Nurses Association, 7 p.m., Conference Rooms A and B, Region 18 Education Service Center.

Golden Park Retirement Community, 3100 W. Kansas Ave., 699-0914, senior citizens brunch, 10:30 a.m.

MOMS, 7 p.m., Westside Church of Christ, 4410 W. Illinois Ave., 6851912.

Overeaters Anonymous, noon, 408 S. G. St., 570-8612.

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Group spreads Hispanic literacy

DALLAS (AP) — A few dozen librarians grew concerned that Spanish-speaking children and adults were left unaware of the books, government guides and materials available in Dallas-area public libraries.

So they decided to do something about it.

They formed a chapter of REFORMA, a national group dedicated to promoting library services in Hispanic communities.

"We've been asked why we're doing this from both Hispanic and non-Hispanic people," said Mary Alice Cortez, president of the group's new Rio Trinidad Chapter.

"We want to be able to provide a bridge to the community," said Ms. Cortez, a bilingual children's librarian at Dallas' J. Eric Jonsson Central Library.

The downtown library has shelf upon shelf of Spanish-language books, from traditional folk legends to the tales taken from Walt Disney movies.

For adults, the library offers educational reading, as well as entertainment.

'It is just a great role model. A real positive signal is sent to them when respected members of a community are speaking their language in public.'
— Mary Jo Miller, a Carrollton librarian and the REFORMA chapter's recording secretary

The Rio Trinidad Chapter, named for the Trinity River that flows by downtown Dallas, now has more than 50 members, including librarians from all over the greater Dallas area.

Mary Jo Miller, a Carrollton librarian and the chapter's recording secretary, said it's important for the Spanish-speaking public to know where to find bilingual librarians.

"People think it's incredible," she said. "They never knew that there was a free public library, that there are people there who speak Spanish."

Something as simple as having a librarian read in Spanish and English during a children's story reading is enough to help Hispanic children develop a reading habit, Ms. Miller said.

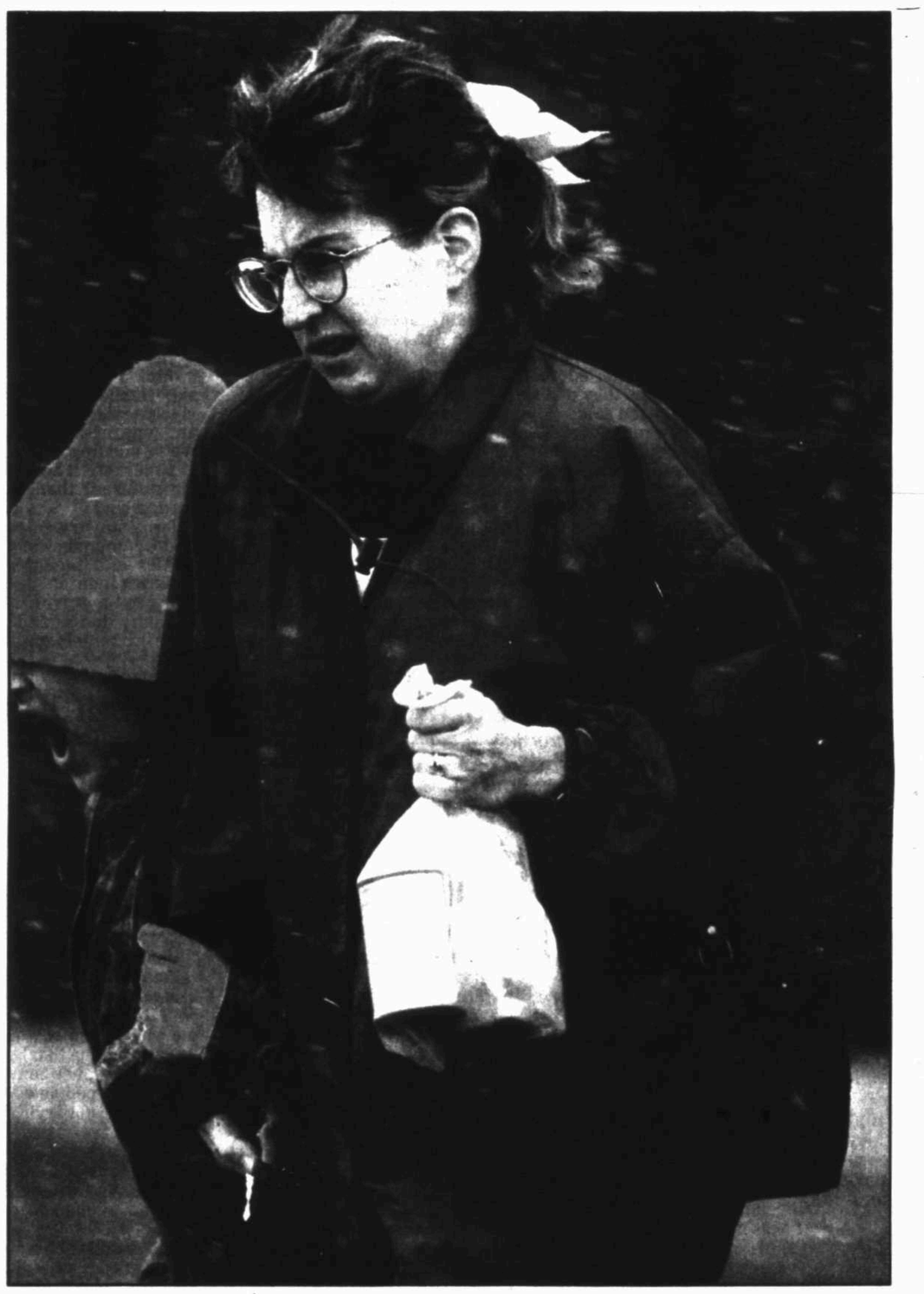
"It is just a great role model," she said. "A real positive signal is sent to them when respected members of a community are speaking their language in public."

In August, REFORMA sponsored a book walk, in which the children danced along number spots. As in a cake walk, when the music stopped, numbers were drawn to award books.

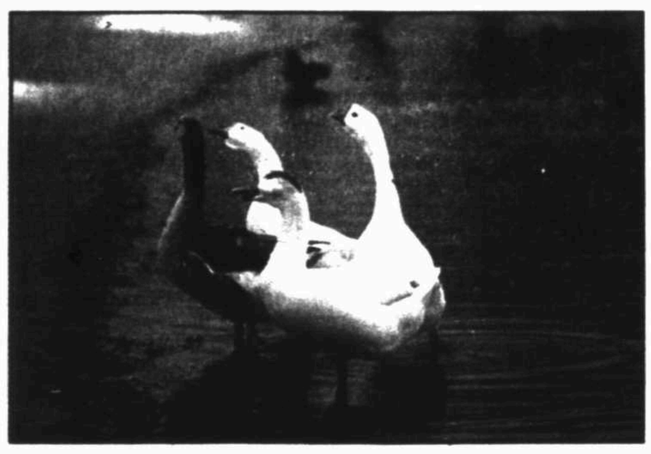
"Any time the kids win a book, they're just thrilled," Ms. Miller said.

Group members also are soliciting donations to provide the gift of books to children who might not have them otherwise.

"We can't do much materially for them, but we can turn them on to the resources of the libraries," Ms. Miller said.



Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram



Joe D. Williams/Reporter-Telegram

Snowy day
Above, a woman and her son make make their way through the wind and snow to their vehicle after shopping Monday at the Albertson's on Andrews Highway. At right, snow coats the duck and geese at the pond at Wadley-Barron Park.

Kelly AFB official is in town's hot seat during realignment

■ Tommy Jordan says some San Antonio residents expect 'a white knight on a charging steed coming out of the setting sun to save Kelly,' but most have accepted the reality of the base's closure .

By Jim Hutton
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — Tommy Jordan has kept a low profile in his 33 years of civil service, mainly in contracting and exclusively at Kelly Air Force Base.

But that is about to change drastically in the coming months and years as the San Antonio Air Logistics Center closes and Kelly is realigned with nearby Lackland AFB by 2001.

As the head of the recently created privatization and realignment directorate at Kelly, Jordan is in one of the community's hot seats, designated to reshape the base's economic future, with the focus on privatization of military missions, if federal legislative obstacles can be overcome.

"I was willing to volunteer to stay at Kelly to the end," said Jordan, who calls his post as director of contracting for the air logistics center his "official job."

But the day-to-day contracting operations now are handled by the deputy director, Col. Tim Callahan.

Jordan was eligible to retire more than two years ago at age 55. He turns 58 in February after 30 years of civil service.

'It breaks my heart. I get kind of emotional. We've all gone through the traditional stages of grief related to base closures.'
— Tommy Jordan, head of the privatization and realignment directorate, Kelly AFB, San Antonio

"I know it probably sounds corny, but I think I owe it to Kelly to do my best to minimize the impact on the majority of the people working here," he said.

A reserved but confident man who jokingly referred to himself as a "flaming introvert (because) I get my energy from myself," Jordan said the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission's recommendation to close the air logistics center and realign Kelly has been emotionally draining on many of the civilian personnel at the base.

With his voice quaking with emotion, Jordan said: "It breaks my heart. I get kind of emotional. We've all gone through the traditional stages of grief related to base closures.

"Most of us have worked through the grieving process. ... But you can find people still in denial. They expect a white knight on a charging steed coming out of the setting sun to save Kelly. But the majority of the people have accepted the reality.

"The worst part is I feel like I'm almost a pallbearer at my own funeral. I never envisioned this happening to Kelly."

The native Texan, who grew up on a ranch in the Hill Country, sees America's Cold War conquest of the former Soviet Union as a "bittersweet victory," as he views Kelly's new fate.

"If it were not for the collapse of the Evil Empire, we could maintain our capability and defense infrastructure," said Jordan, a member of the Senior Executive Service, the equivalent of a military general officer with administrative and supervisory roles.

"As a parent, I welcome that fact, because for the first time in my adult life, my family doesn't have to go to bed with the possibility of a nuclear holocaust.

"But I have mixed emotions. I welcome it as a citizen, but I grieve for what it's doing to my Air Force and Department of Defense. We broke the back of the Sovi-

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Texas' small-town movie theaters slowly fade into past

By Marla Pierson
Waco Tribune-Herald

CLIFTON — In movie theater dark, Luann Sandahl paces the aisles, scouting mischief.

She soon spots it: A pre-teen couple (like 11 years old, she says) smooching in the glare of the ClifTex Theater's Friday night showing of Powder.

Mrs. Sandahl plops into a neighboring seat, presumably shaming an end to their amorous adventure.

"I'm real friendly. I just said hi and they stopped kissing," said Mrs. Sandahl, who owns the theater with her husband Scott. "I'm not mean."

For most old single-screen theaters in Central Texas, the struggles are against dust and dilapidation. Here, it's popcorn and pickle ends, disrupting chatter during the movie and rough antics after.

"Scott, there's a big boy out there carrying a little boy by his ears," Luann tells her husband a little frantically as they clean the theater.

Scott Sandahl, rounding up errant masses of popcorn on the other side, is less impressed. Sounds like a good idea, he kids.

Outside, children gather and tug at each other, sweeping in and out of the lobby, climbing into pickup trucks, piling into cars.

Luann patrols patiently, aware and proud she is something of a throwback in Central Texas and throughout the state.

Downtown nights of single screens and double features, sodas and edgy adolescent crowds, reek more these days of memories and nostalgia than noise and popcorn.

Theater buildings that still exist now open mainly to dust or daytime customers buying antiques or furniture. The exceptions don't usually show movies.

Jack Devere, a San Antonio collector of Texas film lore and memorabilia, feels that void when he detours into downtowns to gaze at the single-screens.

"It's bittersweet," he said. "It's interesting because of the architecture. It's a thrill if I see one open."

In West, a city of 2,582, Justice of the Peace David Pareya still mourns the downtown theater he used to go to, effortlessly imitating the sound of glass soda bottles tumbling down the sloped floor of the building that is now a martial arts studio.

"Cling, cling, cling, cling, cling," he said, ripe with memories of boyhood games, later kisses and creaks in the floor.

"It was just something that was very dear," he said. "It has a flavor that can never be found in today's types of theaters, the homey setting, the fact that you know everybody that walks through the door."

It was also somewhere nearby for kids to go, said Connie Drews, who works at the restaurant next door to the building.

"Now here in town, what do the kids have to do?" she said. "Those were the good ol days. Now our kids can't say they have anything good to remember of West because there's nothing here."

The ClifTex, two blocks from Bosque County's only stoplight and near the main downtown intersection of this city of 3,360, is one of the oldest continuously operating single-screen theaters in Texas.

Luann Sandahl said D.C. Caraway opened at least two theaters in Clifton between 1919 and 1926, and there's some disagreement as to which this may be.

"People say very adamantly that this was the first theater," Luann said. "And then there are other people who are adamant that it is not."

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POLICE REPORTS

Sunday

Burglary of a vehicle: Don Nolley reported at 10:13 a.m. that two vehicles at 3024 Fredna Place had been burglarized. Taken were speakers, amplifiers, a car stereo and snakeskin boots.

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Burglary of a vehicle: David Sanchez reported at 12:11 p.m. that a stereo system had been taken from a car at 1810 E. Oak Ave. The passenger window had been broken into.

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Burglary of a building: Howard Lumber Company at 3105 Bankhead Highway reported an attempted burglary.

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Monday

Burglary of a residence: Mario Jimenez reported at 12:56 a.m. that an attempted burglary occurred at 205 E. Golf Course Road. A window in the front of the house was broken.

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Vandalism: Carmen Castillo reported at 1:16 a. m. gunshots from New Year's celebrants had damaged the roof at 1519 Atlanta Ave. A deadly conduct report was made.

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Burglary of a residence: Marcelino Armendariz reported at 4:17 a.m. that an attempted burglary occurred at 1506 Club Drive. The house was ransacked, but it appeared nothing was taken. Entry may have been gained through a garage window.

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Burglary of a building: Edward Garabay reported at 10:22 a.m. that a lawnmower and weed eater were taken from a storage shed at 2505 Holloway Ave.

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Theft: Ida Walker reported at 2:50 p.m. that two Nintendo entertainment centers, a snub nose pistol and laptop computer were taken from 708 S. Lincoln St.

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

FADE: Small-town single screen theaters slowly disappear in Texas

(From 1B)

ClifTex was part of the rise of single screen theaters in the 1920s and overflowed during their heyday in the 1930s and 1940s, a time when Devere said there was at least one theater in nearly every town.

They were decorated as palaces, with art-deco touches demonstrated at the ClifTex in the lights in the lobby and on the side walls of the theater itself.

"Every theater in every town, no matter how large or how small the town, they all had personality," Devere said.

And air-conditioning, an amenity many homes still lacked.

Those touches, combined with glamour on-screen, made moviegoing an occasion, like symphony or opera today, something you'd dress up for, Devere said.

"It was an entirely magical atmosphere, unreal to everything in life," Devere said.

"People that did not live through the heyday of single-screen theaters will never know what they missed. It was an exciting time. It was a romantic time. It created a world unto its own when you walked in."

But crowds began to eschew that world for television and the novelty of having entertainment come into homes, he said.

By the 1950s, single-screen theaters began to fade, turning into a labor of love rather than a money-making enterprise.

"We came in here just as TV was beginning to take hold," said Blair Enochs. She and her husband, Joe Enochs, owned the theater from 1949 to 1979, and she well remembers the widespread advent of television.

Attendance, she said, "dropped real bad after people began to get them in their homes. We used to laugh and say we had the largest screen in town, but it was hard."

For a time they were the only theater between Granbury and Waco, but the business remained tough to sustain. They did much of the work themselves; her husband took a second job.

"It's been a calling, if you will," Luann Sandahl, who has researched the history of the ClifTex, said of past owners. "That's what's so magical about this theater. It really gets under the skin of those who own it."

The Bertelsens, who own a downtown clothing and shoe business, have that same sense of attachment to the place, though neither sees movies often now.

"It's a part of Clifton from way back. It's part of history," said 55-year-old Bellamy Bertelsen. "It's part of our growing up."

For Pam Allen, being able to drop her 13-year-old son off here to see Powder provides an affirmation of life in the city and downtown.

"It's pride within the community know the theater's still open because there are a lot of businesses here that have closed," the 35-year-old said.

Outside the theater the posters for Golden Eye, this weekend's movie, and Powder are those of any theater, anywhere.

But the touch of a small-town single-screen shows through in the red board Mrs. Sandahl places outside to tell parents what time the movie ends.

Shows are Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights at 7 p.m. $4.50 for adults. $3 for those under 17 or over 55.

By Clifton tradition, Friday is kids' night, a gathering of junior high and early high school kids Luann describes as her best customers.

"It's a social thing for them. We don't get a whole lot of the driver's license crowd," she said. "But once they graduate from high school, they start coming back."

A high school senior and one of that driver's license crowd, Ben Gaona said he's glad the theater is there, though he usually sees movies in Waco.

"In the town it's only the movies. After that take a little drag," he said. "Basically what we do, we just go to Waco."

Four years behind Gaona in school, 13-year-old Sarah Richards comes to the movies every Friday, "unless there's a dance," she said.

Before Powder, she dashed the aisles in a social frenzy, stopping only to whisper with friends and gaze at newcomers.

"The whole theater is gabbing up until the moment the movie starts," Luann Sandahl said. "It's weird."

Despite her patrols, camaraderie stretches through the feature. The laughter is louder than at Waco theaters, the talk more free. Teens cycle out in pairs or alone, meeting to chat the concession stand.

Afterward, they crowd the theater's phone — no pay booths here — calling for rides or trying to arrange to sleepovers.

Mrs. Sandahl takes one girl home, then tells four boys left late they can help clean up for a ride.

One wants to know if he has to pick up snotty rags.

Yes. Snotty rags, end portions of pickles somebody chewed on, she says with glee, then pauses a little more somber.

But don't put them in your mouth, she warns.

Mrs. Sandahl said those who come Saturday and Sunday nights are enticed by the movie, and she's more strict about keeping it quiet then.

It works. The doors that revolved almost constantly Friday night actually stay closed Sunday, with only a few patrons making mid-movie runs to the concession stand.

And the theater itself was hushed. Moviegoers even shifted subtly in their seats; the munching was muffled and furtive.

Seventy people came to see Powder on a recent Friday, 35 on Saturday and 17 on Sunday, said Mrs. Sandahl, who bought the theater this summer with her husband, who still works in Austin.

It can hold 212 people, but Mrs. Sandahl, pointing out that theaters are meant to operate at a profit when one-third or one-fourth full, said this was a good movie for a slower fall season.

Former office manager of an executive suite in Austin, she traded a cosmopolitan world of suits and high heels for mop calluses and Converse hightops.

She takes her role seriously, screening each movie to ensure that it's kid fare.

The answering machine asks for movie requests. Parents often call to see if it's a suitable movie for their age child or if she thinks the child will like it.

Luann knows names, greets the teens enthusiastically and cajoles them into silence during the flick, dealing adroitly with disturbances that usually run more along the lines of noise than making out, she said.

After the Friday night movie ends, a mother drops her 14-year-old daughter by for a little algebra help.

As Luann's husband and sons, age 12 and 14, clean the popcorn-smattered mess inside the theater, she and the ninth-grader lean over glass-encased rows of Butterfingers and Starburst, concocting word problems and working through them.

"There you go. Look at you," Luann Sandahl praises. "You have gotten so much better since last time."

DEATHS

Vernie Whiddon

ODESSA — Services for Vernie Huffman Whiddon, 74, of Odessa are to be 2 p.m. today in Fellowship Church in Dubach, La. Burial will be at Dubach at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home in Odessa.

Mrs. Whiddon died Wednesday in her home.

She was born on Sept. 5, 1921, in Dubach, La.

She was a retired schoolteacher and was a member of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Odessa.

Survivors include a son, Richard A. Whiddon of Midland; a daughter, Martha Lon Whiddon of Irving; a brother, Robert Huffman of Maryland; two sisters, Elizabeth Powers of Blackwell, Okla., and Billie Oglesby of Shreveport, La.; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the St. John's Episcopal Church Pantry in Odessa.

Joe Russell

Services for Joe T. Russell have been set for 4 p.m. today at St. Ann's Catholic Church with the Rev. Fred Nawarskas officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Russell died Sunday at his Midland residence following a lengthy illness.

Pallbearers are to be Norman Koonce, Clinton Smith, Dwayne Grissett, Cotton McBee, Ismael Spencer and Louie Koonce.

Honorary pallbearers are to be Phil King and the Knights of Columbus.

The family requests memorials to St. Ann's Catholic Church, 206 N. M St., Midland 79702.

Ralph Thompson

Midlander Ralph W. Thompson died Saturday in Midland. Services will be in California at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born June 26, 1921, in Dallas.

He graduated from Texas A&M University and the University of North Texas.

He was an officer aboard a naval destroyer in World War II.

He was an aerospace engineer with General Dynamics Corp. of California. He retired in 1980.

He moved to Midland in April 1994. He was a member of the Palette Club and Midland Arts Association.

His wife, Phyllis Thompson, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his brother, Donald K. Thompson of Midland; a niece and a grandniece.

Norma Walker

KERRVILLE — Funeral services for former Midlander Norma L. Walker, 77, of Medina are to be 2 p.m. today at First Baptist Church in Medina with the Rev. Bill Moseley officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Rest Cemetery in Medina under direction of Grimes Funeral Chapels of Bandera.

Mrs. Walker died Saturday in a Kerrville nursing home.

She was born on March 2, 1918, in Michigan.

She married Milford Walker in August 1968, in Midland.

She had lived in Midland for 17 years and in Medina for 14 years.

She was an artist.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Medina. While she lived in Midland, she was a member of Temple Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Milford Walker of Medina; two daughters, Virginia Ellen Carpenter of Michigan and Carole Gibson of Medina; two sons, Johnny Walker of San Angelo and Toby Walker of Brady; 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Dorothy Goertz

BIG SPRING — Graveside services for former Midlander Dorothy Goertz, 85, of Big Spring have been set for 2 p.m. Thursday at Belvedere Cemetery in San Angelo under the direction of Johnsons Funeral Home. Local arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel.

Ms. Goertz died Monday at a Big Spring hospital following a lengthy illness.

She was born April 15, 1910, in Strawn.

She lived in Midland before moving to Big Spring in 1992. She received training as a nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital in Fort Worth. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband Al F. Goertz on Feb. 11, 1983.

Survivors include a son, Roger Goertz of Big Spring; two daughters, Gigett Newbrough of Brownwood and Tina Hall of Santa Fe, N.M.; two brothers, three sisters and one granddaughter.

Ralph Howell

Services for Ralph M. Howell, 70, of Midland, are pending with Pipkin Funeral Home.

Howell died Sunday.

J.W. Mays

Services for J.W. Mays are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Mays died Monday at a local hospital.

Hanns Roweck

Services for Hanns Roweck are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

He died Monday at a Big Spring hospital.

J.L Elmore

Funeral services for J.L. Elmore are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

He died Sunday at his residence.

KELLY: Contractor directs privatization process

(From 1B)

et Union economically with installations like Kelly and were able to alter the face of the world.

"Most of my peers federal employees want a smaller federal government as long as they don't lose their jobs," Jordan said.

No one knows how many civilian jobs will be lost about 10,400 civilians work in the air logistics center and more than 14,100 overall on the base or gained in Kelly's future.

But, with his experience in contracting, Jordan is positioned well for Kelly's transformation.

"Privatization basically is a contracting process," Jordan said. "You're selecting contractors. My background is in contracting."

Privatization could begin as early as late 1996 or early 1997, but Jordan said that decision will be made by the Air Force Materiel Command, which oversees Kelly, and the Pentagon.

"We're looking at candidates (for privatization) now, but the timetable is flexible," Jordan said. "My job is to create long-term strategies and an environment we can work creatively with the Air Force and Local Redevelopment Authority."

That authority, which was given birth Dec. 7 by the City Council, will implement privatization-in-place at Kelly per White House and Pentagon directives.

"If we do it right, we can create more jobs than we previously had as an Air Force organization. ... If we're not successful, this area could be a ghost town," Jordan said pointblank.

"At the risk of being egotistical, I think I have the abilities and experiences to pull it off. ... I always arise to challenges. This is an unprecedented challenge. We're starting with a blank piece of paper. We'll be doing contracting different than ever before," Jordan said.

Two Industry Days at Kelly in mid-October showcased the capabilities and facilities at the air logistics center and surprised many in the private sector.

"Individuals and companies were extremely surprised at the amount of technology in this industrial complex," Jordan said. "The response was universally positive. It was a resounding success.

"I would not begin to know how many companies I have talked to," said Jordan, indicating many of the companies already had contracts at Kelly.

"There's been a continuous flow of representatives through this office, discussing privatization and its potential.

"This is a gift given to San Antonio about the potential for commercial exploitation, if that's the proper word, based on the feedback from industry."

Group opens Austin office to fight insurance companies' abuses

By Juan B. Elizondo Jr.
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Ina De Long spent 22 years dealing with claims for a major insurance company.

But she said more than two decades of fighting her own company to pay reasonable and fair claims led her to walk out to start an independent fight to make insurers more honest with their customers.

Now Ms. De Long, executive director of United Ratepayers of Texas, has opened an Austin office. She has done some work in Texas for several years and also operates United Ratepayers groups in California and Florida. The non-profit group is financed by private donations and members.

"I was in Texas for (Hurricane) Alicia in 1983," Ms. De Long said. "We felt it was important to come to Texas because Texans are facing some clear abuses."

The abuses, Ms. De Long said, are in the way insurance companies put profits before consumers. She said new state rules over home insurance policies that were pushed by the industry allow them to charge more and give less. She pointed to rules that allow higher deductible plans and limits on water-related claims as examples.

"People who trust their insurance companies get about 40 percent of what people who don't trust them get," she said. "Insurance companies are charging higher premiums and providing less coverage."

Ms. De Long, who will travel between her California and Texas offices, said she knows what is happening in the insurance industry because of her experience. And knowledgeable people, she said, are insurance companies' worse nightmares.

'We are not trying to get anything for these people that they haven't purchased. I think it's sad that the people you trust the most are out there with an agenda to give you the least.'
— Ina De Long, executive director of United Ratepayers of Texas

"People believe you can't fight back," Ms. De Long said. "But you can fight back if you organize. You can win."

Jerry Johns, president of the Southwestern Insurance Information Service, said he hopes Ms. De Long sets aside her accusations to work with insurance companies.

"There is always a place for someone who feels they are representing their constituency," he said. "From an insurer perspective, we would extend an open invitation to Ms. De Long to work cooperatively with us, with the Texas Department of Insurance and our policyholders to maintain predictability in the market."

But Jeff Conn, an Austin homeowner, said there is already predictability in the market.

"They want to fix the easy stuff and ignore the big pieces," he said.

Conn, who has owned his home for 3 1/2 years, said the slab of his home has been hit by water damage caused by a leak. His insurance company has paid for walls to be replaced for getting to the leak, but has denied claims to fix the slab, he said.

"They don't want to pay the big things, but that's why I insured it," he said. "Who can write a big check for that kind of damage?"

Conn said Ms. De Long has talked with him and has helped him consider his options.

"I think she is able to reach people who normally would give up," he said, adding that he's not giving up but insurance companies seem to count on people who do.

"We are not trying to get anything for these people that they haven't purchased," Ms. De Long said. "I think it's sad that the people you trust the most are out there with an agenda to give you the least."

Johns said each person comes to claim issues with different opinions. But he said no insurance company is out to hurt its customers or keep them from getting what they deserve.

"There is absolutely nothing to be gained through emotionally charged statements which foster an atmosphere of distrust between insurers and consumers," he said.

Ms. De Long is not the only insurance advocate out there. But Rob Schneider of Consumers Union southwest regional office said every advocate is welcomed.

"Consumers in Texas and around the country are outgunned and outmanned," he said. "Ina has a lot of expertise in claims and has broad experience in the industry and as an advocate for policyholders."

Schneider said having a former industry person on consumers' side lends more credibility to the arguments that there are problems inside the industry.

"It was very refreshing to see someone who was with the industry for so long who has such a commitment to consumers to leave the industry and go to work for consumers," he said.

Ms. De Long said she is not out for praise, but has a simple message.

"If you paid an auto dealer for a Cadillac and he tried to give you a Chevy, there would be outrage," she said. "That's what insurance companies are doing and we're letting them."

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By Abigail Van

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By Erma Bomb

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DEAR ABBY

Woman asks why she continues to take man's abuse in relationship

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I am terribly confused and at my wit's end. I left my husband five years ago for a younger man who showed me wonderful attention and admiration. Over the last few years, this relationship has turned ugly. There has been some physical abuse and a lot of verbal abuse. Of course, he doesn't think words can be abusive. Last night was the last straw. He said some things to me that were very cruel, and now I know that we should no longer be together.



Van Buren

So why am I having such a difficult time breaking it off with him? I am a successful, intelligent professional woman. Why do I give in to him over and over again and take him back after he humiliates me? He tells me I deserve it. It makes me so angry at him, and myself.

What makes someone with intelligence and common sense stay in such an awful relationship?

Abby, please help me to understand, so I can break this abusive cycle. I will be anxiously awaiting your reply. — DISGUSTED WITH MYSELF, LA MESA, CALIF.

DEAR DISGUSTED: I am not qualified to psychoanalyze you, but my best guess is that you are angry with yourself for having left your husband for a younger man who conned you into believing he was some kind of prize.

No woman deserves to be humiliated and abused verbally or physically. I advise you to say goodbye to this poor excuse for a man — and the sooner the better.

There are worse things than being alone, and you are now experiencing them. Write again in three months. And if you weaken — reread this letter.

DEAR ABBY: Though they did not ask, I am writing this on behalf of all "steps" and "in-laws" in hopes of enlightening our society.

When I was a teen-ager, my father died of a massive heart attack. Four years later, my mother married a wonderful man whom I loved dearly. Eighteen years later, we buried him after he lost his struggle with cancer.

Over the past month, I have been amazed at the insensitivity of people. There seems to be a common misconception that because a mother, father or child is a "step," the significance of that relationship is diluted.

Let me assure you that neither blood ties nor time determines the depth and strength of a relationship. The case of Susan Smith comes to mind. Those were her flesh-and-blood children whose seat belts she strapped before pushing that car into the lake!

One of the coldest, albeit most innocent, shocks I got was when a co-worker asked me after I returned from the funeral of my second father, "Was he your real father or just your stepfather?" Just? That made him sound positively throwaway!

My mother received a staggering outpouring of love and caring. She lost a husband, and I lost a father — not a stepfather. I hope this letter will cause people to think with their hearts and not their dictionaries.

I am signing my name, but if you use this, I respectfully request anonymity. Thank you. — GRIEVING DAUGHTER

DEAR GRIEVING: Thank YOU for a heartfelt message. Please accept my condolences.

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

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AT WIT'S END

It's time for mothers to read job descriptions again

By Erma Bombeck

I wish I had a dime for every time I said to my teen-agers, "Shape up or I'm going to chain you to your bed!"



Bombeck

I never did it. With the pollution in their bedrooms, they wouldn't have lasted through the night.

Maybe that's why I was so intrigued a few weeks ago with a judge in Summerville, S.C., who took the threat where I didn't have the courage to go. He sentenced a troublesome teen-ager who kept getting into trouble with the law to be shackled to her mother with a 2-foot chain for an entire month. If the daughter tries to escape, Mom will face 30 days in jail.

So what does the mother get if she tries to run away? She has already figured out that she got the sentence as well. She complains she never has time to be alone with her husband.

What is scary about this is that it's not the first time this punishment has been imposed on a mother. A few weeks earlier a judge sentenced a 10th-grade boy to wear a restraining belt while his mother dragged the chain around.

Attention, mothers! I think it's time we all read our job descriptions again. The umbilical cord has turned into a 2-foot length of steel.

It's easy to see how it happened. Throughout the years, for a child to be happy and raised right, it has involved major input from the mother.

Suggest that a child get something to do so he won't drive everyone crazy with his whining, and somewhere there's a mother who has to go to the garage, pull down the trap door, climb into an attic with no floor and dig out the old tent that is stored there. After she puts it up, the kid plays in it for five minutes and goes back to whining.

If a sports program at school convinces your youngster he should play baseball, basketball, football, or swim to stay out of trouble, guess who gets to drive him to the diamond, gym, field or pool, where she reads a paperback (in its entirety) and drives him home again?

It seems we have worked our way up to a child who will march to our drummer only if we are chained together.

If this is the direction we're headed, I have a suggestion: Why don't we connect errant teen-agers to dads?

I see all kinds of benefits. They could have time to bond — get to know each other and find out what he does all day. I'll bet it would only take two or three days to turn the kid around.

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Researchers link gene to inherited heart disorder

NEW YORK (AP) — A newly identified gene has been linked to about 55 percent of cases of an inherited heart disorder that can kill young, otherwise healthy people.

It's the third gene to be found for the inherited form of the illness known as "long QT syndrome," which affects an estimated 20,000 Americans and is thought to cause 50 to 200 deaths a year.

People with the disorder have an increased risk for episodes in which their heart races at 300 to 400 beats a minute, too fast to pump blood effectively. These episodes lead to fainting and sometimes death. QT is simply a label for a measure of the time it takes for the heart to get set for its next beat.

Finding the third gene will help in diagnosis, said researcher Dr. Mark Keating.

While the inherited condition is rare, knowing the three genes that cause it also suggests a possible strategy for treating a more common problem of abnormal heartbeat, called ventricular tachyarrhythmias, which kills some 300,000 to 400,000 Americans a year, Keating said.

Most of those cases are caused by heart attacks, but an unknown number of people get a non-inherited form of long QT syndrome as a side-effect of certain medications or from other causes, Keating said.

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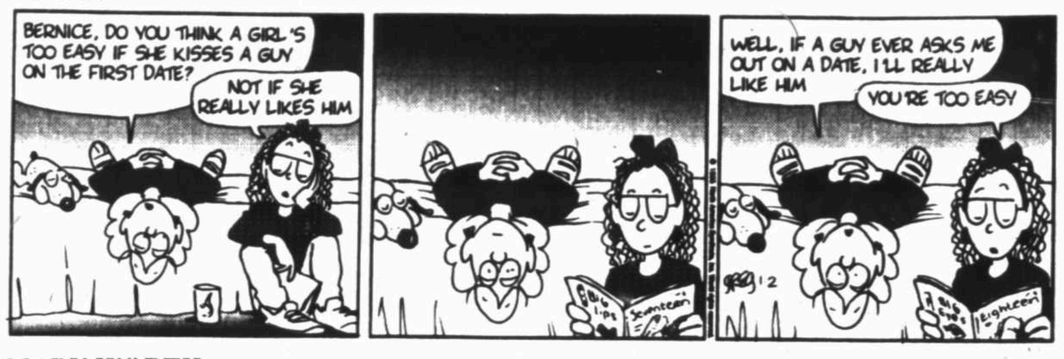
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YOUR HOROSCOPE

By Jeane Dixon

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1996

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR: You will be doing a lot of wheeling and dealing. Reach an agreement with the right people and you will be in a better position by spring. Your inner strength serves you well in both business and family endeavors. Children in particular will benefit from your largess. Keep a close eye on investments. Longtime friends will prove their loyalty again and again. A romantic relationship is on smoother course. Forget pervious disappointments.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: former NFL grea Calvin Hill, sci-fi author Isaac Asimov, actress Joanna Pacula, playwright Christopher Durang.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take your loved ones' feelings when making far-reaching plans. A move to another city or state is one possibility. Think ahead. Careful budgeting will help you accumulate a nest-egg for your retirement years.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Be wary of someone who works behind the scenes. You do not know what power plays are taking place. Protect your resources and investments. Creative and artistic ventures hold great financial promise.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Avoid taking on extra duties or making promises you cannot keep. Remember, the wise make haste slowly. The fable of the tortoise and the hare symbolizes today's events.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Someone may mislead you or hurt your feelings today. Be careful if tempted to confide in newcomers. Privacy is important to achieving your financial goals.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Use tact and forbearance when trying to straighten out an irritating situation. Wait until the time is right before making an important announcement. Loved one will ask probing questions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Financial matters require the lion's share of your attention this month. Refrain from making large-scale purchases. Major expenditures are best postponed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Courtesy will make for easier going on a rocky road. Observe the amenities. Calling on old friends could help you cement a new alliance. Lay your plans carefully.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take advantage of a sale. Your experience as a buyer will help you spot a real bargain. Shop by phone or fax. A loved one claims to have turned over a new leaf. Be supportive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Move swiftly to take advantage of a promising opportunity. Emphasize your ambition and vision; influential people will be impressed. Show more interest in your loved ones' suggestions. Romance on the rebound could be risky.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Wear the badge of diplomacy at work. Sharp retorts are best left unsaid. An unselfish approach will guide you around any obstacles to a rewarding relationship. Mistakes can be costly. Pay closer attention to detail.

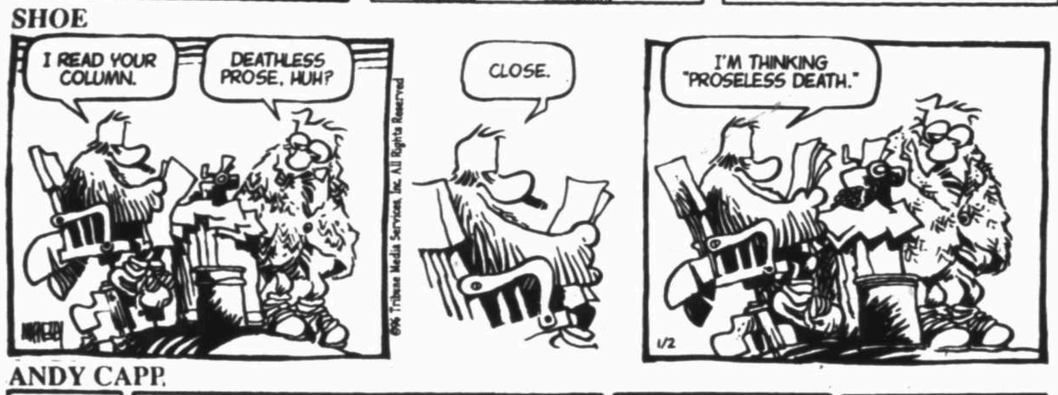
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Not a good day to be critical of others. Gather more facts and figures before passing judgment. Others may feel dislike if you sound like a know-it-all. Relax at home this evening.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Steer clear of people who often engage in pointless arguments. A balky child may be experience letdown after all the holiday hoopla. Be lenient. Events should move at a highly satisfying pace this evening.

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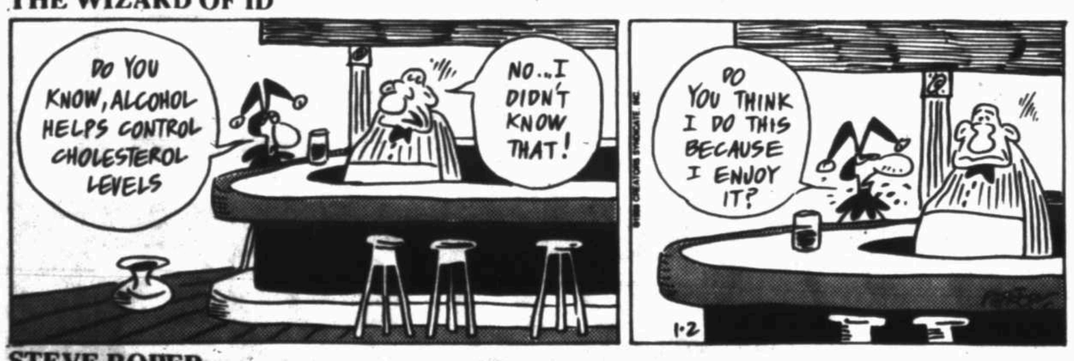
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♡ 7 6 2
◇ K J 3
♣ A 8 7 6 3

WEST
♠ Q 10 9 7 5
♡ 9 8
◇ A 9 5 4
♣ K J

EAST
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♡ K 3
◇ Q 10 7 6
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SOUTH
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The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2♡	Pass	3♡	Pass
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Opening lead: Seven of ♠

The Blue Ribbon Pairs, premier pair championship at the recent Fall North American Championships in Atlanta, was won by David Berkowitz, Old Tappan, N.J. and Larry Cohen, Little Falls, N.J. — one of the country's top partnerships. This hand is instructive in both duplicate strategy and defense.

South's two hearts was weak and North's raise was preemptive. West might have balanced with three spades. That would probably have made since declarer would almost certainly have taken the right position in diamonds in view of the opening preempt.

West, Richard Oshlag of Memphis, led a spade and East took the king and ace before shifting to a diamond. West rose with the ace and continued the suit, declarer winning with dummy's king.

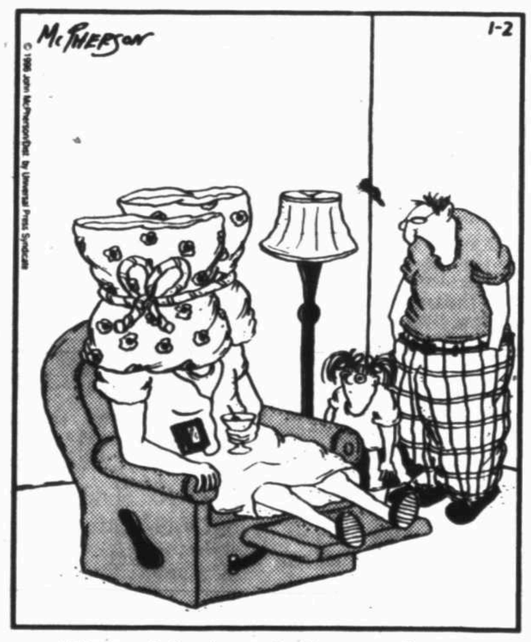
A trump finesse won, and declarer led a low club. Had West followed with the jack, declarer would have won with the table's ace, ruffed a diamond in hand, cashed the ace of trumps to fell the king and clear trumps, and then exited with a club to West's king. Down to nothing but spades and diamonds, West would then have to concede a ruff-sluff, allowing declarer to trump with dummy's remaining heart while discarding the club loser from hand.

That was all irrelevant — Oshlag shot up with the king of clubs. Declarer had no counter. If South rose with dummy's ace, East would be able to overtake the jack of clubs and cash a second trick in the suit; if South did not, there could be no endplay, with the same result — down one.

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PEOPLE

Prince Charles, sons head downhill while Diana basks in Caribbean sun

KLOSTERS, Switzerland — Things really are heading downhill for the Prince of Wales, and for his two sons, too.



Charles takes sons William and Harry to Alpine resort.

While **Princess Diana** basks in the Caribbean sun, her sons and estranged husband arrived in Switzerland on Monday to go skiing at their longtime favorite Alpine resort, Klosters.

Charles, 13-year-old **William** and 11-year-old **Harry** flew into Zurich and drove to the resort. The boys accompanied Charles to Klosters last year and in 1994.

Klosters has been a favorite skiing haunt of Charles for years despite an avalanche in 1988 in which he narrowly escaped death and which killed his friend Maj. Hugh Lindsay.

One of the two cable cars is named after the prince, and the village art gallery has even exhibited some of his artwork.

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PAWTUCKET, R.I. — Last year wasn't a very good one for **Dwayne Sabb** and his fellow New England Patriots. But 1996 is off to a better start: His newborn daughter is Rhode Island's first baby of the year.

Sabb and his girlfriend, **Carla Barbosa**, welcomed 7-pound, 3/4-ounce **Alyana Chanel Sabb** at 12:44 a.m. Sunday.

Sabb, a backup linebacker, had been at a party on Cape Cod, Mass., but arrived in the delivery room in time to cut the umbilical cord.

"I was nervous," he confessed. "I feel very blessed and fortunate that she came out healthy and strong, that God blessed me with a beautiful daughter."

Barbosa said the Jan. 1 birth date is a good omen.

"I think she's going to be very lucky in life," she said. "She's the first baby to be born on New Year's. That's lucky."

Sabb could use some of that luck: His team finished the season with a 6-10 record, missing the playoffs.

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WASHINGTON — ABC newsman **David Brinkley** is recovering from removal of a benign growth on his lung.

Viewers were told of the operation Sunday by **Sam Donaldson**, who was substitute host of "This Week With David Brinkley." Donaldson said the news following last week's surgery was good.

"David Brinkley is not with us today because he underwent surgery this past week here in Washington to remove a growth from a lung," Donaldson said. "It turned out to be benign. He's making a splendid recovery."

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NEW YORK — More than six years after her death, **Lucille Ball** is ready to speak up about her life.



An autobiography written by Lucille Ball will be auctioned to publishers.

An autobiography written by the red-tressed comedian was found last year and will be auctioned to publishers this month.

Maureen O'Brien of Publishers Weekly made the announcement Monday on "Biz Buzz," a show on the new CNN-fn cable channel. She said editing changes in Ball's handwriting are on every page of the typed manuscript.

O'Brien said she expects bids to reach into the millions.

Ball's daughter, **Lucie Arnaz**, didn't know her mother had written an autobiography before she died in 1989, according to O'Brien.

"I was as shocked as everyone else," Arnaz said in a statement read by O'Brien. "I think she just forgot about it. Maybe she got cold feet.

"It has the best account of her childhood I've ever read anywhere."

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DENVER — Call him Roddy Come Home.

After a 12-year absence from the stage, **Roddy McDowall** is returning to the theater as the dogged police inspector in "Dial 'M' For Murder."

The British-born actor, who charmed movie audiences as the child star of "Lassie Come Home," said he relishes the new role.

"It's a very well-structured play, and it's the sort of role I've never done before. I love it. It's a very good part."

The play, a stage version of the 1954 Alfred Hitchcock film, opens Tuesday.

McDowall's career spans nearly six decades, including "How Green Was My Valley" in 1941 and the "Planet of the Apes" series of films in the 1970s.

He won an Emmy for television's "Not Without Honor" and a Tony for "The Fighting Cock."

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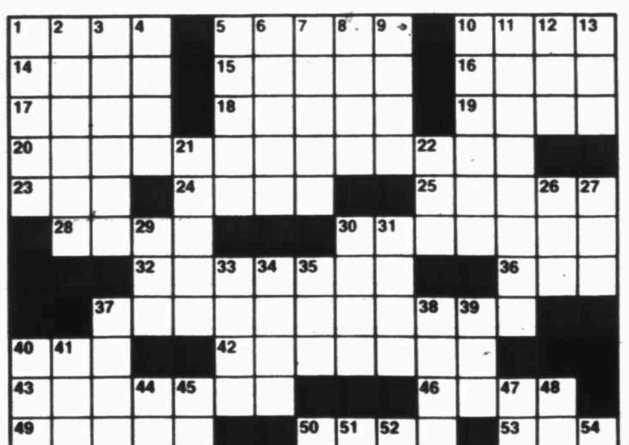
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Crude gains

New York — Heating oil futures slumped for the second day as forecasts for milder weather in the U.S. signalled a possible ease in demand, easing concerns that a supply crunch could develop amid lean inventories.

Meanwhile, January unleaded gasoline, which also expires today, fell 0.18 cent to 59.10 cents a gallon.

The declines came even after the American Petroleum Institute, in its weekly inventory report after floor trading ended yesterday, said U.S. gasoline stockpiles fell unexpectedly last week, dropping 1.05 million barrels to 196.4 million barrels, as production and imports declined.

At the same time, the API report helped boost crude oil prices, with the February contract climbing 18 cents to $19.54 a barrel. The industry group's report said U.S. crude inventories plunged a larger-than-expected 4.36 million barrels to 314.7 million barrels last week, partly because imports dropped.

Meanwhile, natural gas prices rose — even with prospects for warmer weather spelling a possible drop in demand for gas as a heating fuel — as still-brisk demand spurred a rebound from yesterday's 14-percent drop.

February natural gas rose 12.1 cents to $2.63 for each million British thermal units.

Dollar mixed

NEW YORK — The dollar finished a tumultuous year Friday by rising against the Japanese yen but weakening vs. most other major currencies in a pre-holiday session of light volume and technically oriented trades.

In late New York trading, the dollar was quoted at 103.40 Japanese yen, up from 102.67 yen late Thursday and up nearly 23 percent from an all-time low of just under 80 yen reached April 19.

Against other currencies, particularly the German mark, the dollar moved lower. Concerns about the possibility of a further reduction in U.S. interest rates weighed on the currency.

The dollar was changing hands in New York at 1.4366 German marks, down from 1.4380 marks late Thursday.

The British pound was quoted at $1.5510, up from $1.5460 Thursday.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Thursday: 1.1547 Swiss francs, down from 1.1562; 4.9035 French francs, down from 4.9150; 1,584.50 Italian lire, unchanged; and 1.3635 Canadian dollars, up from 1,3615.

Stocks rise

NEW YORK — Stocks finished the last trading day of 1995 higher, led by metals, papers, transportation and other shares that track the economy.

According to preliminary calculations, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 21.32 points to close the year at 5,117.12, up a healthy 33.45 percent from last December.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by more than 9 to 5 on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,556 up, 845 down and 713 unchanged.

The NYSE's composite index rose 1.16 to 329.51. The Standard & Poor's 500-stock index gained 1.81 to 615.93.

The Nasdaq composite index was up 9.92 to 1,052.14 while the American Stock Exchange market value index rose 3.71 to 548.23.

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Delayed statistics could hamper Fed

By N.Y. Times News Service

Washington — The prolonged U.S. government shutdown is delaying the gathering of key economic data to the point where it may affect the Federal Reserve's next decision on whether to cut interest rates, economists said.

The delay in reporting such standard government figures as December payrolls and the consumer price index may be giving Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan and Vice Chairman Alan Blinder and their colleagues "a distorted picture" of the economy, said Astrid Adolfson, an economist at MCM Moneywatch in New York.

"The Fed relies 90 percent on government statistics and 10 percent on other info," said Lyle Gramley, a former Fed governor now a consulting economist at the Mortgage Bankers Association.

Lack of data "puts them into quite a bind as to monetary policy," Gramley said. It may even cause Fed policymakers to delay another reduction in the federal funds rate on overnight bank loans, if they are inclined that way, when they next meet on Jan. 30-31, analysts said.

Incomplete information "raises the risk that (their decision) could be an improper action — or non-action," said Robert Dederick, economic consultant at Northern Trust Co. in Chicago.

"I think the best thing for the Fed would be to hold back," Adolfson said.

The partial government shutdown, brought on by the inability of the White House and the Republican-led Congress to agree on budget and spending bills, is about two weeks old. Among the 280,000 federal workers furloughed for lack of money are those at the departments of Commerce and Labor, which prepare most of the economic statistics that guide public officials in determining fiscal and monetary policy.

As a result, release of December statistics on U.S. employment, producer prices, and consumer prices will be delayed, the Labor Department said. The report on December payrolls and unemployment had been scheduled for release Jan. 5. Producer price statistics were to be released on Jan. 11, to be followed a day later by consumer price statistics.

Earlier, the departments announced the delay of reports on initial unemployment claims, personal income and spending, and durable goods orders. The Commerce Department also said its reports on November new homes sales, November construction spending, and December retail sales would most likely be delayed.

Last week, the Conference Board, a private organization, said its November U.S. leading economic indicators report would be delayed because it doesn't have all the government statistics that compose the report.

"These delays reflect the fact that, while most information needed to produce the Bureau's principal labor market and price measure for the month of December had been collected prior to the shutdown, these data still need to be reviewed and processed," the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistic said in a statement.

The delay in data gathering means the integrity of the data will be "at best questionable" for at least two months after the shutdown ends, said Marilyn Schaja, an economist at Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette in New York.

"Some of these statistics that are collected, such as for CPI, are gathered all through the month so the first two weeks data won't be there," Adolfson said.

SEC suggests more derivative information

By N.Y. Times New Service

Washington — The Securities and Exchange Commission proposed a new rule that would expand the information companies are required to tell their investors about derivative holdings.

The proposal, which the SEC has been developing for more than a year, is intended tell investors about the extent of a company's derivative holdings, its purpose in holding them and the potential impact on a company's finances of changes in the underlying currency exchange rates, commodity prices, or interest rates.

The SEC is acting because fluctuations in the value of derivatives have caused major losses in companies and public agencies in recent years that surprised investors and taxpayers.

"Presenting a common standard for disclosure of derivatives will aid investors," said SEC Commissioner Steven Wallman. "There's been a real request from investors and analysts to insure there's more information for the market, while the corporate community has said that further disclosure could describe the proper use of derivatives and why they're a good development."

The proposal provides for both qualitative and quantitative disclosure by companies about derivatives in the section of the financial statements known as "management's discussion and analysis," a part of companies' annual reports.

The rule would give SEC registrants — all public companies — a choice of three methods of disclosing the size and nature of their derivative holdings.

One method would simply list the derivatives held, their maturity dates and the cash flows a company expects to realize from them.

A second option would include estimates about gains or losses that could result from hypothetical changes in market rates or prices.

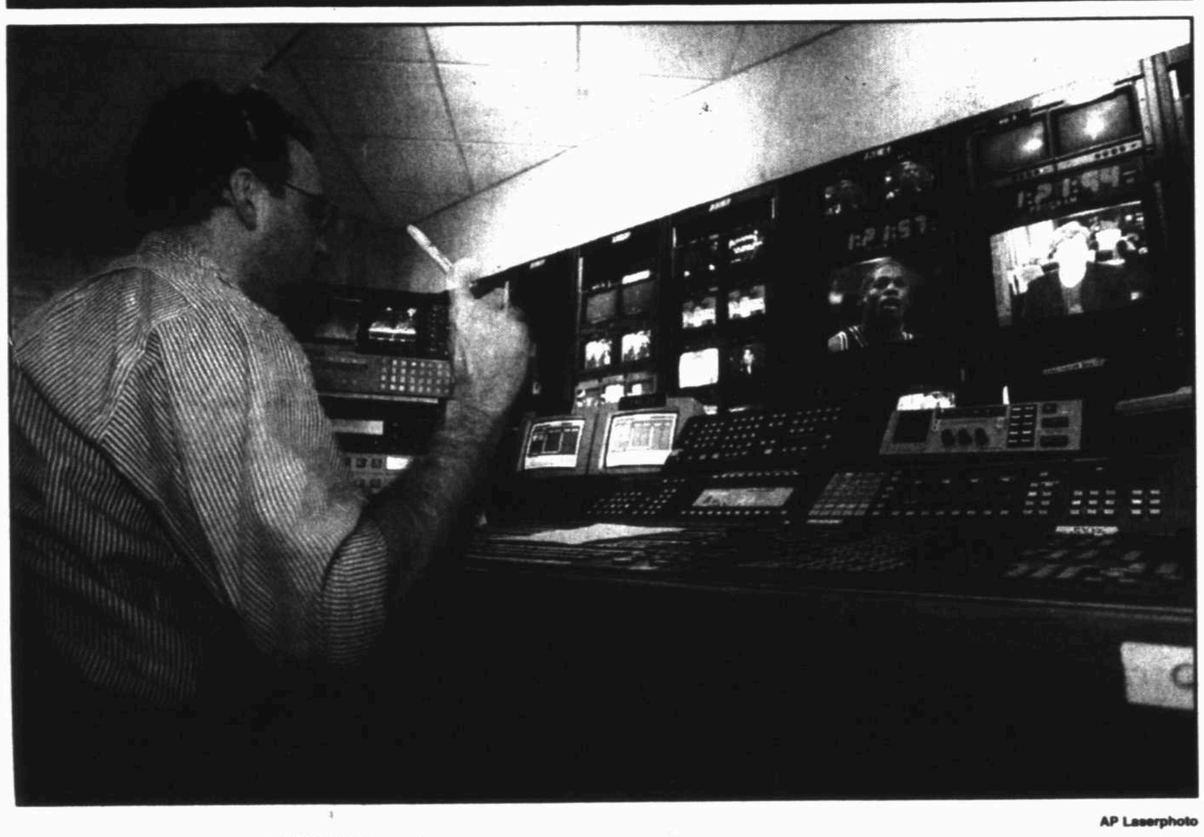
A third, called a "value at risk" model, would disclose the potential losses over a more extended period of time under a wider set of assumptions.

Companies would choose the disclosure option that's most suited to its derivatives activity, Wallman said.

"We expect from what we've been told that companies that have sophisticated risk management policies with large derivative portfolios will not find it hard to comply because they do now or have access to (computer) modeling," Wallman said, referring to the "value-at-risk" modeling option, which is potentially expensive. "Companies that have small portfolios will not find it difficult to simply describe the instruments that they have."

Companies will also have to make a change in the footnotes to the financial statements acknowledging that reporting requirements for derivatives have changed.

CHANNELING COMPETITION



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Scott Rosenthal, a director of CNNfn, prepares for this past Friday's debut of the financial news network from the owners of the Cable News Network and Headline News channels. Like the announced plans by the owners of the NBC and ABC networks to start separate cable news channels in competition with CNN over the next year to 18 months, Turner Broadcasting System Inc.'s financial news service has raised doubts that the market is big enough to support rival networks.

Financial news channels launch rivalry

By Skip Wollenberg
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — Months before big broadcasters begin their assaults on Ted Turner's corner of the all-news TV market, the cable pioneer is poised to start a fight of his own in a smaller arena.

The owner of the Cable News Network and Headline News on Friday launched CNNfn, a financial news network designed to challenge CNBC cable channel's hold on the all-business news TV market.

But some industry observers have raised doubts over whether there is enough demand to support rival financial news networks.

"We'll let the marketplace decide," said Lou Dobbs, the veteran CNN business news anchorman and the executive in charge of shaping CNNfn's programming. "But we see it as a terrific business opportunity."

Cable system operators have few open channels available and CNNfn is starting with a very modest 5.5 million cable and satellite subscribers. CNBC, which is owned by General Electric, has a huge lead with about 56 million subscribers.

But even with its wide availability, CNBC has been drawing tiny audience ratings — an average 0.3 rating in the afternoon through early evening in November, according to Nielsen Media Research. That works out to about 168,000 homes watching in any given minute between 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Ratings, which help determine advertising prices, were lower earlier in the day.

Realizing the tight competition, CNNfn executives hope to create compelling television that will broaden the audience for financial news and provide advertisers with a valuable alternative for reaching educated and affluent consumers.

CNNfn will provide original programming from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. EST, drawing on the 171 CNN staffers producing business news coverage for the general news cable channel in addition to another 48 staffers hired for CNNfn.

The new network is piggybacking on systems carrying CNN International, launched a year ago and now with about 4.2 million cable and satellite subscribers. CNNfn's 12 hours of weekday coverage will displace half of CNN International's normal schedule.

Time Warner Inc. has cleared CNNfn for distribution on its cable systems that serve New York City, giving the newcomer more than 1 million cable subscribers and critical access to Wall Street and media opinion leaders. Time Warner owns 18 percent of Turner Broadcasting System Inc. and has agreed to buy the rest, giving it many reasons to hope for CNNfn's success.

Jon Mandel, who oversees national commercial buying for Grey Advertising in New York, said he doubts the ad market is strong enough to support two business cable channels.

"Once you get past a few stock brokerages, there is no crying need for this," he said.

CNBC programming executive Jack Reilly thinks CNNfn's efforts to promote business news will help both of them.

"The competition will in fact widen the audience ... I don't see them as a threat," he said.

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Income labeled 'tax exempt' still considered income

By Bill Doyle

Q: I recently was denied eligibility in the New Jersey entitlement program for pharmaceutical assistance because I did not disclose $6,000 of tax-exempt interest as income.



Doyle

This certainly removed any incentive for me to invest in municipal bonds and "muni" bond funds. I have since moved to other investments.

My financial adviser couldn't believe it when I told him. Do regulations specifically state that all interest and dividends — even those tax-exempt — are considered income for this purpose?

A: They most certainly do.

A spokeswoman for the New Jersey Health Department explains that there is an income test for that program, which greatly reduces the cost of prescribed medicines for folks 65 and older, as well as for younger folks receiving Social Security disability income.

Eight other states have similar programs.

Those who qualify in the Garden State pay $5 for each prescription.

To be eligible, your 1995 income must be no more than $16,624 if you are single and $20,383 if married. The numbers are adjusted annually for inflation.

The income test includes all your income — from all sources, even Social Security benefits and tax-exempt interest from muni bonds and tax-exempt dividends from mutual funds holding munis.

Your letter is a prime example of the word "entitlement" being twisted out of shape. Considering your income, where did you get the notion you were entitled to have the taxpayers of New Jersey subsidize your prescription costs?

To receive $6,000 of tax-free interest or dividends, you must have had at least $120,000 in muni bonds or muni mutual funds. That hardly qualifies you as being in need of public assistance.

It's past time for you to dump that financial adviser. Because the yields on munis are lower than the yields on taxable investments, munis are suitable only for people in the 28 percent or higher federal income tax brackets.

Q: I reinvest the dividends from all my mutual funds to purchase additional shares. I will not have cash in hand until I redeem fund shares.

Nonetheless, I am required to report all this as dividend income and — except for the dividends from the municipal bond funds — pay income tax on it.

Furthermore, I must report the muni bond dividends on my income tax return, even though they are not taxable.

Can you think of any reasons for these silly rules?

A: You must pay income tax on the dividends from the non-muni bond funds, even though you reinvest that money, because you have your choice of either reinvesting or taking the dividends by check. As far as the Internal Revenue Service is concerned, by going the reinvest route, you did the same thing as receiving the checks — which are taxable — then using that money to buy more shares.

Everyone is required to list tax-free muni bond interest and muni bond mutual fund dividends on Form 1040 because:

- It triggers an alternate minimum tax for some high-income people.
- The complex formula for combining otherwise tax-exempt interest and dividends with Social Security benefits with adjusted gross income increases the tax on many folks.
- Handy access to those numbers would ease the IRS' job, if the federal government ever decides to levy income tax on muni bond interest and muni bond mutual fund dividends.

It makes it easy for all branches of government to conduct "means tests," as in this column's preceding item.

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SPORTS WATCH

TV Sports

COLLEGE FOOTBALL — Fiesta Bowl, No. 1 Nebraska vs. No. 2 Florida, 7 p.m., CBS.

Texas Scores

NHL — Toronto Maple Leafs 1, Dallas Stars 0.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL — Central Arizona 95, Midland College 87.

Sports Today

COLLEGE BASKETBALL — Midland College vs. Eastern Arizona, 2 p.m., Mesa (Ariz.) Shootout.



AP Laserphoto

Green Bay's Brett Favre was selected as the Associated Press National Football League Most Valuable Player on Monday after throwing 38 touchdowns.

Favre true MVP

NEW YORK — Brett Favre epitomizes the essence of an MVP: Teammates, opponents, fans and media all seem to agree he deserves the honor. And the Green Bay quarterback has it, a runaway winner of the 1995 NFL Most Valuable Player award in balloting conducted by The Associated Press and announced Monday. Page 5C.

Men's Top 25 Poll

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 31, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Massachusetts (62)	10-0	1,622	1
2. Kentucky	9-1	1,528	2
3. Memphis (1)	8-0	1,425	3
4. Kansas	7-1	1,382	4
5. Cincinnati (1)	8-0	1,366	5
6. Georgetown	11-1	1,237	6
7. Connecticut (1)	10-1	1,206	7
8. Villanova	10-1	1,184	8
9. Arizona	10-1	1,077	9
10. Iowa	11-1	1,047	10
11. Syracuse	11-1	973	13
12. Wake Forest	6-1	952	14
13. Illinois	11-1	790	12
14. Georgia	9-1	726	16
15. Utah	8-2	717	15
16. North Carolina	9-2	697	11
17. Mississippi St.	8-1	620	17
18. Virginia Tech	6-1	449	21
19. Duke	9-2	443	20
20. UCLA	7-3	313	23
21. Michigan	10-3	265	19
22. Clemson	9-0	216	24
23. Texas	7-2	97	—
24. Boston College	8-2	91	—
25. New Mexico	10-0	85	—

Other receiving votes: Penn St. 77, Missouri 59, Virginia 57, Miami, Ohio 52, Washington St. 48, Stanford 40, Auburn 39, Purdue 35, Maryland 34, Marquette 26, Oklahoma St. 26, N. Carolina St. 19, Texas Tech 18, Arkansas 17, Louisville 15, California 11, Tulsa 10, Ark.-Little Rock 9, Oregon 7, Santa Clara 5, Iowa St. 3, Vanderbilt 3, E. Michigan 2, Georgia Tech 2, DePaul 1, George Washington 1, Texas-El Paso 1.

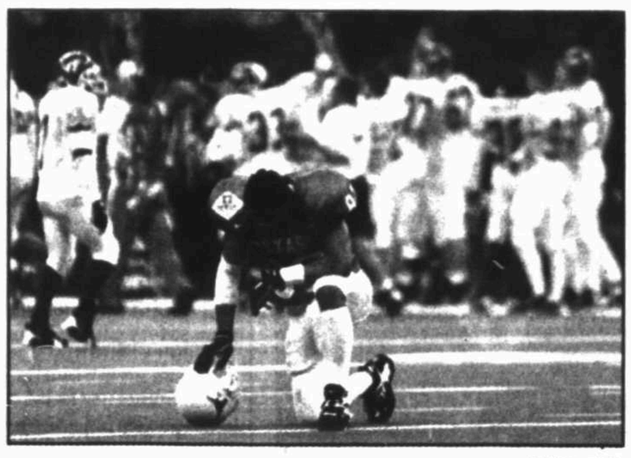
Women's Top 25

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 31, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pv
1. Louisiana Tech (38)	9-0	950	1
2. Connecticut	10-1	901	2
3. Vanderbilt	9-0	877	3
4. Tennessee	10-1	827	5
5. Virginia	8-2	784	6
6. Penn St.	11-2	719	7
7. Stanford	7-2	708	4
8. Arkansas	12-1	690	8
9. Georgia	8-2	657	9
10. Texas Tech	9-2	560	15
11. Iowa	10-1	522	12
12. Oregon St.	9-1	505	13
13. Colorado	12-3	479	10
14. N. Carolina St.	8-1	468	14
15. Duke	12-1	405	16
16. Old Dominion	7-1	404	19
17. Purdue	8-4	358	11
18. Wisconsin	8-1	314	17
19. Alabama	11-2	290	18
20. Oklahoma St.	10-0	264	20
21. Florida	12-1	139	23
22. Texas A&M	8-3	130	21
23. Northwestern	11-1	129	24
24. Mississippi	9-3	85	22
25. Auburn	10-2	30	25

Others receiving votes: Montana 22, Ohio St. 19, Clemson 18, Notre Dame 17, Nebraska 16, Massachusetts 13, Southern Meth. 12, Georgia Tech 8, LSU 7, North Carolina 7, DePaul 4, Iowa St. 4, Kansas 3, Middle Tenn. 2, SW Missouri St. 2, Indiana 1, San Diego St. 1, Southern Miss. 1.

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Texas receiver Mike Adams pauses alone on the field after Virginia Tech scored a touchdown on a fumble recovery to make the score 28-10 Sunday night in the Nokia Sugar Bowl.

SWC ends strong despite Texas loss

By Terry Wallace
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS — Southwest Conference football is dead; long live the Big 12.

The lights went out for the last time on SWC football Sunday night when No. 9 Texas lost to No. 13 Virginia Tech 28-10 in the Sugar Bowl at New Orleans.

Despite Texas' loss, the league finished strongly in the final chapter of its 81-year history with Texas Tech's 55-41 victory over Air Force in the Copper Bowl and Texas A&M's 22-20 win over Michigan in the Alamo Bowl.

"It's always a sad moment when you see an 81-year history end," Texas Tech athletic director Bob Bockrath said Monday. "But at the same time, I'm very excited going to a league that has won at least two of its four games in bowl competition."

The Longhorns weren't feeling sentimental about the death of the SWC in the wake of their loss to the Hokies. They were looking toward the future.

"We're moving on," Texas quarterback James Brown said. "That's the past."

"We went out the Southwest Conference champion," defensive end Tony Brackens said. "We'll always be known for that."

"Our sights have turned to the Big 12," Texas coach John Mackovic said.

Big Eight Conference schools, their future rivals, were 3-0 in bowls going into Tuesday's games. Kansas beat UCLA 51-30 in the Aloha Bowl; Kansas State beat Colorado State 54-21 in the Holiday Bowl; and Colorado trounced Oregon 38-6 in the Cotton Bowl.

■ Sunday's Late Results/3C

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Vols make Citrus Peyton Place

By Larry Dorman
N.Y. Times News Service

ORLANDO, Fla. — It was the sort of day Woody Hayes would have loved. Dank. Hammering rain. A soaked field, perfect for 3 yards and a clod of mud.

Old Woody, the legendary Ohio State coach, would have taken one look at these conditions and then he would have run it and run it and run it some more, tried to grind Tennessee into submission and establish once and for all the superiority of the Big Ten.

But that sound you heard during the CompUSA Florida Citrus Bowl on Monday, in addition to the roar of Tennessee fans, was of Woody spinning in his grave. It was the Volunteers who did the running, out-rushing the Buckeyes, 145 to 89, holding their Heisman Trophy-winning back Eddie George largely in check, turning the Buckeyes away on a goal line stand and beating them, 20-14.

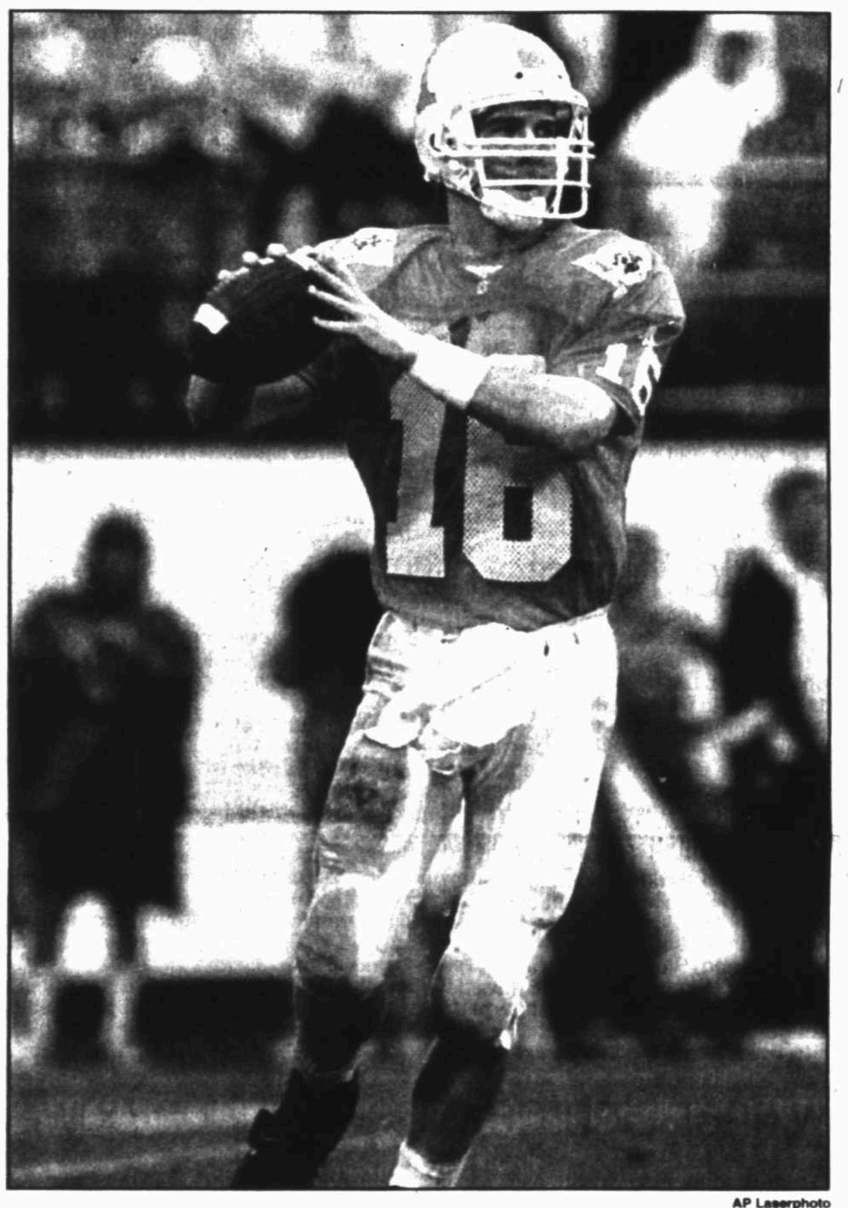
In a game of reversals, the Vols assumed the role of dominators. The Tennessee defense came up big, sacking Ohio State quarterback Bobby Hoying three times and intercepting him once. They also forced five Ohio State fumbles, recovering three.

"Our kind of football usually is to line up and bloody your nose," said Ohio State Coach John Cooper. "You have to give Tennessee credit. They took that away from us."

And the Vols did the nose bloodying. There were four critical turning points in the game, and Tennessee seized the advantage in each of them. The first, and biggest, came in the second quarter, when the Buckeyes held a 7-0 lead on the basis of George's first-quarter touchdown run. Tennessee running back Eric Lane fumbled and Ohio State's Ty Howard recovered at the Vols' 24.

The Buckeyes came right at the Vols, running George five consecutive plays to reach the Tennessee 2-yard line. It was

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AP Laserphoto

Tennessee quarterback Peyton Manning directed the Volunteer offense to a 20-14 victory over Ohio State New Year's Day in the Citrus Bowl.

Fiesta Bowl delivers on 1-2 promise

By Wendell Barnhouse
N.Y. Times News Service

TEMPE, Ariz. — This much is certain about the Fiesta Bowl: The winner will be this season's college football champion, no questions, no doubts, no waiting for tomorrow's poll results.

Aside from that given, tonight's game between No. 1 Nebraska (11-0) and No. 2 Florida (12-0) provides a deliciously intriguing collision of coaching personalities, offensive systems and tough, winning quarterbacks.

The first-year bowl alliance has provided the national-championship game it promised. There will be no controversy like last season, when undefeated Nebraska was the poll champion and undefeated Penn State was left to debate and differ.

"The winner of this game is going to be the champion," said Nebraska senior quarterback Tommie Frazier, 32-3 as a starter and the drive shaft of his team's option attack. "No one can vote any different. I think this is what everyone always a wanted — one game where the winner is the champion."

Nebraska will be attempting to become the first team to win back-to-back national championships since Alabama in 1978 and 1979. But winning last season's title turned up the spotlight

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Rose slipper doesn't fit Cinderella Wildcats

By Steve Wilstein
AP Sports Writer

PASADENA, Calif. — Maybe it was too much to ask, too far-fetched that purple-clad Northwestern players could stroll into the Rose Bowl for the first time since 1949 and beat Southern California practically on its own turf.

Well, the improbable nearly happened Monday in a game that came close to a football fantasy.

Two painful mistakes aside, nothing third-ranked Northwestern did marred its amazing transformation from chump to Big Ten champ. The Wildcats put on a memorable show before bowing to a USC team that salvaged a season of bitter losses with a 41-32 victory.

USC, ranked 17th, didn't get suckered by Northwestern's mystique or ground down by the Wildcats' running game and 300-pound linemen.

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Southern California receiver Keyshawn Johnson (3) avoids a flying tackle by Northwestern's William Bennett (20) during the Trojans' 41-32 victory Monday afternoon in the Rose Bowl. Johnson finished with 12 catches and 216 yards for one touchdown.

Irish luck runs dry as Seminoles rally in Orange Bowl

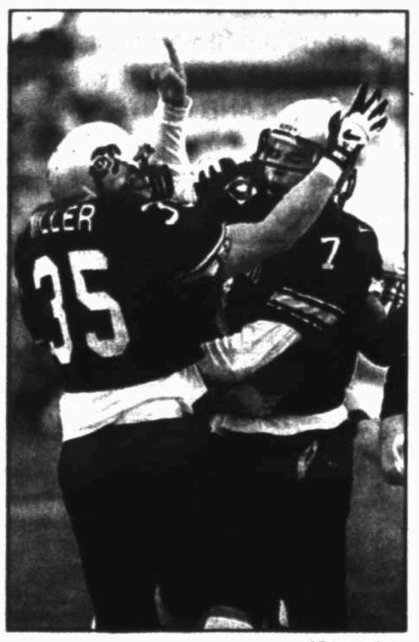
MIAMI (AP) — Florida State and New Year's Day remained an unbeatable combination.

Dan Kanell threw two of his four touchdown passes in the final 10 minutes and the Seminoles rallied from a 12-point deficit Monday night to beat Notre Dame 31-26 and win the Orange Bowl.

The No. 8 Seminoles (10-2) extended their NCAA-record streak of 11 consecutive bowl victories, and remained unbeaten in their past 14 postseason games. For the ninth consecutive year, they reached 10 victories and will likely finish ranked in the top five, both NCAA records.

No. 6 Notre Dame finished 9-3. The Fighting Irish, who were 11-point underdogs, appeared in command when they led 26-14 five minutes into the fourth quarter.

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Colorado quarterback John Hessler (7) celebrates a second quarter touchdown with teammate Keith Miller (35) during the Buffaloes' 38-6 win over Oregon.

Defense, not offense spells Colorado win

■ Buffaloes stun Oregon with Marcus Washington's 95-yard interception return for a touchdown late in second quarter to jump start Colorado offense in 38-6 Cotton Bowl victory.

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Rick Neuheisel is known for his prolific offenses, but it was Colorado's hustling, turnover-producing defense that gave him a Cotton Bowl victory in his first season as the Buffaloes' coach.

Marcus Washington stunned Oregon with a 95-yard interception return for a touchdown late in the second quarter, and John Hessler threw for two scores and ran for another as Colorado beat the Ducks 38-6 in a chilly Cotton Bowl.

"Our offense was sluggish in the first half, but our defense found a way to keep us in the game," Neuheisel said. "Marcus had the big play of the game. The defense set the tempo for us and dominated the game."

Washington said he was just sitting back in a zone when the ball suddenly came to him.

"The quarterback gave me a gift," he said. "I was happy he did. It was the turning point of the game."

Colorado's defense had five turnovers, while Washington's return was the longest in the 60-year history of the game. Colorado finished 10-2 under the 34-year-old Neuheisel and is set to play next season in the new Big 12 Conference.

Oregon, bidding for the first 10-win season in school history, settled for 9-3 under first-year coach Mike Bellotti. Only two other Oregon teams have had as many as nine wins.

Rain, cold and a wind gusting to 29 mph created a 26-degree wind chill factor that reduced the Cotton Bowl crowd to about half of the 58,214 tickets sold. It was the smallest paid Cotton Bowl crowd in 48 years since the 47,000 paid in 1948, when the stadium opened.

In the first Cotton Bowl in 55 years without a Southwest Conference team, Colorado overcame a 6-0 deficit to take a 13-6 halftime lead.

Washington picked off a poorly thrown Tony Graziani pass and dashed 95 yards for his TD. The longest return had been 49 yards by Michael Kee of Ohio State against Texas A&M in 1987. The play earned Washington defensive MVP honors.

"We were in good shape until that play, and then the wheels kind of fell off," Graziani said.

Bellotti said, "It really hurt us. We were going in with a chance to tie the score and all of a sudden there is a two-touchdown swing. It was tough on us."

Colorado had taken a 7-6 lead on two big plays by Hessler, who beat the Oregon blitz to hit James Kidd with a 62-yard pass. Hessler scored from a yard out two plays later.

Oregon, a seven-point underdog, scared the Buffaloes early but had to settle for field goals instead of touchdowns.

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Paterno teaches Bowden

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — It doesn't matter where Joe Paterno brings Penn State for the holidays. Give the coach a month to prepare and the Nittany Lions are usually successful.

Wally Richardson threw four touchdown passes in the rain and No. 15 Penn State set Outback Bowl records for points and total offense Monday in a 43-14 rout of Auburn at soggy Tampa Stadium.

Bobby Engram had four catches for a bowl-record 113 yards and two TDs, while Stephen Pitts rushed for 113 yards and scored on his only catch of the day to pace the Nittany Lions. Penn State gained 487 yards.

Paterno has taken Penn State (9-3) to 12 different bowl games, more than any other coach. Beating Auburn gave him victories in 10 different locations and improved his overall bowl record to 17-8-1.

Richardson, whose inexperience hurt Penn State early in the season, completed 13 of 24 passes for 217 yards. The only interception he threw set up one of Auburn's two touchdowns.

Engram scored on catches of 9 and 20 yards in the third quarter when Penn State scored 27 points to pull away from a 16-7 halftime lead. Pitts also scored in the period and Curtis Enis added a 1-yard TD run set up by Kim Herring's second interception of Auburn's Patrick Nix.

Auburn, making its first bowl appearance in five seasons, scored on Robert Baker's 25-yard, second-quarter reception and Kevin McLeod's 12-yard run in the fourth period.

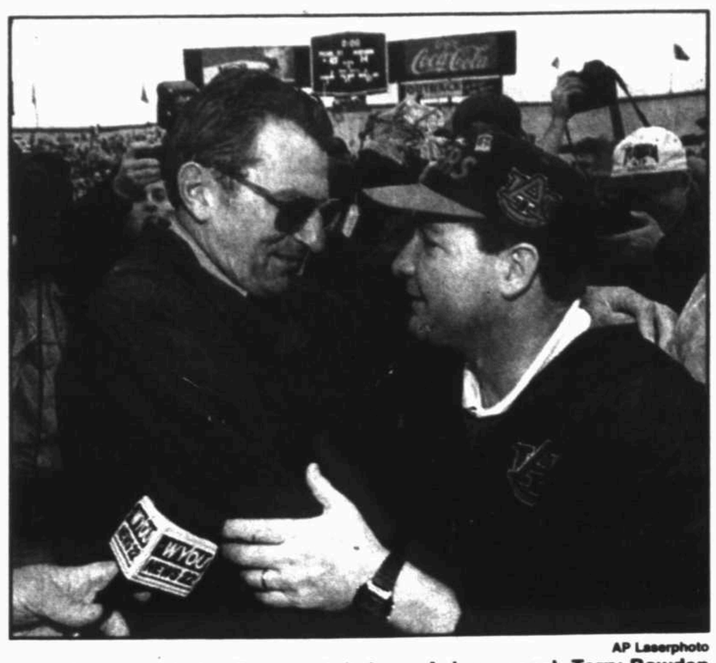
The Tigers got 119 yards rushing from Stephen Davis, but 92 of those came in the first quarter. The running back was shaken up near the end of the opening quarter and played sparingly after that.

Both teams began the season with expectations of contending for No. 1. Penn State was ranked fourth in the preseason after going 12-0 in 1994, while Auburn started at No. 6 after going 20-1-1 in its first two seasons under coach Terry Bowden.

The Tigers, however, were banned from post-season appearances in each of those years because of NCAA violations that occurred under former coach Pat Dye.

While Penn State was playing on New Year's Day or Jan. 2 for the fifth consecutive season, Auburn hadn't appeared in a bowl game since 1990 when the Tigers made the last of nine consecutive trips under Dye.

A morning thunderstorm left the natural turf field a muddy mess. A steady rain continued throughout the game, but didn't stop either team from throwing the ball. Still, the run was the most consistent weapon all day.



AP Laserphoto

Penn State coach Joe Paterno, left, hugs Auburn coach Terry Bowden after Paterno's 15th-ranked Nittany Lions beat Bowden's 16th-ranked Tigers 43-14 in the Outback Bowl on New Year's Day.

Penn State rushed for 152 yards in the first half, controlling the clock and eventually forcing Auburn out of its game plan.

Texas safety laments Longhorn Sugar loss

■ Chris Carter recalls blown interception chance in open field that could have meant 17-0 lead.

By Jimmy Burch
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW ORLEANS — Denied a chance to tie the school record for victories and disappointed by his own failure to make a potential game-turning play, Texas free safety Chris Carter found it difficult yesterday to join teammates in giving two thumbs up to the Longhorns' 10-2-1 season.

Ninth-ranked Texas, in all likelihood, will finish out of the Top 10 in the postseason polls for a 12th consecutive season after Sunday night's 28-10 loss to No.13 Virginia Tech in the Sugar Bowl. That thought weighed heavily on Carter's mind, along with a blown interception opportunity in the open field that could have given Texas a 17-0 lead in the second quarter.

"Right now, you don't look at the 10 games we won. You look at the one we just lost. That's all that's going through our heads," said Carter, whose six interceptions during the regular season led the Southwest Conference. "Later, I'll say it was a great season. But right now, I don't feel like it was a great season.

"Any time you end on a losing note, it's like a job you left undone. The last one is the toughest to lose because you'll always remember it. And we go home losers."

It marked the first time in 23 games that a John Mackovic-coached Texas team lost after leading at halftime. In Carter's estimation, he had a chance to singlehandedly reverse the outcome but let a ball glance off his arms and into the hands of Virginia Tech's Bryan Jennings with five minutes left in the first half. At the time, Texas led 10-0 and Carter had nothing but 40 yards of open space in front of him.

"I knew right then what kind of situation I was in," Carter said. "It could've been a dramatic swing with the score and the mood. It could have been 17-0. Instead, it was 10-0 and they got a first down. I'll think about it the rest of my life.

"I could run that play 2,000 times and I'll promise you I wouldn't drop it any more than the one time I dropped it. Maybe I'll go home and get a gripper and work on my hands."

Most of Carter's teammates, and Mackovic, said they would head home with more of a sense of accomplishment for the season as a whole than a sense of disappointment about the loss. Texas won its first outright SWC championship in five years and, with 10 victories, matched the 1990 squad (10-2) for the school's winningest season since an 11-1 mark in 1983.

Mackovic said he does not expect the loss to create a hangover effect for the 1996 Longhorns. Players from UT's 1991 team said a 46-3 Cotton Bowl loss to Miami to close the 1990 season paved the way for their 5-6 record.

"A bowl game should not ever undo what you accomplished in the regular season. It should add to it," Mackovic said. "If it undoes things, those things were ready to be undone, anyway.

"Every season starts brand new. We'll go home and start rebuilding this team for '96."

The Longhorns will head there with a dose of perspective, said offensive tackle John Elmore, a senior and team captain.

"Yes, it's frustrating we didn't win. But I'm proud of what we accomplished," Elmore said. "This in no way ruins our season. Getting 10 wins is something Texas hasn't done in a long time. You can't put a damper on things just because of this game."

As the final team to represent the lame-duck SWC as its champion, the Longhorns bowed out in the same manner as the seven that preceded them. The eight-year losing streak in bowl games for SWC champions will serve as a sad epitaph for a league that — until the current streak began — had never seen its champion go more than four consecutive seasons without winning in the postseason (1957-60).

"We had higher expectations, so this is a bitter pill to swallow," Mackovic said. "But I think the young players, especially, reacted positively when it was over. We accomplished a lot this year. We were the undisputed Southwest Conference champions and had to knock off three teams at the end of the year that would have been here in New Orleans if we hadn't beat them."

Unranked Syracuse blows out No. 23 Clemson, 41-0

■ Gator Bowl

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Donovan McNabb never expected to start a game for Syracuse this season, let alone star in the most lopsided bowl victory in school history.

McNabb, who won an intense three-way preseason battle to become Syracuse's quarterback, threw three touchdowns and ran for another Monday as the Orangemen pounded No. 23 Clemson 41-0 in the Gator Bowl.

"I was just trying to be chosen for the first game against North Carolina," said McNabb, the game's MVP. "I went out and tried to do what I was capable of doing."

McNabb's 10 of 16 for 120 yards was OK in Syracuse's 20-9 opening game victory but the freshman knew he could do more.

"I made the decision after for us to be successful, I'd have to add a lot more. All season long, I continued to get better and we put it all together in the bowl game."

In handing the Tigers (8-4) their worst postseason loss, Syracuse ran its record to 6-0-1 in its last seven postseason games.

McNabb, constantly slipping defenders, waved receivers into position and completed six of seven passes for 108 yards in a first quarter that produced a Gator record 20 points for the Orangemen.

Clemson, which entered the game as the nation's fourth best rushing team at 259 yards a game, had 94 yards against Syracuse.

Malcolm Thomas helped out with two TDs, including a 1-yard score on the game's opening possession. Marvin Harrison had seven catches for 173 yards, including TD receptions of 38 and 56 yards.

But it was McNabb who made the difference before leaving one play into the fourth quarter after throwing for 309 yards, matching Marvin Graves' record in the 1992 Hall of Fame Bowl. His three TD passes set a school bowl record, bettering the mark of two set by Graves in the 1990 Aloha Bowl and again in the 1992 Hall of Fame Bowl.

ROSE: Southern Cal, Northwestern battle to wild 41-32 finish

(From 1C)

Instead, the Trojans cranked up their passing attack and stiffened their defense, scoring on a 53-yard fumble return by Daylon McCutcheon and securing victory with an interception by Jesse Davis in the final minutes.

Those two turnovers, so uncharacteristic of Northwestern this season, made all the difference in a game that saw a Rose Bowl record performance by USC All-American receiver Keyshawn Johnson, who had 12 catches for 216 yards and a TD.

"This was a great football game, and our guys deserved it," said USC coach John Robinson, beleaguered by criticism on campus after losses to longtime rivals Notre Dame and UCLA.

"We knew going in we were definitely the straight men, but not now. We wanted to come out and take the initiative, but they did a great job of coming back."

Brad Otton, who usually alternates quarters with Kyle Wachholtz, played the whole game, keeping the Trojans moving and completing 29 of 44 for 391 yards and two touchdowns.

"I went to coach Robby," Johnson said, "and I said, 'Let me and Brad take care of things.' Once I realized Kyle wasn't going, it was time for me to jump on the bandwagon with Brad."

Johnson, named the game's MVP, easily broke the 176-yard receiving record set two years ago by UCLA's J.J. Stokes.

Steve Schnur completed 23 of 38 passes for 336 yards for the Wildcats, including 145 yards to D'Wayne Bates.

Darnell Autry carried 32 times for 110 yards and three touchdowns. It was the 13th straight game in which he has rushed for more than 100 yards.

Otton opened the game with a 13-yard pass to LaVale Woods, kept finding receivers down to the 1 with a surprising no-huddle offense, then handed off to Woods for a touchdown leap to cap an 83-yard drive.

Northwestern (10-2) came back to tie the game on a 68-yard drive that ended with Autry bulling in for a touchdown from 3 yards out.

USC (9-2-1) made it 14-7 early in the second quarter when Johnson caught three straight passes for 46 yards and Otton found fullback Terry Barnum in the corner of the end zone for a 21-yard TD.

Johnson expressed resentment at all the attention directed toward Northwestern, whose purple-clad fans made up nearly a third of the 100,102 in attendance at the Rose Bowl.

"They wanted purple this and purple that," Johnson said. "They had it until midnight, and then their dream was over."

CITRUS: Heisman winner George misses out on bowl victory

(From 1C)

fourth down, and a gain of less than a yard would give the Buckeyes a first down. From tackle to tackle, the Ohio State offensive line averages 295 pounds. At tailback is the player who gained 1,826 yards. There was little question about what was coming.

"We had no doubt they were going to run Eddie," said Tennessee defensive end Leonard Little.

They tried. On the snap, linebacker Jesse Sanders filled the hole and took on the lead blocker, fullback Nicky Sualua. That slowed George just enough to allow Tennessee defensive tackle Bill Duff to burrow under the offensive line charge. He was joined by Billy Beron. The linebackers, Tyrone Hines and Scott Galyon, were flying to the ball. George went down. No gain.

"We've got a big, strong offensive line, the Heisman Trophy back and if we can't make six inches then we're probably not going to win the game," Cooper said.

Right. The Volunteers didn't go anywhere with that possession, but stopped Ohio State again and got the ball on their 20 with 41 seconds left in the half. Two plays later, Jay Graham, the game MVP who rushed for 154 yards, took the handoff on a draw and raced 69 yards for the touchdown. Ohio State's defense seemed to have thought the Vols were trying to run out the clock.

"We were in our two-minute offense," Tennessee quarterback Peyton Manning said, "and that was the best two-minute drill we ever had. A one-play job."

Tennessee, which finished tied for fourth with Ohio State in the Associated Press final regular-season poll and No.4 in The New York Times computer ranking to Ohio State's No.6., finished at 11-1. Ohio State closed its season at 11-2.

FIESTA: College fans finally get game to determine national champion

(From 1C)

heat on the Cornhuskers' program.

Among many problems that surfaced, the suspension of junior running back Lawrence Phillips brought the most attention and criticism. Phillips pleaded no contest and received one year's probation for assaulting a former girlfriend in early September. Nebraska coach Tom Osborne suspended Phillips for six games, then reinstated him. Phillips is scheduled to start at I-back tonight.

"When you win a national championship and are rated high, you're a lightning rod, and you get a lot of scrutiny," Osborne said. "We went through some difficult times, but I think our players held up really well and became unified.

"We'll see. I guess history will tell."

Nebraska, which has a 24-game winning streak, will be playing its third consecutive national-championship game against a team from Florida. The Cornhuskers, with their turf-chewing ground game, have been one of college football's most enduring and successful programs, amassing 27 consecutive seasons of nine or more victories.

Florida is one of college football's "nouveau riche" teams. The Gators, who will attempt to follow Miami and Florida State as champions from the Sunshine State, went 47 years before winning a Southeastern Conference championship; they've won the past three and are a victory away from a 13-0 national-championship season.

Osborne, who is 230-47-3 in 23 seasons as Nebraska's coach, is stoic, solid, unflappable. His team plays with a persistent patience that reflects Osborne's hobby: fishing.

Osborne's counterpart, Florida coach Steve Spurrier, is college football's John Daly. He's a golfer who tees it high, lets it fly and never concedes a putt. The Gators' swing-from-the-heels offensive philosophy aims each play for the end zone.

Spurrier's imaginative offensive attack has helped transform the stodgy SEC from the "Bear" Bryant run-and-play-defense era to a throw, throw, throw league.

"They used to say that defense wins championships," said Spurrier, the 1966 Heisman Trophy winner at Florida. "They don't say that as much down South as they used to. We've found that the team with the most points, most of the time, wins the championships."

Nebraska averages 52 points and 556 yards, including 400 on the ground. Florida counters with 45 points and 534 yards, including 361 through the air.

Florida's Danny Wuerffel, the Davey O'Brien winner, has thrown for 3,266 yards and 35 touchdowns. Frazier, an O'Brien finalist, has accounted for 1,966 yards total offense and 31 touchdowns with his running and passing.

Both quarterbacks make as many choices as plays. Wuerffel changes many of his team's plays at the line of scrimmage. Frazier is adept at reading coverages and also decides when to pitch on the option, the essence of Nebraska's offense.

SWC: Conference ends

(From 1C)

Add Nebraska, the favorite in the Fiesta Bowl, and it's clear Texas, Texas A&M, Texas Tech and Baylor are moving into a league with teams that have a solid football tradition.

The demise of the SWC was brought into sharp focus Monday, when the Cotton Bowl was played for the first time in 55 years without an SWC team.

For 60 years, Texans viewed the Cotton Bowl as practically a Southwest Conference institution, in which the league champion annually tested itself against the likes of Notre Dame and Southern Cal.

For Texans, the Cotton Bowl and the Southwest Conference went together like cornbread and black-eyed peas. On Monday, the Cotton Bowl featured Colorado from the Big Eight and Oregon from the Pac-10.

By that time, the Southwest Conference had been dead as a football league nearly a day.

As it was breathing its last, the SWC was seeing one of its most bizarre episodes when a reserve Texas cornerback was unmasked as an impostor.

The player known to Longhorns coaches and players as Ron McKelvey was exposed as a 30-year-old former California junior college player named Ron Weaver, who painstakingly had crafted a fake identity to allow him to play for the Longhorns.

That was the story told by a woman claiming to be his half-sister. The alleged ruse held up until the eve of Sunday's Sugar Bowl, when he mysteriously left New Orleans after being exposed by a California newspaper.

Bonita Money denied reports that Weaver concocted the scam to write a book, and maintained he did what he did for the love of the game.

"He's passionate about football," she said. "He did this because he loves football and wanted a second chance to play."

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JUMANJI 2:35 5:00 7:30 9:45 PG
*STAGE MIXED FROM AS IN BAGDAD THURSDAY

SPORTS SCOREBOARD

College Bowl Summaries

SUGAR BOWL
No. 13 Va. Tech . . .28
No. 9 Texas 10

Late Sunday

Virginia Tech . . . .0 7 7 14 — 28
Texas . . . . . .7 3 0 0 — 10
Tex—Fitzgerald 4 pass from Brown (Dawson kick).
Tex—FG Dawson 52.
VT—Still 60 punt return (Larsen kick).
VT—Parker 2 run (Larsen kick).
VT—Still 54 pass from Druckenmiller (Larsen kick).
VT—Baron 20 fumble return (Larsen kick).
A—70,283.

	VT	Texas
First downs	20	15
Rushes-yards	32-96	33-78
Passing	266	148
Return Yards	122	77
Comp-Att-Int	18-34-1	14-37-3
Punts	8-37	9-40
Fumbles-Lost	5-2	2-1
Penalties-Yards	11-99	9-91
Time of Possession	30:25	29:35

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Virginia Tech, D.Thomas 15-62, Oxendine 8-22, Edmonds 3-10, Parker 2-4, Druckenmiller 3-1, Whipple 1-(minus 3). Texas, Williams 12-62, Mitchell 15-59, Brown 6-(minus 43).

PASSING—Virginia Tech, Druckenmiller 18-34-1-266, Whipple 0-0-0-0. Texas, Brown 14-36-3-148, McLemore 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING—Virginia Tech, Still 6-119, Jennings 6-77, Edmonds 2-16, Holmes 2-30, White 1-16, Parker 1-8. Texas, M.Adams 6-92, Fitzgerald 3-21, Davis 2-27, Williams 1-6, McGarity 1-1, Mitchell 1-1.

OUTBACK BOWL
No. 15 Penn State .43
No. 16 Auburn 14

Penn State . .3 13 27 0 — 43
Auburn . . . .0 7 0 7 — 14
PSU—FG Conway 19
Aub—Baker 25 pass from Nix (Hawkins kick)
PSU—FG Conway 22
PSU—FG Conway 38
PSU—Archie 8 pass from Richardson (Conway kick)
PSU—Engram 9 pass from Richardson (Conway kick)
PSU—Pitts 4 pass from Richardson (pass failed)
PSU—Enis 1 run (Conway kick)
PSU—Engram 20 pass from Richardson (Conway kick)
Aub—McLeod 12 run (Hawkins kick)
A—65,313.

	PSU	Aub
First downs	22	19
Rushes-yards	49-266	40-220
Passing	221	94
Return Yards	53	10
Comp-Att-Int	14-29-2	8-33-2
Punts	4-36	8-39
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	5-2
Penalties-Yards	6-35	5-59
Time of Possession	32:11	27:49

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Penn State, Pitts 15-118, Milne 12-82, Archie 5-41, Enis 12-24, Sload 2-4, Eberly 1-(minus 1), McQuery 1-(minus 1), Ostrosky 1-(minus 1). Auburn, Davis 12-119, Morrow 10-39, Craig 11-34, McLeod 2-20, Beasley 2-9, Goodson 0-4, Nix 3-(minus 5).

PASSING—Penn State, Richardson 13-24-1-217, Archie 0-1-1-0. McQuery 1-4-1-4. Auburn, Nix 5-25-2-48, Craig 3-8-0-46.

RECEIVING—Penn State, Engram 4-113, Olsommer 2-21, Scott 2-17, Archie 2-14, Jurevicius 1-43, Milne 1-5, Pitts 1-4, Stephenson 1-4. Auburn, Bailey 1-32, Baker 1-25, Dillard 1-12, Hand 1-8, Goodson 1-6, Gosha 1-5, Fuller 1-4, McLeod 1-2.

COTTON BOWL
No. 7 Colorado 38
No. 12 Oregon 6

Oregon . . . . .6 0 0 0 — 6
Colorado . . . . .0 13 19 6 — 38
Ore—FG Smith 25
Ore—FG Smith 33
Colo—Hessler 1 run (Voskeritchian kick)
Colo—Washington 95 interception return (kick failed)
Colo—Lepsis 2 pass from Hessler (Voskeritchian kick)
Colo—Troutman 6 run (kick failed)
Colo—Savoy 12 pass from Hessler (kick failed)
Colo—Abdul-Rahmaan 5 run (kick failed)
A—58,214.

	Ore	Colo
First downs	16	16
Rushes-yards	29-105	41-170
Passing	162	143
Return Yards	119	163
Comp-Att-Int	21-44-2	12-27-2
Punts	5-38	4-29
Fumbles-Lost	4-3	2-1
Penalties-Yards	8-67	6-41
Time of Possession	30:01	29:59

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Oregon, Whittle 12-50, Parker 3-43, Jelks 3-14, Graziani 11-(minus-2). Colorado, Troutman 13-100, Henry 7-38, Barnes 5-25, Savoy 1-13, Abdul-Rahmaan 4-3, Hessler 11-(-9).

PASSING—Oregon, Graziani 19-37-2-113, Smith 2-6-0-49, Parker 0-1-0-0. Colorado, Hessler 11-26-2-115, Mitchell 1-1-0-28.

RECEIVING—Oregon, Whittle 4-18, McLemore 3-26, Hodge 2-33, Jelks 2-21, Griffin 2-17, Wilcox 2-17, Spence 2-9, Parker 2-8, Anderson 1-16, Ricketts 1-(-3). Colorado, Savoy 3-29, Kidd 2-73, Henry 2-(minus-6), Black 1-28, Carruth 1-11, Troutman 1-4, Anderson 1-2, Lepsis 1-2.

CITRUS BOWL
No. 4 Ohio State . . .14
No. 4 Tennessee . . .20

Ohio State . . . .7 0 0 7 — 14
Tennessee . . . .0 7 7 6 — 20
OSU—George 2 run (Jo.Jackson kick)
Ten—Graham 69 run (Hall kick)
Ten—Kent 47 pass from Manning (Hall kick)
OSU—Dudley 32 pass from B.Hoying (Jo.Jackson kick)
Ten—FG Hall 29
Ten—FG Hall 25
A—70,797.

	OSU	Tenn
First downs	17	15
Rushes-yards	36-89	32-145
Passing	246	182
Return Yards	69	79
Comp-Att-Int	19-38-1	20-35-0
Punts	7-48	9-34
Fumbles-Lost	5-3	1-1
Penalties-Yards	6-57	8-43
Time of Possession	29:21	30:39

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Ohio State, George 25-101, Sualua 2-3, Pearson 1-1, Glenn 1-(minus 4), B.Hoying 7-(minus 12). Tennessee, Graham 26-154, Ford 1-4, Manning 5-(minus 13).

PASSING—Ohio State, B.Hoying 19-38-1-246. Tennessee, Manning 20-35-0-182.

RECEIVING—Ohio State, Glenn 7-95, Dudley 5-106, George 3-18, Stanley 1-14, Tillman 1-7, Houser 1-5, Sualua 1-1. Tennessee, Kent 7-109, Kyler 4-16, Nash 3-44, Price 2-4, Graham 2-0, Pfeiffer 1-7, Lane 1-2.

ROSE BOWL
No. 3 Northwestern 32
No. 17 So. Cal 41

Southern Cal . . .7 17 7 10 — 41
Northwestern . . .7 3 16 6 — 32

First Quarter

USC—L.Woods 1 run (Abrams kick), 4:58.
NW—D.Autry 3 run (Gowins kick), 8:45.

Second Quarter

USC—Barnum 21 pass from Otton (Abrams kick), 1:55.
USC—FG Abrams 30, 11:31.
USC—McCutcheon 53 fumble return (Abrams kick), 12:04.
NW—FG Gowins 29, 14:58.

Third Quarter

NW—FG Gowins 28, 3:58.
NW—D.Autry 9 run (pass failed), 6:43.
USC—K.Johnson 56 pass from Otton (Abrams kick), 8:52.
NW—Schnur 1 run (Gowins kick), 12:02.

Fourth Quarter

NW—D.Autry 2 run (run failed), 1:59.
USC—FG Abrams 46, 5:51.
USC—Washington 2 run (Abrams kick), 12:05.
A—100,102.

	USC	NW
First downs	22	23
Rushes-yards	27-33	39-139
Passing	391	336
Return Yards	59	0
Comp-Att-Int	29-44-0	23-39-1
Punts	2-45	2-39
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	11-86	7-72
Time of Possession	29:47	30:13

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Southern Cal, Washington 16-51, Barnum 1-2, L.Woods 5-2, Otton 5-(minus 22). Northwestern, D.Autry 32-110, Schnur 3-13, A.Autry 2-8, Bates 1-4, Hartl 1-4.

PASSING—Southern Cal, Otton 29-44-0-391. Northwestern, Schnur 23-39-1-336.

RECEIVING—Southern Cal, K.Johnson 12-216, Barnum 4-42, C.Miller 3-50, Cashman 3-19, L.Woods 2-21, McWilliams 2-20, Washington 2-18, Parker 1-5. Northwestern, Bates 7-145, D.Autry 6-38, Musso 5-91, Beazley 1-16, Drexler 1-16, McGrew 1-11, Hartl 1-10, Brown 1-9.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Northwestern, Gowins 37, 49.

GATOR BOWL
Syracuse 41
No. 23 Clemson 0

Syracuse . . . .20 0 14 7 —41
Clemson . . . . . .0 0 0 0 — 0
Syr—Thomas 1 run (Mare kick)
Syr—McNabb 5 run (kick blocked)
Syr—Harrison 38 pass from McNabb (Mare kick)
Syr—Thomas 2 run (Mare kick)
Syr—Harrison 56 pass from McNabb (Mare kick)
Syr—Sincemo 15 pass from McNabb (Mare kick)
A—45,202.

	Syr	Clem
First downs	21	12
Rushes-yards	50-158	34-90
Passing	309	69
Return Yards	24	4
Comp-Att-Int	13-23-1	11-24-2
Punts	4-44	6-50
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	7-65	1-16
Time of Possession	35:02	24:58

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Syracuse, Thomas 14-71, Downing 6-37, Jones 10-25, Konrad 6-24, R.Johnson 1-6, McNabb 8-5, Morris 1-4, Sparks 2-2, Harrison 1-1, team 1-(minus 17). Clemson, Priester 15-36, Smith 6-30, Greene 8-16, Solomon 4-8, Downs 1-0.

PASSING—Syracuse, McNabb 13-23-1-309. Clemson, Greene 9-19-2-63, Solomon 2-4-0-6, Wyatt 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING—Syracuse, Harrison 7-173, Wilson 2-70, Sinceno 2-47, Maddox 1-18, Williams 1-1. Clemson, Wyatt 3-21, Priester 2-16, Horne 1-15, Woods 1-11, Crooks 2-10, Smith 2-(minus 4).

ORANGE BOWL
No. 6 Notre Dame .26
No. 8 Florida State .31

Florida State . . .7 7 0 17 —31
Notre Dame . . .10 0 7 9 —26

First Quarter

ND—Mayes 39 pass from Krug (Cengia kick), 6:33.
FS—Cooper 15 pass from Kanell (Bentley kick), 8:52.
ND—FG Cengia 20, 14:58.

Second Quarter

FS—Cooper 10 pass from Kanell (Bentley kick), 12:30.

Third Quarter

ND—Mayes 33 pass from Krug (Cengia kick), 6:56.

Fourth Quarter

ND—Safety, Kanell stepped out of end zone, 1:16.
ND—Chryplewicz 5 pass from Krug (Cengia kick), 3:17.
FS—E.Green 11 pass from Kanell (Bentley kick), 5:13.
FS—Cooper 2 pass from Kanell (Cooper pass from Kanell), 8:51.
FS—Safety, intentional grounding in end zone, 12:58.
A—72,198.

	FSU	ND
First downs	26	17
Rushes-yards	37-188	45-256
Passing	290	169
Return Yards	60	35
Comp-Att-Int	20-33-2	15-26-1
Punts	3-44	5-42
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	7-59	7-55
Time of Possession	28:13	31:47

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Florida State, Dunn 22-151, Preston 6-55, Williams 2-7, Abdullah 2-2, Kanell 5-(minus 27). Notre Dame, Farmer 7-93, Denson 11-67, Edwards 14-55, Krug 11-45, Thorne 1-4, Sollmann 1-(minus 8).

PASSING—Florida State, Mesam 6-103, E.Green 5-99, Cooper 4-38, Dunn 2-19, Williams 2-17, Abdullah 1-14. Notre Dame, Mayes 6-96, Chryplewicz 3-18, Edwards 2-25, Stafford 2-14, Mosley 1-13, Farmer 1-3.

NBA Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	23	6	.793	—
New York	19	9	.679	3 1/2
Miami	15	13	.536	7 1/2
Washington	15	13	.536	7 1/2
Boston	12	16	.429	10 1/2
New Jersey	10	17	.370	12
Philadelphia	5	22	.185	17

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	25	3	.893	—
Cleveland	15	12	.556	9 1/2
Indiana	15	13	.536	10
Detroit	15	14	.517	10 1/2
Atlanta	13	14	.481	11 1/2
Charlotte	14	16	.467	12
Milwaukee	10	17	.370	14 1/2
Toronto	9	21	.300	17

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	22	8	.733	—
San Antonio	19	8	.704	1 1/2
Utah	20	9	.690	1 1/2
Denver	13	16	.448	8 1/2
Dallas	8	19	.296	12 1/2
Minnesota	7	20	.259	13 1/2
Vancouver	5	25	.167	17

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	20	8	.714	—
Sacramento	17	9	.654	2
L.A. Lakers	16	15	.516	5 1/2
Phoenix	13	14	.481	6 1/2
Portland	12	16	.429	8
Golden State	12	17	.414	8 1/2
L.A. Clippers	11	19	.367	10

Saturday's Games

Utah 99, L.A. Lakers 82
Golden State 120, New Jersey 110
Miami 105, L.A. Clippers 96
Cleveland 124, Portland 121
Detroit 102, Charlotte 100, OT
Chicago 95, Atlanta 93
Houston 105, Dallas 102
San Antonio 122, Minnesota 84
Denver 108, Philadelphia 100
Seattle 123, Phoenix 112, OT
Washington 96, Milwaukee 87
Vancouver 103, Boston 95

Sunday's Games

No games scheduled

Monday's Games

No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Portland at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Washington, 6:30 p.m.
Seattle at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Houston at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Utah at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Denver, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

NBA Leaders

NEW YORK (AP) — Scoring, field goal percentage, rebounding, and assist leaders through December 30:

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Scoring Average

Player, Team	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Jordan, Chi.	28	306	202	841	30.0
Robinson, S.A.	27	255	205	716	26.5
Malone, Utah	29	275	210	765	26.4
Hardaway, Orl.	29	236	218	724	25.0
Olajuwon, Hou.	30	284	161	731	24.4
Ceballos, LAL	31	264	196	740	23.9
Barkley, Phoe.	26	205	174	610	23.5
Rice, Char.	29	243	117	673	23.2
Robinson, Por.	29	222	139	672	23.2
Johnson, Char.	29	241	151	667	23.0
Elliott, S.A.	26	202	130	594	22.8
Pippen, Chi.	28	237	86	821	22.2
Robinson, Mil.	27	214	126	589	21.8
Kemp, Sea.	28	206	188	601	21.5
Richmond, Sac.	26	181	135	552	21.2
Hill, Det.	29	211	191	613	21.1
Ewing, N.Y.	27	224	117	566	21.0
Miller, Ind.	26	163	158	540	20.8
Howard, Wash.	28	244	80	571	20.4
Baker, Mil.	27	223	100	547	20.3

FG Percentage

Player, Team	FG	FGA	PCT
Muresan, Wash.	146	236	.619
Kemp, Sea.	206	340	.606
Brown, Hou.	115	200	.575
D. Davis, Ind.	104	181	.575
Smits, Ind.	101	177	.571
Stockton, Utah	161	283	.569
Polynice, Sac.	114	202	.564
Sabonis, Port.	112	199	.563
Owens, Mia.	123	221	.557

Rebounds

Player, Team	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Mutombo, Den.	29	113	244	357	12.3
Kemp, Sea.	28	110	234	344	12.3
Robinson, S.A.	27	95	228	323	12.0
Barkley, Phoe.	26	88	211	299	11.5
Williams, N.J.	27	132	178	310	11.5
Olajuwon, Hou.	30	73	262	335	11.2
Baker, Mil.	27	94	187	281	10.4
Oakley, N.Y.	26	104	165	269	10.3
Dudley, Port.	28	100	189	289	10.3

Assists

Player, Team	G	AST	AVG
Stockton, Utah	29	316	10.9
Strickland, Port.	29	280	9.7
Johnson, S.A.	27	245	9.1
Stoudamire, Tor.	30	269	9.0
Kidd, Dall.	26	233	9.0
Payton, Sea.	28	228	8.1
Jackson, Ind.	26	210	8.1
Pack, Wash.	28	226	8.1
Anderson, N.J.	22	171	7.8
Abdul-Rauf, Den.	26	202	7.8

TEAM LEADERS

Team Offense

	G	Pts	Avg
Chicago	28	2987	106.7
Seattle	28	2978	106.4
Washington	28	2968	106.0
Boston	28	2953	105.5
Phoenix	27	2847	105.4
Golden State	29	3054	105.3
San Antonio	27	2828	104.7
Houston	30	3138	104.6
Utah	29	3024	104.3
Charlotte	30	3122	104.1
Portland	29	2984	102.9
Orlando	29	2977	102.7
L.A. Lakers	31	3156	101.8
Sacramento	26	2646	101.8
Atlanta	28	2848	101.7
Denver	29	2908	100.3
Indiana	27	2703	100.1
L.A. Clippers	30	2999	100.0
New York	28	2797	99.9
Dallas	27	2687	99.5
Minnesota	27	2680	99.3
Toronto	30	2938	97.9
Detroit	29	2796	96.4
Milwaukee	27	2582	95.6
Philadelphia	27	2575	95.4
Miami	28	2664	95.1
New Jersey	27	2548	94.4
Cleveland	27	2510	93.0
Vancouver	30	2720	90.7

Team Defense

	G	Pts	Avg
Cleveland	27	2491	92.3
Detroit	29	2710	93.4
Miami	28	2642	94.4
New York	28	2677	95.6
Chicago	28	2708	96.7
Utah	29	2832	97.7
Houston	30	2930	97.7
San Antonio	27	2642	97.9
Seattle	28	2741	97.9
Orlando	29	2850	98.3
Indiana	27	2658	98.4
New Jersey	27	2668	98.8
Milwaukee	27	2705	100.2
Sacramento	26	2623	100.9
Atlanta	28	2831	101.1
L.A. Lakers	31	3142	101.4
Vancouver	30	3061	102.0
Portland	29	2980	102.8
Washington	28	2881	102.9
Toronto	30	3105	103.5
Denver	29	3002	103.5
L.A. Clippers	30	3122	104.1
Charlotte	30	3125	104.2
Minnesota	27	2817	104.3
Dallas	27	2824	104.6
Golden State	29	3059	105.5
Phoenix	27	2863	106.0
Philadelphia	27	2877	106.6
Boston	28	3051	109.0

NFL Playoffs

Playoff Glance

WILD-CARD ROUND

Saturday, Dec. 30

Buffalo 37, Miami 22
Philadelphia 58, Detroit 37

Sunday, Dec. 31

Green Bay 37, Atlanta 20
Indianapolis 35, San Diego 20

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

Saturday, Jan. 6

Buffalo at Pittsburgh, 11:30 a.m.
Green Bay at San Francisco, 3 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 7

Philadelphia at Dallas, 11:30 a.m.
Indianapolis at Kansas City, 3 p.m.

AFC, NFC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday, Jan. 14

Pairings TBD, 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

SUPER BOWL XXX
At Sun Devil Stadium
Tempe, Ariz.
Sunday, Jan. 28

AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6:20 p.m.

PRO BOWL
Sunday, Feb. 4

AFC vs. NFC at Honolulu, 7 p.m.

Late Summary

COLTS 35, CHARGERS 20

Indianapolis . . .0 14 7 14 — 35
San Diego . . . .3 7 7 3 — 20

First Quarter

SD—FG Carney 54, 5:32.

Second Quarter

Ind—Diiger 2 pass from Harbaugh (Blanchard kick). :57.
SD—Pupunu 6 pass from Humphries (Carney kick), 9:12.
Ind—Crockett 33 run (Blanchard kick), 13:33.

Third Quarter

SD—Jefferson 11 pass from Humphries (Carney kick), 4:20.
Ind—Dawkins 42 pass from Harbaugh (Blanchard kick), 14:19.

Fourth Quarter

SD—FG Carney 30, 3:07.
Ind—Crockett 66 run (Blanchard kick), 3:32.
Ind—Harbaugh 3 run (Blanchard kick), 8:05.
A—61,182.

	Ind	SD
First downs	19	27
Rushes-yards	29-178	32-145
Passing	155	284
Punt Returns	2-52	0-0
Kickoff Returns	5-110	6-133
Interceptions Ret.	4-81	1-0
Comp-Att-Int	16-27-1	23-47-4
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-20	1-8
Punts	5-37	2-55
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-30	4-24
Time of Possession	28:51	31:09

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Indianapolis, Crockett 13-147, Faulk 1-16, Harbaugh 5-10, Warren 10-5. San Diego, Hayden 18-80, Humphries 4-32, Fletcher 3-23, Means 6-11, Harmon 1-(minus 1).

PASSING—Indianapolis, Harbaugh 16-27-1-175. San Diego, Humphries 23-47-4-292.

RECEIVING—Indianapolis, Turner 5-64, Warren 4-45, Dawkins 2-49, Crockett 2-10, Diiger 2-9, Humphrey 1-(minus 2). San Diego, Harmon 10-133, Martin 3-39, Jefferson 3-33, Pupunu 3-26, Fletcher 2-42, Seay 2-19.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

NHL Results

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	25	11	6	56	150	115
Florida	25	10	2	52	134	92
Philadelphia	22	11	6	50	141	100
Washington	19	15	3	41	108	95
Tampa Bay	16	15	6	38	109	120
New Jersey	15	19	4	34	98	101
N.Y. Islanders	9	22	8	24	105	141

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	24	10	3	51	183	117
Montreal	19	16	2	40	110	111
Buffalo	16	19	3	35	113	125
Boston	15	14	5	35	124	128
Hartford	11	21	5	27	91	122
Ottawa	8	28	1	17	88	147

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	27	7	2	56	138	75
Chicago	19	12	8	46	132	112
Toronto	20	13	6	46	123	109
St. Louis	16	17	5	37	100	102
Winnipeg	16	19	3	35	134	142
Dallas	10	18	7	27	90	112

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	22	11	5	49	157	109
Los Angeles	14	15	9	37	125	121
Vancouver	12	15	10	34	129	132
Anaheim	14	22	4	32	118	136
Edmonton	13	20	6	32	108	155
Calgary	11	21	7	29	106	134
San Jose	8	25	4	20	110	168

Sunday's Games

Los Angeles 2, Anaheim 2, tie
Philadelphia 5, Vancouver 5, tie
Boston 5, Winnipeg 3
N.Y. Islanders 5, Buffalo 2
Tampa Bay 3, Ottawa 0
Detroit 3, Hartford 2
Calgary 3, N.Y. Rangers 1
Chicago 5, New Jersey 0

Monday's Games

Washington 4, Pittsburgh 2
Toronto 1, Dallas 0

Tuesday's Games

Chicago at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Calgary, 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Washington at Hartford, 6 p.m.
Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
Montreal at N.Y. Rangers, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Edmonton, 8:30 p.m.
Florida at Vancouver, 9:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
Winnipeg at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

Summaries

MAPLE LEAFS 1, STARS 0

Toronto . . . . . .0 1 0 — 1
Dallas . . . . . .0 0 0 — 0

First Period—None.
Second Period—1, Toronto, Sundin 15 (Gill), 2:53 (sh).
Third Period—None.
Shots on goal—Toronto 13-9-7—29. Dallas 19-10-4—33.
Power-play Opportunities—Toronto 0 of 6; Dallas 0 of 6.
Goalies—Toronto, Potvin 17-9-5 (33 shots-33 saves). Dallas, Moog 5-9-3 (29-28).
A—14,477 (16,924). **Referee**—Rob Shick. **Linesmen**—Scott Driscoll, Pierre Racicot.

CAPITALS 4, PENGUINS 2

Pittsburgh . . . . .1 1 0 — 2
Washington . . . .1 0 3 — 4
First Period—1, Pittsburgh, Jagr 34 (Zubov), 4:35. 2, Washington, Konowalchuk 13 (Ustorf, Johansson), 12:59.
Second Period—3, Pittsburgh, Sandstrom 26 (Zubov, Francis), 10:50 (pp).
Third Period—4, Washington, Johansson 2 (Konowalchuk, Hunter), :31. 5, Washington, Ustorf 5 (Johnson, Gonchar), 6:12. 6, Washington, Bondra 21 (Miller, Tinordi), 19:32 (en).
Shots on goal—Pittsburgh 8-9-8—25. Washington 12-8-17—37.
Power-play Opportunities—Pittsburgh 1 of 5; Washington 0 of 1.
Goalies—Pittsburgh, Barrasso 13-3-2 (36 shots-33 saves). Washington, Carey 17-10-3 (25-23).
A—18,130 (18,130). **Referee**—Paul Stewart. **Linesmen**—Gord Broseker, Stephane Provost.

Scoring Leaders

NEW YORK — NHL scoring leaders through Dec. 31

Player,Team	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
Lemieux, Pit	32	34	52	86	34
Jagr, Pit	36	33	46	79	40
Francis, Pit	36	19	47	66	12
Forsberg, Col	38	14	45	59	29
Sakic, Col	38	26	30	56	22
Messier, NYR	42	25	30	55	95
Selanne, Win	38	22	33	55	12
Verbeek, NYR	42	25	27	52	80
Weight, Edm	39	14	37	51	38
Gretzky, LA	38	10	40	50	30
Lindros, Phi	32	24	25	49	67
Kariya, Ana	40	23	25	48	4
Mogilny, Van	35	28	19	47	4
Brind'amour, Phi	39	11	36	47	61
Sandstrom, Pit	36	25	21	46	49
Leclair, Phi	39	22	23	45	36
Kamensky, Col	38	18	26	44	38
Leetch, NYR	42	6	38	44	12
Hull, StL	30	24	19	43	24
Linden, Van	37	18	25	43	18
Tkachuk, Win	34	18	24	42	57
Fleury, Cal	39	15	27	42	63
Mellanby, Fla	37	21	20	41	70
Yzerman, Det	36	16	25	41	10
Naslund, Pit	36	13	27	40	30

NHL Goaltending Leaders

Through Dec. 31
(Empty-net goals in parentheses)

	MP	GA	SO	Avg.	W	L	T	SVS	SV%
Chris Osgood	1244	40	3	1.93	17	3	1	450	.918
Mike Vernon	923	34	1	2.21	10	4	1	343	.910
Detroit (1)	**2172**	**75**	**4**	**2.07**	**27**	**7**	**2**	**793**	**.914**
John Vanbiesbrouck	1431	54	1	2.26	16	7	1	602	.918
Mark Fitzpatrick	797	37	0	2.79	9	3	1	306	.892
Florida (1)	**2238**	**92**	**1**	**2.47**	**25**	**10**	**2**	**908**	**.908**
Ron Hextall	1173	43	1	2.20	13	5	2	465	.915
Garth Snow	740	32	0	2.59	7	3	2	313	.907
Dominic Roussel	456	22	1	2.89	2	3	2	156	.876
Philadelphia (3)	**2377**	**100**	**2**	**2.52**	**22**	**11**	**6**	**934**	**.903**
Jim Carey	1754	70	3	2.39	16	10	3	643	.902
Olaf Kolzig	416	21	0	3.03	2	5	0	158	.883
Washington (2)	**2180**	**93**	**3**	**2.56**	**18**	**15**	**3**	**801**	**.896**
Corey Schwab	241	9	0	2.24	0	3	0	82	.901
Chris Terreri	210	9	0	2.57	3	0	0	83	.902
Martin Brodeur	1840	79	2	2.58	12	16	4	756	.905
New Jersey (4)	**2303**	**101**	**2**	**2.63**	**15**	**19**	**4**	**921**	**.901**
Jacques Racine	130	4	0	1.85	0	1	0	53	.930

Blake's change made OU take second glance

By Owen Canfield
AP Sports Writer



NORMAN, Okla. — When John Blake first sought the job as Oklahoma's head football coach, the people doing the interviews gave him only a passing glance. He was never a serious contender.

Now, just one year later, the job is his. The Dallas Cowboys defensive line coach and former Sooner was hired Sunday amid much fanfare, welcomed home by former players and coaches who hailed him as the perfect fit.

What has changed in only one year?

Blake has, for one thing. He lost more than 100 pounds, in part because he felt that his weighing more than 300 pounds hurt his chances the first time around.

"In the past year, I think he sat down, did a lot of self-evaluation and said, 'I've got to get myself ready if the opportunity ever comes again,'" university president David Boren said.

"I think he showed a lot of discipline, a lot of personal soul-searching, a lot of attempts to improve himself. I think he made himself more ready."

Perhaps more importantly, Oklahoma's needs have changed in the past year.

Howard Schnellenberger took over last year for Gary Gibbs, who was forced out after going 6-6 in 1994. Gibbs had done all he was asked to do during his six years on the job, except win enough big games.

Schnellenberger's charge was to change that, and in the process make Oklahoma into a national power again. He failed. His 5-5-1 record was as ugly as it looks, and he fell out of favor with Boren for, among other things, his handling of players.

So after Schnellenberger resigned under pressure Dec. 18, the school began looking for a players' coach, for someone who had deep feelings for Oklahoma's tradition and for someone who was an accomplished recruiter. Blake qualified in all areas, plus he received strong fan support.

Athletic director Donnie Duncan said the ability to recruit was an "absolute must." He said more stringent entrance requirements have shrunk the pool of available players, and the new Big 12 Conference will have an impact on being able to attract athletes.

"Plus being a strong leader, a role model and being able to take a team that was somewhat fragmented at the end and put it together and have a good spring" were factors that pointed toward Blake, Duncan said.

He said there were 40-50 people on his original list of possible candidates, and that was quickly pared to five or 10.

"He had all the qualities that we were looking for," Duncan said in introducing Blake on Sunday. "Those of you who do not know John Blake will soon know that this is a charismatic, driven young man who has succeeded all his life."

Boren took a veiled shot at Schnellenberger when he said it was clear Blake would put his players first.

"Nothing is more important to me as president of this institution ... than that we have a coach who truly puts our students first and is concerned about their total educational experience, and we're going to have one in our next head coach," he said.

One knock on Blake, who is just 34, is that he has never been a coordinator. His coaching experience consists of two years as an graduate assistant at Oklahoma under Barry Switzer, one year at Tulsa, four years as a full-time assistant at OU under Gibbs and three years as defensive line coach of the Dallas Cowboys.

Switzer said Blake's resume is more than adequate, and that Blake is better suited for the job than Switzer was when he was named Oklahoma's head coach.

Gibbs also liked Blake as the choice, saying Blake's personality and love for the program will serve him well. But he also said the timing was right for Blake's return to his alma mater.

"You've got to be at the right place at the right time for those things to happen," he said. "I think there's a lot of good coaches out there that are capable of being head coaches. John was at the right place at the right time."

New Georgia coach reserves judgement on bowl showing

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Georgia's new coach is withholding any snap judgments about the team, and hoping fans will do the same for him, as he takes over the Bulldogs after a year-end loss in the Peach Bowl.

Coach Jim Donnan said Monday he was impressed with Georgia's intensity but otherwise drew no clues about the 'Dogs in their game against Virginia.

The Cavaliers beat Georgia Saturday night 34-27 on an 83-yard kickoff return for a touchdown with 57 seconds left. Georgia had rallied moments earlier to tie the game, the finale for fired coach Ray Goff.

"I'm not an impulsive guy, so I can't make a true judgment on these kids," Donnan said in a telephone news conference from Athens.

"You can't go on one game and analyze what needs to be worked on," he said. "I'll formulate any opinions based on what they do in the off-season and in the workouts in the spring and summer."

Donnan, who had purposely stayed in the background since being hired on Christmas Day, said he now has begun assembling a coaching staff and preparing for recruitment.

He confirmed a report in Monday's editions of The Atlanta Journal-Constitution that Georgia defensive coordinator Joe Kines was offered a job, but he disputed the story's contention that Kines is the only Bulldogs assistant that would be retained.

"He's not the only one," Donnan said.

He added, however, there are many people who would like to work at Georgia. "I've got people stacked up like a club sandwich that want to come here," said Donnan, formerly coach at Marshall.

Meanwhile, Donnan said it will take some time for him to get Georgia fans, split during the rocky Goff era, to unite again behind the football program. He asked for patience from fans and from the media.

"There's always going to be a certain amount of discord when you have a change," he said. "Don't make any rash judgments. Give me a chance. I'm going to do all I can to prove I am worthy of this opportunity.

"It's not a quick fix, but we're not starting all over," Donnan added.

Chicago goalie Hackett snaps mark

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — When Jeff Hackett was growing up, he studied Tony Esposito's every move, copied the future Hall of Famer's style, hoped that someday he, too, would make it as an NHL goalie.

"Tony Esposito," Hackett said, "was a hero of mine."

The hero has been caught in the Chicago Blackhawks' record book by the hero worshipper.

Hackett tied Esposito's team record of eight consecutive wins with Sunday night's 5-0 victory over the New Jersey Devils.

"Tony Esposito was someone I idolized," Hackett said. "Not in my wildest dreams did I think this could ever happen. It's very special."

Hackett began his career with the New York Islanders, who were awful when he was there. He then toiled for San Jose, an expansion team, before spending two years as Ed Belfour's backup in Chicago. His career record was 25-97-8 going into this season, which began with him still Belfour's understudy. Then a mini-slump by Belfour put Hackett in goal. And Hackett hasn't lost since, going 8-0-1 with a 1.65 goals-against average in the past eight weeks.

Coach Craig Hartsburg insists he has two No. 1 goalies. But he has started Hackett over Belfour, a two-time Vezina Award winner, in six of the last eight games.

Chicago fans showed their appreciation for Hackett's work Sunday, chanting "Hack-ett! Hack-ett!" after a series of fine second-period saves. Such adulation had been reserved for the likes of Belfour and Esposito, who won eight straight games in 1981.

"It feels good that they've taken to me," said Hackett, who has both of his career shutouts during his hot streak. "But Eddie's still the number one guy here. He's an all-star, a legend, a future Hall of Famer."

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Ron's Engines offers membership discount plan

For years retail outlets have been offering special pricing and other benefits to "members." Now, Ron's Engines in Midland is introducing a membership club which will entitle area automobile owners to similar perks when it comes to auto repair.

Owner Ron Van Meter says they will begin the membership club this month. Club members are entitled to a five percent discount on parts and labor (not to be combined with other special offers), free fair and reasonable towing within the city limits and jump starts to get the vehicle to the shop.

A single vehicle is included in the plan for a $25 annual fee. Up to three additional vehicles at the same address may be added for $15 each.

"This is to reward our loyal customers and to let others in Midland know we are anxious to serve them," Van Meter said.

Van Meter has lived in Midland since the 1950s and has built his business on trust. "I take the time to explain any necessary repairs to my customers. I'll show them the worn parts, explain the tests and make sure they understand how a particular job will make their vehicle perform better. And, I mean it when I say our prices end where others' begin."

Van Meter invites you to stop in and check out their shop before you need their services. While Ron's Engines specializes in rebuilding engines, they are fully equipped to handle general automotive repairs. They have the latest electronic diagnostic equipment. They do brakes, electrical repairs, clutches, tune-ups, oil changes and lube jobs, cv joints for front-wheel drive vehicles, transmissions, power windows and even minor body work, along with other repairs.

The wide range of services they offer allows Ron's to restore a vehicle from the interior to under the hood. "Thousands of dollars can be saved by restoring a vehicle, rather than buying a new one," said Van Meter. He's glad to give quotes on this service so customers can see how much it will save them. Even if an engine has to be replaced, savings may be great.

While most repair work can be done in one day with an appointment, replacing an engine takes two or three days for most cars, using an already rebuilt engine. For the classic car owner, Ron's Engines can also rebuild the old engine.

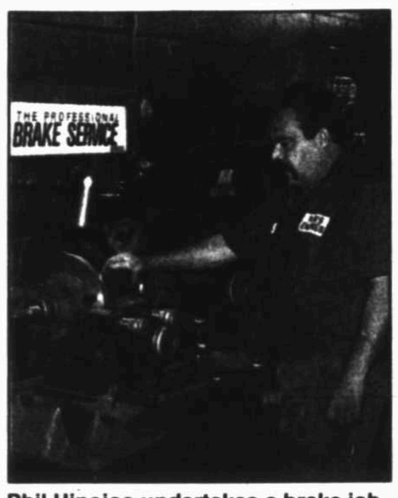
They offer three engine warranty packages: 12-months, 12,000 miles; three-years, 36,000 miles; and three-years, 50,000 miles.

Some services can be done by appointment while-you-wait in their clean and comfortable waiting area. They can also deliver customers to home or office.

Ron's Engines is located at the corner of Michigan and Weatherford in downtown Midland. They specialize in engine repair and replacement. They also handle general repairs and maintenance, transmission work and minor body repairs. They accept most major credit cards. Make appointments by calling 685-1076.



Ron Van Meter and Marshall Stoop look over an engine at Ron's Engines, where they specialize in rebuilding engines.



Phil Hinojos undertakes a brake job at Ron's Engines. While the shop is known for rebuilding engines, it offers a wide range of repairs, including minor body work.

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'It ain't here' doesn't cut it with the IRS

A client of Federal Tax Consultants (FTC) once commented, upon receiving a Notice of Intent to Levy letter from the Internal Revenue Service that, "It ain't here and they can't get it!"

On the other hand, the story is told of the IRS agent who had a red liquid in a jar on his desk. When asked about the liquid he replied with a sly smile, "That's blood from a turnip."

FTC founder Charles Frost recognizes the problem of getting "blood from a turnip." But he also realizes that IRS has a very long memory, and what "ain't here" today may be there—and snapped up by the IRS—tomorrow, or even years later.

In fact, local consultant William F. Judd said, "The IRS can hold a taxpayer responsible for tax for at least ten years and quite possibly longer."

Another problem is that what the IRS considers assets and income available for payment of taxes differs significantly from what a taxpayer thinks. That's why the "It ain't here" response often does not hold water.

While there are several methods of resolution to help taxpayers, Judd warned taxpayers against trying to present their own cases before the IRS. "The lawyer's axiom, 'He who represents himself has a fool for a client,' also applies in tax cases."

The IRS collection process is lengthy and complicated. Unless an individual has a strong business background with an emphasis in finance, FTC believes self-representation should not even be considered.



Federal Tax Consultants has a variety of ways to help tax payers resolve problems with the Internal Revenue Service. Call Bill Judd at 682-7004 or 1-800-382-6337 for a consultation.

FTC founder Frost is himself a former IRS officer, manager and analyst. He knows in depth how the IRS operates, and is familiar with many procedures they are reluctant to reveal to delinquent taxpayers. After all, the IRS's mission is to collect as much tax, penalty and interest as possible.

Federal Tax Consultants specializes in a process known as Offer in Compromise. This often allows taxpayers to settle for much less than they actually owe. To qualify for this process a taxpayer must meet several criteria. These criteria generally include:

- Tax and penalty exceed a taxpayer's net realizable equity and
- Monthly ability to make an installment agreement with the IRS is minimal.

Judd cautioned, however, that because there are so many variables in financial status only a thorough evaluation can determine an individual's eligibility.

This is important because a taxpayer presenting an Offer in Compromise himself, without the evaluation and assistance of FTC, runs a great risk of having his offer rejected. This could result in the individual paying much more in tax than legally necessary.

Federal Tax Consultants also makes use of another little-known option, the Problem Resolution Program (PRP). Judd spoke of a recent case involving a taxpayer whose remittance to the IRS was credited to the wrong tax year. FTC used the PRP to remedy the mistake.

Federal Tax Consultants is a tax consulting firm founded in Amarillo in 1988 by Charles Frost. Local FTC consultant William F. Judd can be contacted 682-7004 or 1-800-382-6337. The office is open all year to assist with tax matters.

Tennessee politicians unsure of Oilers move

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A high-priced lobbying effort and more may be needed to sell the $292 million Oilers' deal to legislators who aren't finding much boosterism among voters.

Key members of Nashville's local legislative delegation haven't said they'll vote for the state to sell $55 million in tax-free bonds toward building a stadium for the Oilers. Under the agreement, the bonds are to be paid back through state sales taxes on stadium revenue and team merchandise.

Outside the Nashville delegation, the proposal has even less support.

"Outside Nashville, this deal's about as popular as rat poison," said state Sen. Keith Jordan, R-Franklin.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Doug Henry and House Majority Leader Bill Purcell are among eight Nashville legislators who told the Nashville Banner they were undecided.

"The Chamber of Commerce fellows say the city will get such an incredible boom from this that it will be overwhelming, that it will bring dollars in here galore. That may be. But in casual conversations around the city, most people say they don't want the Oilers. It's a matter of priorities," said Sen. Doug Henry, D-Nashville.

And he isn't swayed by claims concerning national television exposure.

"The Goodyear Blimp leaves me cold. If we're a good place to live, people are going to move here anyway," Henry told the Nashville Banner last week.

The stadium would be in Purcell's district, but he doesn't plan to handle the bill and says he'll leave that to Republican Gov. Don Sundquist's administration.

Sundquist, House Speaker Jimmy Naifeh and Senate Speaker John Wilder all have endorsed the plan.

House Republican Leader H.E. Bittle of Knoxville, who handles legislation in the House for the Administration, hasn't committed to supporting the plan yet, either. Sen. Joe Haynes, one of five Nashville legislators who back the plan, says support of the local delegation is crucial. But he says legislators haven't been given enough information to persuade them.

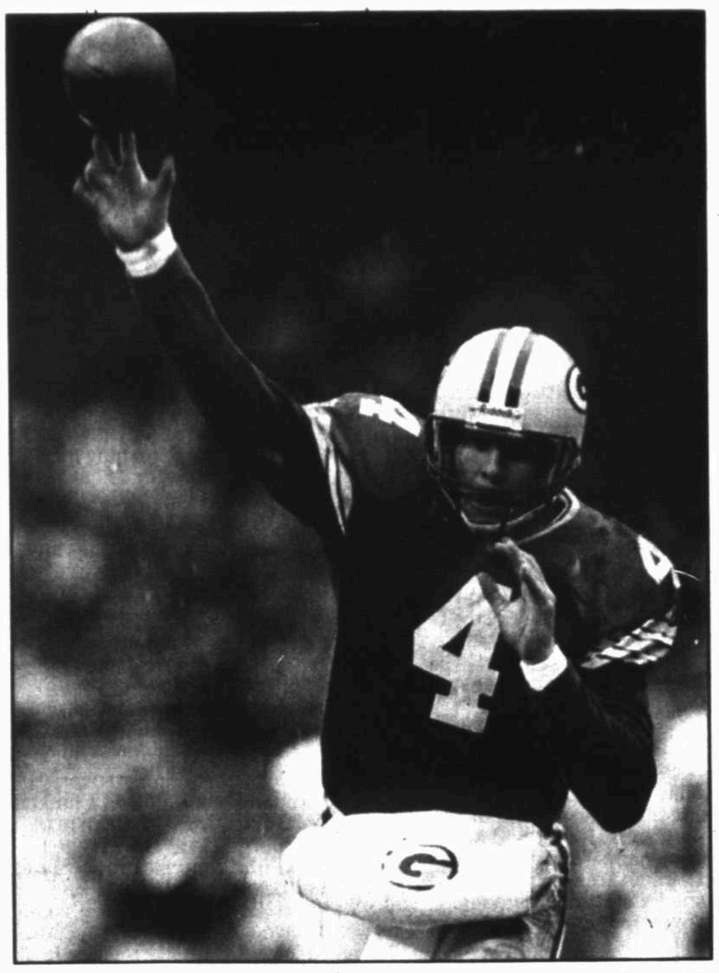
The Houston Oilers and the Chamber of Commerce are prepared to spend more than $100,000 on the lobbying campaign to sell the deal to the Tennessee General Assembly. Oilers spokesman Mike McClure says the NFL team and the Chamber will share lobbying expenses, which he estimates will run "in excess of $100,000."

"We know there's a lot of hard work to do in the Legislature," McClure says. "But we certainly would not have gotten this far if we didn't believe there was a good chance to be successful. We have to go out and demonstrate to the members of the Legislature that this is a very low-risk investment by the state."

Some lawmakers say their constituents are demanding they vote against the deal for fear Nashville will stick state taxpayers with the debt if the Oilers fail to attract enough fan support.

"My people tell me they can go to Atlanta, Charlotte, Cincinnati and damn near Washington, D.C., as easy as they can go to Nashville if they want to watch pro ball," Sen. Tommy Haun, R-Greeneville, said. "They say, 'Don't give the state away.'"

And legislators from Memphis, which has unsuccessfully courted an NFL team for years, are even more vocal.



AP Laserphoto

Green Bay quarterback Bret Favre was named the Associated Press National Football League Most Valuable Player for the 1995-96 season.

Favre epitomizes essence of MVP

NEW YORK (AP) — Brett Favre epitomizes the essence of an MVP: Teammates, opponents, fans and media all seem to agree he deserves the honor.

And the Green Bay quarterback has it, a runaway winner of the 1995 NFL Most Valuable Player award in balloting conducted by The Associated Press and announced Monday.

Favre, who set an NFC record with 38 touchdowns passes and threw for 4,413 yards, guided the Packers to an 11-5 record and their first NFC Central title in 23 years. It was their first 11-victory season since 1966. They also beat the Atlanta Falcons 37-20 in the opening round of the playoffs.

Favre earned 69 votes from a nationwide panel of 88 sports writers and broadcasters. San Francisco's star receiver, Jerry Rice, was next with 10 votes. Dallas running back Emmitt Smith, the winner in 1993, got seven votes, and Indianapolis quarterback Jim Harbaugh received two.

Last year's winner, 49ers quarterback Steve Young, did not get a vote.

"It means everything," said Favre, who just completed his fifth — and by far his most successful — regular season in the NFL. "It's like winning the Super Bowl, except it's an individual honor. It's the National Football League, which means it's the best player in the whole world. In this game. And that's awesome.

"Think about all the great players you play with and play against. It's overwhelming. It's hard to even explain how much that means to win that and say, 'God, MVP of the league.'"

Favre has drawn praise throughout the league this season for his leadership as well as his skills. He said that role dates back to before the 1994 season, when All-Pro receiver Sterling Sharpe was involved in a contract dispute with Packers management. Favre defended the team.

"I think probably when Sterling held out and I stood up and said my piece, I think everyone said, 'Hey, this is his guy, this is his favorite receiver, his favorite target,'" Favre said. "And I wasn't bashing him. I was just speaking my mind, and that earned a lot of respect."

A second-round draft pick out of Southern Mississippi in 1991 by Atlanta, where he was a third-stringer, Favre was dealt to Green Bay the following year. Packers coach Mike Holmgren then gave Favre a chance to prove himself.

Favre has responded superbly — as a passer, a runner when necessary, and as a motivator.

"He does everything you can ask from a quarterback, and he's still young and learning," Holmgren said.

Favre admitted he owes much of his success to Holmgren, who worked with the 49ers' vaunted offense before taking over in Green Bay. Recalling the deal that brought him to the Packers, Favre said:

"I didn't think I'd be MVP, but I said if I can get a chance to start here ... I can prove to people that I can play in this league. Not that people didn't think that I could, but the longer I wait, the tougher it's going to be. I constantly just told myself it's something that's going to happen, regardless if it's here or somewhere else.

"I got a break much earlier than I anticipated. I thought I'd be there a couple years (in Atlanta) and just ride the wave."

Instead, he's created a tidal wave, carrying the Packers with him.

Eagles go to Florida for workouts

VERO BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Like thousands of other northerners, the Philadelphia Eagles have come to Florida this week to escape the winter weather back home. Unlike most of the other visitors, though, the Eagles won't be lying around in the sun working on their tans, promises coach Ray Rhodes.

"I want to try and turn it into a training camp atmosphere," Rhodes said before the Eagles left Monday for the Dodgertown complex, 70 miles south of Cape Canaveral. "It's like training for a heavyweight fight."

The opponent ahead, the Dallas Cowboys, is one of the favorites to win the title, and Rhodes wants to make sure his team is fully prepared to go the distance in the NFC divisional playoff Sunday. No, the Eagles won't be getting up at sunrise to do 10 miles of roadwork.

But there will be a nightly bed-check. And the sparring sessions — the daily practices — will be conducted in full pads as Rhodes tries to duplicate the high-quality workouts that led to Saturday's 58-37 dissection of the Detroit Lions.

"The pads don't come off. We're going to keep hitting," Rhodes said. "I want to make sure we are focusing on football only."

One reason for the trip down south is obvious.

A storm is forecast for Philadelphia later in the week. Both of the Eagles' grass practice fields next to Veterans Stadium are covered with snow. And, up until last Thursday, the artificial surface in the stadium itself was snow-covered, unavailable for practice.

That left the team's indoor practice bubble as the only place available for a workout, but it is only 60 yards long, making it difficult to practice the kicking game or work on deep pass routes. And life inside the bubble, with its stagnant air and poor lighting, was beginning to chafe on the players, a few of whom were also jittery about the ice and snow that was weighing down the air-supported roof.

"We need to be able to go outside and practice on a normal football field and not worry about the ice and the snow," Rhodes said. "The bubble is OK for certain things, but when you've been there so long, it really hurts your team."

But there's an even bigger reason in Rhodes' mind. The Eagles, who looked very beatable in their last five games of the regular season, surprised the NFL with their rout of the Lions, who came into the game on a seven-game win streak. In dismantling the league's hottest team, the Eagles earned some respect — although that's the last thing Rhodes wants his team to believe.

"After a win like that, you know there's going to be some things said that could probably swell some people's heads," he said.

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Colt backup RBs lead Indianapolis over San Diego

■ Lamont Warren, Zack Crockett come from obscurity to lead Colts into the second round.

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Two weeks ago, reserve running backs Lamont Warren and Zack Crockett were buried behind Marshall Faulk and Roosevelt Potts in Indianapolis. Today, they're the reason the Colts season is still alive.

With Potts lost for the season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament and Faulk limited to just 16 carries in his last two games by a knee bruise, Warren and Crockett have stepped in and delivered.

They may have to do the same thing this week against the Kansas City Chiefs. Faulk had a magnetic resonance imaging test on his left knee Monday and the Colts issued a statement saying he had an "articular cartilage injury" and that his availability would be evaluated on a "week-to-week" basis.

Warren made his first start two weeks ago against New England and had career highs of 22 carries for 90 yards and six receptions for 67 yards as the Colts clinched a playoff berth with a 10-7 victory.

Then, when Faulk reagravated the injury early against San Diego, Crockett, who had not gained any yards in the regular season, set a franchise record with 147 yards rushing and two TDs against San Diego in Sunday's 35-20 playoff victory.

That put the Colts in the AFC semifinals and playing in January for the first time since 1972 this Sunday at Kansas City.

"We've said all year long you have to win with 46 (players). It proved true yesterday," coach Ted Marchibroada said Monday. "Lamont had the great game the week before to get us into the playoffs. Crockett came through and had a much better game than any of us could anticipate."

The Colts upset San Diego with a balanced offense, rushing for 178 yards and passing for 175 as they avenged a 27-24 loss to the Chargers just two weeks earlier.

"These guys aren't rookies anymore. Crockett was going into his 17th ball game," Marchibroda said. "The offensive line made some holes so he was able to get into the secondary. He did the rest once he got there."

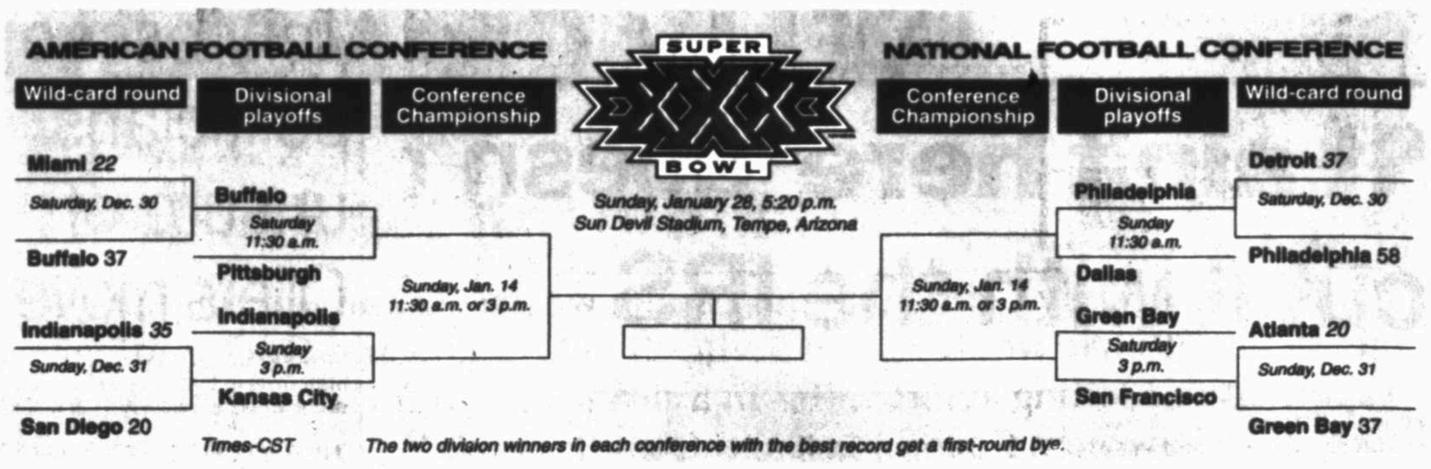
Crockett scored of TD runs of 66 and 33 yards with Warren throwing big blocks on the long run.

The performance even surprised Crockett, a former star at Florida State. "I felt I could perform in the NFL, but to have this type of game at this point was more than I anticipated," he said. "But, it was much more than myself. I got some great blocks from the line and Warren."

"It's really been that way the whole entire year," quarterback Jim Harbaugh said of the way Warren and Crockett have stepped up. "Anyone who has really followed the Colts knows that when guys have had to come in for some reason, they've come in and played almost the game of their lives. Zack Crockett this week, Lamont Warren the week before, (defensive back) Ashley Ambrose this week and the week before.

"Aaron Bailey has stepped up all year long in a backup role, and myself coming off the bench in the first two games. For some reason, you just come in and play the game of your life."

Marchibroda brought the team in for some film study Monday and gave them Tuesday off. The coaches will be studying film both days and the team will practice on Wednesday.



AP

To win in playoffs is simple: get FSU fullback

By Dave Goldberg
AP Football Writer

The Indianapolis Colts and Green Bay Packers, among the first-round playoff winners in the NFL, have the secret ingredient the San Francisco 49ers discovered last season.

To win in the playoffs, get a Florida State fullback. They come relatively cheap and they produce big time. First, there was Edgar Bennett, then William Floyd and now Zack Crockett.

Although playing with teams that had good runners in the past, Crockett and Bennett both set franchise playoff rushing records Sunday.

Floyd, who had major knee surgery this season, was a key to San Francisco's Super Bowl win last season and now is the team's inspirational leader as the 49ers seek a second straight championship.

"Some people think big guys can't run," said the 241-pound Crockett, who did the major part of the Colts' running after Marshall Faulk was injured in Indianpolis' 35-20 win at San Diego. He finished with 147 yards on 13 carries, better than anything Lenny Moore, Tom Matte, Don Nottingham, Joe Washington or anyone else in Colts' history did in the playoffs, and had touchdown runs of 66 and 33 yards.

"I had to show them I could," said Crockett, who had one carry for no yards backing up Roosevelt Potts this season. "It was a big step. I just had to go out there and do my business."

Bennett, meanwhile, had 108 yards on 24 carries in the Packers' 37-20 win over Atlanta, three more yards than the previous team playoff record shared by Paul Hornung and Jim Taylor, Vince Lombardi's two main men. This in Bennett's first year as a tailback after three seasons as an all-purpose fullback.

It was Crockett, a third-round draft choice in 1995, who best explained the plight of Florida State fullbacks in the Seminoles' quarterback-tailback oriented offense. In college, he was a blocking back and that's how the Colts used him during the regular season — backing up Potts, who also is injured.

Bennett, a fourth-round pick in 1992, ran more and caught a lot at Florida State, where he played in a backfield with Amp Lee and Casey Weldon. Until this season, he was the same kind of all-purpose back for the Packers, but he dropped weight, became a tailback and finished as Green Bay's first 1,000-yard rusher since Terdell Middleton in 1978.

Floyd, who blocked and caught for Charlie Ward at Florida State, was valued a little more. The 49ers made him a late first-round pick in 1994. He almost immediately became a key ingredient in their Super Bowl mix, blocking, rushing and receiving.

Just as important was his leadership, even as a rookie. "Our most important player," tackle Harris Barton called him after Floyd tore up his knee early this season. So if anyone wants to guarantee a spot in the playoffs ...

There's 280-pound Pooh Bear Williams, the next Zack Crockett (or Ironhead Heyward at the least). And if they don't like him, in a few years, there'll be Khalid Abdullah, currently a freshman.

NEXT... Mike Holmgren and Ray Rhodes coached together at San Francisco and Rhodes spent two years as Holmgren's defensive coordinator at Green Bay before going back to the 49ers and on to Philadelphia.

So each has the confidence that stems from being around a team with five Super Bowl rings in the past 15 seasons and 12 consecutive years of double-digit wins. Now Holmgren's Packers go to San Francisco and Rhodes' Eagles go to Dallas to take on the teams expected to meet Jan. 14 for the NFC title and the favorites for the Super Bowl.

But ..."We're going to win it all. Why not?" Holmgren said, after the Packers beat Atlanta Sunday.

"We know that San Francisco and Dallas, until they are beaten in the NFC, are the best teams. But I'm sure Ray is talking to his group in Philadelphia and I'm going to talk to my group. We both believe we're going to win."

Can they? As Holmgren said, why not?

That's particularly true for Green Bay, which won on a muddy field Sunday and might get get more mud at San Francisco this weekend. That's a plus for quarterback Brett Favre, although the California temperature probably will be in the 50s or 60s, not the 10s or 20s, which is what he gets in Green Bay.

Still, in bad weather, Favre is 14-0 and has completed 305 of 454 passes (67 percent) for 3,472 yards and 34 touchdowns with only seven interceptions.

"I can't explain it," Favre said. "I hate the cold."

OK, now he gets mud.

AND IN THE AFC "A lot of people don't follow the Colts," Indianapolis quarterback Jim Harbaugh said. "It's tougher to get a Colts highlight than probably San Diego high school highlights." Not quite, but close. The Colts have been mediocre since Bob Irsay bought the team and subsequently moved it from Baltimore.

So Harbaugh can now join the Kansas City Chiefs, whom the Colts play Sunday, in carping about lack of recognition. Kansas City finished with the NFL's best record (13-3).

But a lot of people outside the midlands brush them off as a fluky team with three overtime wins and a loss in their only true test, a 24-12 defeat to Dallas. However, the Chiefs gave up the third-fewest rushing yards in the NFL (Zack Crockett will NOT get 142 against them) and their offense is relatively mistake proof. Pittsburgh is flashier, Buffalo is more experienced and the Colts are ...

Out of the highlight film business.

NFL players' union says 26 teams over salary cap

■ Franchises evaded the cap by paying large bonuses, but prorating them over the length of the player's contract, report says.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Twenty-six of the National Football League's 30 teams spent more than the $31.7 million salary cap in 1995, according to NFL Players Association figures reported Monday by the San Francisco Chronicle.

The teams evaded the cap by paying large bonuses, but prorating them over the length of the player's contract, the newspaper said.

Dallas spent the most money, more than $62.2 million, or 67 percent above the cap.

According to the union's figures, Jerry Jones paid almost $40.5 million in signing bonuses, including $13 million to Deion Sanders.

The second highest amount of signing bonus money, more than $23 million, was spent by Cleveland, which had a 5-11 record.

The Super Bowl champion San Francisco 49ers were near the bottom of the pay scale. They paid out $38.2 million, and only six teams in the league spent less. The 49ers still are reaping benefits from a slew of pre-cap contract restructuring they undertook in 1993, said Carmen Policy, the 49ers' president.

There was little correlation between how much a team paid its players and how successful it was on the field, the Chronicle said.

Only three of the 12 teams that paid the most money in salaries qualified for the playoffs. Seven of the 12 teams that paid the least also qualified.

NFL clubowners will vote soon on a proposed extension of the Collective Bargaining Agreement that, among other things, will extend the cap another year, through at least the 1999 season.

Approval is expected, although some teams, notably Dallas, pushed a lot of money into 1999 in the anticipation a new agreement would not be reached. Now those teams will have to scramble in the next couple of years, the Chronicle said.

The Cowboys have committed $31 million in cap costs for 1999 to only six players, including $17 million just for Sanders and Troy Aikman.

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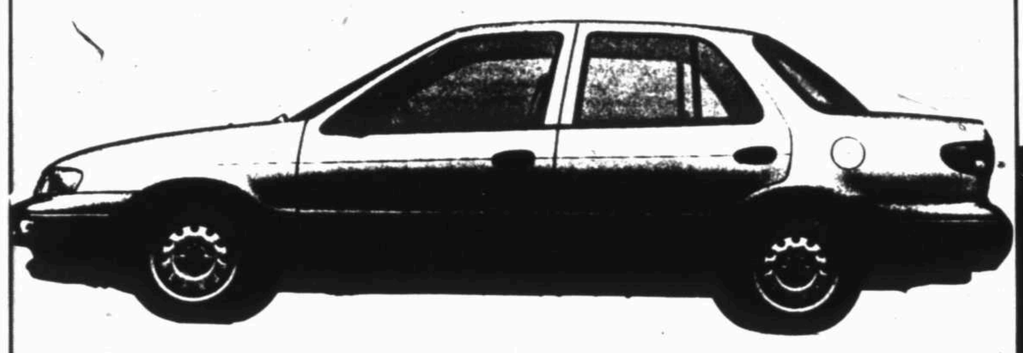
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Here is America's favorite real wheel drive luxury car and you talk about a doll baby. Polar white with a gold package and navy blue glove soft leather - Yes, dual power seats, dual lighted wheels, high dollar sound system, fuel injected, V-8 - Luxury, comfort, safety and prestige - All at a very affordable price.
$14,988

1995 CHEVY S-10 TAHOE EXT CAB
If there is a nicer one than this in town its on someone's showroom floor - Blood Red w/dove gray int. - 9000 miles thats correct 9000 miles all the awesome options including auto p/s, p/b, tilt, cruise, AM/FM Cassette, Alloy Wheel, raised letter radials 4.3 liter V-6 - Price a new one and then head this way.
SAVE BIG

6 VEHICLES PRICED TO SELL!
TODAY - GET HERE NOW!

'94 FLEETWOOD BROUGHAM - 11,000 miles - $24,950 Firm
'84 OLDS 98 REGENCY - 57,000 miles, Perfect - $5,750 Firm
'84 LINCOLN TOWN CAR - Loaded, Extra Nice, 55,000 Miles - $5,850 Firm Firm
'90 CHEVY CREW CAB - 1 Ton Dually - $13,500 Firm
5 ROADMASTERS '92-'94 - Starting At - $12,950
'83 LINCOLN MARK V - 4 door, exceptional - $3,950 Firm

P.S. Attn: All pre-owned high grade luxury car buyers we would like to make a very important point to all the people in and around the Permian Basin. We have without a doubt the most awesome selection of pre-owned luxury cars in the entire area. If you've been looking you owe it to yourself to get here now. You'll soon find out. We are your High Grade Luxury Car Headquarters.



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When To Call

Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
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Our Phone numbers are:

Classified	682-6222
Fax	682-6999
Toll Free	1-800-881-8164

Mailing Address Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland Tx 79701, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, Tx. 79702

Curiosity Corner
3 Lines 4 Days $6
Items must be of a general household nature. Ads will publish on Mon. through Thur. and price must not exceed $150. One ad per family per week. Private individuals only.

Super Seller
3 lines 7 days $10
Items must be of a general household nature. Only one item per ad and price must not exceed $350.

"HAPPY ADS"
for any occasion
Only $36
(without picture, $42 with picture)
Anniversaries • Welcome Home
Remember When • Congratulations
Just Because • Birthdays

We Welcome Your Suggestions or Comments. Please Call:
Dick Hardin, Classified Adv. Manager 682-5311
Ember Hasenkamp, Class. Telephone Supervisor 687-8813

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The price of your ad will be based on the number of days published according to our rate structure. Call (915) 682-6222 - ask for your cancellation number. This is your record of cancellation and it is important that you have it in the event of any misunderstanding or adjustment. "Super Seller" and "Real Wheel Deal" ads may be cancelled, but are non-adjustable and non-refundable.

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Please check your ad the first day that it appears to be sure that all of the information is correct. This will ensure that your ad is exactly what you want readers to see. Call us the first day if you find an error at 915-682-6222. To report an error in Saturday's edition call Saturday morning between 8a.m. and 10a.m. Errors in Sunday's edition should be reported on Monday morning after 8:00 a.m. We must limit our financial responsibility, if any, to the charge for the word or space, and cannot be held responsible for incorrect ads after the first day of publication.

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The Midland Reporter-Telegram assumes no financial responsiblity in an ad beyond the cost of the ad itself, and no responsiblity for the omission of an ad.

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FREE CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING
If your are a private individual selling one item for $50 or less you can place a 3 line classified advertisement for 4 days absolutely FREE in the Midland Reporter-Telegram.
Other restrictions apply.

"Sell It In 10" or We'll Run It Again"
3 LINES 10 DAYS $15
EACH ADDITIONAL LINE $5.00
If you have a car, truck, van, RV, motorcycle, boat or airplane we'll advertise it for 10 consecutive days. In the unlikely event you don't sell it we'll run it another 10 days at no charge. At the end of 20 days if it still hasn't sold we'll run it another 10 days at no charge, if you'll reduce the price by 10%. Price must be in ad. Only one vehicle per ad. For private individuals only (non-commercial).

Real Wheel Deals
ONLY $25
(Includes Picture)
If you have a car, truck, van, motor-home, motorcycle, airplane, bicycle or anything with wheels, your ad will be scheduled for 7 DAYS. When you get the desired results simply call us and we will cancel it immediately for only $25. For private individuals only.
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75 Legal Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Colonial Self Storage wishes to avail themselves of the Texas Provision of Chapter 59 Texas Property Code. They will conduct a public sale to the highest bidder for cash on their premises This sale is being held to satisfy a landlord's lien on the following unit(s), which contain(s) household items.

The Company reserves the right to reject any bid and withdraw any item from this sale.

LOCATION: 5005 Andrews Hwy, Midland, Texas
TIME: 10:00 AM
DATE: Tuesday, January 16, 1996
Bill G. Roman, Bobby Greer, Thomas Reneau, Ramiro J. Garcia, Glenda Pearce, Geneo Roberts

LOCATION: 1904 W. Loop 250 North, Midland, Texas
TIME: 11:00 AM
DATE: Tuesday, January 16, 1996
Efren Guevara, Wayne Roland

110 Lodge Notices

CENTENNIAL LODGE #1448
1000 Upland
Reg.stated meeting,1st & 3rd Sat. 8:30 am.
Breakfast 7:30 am.
Larry Ross, W.M.
Bob Ellwood, Secty.

Acacia Masonic Lodge
1000 Upland
Stated meeting 2nd & 4th Tue. 7:30 pm
Rodney Wilson, W.M.
Al Talbot, Sec.

Midland Masonic Lodge #623
1600 W. Wall
M.M. Degree. Thur. 12/28, 7 pm, dinner 6 pm.
682-3292
Bill Dormady, W.M.
Robert G. Kiker, Sec.

Midland Shrine Club, 2019 Trade Dr. 682-5509.
Reg. mtng. 3rd Thurs. each mo.
Hosp. 6:30 pm, dine 7 pm. Bus. mtng. 8 pm.
Larry Ross, Pres.
Bob Ellwood, Secy.

150 Lost & Found

LOST: Dark Wood Captains Chair on Ward Street between Neely & Loop 250. 682–7582, 687-3376.

LOST- Did our black male cat spend Christmas with you? 520-0154 or 560-2915. Near mall.

LOST: BEAUTIFUL, grey, long haired female cat with short tail, named 'Baby' disappeared from 3523 Seaboard. Call 694–2825.

LOST: Large white male cat with black spots vicinity of Saddle Club North. Call 570–8652.

LOST: ROTTWEILER, 5 month old female. Hwy 60 near High Sky Childrens Ranch. REWARD! No questions asked. 561–8730.

162 Mortgages Wanted

ABSOLUTE top dollar for notes, structured settlements, annuties, lotto winnings. Free note selling kit. 1-800-666-1498.

LOCALLY Owned & Operated. Texas' largest volume note buyers! Free Quote- No Obligation. 520–4150 or 1-800-900-NOTE, South Plains Mortgage Company.

163 Money To Loan

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Attention Readers
Occasionally ads found in this section come from distant points and the Midland Reporter-Telegram cannot always know the merits of the offers. We suggest when you are in doubt that you call the Better Business Bureau before signing any contract.
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200 Automobiles Domestic

"We pay Cash for clean, used cars. Paid for or not!" 697-3115 ● 563-1348

INSIDE SECURED STORAGE for motorhomes, RVs and other vehicles. Call for rates and availability (915) 570-5157.

CHEVROLET 1993 Baretta. White/ blue trim, excellent condition. $8,700, (915) 267–9993.

BUICK 1983 LESABRE. Runs good. Clean. $1,800. 570–1234.

BUICK 1985 CENTURY. Loaded with leather seats, good condition. $2,800. 699–7768.

CADILLAC 1988 Fleetwood Brougham. $4,995. Nice Car. 1983 Cadillac Fleetwood, Good car, $2,995. 1985 Pontiac Fiero Sports car. $2,495. 687-2820, 683–2574.

CHEVROLET 1990 Caprice Classic. V8, leather seats, loaded. Good condition, $7,500. Call 520–3859.

CHEVROLET 1992 Cavalier. Red, 5 speed, 4 cylinder, A/ C, $5,900. Call 697-7073 or 694-9448.

CHEVROLET 1992 CORSICA. V6, Tint, Stereo, Power locks, All records. Must sell! Call 570-6426.

CHRYSLER 1989 LeBaron Convertible, Low mileage, $2000 down, assume payments. Call Vicky 697–9405 or 699-7532.

DODGE 1994 Ram Pickup. Fully loaded! Retails for $16,075, Asking $15,000! 1991 Mazda 2 door. Retails for $7,800, Asking $6,800. 912 N Midkiff, Financing available to qualified buyer.

FORD 1991 Probe. Low mileage, great shape. Asking $7,000. 699–4319.

FORD 1995 Mustang GT. 4,000 miles. $17,500. 5 Speed, Forrest Green. Like new! 520–5335.

Jack Sherman Chevrolet Geo, Buick, Mazda Sales & Serv. 4100 W. Wall, 694-9601

LINCOLN 1991 Continental 4 door, gray with burgundy leather, ABS, some warranty, 43K miles. Asking $12,000. Call Roy Proctor, 697-7786 or 694-8096.

FORD 1974 LTD. 4 door, new transmission. Runs great! $1,200. 683–2525.



200 Automobiles Domestic

MERCURY 1988 Sable Station Wagon. 80,000 miles. V6, mechanically sound. $2,500. 697–0190.

PONTIAC 1988 Grand Am 2 door. 90K, 4 cylinder, 5 speed. Good gas mileage, very good condition, $2,500. 520–6829.

PONTIAC 1991 FIREBIRD. Burgundy. Excellent condition. College bound, must leave behind. $7,600. 9:30- 5:30, 685–1411, After 6:00, 699-0701.

ROGERS FORD Sales & Service 4200 W. Wall 694–8801.

Friendly Pontiac Chrysler Plymouth Sales & Service 3705 W. Wall 684-7101 or 563-1543

NATIONAL CAR RENTAL & SALES. Midland International Airport, 563-4412.

BERG MOTOR COMPANY OLDS, CAD, GMC For Full Sales & Service 3205 W. Wall 694-7741

BUICK 1981 LeSabre. Excellent condition, cruise control, air conditioning $1,750. 570–1008

205 Classic Cars

CHEVROLET 1957 Belair. In good shape. See at 1606 W. Griffin, $6,000. 570–9090.

DODGE 1940 Fire truck $1,995; STUDEBAKER 1962 Lark, $1,995; PLYMOUTH 1939 4 door, $995. 694–7816.

FORD 1950 Pickup. Flathead engine, excellent running condition. $3,500. Call 684-1107.





1991 PONTIAC LEMANS LE
4-door, automatic, ready to roll, we finance.
B&B AUTO SALES 2700 W. WALL



1990 CHEVROLET CORSICA LT
4-door, automatic, loaded nicely, 25,000 miles, $5950 with 1 year service warranty financing available (WAC).
B&B AUTO SALES 2700 W. WALL



1983 CHEVROLET TRATECH CONVERSION VAN
With wheel chair lift, super low mileage, full loaded with car phone - excellent buy at $6500. Financing available. (WAC).
B&B AUTO SALES 2700 W. WALL

SPECIAL YEAR END SAVINGS GOING ON NOW!

	WAS	IS
1994 HONDA ACCORD LX Fully Loaded, Several to choose from	~~$17,995~~	$14,495
1995 BUICK LESABRE Nicest in Town, Loaded	~~$17,095~~	$16,995
1994 CADILLAC DEVILLE Everything including leather	~~$25,095~~	$23,995
1994 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE SSEI Leather, Moonroof, C.D., heavy loaded	~~$21,995~~	$19,995
1995 CHEVROLET LUMINA VAN Fully loaded, white/blue interior, ready for the holidays	~~$16,995~~	$15,995
1994 PONTIAC SUNBIRD Several to choose from - Hurry!	~~$9,995~~	$8,695

National Car Rental
563-4412

205 Classic Cars

WEST TEXAS Cruisers Car Club first meeting of 1996 Tuesday, January 2, 7:30 pm. New location: Mr. Gatti's Pizza on Cuthbert in Midland. We invite anyone interested in cars. Call 567-6061 for information.

210 Automobiles Imports

JAGUAR 1988 XJ6. $6,500 or best offer. Call 687–1400 ask for Velma.

NISSAN 1985 200SX, 109,000 miles, loaded, runs great! $2,500. 699–7251.

PORSCHE 1982 924 Turbo. Platinum, 1 owner, 53K, AM/FM cassette, sunroof, electric windows and mirrors. Good condition. $5,400. Call 366–7361.

BRONCO BMW Sales AND Service 2346 E. 8th, ODESSA (915) 335–5911

FIAT 1977 Spider 1000 Convertible, low mileage. $3,500 or best offer. Call Vicky 697–9405/ 699-7532.

HONDA 1993 Accord LX. White exterior/ blue interior, 36K miles, $13,800. Call 334-7334, 694–5893.

JAGUAR 1983 4 door XJ. No engine. For sale $1,000 or best offer. 332-4540 after 5 pm.

210 Automobiles Imports

MAZDA 1987 626. All power, sunroof. 200K miles. $2,000. See at 3005 W Industrial. 683–5640.

MAZDA 1994 626. V-6, black, 5 speed, $15,950 O. B. O. Call 580-5000, 580–0218.

MBG 1963 Convertible. Smooth running, excellent throughout, red. black interior, black top, new paint, upholstery, top, tires, stereo cassette. $8,500. 915-697-5000.

NISSAN 1983 Pulsar 4 door, good tires, $1,500 or best offer. Call 520–3859.

NISSAN 1987 300ZX. Excellent condition. T-tops, AM/ FM cassette, new paint. $6,600. 694-0508 or 686–8035.

PERFORMANCE HONDA JEEP- EAGLE-ISUZU 4040 W. Wall 697–3293

MITSUBISHI SALES & SERVICE BERG MOTOR COMPANY 3205 W. Wall 694–7741

TOYOTA OF MIDLAND 3110 W. Wall Parts & Service, 7:30am-6pm

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DOTSON NISSAN INC.
We buy used cars.
Parts★Services★Sales
3917 W. Wall, Midland
(915) 520–2603

210 Automobiles Imports

TOYOTA 1995 Camry LE. 4 door, cashmere, 5,000 miles, $16,500. Call days 333-6304, evenings 367-4695.

220 Trucks & Vans

1990 1/2 TON CHEVROLET. v-6/5 speed. Good condition. See at Park and Sell or call 699-7275

FORD 1983 F150 XLT. A/ C, power windows, cruise, new tires and brakes. $2,850 570-7368, 682–5295.

DODGE 1990 Grand Caravan. Loaded. Low mileage. One owner. Nice! $9,450. 697–8387.

DODGE 1992 Caravan SE Bright red, $10,000/best offer. Must sell! 683-2865, 686-3742.

DODGE 1982 Van extra long, excellent condition. Low miles. $5,400. (915) 267–9993.

CHEVROLET 1990 Suburban. 97K, 350 V8, C10. Needs some paint. $8,000. 683–8454.

FORD 1982 Explorer. Eddie Bauer. 4x4. Black/ tan, leather, electric sunroof, cellular phone, 58K. Mint condition. $15,750. (915) 366–7361.

GMC 1983 3/4 ton Red pickup. Good paint, $1,500. 694–8784.

PLYMOUTH 1989 Grand Voyager. One owner. Excellent condition. Lots of extras. $7,650. Call 694–6593 after 6.

CHEVROLET 1964 Pickup. Rebuilt motor, runs good. Asking $1,250 negotiable. Call after 6 pm, 520–8828.

CHEVROLET 1985 Van- Gladiator Conversion. Low miles, one owner, $9,500. 694–8796.

CHEVROLET 1986 Conversion Van. Loaded! Excellent condition. Must see to appreciate. Only $4,200. 697–0300.

CHEVROLET 1990 1500. Extended Cab. Excellent mechanical, power, cruise, automatic. $10,000. 697–6497, after 6 pm.

CHEVROLET 1990 Silverado Extended Cab. Short wide bed, loaded, excellent! $8,500. Call Kevin, 682-9192.

CHEVROLET 1991 Cheyenne Pickup. 62,000 miles, 4 speed transmission, headache rack and toolbox, blue, $6,000. 682–0258.

CHEVROLET 1992 Silverado Pickup, extended cab. 2 Tone, short bed, 350 V8. Very Clean. 520–2623.

CHEVROLET 1995 Custom 1500. V8, power windows, locks, dual exhaust. Like new! $26,000/ offer. 683–6616.

CHEVROLET: 1985 1/2 Ton Suburban. Rebuilt engine & transmission, power steering, air conditioning Clean $2,900 o.b.o. 1987 Chevrolet 3/4 Ton Silverado Pickup. Power steering, power locks, power windows, tilt & cruise, 454 fuel injected engine, automatic, new paint & battery. Good tires, clean. $5,500 o.b.o. 1988 Chevrolet 1'/ 2 Ton Window Van. Power steering, air conditioning, clean. $3,800 o.b.o. 563-5932, 520-7404 or 697-2501, if no answer please leave message.

DODGE 1983 Van. V8, 318, automatic. 108K mileage, motor & tires good, body fair. $2,300. 682–1219.

FORD 1991 RANGER XLT Pickup. Exceptionally clean! Am- Fm stereo cassette, air, 4 cylinder, 5 speed. New paint. White exterior, grey interior. 25 mpg. $3,595. Call 697–0777.

FORD 1993 Aerostar XL. 4.0 liter, red, high miles, excellent condition, $9,500. 684–8700.

PLYMOUTH 1989 Grand Voyages LE. One owner, new tires, lots of extras including 1 year warranty. $6,450. B & B Auto Sales, 2700 W. Wall.

CHEVROLET 1977 Pickup. Runs good, $800. 689–4401.

225 4x4 Vehicles

CHEVROLET 1990 Cheyenne heavy duty 3/4 ton. 350 V8, 4 speed, A /C, propane system, very clean. One owner. $7,300. 687–4663.

CHEVROLET 1990 Suburban. Loaded. 121K miles. $9,950. Can be seen at Park & Sell, West Loop 250.

CHEVROLET 1993 3500 Silverado, Extended Cab. Diesel, 5 speed, 122,000 miles. Clean. $13,700. See at Park & SELL. 570–9013.

JEEP 1988 Cherokee Laredo. Excellent condition. $8,500. 694–6497.

240 Motorcycles

1981 KAWASAKI 550 LTD. Black, low miles. Great condition, $1,000. Call 683–5640.

THUMPERS+ MOTORCYCLE and ATV repairs- parts and accessories. Most brands. Full service shop. Certified professional mechanic. Customizing. Reasonable rates. 687–5003.

245 Trailers Utility

TERRY'S Trailers, 1403 Garden City Hwy. Hitches, light wiring, trailer repairs. New and used trailers for sale. We also rent trailers. Truck and pickup rigging a specialty. (915) 688–5198.

250 Recreation Vehicles

'69 INTERNATIONAL bus, good running condition- will make great motor home. $1,250. 682–4268.

PARTS/ACCESSORIES
Gift Ideas
Open 6 Days A Week
Billy Sims Tri Town
520 E. 2nd Odessa
(915) 580-3000

CAMPER shell for short wide Ford, lined and insulated with walk - in door. Like new. $600. 362-1058 or 366-4466 leave message.

INSIDE SECURED STORAGE for motorhomes, RVs and other vehicles. Call for rates and availability (915) 570-5157.

MARQUEE 1982 Class C Motor Home. 25', low mileage, fully loaded, Excellent condition. $10,875. 520–5946, 682-1183, ask for Jerry or see at 3501 Claremont.

NU-WA 1990 Hitchhiker. Champagne Edition, 30', 5th wheel, with glide out. Excellent condition. 520–2623.

BLAKELY RV COMPLEX
1 Mile West of Warfield
On I-20 - 561-9551
TERRY & MALLARD 5TH WHEELS & TRAILERS
SOUTHWIND-FLAIR-TIOGA MOTORHOMES

290 Parts Accessories

REMANUFACTURED - ENGINES. Tune- ups, brakes, air conditioning, diagnostics. Ron's Engines, 685-1076 or 1-800-974-1076.

305 Job Services

Attention Midland:

****POSTAL JOBS****

$12.68/ hour to start, plus benefits. Carriers, sorters, clerks, computer trainees. For and application and exam information. Call 1-800-819-5916, ext. p2395, 8 am -8 pm, 7 days.

POSTAL/ Government & Social Worker Jobs. $21/ hour+ benefits. On- the- Job Training. 915-720-2837, 1-800-594-7647.

200 Automobiles Domestic

Final Call Finest Selection

'95 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE



$338.33 MO

0 Down + TT&L, 36 mos. 1 at $7,613.90 @ 8.75% APR to qualified buyers, $18,794.35 to finance WAC, total of payments $23,515.41. Sale price $18,794.55 + TT&L.STK# 95495

'96 PONTIAC GRAND AM GT



$225.05 MO

0 Down + TT&L, 36 mos. 1 at $9,990.60 @ 8.8% APR to qualified buyers, $15,278.37 to finance WAC, total of payments $17,867.35. Sale price $15,278.37 + TT&L.STK# 96141

'96 PLYMOUTH NEON

$219.32 MO



0 Down + TT&L, 36 mos. 1 at $7,414.00 @ 9.0% APR to qualified buyers, $12,395.00 to finance WAC, total of payments $15,090.20. Sale price $12,395.00 + TT&L. STK# 96135

'96 PONTIAC GRAN PRIX



$289.22 MO

0 Down + TT&L, 36 mos. 1 at $11,062.82.00 @ 10.0% APR to qualified buyers, $16,954.72 to finance WAC, total of payments $21,165.62.. Sale price $16,954.72 + TT&L.STK# 96036

'96 CHRSYLER CIRRUS



$299.70 MO

0 Down + TT&L, 48 mos. 1 at $8,234.60 @ 8.75% APR to qualified buyers, $17,700.00 to finance WAC, total of payments $22,320.00. Sale price $17,700.00 + TT&L.STK# 96125

'96 PLYMOUTH VOYAGER

$270.33 MO



0 Down + TT&L, 48 mos. 1 at $9,286.48 @ 8.75% APR to qualified buyers, $17,277.00 to finance WAC, total of payments $21,991.99. Sale price $17,277.00 + TT&L STK. #95166

Thank You West Texas For The Best Year in the History of Friendly Pontiac

'88 NISSAN SENTRA XE



$99.89 MO.

0 Down + TT&L, 48 mos, 12.25% APR, $3,776 amount financed WAC, Deferred Payment Price $4,794.72, Sale Price $3,776 + TT&L. STK. #96025B.

'94 PONTIAC GRAND AM SE



$199.89 MO.

0 Down + TT&L, 60 mos, 8.99% APR, $9,632 amount financed WAC, Deferred Payment Price $11,993. Sale Price $9,632 + TT&L. STK. #3714.

'95 PLYMOUTH NEON



$199.89 MO.

0 Down + TT&L, 60 mos, 7.50% APR, $9,976 amount financed WAC, Deferred Payment Price $11,993.40, Sale Price $9,976 + TT&L. STK. #3599.

'95 PLYMOUTH ACCLAIM



$199.89 MO. 5 To Choose From

0 Down + TT&L, 60 mos, 7.50% APR, $9,976 amount financed WAC, Deferred Payment Price $11,993.40, Sale Price $9,976 + TT&L. STK. #3559.



'96 DODGE 3/4 TON 4X4
Club Cab SLT Laramie, Fully loaded, Lots of extras.
TURBO DIESEL!



4x4's - DODGE, GMC, CHEVY, X-CAB, REG CAB & DIESEL
Power locks & windows; cruise, tilt, cassette, aluminum wheels.
HUNTERS SPECIAL!



'94 & '95 CHEVY EXT. CAB
2-tone paint, Silverado trim, power locks & windows,.cassette, towing package, low miles.
MANAGERS SPECIAL!



'94 SUBURBANS
Dual air & heat, power steering & brakes, cruise, tilt, AM/FM cassette, premium sound, very low miles, 2 to choose from.
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Night Auditor
11 pm- 7am
Must be responsible & own reliable transporation. Experience preferred, but will train.

Applications now being taken:

Holiday Inn
4300 W. Wall
Midland, Texas

APARTMENT MANAGERS
Ideal for retired couple or others. Apartment Management team position open immediately in Snyder, Texas. Full range of maintenance experience required, apartment management experience preferred. Light bookkeeping and apartment leasing. $900 per month plus apartment and paid utilities. Send resume to: Human Relations 2541 74th, Lubbock, Tx 79423.

ASSISTANT Director- Midland Childcare Center is now accepting applications. Must have good communication, organizational and some clerical skills. Apply in person, 3701 Andrews Highway, Midland.

BRAKE & ALIGNMENT Tech. Experience required. Salary plus benefits. Uniforms furnished. Apply in person, 2525 E 8th Street, Odessa.

310 General Help Wanted

DELIVERY Person needed for light delivery. Apply in person, 2807 Earhart (Midland Air Terminal).

BUILDING MAINTENANCE ENGINEER HELPER
Drug testing mandatory
Apply:
Room 106 Wilco Building
415 W. Wall Street
9 am -10 am and 1 pm to 2 pm
Tuesday January 2nd
Wednesday January 3rd

CASHER needed part time in the evenings. Apply at Century Fuels, 2500 W. Front.

CONTRACT CATV Installer. Need truck & tools. Prefer experience, will train. (806) 745–6700.

COUNTER HELP & Laundry presser needed. Shifts, 7 am- 9 pm. Apply in person, will train. 905 Andrews Hwy.

NAIL TECH- CUT ABOVE, Midland's newest salon with great working conditions and location needs Nail Technician. Lots of walk- ins and call- ins. Great for Technician building a clientele. Lease Salon. Please call Terry Schneider, Tuesday- Friday, 697–1924.

DELIVERY person needed. Inquire at 805 S. Big Spring Street or call 683-4744.

DRIVERS- Staying busy! Line haul, flatbed. Benefits available, guaranteed earnings. (800) -749-1191, 563-0464.

310 General Help Wanted

WAREHOUSE and Delivery- CAREER Opportunity. Approximately 32 hours per week. Room for advancement. Electronics knowledge helpful. Call 337–8404.

RESTAURANT- need experienced waitstaff, bus staff, and bartender. Apply in person, La Mission, 4410 N. Midkiff.

EQUIPMENT OPERATORS needed. Class A CDL license required. Apply at Nowsco Well Service, Inc., 2401 E. I-20 access road.

EXPERIENCED SERVICE Station Attendant for Day shift. State Inspection Certified. Please apply in person, 2301 W Wadley.

FIELD ELECTRONICS Technician wanted. 2 years experience, H2S monitor experience helpful. Please send resume to: Box E- 7, C/ O The Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

FOR RESUMES that get results. Call 699-1919. Fast service. Reasonable rates. Professional quality.

FULL- TIME help needed for all positions. Apply in person Village Car Wash, 604 Andrews Hwy.

TECHNICIAN. Are you energetic, hard working, quick learner? If so we want you! One of the busiest automotive facilities in Midland is looking for top People. On the job training for the right person Pay based on production and experience. Apply in person only Cecil's Chevron, corner of Midkiff and Wadley.

310 General Help Wanted

GARAGE ATTENDANT WEEKDAYS ONLY
HOURS 9 AM- 6 PM
Prefer responsible adult, high school graduate, rates negotiable, references required. Drug testing mandatory. Non- smoking environment.
Send replies to:
Box E - 6
%Midland Reporter-Telegram
P.O. Box 1650
Midland, TX 79702

METAL WORKER TRAINEES
No experience required. Positions with on-the-job training. Benefits include medical/ dental care. Must be high school diploma grad, 17- 34. 30 days paid vacation annually. Interested individuals call Tuesday- Friday,
1-800-292-5703.
Local interviews available.

HOTEL- maids, janitor, part-time auditor/ desk clerk. Experience preferred. Will hire after January 1st. La Quinta Inn, 4130 W. Wall.

IMMEDIATE OPENING for In-Home care for the elderly. 1 year experience. Reliable transportation and telephone. Must be able to work nights and weekends. Call 580-6523.

RESTAURANT
JAILHOUSE
BAR-B-QUE AND STEAKS
WAITSTAFF-$2.75 an hour plus great tips- business is booming! CASHIERS $5 an hour. LINE SERVERS $4.75 an hour.
Interviewing 2-5 pm, 315 N. Midland Drive (across from K-Mart) Ask for BJ Elliott.

MECHANICS NEEDED
Are you looking for a job with a bright future? A Solid Waste Collection Company is looking for diesel mechanics for preventative maintenance and fleet repairs. EEO/ M/ F/ D/ V. All applicants must have own tools, a working knowledge of heavy duty trucks, and be able to pass a physical exam and drug test. Hydraulics and welding skills helpful, but not a must. Full time positions.
Good starting salary for qualified candidates. Applications will be taken at 3501 W Industrial Ave. in Midland, TX starting Monday, January 2nd. No calls please.

SALESPERSON. ARE You Over 18? Bilingual helpful. Make $10 per hour working for one of the nation's leading long distance companys. 915-694–6436.

RESTAURANT- The Plaza Club is now accepting applications for experienced line cooks and waitstaff. Please apply in person, Claydesta Center, 6 Desta Drive, Suite 6600.

310 General Help Wanted

PART- TIME Evening work (now available) 6:00- 9:00 pm, Monday- Friday, optional Saturday, 10:00- 1:00 pm. Attention: Moonlighters, Retirees, Students, Housewives, & Others. If you are looking for the best paying part- time job in Midland, and are willing to work smarter and harder to earn in excess of $10.00 per hour we would like to talk with you. We will show you how to make more money than you think is possible for part- time work. You must show us reliability, a willingness to work and be able to follow simple instructions. We pay you weekly. You will sign up new customers of the MIDLAND REPORTER- TELEGRAM (Permian Basin's Finest Newspaper). You will only work in areas where the need and ability to sell is very obtainable. You are guaranteed an hourly rate, and if you are good at talking to people and following directions, you will make more than this in bonuses. We are starting real soon. Applications and / or phone calls will be considered on a first- come, first-served basis!! This job is the answer to how you are going to get that $$$$$. Please apply in person: Chance J. Greeley, JG Newspaper Promotions, Midland Reporter- Telegram, Circulation Department, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702 or call 688-2700 and leave your name & telephone number.

PORTER NEEDED Immediately. Apply within, Windmill Park Apartments. No phone calls please.

DOMINO'S Pizza is now hiring drivers for day and evening shifts. Advancement opportunity available in a fun, exciting environment. Must be at least 18 years old. Please inquire at 2215 N. Midland Drive or 712 W. Scharbauer.

REPRESENTATIVES Needed- sell Avon part time- full time. Great earnings. Call Verla 520–0119, Independent Rep.

RESTAURANT- Gili's Restaurant now hiring waitstaff & drive through help. Apply in person 4411 W. Illinois. No calls please.

RESTAURANT- Murray's Deli now hiring cooks and waitstaff. Apply in person between 2- 5 pm, 3211 W. Wadley.

RESTAURANT. Sonic Drive- In is now hiring counter help and car hops for the Midkiff Road location. Both day and evening shifts are available. Please apply in person, 1109 N. Midkiff.

SALES PERSON needed. Start date January 8th. Send resume to P. O. Box 80551, Midland Texas 79708.

SET UP CREWS, 2 needed. Experienced hands, set up mobile homes in and out of town. Must have own transportation. Call 915-264–7832.

312 Professional Help Wanted

VISUAL BASIC DEVELOPERS
Leading petroleum software development firm seeking individuals for software development team. Available positions include Database Administrators, Systems, Analysts and Windows Programmers. Development environment is Microsoft SQL/ Server, MS- Access and Visual Basic. MS- Windows development experience required, Oil & Gas Industry knowledge highly desirable. Salary DOE. Send resume and salary requirements to:
Enertech Information Systems, Inc.
Development Department
310 W. Wall Suite 200
Midland, Texas 79701

311 Medical Help Wanted

DENTAL ASSISTANT. We are looking for a bright energetic Chair Side Assistant with clinical experience or training. If you're sharp, have good communications skills, and learn quickly, please send resume to: 4305 N. Garfield, Suite 221, Midland, TX 79705.

LVN wanted, full- time position available with full benefits. Office nursing experience required. Send resume to: D-06, c/o The Midland Reporter-Telegram, P. O. Box 1650, Midland Texas 79702.

MEDICAL TRANSCRIPTIONIST/ RECEPTIONIST. Knowledge of Medical Manager needed. Contact Marilyn Bly, 2201 W. Tennessee, Midland Texas 79701.

312 Professional Help Wanted

ACCOUNTANT /Bookkeeper needed for Construction Company. Applicant must have experience in AP, AR, Financial Statements, and required state reports. Construction accounting experience a plus. Please send resumes to P.O. Box 11293, Midland, Texas 79702. Salary DOE.

ELECTRICAL ENGINEER
Heavy instrumentation and controls. 5- 10 years experience. PLC and SKATA. Fax or mail resume to:
MANPOWER
2626 JBS Parkway
Odessa, TX 79761
FAX (915) 366-1699

REAL ESTATE. Experienced REO person for residential properties. Real estate license a plus. Some travel. Good benefits. Salary. South Plains Mortgage Co. 520-4150.

312 Professional Help Wanted

DRILLING/ COMPLETION PRODUCTION FOREMAN
Aggressive, established Permian Basin independent needs Drlg/ Comp/ Prod Foreman with 10 + years field experience for onsite operations supervision. PC experience a plus. Must be capable of supervising several projects at a time. Good benefits and relocation package in non-smoking office. Please send resume with salary requirements in confidence to:
P.O. Box 502
Hobbs, NM 88240
Deadline receipt 01/15/96.

INSURANCE ADJUSTER. National company seeking experienced Casualty /Workmans comp. adjuster. Salary, company car and benefits package provided. Send resume to 2626 JBS Pkwy, Suite A-200, Odessa.

314 Clerical Help Wanted

Clerical
PART-TIME EVENING COLLECTOR
needed for major company. Hours 5-8 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Duties include contacting customers regarding past due accounts. Persons with computer and customer service experience preferred. $6.00 per hour. No fee.
Call Fran or Vickey
at Temporary Resources
684-0527

BOOKKEEPER, must be experienced, who wants to work. Knowledge of basic accounting and computer necessary. Speed and accuracy required, independent worker. To $1,600 monthly. Call Dorothy at 334–8881 for appointment.

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SECRETARIAL- help needed. Full/ part time. Computer experience required. $5.50- $6 per hour DOE. 684–1102.

316 Sales Help Wanted

SALES REPS
IF you enjoy working with people and helping save lives, tired of the everyday routine. ...
we offer an opportunity to make $60 - $100K per year simply helping others. We offer pleasant working environment, excellent training, 4 day work week and plenty of leads. Call for appointment between 1 & 5
915-570-7050

PRODUCT SALES
A NEW YEAR A NEW CAREER
Full, part time positions opening offices, Midland/ Odessa area. Looking for quality people to be placed in leadership positions. No experience necessary. 570–7330.

316 Sales Help Wanted

SALES- Attention are there still people out there that are sure of themselves and tired of working for "The Man?" If you would like to make $50,000- $124,000 per year, we're a new company growing rapidly in Texas. Must have neat appearance and would like more out of life. Employment, Management positions or self employment. Call 520-1503 10 am- 5 pm.

SALES- Attention: due to expansion, local company is now hiring for immediate employment. Several positions available. Above average pay and excellent working conditions. Management and supervisory positions available for the right persons. For interview call 520-1503 Friday and Tuesday from 10 am- 4 pm only.

318 Management Help Wanted

ON-SITE MANAGER
Experienced on-site manager needed for leasing and management of beautiful condo complex. R. E. License required. fax 214-644-3810, or mail 8111 LBJ Fwy., #835, Dallas, TX 75251.

APARTMENT Manager needed for 100 unit complex. Experience required in leasing and renovation. Strong accounting skills needed. Apartment plus salary. The Oasis, 694–5950.

ASSISTANT MANAGER needed for garden center. Applicant needs to have previous experience or background in horticulture. Apply in person 5000 N. Midkiff, 8:30 to 5:30.

MANAGEMENT- Murray & A Frenchman Catering has a food service managment position open. Call between 2- 5 pm, 689-3433.

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Year-End Countdown

No Payments Until March 1996

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NOW ONLY $249.86 PER MO.

'96 Geo Prizm

Mo. Payment	Amount Down	# Of Mo.	% APR	Amt. Financed
$249.86	$0	36 Smart Buy	*4.4%	$15,343.93

MSRP $15,107.00, Rebate $500.00, Discount $338.60, SALE PRICE $14,768.40

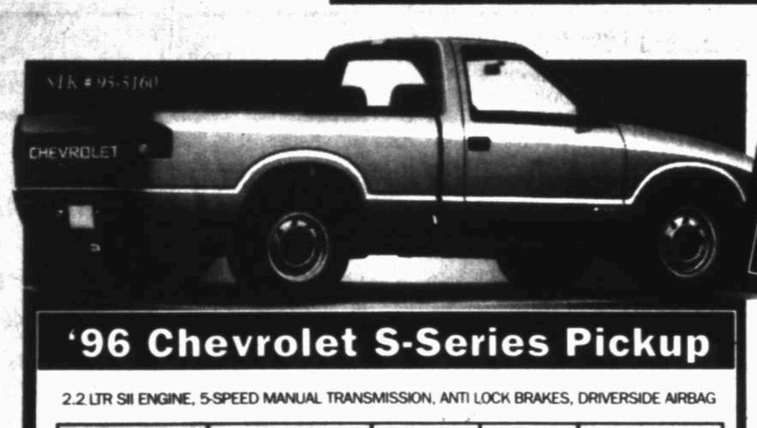


NOW ONLY $327.24 PER MO.

"96 Chevy Lumina

Mo. Payment	Amount Down	# Of Mo.	% APR	Amt. Financed
$327.24	$0	24 Smart Buy	*6.5%	$16,884.69

MSRP $18,338.00, Rebate $1,000.00, Discount $1,623.46, SALE PRICE $15,714.54



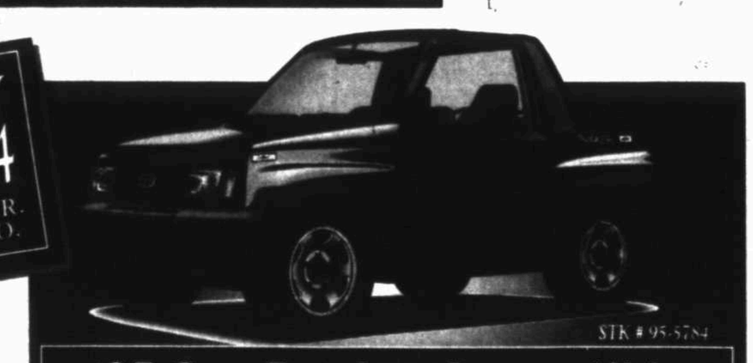
NOW ONLY $233.49 PER MO.

'96 Chevrolet S-Series Pickup

2.2 LTR SII ENGINE, 5-SPEED MANUAL TRANSMISSION, ANTI LOCK BRAKES, DRIVERSIDE AIRBAG

Mo. Payment	Amount Down	# Of Mo.	% APR	Amt. Financed
$233.49	$0	60	*8.5%	$11,543.70

Great Selection To Choose From!



NOW ONLY $242.34 PER MO.

'95 Geo Tracker Convertible

A/C, AM/FM CASSETTE, 1.6 LITER ENGINE, WHITE CONVERTIBLE TOP, FOLDING REAR SEAT

Mo. Payment	Amount Down	# Of Mo.	% APR	Amt. Financed
$242.34	$0, Rebate to Dealer	60	*8.5%	$11,980.31

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BRICKLAYER with experience. Pay- $9 per hour. Call 682–3181.

OIL FIELD Electrician. Minimum 3 years experience. Must have knowledge in new well hookups, control wiring, troubleshooting. Good pay and benefits (This is not a management or office opening) Stanton, 915-756-2201.

PLUMBERS. Wanted underpaid plumbers. Does the company you work for give you a retirement plan, health insurance, paid vacation, $40,000 a year? If you have a Texas Plumbers License, you deserve these benefits and many others. If you would like to receive these benefits, send your resume to P.O. Box 1484, San Angelo, TX 76902.

330 Adult Care Providers

IN-HOME Care will provide sitters, nurses aides and nurses for the elderly and disabled at reasonable rates. Call 520–4425.

MATURE non-smoking lady will care for elderly. Live- in or sit nightly/ daily. 697–4480.

MARY'S Loving Care Home has an opening for the elderly or handicapped. Experience in Altzheimer's patient care. Proving room and board and personal care in a loving home environment. Care is provided by experience nursing staff. 683–3535, 686-1962.

340 Child Care Needed

CARE for 2 children after school. Need reliable transportation. References required. Call after 5:30 at 699–5493.

350 Business Opportunities

ULTIMATE Home based business. America's fastest growing communication company needs you! Be your own boss with flexible hours and excellent pay. No degree or experience required. Call 570–6754.

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ATTENTION MLM'ers. Ability to retire in 18- 36 months! Powerful Binary compensation plan. Bonuses paid weekly. Serious networkers only. 1-800-800-4960 Ext 7073.

410 Miscellaneous Sales

BARGAINS on vacuum cleaners. New and rebuilt. All makes. Rainbow, Kirby, Hoover, Eureka, Panasonic, Royal, Sharp- you name it. Repair all makes. 520–6464.

FOR SALE: Three Freezers and Equipment for Tropical Sno Business, including shaver 520-4512, leave message.

HERBALIFE Independent Distributor for products or opportunity. Call 689-4372.

STOVES,space heaters, barstools, China cabinets/ dinettes, furniture, appliances, mowers, golf clubs, recliners, Volkswagen. 570–4851.

QUALITY handmade wood bunk beds & accessories made to order. GR's Bunk Beds Etc., 553-2875.

RADIAL TIRES- brand new 195-14's, never been mounted. $100. 697–5264.

OVERSTOCKED on spas- must sell ten this week- call 563-3108 or 550-5225.

RESTHAVEN Memorial Park Garden of Prayer, Lot 40, spaces 1, 2, 3, 4. 337–4826, after 7 pm.

ATTENTION: artists/ crafters! Need an outlet for your product? Upscale shop now accepting new consignees. Memories Unique, 11-B Meta Drive, 682–6116.

ZENITH computer with dual floppy 5 1/4" disk drive with amber color screen, monitor & keyboard; SHARP Camcorder with zoom lens, battery charger, battery & carrying case; GIRLS 16" pink bicycle. 697–4407.

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COWBOYS PLAYOFF Tickets. 1 pair. 699–1748, 686-3234.

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BABY beds $25, small crib, high chair, swing, picture frames, small utility trailer $300. 694–9871.

START YOUR New Year's Resolution! Call 697–9400 for a treadmill.

410 Miscellaneous Sales

WHEELCHAIR- brand new, never used. Asking $300 or best offer. Call 686–9326.

BOTTLED Willpower! Lose up to 30 pounds, 30 day money back guarantee, natural, doctor recommended. (915) 756–4500. Free Samples.

413 Jewelry & Furs

ROLEX Presidential Day Date with diamond dial. $5500. 362-1058 or 366-4466.

415 Miscellaneous Wanted

SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687–5039.

420 Good Things To Eat

BUYING PECANS! Gardendale Pecan Processing. Shelling and Pecan Sales. Honey butter, homemade candy, fudge, pies and holiday breads. Thrashing poles, pecan pickers, burlap bags, and crackers. Monday- Saturday, 9- 6. FM 554, Gardendale. 366-9793.

SHELLED PECANS, $4.50 lb. In the shell, $1.25 lb. 682–8972.

430 Household Goods

MATTRESS & Box spring sets, doubles only, $40 each. 697–3181.

★ A & B APPLIANCES. Washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, stoves. Delivery & Warranty. Call 550–6540.

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APPLIANCES reconditioned with 6 month plus warranty. Wood & Son Appliances. 2811 W. Wall 699–1224.

GE Refrigerator, side by side, 21.6 cu. ft. Almond. Door dispensor, ice & water. $250. 699–2026.

★ FREE REMOVAL of your unwanted appliances. Fast pickup. 567-5221.

SAVE UP to 40% on 1995 Demo Spas- 6 to choose from- 550-5225 or 563-3108.

ANTIQUE vanity $45, white wicker stool $20, daybed with like new bedding $75, portable whole house humidifier $20. 697–4511.

BRAND NEW, still in plastic, any size mattress and box set. Free frame or delivery. 550–5123.

KENMORE washer $125, 25" Magnavox console TV (oak cabinet), $75. 699–1832.

SET of twin beds, shelf unit. $75 for both. 683–6879.

440 Firewood

FIREWOOD for sale. Mesquite roots, $55 a truck load. and $15 to deliver. 699–7358.

TURF SPECIALTIES FIREWOOD. 2427 E. Hwy. 80. Mesquite, Oak, Pinion. D[illegible]vered or do it yourself. Call 684–7166.

DICK'S FIREWOOD. Oaks, Mesquite, Pecan & Cedar. We deliver. 1-(915) 453–2151.

GOOD Firewood! Oak or Mesquite. Call Larry Tucker at 689–7151.

PECAN Firewood $125 per cord. 697-3754, leave message.

450 Sporting Goods

NORDIC TRACK Ski new $300, Play It Again Sports, 3211 Wadley.

FOR SALE: 8 stall dog trailer. Call Steve at 699-5172 after 6 pm.

WINCHESTER Model 90 22 long 1911 pump with octagon barrel. $350. Please call 687–4735.

JIM'S CLUBS. Repairs; Custom Clubs; Taylor Burner Metalwood- Bubble Shaft (clone) $90; Big Bertha Irons (clone) $228 set; Regrip $3. 3115 Haynes, 694–1334.

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BUYING- SELLING- TRADING- Nice used furniture, antiques, appliances, TV's, stereos, miscellaneous. YES We're Open 10- 5, Tuesday- Sunday. Rainbow Trade Center, 1503 W. Industrial Ave. 686-9635- Gary.

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$20 $20 $20 $20 $20 $20 $20

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★Garage Sale Kit
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(Place an ad to sell those left-over garage sale items & get $3 off!)

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460 Antiques & Art

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ANTIQUE POOL Table, Brunswick regulation circa 1912. Alexandria model, six legs, inlaid wood. Excellent condition. $8,000. F. O. B, Midland, TX 686-0129.

470 Musical Instruments

MOVING must sell! Baldwin Baby Grand Piano. Ebony. Excellent condition. $7,500. 694–8858, weekdays, 697-2407 evenings.

480 Electronics

SATELLITE System. Fiberglass dish, fully remote, $800 or best offer. Call after 5:30 during the week, any time on weekends. 683–8039.

490 Computers & Accessories

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CLONE 486 SVGA Mini tower, $950. Clone 386 SX VGA , $495. 286 VGA, $350. 694–6183 after 5:00.

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495 For Free

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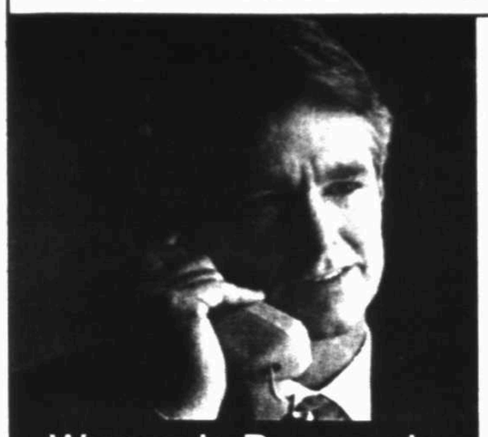
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Women's Personals

SINGLE FEMALE
19, smoker, loves to party, seeking single white or Hispanic male, 18-22. #41152

BLACK FEMALE
29, 5'9", enjoys movies, bowling, occasional club scene, seeking attractive male, 25-35, 5'9" plus, non-smoker, race unimportant. #68558

SUGAR DADDY
Age, race unimportant, non-smoker, no experience necessary for single white female, 41, likes travel, dancing, food, fun. #42452

BLONDE DANCER
Single female seeking honest male, childless. Must be financially secure. #65700

WHITE FEMALE, 18
Smoker, enjoys partying, late night trips. Looking for single male, 18-24, with similar interests. #46096

HISPANIC FEMALE, 31
Seeking church-oriented, sincere gentleman who likes Hispanic music and dancing, for friendship first. Children welcome. #84607

WHITE FEMALE
26, seeking stable, dependable white male, 26-30, enjoys dinner, dancing and having fun. #63562

WHITE FEMALE
Seeking clean-cut white male, non-drinker, smoker O.K., 20-25, for companionship.#82495

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White, attractive, slim, honest, caring, seeks white male, 36-48, same qualities, for fun, quiet, family times. #68625

HOLIDAY BLUES
Dear Santa, please bring me one well-built, intelligent, honest white/Hispanic male, 28-42. Fine, slender, blonde, professional female. #41943

GOOD-HEARTED
Woman looking for one good man. White female, 23, seeking white male, 25-36, for friends and possible relationship. #69231

WHITE FEMALE
5'10", young-at-heart, slim, likes to travel, take pictures. Looking for white male, 35-45, for companionship. #60676

LOVING FEMALE
Hispanic female, 24, enjoys dancing, movies. Seeks Hispanic or white male, 24-30, honest non-smoker, enjoys good times. #45341

ATTRACTIVE
Intelligent, educated DWF, loves reading, animals, travel, cooking, fishing, hunting, romance. Seeks gentleman, 55-75, of similar persuasion. #45387

SINGLE BLACK MOM
27, enjoys cooking and cleaning, seeking attractive single/divorced white male, 30-40, 6' and over. #68536

TALL BLONDE
Seeks tall, intelligent, secure, confident single male, 35-50, loves country music and cowboys, both kinds, smokers encouraged. #45179

WHITE FEMALE
Seeking an adventurous, romantic, honest white male, enjoys quiet evenings. Social drinker, smoker O.K. #69034

ATTRACTIVE
Single black female, 27, enjoys movies, music, reading, quiet evenings. Seeking honest single black male, 24-34, similar interests. #22173

NEW TO THE AREA
Seeking Mr. Right. Seeking someone who is truthful and enjoys outdoor entertainment, 38 and older. #45578

BLACK FEMALE
22, attractive, slim, compassionate, seeks romantic, fun male, 22-30, for relationship. Race unimportant. #65036

UNIQUE LADY
Fun-loving divorced white female, sparkling attitude, enjoys country western dancing, fishing, more. Seeking white male, 28-42. #22715

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Divorced Hispanic female, full-figured, spontaneous, enjoys football, dancing, walks, seeking Hispanic male, 40 plus. Be my friend. #64151

WHITE FEMALE
Divorced, 54, slender, blue-eyed brunette. Seeking white gentleman, ?-6'4", social drinker, smoker O.K., with sense of humor. #45118

BLACK FEMALE, 20
Seeking single white male, 18-26, blue/green eyes, with good sense of humor. Must love kids! #26977

SEEKS CHRISTIAN MAN
Single Hispanic female, 22, attractive, mother of 1. Seeks gentleman to build relationship, 27-45, non-smoker, non-drinker. #21082

DEAR SANTA
Hope you're tall, 50 ish, with sense of humor, loves home cooking, outdoors. Fireplace, cookies are waiting. #49238

FUN-LOVING
Romantic, artistic, attractive, down-to-earth lady. Seeks similar, non-smoking Christian man, 45 plus, easygoing, adventurous, good sense of humor. #41352

SOMEONE SPECIAL
In search of single white male, 38-45, must enjoy living, laughing, country-western dancing, for possible relationship. #22371

BLACK FEMALE, 34
5'4", enjoys walks in the park, candlelight dinners, traveling, seeks single male, 34 plus, race unimportant. #81676

GLAMOROUS
Redhead. Degreed professional seeks handsome, articulate, educated white male, 38-48, who dares to live life to the fullest. #81415

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Seeks prince. Attractive, loving, adventurous, lady, wants similar Christian man, 45-65, for story book romance. No castle required. #63386

THEY SAY THERE
Is one perfect person for everyone. Are you him? White/Hispanic male, 25-30? If so, call. #64795

SINGLE WHITE FEMALE
Seeking gentle, loving, outgoing male, white or Hispanic, 38-50. Would like friendship or companionship. #40387

Men's Personals

SWPM, MID-40'S, 6'2"
200 lbs., brown hair, green eyes, attractive, active, secure. Seeks stable, independent, attractive lady. #44100

WHITE MALE, 22
5'5", brown hair, brown eyes, disabled. Interests reading, dancing, para-normal, science, non-drinker, non-smoker. Seeks Christian woman. #87882

RETIRED WHITE MALE
51, young-at-heart, loves dancing, fishing, travel, seeking young lady, same interests. Lake Ivey area. #58098

BLACK MALE, 30
Seeking black female, attractive, outgoing, for quality time, gourmet cooking. I'm hard working, 5'9", fun-loving, romantic. #44189

RICH H-WOOD ACTOR
Got your attention? Sincere professional male, 35, flunked discos and bars 101. Seeking personable, affectionate single female, 20-45, for the usual reasons. #42211

FUN GUY
Mid 40s, seeks open-minded white female for romance and travel. Must look good in a bikini. #64255

WHITE MALE, 24
Kevin Bacon appearance, seeking single white/Hispanic female, 21 plus, petite-medium build, sense of humor, professional attitude. #68350

SWM, 45, 6'
Enjoys dancing and dining out, seeking honest, sincere S/DF, race and age unimportant, the heart matters. #42069

WHITE MALE SEEKING
Black female who is outgoing, sincere, opened-minded. I'm 41, 5'8", 150 lbs., career-minded, spontaneous and caring. #82425

FRIENDLY, GENTLE
Single white male, 30s, enjoys outdoors, get-togethers and sports. Seeks interested female for affection and fun. #63213

ATTRACTIVE
Single Hispanic male seeking attractive, special lady for friendship, possible relationship. Likes to party, not into club scene. #46125

WHITE MALE
Blond hair, blue eyes, 6', 165 lbs., likes dancing, seeks white female, petite, with same interests. #66223

HISPANIC MALE
Professional, 31, intelligent, witty, fun, likes to read, seeks female friendship, race and age unimportant. #68334

BM, 29
Looking for Hispanic/white female, very sincere, in search for someone who wants a real relationship. #68640

NEW TO AREA
Single white professional male, 37, 6'1", non-smoker, enjoys travel, sports, skiing. Seeks attractive female. #46310

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Not a freak. Handsome, educated, top quality male, excellent catch, 6', seeking attractive female, 20-30, race unimportant. #20972



Men's Personals

WHITE MALE, 47
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STRAWBERRY BLOND
Attractive white male, 30, smoker, seeks white or Hispanic female to spend quality time with. Kids O.K.#67246

BUSINESSMAN, 48
Seeks single/divorced professional white female with mild temperament, for life companionship. #68317

LONELY MAN
32, brown hair and eyes, black beard, I enjoy music, movies, animals and more. Seeking female, 22-40, non-drinker, non-smoker. I am a Christian man. #46681

HONEST
Divorced white male, 26, 6'2", 165 pounds, seeking honest, sincere, single white female, 22-30, for dating, possible relationship. #86283

DIVORCED WHITE
Male, 39, 6', 185 lbs., blue eyes, financially secure, seeks single or divorced female, 30-45, for relationship. #64561

PROFESSIONAL
Brown male, 32, new to Midland. Seeks friendship with single or divorced white female, 20-35. #20660

WHITE MALE, 33
Seeks single/divorced female, smoker, social drinker O.K. I enjoy fishing, bowling, dining out and movies. #42696

LOOKING FOR LOVE
Single white male, 35, enjoys a little of everything. Seeks attractive female to share it with. #66422

LOVE IS ALIVE
In Odessa. Handsome, blue-eyed writer/musician, 39, seeks beautiful, trim, intelligent, white/Hispanic female, for adventure and romance. #86124

SINGLE WHITE MALE
22, seeking single white Christian female, 21-23, for possible friendship. #23566

WHITE MALE, 35
Divorced, career-oriented, financially secure, many interests, seeks single/divorce white female, 28-45, for fun times. #68481

WHITE MALE, 26
Divorced, seeks single or divorced female, 18-30, who enjoys romance, for possible relationship. Children welcome. #82726

NOBODY DOES
Nobody doesn't respond to these ads. Spontaneous, adventurous male seeks female, 25-45, who likes movies, music, dinners. #67642



Religious Personals

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FOR LEASE: 2 BEDROOM, with utility room. 502 W. Parker. 694–1508.

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Bdrm.	Bedroom
Ba.	Bath
Kit.	Kitchen
Dbl.	Double
A/C	Air conditioning
Mst. Bdrm.	Master Bdrm.
Gar.	Garage
Bldg.	Building
Cond.	Condition
N-QA.	Non-Qualifying
	Assumable
QA.	Qualifying
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